It was September of 1968, two months before the presidential election, and Richard Nixon, the Republican nominee, had a problem. Despite sustained and elaborate efforts by his campaign staff to craft a new image for their dour candidate, the public still viewed Mr. Nixon as surly, humorless, devious and introverted. This unpleasant perception lingered because Mr. Nixon was indeed surly, humorless, devious and introverted. But let’s toss that troublesome nugget aside for a moment. Image was what mattered, and Mr. Nixon’s image needed a dras-

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Lottery sales hit all-time high for April — $513 million spent in search of jackpot

BY NANCEY THEORET

Florida Weekly Correspondent

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The names of just a handful of the Florida Lottery’s nearly 100 scratch-off games entice players with the dream of an easy payoff. Sure, the chances of winning it big seemed as far-fetched as Donald Trump getting the Republican nomination for president, but hey; someone has to win and why not you … or me?

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I've been waiting a long time for the Nile crocodile to invade Florida. You probably have too.

Now it's finally happened (See related story on page A11.)

Clearly they aren't stupid — they started in the Miami area, where three of them were discovered between 2009 and 2014 patrolling for oil company geologists looking for the best fracking locations. There's a lot of opportunity in Miami, as many entrepreneurs recognize, including the Nile croc.

But they weren't really just “discovered,” as I put it gently, trying to protect your feelings.

Nosireebob, they were “captured,” according to news reports last week that bubbled excitedly about the demise of the Burmese python in our collective invasive-monster imaginings, and the rise of the Nile croc.

Once, you could splash carelessly through the sawgrass or maybe a cypress slough admiring nature’s great beauty and the harmony of God’s creation, when suddenly a big snake would appear, rolling through the dark water around you. Really big, about 15 to 20 feet long.

Realistically, though, that isn't very worrisome, as everybody knows. Snakes, especially Burmese pythons, are slow. They only eat about once a week. And in the case of pythons, they usually don’t eat anything much bigger than an unruly child — one who fails to respect his or her elders. So it’s hard to get worked up over Burmese pythons unless you’re an unruly child.

But Nile crocs? Now that’s something different. They’re tough and they can kill you, as my uncle, B.F. Nash, once said about the Japanese on the Pacific islands. And that’s all he said about them, ever.

He was intimately acquainted with the Japanese but not the Nile croc, which can weigh close to 2,000 pounds and stretch 20 feet in length, unlike the Japanese. The Imperial Army’s strategists never thought of importing the Nile croc to the Solomon Islands or Guadalcanal, but they should have.

The Nile croc can open its mouth almost a yard wide. It can close its mouth with a force great enough to separate the bed of a Ford 350 pickup from the cab, and it can consume anything in the cab, including the fracker or the NRA member out to try his new thousand-round-a-minute automatic weapon, their cans and a McDonald’s bag out the window and into the River of Grass.

Nile crocs can live from 70 to 100 years. In the rivers and marshes of sub-Saharan Africa, where nature put these crocodiles in the first place, they enjoy a variety of culinary delights: Zebras, Porcupines. Several species of deer. Smaller hippos (next, somebody will import hippos to the ‘Glades, and they’re just as dangerous as crocs). And humans, too, of course — about 200 per year, probably served as a dessert course on Nile croc menus everywhere.

This reptile has something on the order of 64 teeth in its massive mouth, but that’s not all. It has the attitude to go with those teeth.

Nile crocs are more dangerous than Navy Seals and not nearly as nice. They’re known as opportunistic apex predators that can kill any animal in their range — not just unruly children, but adults who wear too much perfume or cologne and drive drunk across the Alley, for example.

They’re called “ambush predators” for a reason, according to my sources, which are impeccable: “They can wait for hours, days and even weeks for the suitable moment to attack,” one acknowledged.

Can you imagine? Weeks, just lying in wait. You’re out there trying to frack ‘Glades, you explore a location, in wait. You’re out there trying to frack the ‘Glades, you explore a location, you drop them just off the asphalt edge of a rest stop on Alligator Alley, and you drive away. A few years or decades later: CHOMP.

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One more good mother-fracker gone down.

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**COMMENTARY**

**The Nile croc comes calling**

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...machines, workers and the Lord God of Capitalism’s righteous imperative to make money. And suddenly: BLAM. You’re in the cab, and it can consume anything — and their bite is so powerful that once they have you, you’re done, whether you’re a Ford 350 or not. Especially if you’re a fracker. Or a closely related member of the same species, described by a word that comes with a “u”, not an “ra,” and is often associated with another word, “mother.”

What should we make of all this now that we know Nile crocs are on the loose in Florida? Well, we should find out who is responsible.

One thing is apparent to me right off the bat. Even if the Japanese failed to import Nile crocs to the Pacific islands, somebody else thought of importing them to South Florida, and clearly with malice. Terrorists, most likely.

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Back in the day of the Great Depression, the Works Progress Administration launched a massive employment relief program to put Americans back to work. There was good cause: Unemployment rose to unprecedented levels, finally peaking in 1933 at 24.9 percent. President Franklin Roosevelt initiated the program as part of his administration’s Second New Deal. Its purpose was to bolster jobs in construction for blue collar workers and also open up thousands of new job opportunities for white collar professions, including teachers, editors, historians, cartographers, musicians, photographers, writers and artists. The WPA eventually employed about one-third of the nation’s 10 million unemployed.

One of the agency’s biggest successes was the Federal Writers Project. At its zenith in 1936, it employed thousands of writers and artists in 48 states to document the country’s shared heritage and culture. Vast collections of oral histories and folklore were gathered and published that might have otherwise been lost. Among the books produced is a collection of Louisiana folktales entitled “Gumbo Ya-Ya.” The house advises readers not to expect a travel guide to the Pelican State. Its contents will instead take readers to the backwoods and swamps, to the bayous and backwater fishing townships. It is the instrument by which mid-century Louisiana folk writers, editors, photographers, arts administrators, musicians, and performers were able to keep the culture alive and it is one of the top 10 states nationwide with both the highest level of income inequality and highest concentrations of income growth among the super wealthy.

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In this garden of political savvy, Gov. Scott targets his visits to states with Democratic governors. It is his way of rubbing their noses in “trickle-down” theory of supply-side eco- nomics. His visitation thus far includes Kentucky, California, Connecticut, New York and Louisiana. They all parade a parcel of Florida’s business friendly regulations, low taxes, cheap labor, and abundant corporate culture. That’s an odor of crony capitalism to which some dogs are especially prone.

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Naples City Council consists of a non-partisan mayor and six council members who are elected at large. The city charter limits them to serving two consecutive four-year terms. Over the coming week in this space we will introduce them all.

Ellen Seigel is one of the newest council members elected in March of this year (along with Mayor Bill Barnett and council members Michelle McLeod and Reg Buxton).

When she decided to run for office, Ellen was already well known in the northern part of the city as president of the Park Shore Association. Her strategy to make herself known elsewhere throughout town involved 100 one-on-one meetings with engaged citizens and, as a result of those meetings, dozens of campaign events during which larger groups of residents learned about her positions and shared their concerns about the city. She also went door-to-door throughout numerous neighborhoods, introducing herself and asking citizens about what mattered most to them as Neapolitans. The process yielded two areas of main concern: traffic and over-development.

Ellen grew up in Elmont, NY (home of the Belmont Racetrack), in the 1950s and '60s. She was exposed to a very demanding public education (the renowned math department at Elmont Memorial High School continues to influence her to this day) and did not enjoy the University of Buffalo as much as she enjoyed high school, however. "The university was too big for me," she says, "and my decision to major in math prevented me from enjoying myself."

She was a junior when she met Art Seigel at the university's medical school mixer. He was a junior studying medicine; they were married nine months later — which was 47 years ago.

Seeing health-care administration as a profession that would allow her to devote her mathematical skills to a social goal, Ellen pursued a graduate degree at George Washington University. While there, she started working for Group Health Association, which was one of the oldest HMOs in the country. When the family moved to Connecticut, she worked for the Yale University Health Plan before joining a New Haven-based start-up HMO that grew to 60,000-plus members. She eventually was recruited as vice president for regional expansion for a statewide HMO.

When she was on the campaign trail for City Council, Ellen always started her stump speech by saying: "Naples is an extraordinary city, and the people who serve on its City Council need to be independent, professional and highly admired. I hope I will be admired by both our citizens and employees as someone who works very hard to maintain all the wonderful things that brought us here."

"I think it is very important that as a member of City Council, I am accessible to everyone and that I am fair and analytical in studying issues. That is where my math background always guides me."

"Lastly, I believe that I am a good communicator and that I have a talent for explaining things. I would like to add that to my role on City Council."

Ellen and Art have two sons, both of whom live in Boca Raton. Art has retired as a physician and serves as president of Chabad of Naples.

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Mr. Nixon and his handlers were well aware of the power that television could wield in a presidential contest. Eight years earlier, in Mr. Nixon’s first run for the presidency, he engaged John F. Kennedy, his teleleic Democratic opponent, in a series of four televised debates. The first debate proved so disastrous for Mr. Nixon that the remaining encounters were rendered superfluous.

In that initial debate, Mr. Nixon disdained makeup, preparation and rest, and — as a result — appeared on camera as a pale, shifty-eyed, perspiring mess. It could be argued that Mr. Nixon’s performance that evening (along with massive Democratic voter fraud in Illinois) cost him the White House.

The second time around, Mr. Nixon’s media advisers wised up. If television can break you, they reasoned, then television can make you. So on Sept. 16, 1968, Mr. Nixon appeared on the unlikeliest of venues, “Rowan & Martin’s Laugh-In,” which was a rowdy, edgy, decidedly hip comedic show that pushed the limits of what was deemed permissible on network television.

“Rowan & Martin’s Laugh-In” was Mr. Nixon’s sole line on the taped telecast, and he was on camera for less than five seconds. So uncomfortable and awkward was Mr. Nixon when it came to television that even this eye-blink performance required a staggering six takes to finally get something the producers thought was usable.

The reaction to this contrived moment in television/presidential history was unprecedented. The pundits and the public were absolutely giddy at this glimpse at what was being hailed as the “New Nixon.” Almost overnight, Mr. Nixon went — in some people’s minds — from a scowling stick-in-the-mud to a backslapping journeyman host who well-knew television. And you best believe that this phenomenon was noted by other politicians as well.

How much the “Laugh-In” cameo actually did to soften Mr. Nixon’s “Dicky Dick” image is impossible to gauge with any degree of precision, but he did, after all, go on to beat Democrat Hubert Humphrey in November. (Mr. Humphrey, no life of the party himself, also was invited to be a guest on “Laugh-In,” but he declined.)

Mr. Nixon’s “Laugh-In” moment pre-saged the present time, when appearances by presidential candidates on televised comedy shows (especially of the late-night variety) are not only commonplace but obligatory. As far as the candidates go concerned, “Meet the Press” and its counterparts are for lud-dy-dudles. Late-night comedy shows — “The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon,” “The Late Show with Stephen Colbert,” “Saturday Night Live,” et al. — are the go-to spots.

Why has late-night television become so attractive to those seeking the White House? “Laugh-In” was a single half-hour show hosted by Robert Lichter, Ph.D., director of the Center for Media and Public Affairs at George Mason University.

“On these programs, candidates get to show themselves to a diverse audience without the mediation of journalists,” says Mr. Lichter, who co-wrote the definitive book on the subject, “Politics Is a Joke! How TV Comedians Are Remaking Political Life.”

“(The late-night shows) are a pleasant setting, and a lot of people are watching,” Mr. Lichter says. And it doesn’t hurt that most of the questions posed by the comedic hosts are “soft balls,” he hastens to add.

“Politics today has been reduced to a world of eight-second sound bites,” Mr. Lichter goes on to say. “Candidates are taught to speak in sound bites in order to get air-time on news shows. The late-night shows allow candidates more room to speak. They actually get to say something that goes beyond eight seconds.”

As an example, Mr. Lichter cites the appearances made in 2000 by George W. Bush and Al Gore on the Jay Leno and David Letterman shows. Mr. Lichter analyzed these appearances and then compared them with reports that aired on actual network news broadcasts. This analysis showed that Mr. Bush and Mr. Gore were allotted more speaking time in single appearances on Leno and Letterman than they were accorded during an entire month of network news telecasts.

While the rush to late-night television may seem like a recent trend, it actually has been more than a half-century in the making. The earliest appearance by a presidential candidate on a late-night program was in 1960, when John Kennedy sat down with Jack Paar on “The Tonight Show.”

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“There are some candidates that find them uncomfortable. They don’t have a quick wit or something, and if that shows up on those shows, it’s deadly. I mean nothing would be worse than being a complete flat dud on ‘Fallon’ or ‘Saturday Night Live.’”

“The cons (of appearing on late-night television) are if you make a mistake, if you appear like a wooden candidate who can’t connect beyond talking about policy and politics. You actually have to be human and have a sense of humor and be conversational. If a candidate can’t pull that off, they shouldn’t go on those shows.”
Make your yard welcoming for summer’s hummingbirds

After wintering in Central and South America, species such as the ruby-throated hummingbird return to Florida this time of year to build nests and raise their young. Now is a great time to learn about attracting hummingbirds to your garden. These tips come from the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. Adult hummingbirds get nearly all their energy from feeding on flower nectar. A variety of native flowering plants will attract hummingbirds, among them: butterfly milkweed, cardinal flower, coral bean, coral honeysuckle, cross vine, cypress vine, firebush, obedient plant, red hibiscus, scarlet morning glory, standing cypress and wild azalea.

When it comes to both flowers and bird feeders, hummingbirds love the color red. If you want to include a feeder in your garden, choose a red one (there is no need to use food coloring to turn the sugar water red). Buy instant nectar for your feeders from a lawn and garden store, or make your own sugar water by boiling one part sugar with four parts water. Do not use more sugar, artificial sweeteners or honey; these can kill hummingbirds.

Bird feeders are a great way to see hummingbirds close. If you notice that several hummingbirds are competing for one feeder, consider adding more. Space multiple feeders at least ten feet apart, and enjoy the view.

SW Floridians have plenty of ways to enjoy the sun and fun of summer. One of the most popular activities is boating on the beautiful area waterways. Whether enjoying watersports like snorkeling or wakeboarding, fishing, picnicking at white sandy beaches, enjoying an afternoon sail or exploring the backwaters, there is always a new destination beckoning. Boating is a great way to escape and invest precious time with family and friends. Previously, boating access was predicated on ownership or having friends with boats. Today, however, Freedom Boat Club offers exciting membership options which provide access to free boat training by licensed Coast Guard captains and unlimited use of a large fleet of like-new boats.

“Freedom Boat Club provides 450 boats to members in SW Florida alone including deckboats, pontoons, bowriders, offshore and inshore centers, plus a sampling of sailboats and kayaks,” said John Giglio, president. “Whether a newcomer to boating or a seasoned salt, Freedom Boat Club makes boating more fun and affordable.” Freedom Boat Club is the nation’s oldest and largest club, with 110 locations in 21 states and Canada. To learn more about Freedom Boat Club, visit freedomboatclub.com or call 877-804-0402.

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The webinars begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 26; Tuesday, May 31; and Thursday, June 2. Register for the session of your choice at surveymonkey.com/r/FWC-Bear. FWC requests that individuals sign up for only one webinar to ensure availability for others. Those without a computer can listen by phone but must register in advance by calling Alexis Hampton at (352) 372-4274.

For more information, call (800) 922-4338 or visit BearManagement@MyFWC.com.
Monster crocodile could be Florida’s newest invasive species

The University of Florida

Spotting native alligators and crocodiles in Florida is common, but anyone who sees a large reptile might want to take a second look: Man-eaters that can grow to 18 feet long and weigh as much as a small car have been found in the Sunshine State.

Using DNA analysis, University of Florida researchers have confirmed the capture of multiple Nile crocodiles in the wild. The ancient icon eats everything from zebras to small hippopotamuses to humans in sub-Saharan Africa.

Three juveniles of the monster crocodile have been found in South Florida, swimming in the Everglades and relaxing on a house porch in Miami.

The invasive crocodiles were captured between 2000 and 2014, leading UF scientists to analyze their DNA and study their diet. They also studied one of the animal’s growth.

Scientists verified the animals were Nile crocodiles linked to native populations in South Africa and have confirmed the species can survive in Florida — and potentially thrive, said Kenneth Krysko, herpetology collections manager at the Florida Museum of Natural History on the UF campus.

In other words, there likely are more.

“We know that they can survive in the Florida wilder-

ness for numerous years,” he says. “We know that they grow quickly here, and we know their behavior in their native range. There is no reason to suggest that would change here in Florida.”

Nile crocodiles, Crocodylus niloticus, were responsible for at least 480 attacks on people and 123 fatalities in Africa between 2010 and 2014. They are generalist predators and eat a wide variety of prey. In Florida, everything from native birds, fish and mammals to the state’s native crocodile and alligator would be fair game for the carnivorous croc.

