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OUTLET MALLS EXPECT A BANNER SEASON

BY NANJI THEORET

Special to Florida Weekly

WHILE RETAILERS ACROSS THE country are bracing for a dismal holiday season, one sector of the market is predicting a banner year. The struggling economy continues to lure budget-conscious shoppers to outlet malls, enticing them with savings up to 75 percent off retail.

"Outlet centers throughout the country do well to start with," says Jeff Staner, general manager for Miromar Outlets in Estero. "Whenever the economy is weaker, they do better. People are more conscious of the dollar. They want more bang for their buck."

From Ellenton to Fort Myers, Estero and Sunrise, outlet malls in South Florida are reporting increased sales and traffic, fueled by thrifty shoppers who want designer labels at deep discounts.

The evolving shopper profile

The recent trend to more luxury

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Press club brings experts together for human trafficking panel

BY ELIZABETH KELLAR

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Nola Theiss is especially fond of an African proverb she overheard recently at a conference on human trafficking.

The proverb promises that when spider webs unite, they can tie up a lion. Ms. Theiss' position as the executive director of the Human Trafficking Awareness Partnership allows her to empower the spiders.



THEISS

Ms. Theiss will be part of a panel discussion on human trafficking at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, in the auditorium of Edison State College in

"My favorite part of this work is watching communities go through this process and be successful and get over obstacles and keep going," she says.

Ms. Theiss will be part of a panel discussion on human trafficking at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, in the auditorium of Edison State College in

East Naples. Collier County Commissioner Donna Fiala will moderate the discussion. The event is hosted by the Naples Press Club, and there is \$5 general admission fee. Entry is free to students with identification.

Ms. Theiss will be joined on the panel by Penny Rambacher, founder of Miracles in Action, a non-profit Collier County organization serving indigenous communities in Guatemala; and Janine Zeitlin,

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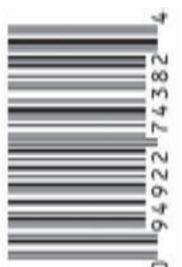
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When news outlets reported last week that unemployment figures in the United States had reached double digits for the first time in 26 years (10.2 percent, or 15.7 million Americans out of work), it became clear that we now have to respond much more imaginatively to the recession.

Double digits in themselves are nothing novel in Collier County. We blew through that barrier more than a year ago, moving so fast we looked like Chuck Yeager out of work (Gen. Yeager was the first man to blow through the sound barrier on Oct. 14, 1947, when he still had work).

The Collier County figure hit 13.1 percent in September, with almost 19,000 people jobless. I anticipate it will set a new record a week or so before Thanksgiving, when October figures are released. Even if it doesn't, the holidays are likely to prove moribund, not merry, for many.

But I don't care about double digits — not unless they're measured in income and profit. If 13 out of every 100 working men and women are unemployed, then 87 out of every 100 working men and women have jobs and money. Now that's a double digit we can take advantage of.

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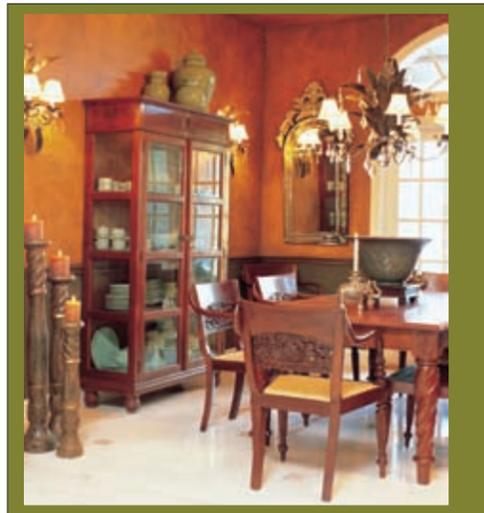
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OPINION

The bankers and the bureaucrats

BY RICH LOWRY

Members of AIG's financial-products unit should take heart. Yes, Obama administration pay czar Kenneth Feinberg is coming down on them with the awesome power of his czardom, dictating that their pay not exceed \$200,000 a year. In Wall Street terms, this is so draconian, they might as well be forced to earn whatever they can get by begging on street corners and finding leftover change in pay phones.

Feinberg's compensation crackdown on the country's seven most bailed-out firms is foolhardy yet understandable. Since all employees of Bank of America and Chrysler owe their jobs to the government, Feinberg is justified in bending them to his whim. And whim is the right word — Feinberg is not omniscient enough to know what traders or executives should ideally be paid. The most talented employees in Feinberg's fiefdom will pick up and depart for better-compensated pastures. Banks like JPMorgan Chase and Goldman Sachs, as well as hedge funds, will reap the talent windfall.

Besides placating the aroused gods of anti-Wall Street populism, Feinberg's

crackdown is motivated by the belief that out-of-control compensation rewarded recklessness and caused the financial crisis. It'd be nice if this were true. Then we could limit pay and derive not just psychic satisfaction from it — take that, Masters of the Universe! — but tell ourselves we're making the system sounder. Alas, it's not so simple.

By and large, executives didn't blow up their firms in the hopes of grabbing world-shaking bonuses and then leaving; they blew up their firms because they got caught up in the bubble mentality and thought their risks weren't as dangerous as they proved. Jeffrey Friedman, the editor of Critical Review, points out that bankers were usually compensated in stock as well as bonuses, and had no interest in seeing their stock wiped out. They managed to flush it anyway.

In general, it's not a good idea to run a financial system on the basis of inflamed popular sentiment. For a while, Citigroup was saddled with an employee on track to become America's most-hated man, Andrew J. Hall. A standout in Citigroup's trading division, Hall was due a \$100 million bonus after earning \$2 billion for Citigroup over five years.

That's a deal most any firm would want to take, but not TARPed-up Citigroup. In a senseless business decision but shrewd PR move, it simply sold off the entire trading division that had at one point been responsible for 10 percent of its net income.

All that said, it doesn't take Barney Frank to find it unseemly that Goldman Sachs and others are already back to boom-time levels of compensation. Things wouldn't look so cheery at firms like Goldman if it weren't for all the direct and indirect government aid. The Economist writes: "They got public capital (much of it now repaid), short-selling bans on their shares and rescues of counterparties.... Today they enjoy laxer accounting, loose collateral rules at central banks, explicit debt guarantees and asset-purchasing schemes. And, critically, they can borrow cheaply because they are deemed too big to fail."

If the bankers have a secret plan to spread ill-considered Feinberg-like rules throughout their industry, it's progressing nicely. ■

— Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.

GUEST OPINION

The pill mill epidemic



danRATHER

Special to Florida Weekly

The abuse of prescription drugs, and the illegal black market that has developed for them, is a spreading epidemic. This is a vastly underreported story.

According to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, nearly 7 million Americans are abusing prescription drugs. That's more than the number who abuse heroin, cocaine, Ecstasy and hallucinogens combined.

Loopholes in laws have made it too easy for just about anyone to legally get his or her hands on prescription painkillers — from addicts who need a fix, to dealers who turn around and sell them for profit on the street. Where are they getting these potent pills? In many cases from "pain-relief centers" that, according to beat cops and others, aren't all operating with proper medical standards.

There are many people with real problems of chronic pain. There are modern drugs that, when responsibly prescribed and used, offer substantial relief. These pills are synthetic pain relievers, officially called opioids. They are in the same family as morphine and oxycodone. Hydrocodone, also known as Vicodin or Lortab, is among the more popular.

Xanax, an addictive anti-anxiety medication, and Soma, a muscle relaxant, sell well. Two or three types mixed together in a recreational "cocktail" is a favorite among people who misuse them.

Most patients, medical doctors and hospitals handle the drugs responsibly. This includes many legitimate pain-relief centers — clinics operating outside of hospitals.

But there are others, far too many of them. These include operations calling themselves pain clinics that are what police term "pill mills." They are often found in strip malls or embedded in nondescript buildings: mom-and-pop pharmacies and poorly supervised — often unsupervised — clinics working hand in hand, doling out large numbers of potentially addictive narcotics with few questions. In many cases, they do so with little, if any, real medical examinations.

Millions of Americans suffer from chronic pain, and the demand has created a booming industry of pain-management clinics across the country. But laws in many states (not all, but a lot) allow prescription drugs — potentially dangerous but legal narcotics — to be prescribed in clinics by physician assistants and advanced practical nurses without a doctor on site. And lack of prescription-drug monitoring programs for ALL narcotic categories has led to drug distribution in a lot of states on a massive scale.

For decades, the "War on Drugs" has focused on trafficking narcotics from Mexico, Central and South America, drugs that have become part of our culture like marijuana, heroin and cocaine. But the names are changing. Now it's hydrocodone, Xanax and Soma. And the battle lines have been redrawn. No longer is it just the border, but now also the neighborhood pharmacy. And the drugs are legal, Food and Drug Administration-approved.

So a booming market and a chance for fast, big profits has developed — some of it good, much of it bad. On point for much of the bad are the pill mills. In some states — Texas, for example — they don't have to be owned or operated by a licensed medical doctor. Lay people can own and operate them as a business. In typical cases, no city, county, state or federal license is required.

Authorities say that as a result, some of these clinics are owned by former crack or cocaine dealers from the 1980s or '90s. Pill mills are a better business. Better prices, less overhead, and the product does not have to be imported from Colombia or Mexico. It's legally manufactured right here in the United States.

Big pharmaceutical companies, their wholesale distributors, medical associations and doctors, and people who are supposed to be federal and state regulators all know about this business. Why have they, and we, allowed it to survive and thrive in the states where it does remains a mystery. ■

MOMENTS IN TIME

► On **Nov. 12, 1954**, Ellis Island, the gateway to America, shuts its doors after processing more than 12 million immigrants since opening in 1892. Today, an estimated 40 percent of all Americans can trace their roots through Ellis Island, named for merchant Samuel Ellis, who owned the land in the 1770s.

► On **Nov. 13, 1982**, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial is dedicated in Washington. The long-awaited memorial was a simple V-shaped black-granite wall inscribed with the names of the 57,939 Americans who died in the conflict, arranged in order of death, not rank, as was common in other memorials.

► On **Nov. 14, 1851**, "Moby Dick," a novel by Herman Melville about the voyage of the whaling ship Pequod, is published. Initially the book was a flop. By the 1920s, scholars had rediscovered Melville's work, and "Moby Dick" became a staple of high-school reading lists across the United States. ■



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15 MINUTES

Life in Naples is a keeper for Trout Scanlan

BY SUSAN BROWN
Special to Florida Weekly

Trout Scanlan. Even his name sounds like a character out of a novel.

Indeed, Mr. Scanlan was labeled "Trout" in part due to a debate with a college literature professor regarding author Kurt Vonnegut's fictional character, Kilgore Trout. Mr. Scanlan voiced the opinion that Kilgore Trout served as a third-party voice to Mr. Vonnegut's personal observations; his professor vehemently disagreed, which further entrenched Mr. Scanlan's position. Coupled with Mr. Scanlan's fondness for trout fishing, the name stuck. (Ironic, because Mr. Scanlan isn't the kind of person who finds it necessary to rely upon an alter ego to advance his point of view.)

Despite being born in Dublin, Ireland, Mr. Scanlan spent much of his life in Kansas City, Mo., before settling in Naples 20 years ago. By the time he arrived in Collier County, he possessed a wealth of experience in sales, advertising and the radio broadcast industry.

He says he didn't set out specifically to come to Naples, but when he arrived, it felt like home. "I've always been drawn to the water," he says.

When his daughter left home in Missouri for college, Mr. Scanlan headed to Florida to explore the Gulf coast. He drove south, stopping in different seaside communities for a few days at a time, trying each place on for size. He did more than stroll the beaches and check out

the local scenery; he searched for the local flavor of the people at each stop along the way.

"Naples was a sleepy little town, with a small town feel," he remembers. The beauty of the area captivated him, and even old Naples offered affordable housing opportunities in those days. He bought a home and embraced life here in paradise.

He lived within walking distance to the beach. He bought a second home in Everglades City and discovered backwater fishing, which he did nearly every weekend for the next seven years.

He opened an ad agency where he reveled in helping his clients take an idea and run with it, no matter what their business. Regardless of the medium, "It all comes back to a creative idea," he says.

