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## Once a seasonal treat, Third Street Farmers Market goes year 'round



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Vendors Terry Banks, in background, and Annie De Piero. Ms. Banks sells her home-made soups at the market; Ms. De Piero sells her baked goods.

BY GEORGE RAAB

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Stop by the Third Street Farmers Market any Saturday morning this summer and enjoy a social sojourn filled with flavorful treats. Although in its 19th year, Naples' original farmers market has never been open past the traditional winter/spring season before now. Regular hours are 7:30-11:30 a.m. every Saturday.

Whether you're hunting for gifts with a local flair, hungry for breakfast or shopping for dinner, the open-air market offers something for everyone.

Collette Krupp is a loyal shopper and a big fan. "I buy all of my vegetables here," she said. On a recent Saturday she also stopped at Nina's Naturals to replenish her supply of lime loofah soap.

Nina's Naturals proprietor Nina Downs has run a table at the market for 10 years and has developed a knack for pouring her fragrant glycerin soaps onto loofah sponges and slicing them into disks. "I'm hoping that this is a unique technique, but I'm not sure about that," Ms. Downs mused.

The most popular soaps at Nina's Naturals are colorfully striped and made with local honey, vitamin E and essential citrus oils, she said, adding none costs more than \$3. "I started calling it "recession pricing" during season and had good luck with that," she noted.

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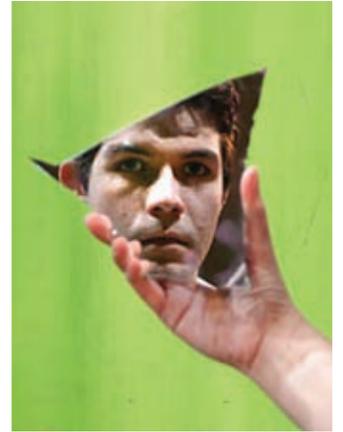
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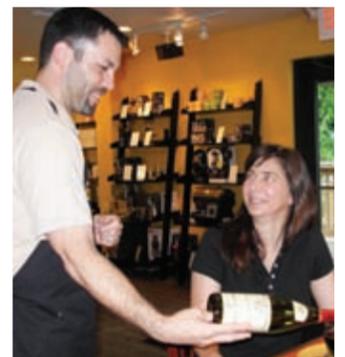
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