The study found one juvenile grew nearly 28 percent faster than wild Nile crocodile juveniles from some parts of their native range.

DNA analysis revealed the three similar-size Nile crocodiles were genetically identical, suggesting they were introduced via the same source. Mr. Krysko says that source has not been confirmed.

Prior to graduating in 2013, former UF doctoral student and co-author Matthew Shirley extensively sampled DNA of live Nile crocodiles housed in U.S. zoos, including Florida. The DNA of the three crocodile did not match any of those Mr. Shirley sampled, suggesting they were either acquired by a permitted source later, or introduced by someone without a permit.

Study scientists note that over the last decade, large groups of Nile crocodiles have been imported from South Africa and Madagascar for display at places such as Disney’s Animal Kingdom and to supply Florida’s flourishing pet trade, with the latter being the most likely introduction pathway, according to the study.

While there is currently no evidence of an established population, study scientists recommend a scientific risk assessment to evaluate the potential for Nile crocodiles to breed and spread across the state. According to the study, Florida’s Atlantic coast and the entire Gulf of Mexico coastline provide favorable climate for Nile crocodiles.

Florida’s subtropical climate is one reason the state has the world’s largest number of invasive species — from the Burmese python that has invaded the Everglades to the Cuban tree frog, which has been found as far north as Jacksonville on the east coast and Cedar Key on the Gulf Coast.

“My hope as a biologist is that the introduction of Nile crocodiles in Florida opens everyone’s eyes to the problem of invasive species that we have here in our state,” Mr. Krysko says. “Now here’s another one.”

“But this time it isn’t just a tiny house gecko from Africa.”
Researchers at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign announced they had recently (a first, they claimed) transmitted high-speed digital data through slabs of pork loin and beef liver. The signal cleared the muscle and gristle so cleanly that it permitted streaming of high-definition video — enough to watch Netflix, said the lead researcher. Actually, the advance is crucial in that it allows a patient to swallow a transmitter and for physicians to monitor inner workings of the body in real time and externally control implanted devices such as cranial sensors and defibrillators.

Can’t possibly be true

Religious leaders associated with the “quiverfull” ministry announced intentions for a November retreat this year in Wichita, Kan., at which parents will meet to plan “arranged” Christian marriages for their prepubescent daughters, to maximize the future couples’ child-bearing potential – presumably the No. 1 priority of all females. Quiverfull activist Vaughn Ohlman has written that female fertility is optimal during their teens and that she believes at least three marriages are legal as long as all parties consent — but Ohlman has maintained that the Bible does not require the bride’s consent if her father has given his.

Apparently, Japanese food tastes easily become boring, for manufactur- ers are eager to create extravagant food combinations to satisfy them that might prove daunting to most Americans. The latest Exhibit: the familiar Kit Kat chocolate-coated wafer — but with the taste of ripe melon and cheese (specifically, “Hokkaido Melon With Mascarpone Cheese”). As Japanese foodies know, Kit Kats in Japan come in at least 15 coatings, according to a 2013 review by Kotaku.com, including Edamame Soybean, Purple Sweet Potato, Hot Japanese Chili, Matcha-Green Tea, Wasabi and Red Bean Sandwich.

The Daily Pakistan newspaper, cov- ering the Anti-Terrorism Court in Karachi in April, reported a judge in Courtroom III asked a constable if he knew how the grenade entered into evi- dence work! Rather than assume that an explanation was requested, the constable pulled the pin to demonstrate, and the resulting explosion injured the constable, a court clerk and another police officer. The constable is said to be facing severe discipline as soon as he recovers.

Latest religious messages

Great Britain’s prisoners claiming to be adherents of the ancient Celtic pagan religion are allowed, under rules from the National Offender Manage- ment Services, to be excused from jail- house routines to celebrate four festi- vals, including (of course) the Festival of the Lactating Sheep. Although “Sky- clad,” or naked worship, is forbidden, prisoners can wear the silver pagan ring (to avoid “distress”) and are permit- ted their own chalices, crystals, “worry beads,” pentagram necklaces, hoodless robes and flexible twig-wands. An Israeli man (unidentified in press reports) petitioned the Haifa Mag- istrate’s Court recently for a restraining order against God, pointing out that the Almighty has exhibited (according to a May Times of Israel report) “a seriously negative attitude toward him,” espe- cially over the previous three years. The judge rejected the petition even though God was not present to argue against it (or at least His presence could not be detected).

Parental values

In Beijing, an elderly couple secured a court order in March forcing their 36-year-old daughter to continue to move out after she had refused for years. The couple admitted to the Beijing Morning Post that they might have pampered her excessively over the years, even lending her the equivalent of $23,000 to buy a house. (Still, she stayed.)

Texas school blues

In April, police in Brighton, Ontar- io, responded to what was reported by neighbors as a domestic dispute, involv- ing shrieks like, “I hope you die!” They found only a man “arguing” with his pet parrot (who the man said was “beaking off” at him). No arrests were made. (2) Kayvon Mavaddat, 28, was arrested in Natick, Mass., as police enforced three arrest warrants. He had been on the loose until May 6, when he politely (inadvisedly) held open a door at Natick Mall for a police officer who, in that brief moment, thought he recognized his cruiser’s compu- ter, he found the warrants, went back inside and arrested Mavaddat.
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UU church welcomes all to Gay Pride service

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greater Naples invites everyone to its annual Gay Pride service honoring the local lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, June 5. In addition to inspirational readings, affirmative musical selections and the sharing of personal LGBT journeys, Arlene Goldberg will address the positive resolution of her history-making case for marriage equality before the U.S. Supreme Court. The church is at 6340 Napa Woods Way. For more information, call 455-6553 or visit uunaples.org.

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Billions — up for grabs. James Diamond, or Florida Lotto with millions — even April 2015.

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ings on the $5,000,000 Flamingo couldn't believe he'd won $5 million when he scratched it off and combo. Their names, ages, city and winnings are public record. Having a photo taken is optional. Most claim their prize, immediately change phone numbers and then understandably disappear for a while.

Unless there's trouble. Marcel, 50, and Helene Imbert, 24, of Naples, purchased a $12 million ticket at Publix in Vanderbilt Beach Road in 1990 and opted for $580,000 annual installments for 20 years. The couple later divorced and Mrs. Imbert sued her ex, saying she was only receiving two-thirds of the payments. They won a $1.56 billion in prizes, made more than 1,800 people millionaires and generated $29 billion to the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund. A sizeable portion of these winners lived in Charlotte, Collier, Lee and Palm Beach counties before cashing in. They still don't know who the unlucky winner was, a clerk says.

It's not just the high-stakes Powerball or Mega Millions or even lottery millions — up for grabs. James Diamond, 62, of Englewood, won $5 million on a $20 scratch-off ticket purchased at Engle-

wood Market in April.

Some people only buy when the Pow-

erball or Mega Millions is big," says Vangi Patel, the manager for Right Way Food Market on Palm Beach Boulevard in Fort Myers. "I like to tell them if they're not playing they have no chance of winning.

On the heels of record-setting April sales, Florida Weekly decided it was time for answers to those lingering lotto questions. Important postulations like who chooses the lottery numbers, how do those billboards get changed so quickly?

The latter is the easiest: Of the 87 billboards statewide, all but eight are digital and controlled electronically from a centralized location, says a lotto
tery spokesperson. "The numbers are changed electronically once the new numbers are announced," says Nidia Tew, public affairs specialist.

Palm Beach County has nine digi-

tal billboards, Lee County four — two manual and two digital.

Publix claims its fair share of lotto winners and had the top retail loca-

tions in Lee, Charlotte, Collier and Palm Beach counties last month. Two were also among the top dollar earners state-

wide in April. Since 2009, 22 of the 74 Florida Lotto winners purchased their tickets at a Publix as did four of Flori-

da's 12 Powerball winners. Pretty good odds, if you're the betting type, but figure in the large number of tickets the stores sell, as well.

In 2012 Dora Pais of Fort Myers bought a $5 million ticket at the Publix at 1880 Summerlin Road. She shared the jackpot with four others and took cash, a little over $1 million.

Brian S. West, public affairs specialist for the Lakeland-based Publix, declined comment. "We only offer the service as a convenience for our customers," he wrote in an email. "We don't participate in lottery stories.

The lottery reported its strongest April last month, starting the last quar-

ter of the fiscal year posting a record $53 million — an all-time high. Lotto statistics show the Publix on Peachland Boulevard in Fort Charlotte sold nearly $250,000 in lottery tickets (the fifth high-
est in the state), averaging about $1.56 per capita. The Military Trail location in West Beach was the county's top retailer in April and among the top five statewide, posting $303,763 (23 cents per capita). In Lee County, the store at 1631 Del Prado Blvd. S. in Cape Coral sold $39,803 (5 cents per capita) and the Radio Road location in Naples had $230,059 in sales and 72 cents per capita. Ms. Tew says a number of factors influenced April's record sales, includ-
ing a large Powerball jackpot topping $348 million by the end of the month, the installation of more ticket dispenser facings at lotto retailers which increased scratch-off sales and the introduction of the $5 Wheel of Fortune scratch-off game which generated more than $63 million in sales during the first week of its April 2 introduction.

"It set a record for the highest first week of sales by any game at that price point," she says. "After five weeks, sales were up over $12 million or 55 percent over the same week last year." Ms. Tew says the $5 Wheel of Fortune scratch-off game generated more than $6.1 million in sales during the first week of its April 2 introduction.

The lottery also introduced its Groupon-like Wheel of缘

lucky numbers were drawn in 2012. He played every week. He worked for the city, won and moved off the island." he says.

Top lottery sales

Which Florida location sold the most tickets in April 2016 and how much was spent per capita?

Top-selling retailers in Lee and Collier counties

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‘Stuff the Bus’ was quite a ride

The United Way of Collier County, Publix Super Markets, Collier Area Transit and the Harry Chapin Food Bank teamed up on a recent Saturday to collect food donated by customers at six Collier area Publix stores. A host of volunteers worked hard to promote the items the food bank needs most, collect the food and stuff the CAT buses with the items.

Instead of bus patrons filling the seats on one CAT bus at the Naples Walk Publix location, there were banana boxes full of food.

At the Pine Ridge Crossings Publix, Sandy Warner, a board member of the social and philanthropic group Women of the (239), said people were very generous. Some opted to donate money instead of food, which was also welcome. “A lot of people handed us $10 and $20 bills,” she said, adding many parents had their children bring their offerings over. “It teaches kids it’s nice to share.”

As she dropped a bagful of food into the collection cart at the Pine Ridge Publix store, Jocelyn Schafer said she gave to the fund drive because she’s a teacher in a Collier County school where more than 90 percent of the students are on free or reduced lunch.

Volunteers also said one elderly woman walked out of a store without groceries, but selected one box of macaroni and cheese to donate. “That’s all I can give,” she told them.

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Florida Weekly’s Bernadette La Paglia photographed the group as they made their way around the nation’s capitol and upon their return to Southwest Florida.

The next Collier County Honor Flight takes off on Elite Air from and returns to Naples Municipal Airport on Saturday, June 11, with 66 female veterans representing all branches of the military aboard. For more information, visit collierhonorflight.org.

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From the U.S. Coast Guard Station at Fort Myers Beach

Brad C. "The Sea Captain" Pimentel reads a Thank You letter to the veterans and their guardians at the Naples Municipal Airport

Veteran Robert Etter and guardian Melanie Wilson

Honor Flight Collier veterans and guardians before departure to RSW

Honor Flight Collier veterans and guardians after arrival at RSW

Honor Flight Collier veterans and guardians on a tour of the American Heritage Museum in Washington, D.C.

Honor Flight Collier veterans and guardians in front of the President's Box at the Virginia War Memorial in Arlington, Va.

Honor Flight Collier veterans and guardians at the WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Honor Flight Collier veterans and guardians in front of the Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Honor Flight Collier veterans and guardians on the steps of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.

Honor Flight Collier veterans and guardians in front of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Honor Flight Collier veterans and guardians as they board their Elite Air Charter flight back to Southwest Florida

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Remember, honor and appreciate veterans on Memorial Day

Sunset from Pure Florida’s M/V Double Sunshine.

“We are honored to recognize the many members of our military and law enforcement who work so hard to protect our country, and this gratitude extends to the countless family members who share their loved ones with us,” says owner Aashish Patel.

To receive free admission to Wooten’s animal sanctuary and alligator show, or $16 off each adult Ultimate Combo Package ticket, guests must present a printout of this offer on a mobile device. For more information, visit wootenseverglades.com/coupons/memorial-day-2016.

Walker’s Hideaway Marina of Naples invites the public to a Memorial Day barbecue from noon to 5 p.m. Monday, May 30, at the marina’s Wahoo’s River Bar & Grill. Burgers and hot dogs, barbecue beef and chicken, green salad, cole slaw, baked beans and pasta salad will be $20 for adults and $12 for ages 12 and younger. Active military and veterans will enjoy a 50 percent discount. A special Patriotic Pina Colada will be $5. The marina is at 475 North Road.

Pure Florida honors members of the U.S. military throughout Memorial Day weekend, offering free cruises Friday through Monday, May 27-30, for veterans and active duty service members when accompanied by paid adult or child admission.

Cruises set sail from Pure Florida’s Naples and Fort Myers locations at 10 a.m., noon, 2 and 4 p.m. and one hour before sunset. Cost is $35 for the day and $37.50 for the sunset cruise at the Naples location, and $32 at the Fort Myers location.

Passengers cruising from Pure Florida’s Naples location will sail the Gordon River aboard the M/V Double Sunshine, while guests in Fort Myers cruise the Caloosahatchee River aboard the M/V Edison Explorer.

The M/V Double Sunshine departs from Tin City at 1200 Fifth Ave. S. The M/V Edison Explorer departs from The Marina at Edison Ford, 2290 W. First St. Reservations are required. Call 263-4949 in Naples, 919-2965 in Fort Myers or visit pureFLo.com.

Active military and veterans can eat free buffalo chicken salad, 10-piece boneless wings, a burger or a buffalo chicken sandwich at Hooters on Memorial Day. Monday, May 30. Valid military identification required. 3625 Gateway Lane. 533-9964 or hootersflorida.com.

The Collier County Veterans Council honors the fallen and the faithful at a Memorial Day service on Monday, May 30, at Hodges Funeral Home at Naples Memorial Gardens. The service begins at 9:30 a.m. with the Pine Ridge Middle School Band under the direction of Kelly Parker.

The service will include a keynote address by U.S. Marine LCpl. Josh Wege (Ret.), a member of the Band of the Injured Warrior Amputee Softball Team, will discuss “The Fallen and the Faithful: Why We Honor Both Today.”

The fifth annual Earl Hodges Memorial Day Picnic will follow the ceremony. Cook Brothers Barbecue provides the meal in memory of their father, Ronnal Cook, and their uncle, Donnal Cook, both U.S. Navy veterans.

Admission to the service and picnic is free. All are welcome. Hodges Funeral Home and Naples Memorial Gardens are at 525 111th Ave. N. in North Naples (just west of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church). For more information, call 275-4647.

The city of Bonita Springs, Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District Fire Chief’s Office and the Bonita Springs Veterans Advisory Committee invite the public to a Memorial Day service at 9 a.m. Monday, May 30, at Riverside Park in downtown Bonita Springs. The service includes remarks from veterans and officials, musical tributes, Posting of the Colors, a 21-gun salute, laying of the wreaths and other traditional commemorations.

Keynote speaker and Bonita resident David Grossi enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1966 and joined the Military Police, volunteered for the Air Force Ranger program and served in Vietnam and at England Air Force Base in Louisiana. He retired from a police department in New York after more than 20 years and then spent 20 years as a district in New York after more than 20 years and then spent 20 years as a district police officer and teaching college criminal justice classes. He consulted with and was retained to testify as an expert witness in more than 500 court cases in the U.S. and abroad, including in the O.J. Simpson murder trial and the L.A. County District Attorney’s Office.

For more information about the Bonita Springs Memorial Day service, call City Hall at 949-6262.

Also in Bonita Springs, Mr. Grossi is the keynote speaker at a Memorial Day service on Monday, May 30, at the Bonita Bay Veterans Council’s event to honor local WWII veterans at 11:30 a.m. Monday, May 30, at the Bonita Bay Club. The event will begin with an honor guard salute to the veterans. Mr. Grossi’s remarks will be followed by a 20-minute video featuring four of the veterans discussing their personal stories. The video was produced by the Bonita Springs Historical Society.

Formed in late 2014, the all-volunteer Bonita Bay Veterans Council has more than 500 members consisting of veterans from all branches of service and representing WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan. All monies that are raised go directly to veterans in need of assistance. For more information, call 362-9087.