Although he has no desire to be a politician, Mr. Scanlan loves politics and community involvement. He served on the Planning Advisory Board of Naples and completed Leadership Collier (2007), followed by the Leadership Insti-



Trout Scanlan

COURTESY PHOTO

tute. The Naples Chamber of Commerce offered both programs, which Mr. Scanlan found extremely rewarding.

He met his wife, Vicki Traxler, 17 years ago. What began as a friendship took a romantic turn when Mr. Scanlan invited her to go with him to the Heart Ball, a gala fundraiser for the local chapter of the American Heart Association. When he arrived to pick her up, Ms. Traxler wowed him beyond compare in a sparkling

backless gown she had designed herself. "Turns out I'm a back man. Who knew?" he says.

Ms. Traxler enjoys the same zest for life as her husband, which is no doubt part of their obvious bond. "People like us as a couple," Mr. Scanlan says. Physically, they're quite the contrast: He's tall, she's petite; he's burly, she's feminine. But the pair is totally in sync. "We make each other laugh," he says.

Mr. Scanlan proudly chronicles the time his wife caught a 6-foot tarpon, as well the time she appeared in Florida

Sportsman Magazine sporting a sizeable snook. Ms. Traxler, in turn, tells of Mr. Scanlan donating his formerly long hair to Locks of Love.

In addition to fishing, the couple likes cars and shares an affinity for street rods, which Mr. Scanlan describes as classic cars from the 1940s and 1950s that have been modified and updated. "You can't make a mistake with a street rod because (each car) is an interpretative piece," he explains.

In 2003, he opened a retail business marketing his street rods. He offered "drivers" (reasonably priced, roadworthy cars intended for regular use) as opposed to "trailer queens" (costly collector vehicles often used only used for display at car shows). He chuckles as he recalls the definition articulated by one high-end street rod owner: "Owning a trailer queen is like being married to the Playmate of the Year, and sleeping on the couch."

Although Mr. Scanlan's cars attracted a great deal of attention, sales were sluggish and the insurance and overhead costs were staggering. He closed his retail location in 2005. Despite being "car rich and cash poor," he maintains a good sense of humor about it all.

Ms. Traxler says her husband's sense of humor is one of his best attributes. Mr. Scanlan encountered some life-threatening health issues in 2005; now anytime he goes to see his surgeon, he wears a shirt emblazoned with the words, "I'm not dead yet."

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SHOPPING

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retailers has expanded the outlet shopper demographic.

Gone are the early days of irregular cast-offs and second-hand merchandise. In fact, many outlet stores now offer first-quality merchandise and items that still bear the price tag from their full-line counterparts.

"Outlet shopping isn't what some people have in mind — mismatched, damaged or last year's merchandise," says Sarah Ozgun, marketing manager of Prime Outlets in Ellenton, just north of Sarasota. "It's not that way anymore. Customers tell me all the time they find merchandise that's \$50 at the full-priced brand for \$29.99 here. They may drive a little farther, but the savings are so much more."

In Ellenton, Ms. Ozgun adds, leasing "has taken a more luxury shopping turn in the last few years. Since 2006 we've added new brands like Escada, Stuart Weitzman, Kate Spade and Lacoste."

A 22,000-square-foot addition completed this fall at The Colonnade Outlets at Sawgrass Mills in Sunrise added Canali, the high-end Italian menswear line, as well as Tommy Bahama, Tumi and True Religion Brand Jeans to the mall's designer lineup. Tag Heuer is expected to open in the next month or two, says Luanne Lenberg, the center's vice president and general manager.

The Canali shop at Sawgrass is the company's first U.S. outlet location, Ms. Lenberg says. "The fact that we were able to build this expansion this year and open new retailers in this kind of climate says a lot about our performance. We are essentially fully leased," she adds. "We have retailers waiting to get in, and last year we had double-digit gains."

Miromar draws shoppers from a 150-mile radius and frequently hosts motor coaches filled with visitors from Tampa, Sarasota and the east coast. In addition to an influx of German and U.K. shoppers in the past few months, Mr. Staner says, the outlet has also seen more French visitors in the last six to eight weeks. Why? "We really don't know," he confesses.

International attraction

European tourists and Canadians are taking advantage of favorable currency exchanges and stocking up on brands that retail for much more at home. Luxury brands and outlet mainstays like Nike, Ralph Lauren and Tommy Hilfiger resound well with foreign buyers.

"Our international visitors are primarily Canadians, Germans and British," says Ellenton's Ms. Ozgun. "What they buy depends on what's hot in their country," she says, adding that what's hot somewhere else can often be bought for much less here. "A pair of jeans in the U.K. may cost \$140, but they'll get it for \$40 here. They walk out with bags of merchandise. The manager at Converse tells me that 90 percent of their buyers are German shoppers."

Sawgrass, North America's largest outlet center with more than 400 stores and more than 2 million square feet of retail space, draws a large contingency of South American shoppers, many who buy suitcases (at outlet discount prices) to haul away their merchandise.

"They come here as a destination for shopping," said Ms. Lenberg. "They'll get on a plane and stay in a hotel, and I'll see several with suitcases every day. The money they save pays for the plane ticket and hotel. We've been somewhat sheltered from a downturn in sales because of these international buyers."

Extra savings and discounts deepen the impact for shoppers. "If you look at how much our stores have made this month versus the same month a year ago, many are beating or meeting their goals," says



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Ms. Rybak. "They're going through more merchandise because of the discounts. But that brings buyers back."

The outlet outlook

Some stores are perennial outlet favorites: Bass, Coach Factory Store and Liz Claiborne, for example. Branded merchandise, the names most people know (think Tommy Hilfiger, Polo, Nautica and Ralph Lauren) sells "extremely well," says Ms. Lenberg. "Our weak spot has probably been jewelry the past 12 months."

Exclusivity is also an enticement. Miromar, which has morphed from 55 stores and nearly 186,500 square feet in 1998 to 140 stores and 605,537 square feet with the completion of phase six in May 2008, offers Southwest Florida's only Neiman Marcus Last Call Clearance Center, Doncaster, Façonnable, Worth Collection, Columbia Sportswear Company and Restoration Hardware.

Sawgrass' list of Florida-only outlet stores is also impressive; some, such as Féraud/Rösch and David Yurman, are the first in the U.S. Other recent additions include Judith Ripka, Armani Exchange and Salvatore Ferragamo Co. The mall's anchors reflect the outlet versions of must-shop New York City retailers, including Barneys New York Outlet,

light and year-round good weather by offering an outdoor shopping experience. Grand fountains, koi ponds, courtyards and tropical landscaping enhance the shopping experience at Miromar, which also offers a large patio area overlooking a lake and the multicolored "Musical Waters" fountain. That lake also hosts weekly water-skiing demonstrations, and nearby restaurants take advantage of the view with alfresco dining areas.

Prime Outlets-Ellenton was one of the first shopping centers to introduce the "lifestyle center" concept when it opened in 1991 with 55 stores spanning 186,000 square feet. "We were one of the first in the outlet business to get away from the strip or horseshoe layout," said Ms. Ozgun. "And we think that had a lot to do with the success of the center, where typical outlet stores average 3,500 to 4,000 square feet."

One of the center's original anchors, Coach Factory, has tripled its volume and is in the process of upsizing from 2,000 to 3,600 square feet. Nike and Brooks Brothers have also expanded, and the center now boasts 130 stores in 477,000 square feet.

Sawgrass Mills adopted the open-air style for The Colonnade Outlets, which opened in 2006, next to the main indoor mall. The Colonnade features most of the center's designer stores and offers valet service.

More than shopping

Recognizing that even the most die-hard shopper has to take a break sometime, many outlets offer options that have nothing to do with retail therapy. Miromar has several restaurants, including an outpost of Naples Flat Bread, which opened last week in the former Cosi location, and will welcome a local sports bar, yet unnamed, later this year. Diners will find a total of 18 food and beverage options, ranging from full-service restaurants with indoor and outdoor dining to fast-food kiosks. There's also a covered play area for children.

In addition to the weekly water-skiing show and Friday night concerts, in November Miromar is offering children's craft projects, a juried fine arts show and a baby boot camp for pregnant and post-natal moms.

Sawgrass Mills goes so far as to call itself an "outlet, value retail and entertainment center." In addition to its stores, the mall has a 23-screen theater, the children's theme park Wannado City and a The Billiards Club with 23 pool tables, a bar and food. It also has two major food courts and six full-service restaurants. Villaggio, a Miami favorite, will open in The Colonnade later this year.

Shopping strategy

To get the most from your outlet experience, plan ahead. Many outlet stores offer additional discounts on the center's Web site. You'll also find maps — important for navigating Sawgrass' overwhelming square footage — as well as store directories and even parking tips.

"I encourage shoppers to print a directory before they come to the property," says Ms. Lenberg, who admits to getting lost in Sawgrass during her first visit. "If you want the luxury brands, you'll find most of them in The Colonnade. And wear a comfortable pair of shoes."

Prime Outlets' new "Prime My Closet" marketing campaign, for its Ellenton and Naples locations, offers Internet visitors the chance to win \$5,000 and receive a free coupon book and email blasts.

If you're planning to brave the masses for midnight madness shopping on Black Friday, expect lines — and not just at the cash register. Events at Miromar and Ellenton have backed up I-75 for miles. "We had hundreds of thousands of hits every minute on the Web site for four days straight," said Tanger's Ms. Rybak. "Our claim to fame is bargains, and people will find them here." ■

Nordstrom Rack, Saks Fifth Avenue OFF 5th and Neiman Marcus Last Call.

Prime Outlets-Naples and Tanger, with 42 and 45 stores respectively, are boutique centers that appeal to passing motorists and local residents. Tanger has had the same square footage since it opened in 1993. Its location and lot prevent any expansions.

"At one time we thought size might be an issue with all the bigger malls coming in to Southwest Florida," Ms. Rybak says. "But it's actually helped us. Our buyers enjoy the intimate size of Tanger."

Destination shopping

Larger centers like Miromar, which attracts about 8 million visitors annually, Prime Outlets-Ellenton and the granddaddy of them all, Sawgrass Mills, draw more destination shoppers — those who plan a day or an afternoon around a visit.

"The average shopper spends 90 minutes in a traditional mall," says Michael Goodman, a spokesperson for Sawgrass Mills. "Sawgrass is four hours."

Adding to the destination factor is the ability to take advantage of Florida sun-

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an award-winning South Florida reporter who covers welfare, social services and immigration for *The News-Press*. Also on the panel will be Christine Buckley, a former *Los Angeles Times* reporter, Paris-based freelance journalist and author of "Slave Hunter," a non-fiction account of human trafficking.

Ms. Buckley, who has family in Naples, lived in Vietnam from 2003 to 2006 and served as an editor for the daily English language newspaper *Vietnam News*. During that time, she learned about the country's many street children and the problems they faced, including slavery. In early 2007, she met American human

rights activist Aaron Cohen at an anti-slavery conference in Florida. His often controversial efforts to combat human trafficking became the subject of her book.

Ms. Buckley believes it wasn't enough to write a book that simply described a problem. "Slave Hunter" concludes with ways that readers can support anti-trafficking efforts.

"Once person does make a difference, and can make a difference, and here's how," she says.

Part of that begins with recognizing the role developed countries unwittingly play in cultivating conditions that are right for slavery to flourish. "We're a big part of the problem," she says. "If we stop consuming the products and services that slaves make, we can actually put a dent in the problem."

It's estimated that 600,000 to 800,000

people are trafficked across international borders each year. Victims end up working in agriculture, sweatshops, domestic service, the hospitality industry and prostitution. The Web site www.HumanTrafficking.org reports that 14,500 to 17,500 people, primarily women and children, are trafficked annually to the United States.

Combating the problem requires education and vigilance, Ms. Theiss says, adding the public needs to recognize the hallmark signs of evidence of physical or psychological control, the inability to leave a job, and fear or depression.

Too often, she says, those who suspect something decide not to contact law enforcement. "They need to know it's OK to call."

A recent Florida State University report suggests that trafficking within

the hospitality and resort community is on the rise. So, too, is domestic minor sex trafficking, meaning that the victims are born within the United States.

Ms. Theiss' organization is a finalist for a national grant to create a prevention program that will help American-born girls learn about trafficking from Guatemalan women who are former victims. The hope is that the girls will learn to avoid being victims of domestic trafficking, and that they will also become anti-trafficking spokespersons.