Beach Box Café at Vanderbilt Beach will have an outdoor grill going and a draft beer bar flowing Saturday through Monday, May 28-30. Active and retired military members will enjoy 10 percent off their check, and 10 percent of the day’s sales will be donated to Collier County Honor Flight.

Six Bends Harley-Davidson fires up the grills and serves complimentary hot dogs, hamburgers, apple pie, ice cream and other side dishes from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 28. Throughout the afternoon visitors will enjoy the country, Southern rock and bluegrass sounds of Patrick Murphy and the band Railroad.

Special guest U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Jeff Kyle will be on hand from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sgt. Kyle, the brother of the late “American Sniper” Chris Kyle, served in the Marine Corps from 2000-08 and received the Navy Achievement Medal.

Six Bends Harley-Davidson is off Interstate 75 at Exit 131 in South Fort Myers. The Memorial Day barbecue and festivities are free and open to the public. For more information, call 275-4647.

Wooten’s Everglades Airboat Tours offers free admission to its animal sanctuary and gator show, as well as discounted rates on airboat and swamp buggy rides for the families of all military and local law enforcement, active and retired, every day through Monday, May 30. A portion of the proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the Fallen and Wounded Warriors Fund.

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“That’s so cool, man!” The guy in the plumbing supply van was willing to hold up rush hour traffic just so he could make sure his feelings were known. “The exhaust is so mean, and the body is so stealth!”

The people at Fiat Chrysler Automobiles would be pleased by the man’s passion and instant impression of the 2016 Jeep Grand Cherokee SRT. This specialty SUV combines 4x4 traction with the big 6.4-liter Hemi V8 that powers most of Dodge’s muscle cars. The result is an odd marriage of high-riding and high-horsepower that feels so American it would be unpatriotic not to love it.

The Jeep Grand Cherokee is a handsome vehicle. It mixes a sleek front end styling with a blocky profile. The result looks premium without betraying the rough-and-tumble Jeep name. When the Street and Racing Technology team gets its hands on it, the whole package gets lowered. Larger 20-inch wheels are added and the stance gets wider. Plus, there are plenty of air inlets, including two big reverse scoops carved out of the hood. Overall, it looks as if someone tried to give a Talladega makeover to a park ranger.

Those who have driven other SRT products in the Dodge lineup will instantly recognize the front seats. They do a good job of surrounding the driver while providing road trip comfort. Everything from a touchscreen infotainment system to heated and cooled seats are standard, so no one complains up front. In the rear, plenty of room for three keeps gripes to a minimum.

The center console houses the most unique and interesting part of the car. Where most Jeep 4x4s have a dial to select the terrain, the SRT has much more. After all, when was the last time anyone has seen an off-road machine that also has a setting for the racetrack? This one even has launch control.

As absurd as that might seem on a Jeep, it is a true party piece on this SUV. Being able to hear a 475 horsepower V8 growl as it’s revved up and let loose is fun in any vehicle. It just happens to feel like a sports car, the SUV still has enough ride height to make sure his feelings were known. “The exhaust is so mean, and the body is so stealth!”

The Jeep Grand Cherokee is impulsive, brutish and one heck of an all-American. It is the premium sports car for those who need to hide behind the practicality of a mainstream SUV. It is for the executive whose growing family meant going downtown than into the field, or the rancher who spends more time going over bumpy terrain than in the field, or the deliveryman who said earlier, “That’s so cool, man!”

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This is a true 4x4 Jeep at heart. There’s a roof rack for a canoe and a tow hitch for the pop-up camper. Still, don’t mistake the SRT for an off-road machine. The four-wheel drive is great for power take-offs and getting through wet weather. But any serious trails that are no sweat for the other Grand Cherokees in the family will have this one quaking in its street tires.

There is one other hurdle for the SRT — the price. Starting at $66,490 this Jeep is more than a Range Rover Sport, but just as the deliveryman had said earlier, the SRT model is about being “stealth.” It is the premium sports car for those who need to hide behind the practicality of a mainstream SUV. It is for the rancher who spends more time going over bumpy terrain than in the field, or the executive whose growing family meant selling the Corvette.

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Deputies on the lookout for seat belt violations

In addition to their regular traffic enforcement details, Collier County Sheriff’s Office deputies are on the lookout for drivers in violation of seat belt and child safety restraint laws through June 5.

Florida law applies to all cars, pickups and vans operating on Florida roads. All passengers in the front seat must wear a seat belt, and all passengers younger than 18 must wear a seat belt (exceptions: mail carriers, trash haulers, newspaper carriers, individuals with a physician’s note or anyone in the rear portion of a recreational vehicle).

In addition to violations by children, deputies are on the lookout for drivers who do not buckle up their own seat belt, and failing to buckle up a child.

Here’s where Collier County Sheriff’s Office traffic enforcement deputies will be the week of May 30-June 3:

**Monday, May 30**
- Collier Boulevard and U.S. 41 East: Speeding
- Vanderbilt Beach Road and Stрадa Place: Speeding

**Tuesday, May 31**
- Immokalee Road and Palm River Boulevard: Red-light running
- Tuesday, May 31 Oakes Boulevard: Speeding
- Bayshore Drive and Weeks Avenue: Speeding
- 18th Avenue SW and Sunset Road: Aggressive driving
- Wednesday, June 1 Rattlesnake Hammock Road and St. Andrews Boulevard: Red-light running
- Santa Barbara Boulevard at Calusa Park Elementary: Speeding
- U.S. 41 North and Pelican Bay Boulevard: Speeding
- Thursday, June 2 Naples Boulevard: Speeding
- Wiggins Pass Road and U.S. 41 North: Red-light running
- Green and Collier boulevards: Speeding
- Friday, June 3 Golden Gate Parkway and 44th Street SW: Aggressive driving
- Randall Boulevard and Eighth Street NE: Speeding
- Golden Gate and Weber boulevards: Aggressive driving

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KIDS DAY
Saturday, May 28
10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in MundoMax Playland
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Sheriff's deputies honored for life-saving actions

Seven Collier County Sheriff’s Office deputies were honored recently for bringing people back to life after sudden cardiac death.

The deputies were among more than 75 local first responders recognized with Phoenix Awards during a ceremony held by the Collier County Emergency Medical Services Department. Emergency response personnel from Collier County EMS, CCSO and the county’s fire departments received awards for the 11 patients resuscitated over a six-month period in 2015.

The award is named after the mythological bird that died and rose renewed from the ashes.

Sheriff Kevin Rambosk presented the awards to the following deputies:

■ Cpl. John Knowlton and Dispatch er Courtney Ewart – On July 30, Dispatcher Ewart answered a 911 call and coached the caller in CPR on a 25-year-old male patient in North Naples until Cpl. Knowlton arrived. Cpl. Knowlton continued CPR until paramedics arrived and took over treatment. The patient regained a pulse and respirations while on scene. He was discharged from the hospital the same day.

■ Cpl. Brian Sudano – On Sept. 21, Cpl. Sudano provided lifesaving assistance in the care of a 96-year-old Golden Gate Estates man who fell and was unconscious with abnormal breathing until EMS arrived. The patient was discharged from the hospital a week later.

■ Cpl. Jonathan Warford – On Oct. 5, Cpl. Warford responded to a medical call of a 78-year-old woman who was unconscious and had difficulty breathing in North Naples. She had heart problems and was home alone. Cpl. Warford assisted until EMS arrived and took over. The patient was discharged from the hospital nine days later.

■ Deputy Robert Reuthe – On Oct. 24, Deputy Reuthe responded to a call of a possible overdose in Golden Gate. The 24-year-old female victim was breathing but had no pulse. After securing the scene, Deputy Reuthe noticed that the victim had stopped breathing and immediately began chest compressions until the victim gasped for breath. She once again went into respiratory distress and had no pulse. Cpl. Reuthe continued to provide chest compressions until firefighters/paramedics arrived. The patient was discharged from the hospital four days later.

■ Deputy Alexandre Silva – On Dec. 17, Deputy Silva responded to a medical call at an East Naples RV park. The victim was found unresponsive in a tight hallway. An automated external defibrillator (AED) was used and CPR administered until paramedics arrived and took over treatment. The patient was discharged from the hospital five days later.

■ Cpl. Bruce Austin – On Dec. 31, Cpl. Austin assisted in the care of a 62-year-old man who collapsed at home in Golden Gate. The man didn’t have a pulse and was not breathing. Cpl. Austin performed CPR until he detected a pulse and observed the man take a couple breaths. Paramedics arrived and took over medical care. The man was discharged from the hospital the next day.

Free CPR and AED training

Thanks to a partnership with the American Heart Association, all CCSO patrol cars are equipped with an AED, a portable device that applies electrical therapy to patients in cardiac arrest and allows the heart to re-establish an effective rhythm.

Since 2012, CCSO has partnered with Collier County EMS/Fire Rescue in an information system to assist 911 dispatchers in helping callers locate AEDs near sudden cardiac arrest victims.

CCSO provides free “hands-only” CPR and AED training to homeowner groups and any member of the community who would like to learn how to save a life. The classes follow the American Heart Association’s CPR curriculum. The time it takes to teach the classes varies, depending on the level of certification being sought.

Community members or groups that would like to learn basic hands-only CPR should contact Cpl. William Pschigoda by calling 252-9448 or emailing william.pschigoda@colliersheriff.org.

Additional classes are also taught by other local American Heart Association instructors who are available through Collier County EMS, any of the fire agencies in Collier County as well as the education department at NCH Naples Hospital.

Coffee with a Cop

The Collier County Sheriff’s Office and Dunkin’ Donuts invite the public to the next Coffee with a Cop from 8-10 a.m. Friday, May 27, at the Dunkin’ Donuts at 4800 Golden Gate Parkway in Golden Gate. The gatherings provide deputies and area residents with the opportunity to discuss community issues, build relationships and share some coffee in a relaxed, one-on-one setting.

Coffee with a Cop is a national initiative supported by The United States Department of Justice-Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. Similar events are being held across the country, as local police departments strive to make lasting connections with the communities they serve.

The program aims to advance the practice of community policing by building relationships between police officers and community members one cup of coffee at a time.

Grab some coffee with a cop
CLUB NOTES

■ The Collier County Stamp Club meets from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, May 26, at the Naples Airport Office Building, 200 Aviation Drive. Stamp trading follows the evening’s program. All stamp enthusiasts are welcome. For more information, call 348-9845.

■ The Naples Wednesday Bridge Club welcomes new members at 9:15 a.m. Wednesday, June 1, in the clubhouse at Longshore Lake. The group plays five rounds of six hands each, changing partners after each round and with a break for lunch. The game is over by 3 p.m. Admission for $20 includes beverages, lunch and a small reward for the winning players. For more information, email Phil Reed at philbarb8142@gmail.com.

■ The Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 10670-Naples meets at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1, of the month at Naples Municipal Airport. The chapter is one of approximately 1,700 chapters worldwide. Members are pilots, student pilots, plane builders and aviation enthusiasts. For more information, call 649-6627 or visit eaa1067.com.

■ Alliance Française de Naples resumes its French-speaking table lunches at noon Thursday, June 2, at Café Normandie. Conducted by Denyse Jenkins, the lunches will also be held June 16 and 30. All who want to converse in French over a meal are welcome. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the restaurant at 261-0977. Guests pay for their own meal; there is no other cost.

■ The Naples Orchid Society welcomes members and guests to its meeting on Thursday, June 2, at Moorings Presbyterian Church. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for flower registration. Judging at 7:30 p.m. is followed by a short meeting at 7:15 p.m. and the program at 7:30 p.m. For more information, visit naplesorchidsociety.org.

■ The Naples Christian Women’s Connection invites area women to a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Friday, June 3, at Quail Creek Country Club, 13300 Valewood Drive. Gabi Stoerchle will present “Fashion on Wheels” (bring a credit card or cash to shop for European fashion items). Inspirational speaker Marie Smith will discuss “The Path to Greater Life Choices,” and vocalist Jessica van Ord will be the musical guest. Cost is $28. For reservations, call 514-2207 or email cwcnaples@gmail.com.

■ Naples Ship Modelers is an informal group dedicated to the hobby of building wooden ship models. Members meet at 9:30 a.m. on the first and third Saturday of the month at the Landmark Naples community in North Naples. The next meetings are June 4 and 18. For more information, call Dick Ritchie at 594-0868 or email dcritchie@comcast.net.

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Hodges Center for Nonprofit Excellence offers workshops

The Hodges University Center for Nonprofit Excellence presents four workshops in June.

■ “Understanding the Generational Mix in the Workplace” – 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 7, at the Fort Myers campus, 2647 Professional Way. Ms. Larkin discuss delegation methods, rules and pitfalls to avoid, as well as share why delegation is such an important management tool. Registration is $35.

■ “2016 Nonprofit Accounting and Audit Update” – 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 15, at the Naples campus Representatives from the firm of CliftonLarsonAllen will address a broad spectrum of financial and accounting topics for nonprofit organizations. Registration for $50 includes continental breakfast and lunch.

■ “Developing Annual Sustainability” – 2-3 p.m. Thursday, June 9, at the Naples campus. Ms. Larkin will discuss fundraising strategies that will appeal to potential donors and how to create a broad, enduring base of supporters. These strategies will include adding online giving, financial planning and other fundraising opportunities. Registration is $35.

Adult education student Benjamin Hernandez recently shared his story with a crowd of Grace Place supporters at the organization’s annual “Swing of Grace” golf tournament fundraiser.

About the center

The Hodges University Center for Nonprofit Excellence serves to enhance the governance, management and operations of nonprofit organizations in Southwest Florida. Seminars provide information on roles and responsibilities of board members, legal and financial best practices, strategic planning, fundraising, volunteer management and other topics relevant to the operations of a high-quality organization.

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A new study of the relationship between physical activity and cancer has shown that greater levels of leisure-time physical activity were associated with a lower risk of developing 13 different types of cancer.

The risk of developing seven cancer types was 20 percent (or more) lower among the most active participants (90th percentile of activity) as compared with the least active participants (10th percentile of activity). These findings, from researchers at the National Cancer Institute, part of the National Institutes of Health, and the American Cancer Society, confirm and extend the evidence for a beneficial effect of physical activity on cancer risk and support its role as a key component of population-wide cancer prevention and control efforts.

The study, by Steven C. Moore, Ph.D., and colleagues, appeared May 16 in JAMA Internal Medicine.

Hundreds of previous studies have examined associations between physical activity and cancer risk and shown reduced risks for colon, breast and endometrial cancers; however, results have been inconclusive for most cancer types due to small numbers of participants in the studies.

This large-scale pooled data on 1.44 million people, ages 19 to 98, from the U.S. and Europe, and was able to examine a broad range of cancers, including rare malignancies. Participants were followed for a median of 11 years during which 187,000 new cases of cancer occurred.

The investigators confirmed that leisure-time physical activity, as assessed by self-reported surveys, was associated with a lower risk of colon, breast and endometrial cancers. They also determined that leisure-time physical activity was associated with a lower risk of 10 additional cancers, with the greatest risk reductions for non-Hodgkin lymphoma, colorectal cancer, leukemia, and melanoma. They also found that physical activity was associated with a lower risk of breast, cervical, endometrial, and bladder cancer.

The study was a large-scale effort of the National Cancer Institute, which together account for nearly 1 in 4 cancers in the United States, says Alpa V. Patel, Ph.D., a co-author from the National Cancer Institute. “This study linking physical activity to 10 additional cancers shows its impact may be even more relevant, and that physical activity has far reaching value for cancer prevention.”

The National Cancer Institute leads the National Cancer Program and the NIH’s efforts to dramatically reduce the prevalence of cancer and improve the lives of cancer patients and their families, through research into prevention and cancer biology, the development of new interventions, and the training of new researchers. For more information, see cancer.gov or call NCI’s Cancer Information Service at 1-800-4-CANCER.
Blue Zones Project welcomes newest Collier County partners

Blue Zones Project-Southwest Florida recently welcomed United Way of Collier County, Strand Sisters, Wyndmere Country Club and Coldwell Banker-Fifth Avenue South as Blue Zones Project recognized organizations, having implemented health initiatives to increase well being among their members so that they live longer and healthier lives.

Blue Zones Project is a community-by-community initiative designed to make healthy choices easier, which includes making changes to environment, policy and social networks.

Steve Sanderson, United Way of Collier County president and CEO, is proud that this is the first nonprofit organization to become recognized.

“Our mission is to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of our community, and voluntarism is the key intersection between our mission and Blue Zones Project,” Mr. Sanderson said. “Blue Zones research has shown that people live longer, happier when they are fulfilling their purpose. Our volunteer center connects Collier County residents to purposeful, meaningful volunteering opportunities.”

Strand Sisters at The Club at The Strand is the first women’s organization in Southwest Florida to earn the Blue Zones recognition. When the group formed one year ago, its leaders identified that Blue Zones Project fits nicely with their goals. Members are implementing plant-based cooking classes and offering menu items that meet Blue Zones Project healthy dish guidelines at its membership luncheons.

Wyndemere is the first Blue Zones Project approved worksite in Southwest Florida, and Coldwell Banker-Fifth Avenue South is the first local real estate organization to be recognized.

Local organizations that have previously attained Blue Zones Project status include: Cider Press Café, Riverwalk at Tin City, The Dock at Crayton Cove, Whole Foods Market, Winn’s Market, Moorings Park, Gulf Coast Charter Academy South, Lake Park Elementary School, Seagate Elementary School, Gulfview Middle School, Naples High School and Unity of Naples. For more information about Blue Zones Project, visit bluezones.com.

Step out for free safety fair on June 16

Step Smart Collier and the South Regional Library host a free Senior Safety Fair from 1-4 p.m. Thursday, June 16, at the library, 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway. The focus of the fair is preventing falls, which are the leading cause of injury and death to seniors.

The program will feature a table display and demonstrations by the supporting partners of Step Smart Collier in addition to a formal presentation on the steps seniors can take to reduce the risk of falling.

“There is no greater threat to Collier County seniors than suffering injury, disability or death from a fall,” says Keith Dameron, Step Smart Collier chairman. He cites statistics that 20 percent of seniors who fall are hospitalized, with moderate to serious injuries, and that 11 percent of them never return home. He also says 50 percent of those hospitalized pass away within one year. “Learning ways to prevent falls increases a senior’s quality of life, which is the mission of Step Smart Collier,” he adds.

Mark Tosso, injury prevention educator for Lee Health System, will present “Reducing a Risk of a Fall” at 2 p.m.

These displays and demonstrations will be set up for people to visit throughout the afternoon.

Allegro’s pharmacist: Medication management/evaluation

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birth to the grief of death. We care for everyone, from those with the ability to pay or are insured to those who cannot pay or are under-insured. Costs are startling: 67 percent of Americans can’t come up with $2,500 a month without selling something, which makes high-deductible medical insurance policies difficult. The alternative, lowering deductibles, raises the premiums and can come with a sacrifice of high-quality, high-value care. Ultimately, addressing the 80 percent of the causes of disease that can be controlled and eliminating waste will be the best way to control health-care costs.

An additional challenge is caring for the 60 million Americans who primary language isn’t English and the 42 percent of those people who are not proficient in the language.

Redefining the “4I” will be the challenge for all of us in the coming months and years, as we build on our growing competencies to create a platform for health for the future. Enhancing wellness and the joy of living is our overriding goal so that we all live longer, healthier, happier lives.

— Dr. Allen Weiss is president and CEO of the NCH Healthcare System.
When my dog Harper was a young puppy, a bee stung her on a hind leg. I didn’t know what was causing all the screaming and running in circles until I saw the bee fall to the ground. I called the veterinarian, who recommended a quarter tablet of Benadryl and a cold compress. It was hours before Harper was willing to eat or go outside to potty.

It’s bee season again. Spring is a busy time for bees, as they have come out of hibernation and are gathering food, pollinating plants in the process.

Bees are beneficial and for the most part, but like most of us, can become cranky when it’s hot and humid, or aggressive interest in bees or wasps are likely to receive payback in the form of a sting on the nose or head.

Bee careful: What to do if a bee stings your pet

BY KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON
Universal Uclick

Reactions to bee stings range from slight swelling and pain to anaphylaxis, a sudden, severe allergic reaction that can be fatal if not treated immediately.

Know the phone number and location of your nearest veterinary emergency hospital. Some animals suffer severe reactions to bee stings because they are allergic to bee venom. Known as anaphylaxis, this intense inflammatory reaction causes swelling from excessive fluid buildup in body tissues; itchiness; vomiting; respiratory distress; and collapse or death. It’s an emergency. Take your pet to the veterinarian right away.

Pets can also suffer dangerous swelling if they are stung on the head or neck. If those areas swell, they can inhibit a dog or cat’s ability to breathe. If you notice swelling on the face or neck, seek immediate veterinary assistance.

-> Annie is a beautiful 4-year-old terrier-bully mix who weighs 57 pounds. Friendly and smart, she has medium energy and enjoys playing and going for walks on her leash.

-> Bingo is an of- fensive, approximately 3-year-old Labrador retriever who weighs about 70 pounds. He knows a lot of commands, walks well on his leash and will make a wonderful addition to a loving home.

-> Jeffrey is a handsome 2-year-old domestic shorthair who wants to be your lap cat lover.

-> Rosaleen is a bright-eyed 1-year-old domestic shorthair who loves playing with her toys and relaxing while being petted.

To adopt or foster a pet

This week’s pets are from Collier County Dom-estic Animal Services. Adoption fees are $50 for cats and $75 for dogs and include sterilization, vaccinations, pet license, 30 days’ leash and a bag of food. Visit DAG at 7510 Davis Blvd. from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Adoptable dogs and cats from DAG are also at For Footed Friends in Marquesa Plaza on Livingston Road from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. the first Saturday of every month. For more information, call 252-7387 or visit colliergov.net/pets.
There is simply no one happier than moi that caftans are making a comeback. I used to call these long, flowing, colorful — and most importantly, comfortable — garments mumu-mumus. But caftan sounds so much more stylish and sophisticated.

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

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so hot that it hurts to breathe; a relent- less sun that turns our steering wheels into spheres of fire and the constant, stagnant smell of damp dog. Not until Thanksgiving — and maybe even after Christmas (remember when it was 90 degrees last Christmas? I do) — will I be able to tolerate anything touching my sweaty skin. Also, since it will be too disgustingly hot to work out, I’ll likely be drinking more margaritas and mimosas, which means I’m going to need the extra room that a caftan provides.

the small, pointed, cone-shaped side of the upper front teeth does not fully develop, the small, pointed, cone-shaped incisor is referred to as a “peg lateral incisor.” Because these underdeveloped teeth seriously detract from the attractiveness of a smile, correction is needed. In most cases, the dentist may elect to augment a pegged tooth with bonding material. While this option is relatively quick and inexpensive, the composite material used for bonding does not have the luster of natural enamel. It is also likely to become dull and lose its shine over time. Porcelain veneers, however, may be more expensive and take longer to complete, but they look much more natural and last a great deal longer. We can answer any questions you have about pegged teeth. Always feel free to discuss your dental concerns with us. You can trust the health of your teeth to our extensive training and experience. Our concern is your comfort and confidence — our goal is to help you preserve your natural teeth for a lifetime. This column is brought to you in the interest of better dental health.

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EB-5 program is expensive, and it’s not as easy as it looks.

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It’s a good idea, on paper. And for many it’s a good idea on the ground, one devised more than 25 years ago to bring billions of dollars of foreign money into the U.S. economy, and with it jobs for American workers and carte-blanche green cards for immigrant investors, their spouses and their children under 21. It’s called the EB-5 program.

The U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services manages the program, which works roughly like this: A foreign national who wishes to live in the U.S. may jump to the head of the immigration line by investing at least $1 million in an American business that also creates at least 10 jobs, or by investing at least $500,000 in a business that creates those jobs in a “targeted employment area,” which means a less prosperous city, county or region.

Each state has regional centers — self-appointed by business interests themselves to pool investor money, but approved, though not regulated or only loosely regulated, by the government’s USCIS. Those centers track or collect investment-needy businesses and can point immigrant investors to them. Florida, for example has 85 of the nation’s nearly 850 regional centers, including a Palm Beach Regional Center (palmbeachregionalcenter.com) that works through counties from Palm Beach to Charlotte; the

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Opportunity Naples invites nominations for Excellence in Industry awards

Nominations are being accepted for the 2016 Excellence in Industry awards that recognize corporate and individual excellence in Collier County. Awards are presented in five categories:

- Business Expansion – Presented to a company that expanded in 2015 through investing capital and creating jobs in Collier County.
- Company to Watch – Presented to a company that has demonstrated significant growth trends since its opening and that exhibit excellence in management, marketing, customer service and integrity.
- Young Professional of the Year – Presented to someone between the ages of 21 and 40 who has demonstrated leadership and passion for making a difference in the community.
- Heart of the Community – Presented to a local nonprofit that has distinguished itself from others by enhancing the community through financial, volunteer and other involvement in organizations and programs that create a better quality of life for all in Collier County.
- Pillar Award – Presented to a company that has been in business in Collier County for at least 20 years and that has taken an active role in making the community a better place to live and do business.

Nominations must be received by June 24. Any company doing business in Collier County is eligible to apply. Nominations can be submitted by companies themselves, their clients, their vendors and/or other individuals. Winners will be selected by a panel of judges representing past winners and Opportunity Naples board members. The awards will be presented Wednesday evening, Sept. 28, at the Hilton Naples. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

The Excellence in Industry awards program is presented by Opportunity Naples in coordination with the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. Opportunity Naples serves as the primary economic development organization in Collier County responsible for marketing, recruiting, retention/expansion, the relationship with Enterprise Florida and domestic and international economic development efforts.

To submit a nomination or for more information, call Kristi Bartlett at 403-2914 or email Kristi@napleschamber.org.
Florida Equity & Growth Fund Regional Center out of Tampa that targets 23 Florida counties the center defines as “the highest economic corridor” of the state (eflorida.com/); and Florida Overseas (also to be found at eb5florida.com/), a center that specializes in investment opportunities in Targeted Employment Areas statewide in 12 diverse industry clusters,” according to its online literature.

Numbers provided by the government and compiled and reported by media outlets show that the program jumped from less than 100 EB-5 visas issued 13 years ago to more than 9,000 last year — 80 percent of those to Chinese investors. Mr. Korda’s investment there created a hot-water and creating victims of the EB-5 investors enlisted in EB-5, then failed to bring in millions in money from foreign investors.

The firm KordaBurgess PA, of Naples, sat down to offer a personal view of EB-5 this week.

Q. Is this program becoming more popular here in the region?
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Q. What is your experience with EB-5?
A. “The program is certainly fair to the U.S., but improvements should be made. However, a number of investors (there) have been placed in a precarious position as far as their immigration status as far as their immigration status is concerned, far beyond the obvious financial implications. This is a serious blow for the EB-5 industry, particularly as the Regional Center Program expires in September of this year and will be awaiting renewal. The bad apple should not spoil the barrel, he concludes.

Most EB-5 projects are offered by honest developers who have done everything expected of them. There have been examples of fraud (as in every industry), such examples are still relatively rare. I hope that the innocent investors who have done everything expected of them will not be made to pay the price for the alleged misdeeds of others on whom they relied.

The Department of Homeland Security has also expressed public concern that the program could be used by spies from China and Iran.

Michael Gibson, an investment advisor and managing director of the Miami-based USA Advisors (USAadvisors.org), a firm that provides specific advice on the EB-5 program and how they interpret the regulations.

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“Up until now foreign investors have relied on immigration attorneys. But they’re just as much in the dark as anybody else. They look at the immigration track record of regional centers, but the funny thing about that is, there is no way to verify if what regional centers claim, is true.”

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A. “The success of the program cannot be overstated. It is, if anything, oversubscribed because of the numerical limits on investor visas, which are restricted to 10,000 annually. This includes the investor and all family members, so that there are approximately 2,500 to 5,000 families depending on size who will become conditional residents. More than 89 percent of all investors are Chinese and so visa wait times were imposed last year to restrict the number of visas that can be issued to Chinese nationals. However, there is a major backlog so that long delays are being experienced. Nevertheless, the program remains successful and there are a large number of EB-5 Regional Centers in Florida. Of 834 total, 85 are in Florida and are attracting investors to a large number of different projects.”

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My Dumbest Investment Where’s the Beef?
I answered the phone and was greeted by a pitchman who said he had the deal of a lifetime for me! What was it? Investing in bull semen—specifically, a penny stock specializing in “beef genetics.” It hit. It was only money in my IRA, after all, so it’s pay money right? My broker bought it for me, while urging me to avoid it at all costs.

Of course, the company quickly disappeared, along with the rest of the herd. But I now have the certificate framed on my wall as a cautionary take to avoid hot tips and speculative investments.

— R.M., Springfield, Virginia

The Fool Responds: Many people lose a lot more than $500 to learn that lesson. You committed a classic blunder, being drawn into a penny stock with some kind of exciting, promising story — but, very often, little in the way of actual sales and profits. Being able to spend $500 on 2,000 shares of a stock trading for $0.25 per share is the equivalent of finding your five shares of a $200 stock. But penny stocks are notoriously volatile and often manipulated, frequently causing naive investors to lose most or all of their money. A $300 stock, meanwhile, can belong to a growing, profitable company that’s on course to increase its value considerably over time.

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Last week’s trivia answer
Founded by three brothers in New Jersey in 1886, I was the first to offer commercial first-aid kits, mass-produced sanitary products for women and dental floss before 1900. After I later introduced first-aid manuals, consumer bandages for small wounds, an extra-gentle shampoo and more, today I’m a consumer product, pharmaceutical and medical devices giant, with roughly 127,000 employees around the world. (The Motley Fool owns shares of and has recommended Berkshire Hathaway.) ■

The Motley Fool Take
Banking Big
The prospect of rising interest rates has sent investors running for the exits, but the financial industry tends to benefit from a rising-rate environment. That puts Wells Fargo (NYSE: WFC) in a prime position to build on its long-term performance with gains in the years to come.

While many big banks have been seeking to downsize in order to avoid greater regulatory scrutiny and in the hope that balance sheet enhancements look more attractive, Wells Fargo has gone in the opposite direction, becoming more of a banking powerhouse as it continues to follow its business model of making conservative yet lucrative loans to consumers and commercial customers. Its track record of avoiding some of the excesses that its peers experienced during the financial crisis has only added to its reputation. Wells Fargo is more profitable than many of its peers, and tends to have more excess capital than it needs to make it more able to withstand unexpected losses without running into trouble. That makes it a giant, and as it recently saw a jump in problematic loans primarily made to the oil and gas industry that has been struggling due to low prices.

Meanwhile, Wells Fargo offers patient believers a dividend that was recently yielding 3.1 percent, and its share price seems fairly priced. Consider buying in, or waiting for a lower price. (The Motley Fool owns shares of and has recommended Wells Fargo.) ■

Reasons to Sell
The moment is now for banks to work off the gains they've had for years. The market is moving on, and when you might sell — and to good to jot down why you did so when is the right time to sell — R.M., Springfield, Virginia

— Email business meeting announcement

Q: How big or small are “large-cap” and “small-cap” companies?
A: Dak, Rochester, Minnesota
Definitions vary, but here’s a reasonable one: If a company’s market capitalization is less than $2 billion, consider it a small cap; $2 billion to $10 billion, a small-cap; $1 billion to $10 billion, a mid-cap; $10 billion to $50 billion, a large-cap. Nike, Costco and Visa are large-caps, while Cheesecake Factory and Xerox are mid-caps. ■

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BUSINESS MEETINGS

■ The second annual SWFL’s Largest Lunchtime networking event, from 4-8 p.m. Friday, June 3, at Six Bends Harley-Davidson in South Fort Myers. Hosts are the Warm Introduction Networking group and Cloud 9 Home Watch & Thermal Imaging. Last year’s inaugural event attracted more than 300 people. Sign up at wcrnaples.com/events. For more information on sponsorship or exhibitor opportunities, please call Shane Bailey at (321) 962-6885 or email shab@cloud9homewatch.net.

■ Glory of the Grape, the annual shareholders meeting for Marco Island Chamber of Commerce, takes place from 6-9 p.m. Sunday, June 5, at CJ’s on the Bay on Marco. Tickets for $55 are available at marcoislandchamber.org.

■ Realtors, mortgage brokers and builders are invited to meet, mingle and network from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on the roof of Naples Marriott at the Bay on Tuesday, June 7, in downtown Naples. Admission is $10. For more information, please call (239) 435-6000.

■ The Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce Professionals hosts the second annual In Business Networking event from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday, June 15, at Florida Gulf Coast University. More than 200 attendees are expected to gather to learn about becoming better leaders, managers, community builders and collaborators.

■ Women’s Council of Realtors Naples-on-the-Gulf hosts its annual Business Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, June 2, at Florida Gulf Coast University. More than 200 attendees are expected to gather to learn about becoming better leaders, managers, community builders and collaborators.

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■ Consultants from the Small Business Development Center at Florida Gulf Coast University are available at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, 2390 Taniami Trail N, every Thursday. For more information on how to make an appointment for a free session, call Suzanne Specht at 745-3704.