For more information about the event or the Naples Press Club, visit www.naplespressclub.org. For more information about Ms. Theiss' organization, visit www.humantraffickingawareness.com.

For more information about Ms. Rambacher's organization, visit www.miraclesinaction.org. ■

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UNDERCOVER HISTORIAN

Tales from the time of sunshine by day, moonshine by night

BY LOIS BOLIN
Special to Florida Weekly

William Safire's "Drinking in America: A History" is not a book on traveling around to soak up the wonders of these great United States, as I thought. It is rather a book about the history of drinking, as in alcohol, a mainstay since the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth.

One of the best known quotes on "the drink" from Mr. Safire's book is credited to Warren Fuller, governor of Florida from 1949 to 1953: "If you mean the demon drink that poisons the mind, pollutes the body, desecrates family life and inflames sinners, then I'm against it. But if you mean the elixir of Christmas cheer, the shield against winter chill, the taxable potion that puts needed funds into public coffers to comfort little crippled children, then I'm for it. This is my position, and I will not compromise!"

I guess Mr. Fuller learned from history when on Jan. 16, 1920, triumphant temperance supporters clicked their teacups and launched the one of America's greatest and most noble failed experiments: Prohibition.

Drinking and thinking

Some say all Prohibition did was replace good beer with bad gin and eventually kill Vaudeville, as one headline noted: Half of the Acts in Vaudeville Houses Affected by New Order April 12, 1922.

The noble experiment of Prohibition of alcohol (1920-33) was undertaken to reduce crime and corruption, lessen the tax burden created by prisons and poor-

houses and improve health and hygiene in America. But it fell short of its goals. While alcohol consumption fell in the beginning of Prohibition, it eventually increased and worse, it opened the way for other medicinal sources such as marijuana and opium, which forced its former proponents to argue against the very amendment for which they fought so feverishly.

Prohibition was repealed by the 21st Amendment, making it the only amendment in history of the U.S. Constitution to have been repealed.

How dry I am — not

It wasn't until Nov. 7, 1934, that Prohibition was repealed in Collier County by a vote of 212-38. Before that, it was not only the outlaw areas of Chokoloskee and Everglades City whose individuals pushed the envelope of the no drinking law (ran over it was more like it); the refined city of Naples was always only a "gulp" away from lawlessness.

Naples of the gulp

Dr. Early Baum was a regular to Naples and saw with great amusement the "easy running" of rum in and out of the City Pier in plain sight of the Coast Guard cutter. In honor of the duality that Prohibition brought forth to most communities, he paid tribute to the law's lighter side with a home movie called "Naples on the Gulp" featuring local citizens.



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Sneaking some 'shine

These days you can learn about local lore from local yokels by simply knowing where to look: usually in a corner seat at the end of the bar near a waterfront.

At Bayfront's Cabana Bar, an old timer told me that back then, a snowbird would put a 10-cent bag of marbles in his drawers (steamer trunk drawers, that is) to hide the sound of \$20 bottles of Cuban rum or Canadian Club rolling around. The look of "All I Got Was This Lousy T-Shirt from Florida" when they arrived home was replaced with a sincere voice of thanks.

One of my favorite hooch stories is of 13-year-old John Pulling (as in Airport-Pulling Road), who was fishing around the pier one morning when a Coast Guard captain invited him aboard for a private tour. When the captain asked the unsuspecting stool pigeon if whiskey was served at his house, the polite youngster spilled on the beans about his parents' frequent cocktails parties.

When he returned home the boy casually mentioned his morning adventure to his father, who commenced in Paul Revere fashion to, as Doris Reynolds phrased it, "warn the neighbors those revenooers were coming."

When the law arrived, all they found were model citizens, many sweating, no doubt, from the gardening they had just finished.

Some lawbreakers, albeit just a few, did go behind bars — jail bars. A "salty dog" at the City Dock told me of a tale that one of his kin was picked up at 2 a.m. for running rum, was tried at 10 a.m. by the judge and was chipping rock for the chain gang by the same afternoon.

It's no wonder Florida was loved by so many back in those days, what with sunshine by day and moonshine by night.

While patrons of the high falutin' Vanderbilt Hotel in New York City were served the best champagne as the band played "Good-bye Forever," Crackers and pioneers in Southwest Florida heard a different tune — a tune of opportunity. The area's piney backwoods and miles of jagged coastline provided enterprising entrepreneurs (otherwise known as bootleggers, rum runners and modern-day pirates) the tools for success at their new enterprise.

The state of Florida actually voted to be "dry" two years before the 18th Amendment passed. It was rumored that due to numerous mock funerals the night before, all bemoaning wetter days, Anacin posted record sales as "mourners" flocked to Rexall and other noted sundry shops seeking relief for their grief. ■

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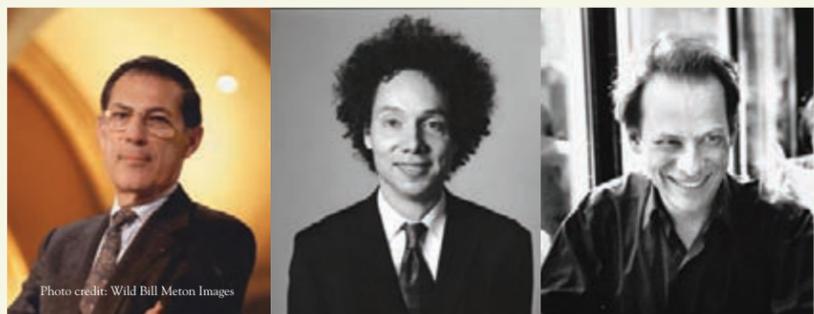
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P&G hires NYC bathroom bloggers

Procter & Gamble announced in October that it will once again create and host a public restroom for the holiday season in New York City's Times Square as a promotion for Charmin tissue. Last year's installation was merely specially outfitted toilet facilities, but this year P&G will upgrade by hiring

five bloggers ("Charmin Ambassadors") to "interact" with the expected "hundreds of thousands of bathroom guests" and write about their experiences with Charmin tissue on the company's Web site (and include "family-friendly" photographs). P&G is calling the campaign "Enjoy the Go." ■

Compelling explanations

► "Therapeutic" Sex: (1) The U.S. Tax Court ruled in September that William Halby, 78, owes back taxes because he improperly tried to deduct \$300,000 over a five-year period for "medical" expenses that were merely purchases of sex toys and pornography and payments to prostitutes. Halby said the activities relieved his "depression," in that he had no other sexual outlets. The court reminded Halby (a retired New

York tax lawyer) that prostitution is illegal in New York. (2) James Pacenza, 60, of Montgomery, N.Y., who was fired by IBM in 2003 after he continued to visit an Internet sex-chat room during work hours, renewed his challenge to the termination in September, telling a federal appeals court that his Internet sex "addiction" is a result of post-traumatic stress disorder from combat in the Vietnam war. ■

The litigious society

With lawsuits piling up on Bank of America during the current economic downturn, Dalton Chiscolm found a new angle. In September, he sued the bank in federal court in New York City for inadequate customer service concerning his checks' routing numbers and asked for damages of "1,784 bil-

lion, trillion dollars" plus an additional "\$200,164,000." Judge Denny Chin gave Chiscolm 30 days to better explain his complaint but dismissed it finally on Oct. 23. (BBC News reported that the first amount, which is 1,784 followed by 21 zeros, is more money than exists on the planet.) ■

Leadership in action

► New Jersey's Least-Savvy Politician: In a courtroom in October, Atlantic City (N.J.) Councilman (and Baptist minister) Eugene Robinson, 67, explained that he had no intention of having sex that night in November 2006 when a prostitute tricked him into a motel tryst (as a set-up by his political enemies). "I was waiting for God to send me the (woman) that's (destined) to be my Christian wife," he said, and since he hadn't had sex "since 1989," he said he thought this was the chosen woman. Robinson, now in poor health, did not run for re-election.

► In his campaign for election to the

school board in Birmingham, Ala., Antwon Womack, 21, issued biographical materials claiming to be 23 years old; to be a graduate of a local high school and of Alabama A&M; to be a bona fide resident of Birmingham; to be properly addressed as "Dr.," and to have chaired three previous political campaigns. After inquiries by the *Birmingham News*, Womack acknowledged in August that none of those claims is true. However, he defended his campaign and his principles: "My values are not lies. It's just (that) the information I provided to the people is false." ■

Least Competent Criminals

► Michael Spagnola, 38, of Colden, N.Y., was charged with DUI in October after a sheriff's deputy stopped Spagnola's car and noticed the man climbing from the driver's seat into the back. Spagnola then told the deputy (from the back seat) that, though he had been drinking, he was not the one driving. However, the deputy noted, there was no one else in the car.

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No longer weird

Adding to the list of stories that were formerly weird but which now occur with such frequency that they must be retired from circulation: (91) The apparently irresistible urge of curious men to tinker in workshops with live ammuni-

tion, such as the attempt by a 57-year-old man in Charleston, W.Va., in August to drill through a bullet in order to make a keychain ornament. (The resulting explosion tore up his left hand, but he was not expected to lose it.) ■

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Education Foundation seeking Men of Distinction for 2010

The Education Foundation of Collier County is seeking nominations for its ninth annual Men of Distinction awards. The awards are made in recognition of outstanding commitment and service to education in Collier County.

Ten men will be honored at a dinner celebration on Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2010, at Hilton Naples. The dinner is also in conjunction with the Men of Distinction Golf Tournament that takes place Feb. 5, 2010, at TPC Treviso Bay.

All proceeds benefit Take Stock in Children, the scholarship and mentoring program of the Education Foundation.

The 2009 Men of Distinction are: Ernie Bretzmann, Dr. Sam Durso, Terry Flynn, Clark Hill, Bud Hornbeck II, Joel Kessler, Jason Korn, Mike Reagen, Patrick Trittler and Mike Watkins. The deadline for nominating a candidate for Men of Distinction 2010 is Friday, Nov. 20.

The 2010 Men of Distinction awards are presented by the *Naples Daily News*, The ACE Group Classic and Hilton Naples. Visit www.Education-ForCollier.org to submit a nomination online or call the Education Foundation at 643-4755 to receive a form by fax or email. ■

Shopping shuttle follows Bonita/Estero retail route

Naples Transportation, Tours & Event Planning has launched its new shopping shuttle service in Bonita Springs and Estero.

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Designers Flea Market will benefit programs for homeless children

Judith Liegeois Designs and Blue Pear Floral Design host the first Designers Flea Market from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, in the parking lot behind Judith Liegeois Designs at 851 Fourth Ave. S. All proceeds will benefit Youth Haven's homelessness prevention programs for children in Collier County.

Among the participating interior and floral designers, clothing and home accessories merchants who will sell their wares are 50 Fifty Creative Services, Helen Febbo, Holly Manneck, Jan Borchers, Maison Auclair Shellart, Marissa Collections, Naples Wine Shop, Peach Tree Designs, Room Interior Philosophy, Regan Reed/Beautiful Home, The Garden Gallery, Ysabel LeMay and

Santa Planet.

Latest statistics show that there are more than 750 homeless children in Collier County. "Our community leaders cannot work to put together solution-based initiatives to address an issue unless they know it exists," said Anne Dancu of Blue Pear Floral Design. "As a design community, we have come together to give what we have in hopes of raising awareness of the homeless situation that is escalating every year, to the detriment of our community's most treasured children."

For more information, contact Anne Dancu at Blue Pear Floral Design, 434-8822, or Bette Foster at Judith Liegeois Designs, 430-6811. ■

Holiday bazaar happens Saturday

The United Methodist Women's Group of North Naples United Methodist Church holds its holiday bazaar from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14.

In addition to Thanksgiving and Christmas items and the traditional baked goods, there will be handmade

quilts, children's gifts, "pre-loved" jewelry, a white elephant sale and live entertainment. A tearoom and luncheon are also planned.

All proceeds will benefit area children's charities. For more information, call Jane Page at 784-5779. ■

St. Matthew's House plans Fall Festival and Food Drive

St. Matthew's House will hold its second annual Fall Festival and Food Drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, at Fleischmann Park in downtown Naples. Enjoy holiday shopping under the pavilion at the Thrift Store Mobile Boutique, live bluegrass music from Russ Morrison and area musicians, family holiday photography by

Brian Gore, food, free games for the kids and much more.