■ BNI Downtown Naples Networking event meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 777 Mooring Line Drive. Call Jamie Bergen at 572-3720 for more information. ■

— Email business meeting announcements to cpierece@floridaweekly.com.
NETWORKING

Bruno Air Conditioning hosts DEMA monthly meeting

Jason Abidin, Leslie Mazzola and Cedric Debernard

Marylee Tirrell and Kimberly Anderson

Connie Furrer and Allen Furrer

Jim Henderson and Beth Siegmann

Nate Brown and Aura Brown

Marco Island welcomes UK business travel leaders

Jim Gionna, Debi Debenedetto, Paul Wait and Tom Boyle

Tyson Trice, John Greehy, Tim Isik and Simon Baxendale

Steve Allen, Amber Ramsey, Oonagh McCullagh and Graham Ramsey

Onagh McCullagh, Bob Pfeffer, Marian McLean, and Debi Debenedetto

Josie Shepherd, Dave Thomas and Oonagh McCullagh

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April numbers show local market on steady course

As broker analysts predicted earlier this year, declines in home sales that appeared in the first quarter of 2016 were not a trend. This was further evidenced in the April 2016 numbers released by the Naples Area Board of Realtors. NABOR tracks home listings and sales within Collier County (excluding Marco Island).

In fact, the April report showed several signs that the Collier County residential resale market is on a steady course to becoming even more balanced. “It’s important to keep in mind that we are comparing activity today to what was happening a year ago, and 2015 was an outstanding year,” said Mike Hughes, vice president/general manager of Downing-Frye Realty. “So even though pending sales in April decreased 10 percent, it was only 126 fewer than in April 2015.”

Pending sales were down over 20 percent for each of the first three months of this year, Mr. Hughes added. “But as inventory continues to become available and buyers continue to have more choices, I’m confident we’ll see the number of pending and closed sales improve.”

Overall inventory increased 36 percent in April 2016 to 5,480 homes, up from 4,040 homes in April 2015. Most surprising was a 171 percent increase in inventory for condominiums in the $2 million and above price category, up from 34 condominiums for sale in April 2015 to 92 this year. Condominium inventory in the Naples Beach area increased 73 percent, to 683 this year from 394 in April last year.

In the single-family market, inventory rose 23 percent in the $2 million and above segment. Days on the market for this segment decreased 30 percent.

The latest NABOR numbers also revealed a new sweet spot in the market: condominiums in the $300,000-$500,000 category. There was a 74 percent increase in inventory, a 26 percent increase in closed sales (12 months ending), a 20 percent increase in pending sales (12 months ending) and a 3 percent decrease in median closed price (12 months ending).

For more information, including the complete April 2016 Market Report, visit naplesarea.com.
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BY NANCY STETSON
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Friendly frogs, naked retirees and urinating statues — it’s been quite a colorful and unusual year in the arts. With another season behind us, it’s time once again for The Nancies: my off-beat, tongue-in-cheek, sometimes irreverent, sometimes serious awards.

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King Solomon’s frailties threaten to doom his kingdom

An ambitious historical novel, Palm Beach writer D.J. Niko’s “The Judgment” spans the years 965-925 BCE, the reign of King Solomon after the death of King David. It is a tale of gigantic personalities, huge ambition, fervent nationalism, fragile treaties and multiple betrayals.

Solomon, charged with ruling the united monarchies of the Hebrew people, is also charged with establishing David’s goal of a colossal temple in Jerusalem. It is envied as a place where the God of Israel will dwell, and thus its design and materials are simple go-betweens; others have more important duties.

Upon visiting Egypt to make a bargain with Pharaoh Psusennes II for huge quantities of gold to adorn the temple, Solomon is shown to be a weak, soft, self-indulgent leader, as well as a man whose behavior suggests a loss of faith.

Basemath, Nicaule’s daughter by her lover Shoshenq, has been raised as Solomon’s daughter. This subterfuge was Nicaule’s first betrayal.

The novel is structured so that we meet Basemath first; that is, we first see the crisis facing the people of Israel from Egypt’s attack in 925 BCE. Then we are taken back to the time of Solomon’s ascent to the throne and the resolution. This is a standard point of attack that works well for this material.

Basemath is perhaps the only character in the novel who is truly likeable and admirable, yet she is treated as a throwaway in the opening and closing sections of the novel. Other characters — certain Egyptian and Hebrew military leaders; the estimable high priest (Kohain Gadol) Zadok; the temptress Queen Makeda of Sheba; Nicaule’s friend, attendant and counselor Irini — are among those of ongoing interest.

Indeed, the author populates her story with a large cast that is needed to fulfill a wide range of functions at upper and lower levels of the principals’ actions. Many are simply go-betweens; others have more important duties.

Ms. Niko extracts the political tangle from the biblical narrative — and perhaps other sources — with care and authority.

The shifting fortunes of Solomon and his Egyptian allies/betrayers create passages of powerful suspense, and the author portrays the psychological dimensions of Nicaule and Solomon with a sure hand. Indeed, her portrait of the aging, desperate Nicaule almost leads readers to feel sorry for her — even while realizing she chose her fate. Because “The Judgment” is a highly stylized narrative, the voices of the characters are not distinctive. They are overridden and leveled by the ornate, elevated style that blankets all. However, other means of characterization provide ample differentiation: thought processes, physical attributes, garments and so forth.

Ms. Niko seems to thoroughly enjoy the verbal painting of landscapes. Her repensations of places, though lavish, suffer somewhat from being overly dependent on modifiers, and long stretches of place description often slow down the action. But this kind of luxuriant stylization could be attributable to the historical fiction genre when authors strive to create a sense of the long ago and far away. That is, genre fans might very well expect and delight in such a treatment.

Ms. Niko seems to be moving away from the archaeological thrillers that comprise her Sarah Weston Chronicles, the most recent of which was given over in part to recreating ancient Thebes. While wishing her well in this change of direction, I’m hoping to catch up with the brainy and courageous Sarah Weston sometime soon.

— 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.
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The comedy was written by Broadway Palm’s founder, Tom Ross Prather. Its quirky characters run their church’s Second Chances Thrift Shop, and when the sale of the store seems inevitable, they pull together in an effort to save their beloved workplace.

Audiences will meet the lead clerk who brings sunshine to every day, the couple in the collection area and discover that you can find love later in life and the young mother who sees a fresh start in her new job as store manager. Together, they discover that it’s not just old treasures that sometimes get second chances.

After appearing on a small stage, “Second Chances” is continuing its development with a big-stage production that includes some editing and new music, Mr. Prather says, adding the show will move to the Prather family’s Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre in Pennsylvania next year.

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**Celebrate ‘the change’ at Broadway Palm**

Broadway Palm Theatre in Fort Myers presents “Menopause the Musical” through July 2. Since its 2001 debut in Orlando, the show has been performed in 11 countries.

Four women at a Bloomingdale’s lingerie sale have nothing in common except a black lace bra — and memory loss, hot flashes, night sweats, not enough sex, too much sex, chocolate binges and day-to-day challenges with aging parents, aging children and aging partners. They share their ups and downs through a collection of 26 baby boomer songs from the '60s, '70s and '80s, all set to new lyrics pertinent to their particular stage in life.

Writer and producer Jeanie Linders created the show as a celebration of women who are on the brink of, in the middle of or who have survived “The Change.”

Call the Broadway Palm at 278-4422 or visit broadwaypalm.com for tickets.

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number from his earlier days with The Hollies, pre-Crosby, Stills and Nash. Receiving enthusiastic applause when he finished the song, he looked at the crowd and waved, "Well, now how you know old you all arc."

Most Appropriate Entrance

■ Get To See Award
To: Peter Tomasson in "The Seafarer"

Three drunk Irish guys playing poker on Christmas Eve does not sound like your typical Christmas play. And "The Seafarer" isn't. But it is a sure play about grace, redemption and second chances. Peter Tomasson's portrayal of Satan playing poker for a man's soul was so chilling, we almost wondered if Florida Rep had suddenly turned down the thermostat 20 degrees or so.

■ Bold Women Award
To: The actresses of "Calendar Girls"

The women who performed in Labora-
tory Theater's "Calendar Girls" were not professional actors. They ranged in age from their 40s to just a handful of women shy of 80. Yet they willingly took their clothes off for their roles onstage and also posed made for a calendar — with very small parts strategically covered by props, of course.

■ Best Voice Award
To: Lisa Fischer

Lisa Fischer gave four concerts over two nights in the Daniels Pavilion at Artis—Naples. If you saw the film "Twenty Feet from Stardom," you've seen Ms. Fischer sing. If you've ever seen The Rolling Stones in concert, you've likely heard her: She's the one who belts out "Gimme Shelter," going head-to-head with Mick Jagger. She's also toured with Chris Botti.

She opens her mouth and music flows through her. She is simply transcendent. She not only sang a haunting version of "Gimme Shelter" in Naples, she delivered a cover of Led Zeppelin's "Rock 'n' Roll" that rattled the roof. If you weren't there, you missed one of the great concerts of the season.

■ Best Time Warp Moment Award
To: The cast of "Hairspray"

The cast of "Hairspray" at the Venice The-
atre mingled with the audience prior to each performance. We did a dress rehearsal on opening night when we saw a handful of actors, in costume as '60s hippies, sitting cross-legged by the edge of the stage, being schooled by an audience member: a tuxedo-wearing senior citizen demonstrating how to properly roll a joint. The juxtaposition was mind-boggling.

■ Favorite Amphibian Award
To: (tie) Glen Phillips and Ryan Galarani and Dillon Everett

When Glen Phillips, singer/songwriter and guitarist with the indie rock band Toad the Wet Sprocket, performed with the Florida Southwest Symphony at the Mann Hall, it was for the world premiere of his songs arranged for the orchestra by Tim Berens. Mr. Phillips' fans went crazy. At one point, people were dancing in the balcony.

And at Florida Rep, Ryan Galarani played a genius while Dillon Waylett portrayed his best friend, the grumpy and anxious Toad, in the Tony-nominated "A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder." It was a tribute to the four seasons as well as to friendship.

■ Best Small Ensemble Award
To: The cast of "The Glass Menagerie"

We've all seen productions of "The Glass Menagerie." Your high school drama department likely put it on. But last fall's performance at Gulfshore Playhouse was one of the best we've ever seen, with a quartet of actors that presented such an nuanced, intimate performance it made us see this classic play with fresh eyes.

Best Large Ensemble Award
To: The cast of "Twelve Angry Men"

It's not easy to stage a play with a dozen actors onstage for the entire show, but director Charles Money did so with "Twelve Angry Men" at Florida Rep. And he — and the players — made it look easy. Nothing was hurried or unnatural throughout the suspenseful drama.

True Confessions Award
To: The four gentlemen who gave eulogies at Berne Davis' memorial service

When philanthropist and art lover Berne Davis died in March at the age of 80, her memorial service contained many interesting stories of Fort Myers in earlier days. We were very happy to note, though, that each of the four gentlemen who delivered eulogies confessed to having or having had a crush on Ms. Davis. We can only imagine what the car rides home with their wives were like.

Feminist of the Year Award
To: Bill Taylor

When Bill Taylor, founder and artistic director of Theatre Conspiracy, took note of numerous studies showing female play-
wrights are severely under-represented in our theaters, he decided to devote his company's entire 2015-16 season to works by women. His lineup proved to be some of the best theater we've seen in a while, particularly Jessica Dickey's "The Amish Project" and Lydia Diamond's adaptation of Toni Morrison's groundbreaking first novel, "The Bluest Eye." We think the world of Mr. Taylor for doing this — even though next season's list of plays is business as usual, containing only one play that was co-written by a woman.

Most Clever Prop Award
To: "The Music of John Cage"

We loved hearing John Cage's music performed at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, especially the numbers written for prepared piano and toy pianos. But it was the little white bust of Beethoven sitting on the toy piano that tickled us. Schroeder of "Peanuts" fame would have approved.

The Peggy Lee "Is That All There Is?" Award
To: "territory"

"Twenty-three of Edgardo Carboni's marble sculptures are on temporary display at downtown Fort Myers. Among them, "Ter-
ritorio" at the corner of Hendry and Main streets, which depicts a drunken man and his dog relying themselves on a lamppost, raised the most con-
roversy. The sculptures show scenes from everyday life in Cartagena, Colombia, the artist's native city; before landing on the streets of downtown Fort Myers, then on an Olympic tour of Europe, including Paris. Because of the contro-
versy, people turn now to the sculpture. They want to see what all the fuss is about. They take pictures and pose with it. It's even on a T-shirt. We tend to agree with the elderly woman who looked at it and said, "Is that all there is?"

The No-rapping, Not Hamilton, Presidential Award
To: "All the Way"

It's next to impossible to get a ticket to see "Hamilton" on Broadway. But you could've seen "All the Way," which won the 2014 Tony Award for Best Play and the Pulitzer Prize for Best Drama, at the Asolo Repertory Theatre in Sarasota. Written by Robert Schenkkan, the play starred Nick Wyman as Lyndon Baines Johnson, who became president when John F. Kennedy was assassinated. With a cast of more than three dozen actors, it tells the story of LBJ trying to get the Civil Rights Act of 1964 passed. And even if you know your history and knew what would happen, you'd still find the play gripping.

The Muchas Smoother Award
To: Annette Trosbich

In Sarah Ruhl's play "Stage Kiss" at Laboratory Theatre, Annette Trosbich did a lot of kissing: 10 smooches by the end of the second scene, and at least 26 by the end of Act 1. Mostly, she kissed her fellow leading actor, Paul Graffy, but she also kissed almost every other character in the play as well. It was all in the script of "Stage Kiss," which has two other plays embedded within it.

Best Musical Hat Trick Award
To: Kate Davis

We don't remember this much buzz about a local concert in a long time — and not just one concert, but three. Singer/ songwriter/bassist Kate Davis, who's been compared to Norah Jones, played three concerts at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center. (No relation, though, she was one of the late Berne Davis' favorite singers.) Ms. Davis performed with pianist Gabri-
el Kahane in October, then gave a per-
fomance with her own pianist and guitarist in November and a third with jazz vocal group the Ladybugs, singing standards, in January.

Our friends who attended could not believe they were hearing this qual-
ity of music in downtown Fort Myers and became instant fans. We hope Ms. Davis returns to the SBDAC next season and brings more friends.

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To: Two anonymous men

We've seen excellent actors receive applause when they exit the stage, even though the show hasn't ended. But we rarely see an actor receive entrance applause. But Ann Hoover did, however, in The Naples Players production of "The Dixie Swim Club.

Bursting through the door with energy and determination, she barked to the other actors onstage: "Oooow, it's nice to see you, girls! I've got a martini shaker and I'm not afraid to use it!" The audience loved her.

Worst Exit Award
To: Dallas Dunagan

After 16 years as artistic director with The Naples Players, Dallas Dunagan announced plans to step down from the role. She's said she'll stay on until her replacement is hired. She's an incredibly gifted director who can draw the best out of any actor, from the most seasoned to the most inexperienced. Why is she getting this award? She's exiting with grace; we just hate to see her leave.

Living Christmas Tree Award
To: The tree in Florida Reperto-
rey Theatre's "A Christmas Story"

We hear the Christmas tree accidentally fell over on top of a child actor during one performance, temporarily boxing the boy in boughs and tinsel. (He was fine.) For a moment it was almost like a yuletide ver-
SIE "Little Shop of Horrors." Ah, the joy — and unpredictability — of live theater! We're disappointed we missed it.

Best Show We Didn't See Award
To: "The 39 Steps"

We heard The Naples Players produc-
tion of "The 39 Steps," a spoof on Alfred Hitchcock movies, was great fun and excellent, but was sold out for the entire run. Even we couldn't get a ticket.

Best Show We Probably Didn't Get to See Award
To: "The Amish Project"

Theatre Conspiracy's "The Amish Proj-
oc," one woman showing Teresa Nicole Wyman as Donna Bowling, shining through the best shows this season. At its last perfor-
mance, even though seats were added to the black box theater at Florida Gulfshore University, Western State College, so many people
Naples Music Club celebrates 2016 scholarship winners

BY JEANNETTE BOUCHER
Special to Florida Weekly

The area’s finest young musicians delighted audience members at the Naples Music Club’s annual scholarship winners recital held recently at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. This year’s concert was dedicated to the memory of Richard Holmberg, a longtime supporter and past president of the club. Current president Gordon Hammond and scholarship committee chair Flora Metcalf presided.

Performing before a packed house, the 19 young musicians all won top awards in either the junior or senior divisions of the club’s scholarship competition, which this year had 123 entrants.

Awards made to 53 students totaled $45,000, bringing the amount awarded since the inception of the scholarship program in 1970 to well over $600,000. Awards are used for music lessons, new instruments or upgrades, college expenses and summer music camp fees.

Here are this year’s winners:

■ The Turiel Award: Cassie Drake – The Turiel Award is given to the high school senior who best meets a number of criteria, including an essay, scholastic and music achievements, interview and excellence in performance at the winners recital. The recipient of the $3,000 scholarship was Ms. Drake, a student of J.T. Posadas, who was home-schooled through high school and this fall enters the Colburn Conservatory of Music in Los Angeles. (Her older sister, Misty, won the Turiel Award two years ago and is completing her second year as a violin major at the Eastman School of Music.)