Praise FM will be on hand with chances to spin and win with its prize wheel. The St. Matthew's House truck will be in the parking lot for donations of non-perishable food to replenish its pantries and for its Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday meal giveaways.

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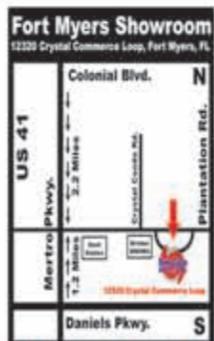
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'Kids Rock the Park'

Kids Rock the Park activities take place from 1:30-3 p.m. on the third Sunday of the month at the Naples Park Area Association building on the 104th Avenue North. Games, arts and crafts, fun learning activities, prize boxes, reading buddies, and holiday parties are designed for elementary school aged children. Parents must accompany their youngsters. Coming up:

- **Nov. 15:** Walt Timony Entertainment will create balloon masterpieces, and Zumba dancer Judy Murphy will teach children a "Thriller" routine. Parents are asked to bring a Thanksgiving appetizer if they can.
- **Dec. 20:** Christmas cookies and orna-

ments made with shells.

• **Jan. 17:** Bingo for kids and grown-ups. Kids Rock the Park is part of an initiative to increase the membership of the Naples Park Area Association with activities for all ages.

Membership is also open to people who live outside Naples Park. The association is seeking donations of good-quality, clean and small, gently used or new toys for its prize box (please, no stuffed animals).

For more information, call the Naples Park Area Association at 596-2222 or e-mail Sharon Kurtz at runaways9999@comcast.net. ■

Market seeks home-grown, homemade goods

Would you like to sell your homegrown vegetables or try out your new business idea? North Naples United Methodist Church is accepting applications for vendors for its entrepreneur-friendly Art & Farmers Market featuring local produce, arts, crafts and homemade items.

The weekly market begins Saturday, Nov. 21, and continues through Saturday, April 17. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"The market gives our congregation and local entrepreneurs an opportunity to promote their businesses with very little overhead and helps us service our community," coordinator Lesley Marr says.

Download a vendor application at www.nnumc.org/market. For more information, call Ms. Marr at 398-8623 or e-mail Lesley@madnaples.com. ■

Marine Corps League poker run

The Marine Corps League of Collier County will hold its first-ever poker run to benefit the 2009 Toys for Tots campaign on Saturday Dec. 5. The run will start at 8:30 a.m. at Naples Harley Davidson on Pine Ridge Road and end at Chrissy's Bianchi Restaurant at 3340 Tamiami Trail, across from the Collier County Courthouse, with stops along the way at

Fred's Diner, The Bean at Ave Maria, Iron Rhino Saloon and Homer Helter's Military Emporium.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. Entry fee is \$20 per bike and a new, unwrapped toy to Toys for Tots. There is also a \$10 passenger fee.

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Festive boats will ply new route for 20th annual holiday parade

The 20th annual Naples Bay Christmas Boat Parade is set to launch along a new route at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12. Decorated in a Caribbean theme, the boats will stage in the area of Naples Boat Club and Naples Sailing & Yacht Club and will ply the waters south to the Naples City Dock, where they will pass in review before a committee of judges before continuing down the bay to just north of marker 27 (approximately at the end of Royal Harbor), where they will turn around to head north up the bay to Pincher's Crab Shack at Tin City and the Gordon River Bridge.

Prime viewing spots will be Pincher's Crab Shack, Riverwalk Restaurant, Naples City Dock, Naples Landing, Kelly's Fish House, The Boat House Restaurant and Cove Inn. The new route will not pass Bayview Park.

The Captain's Meeting, a requirement

for all who wish to participate, is set for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, at Pincher's Crab Shack.

The holiday boat parade is sponsored by the Marine Industries Association of Collier County Foundation and MarineMax of Naples to benefit The Ricky King Fund, a foundation that since 1978 has provided financial support for the medical needs of local children. Other sponsors include America Marine Fuel, Sea Tow Naples, Pincher's Crab Shack at Tin City, City of Naples, The Boat House Restaurant, Riverwalk & The Dock Restaurants, Café La Mer & Bistro and Kelly's Fish House.

Frank Perrucci, president of MIACC, is chairman of the parade. Entry forms are available at the MIACC office as well as online at www.miacc.org. For more information, call 261-0882 or e-mail director@miacc.org.



Learn about fascinating Fakahatchee area

The Friends of Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve are holding a Fakahatchee Coastal Cruise complete with a gourmet picnic and talk about the area's rich history on Saturday, Nov. 21. Participants will meet at 1 p.m. at Everglades National Park in Everglades City and will be ferried to Fakahatchee Island by Everglades National Park Boat Tours for a guided walk. The group will return to Everglades

City by 6 p.m.

This is a unique opportunity to learn about the outer islands west of Chokoloskee in Fakahatchee Bay and to see the Ten Thousand Islands ecology, which has not changed in more than 50 years.

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Conservancy's 'Mommy and Me' puppet shows teach kids about Southwest Florida wildlife

Alligator, Manatee, Crow and Vulture are the puppet stars in the all-new environment education program at The Conservancy of Southwest Florida. The puppet series designed for children ages 3-5 begins Tuesday, Nov. 24, in conjunction with the "Mommy and Me" program in the auditorium at the Conservancy Nature Center.

Subsequent programs, all running Tuesdays from 2-3 p.m., are set for Dec. 1, 8 and 15. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Cost is \$12 for mom and child Conservancy members and \$4 for each additional child; non-members pay \$15 for mom and child and \$5 for each additional child.

Fun and factual, each 20-minute show is designed to teach youngsters about animals in Southwest Florida, including what they eat, how they find food and shelter and why they are so important to our environment. Nature activities, games and sometimes a live animal encounter follow each puppet show.

In "Natural Café" on Nov. 24, the chef greets Alligator, Manatee, Crow and Vulture for a special diner (just for the animals) that explains what wild animals eat and how their diet compares with our own. This show features a live



animal.

In "Water, Water Everywhere" on Dec. 1, the audience will learn how and why water is essential for life as they follow Alligator, Manatee, Crow and Vulture on their quest for water. They'll learn why Southwest Florida's water habitats are so important and why the animals are counting on people to help preserve them.

"Where's Wildlife?" is the title of the Dec. 8 show in which Conservancy naturalists will follow Alligator, Manatee, Crow and Vulture to learn what their homes look like, why they are so special and why they need us all to help protect them.

The final show on Dec. 15 is about "Critter Care" in an animal hospital. Alligator, Manatee,

Crow and Vulture face many dangers out in the wild and become patients at the Conservancy's clinic. Children will learn about the most common wildlife injuries and see how animals are cared for as well as what they can do to help.

Registration in advance is required for each program. Sign up on line at www.conservancy.org or by calling 262-0304, ext. 266.

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When it comes to bugs, it's all about balancing good and bad

BY LOIS BOLIN
Special to Florida Weekly

Calling insects beneficial seems contradictory. Most of us think of insects as "bad bugs." We buy bug spray and pesticides hoping insects will disappear for good.

Think about the saying, "Be careful what you wish for, you might just get it." Let's consider what would happen if all bugs went away.

Only 1 percent of the more than 1 million species of insects worldwide are considered pests; the other 99 percent are vital in our food chain. Insects feed birds, fish and other animals. Bees and butterflies pollinate fruit and vegetables. Insects that burrow aerate soil and break down organic material (such as leaves) that adds nutrients to Florida's sandy soil.

We use more pesticides here in Florida than any other state except one. Pesticides are poisonous to insects, our environment and to us if we don't use them carefully. Most pesticides are not selective. They do not differentiate between a beneficial honeybee and an aphid.

There are times when we need pesticides, but we must weigh the hazards against the benefits. Sometimes we use a pesticide when it isn't needed.

Yellow leaves on hibiscus and gardenia can be due to nutrient deficiency and soil conditions; no pesticide necessary. White spots on African violet leaves are often caused by water damage; again, no pesticide needed. Young palm fronds appear eaten and are really damaged by wind or too much fertilizer; no need for pesticides here, either.



The beneficial lacewing eats aphids and scale insects.

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Just because an insect is on a plant doesn't mean it's causing harm. Many of us know lady beetles (bugs) are "good bugs." There are many species in Florida. Both adults and larvae feed on aphids, mites, immature scales and some insects.

I don't know many people who are fond of spiders, but all spiders eat a wide variety of annoying insects, including mosquitoes.

One of the most beneficial insects is the lacewing. These delicate green insects with golden eyes eat aphids and scale insects.

Those pesky earwigs you find around

sinks and tubs in your house are also beneficial. They feed on chinch bugs and the mole crickets that plague your lawn.

Parasitic wasps help control overabundance of many insects. There are 2,000 kinds of parasitic wasps in Florida. They keep any one insect species from taking over an area.

Sometimes good bugs are mistaken for lookalike bad bugs. One example is the larvae of the lady beetle, which look like the harmful mealy bug. Lady beetle larvae move about by themselves while mealy bugs are in clusters.

Stinkbugs with spurs on their backs

eat bad bugs. Stinkbugs without spurs might eat your garden.

The common praying mantis is big and looks scary but eats many pest insects. So do assassin bugs, which attack flying insects and are particularly beneficial in gardens.

It's all about balance. To keep the balance, any changes we make to natural systems need to be slow ones. And as we've learned, sometimes no change is needed at all. ■

Guided trips resume soon

Guided day and moonlight canoe trips and hikes resume for the season in December at Collier-Seminole State Park. The first moonlight trip is Tuesday, Dec. 1; the first day trip is Wednesday, Dec. 2; and the first night hike is Monday, Dec. 14. Call 392-3397 for more information. In the meantime:

>>Rent a canoe: Paddle down the Blackwater River through a mangrove forest toward the Gulf of Mexico. Rentals available from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily.

>>Hike 11 miles of trails: Experience pine flatwoods, cypress areas and rare royal palm hammocks. One of three trails is interpretative, another allows for off-road biking, and a third has a remote campsite. Be sure to stop to register at the ranger station for the two longer trails and call ahead to reserve the campsite. Trails are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

The park also offers picnicking, birding, fishing, camping, a boat ramp and a chance to see the historic "walking dredge" that was used to build the Tamiami Trail.

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Fort Myers Capt. Steve Waugh told me recently about fishing in the early '60s as a boy and seeing hundreds of sawfish, a funny looking fish that has a bill-like feature that looks like, of course, a saw. These fish are about 2 feet long when they're born and can grow to 20 feet and 700 pounds.

Fast forward to the early '90s, when Capt. Randall Marsh moved here post-college to try his hand as a fishing guide while he figured out what career to pur-



COURTESY PHOTO

This smalltooth sawfish was caught in the Caloosahatchee.

sue. He never left the water, and in his 15 years of guiding has seen only three sawfish, including one he caught and released earlier this month and shared photos of with *Florida Weekly*.

The two guides' stories of the onenumerous-and-now-scarce sawfish are, sadly, becoming more typical. But the state is thankful to anglers such as Mr. Waugh and Mr. Marsh and others who are helping document sightings of Florida's smalltooth sawfish, which is now on the endangered species list.

You might have seen the fliers posted at area boat ramps and tackle shops. A sketch of one of these crazy looking fish by Sarah Erickson appears below the headline "Sawfish Hotline." Thing is, seeing a sketch is not at all like seeing the real fish.

When Mr. Marsh hooked one while he was fishing at the mouth of the Caloosahatchee River, he asked his client, Norman Landsdale of Mount Sterling, Ky., to snap some pictures. The resulting series of images is quite exceptional to see.

The 42-inch fish struck Mr. Marsh's live bait — a pilchard with its tail cut off — took one run and did a 360 around the boat. When Mr. Marsh jumped in the shallow water and grabbed its tail, Mr. Landsdale hit the shutter.

"I know they're endangered and didn't want to bring it into the boat; I really wanted a photo," Mr. Marsh said.

It was an aggressive fish. "I thought it'd be like a shark — you could arch its back and it wouldn't be able to come all the way around. But it wasn't like that," he said. "The fish felt like sandpaper — a sharkish-stingray-ish feel."