■ Classic Chamber Concerts Bert G. Phillips Award: Cassie Drake

■ The Young Artist Award Baritone Luciano Marsalli and harpist Natalie Stewart

■ The Haegg Family Award, which provides students with private instruction for up to three years: New awards were presented to Widoon Brice, alto sax; Lea Cherefunf, bassoon; Tori Guatino and Isabella Hernandez, cello; and Cassandra Molina, viola. Continuing awards were given to Haylie Abreu and Natalie Fadael, clarinet; Christina Brice, flute; Annette Gonzalez, Abigail Jones and Brittan Yulan violin; Yamell Fernandez-Torres, viola; and Rachel Longfellow, trumpet.

The Senior division winners

■ LEAP Award (Learning fromElemen- tary to Advanced Piano): New awards to fund private instruction were presented to Maria Cuellar, Jaxson Karen and Olivia Prawiradilaga-Mendelson. Continuing as an awardee is Isabella Peaco.

■ Phyllis S. Warren Piano Award: Eliza- beth Berg

■ SENIOR DIVISION

Brass: First place, William Parker, French horn; second place, Jacob Lampierce, tuba; Clarinet: First place, Lindsey Baerle; second place, Claudia Hernandez; Double reeds: First place, Amy Wu; second place, Malena Sellen; honor- able mention, Virginia Axline, all on oboe; Flute: First place, Melissa Leon; second place, Natalie Lara; third place, Emily Rice; Piano: First place, Elizabeth Berg; second place, Maggie Johns; third place, David Carlson; fourth place, Christopher Myers; Saxophone: First place, Peter Noll; Violin: First place, Cassie Drake; second place, Aaron Stewart; third place, Ser- ena Votapek; honorable mention, Lynnette

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Violin: First place, HsihTing Wu; sec- ond place, Caroline Sikata; third place, Nicole Torres; honorable mention, Cynthia Sheng.

Voice: First place, baritone Luciano Marsalli; second place, soprano Alexandria Taylor; third place, soprano Bridgid Wallace; fourth place soprano Francesca Martin; honorable mention, soprano Kristina Kovric.

 ■ JUNIOR DIVISION

Brass: First place, James Popper, trump- et; second place, Micah Evans, trumpet; Flute: First place, Hadley Anderson; second place, Maria Dina; third place, Mia Erich; Harp: First place, Natalie Stewart; honor- able mention, Mikaela Kurtz; Percussion: First place, Christian Sne- deker; second place, Aden Chalick; Piano: First place, Daniel Holmes; second place, Daniel Holmes; third place, Mark Shapiro; Strings: First place, Amanda Drake, viol- in; second place, Victoria Gendron, violin; third place, Caroline Cornell, violin; honor- able mention, Nathaniel Bain, violin.

Voice: First place, Lila Prince; second place, Clara Marti; honorable mention, Fallon Jones; Woodwinds: First place, Tahliah Bowden, saxophone; second place, Christopher Axline, oboe; third place, Michele Santarsedula, saxophone

— Jeannette Boucher is past president of the Naples Music Club.
**THEATER**

The Art Galleries of the Bower School of Music & The Arts at Florida Gulf Coast University present “Quest for Permanence” through June 23 in the Main Gallery in the Arts Complex. “Shutterbugs of the Garden” by Joel Jensen is supplementary and available in Lot 7 for gallery visitors. artgallery.fgcu.edu, 590-7199 or asturdiv@fgcu.edu.

**TUESDAY, 5.31**

**Soul Singing** – Jai Ma Kirtan performs in celebration of mothers from 7:15-8:45 p.m. at House of Gaia. 515. 1650 Trade Center Way. 272-6522 or houseofgaia.org.

**WEDNESDAY, 6.1**

**Local History** – Naples Historical Society hosts a docent-guided walking tour of the downtown historical district setting out from Historic Palm Cottage at 9:30 a.m. 261-8464 or napleshistorical-society.org.

**ART ALIVE** – Naples Art District galleries and studios in the area north of Pine Ridge Road and west of Airport-Pulling Road welcome evening visitors from 5-8 p.m. 809-7999.

**COMING UP**

**Free Concert** – Wilder Sons perform at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 2, on the lawn at Mercato. 254-1080 or mercatos.com.

**The Grape Celebration** – Friends of the Foundation host the annual Grape Celebration to benefit the Naples Children & Education Foundation, founders of the Naples Winter Wine Festival, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, June 3, at Paradise Wine. $95, 325-2978 or friends@nwfoundation.com.

**Miracle Game** – The Southwest Florida Gay & Lesbian Chorus performs “The Star Spangled Banner” at 7 p.m. Friday, June 3, when the Fort Myers Miracle play the Daytona Tortugas at 7:05 p.m. at the Florida Auto Park. $15 or $10 for kids. fortmyersmiracles.com.

**Classic Flick** – Marco Island Center for the Arts screens “A Hard Day’s Night” (UK 1964) at 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 10. The film follows a typical day in the life of The Beatles. Free, but donation appreciated. 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or marcoislandart.org.

**Talent Search** – Miromar Outlets holds talent contests during weekends in June starting at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 11. Visit website for competition details. 948-3766 or miromaroutlets.com.

**Here Come the Brides** – The Naples Bridal Expo takes place from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, June 11, at the Hilton Naples. Dozens of wedding vendors, from photographers and musicians to caterers and florists, will showcase their wares and services. 272-8477 or naplesbridalexpo.com.

**Bluegrass Concert** – Swinging Bridge performs from 6-9 p.m. Sunday, June 12, at the Lee County Alliance for the Arts. 1050 10th Street Blvd., Fort Myers. 939-2787 or artinline.org.

**Jazz Cabaret** – Bob Zottola and Jazz Simpatico perform at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 15, at the Marco Island Center for the Arts. 285, 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or marcoislandart.org.

** Tracking** – Lovers Key State Park invites the public to look and look for animal tracks along the shoreline at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 16. Free. Registration required. 402-2401 or floridastateparks.org.

**Opening Reception** – Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center hosts a reception for its 50th anniversary on Friday, June 17. The event is free. For more information, call 275-4000 or email Leigh@rookerybay.org.

**Anchor Up** – David Lawrence Center’s Young Executives host their fifth annual summer cruise aboard the Naples Princess at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 16, $45 until June 3, $50 thereafter. 580 Port-O-Call Way. 459-8500 or davidlawrencecenter.org.
WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Piano Party – Piano playing comedian Jimmy Keys play a dinner show at 5 p.m. Thursday, June 16, at The Colosseum. $75. 2059 Tamiami Trail E. 774-6060 or thecolosseumnaples.com.

Third Thursday – Third Street South hosts live music by Wendy Renee from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 16, in the Fleischmann Courtyard. 434-6533 or thirdstreetsouth.com.

Dad’s Day Out – Celebrate Father’s Day in Venetian Village with live entertainment and an antique car show from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 18. 261-0403 or venetianvillage.com.

Apples & Trees – Miromar Outlets hosts a father/son/grandfather lookalike contest at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 18. 948-3766 or miromaroutlets.com.

Free Kids Flick – Paragon Pavilion presents a free screening of “Diary of a Wimpy Kid” at 10 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday, June 21-23. 296-0008 or paragontheater.com.

Open Up – Shangri-La Springs hosts a workshop from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 21, on balancing chakras with healer John Cartwright. $65. 949-0749 or shangrilasprings.com.

Free Movie – Gather up the family and bring blankets and chairs for a free screening of “Star Wars: The Force Awakens” starting at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 21, on the lawn at Mercato. 254-1080 or mercatoshops.com.


Mystery Meat – Spammy Jammy returns to Goodland’s Little Bar Restaurant from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, June 25, with inspired Spam sculptures, toilet paper races and live music, all in hopes of warding off hurricanes. 205 Harbor Place, Goodland. 394-6553 or littlebarrestaurant.com.

Summer Jazz – Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club’s free SummerJazz on the Gulf series returns from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, June 25, with musical guests Pocket Change. 261-2222 or naplesbeachhotel.com.

Parade Time – Naples’ annual Independence Day parade steps off at 10 a.m. Monday, July 4, and proceeds down Third Street South and Fifth Avenue. 213-7120 or naplesgov.com.

Fourth in the Swamp – Everglades City hosts an all-day Independence Day celebration starting at 10 a.m. with an opening ceremony on the steps of City Hall and continuing at McLeod Park with food, family activities, pet contests, vendors, contests and more, culminating with fireworks at 9 p.m. 695-1871.

Light Show – Sugden Regional Park hosts its annual Independence Day celebration from 2-10 p.m. Monday, July 4, with a free ice cream social, family activities, entertainment and a fireworks show over the lake at sundown. Bring chairs and blankets. Free. 4284 Avalon Drive. 252-4000 or collierparks.org.

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■ Four-time Grammy-winning artist “Weird Al” Yankovic brings his musically comedic Mandatory World Tour to the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall at 7 p.m. Sunday, June 5. — bbmannpah.com

■ Thomas the Tank Engine chugs into the Family Fun Expo at Germain Arena from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. — germainarena.com

■ Master mixologist Isaac Scott Grillo creates and pours custom concoctions featuring Afrohead rum as guest bartender at Bar Tulia from 4 p.m. to closing time Thursday. See more on page C24. — tulianaples.com

■ Naples Italian American Foundation hosts a Memorial Day Social barbecue starting at 1 p.m. Monday with boce, mah jongg, poker, bridge, euchre and pinochle. $18. — niafoundation.org

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**CONCERT**

“1 think people are looking for something of quality and integrity on television,” he says. “There’s a lot of fluff, so to speak … we upped the quality of the program, and this year we have 12 stars.”

Not that staging concerts of this magnitude is easy. Coordinating all the performers — including the National Symphony Orchestra — and guests on Capitol Hill is a huge undertaking that involves more than 20 government agencies, corporate sponsors, two police departments and private security.

“We’re on the lawn of the Capitol, right where the president is inaugurated,” he says. “It’s a big logistical feat to do this. We have maybe 1,000 police for 300,000 people … All of our presidents over the years have said we can’t give in to the terrorists (and stop doing the concerts because of security concerns).”

Live television is always harrowing for the people behind the scenes, but Mr. Colbert says his crew — many of who work live shows such as “The Emmy Awards” and “The Grammy Awards” — knows how to keep things on track. “It’s like launching a rocket,” he says. “When you have pros, it makes a
real difference.”
Of course, the entire point of “The National Memorial Day Concert” is to honor fallen soldiers and veterans.
Very few large-scale Memorial Day events were available to the public when Mr. Colbert took on the event, and it seems he’s remedied that problem for many military families and private citizens.
For every soldier who sacrificed and died for this country, and for every wounded veteran who has come home, there are countless friends and family members who also feel the loss and pain, he says. “It’s become a very meaningful program for them. They write us and tell us they wouldn’t miss it.”
Mr. Colbert and his team heard from viewers who have a vast array of positive and cathartic experiences while watching the program. For instance, one woman told him that although she and her husband had been married for 50 years, he never spoke to her about his wartime experiences in Korea, despite suffering emotionally for years. The couple watched the concert together one year, prompting him to unload over the course of the night all he had witnessed as a soldier.
“She said when he went to bed, he was so peaceful,” Mr. Colbert recalls. “She was so grateful. Those kind of things make you feel good.”
With participation from retired Gen. Colin Powell, this year’s “National Memorial Day Concert” features Tony Award-winner Joe Mantegna (“Criminal Minds”) and Emmy Award-winner Gary Sinise (“Criminal Minds: Without Borders”) as hosts and a musical program that includes opera superstar soprano Renee Fleming; The Beach Boys; actress and singer Katherine McPhee; Grammy-nominated country star Trace Adkins; Emmy, Golden Globe and SAG-award winning actor S. Epatha Merkerson (“Chicago Med,” “Law & Order”); actor Esai Morales (“Mozart in the Jungle”); Tony Award-winning actor Alfie Boe (“Finding Neverland”); and final “American Idol” winner Trent Harmon—all in performance with the National Symphony Orchestra under the direction of the renowned pops conductor Jack Everly.
The broadcast will also feature a segment highlighting the story of two fallen soldiers interred among the 400,000 veterans at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as one Vietnam veteran’s path to healing by sharing his experience with other veterans.

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“Yougi Josephine’ at the Asolo: A Broadway-bound work in progress

When I was a young teen, I hated to rewrite. I thought all art was created fully formed, with no need for revision or editing.

But as I matured, I learned what a falsity that was. Even bestselling authors wrestle with their words, re-writing multiple times.

The same is true for theater, an even more collaborative art.

Shows, at their inception, are very different from the final product, with the radical rewrites and changes before they become their fully developed selves.

“A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum” is a classic example. Audiences weren’t responding well until the opening number was changed to the song “Comedy Tonight.” It set the tone for the musical, letting the audience know they were about to see something crazy and off-the-wall.

Then, suddenly, everything came together.

“Josephine,” in its world premiere at the Asolo Repertory Theatre, is an opportunity to see a show as it’s still in development. Although the musical is Broadway-bound, it is definitely still a work in progress.

The titular character is Josephine Baker, a Jazz Age icon who’s considered the first African-American superstar. Daunted by the racism she found in the U.S., she went to France, where the Parisians fell in love with her. Suitors gave her diamonds and cars. She received more than 1,500 marriage proposals.

She was about to see something crazy and uninhibited dancing. She was looking for all-out, crazy, uninhibited dance numbers from Ms. Baker.

Perhaps Ms. Cox’s absence started a cascading effect with the cast, as others stepped out of their roles and into others. The dance ensemble seemed a little skimpy, and at times people seemed to be dancing without partners; some of the numbers also seemed very asymmetrical.

Ms. DuPree, as Bricktop, the madam of a local brothel and a friend of Josephine’s, stands out in this cast. Her number “Nobody’s Listenin’” brought the house down. The woman is a belter. But even when she’s not singing, she commands your attention. I loved every second she was on stage.

Ms. Baker is having an affair with the Prince of Sweden, but it’s really her connection to the Parisian resistance that’s the most developed. There’s also a wonderful song that evokes a chilling reaction.

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You’re never sure where it will be when it does hit Broadway, it’s interesting to see it as it finds its shape and its voice. “Josephine” is a rare opportunity to see the world premiere of a musical, to see it as it changes and evolves.

Josephine Baker is an intriguing historical figure. She was alluring, sensual, uninhibited. I would have loved to see more of that Josephine on stage.

When I was a young teen, I hated to rewrite.

I thought all art was created fully formed, with no need for revision or editing.

But as I matured, I learned what a falsity that was. Even bestselling authors wrestle with their words, re-writing multiple times.

The same is true for theater, an even more collaborative art.

Shows, at their inception, are very different from the final product, with the radical rewrites and changes before they become their fully developed selves.

“A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum” is a classic example. Audiences weren’t responding well until the opening number was changed to the song “Comedy Tonight.” It set the tone for the musical, letting the audience know they were about to see something crazy and off-the-wall.

Then, suddenly, everything came together.

“Josephine,” in its world premiere at the Asolo Repertory Theatre, is an opportunity to see a show as it’s still in development. Although the musical is Broadway-bound, it is definitely still a work in progress.

The titular character is Josephine Baker, a Jazz Age icon who’s considered the first African-American superstar. Daunted by the racism she found in the U.S., she went to France, where the Parisians fell in love with her. Suitors gave her diamonds and cars. She received more than 1,500 marriage proposals.

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Perhaps Ms. Cox’s absence started a cascading effect with the cast, as others stepped out of their roles and into others. The dance ensemble seemed a little skimpy, and at times people seemed to be dancing without partners; some of the numbers also seemed very asymmetrical.

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By Linda Thistle

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See answers, C11

HOROSCOPES 2-FOR-1 HITS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
Lots of possibilities begin to open up by midweek. Some seem more appealing than others. But wait for more facts to emerge later on before you consider which to choose.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
Bravo to the determined Bovine. While others might give up, you continue to search for answers. Expect your Taurean tenacity to begin paying off by week's end.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
You might want to consider stepping back from the task at hand for a while. This could help you get a better perspective on what you've done and what still needs to be done.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Your keen Cancerian insight should help you determine whether a new offer is solid or just more fluff 'n' stuff. The clues are all there, waiting for you to find them.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
Bravo to the determined Lion. While others might give up, you continue to search for answers. Expect your Leo tenacity to begin paying off by week's end.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
Being ignored is difficult for any proud Leo or Leona. But pushing yourself back into the spotlight might be unwise. Instead, let things work themselves out at their own pace.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
Expect to hear good news about a loved one. Also, be prepared for some changes in several family relationships that could develop from this lucky turn of events.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
A workplace goal that suddenly seems out of reach is no problem for the sure-footed Goat, who moves steadily forward in spite of any obstacles placed in his or her path.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
You have an extraordinary ability to rally people to do their best. You would be a treasure as a teacher.