That makes sense. Sawfish swim like sharks but are actually more closely related to rays, in part because their gill slits are on the bottom of their bodies like stingrays. They use their saw to disrupt the bottom and stir up prey. They also slash through schools of small fish, stunning or cutting them before they gobble them up. That saw also is used for defense against the sawfish's primary predator: sharks.

The reason for the species' decline off Florida and U.S. shores is because sawfish often were caught as bycatch in commercial and recreational fisheries and because they don't reproduce very rapidly. They were easily and often unintentionally captured because their saws would become entangled in fishing nets. Sawfish were often landed in recreational fisheries because their saw was a popular trophy item. So they disappeared.

The three spots where Mr. Marsh has seen sawfish all were within sight of each other where the Caloosahatchee flows into San Carlos Bay. That's also where Mr. Waugh recalls seeing hundreds of the comic-book-looking fish in the '60s.

Mr. Marsh, who is on the water 250 days a year, still can't believe he saw one so close.

He reported the fish to the state and sent in photos. He received three calls back within 24 hours from representative of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the National Sawfish Encounter Data Base.

"I didn't read my horoscope that day, but I feel lucky to have caught one, to have a picture with one," he said.

I imagine the state feels lucky to have those photos and the report, too.

Although scientists are studying sawfish statewide, the federally funded research project under way focuses on Southwest Florida. There's a general lack of biological and ecological information on the fish, so it makes it hard for scientists to determine how to help the species recover.

Anglers and boaters who sight sawfish are asked to call the hotline at (941) 255-7403 or e-mail sawfish@myfwc.com. You can get information about how to properly handle them at <http://research.myfwc.com/sawfish>. ■

— Betsy Clayton is a freelancer based on Pine Island and also is Lee County Parks & Recreation's waterways coordinator. Contact her at boatingbybetsy@yahoo.com.

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Avow Hospice community center groundbreaking



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Ground has been broken for a new community center on the campus of Avow Hospice. The center will have space for support group meetings, educational programs and staff functions. Construction is expected to be complete in summer 2010. Celebrating at the groundbreaking are, left to right: Phil Krieg, Lori Wegman, George Walters, Brenda O'Connor, Tom Henning, Jeff Marshall, Karen Rollins, Keith Wilbur, Jeff Morrill, Jim Krall, Bob Carsello, Maureen Christiansen and Tammie Nemecek.

Parkinson's Association doctor will give free presentation

"Movement in the Elderly: How to Keep Your Muscles Young" is the topic of a program from 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, at Moorings Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbor Drive. Health care professionals and the public are welcome to attend. There is no cost.

Dr. Ron Garry, the medical advisor of the Parkinson's Association of Southwest Florida, will give practical advice

on how the elderly can exercise to benefit their bodies and minds. He will discuss the benefits of working with a physician-geriatrician and/or certified personal fitness expert to enhance muscle strength and flexibility and to explain the meaning of movement disorder.

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"Research has shown that effective care and support can improve quality of life for individuals and their caregivers over the course of the disease from diagnosis to the end of life," says Colin Marshall, executive director of Harbor Memory Care of North Collier.

Cruise for a Cure, sponsored by Harbor Memory Care and Cruise Naples, among others, will set sail from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, to raise funds for The Alzheimer's Association-Florida Gulf Coast Chapter. Boarding will begin at 4:15 p.m. on the M/V

Double Sunshine at Tin City. The 110-foot open-air yacht will set out on a 90-minute sunset cruise through Naples Bay, past the waterfront estates of Port Royal. Refreshments onboard will be provided by Catermasters of Naples, and entertainment will be by Jeannie Upton.

The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer care, support and research. Its mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research and to provide and enhance care and support for those who are affected.

The cost of Cruise for a Cure is \$39 per person. Seating is limited, and reservations can be made by calling Mr. Marshall at 514-0300 or e-mail cmarshall@hraonline.net. ■

Volunteers needed to drive cancer patients to treatment

Lack of transportation is one of the biggest challenges many cancer patients face, and the American Cancer Society needs more volunteers willing to help patients get to treatment.

Many patients need daily or weekly cancer care, and some patients don't have a car or are too sick to drive. That's where American Cancer Society volunteers come in. The Road to Recovery program connects volunteer drivers with patients in need

of a ride to treatment. Volunteers need a valid driver's license, a safe and reliable vehicle and proof of adequate automobile insurance. They will also undergo a brief training session. The next training session in Naples is coming up Tuesday, Nov. 17.

To find out more about Road to Recovery, or to learn about other volunteer opportunities with the local office of the American Cancer Society, call (800) 227-2345. ■

Salon celebration will benefit American Cancer Society

Carol Ambrosini, the new owner of Salon Delphine, is holding an open house and fundraiser for the American Cancer Society from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15. The salon is at 7700 Tamiami Trail N. The event will honor the memory of Mari Rothman, the former owner of the salon, who recently lost her battle with cancer.

"Mari was a true inspiration to everyone and is also deserving of much appreciation for her business achievements. Because of her, I am very proud to carry on the name of the Salon Delphine," Ms. Ambrosini says.

The public is welcome. For more information, call the salon at 566-9907. ■



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Tips can help you get through flu season

BY MEREDITH MOSS
Special To Florida Weekly

Your kid is feverish and feeling crummy but you can't get through to your pediatrician to make an appointment or ask advice.

It's a scene being repeated around the country as medical offices are inundated with calls from worried moms and dads.

"There is definitely a high level of anxiety in the community but in the overwhelming majority of cases the children can be kept at home and be treated like any other winter flu," said David Roer, a pediatrician at Pediatric Associates in the Dayton, Ohio, area. Dr. Roer said he and his colleagues are now into the fifth week of seeing viral-like illness and influenza, and have extended office hours as a result.

Concerned parents whose children are truly ill, he added, should definitely keep calling. Dr. Roer said many of the current calls, however, relate to the availability of the H1N1 vaccine and that getting that vaccine is not an immediate emergency.

Bill Wharton, spokesperson for Public Health — Dayton & Montgomery County, said the key issue is whether or not your child's flu symptoms are normal or out of the ordinary.

"We're trying not to overwhelm the medical system — whether that be the hospitals or the pediatrician offices by sending kids that can be taken care of at home to those offices."

Ordinary symptoms may include fever, sore throat, abdominal achiness, some vomiting.

"These children can be treated at home: just give them plenty of rest, feed them well, give them plenty of liquids so they don't become dehydrated," said Mr. Wharton. A child who is dehydrated may have a decrease in tears, saliva, urine, and may not be drinking.

Dr. Roer said valid reasons to make an appointment, in addition to dehydration, include difficulty breathing, shortness of breath and lethargy.

"When you have a high fever your child will appear lethargic," he explained, "but if you give them Tylenol or Motrin to lower their temperature and the child is less lethargic and becomes more alert, that's not as concerning."

Dr. Roer said it is always best to be seen by your child's own doctor.

"You'll sit in a hospital waiting room for hours and hours, and your physician knows your child's history and any other complications," he said.

Betsy Woods, public relations manager for Children's Medical Center of Dayton, said the hospital is also advising concerned parents to contact their pediatrician or family doctor.

"We're seeing a 60 percent increase in patients in the emergency room and our two urgent care centers, and most of these kids coming in could be treated at home," she said. "I completely understand that parents are nervous, but they should try to treat symptoms at home unless their child has an underlying



COURTESY PHOTO

Medical offices around the country have noted many of the calls they receive relate to the availability of the H1N1 vaccine, and those calls are preventing parents with truly ill children from getting through to make an appointment.

condition such as asthma, diabetes or heart problems. Then, I would definitely watch your child closely and call the doctor or come into the hospital if there are concerns.

Phone lines at a doc's office are busiest, Dr. Roer said, for the first two hours after the office opens, so parents are better off trying later in the day.

Mr. Wharton said a child who is coughing up heavy mucus or blood or

has extremities that are turning bluish, should definitely be seen.

"If they need medical attention and can't get into their physician's office, you should go to the emergency room," he advised.

Dr. Roer said he always tells parents to listen to their gut instincts.

"If you think it's an emergency and you just know in your heart something's not right, have your child seen." ■

SMART TALK

Naples Community Hospital meets infectious disease challenges

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Infectious diseases have been the scourge of mankind since the beginning of time. Unfortunately, the "bugs" are getting smarter and more resilient, which means we must continue to be vigilant in fighting infections. (Overall, society's best defense against infectious diseases is the use of effective sanitation — our sewer systems.)

At Naples Community Hospital we are very much on the case to prevent hospital-acquired infections and limit the spread of harmful germs. We use a multitude of "best practices" that we either create, copy and/or share with other leaders in preventing infection. Led by LeAnna Hatcher, R.N., our Infection Control Committee meets regularly to plot strategy and direct execution of these best practices.

One important focus, as simple as it sounds, is hand washing. Ironically, most hospitals have found it difficult to "hard wire" hand washing in their facilities.

At NCH, our hand-washing performance is measured at the 90th percentile before and after patient contact as well as after contact with surfaces

and after glove removal. Individual staff compliance with hand hygiene protocols is at the 80th percentile downtown and the 90th percentile at the North Naples campus.

These results are good, but we can improve. Consequently, we are rekindling our hand hygiene campaign to coincide with new Precau-



tions and Hand Hygiene Policy/Procedures. This will emphasize the key five moments for hand hygiene: (1) before touching a patient, (2) before/after a clean/aseptic procedure, (3) after body fluid exposure, (4) after touching a patient and (5) after touching patient surroundings.

(If you're a patient, please ask any-

one caring for you to wash before and after touching.)

Beyond this renewed initiative, we are participating with a Florida Hospital Association collaborative, led by ICU Microsystem Director Jon Kling, to prevent central line bloodstream infections. This effort will assist ICU patients, who typically have intra-

whole body.

Beyond infections, we are also focused on H1N1 flu.

Happily, we have had no ICU admissions at NCH, nor have we had any deaths in Collier County due to flu. On average, we have averaged fewer than 10 admissions per week with flu or complications and about 250 emergency room visits per week, particularly from the younger age groups.

R.N.s Mark Pitts and Cindi Lukacs and their able team have distributed almost 800 doses of H1N1 vaccine over the past two weeks and 1,500 doses of seasonal flu vaccine. We started by offering preventive vaccines to high-risk colleagues and then opened limited supplies to everyone. Like the rest of the nation, we are short of the vaccine now, but we expect to be resupplied soon.

I suspect in a couple years H1N1 will appear throughout the world, as it probably has in the past century, and our current seasonal flu will become relatively dormant. One reason for the relatively low incidence of H1N1 among over-60-year-olds is that this age group was probably exposed when they were growing up.

Meanwhile, NCH continues to meet the infectious disease challenges. Remember: Wash your hands. ■

— Allen Weiss, M.D., is president and CEO of Naples Community Hospital.

The Naples Botanical Garden comes to life, literally

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

In celebration of the grand opening of the Naples Botanical Garden, The Living Garden has been performing throughout the area. A reflection of the beauty and elements of the Garden, walking vines and life-sized orchids will welcome the community to the



Naples Botanical Garden

ribbon cutting at the Garden at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 14. The celebration continues with music and activities for the entire family from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15.

The Living Garden is an award-winning live performance company produced by 2nd Nature Productions Inc. with offices in Florida and California. Performances have a high visual impact resonating in the realm of beauty and mystery. Movement-based but character-driven, The Living Garden is a unique niche in the entertainment world and has been seen at events across the United States and internationally, including The Grammys, Russell Simmons's "Art For Life" fundraiser and the "Just For Laughs" festival in Montreal, where they received the Coup de Coeur (People's Choice Award).

The Living Garden appearance schedule in conjunction with the grand opening of Naples Botanical Garden includes:

- **Thursday, Nov. 12**
Noon to 1 p.m., Coconut Point mall
2-6 p.m., Waterside Shops
- **Friday, Nov. 13**
6 p.m., outside the restaurants at Mercato
- **Saturday, Nov. 14**
11 a.m., grand opening at Naples Botanical Garden
- **Sunday, Nov. 15**
9 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the Garden

The world-class Garden includes cultivated gardens of Brazil, the Caribbean and a hands-on interactive Children's Garden along with 90 acres of beautifully restored natural habitats. The main components opening this coming weeknd are:

The Vicky C. and David Byron Smith Children's Garden, including the Pfeffer-Beach Butterfly House; the Brazilian Garden; the Kapnick Caribbean Garden; the Mary and Stephen Byron Smith River of Grass; and the Preserve, including the Collier Enterprises South Wetlands, James and Linda White Birding Tower and Smith Uplands. The original concept for Naples Botanical Garden was developed 15 years ago by a small group gathered at the Naples Library. Six years later, with



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Above: The Brazilian Gardens
Left: Nature comes to life in The Living Garden, a stunning display of visual images and illusions.

toward reality. Construction of this first phase took 17 months.