Aquarius (January 20 to February 18)
Uncertainty about who is right and who isn't might keep you from making a clear-cut decision. Wait until you know more about what you're being asked to decide.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
Careful to keep your emotions in check when dealing with a demanding personal situation. You need to set an example of strength for others to follow.

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**CONTRACT BRIDGE**

**Now you see it ...**

**BY STEVE BECKER**

From time to time, a hand occurs where it seems declarer must fail, and yet he somehow or other gets home safely. Surprisingly, the solution often turns out to be fairly simple.

Consider this deal where West led the K-A and another club against four hearts. Declarer ruffed East's nine of clubs and appeared to be faced with a hopeless task, since he had to lose a diamond and also at least one trump trick.

But South was not the type of player to give up without a fight. He saw that if the opposing cards were favorably distributed, he would able to score 10 tricks before the opponents could score four.

Accordingly, after cashing the A-K of trumps, declarer led a diamond to the king and ruffed dummy's ten of clubs. He then cashed the king and ace of spades and ruffed a spade.

With everything going along smoothly thus far, South now had only one more hurdle to clear. At this point he was down to only three cards — two small diamonds and the eight of trumps, while dummy had the ten of spades and A-8 of diamonds, and East the queen of trumps and J-10 of diamonds.

At trick 11, declarer crossed to the ace of diamonds and returned dummy's ten of spades, placing East in a hopeless position. If he ruffed, South would discard his diamond loser and score his 10th trick with the eight of trumps; if East discarded instead, South would ruff with the eight to score the game-going trick.

Either way, declarer would cross the finish line with 10 tricks — two spades, two diamonds and six trumps — before the defenders could collect their four seemingly impregnable tricks.
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The Nice Guys ★★★
(Russell Crowe, Ryan Gosling, Margaret Qualley) A private eye (Mr. Gosling) and muscle man (Mr. Crowe) team up to find a missing girl (Ms. Qualley) in 1977 Los Angeles. The chemistry between Mr. Crowe and Mr. Gosling is tremendous, and there are enough creative laughs to make it satisfactorily entertaining. Rated R.

The Man Who Knew Infinity ★★★
(Dev Patel, Jeremy Irons, Toby Jones) An Indian mathematics prodigy (Mr. Patel) challenges the establishment at Cambridge University during World War I. Mr. Irons is sold as the mentor, but as a whole the film doesn’t add up to being more than a standard drama. Rated PG-13.

Captain America: Civil War ★★★ 1/2
(Chris Evans, Robert Downey Jr., Scarlett Johansson) Threatened with government supervision, the Avengers split allegiances between Team Captain America (Mr. Evans) and Team Iron Man (Mr. Downey Jr.). It’s a legitimate dilemma the heroes face, the action is inspired and the Marvel Cinematic Universe continues to expand in logical, smart ways. Rated PG-13.

Green Room ★★★
(Anton Yelchin, Imogen Poots, Patrick Stewart) A terrible punk rock band is held captive by Skinheads and must figure out how to escape before they’re killed. You will not necessarily like the members of the band, but it’s a testament to writer/director Jeremy Saulnier’s storytelling that you nonetheless root for them to survive. Patrick Stewart is especially chilling as the Skinhead leader. Rated R.

The Jungle Book ★★
(Neel Sethi, Voices of Bill Murray, Idris Elba) Man-cub Mowgli (young Mr. Sethi) is raised by wolves in the jungle, but is forced to flee when a tiger (Ms. Elba) threatens to kill him. It’s visually dazzling but the story is thin, and superfluous characters make the movie tedious rather than engaging. Rated PG.

The Huntsman: Winter’s War ★★★ 1/2
(Chris Hemsworth, Charlize Theron, Emily Blunt) With Evil Queen Ravenna (Ms. Theron) dead, the Huntsman (Mr. Hemsworth) has to retrieve the magic mirror before Ravenna’s ice queen sister Freya (Ms. Blunt) gets her heartless cold hands on it. It often lacks logic and suspense, but the story is just smart enough in its broadest strokes to make this genuinely entertaining. Rated PG-13.

City Of Gold ★★★
(Jonathan Gold, Roy Choi, David Chang) The story is unfocused in this documentary about Pulitzer Prize-winning food critic Jonathan Gold and his influence on Los Angeles. Not only that, but Mr. Gold’s personality isn’t interesting enough to warrant following him for 90 minutes. Rated R.

My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2 ★★
(Nia Vardalos, John Corbett, Lainie Kazan) Toula (Ms. Vardalos) and Ian (Mr. Corbett) realize their wedding was never official. It’s a delight to see this crazy family back on the big screen, and just as funny as it was when the original was a box office hit in 2002. Rated PG-13.
LATEST FILMS

‘Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising’

Teddy teams with Mac, Kelly and their crazy friends Jimmy (Ike Barinholtz) and Paula (Carla Gallo) to take down the sorority.

As a whole, “Neighbors 2” isn’t as funny or successful as the first film, in large part because the recycled ideas are not necessarily better from a creative standpoint. The war of wills between neighbors escalates quickly in ways that are both surprising and unrealistic: it is believable that Teddy and Mac could steal an entire garbage bag full of weed at a tailgate party? Or that Shelby and Beth could sneak into Mac and Kelly’s house in broad daylight and switch the numbers in their phones? Not at all. But it’s a comedy, and these improbabilities are acceptable. You just can’t have that level of absurdity matched with a robust feminist message; the incongruity between fantasy and reality is too great for it to resonate properly.

Still, the rest of “Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising” is funny enough to warrant a moderate recommendation, with the caveat that it’s not as good as the first one and might leave some underwhelmed. If you’re looking for a Zac Efron striptease or for the stereotype approach in depicting a sorority full of 18-year-olds pillow fighting, etc. But the pro-feminist message gets tiresome when it’s as redundant as it is here, and it notably distracts from the obscene and absurd comedy going on around it.

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For all its dildo jokes, used tampon throwing, weed-smoking, visible baby-breaching inanity, “Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising” is also a heavy-handed feminist tale of empowerment and unity. That’s right: This crass comedy that only occasionally connects sends a strong message to women that they should do it their own way, not how society tells them they should. So “cheers” to the filmmakers for trying to send the right message.

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KOVEL: ANTIQUES

Bliss colorful wooden toys bring joy to collectors

BY TERRY KOVEL AND KIM KOVEL

Collectors like toys with colorful, detailed, often amusing or realistic decorations. Bliss dollhouses, wooden houses covered with a colored paper lithograph that includes doors, windows, bricks and even hedges, are among the best of the Victorian toys. The company started in 1831 in Pawtucket, R.I., making wooden screws. Toys were made from about 1871 to 1914, but the name Bliss was kept in use until 1935.

Bliss made many wooden toys with lithographed exteriors: trains, ships, houses, blocks, games and even an ark with animals. Other companies were also making similar toys. Theriault's Auctions sold a pair of 13-inch-high wooden chairs for dolls with a lithograph that pictured a man reading a book on one, a woman in a shawl on the other. Made about 1885, they are by an unknown maker. The pair sold in a Theriault's doll auction in Newport Beach, Calif., for $952.

Q: How long has Royal Doulton been making Bunnykin figurines? I have about 43 of the small figures but need more information to find the best ones. Aren't some being reissued by the company?

A: Bunnykins were first made in 1939 by Royal Doulton. The British firm started making dishes and figurines in 1853 using the name Doulton. They changed their name to Royal Doulton in 1902, and although the company is now part of WWRD Holdings, the Royal Doulton backstamp is still in use. In 1939, they made six earthenware Bunnykin figures. Production stopped during World War II, then started again in 1972. They have made more than 500. In 2004, the production of Bunnykins was moved overseas to Thailand and then to China. Once a Bunnykin figure was discontinued, Royal Doulton never reissued it. Each figure has a name and number on the bottom that can be identified online or in special books. The average small figures, about 2 to 5 inches high, sell for about $15 to $30; rare ones have sold for hundreds of dollars; limited editions for thousands.

Q: I have an old Apple IIe computer that was used for only six months. I also have the monitor and the original boxes. Is this unit worth anything?

A: The original Apple I computer is considered one of the most valuable and collectible computers in the world. Only 575 units were ever sold, and fewer than 100 are known to still exist, making it the rarest of Apple computers. A few sold at auctions in 2013 and 2014 for hundreds of thousands of dollars. But not every vintage Apple computer is a jackpot. The Apple II, sold from 1977 to 1993, was one of the first successful personal computer systems. Millions were sold for use in homes, schools and businesses. It was made in a number of models, with improvements to each model. The Apple II Plus was introduced in 1979 and the Apple IIe in 1983. A complete Apple IIe system sells today from $100 to $400, depending on the condition.

Tip: Don’t put china with gold designs in the dishwasher. The gold will wash off.

— Terry Kovel and Kim Kovel answer questions sent to the column. Names, addresses or email addresses will not be published. Write to Kovels, Florida Weekly, King Features Syndicate, 300 W. 57th St., New York, NY 10019.
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**Celeb Extra**

**By Cindy E. Lasky**

Q: I remember this lovely actress who played Mark Greer’s daughter on “ER” and who also was on “The Young and The Restless” for a few years as Daisy. Can you tell me what in the hell is she doing nowadays?

A: Yvonne Zima, who made her big-screen debut at age 5 opposite legendary actor Al Pacino in “Heat,” has been keeping herself busy. Aside from numerous roles in TV shows and movies such as “The Long Kiss Goodnight,” “Law and Order; SVU,” “Castle” and “Masters of Sex,” she also takes on the dual starring role in the Lifetime television original movie “Killing Mommy” (premiering Saturday, June 19), where she plays twins Deb and Juliana Hansen.

I asked Yvonne what it was like filming this dual role, and she told me she was excited to take on the challenge: “It’s a really wonderful script, written by Trent Haaga. And the person behind all these films, executive producer Pierre David, makes a ton of films for Lifetime. He has figured it all out. I really like Pierre. I think he’s lovely. He’s French-Canadian. He smokes; he sweats; he’s a real person.”

A big part of my preparation was trying to keep these two characters separate and to make them quite opposite. You have Juliana, who is a materialistic brat. Then you have Deb, who is kind of a barely and completely in pain. She drinks and she smokes and she gets into fights. Keeping those two people separate was the main challenge, because you don’t want to watch a movie where you have twins and they are doing the same stuff and they’re basically the same.”

Q: I have been watching a series on ABC called “American Crime,” and it hasn’t been on for three or four weeks, and I was wondering if it has been canceled.

A: Mike H. of Palm Springs

ABC has renewed “American Crime” for a third season, and like the previous two seasons, it most likely will premiere in the first quarter of the new year. And also like the previous two seasons, viewers can expect an entirely new storyline, with familiar faces playing new characters. I can’t wait to see what John Ridley and company have in store for us.

Readers: Three days after I filed my most recent TV column, in which I spoke of the future of “Castle,” ABC announced that it had decided to cancel the long-running series. Along with “Castle,” ABC also has canceled “Wicked City” (which was the first to go this past fall), “The Family,” “Galavant,” “Marvel’s Agent Carter,” “The Muppets” (which was widely shopped to other networks, like Hulu and CMT — fingers crossed!) and “Of Kings and Prophets.” Stay tuned, as I’ll reveal over the next several weeks which of your favorite shows at the other networks got the ax.

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The inaugural Naples Holiday Soiree to benefit St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital is set for Thursday, Dec. 1, at the Club at Olde Cypress. For more information, visit stjude.org.

The fourth annual Visionaries of the Visual Arts awards and benefit dinner presented by the Harmon-Meek Gallery takes place Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2017, at the Naples Sailing and Yacht Club. Featured artist will be internationally acclaimed watercolorist Gary Bukovnik, who is creating paintings of florals for the table centerpieces. Three individuals will be honored for their contributions to bringing the visual arts to children.

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The 40th and final Great Dock Canoe Race: ‘The Last Dance’

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By Lindsay Nesmith
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What is it that’s so appealing about a tall, dark and handsome man serving up rum concoctions? While Naples certainly has its fair share of sun-kissed bartenders shaking up something good beachside, it’s not often that a veritable rum mixologist offers up handmade cocktails to the thirsty masses.

Isaac Scott Grillo, a “cocktail chemist” who is known as the Ultimate Miami Bartender, steps behind the bar from 4 p.m. to closing Thursday, May 26, as guest bartender at Bar Tulia. The owner of Repour Bar in Miami, he’s also a brand ambassador for Afrohead rum and as such will be preparing tasty drinks that highlight the premium-aged dark rum.

“It’s a great sipping rum that is not too dry or too sweet,” he says. “It sits right in the middle and is perfect neat.” His Naughtty Banana contains Afrohead 7-year-old premium aged rum with roasted bananas, spiced chili and lemon juice, while the Nut Head features Afrohead XO, house-made almond bitters and smoked almond syrup.

For information about upcoming guest bartenders at Bar Tulia this summer, call 213-7023 or visit osteriatulia.com.

Paradise Wine hosts a Park & Cook Festival from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, May 27. Guests can sample bourbon, beer and wine with unlimited barbecue.

Brio Tuscan Grille offers 50 percent off bottled wines priced $75 or below through May 31, 399-5389 or paradise-winelc.com.

Artichoke & Company hosts a wine tasting with hors d’oeuvres from 5:30-7 p.m. and a tapas and mojito tasting after 7 p.m. Thursday, June 2. 510-815, 11920 Saradriennne Lane, Bonita Springs. 263-0769 or artichokeandcompany.com.

Naples Wine Festival’s Friends of the Foundation host The Grape Celebration from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, June 3, at Paradise Wine. Guests will enjoy more than 50 vintages and heavy hors d’oeuvres with proceeds benefiting the festival’s founding organization, the Naples Children & Education Foundation, 955, 325-2978 or friendsofthefoundation.com.

Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce hosts its Glory of the Grape fundraiser from 6-9 p.m. Sunday, June 5, at CJ’s on the Bay. Guests will enjoy wines and hors d’oeuvres by Chef Laura Owen, a live auction, photo booth and more. $55, 394-7549 or marcoislandchamber.org.

— Email food and dining news to Lindsay Nesmith at lniesmith@floridaweekly.com.
THE DISH

The Dish: Taylor Ham, egg and cheese on a Kaiser roll.
The Price: $5.95
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The Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday; 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday
The Details: A thing of beauty is a joy forever, apparently, and our family would count Taylor Ham, egg and cheese sandwiches on the short list of items that eternally renew and inspire. Also known as pork roll, the processed meat product inspires such weird devotion among New Jersey natives that the quickest way to insult their fair state is to bypass quips about Jon Bon Jovi’s rock cred and head straight into Spam comparisons. Do not do it. Luckily, it really is a toothsome breakfast meat, and A Taste of Jersey keeps it simple by frying the ham, egg and American cheese together and sliding it into a soft Kaiser roll. Perfection.

One More Thing: Being an Italian deli and all, A Taste of Jersey also offers cured meat subs featuring delicacies including sopressata and capicola.

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For many people (me included) the most entertaining — and maddening — activity in the wine world is a little thing called the blind tasting. This is where you have a glass (or two) of wine in front of you with no idea what kind it is, and you have to sniff, sip and identify it. I call it the “guess the smell” contest, and it’s just about impossible to do … for me at least.

There are national blind tasting contests — championships, even — where people can actually taste a wine and identify not only the varietal, but many other factors based on sight, smell and taste.

No simple task. The first mystery wine we tasted was a white, which I immediately and confidently identified as a Reisling from Germany. Jessica said it was an Albariño from northern Spain. She was right, I was wrong. Then, she nailed the Nebbiolo from northern Italy, along with the other two blind bottles. If anybody was ready to take the test, it was her. I had no doubt she’d be able to achieve what she described as a “personal goal.”

“It will definitely make a difference in my career,” she notes. “I am pursuing the more advanced certifications to become more knowledgeable and qualified when recommending wine to a restaurant guest. Most of them may know a certain type of wine they enjoy, so it’s a great pleasure to introduce new styles by explaining the selections in detail.”

I hope Jessica will agree with the suggestions and details for this week’s column.

Lawer Estates Rosé of Syrah 2015

— You can make rosé out of any red grape, but the ones from Syrah are generally fuller-bodied. This example from a winery in Calistoga has characteristic strawberry and cherry aromas and flavors, with some nice zippy apple notes. The winemaker suggests pairing it with ceviche. WW 89. About $35.

Scacciadiavoli Montefalco di Sagrantino 2012 — Sagrantino is one of my favorite Italian varietals that isn’t Chianti. This bold, fruity wine needs some time in the bottle or plenty of decanting. It will deliver flavors of plums, spices, sage, thyme and black leather. Great with any rich Italian cuisine. WW 94. About $22.