Ellin Goetz, principal of Naples-based Goetz + Stropes Landscape Architects Inc. is the overall coordinating landscape architect of the new Garden. It is anticipated that the remaining gardens, the Marcia and L. Bates Lea Asian Garden and Karen and Robert Scott Florida Garden, will open in 2010. The Harvey Kapnick Education and Research Center, a partnership with Florida Gulf Coast University, is also slated to open in 2010.

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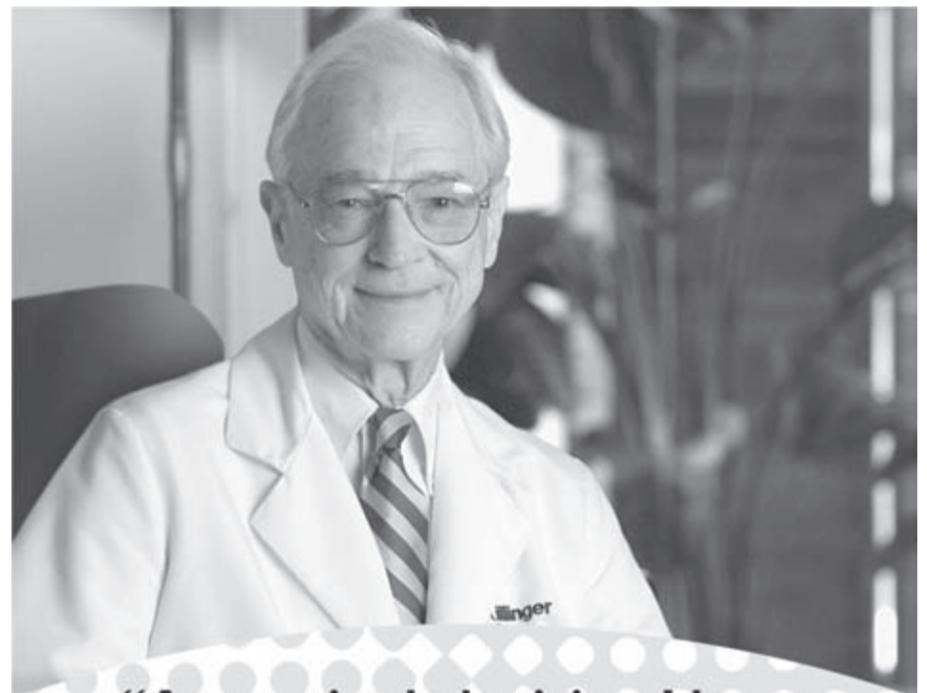
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In recognition of National Mutt Day coming up Wednesday, Dec. 2, the Collier Spay Neuter Clinic is offering \$5 off its already discounted spay/neuter fees for mixed-breed dogs. Neutering will be \$60; spaying will be \$70.

National Mutt Day is about embracing and celebrating mutts, which make up the largest percentage of dogs euthanized in shelters each year.

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CSNC is Southwest Florida's first high-volume, affordable spay and neuter clinic. Services are available to all residents of Southwest Florida. Since opening in August, the clinic has sterilized more than 1,000 animals.

"Our vision is a community where no companion animal is killed simply for being homeless," Executive Director Pallas Diaz says. "By providing this special discount day in celebration

of the nation's most popular dog, the mutt, we will prevent more unnecessary deaths of these dogs by preventing the births of their unwanted litters."

Ms. Diaz urges those interested in taking advantage of the National Mutt Day spay/neutering discount to call for an appointment as soon as possible, as spaces will fill up quickly.

The clinic is at 2544 Northbrooke Plaza Drive, at the intersection of Immokalee Road and Interstate 75 in Naples. Call 514-7647 or e-mail jdaniel@collierspayneuter.org. ■

DAS plans jubilee and pet festival

Collier County Domestic Animal Services holds its annual Howl-A-Day Jubilee Pet Festival from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, at Veterans Community Park. The festival raises funds for the DAS shelter trust fund to pay for specialized or emergency medical needs of shelter pets in order to qualify them for adoption.

More than 7,000 pets are homeless in Collier County every year.

Howl-A-Day Jubilee activities include a pet costume contest, a canine agility fun course and games, psychic readings and holiday shopping. The schedule of events is:

- 1:20 p.m. - Pet costume competition (any type of pet welcome)

- 2-3 p.m. - Pet and owner games with the chance to win a subscription to a national pet magazine

- 2:20 p.m. - Pet psychic reading (on stage)

- 3:20 p.m. - Best of Everything competition: Biggest, Smallest, Best Kisser and Hugger and more

- 4 p.m. - Raffle winners announced

Vendors will be sell pet goods and services as well as general items for human companions. Anyone interested in being a vendor or a sponsor should call Gerilynn Waterbury at 252-0698.

For more information, visit www.collierpets.com. ■

Local kids encouraged to pen scary stories for contest

Volunteer USA Foundation and R.L. Stine, author of the renowned Goosebumps stories, have teamed up for Very Scary Story Contest for young readers in grades 4-7 throughout Southwest Florida.

"We know children love reading books filled with mystery, mummies and twisted endings. All they need to do now is strap on their magical thinking caps and write their very own scary story," says Liza McFadden, president of Volunteer USA Foundation.

For the Very Scary Story Contest, students are asked to write their own scary story set in HorrorLand Amusement Park. "I can't wait to see what terrifying rides and games the kids dream up for HorrorLand, the Scariest Place on Earth," says Mr. Stine.

All entries must be submitted electronically by Jan. 10, 2010, to contest@volunteerusafund.org.

Contest winners and their parents will be Mr. Stine's guests of honor at a breakfast

and reading event during Volunteer USA Foundation's Celebration of Reading held Feb. 12, 2010, at the Hyatt Coconut Point in Bonita Springs. The breakfast is part of an annual event hosted by former Gov. Jeb Bush to support family literacy programs.

For more information regarding contest rules, judging guidelines, prizes, classroom activities and more, visit www.VolunteerUSAFoundation.org or call Carolyn Vega-Melendez at (850) 559-2208. ■



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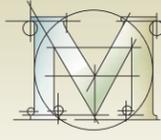
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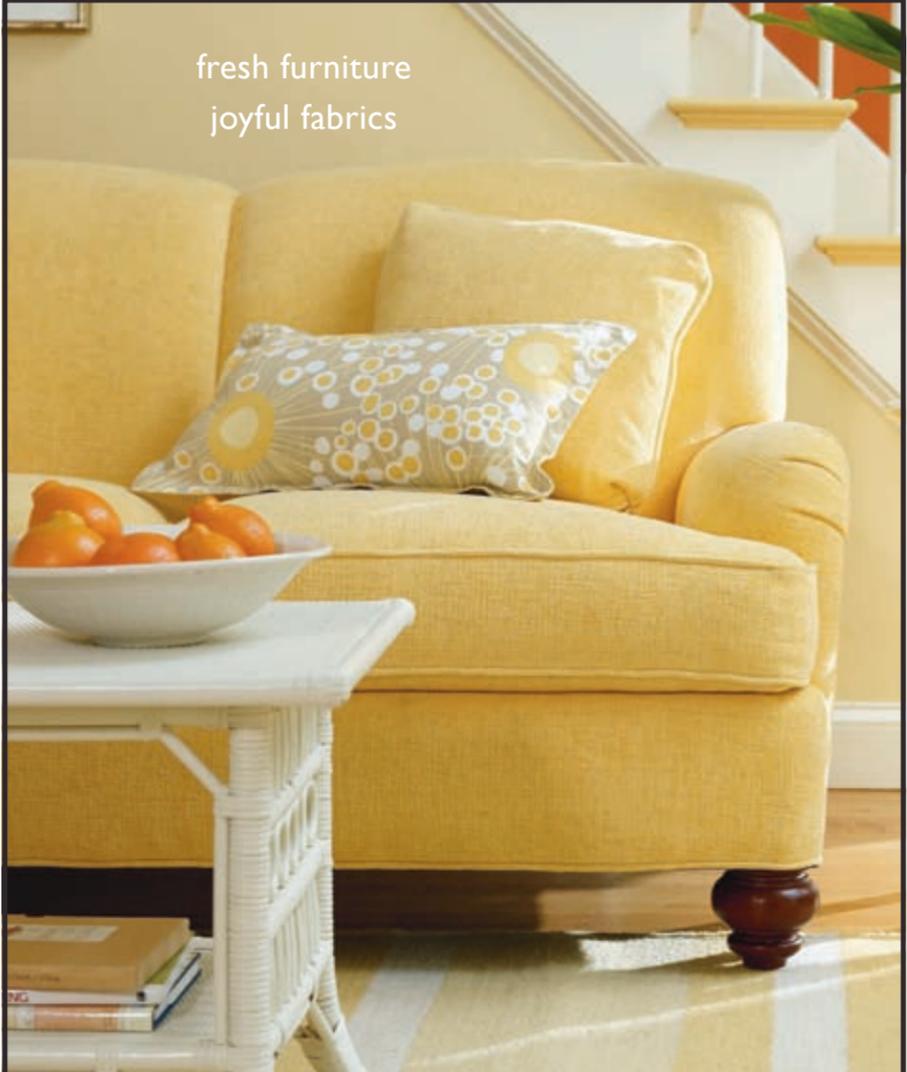
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hold, use a hard-sided carrier designed for air travel, and make sure it's in good condition and all bolts are tight. You'll need food and water bowls, and bagged food duct-taped to the top of the carrier. Pets small enough to ride in the passenger cabin will be more comfortable in a soft-sided carrier.

- Consider travel conditions. Don't ship your pet when the weather is extreme or when air traffic is heaviest.



Pets traveling as baggage or cargo need a hard-sided carrier for their protection.

Some airlines offer terminal-to-plane transport in climate-controlled vans. Ask what provisions will be made to protect your pet and when the airlines will not allow your pet to fly because of weather conditions.

- Choose a direct flight. If that's not possible, try for a route with a single connection and a short layover. Direct flights eliminate layovers, and short layovers reduce the time on the ground. ■

Cats shortchanged by many pet owners

• **Cats receive only half of the health care protection that dogs do**, according to the North American Pet Health Insurance Association. In another study by the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association, pet owners with at least one dog and one cat in their household said they were more attached to the dog than the cat by a 3-to-1 margin. A third of pet owners surveyed believe it's more critical to take a dog than a cat for a wellness exam with their veterinarian, an alarming statistic as cats are less likely to show signs of sickness or pain than dogs.

- **One Maltese is now a million-**



dollar beauty, crowned with a \$4.2 million tiara made by her owner, a Thai jewelry designer. The designer wanted to do something special for his 15-year-old dog and had a crown made for her from precious stones handed down to him from his mother. The crown took two months to make and is crafted out of titanium and 250 carats of emeralds and diamonds.

- **British pets are also experiencing the struggles** of a poor economy. Last year the Royal Society for the Preven-

tion of Cruelty to Animals reported the number of abandoned animals increasing by 57 percent. Britons have also increased their inquiries about giving up their pets by 52 percent. The United Kingdom's best-known animal rescue center, Battersea Dogs and Cats Home, in South London, is struggling to fit in more animals: Last December the charity reported taking in more than 1,000 more pets than it had the previous year.

- **One drug-detection dog wasn't at all slowed down** by a novel attempt at distraction: The 31 pounds of marijuana the dog flagged were stashed in bags of dog food. The El Paso, Texas, drug dog wasn't deterred by the smell of dinner, resulting in the arrest of the 25-year-old Juarez, Mexico, man driving the dog food-loaded car. ■

Pets of the Week



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MUSINGS

Let alone



I remember not being here. I know that I have awakened from this dream. When I let myself, I cherish this wafting merely emergent experience, not graspable even at the periphery let alone in the magnificence of its essentially subtle core.

I must have been let out then, in my remembering, like hot gas and vapor escaping from volcanic fumarole, let out like pants rescued from a being too tight. Everyone needs an outlet.

Perhaps some find refuge in outlet malls or via media outlets or afloat on the outlet of streams flowing from lakes. Let me be out front: All these possibilities leave me down and out. I search for the out and outer outlet, the outlet not covered by protective cap.

The massive metaphysical complexity should be no surprise in a world that sports no less than 13 types of electrical outlet. There are flat prongs and round prongs, in v-shapes and parallel. There are earth connections, male and female, round and flat. And there are outlets without earth connection. There are plugs to match each, hopefully to match, somewhere if not here.

It can be a struggle to match even clearly defined physical entities on familiar ground, let alone when not

being simply here in this dream.

I know I let it all hang out; I let it rip; I let myself go; I let it fly. I vent.

Perhaps birds can fly because of their singular vent, their all-purpose cloaca interface. The usual perception of our human anatomical interface is much more complex, let alone the amazing theory of Anne Fausto-Sterling. She defines three sexes more than the usual female and male. Herms have both testes and ovaries; ferms have ovaries and some aspect of male genitalia; and merms have male genitals with some aspect of female genitalia. Ms. Fausto-Sterling cites that 17 out of every 1,000 births are intersexed, that is, do not fit the expected sexual anatomy. Who can classify the subtle anatomical differences, let alone the meanings given those differences? And how could all that be spoken?

Certain etymological paradoxes suggest how much is not revealed by language, let alone fully comprehended. Let us consider the word "let." There are two Old English roots of this short and ostensibly simple word. The first, lettan, means to delay or hinder. The other root, laetan, means to permit, to allow. The current meaning of this little word escapes me, like Schrodinger's cat let out of its bag. The purr of the word never lets up, never lets down. It merely sublets meanings to contexts that use it and then lets bygones be.

How can I let up, let alone let on, revealing the secret I do not want to keep from you, let alone from myself. How can I let myself rise from the merely somnolent, let alone from the grasp of



Morpheus' embrace?

Perhaps the only vent that avails, that lets this enterprise, is found at the deepest ocean bottom.

Hydrothermal vent, fissure in ocean floor near mid-ocean ridge, is outlet for super-heated mineral rich water. In this 176 Fahrenheit degree environ, chemosynthetic bacteria provide food to life forms who let go of the usual reasonable direct reliance on the sun for sustenance. These bacteria create food from sulfur compounds for giant tube worms, clams, limpets, and snails. Sulfur is not toxic here, let alone the usual stuff of fire and brimstone fear.

This pirate cannot let alone this outlet context, let alone not see here the feat of primal memory, this fete of imagination, that some see as the hole outlet that let

out all earth life in the early time. And then we let on we didn't mind, we let in we don't mind, and we let out we do. In emphasizing the improbability of contrasting examples could we simply create mind outlet, let alone let live in and bask in the bliss which is by nature never let alone?

How can you let me tell you, one on one, let alone embrace us as the one we are always becoming? ■

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Matt Condon, owner of Destin-based Signature Yacht Shares, is expanding with a new location on Fort Myers Beach.

The hassle-free way to own a boat is to share it

BY EVAN WILLIAMS
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The high cost and hassles of boat ownership is even more off-putting when you consider the amount of time people find to use their boats. It's easy to rack up thousands of dollars a year in slip fees and maintenance costs alone, but owners of mid-sized motorboats use their vessels an average of 50 hours a year. Yacht owners enjoy their investment an average of 75 hours per year, according to Boat U.S., a trade organization.

That's why "fractional ownership" companies are becoming more popular. They generally allow four to eight people to become part-owners of a boat, in effect forming a partnership. Members make a commitment to pay their part of the cost for a period of time and share the boat with the other owners. Their

commitment can vary from a month to three years or more, depending on the company they sign up with.

Michael Haney is a fractional owner of a mid-sized motorboat, a 32-foot Regulator, through Signature Yacht Shares. The company started in Destin last year and is in the process of opening a new location at Salty Sam's Marina on Fort Myers Beach. The purchase price, insurance, storage fees, maintenance — everything but gas and supplies used — is taken care of. Signature Shares keeps the boat clean, stocked and ready to go. All Mr. Haney has to do is schedule a time to use the boat and show up.

"Quite frankly, it is very reassuring that (the boat) is not all mine," said Mr. Haney, 59. "That's just a waste of resources."

Like other part owners with Signature, Mr. Haney pays a fixed amount over

a three-year period. After that, he can opt out. With Signature, a mid-sized motor yacht costing \$200,000 goes for \$25,000 per share. A share of Signature's \$5 million, 75-foot Viking yacht goes for \$375,000. Larger boats come with a captain and crew. It's too early to say which boats will be available for fractional ownership at the Salty Sam's location on Fort Myers Beach, said owner Matt Condon. But it's the same concept.

"We've congested the maintenance, the crew cost, insurance, dockage, maintenance, repairs — all the things that make it a hassle to own a boat," he said. "Those little costs that creep up on you. We try to mimic the positives of owning a boat, while taking advantage of the cost savings of fractional ownership. The only thing we're not willing to do

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Host of 'MoneyTrack' on PBS hints at what's coming up

POWER POINTS

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Money is always a sensitive subject, but in today's economy it's even more so as people worry about jobs, investments and everyday living expenses.

Pam Krueger, creator and co-host of

"MoneyTrack," which airs in Naples at 7 p.m. Wednesdays on PBS, helps the average working person decipher confusing financial jargon and understand the right approach to investing. Ms. Krueger, who will spend a few days in Naples after presenting at the American Public Television's Fall Marketplace Conference on Sanibel, gave Florida Weekly an inside look at what issues season three of her popular program will tackle.

As she explained, the show is about personal finance, but the emphasis is



KRUEGER

on investing because of the general confusion and lack of good information that's out there. "MoneyTrack" gets its message across by featuring real people and real stories. "Our stories reflect what's going on," she said, noting that it has covered all the crises from the credit, housing and bank crises to the overall fiscal crisis.

For instance, hedge funds are constantly touted as the way to invest and generate high returns in a relatively short time period. After initially refusing to go on camera, Ms. Krueger eventually convinced a few hedge fund managers to explain how hedge funds operate and what their fees really are. What the upcoming show reveals is that enormous fees are charged and that the results of the "super wealthy are really not any better than the market averages we all

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BUSINESS PROFILE

Work, community, family: Mark McCaw dives into it all

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Most people avoid risk. Mark McCaw thrives on managing it. He examines it, measures it and minimizes the risk for his clients, working to maximize the return on their financial investments. He uses his experience, expertise and professional resources to guide his decisions.

Weekdays, Mr. McCaw is senior vice president and senior portfolio manager for The McCaw Wealth Management Group of UBS Financial Services in Bonita Springs. During his nearly two-decade career in wealth management, Mr. McCaw has found he is happiest and works most effectively by developing personal relationships with his clients. He and his partners, Bill Clegg and Diane Lepola, share a philosophy of providing complete financial strategies that help clients live their dreams.

Along with similar outlooks on investments and financial planning, the three share a passion for client service and a commitment to their community. Their skills and personalities complement one another, and they work as a team, backed by two senior registered client service associates. The team, which has more than 75 years of financial planning experience, recently spent three days in Boston for UBS training held exclusively for Signature teams, the highest performers among UBS branches.

Mr. McCaw has worked in Bonita Springs since 1994. One of his earliest

contacts was Rex Sims, owner of Heaven Scent Flowers, who introduced him to the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs. Since then, Mr. McCaw has served as president, secretary and treasurer of the Rotary Club, chair of the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, chair of the foundations of both Rotary and the chamber, president of the Bonita Springs Assistance Office and coordinator of a variety of projects including Shots for Tots and the Mardi Gras Charity Gala & Auction.

Weekends, he exercises a different area of expertise.

A USA Swimming official, he is certified to referee both pool and open-water competitions at the highest national levels. He also is one of a handful of Americans certified as an open-water official with the Swiss-based Fédération Internationale de Natation. His refereeing duties have taken him from Guam earlier this year for the Junior PanPacific Swimming Championships to Manhattan during Labor Day weekend for the FINA 10km World Cup Open Water races.

He swam competitively as a youngster, and his interest was renewed when his daughter, Jackie, showed promise as a swimmer when she was 8 years old. While Mr. McCaw enjoyed the swim meets, he remembers spending all day at the pool to watch his three children swim for only a few minutes. Refereeing was a great way to get involved and stay busy at the meets.

The meets can be grueling, particu-



Mark McCaw

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developed into Olympic competitors. Although his position as an official keeps the relationships somewhat detached, he says he knows many of the swimmers most people watch during important televised meets.

Mr. McCaw and his wife, Karen, love to travel and sometimes use meets as vacation opportunities, staying for a few days to explore event locations. Hunting for great local restaurants is a favorite pastime.

The McCaws have three children: Christina studies nursing at FGCU; Jackie is a freshman at the University of Central Florida; and Richard is a sophomore at Bishop Verot High School. They are also hosting Gui, a Brazilian Rotary exchange student.

How does Mr. McCaw juggle work, civic duties, his refereeing responsibilities and his family? He credits the support of Karen, who was 16 years old when they first met in Lexington, Ky. They married several years later, and Karen worked in banking while he studied business administration, finance and economics at University of Kentucky.

Bullish about the U.S. and global economies, he describes current conditions as a healthy, natural cleansing process — one that the strongest, best companies in the world will survive. He feels that 2009 is not the time to sell. "If you invest money in the market today, five years from now, you'll be very happy you did," he says. "The key is not timing the market, but time in the market." ■

larly during Florida summers; some include 10 sessions held over four or five days. Although a coach or meet director organizes each event, Mr. McCaw is in charge of the actual meet and responsible for logistics, problems and all things unexpected. He's proud that good sportsmanship is expected, and the rare parental outburst is not tolerated by the competitors or by the crowd.

During his 12 years of officiating — all as a volunteer — he has followed the careers of many youngsters who

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Banking



KELLETT

Scott Kellett, president of Bank of Florida Trust Co., has been promoted to serve as president and CEO of the wealth-management company that has more than \$734.5 million in assets under administration

and offices in Naples and Fort Lauderdale. Mr. Kellett joined the company in 2005 as president of the West Coast division; in 2007, he was named president, and his responsibilities were expanded to include the East Coast division. He has 16 years of experience in wealth management financial and investment planning, trust administration, estate and tax planning and private banking for high-net-worth clients and foundations. He is chairman-elect of the Florida Bankers Association Trust Executive Committee and recently completed a six-year term on the board of its Trust School, where he serves as instructor in income tax, federal estate and gift taxes and other fiduciary law matters. He is called upon to lecture on economics and estate planning and recently spoke at a Federal Reserve Bank conference in Atlanta and to the Collier Building Industry Association. He holds a political science degree with an emphasis in economics from the University of Missouri in Columbia and a law degree from the University of Missouri School of Law.

Craig Sherman has taken a senior role in the Special Assets Division of Bank of Florida Trust Co. Mr. Sherman, who has more than 30 years of commercial, small business, consumer lending, commercial real estate and corporate lending experience, joined Bank of Florida at its inception in 1999. He holds a finance degree from Florida State University and is immediate past chair of Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida.

Broadcasting

Bob Garrett has been named program director at Beasley Broadcasting's

99.3 WJBX-FM in Southwest Florida. Mr. Garrett takes over from Matt Johnson, who remains program director for the company's 103.9 WXKB-FM. **John Cassio** has been named program director of Beasley's 770 WWCN-AM station.



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Health Care



CAMPBELL-DIXON

Nina Campbell-Dixon has been appointed operations manager at Ardent Manor, an adult day care center in Naples. Ms. Campbell-Dixon most recently taught at Lorenzo Walker Technical College in the dental assistant program. She previously resided in the Marshall Islands where she worked as a medical evacuator for the U.S. Army. She has more than 40 years of experience in the medical/dental profession, including specialized training in assisting those with Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and memory-related disorders.



TOALSON

Jackie Toalson has been appointed certified nursing assistant at the center. She previously worked at Millennium House adult day care center in Bonita Springs.