Ask the Wine Whisperer

Q. Once I open a bottle, how long will the wine keep?
A. Most everyday wines are at their best right away, and if you don’t finish the whole bottle (never a problem at our house) you want to prolong the life of what’s left. One method is a vacuum stopper, such as the Vac-u-Vin, which is what we generally use. The rubber bottle stoppers have a valve in them, and you remove the air from the stoppered bottle with a little hand pump. This generally allows the wine to stay fairly fresh for one or two days.

Jerry Greenfield is The Wine Whisperer. He is also creative director of Greenfield Advertising Group. His book, “Secrets of the Wine Whisperer,” is available through his website and on Amazon.

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How about a slice? We caught up with Gianluca Corso, the owner of Cosmo's Cafe & Pizzeria and Cosmo's at the Pier, to ask how he transformed a tiny pizza shop into a downtown institution in just eight years. Read on to find out how his passion for the restaurant business and authentic Sicilian food keeps Neapolitans coming back for more.

Q: What was the original concept for Cosmo's? Has it changed over the years?
A: When I opened Cosmos in 2008, it was just a small one-room, 24-seat pizzeria. Our staff consisted of my wife in the kitchen, one waitress and me as the pizzaiolo. Over the last eight years, it has grown and expanded to become a 150-seat, full-service restaurant and bar. However, it remains important to me to keep it a neighborhood restaurant with a homey feel. I want people to feel like they are coming to a friend's house for dinner; that has always been important to me.

Q: What drives you to try new restaurant ventures?
A: I love this business. I love the restaurant industry. I love being a part of the community. And I love to challenge myself. I love meeting new people and interacting with my customers. Now I feel even closer to my community with Cosmo's at the Pier. It has the chance to welcome tourists to beautiful Naples and show them what a great city this is.

Q: How does the pier concession differ from your other restaurant? Your customers are in a totally different setting, so operations must be totally different from a traditional restaurant.
A: It is totally different than Cosmo's because it is more of a tourist location. But the basic rules always remain the same: high quality food, great service and a friendly atmosphere. I want people to feel welcome, and I want them to leave with a satisfied feeling. I want them to feel excited to come back to Cosmo's and Naples.

Q: Why did you choose to be a restaurateur?
A: It's in my blood. It's the only job I really love to do. If I were born 10 times again, I would do the same. I find the fast pace of the restaurant business challenging and exciting. I love meeting new people from all over the world everyday.

Q: What management tip would you have for someone new to running a restaurant?
A: I would tell them to keep high quality food, friendly staff, clean restaurant and kitchen and above all, be consistent. I would also tell them to be present, because no one will care for your business more than you do. In addition to making the big decisions, being on site and a part of daily operations is crucial to a successful business.

Q: Who do you depend on to keep things running smoothly?
A: I am always at the restaurant myself, but I rely on my whole staff to keep things running smoothly. Teamwork is absolutely necessary to running a smooth operation. Without communication between the staff in the front and back of the house at Cosmo's, it would be impossible.

Q: How is the restaurant scene in Naples unique?
A: The people here are well travelled and experienced. They challenge you everyday. Naples is unique because you can find people from all over the world, and each year it becomes a more diverse community with rich and poor, old and young, families and retirees all in one city.

Q: What lessons have you learned over the years?
A: You never stop learning. There are always new opportunities and new challenges ahead. Especially in this business, you need to be ready for anything. You have to work hard and put in long hours, but it's all worth it at the end of the day.

Q: There are lots of pizzerias and Italian restaurants in Naples. Why is Cosmo's so popular?
A: Our impeccable quality, friendly staff, our consistency and our “make yourself at home” feeling all make Cosmo's special. It's a place where everybody knows each other. Our restaurant is not just a place to eat; it's a place to bring your family and where you find your friends. And we make fantastic pizza.

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Kalea Bay’s picturesque clubhouse reaches construction milestone
Tower reaches 14th floor

Kalea Bay’s clubhouse has been under construction since January and has reached a milestone as construction crews carefully place the trusses on the roof. The progress on the 88,000-square-foot clubhouse can be seen from Vanderbilt Drive, as passersby slow down to take a look and marvel at the social and recreational centerpiece of the luxury high-rise community.

“When completed our clubhouse will surely be the envy of every community in the Naples area,” said Inga Wilson, Vice President of Sales & Marketing for Kalea Bay.

Kalea Bay’s clubhouse is located on the north side of the large lake at the community’s entrance. It will feature three individual pools, including a resort pool, an adults-only pool and a children’s pool, plus an expansive pool deck, an open air bar, an indoor/outdoor restaurant, a snack bar, an Internet cafe and a gifts and sundries shop.

“All three pools will overlook the lake and provide a multitude of recreational options for everyone who lives and visits here,” said Wilson.

Expansive sun decks with lounge chairs and native, tropical plants separate each of the three pools for the ultimate in privacy.

If basking in the sun or taking a refreshing dip in the pool isn’t on a resident’s schedule, perhaps meeting friends for lunch, dinner or drinks is.

“We have the perfect place for all three,” said Wilson. “The indoor/outdoor restaurant will serve phenomenal meals throughout the day. And what better way to celebrate the good life in Florida than meeting family and friends for drinks while watching the sun set over the Gulf of Mexico. This is what living in Florida is supposed to be.”

Just a short walk from the clubhouse will be the tennis pavilion with six lighted Har-Tru tennis courts. Nearby are 34 guest suites to accommodate overnight guests and family members.

“Having that number of guest suites is unusual for a luxury high-rise community, but it’s an amenity many of our residents are excited about especially when they have extended family visiting,” said Wilson. “Rather than putting their guests up in hotels throughout the Naples and Bonita Springs area, they can vacation within the community. It’s a real convenience.”

There will also be a shuttle service, originating from the clubhouse, to the beach.

“Three of the best beaches in the country are only minutes away from Kalea Bay,” stated Wilson.

Construction on the clubhouse is slated for completion in the summer of next year. At that time CID Design Group, a progressive, second-generation interior design company based in Naples, will begin to transform the building into an incredible centerpiece which will complement the community’s modern seaside, villa-style architecture, accented with the charm of old Florida.

CID Design Group has in its possession reclaimed wood from the recent Naples Pier reconstruction, both original wood and from the renovation after the historic Hurricane Donna of 1960,” stated Jenn Zella, Principal and Director of Design for the firm. “We have plans to integrate the reclaimed wood as design elements within the clubhouse, which will give the historic pieces new life – and a new purpose – which will be enjoyed by residents and their visitors for years to come.”

Approximately the same time construction is completed on the clubhouse, Kalea Bay’s first residents should also be moving into their new homes. Currently, construction crews are working on the 14th floor of the 22-story residential tower.

Six floor plans are available at Kalea Bay with prices currently starting at $1.3 million.

Residences 1 and 6 are 4-bedroom/4-bath plans with 3,750 total square feet. Residences 2 and 5, with three-bedroom/three-and-a-half baths, have 3,835 total square feet. Residences 3 and 4 are four-bedroom/four-bath plans with 3,921 total square feet.

Wilson said dramatic views are available to every single resident, no matter which floor they live on.

“The tower’s amenities are located on the rooftop,” explained Wilson. “Including our sky lounge, a dramatic pool and the open-air fitness center.”

From the rooftop, residents can enjoy daily views of the Gulf of Mexico, the nature preserves and the beaches. Those beaches include Barefoot Beach Preserve Park, which was ranked #2 nationally in 2015, and Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park, which was ranked #9.

For more information regarding Kalea Bay visit the onsite sales center. It is located on Vanderbilt Drive, two-tenths of a mile north of Wiggins Pass Road in North Naples. Additional information is available by calling (239) 793-0110 or online at KaleaBay.com.
Lennar Corporation's Angelina furnished model is open for viewing in TwinEagles' Kinross neighborhood. Base-priced at $543,094, the Angelina is one of six floor plans from 1,850 to 2,828 square feet and base-priced from the high $400's to the low-$600's available in Kinross. Kinross features 86 home sites measuring 32-feet wide and 148-feet deep or deeper that showcase TwinEagles' golf course, preserve, and water views. Buildable home sites and unfurnished, move-in ready residences are available in Kinross.

Kinross presents a final opportunity to purchase a single-family home in TwinEagles at the high $400's to the low-$600's price point. With a golf membership included with home ownership and TwinEagles' amenity rich lifestyle, Kinross offers exceptional value.

The 2,061 square feet under air Angelina plan includes a family room that opens to an outdoor living area, an island kitchen, formal dining room, den, two bedrooms, two baths, and a two-car garage. The plan is ideally suited homebuyers intent on enjoying TwinEagles' traditional country club lifestyle. The Angelina showcases an interior by Robb & Stucky's Tricia Lynch and Cynthia Bradford, ASID.

Lynch and Bradford have created an aura of welcoming relaxation with a neutral color palette of whites, creams, and beige. Splashes of blue provide an accent. The floor throughout the main living areas is a creamy beige 20 x 20-inch porcelain tile while the den features an attractive hardwood. In the foyer, the eye is drawn to a console table with a floral arrangement. Applied moldings on the wall create three sections that accommodate mirrors for a bright reception. The foyer transitions to a hallway with the den to the right and an open dining room defined by columns on the left.

In the dining room, a floor-to-ceiling unit. A decorative octagonal mirror is the focal point for a casual gathering spot. A counter height island provides a casual cooking and entertaining space with two easy chairs in a wicker finish with neutral nubby seat covers.

The dining area features a table in a light driftwood tone paired with six chairs in a wicker finish with neutral nubby seat covers. A 60-inch backless upholstered bench in a wicker finish provides the foundation for a contemporary dining area. A hallway leads past two closets to the master bedroom via sliding glass doors. A vestibule off the family room leads to the master bedroom where the color scheme evolves to a medium blue, white, and a touch of green. The magnificent bed showcases a headboard, footboard and side rails that are completely upholstered in a textured neutral fabric. The nightstands, too, are upholstered in a neutral fabric with pewter nail head trim, a draw at the top, and an open area below. Behind the nightstands, the designers have incorporated eye-catching details. Each three feet wide, which suggest the look of closed, paneled shutters. In the same style as the nightstands, an upholstered dresser provides the foundation for a contemporary wall mirror in a creamy tone with circular accents that is hung vertically. A chic bench with the neutral upholstery displays mirrored legs. The covered lanai is also accessible from the master bedroom via sliding glass doors.

A hallway leads past two closets to the master bathroom where the creamy beige porcelain tile is reintroduced. This material is also featured on the tub deck for smooth continuity. The shower is simple and understated while above the bathtub, a narrow listello detail of horizontal glass tile in creams and browns provides a subtle highlight. His and her vanities are executed in the rich cherry tones and warm speckled golden granite seen previously in the kitchen. A linear shower drain is featured in the bathroom. On the vanity, a ceiling-mounted vanity mirror is framed by a flat weave rug featuring a geometric design. An elegant ceiling detail displays a diamond shape within a scalloped square. The family room's sliding glass doors give views of the summer kitchen on the Angelina model.

The family room's sliding glass doors give views of the summer kitchen on the Angelina model. The summer kitchen on the Angelina model now open in Kinross at TwinEagles.

Kinross presents a final opportunity to purchase a single-family home in TwinEagles at the high $400's to the low-$600's price point. Floor plans range from 1,850 to 2,828 square feet. Sliding glass doors in the Angelina's family room present Kinross' stunning views. On the feature wall, a white custom built-in functions as the entertainment center as well as providing storage and display space for collectibles. A decorative octagonal mirror in a creamy tone paired with six chairs in a wicker finish with neutral nubby seat covers.

A pedestal sink with a granite countertop and backsplash displays mirrored legs. The covered lanai is accessible from the master bedroom via sliding glass doors.
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Located in the heart of Naples is perhaps one of the city’s best-kept residential charms—Andalucía. Developed by FrontDoor Communities, this stunning community is down to its final three homes, providing home buyers with limited time to call this community home. With a sought-after location, outstanding amenities and incredible price point not found elsewhere in Naples, it’s no surprise that this private, gated community is nearly sold out.

The final homes at Andalucia showcase the award-winning Seville and Cordoba plans, as well as the Alora II, and they offer four bedrooms with three to four-and-a-half baths, and prices range from $448,900 to $592,300. Reminiscent of Spanish missions, the exteriors of the homes at Andalucia showcase tiled roofs, ornamental detail, stucco finishes and arched windows and doorways. The interiors also showcase a variety of luxury finishes, including tile floors, granite countertops, tile backsplashes, stainless steel appliances, beautiful owner’s suites, screened lanais, second story bonus rooms or first story flex space (per plan) and much more.

“Andalucia has proven to be a success with buyers looking for an affordable luxury home in Naples,” said Mike Taylor, division vice president for FrontDoor Communities. “We’re very proud that we’ve been able to offer our customers gorgeous homes, a great location and an excellent price point—all without sacrificing the beautiful finishes and features that FrontDoor is known for.”

Homeowners at Andalucia have the opportunity to enjoy a variety of amenities just steps from their front door. The community features Lake Azzuri at its center, and it’s surrounded by a state-of-the-art fitness center, heated resort-style lap pool and whirlpool spa, clubhouse with open gathering space, game room and catering kitchen, and a children’s playground and half-size basketball court.

Andalucia is minutes away from Naples’ best beaches, top golf courses and excellent boutique shopping and dining opportunities, providing homeowners the opportunity to live life in the center of it all. In addition, children residing in the community will attend the top-rated Collier County Schools.

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Southwest Florida
Signature Collection
A SELECTION OF EXEMPLARY HOMES.

**FORT MYERS**
- **Opportunity for Income Producing Vacation Rental**
  - 424 Rose Apple Cir.
  - 2 Bedroom 2 Bath 1 Car Garage
  - Located off Cross Creek Condos, with all the touches you need! Newer AC, upgraded kitchen, neutral decor, waterfront.
  - $119,900
  - 800CM012662.

**PORT CHARLOTTE**
- **OPEN SAT 12-2**
- **Million Dollar Views**
  - 2/2 Parkwoods Townhouse
  - Best value currently in Parkwoods Townhouse Community! 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, close to all shopping and more in need of:
  - $275,000
  - 800CM018523.

**FORT MYERS**
- **Gulf Access, Very Large Condo**
  - 3 Bedroom 2 Bath 1 Car Garage
  - Over 1800 sq. ft. of Florida living. Large heated pool.
  - $89,900
  - 800CM010559.

**NAPLES**
- **Well Maintained 55+ Community**
  - 2 Story Home
  - Located in beautiful Naples with all the touches you need! Newer AC, upgraded kitchen, neutral decor, waterfront.
  - $250,000
  - 800CM012348.

**PORT CHARLOTTE**
- **2/1 Single Family home**
  - Move in ready! Very clean with a new paint job. Space for extras with dining, den office etc. Attached garage.
  - $124,900
  - 800CM012388.

**NORTH FORT MYERS**
- **Gulf Access, Very Large Condo**
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  - $89,900
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**CAPE CORAL**
- **Tropical Paradise on Edgewater Lake**
  - 2 bed 2 bath, 200' of lake front, with access to Charlotte Harbor. Located on a cul-de-sac.
  - $650,000
  - 800CM016378.

**FORT MYERS**
- **Southern Exposure Gulf Access Home In Desirable Location!**
  - Beautiful 3/2 Home located in the gated community of Bonita Lakes. Home offers 3 bedrooms plus a den and 2 1/2 baths.
  - $549,000
  - 800CM018820.

**CAPE CORAL**
- **Beautiful 3/2 Custom Built Pool Home**
  - Lake View home located in the gated community of Bonita Lakes. Home offers 3 bedrooms plus a den.
  - $589,000
  - 800CM016180.

**BONITA SPRINGS**
- **Stunning Family and Entertaining home in Whitkey Creek!**
  - Beautiful 5550 sq. ft. waterfront home in Whitkey Creek with custom waterfront pool.
  - $629,900
  - 800CM018144.

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**CAPE CORAL**
- **Beautiful 3/2 Waterfront Pool Home**
  - Exquisite 3/2. Den waterfront pool home. Stunning formal living & dining rooms, family room and gourmet kitchen.
  - $545,000
  - 800CM014080.

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**ST. JAMES CITY**
- **Water Views, Secluded Location & Deep Water Access**
  - Beautiful 3/2 Home located on a quiet street.
  - $250,000
  - 800CM012348.

**CAPE CORAL**
- **2-Story, Gulf Access Pool Home S. of CC Pkwy**
  - 3000 sq. ft. wood floors, 2 master suites (one upstairs & one downstairs), travertine tile, granite, stainless appliances.
  - $689,000
  - 800CM016170.

**CAPE CORAL**
- **Stunning 7 Bed, 4 Bath Home W/ Direct Sailboat Access**
  - This amazing 3,500 sq. ft. home features two master suites with two master bathrooms! This house has it all.
  - $639,000
  - 800CM014080.

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