STELZER

Brenda Stelzer has joined the center as a staff nurse. Her nursing experience has included work at urgent care, facial plastic surgery and family practice center as well as in geriatric nursing.

Interior Design



MONGILLO

Robert Thomas Mongillo has joined Weber Design Group as project manager. A Naples resident since 1995, Mr. Mongillo holds a bachelor's degree in architectural engineering from Wentworth

Institute of Technology. He has worked in design and construction for developers and residential designers on projects of all sizes.

Veterans Services

Major General Mike Coyne (Ret.) has been named chairman of the Ameri-

can Military Veterans Education Fund cabinet at Hodges University. Gen. Coyne succeeds Joseph Frazier, who remains as a member of the cabinet. He began his military career in 1959 as an enlisted member of the New York Air National Guard. He was subsequently commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps in 1962 and served on active duty from 1964 until 1967. Upon his release from active duty, Gen. Coyne served in Marine Corps Reserve units, holding command and staff billets of ever-increasing responsibility. He was promoted to the rank of major general in 1992 and was appointed deputy assistant secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs/ chief of staff in 1995.

The mission of the cabinet is to help raise awareness and funds for the education of returning veterans. ■

NEW IN BUSINESS

Urban Dance Co. opens at Gymnastics World

Urban Dance Company has opened its new studio at 2187 Trade Center Way, Suite 3, home of Gymnastics World of Naples. Urban Dance Company offers specialized classes in aerial silk and trapeze, hip hop, urban tap, tribal and contemporary as well as urban ballet, acrobatics and boys' and men's gymnastics. Artist-in-Residence programs will be introduced throughout the year. Cross-fit classes, both "gymnastic style" and "circus style" are also offered in which participants get core workouts utilizing trampolines, tumble tracks, high bars, aerial silks, straps, trapeze and pole. For more information, call Karen Sipe at 216-2337 ■

Bobby Chan brings men's high fashion to Mercato

The first Southwest Florida location of Bobby Chan men's clothing boutique has opened at Mercato. Known for high-end styles from retro to contemporary, one of the shop's signature statements is the color block retro-style shirt in lightweight fabrics such as silk and eco-friendly bamboo. For more information, call 513-9300 or visit www.mercatoshops.com. ■



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have access to."

Another episode will feature Cole Bartiromo, the former high school student who was sentenced to three years for

the \$1.6 million Internet scam he ran. Ms. Krueger wants her viewers to listen and learn from Mr. Bartiromo, who used Web message boards to create hype around certain stocks and encourage people to invest. Turns out, it was simply a high schooler who broke into his father's Ameritrade account and scammed innocent people out of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

On the flip side, yet another episode will spotlight twins from Honduras who came to the U.S. knowing nothing about capitalism, free market or Wall Street. Yet, these two New York residents are now teaching others how to invest as little as \$25 at a time and still accumulate wealth. "It's very inspiring," Ms. Krueger said. "You can learn the basic concepts and learn what to buy in this market."

"MoneyTrack" audiences will also learn a lot this season from Ms. Krueger's very serious sit-down with John Bogle, founder of the Vanguard Group Inc. in which she inquires as to whether the old investing strategy of buy and hold is dead.

These are just some of the highlights of season three. Ultimately, Ms. Krueger said, her show strives to keep its message simple and clear, especially in these difficult times. "Focus on what you can control," she said. "There are too many things you cannot control, including unemployment and bad banking practices. What you can control is your own bank statement." ■



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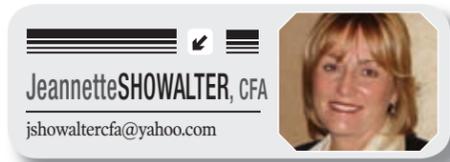
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MONEY & INVESTING

Cash: Is it king or false refuge?



another market decline during the years when cash is needed has resulted in larger cash holdings.

These shifts to cash are not easily unwound. These investors are not necessarily running scared; they are sizing up the other risks in their lives and have determined that cash is a solution until there is greater certainty in other parts of their lives. (Does any adviser really want to say that the U.S. economy is definitively out of the woods?) For these investors, cash is neither king nor a false refuge; it is simply a haven until other life issues are resolved or a path is seen with clarity.

The challenge therein lies in finding higher rates of return on the cash holdings — higher than government T-bill rates or 1.25 percent CD rates BUT not with greater risk or loss of liquidity. There may be no solution or at least not a widely known solution to that problem. And this is the \$64,000 investment question: Which investment is going to return more in the next 12 months — cash, equities, foreign equities, gold, bonds, etc.?

If you think the sky will fall again, then cash is king. To the extent that you perceive equities going higher and higher and higher, then of course cash is a false refuge. To the extent that you think inflation is about to take off or that the government extension of basically free money to the banks is about to end, well, then cash is king — because, eventually, bonds will be offered at higher rates and CD rates will rise too. If you think we

are in a liquidity trap, cash will offer little return but will still be a lot better than asset investing.

Liquidity trap, eh? It is a situation in monetary economics in which a country's nominal interest rate has been lowered nearly or equal to zero to avoid a recession, but the liquidity in the market created by these low interest rates does not stimulate the economy. In these situations, borrowers prefer to keep assets in short-term cash bank accounts rather than making long-term investments. This makes a recession even more severe, and can contribute to deflation.

Here are some thoughts as to what might be an alternative to cash for some

The U.S. equity market is up big time since March lows and, for the past two weeks, has been going nowhere. Trading significantly above its 200-day moving average has historically suggested some backing and filling or some fall off — not a prediction — just a look at statistical odds. CD and T-bill rates are not very attractive. In between the two are corporate bonds and, while they have recovered, there are still dislocations that manifest themselves in rather high yields. And this is where an adviser can help ferret out some issues of value that are offering higher yields but not inordinately higher risk. For example, there are REITS that have bought (from hedge funds and institutions which needed to liquidate) secured corporate loans with rather short maturities. Bought at 85 percent on the dollar or lower and tied to

floating LIBOR, they are paying 7.5 percent currently; may turn out to have 14-15 percent yields to maturity; and, if inflation returns, the interest rate will rise.

Another example are some partnerships that have bought apartment buildings — at the low end — but high quality units at very cheap prices. How so? Institutions have been forced to rebalance billion dollar portfolios — the fall in equities made real estate disproportionately too great a percentage in certain portfolios.

Another example of an alternative is a REIT or a limited partnership that leases to the U.S. government. More Social Security and Homeland Security offices are being built and they are under lease. They offer the same guarantee as U.S. government debt but are paying 7.5 percent currently.

Look again at your whole life policy. If you have a loan at 8 percent and you are planning to keep the policy, you might think of paying it off and or adding to paid-up additions and get paid a statutory 4 percent on cash values.

The financial markets are quite big and the recovery in asset prices has not eradicated all pricing inefficiencies. So talk to your adviser, banker, insurance agent, broker, counselor, etc. and see what alternatives there are to traditional cash holdings and if your percentage in cash is disproportionately large. ■

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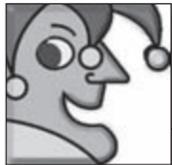
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Sign No. 1: The top dog and first mover in an important, emerging industry. Think of America Online in the early 1990s, for example. These companies come from emerging industries — like biotechnology today or e-commerce a few years back — because it's unlikely that the railroad or meat-packing industries will be rapid growers.

Sign No. 2: Sustainable advantage gained through business momentum, patent protection, visionary leadership or inept competitors. Can the company protect the advantage

it obtained from its first-mover status?

Sign No. 3: Strong past price appreciation. Sometimes, the best investments appear overvalued. You can buy into companies after they've doubled, or quadrupled, and still make huge profits.

Sign No. 4: Good management and smart backing. This is the most important attribute — and sometimes the most difficult to get right. Seek visionary leaders and look into a company's backers, too. If the best venture capital firms are behind a firm, maybe you should be, too.

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Investing in the right Rule Breakers can deliver a bonanza to your portfolio. This is aggressive investing, though, as many contenders will flame out. So don't park more than a modest portion of your assets in these companies.

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My Dumbest Investment

Good Idea Not Enough

My dumbest investment happened when I got a tip from a friend about a manufacturer of imaging equipment that had developed a way to detect breast cancer without having to compress a woman's breast (as is done in today's mammography machines). I'm not a woman, but that sure seemed like a welcome development. The bottom line is that the last time I checked, my \$3,000 investment was worth less than \$4.

— L.M.B., Maiden, N.C.

The Fool Responds: It's easy to get excited by companies with revolutionary products, such as cures for cancer, or hints of great profits, such as via discoveries of gold. You have to look more closely at these companies, though. A good idea isn't enough. Does the firm have enough cash to start making and selling the product? Will it be priced affordably? Is it healthy, paying its bills and collecting its accounts receivable? Can a competitor quickly materialize and steal profits? Does the miracle cure or gold mine really exist, or is there merely the hope of it? Is management talented and trustworthy? These questions and others are critical to assess before you invest. ■



Do you have an embarrassing lesson learned the hard way? Boil it down to 100 words (or less) and send it to *The Motley Fool* c/o *My Dumbest Investment*. Got one that worked? Submit to *My Smartest Investment*. If we print yours, you'll win a Fool's cap!

Last week's trivia answer

I was born in 1846 (more than 160 years ago!) when two New Englanders prepared baking soda for commercial distribution. My flagship brand name evokes limbs and tools. In 1986, more than 100 tons of it were used to clean 99 years of coal tar off the Statue of Liberty. Based in New Jersey, I'm involved in specialty chemicals, animal nutrition, and consumer products such as cleansers and home pregnancy tests. My brands include Lambert Kay, Nice'n Fluffy, Xtra, Arrid, Nair, Trojan, Pepsodent, Mentadent, Oxi Clean, Orange Glo, Kaboom and First Response. My annual sales top \$2 billion. Who am I? ■

(Answer: Church & Dwight)



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Ask the Fool

Investing for the Long Term

QI've heard that you should invest in stocks for the long term. Just how long is that?

— A.P., online

A Well, for tax purposes, you should aim to hang on for at least a year and a day, so that any gains qualify for the long-term capital gains rate, which is currently 15 percent for most of us. (Short-term gains, from holdings of one year or less, are taxed at your ordinary income rate.)

In general, though, aim to hold on for at least several years, if not many years — as long as the company remains healthy and growing at a good clip, and as long as its stock hasn't gotten way ahead of itself. Many fortunes have been built by people who invested in various companies for decades.

QWhere can I find out when a company's recent stock splits were? I'd also like to see a chart that shows me how the stock performed after its splits.

— F.R., Tampa, Fla.

A A good source is the horse's mouth. Call the company's investor relations department and ask. If you're online, head to <http://finance.yahoo.com>, enter the company's ticker symbol, and click "get quotes." Then choose "Basic Chart" in the blue box on the left. Right under the chart and above more data you'll find a list of recent splits. For lists of past and upcoming splits, visit <http://biz.yahoo.com/c/s.html>.

Just don't give stock splits undue importance. Suddenly owning more shares can be exciting, but it's not too meaningful. Pre-split, you might have owned 100 shares priced at \$50 per share (total value: \$5,000). Post-split, your 200 shares are worth about \$25 each, for a total of ... \$5,000. Not much has changed.

Got a question for the Fool? Send it in — see *Write to Us*.

Name That Company

I trace my roots back to the mid-1990s, when I was known as Republic Industries. Today, based in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., I'm America's largest automotive retailer, with more than 250 new-vehicle franchises in 15 states and more than 15,000 employees. I've sold more than 7 million vehicles (under 37 different brands), more than any other auto retailer. In 2008, my new-vehicle sales totaled almost \$8 billion,



and my used-vehicle sales topped \$3 billion. I'm also America's largest provider of factory-authorized vehicle parts and services. I was added to the S&P 500 index in 2003. Who am I? ■

Know the answer? Send it to us with *Foolish Trivia* on the top and you'll be entered into a drawing for a nifty prize!

The Motley Fool Take

Caterpillar Signs

Global giants such as heavy equipment maker Caterpillar (NYSE: CAT) can offer clues about the health — or lack thereof — of the U.S. and global economies.

Caterpillar recently reported some bad and not-so-bad quarterly results. It earned \$404 million in its third quarter, down 53 percent from last year's levels. As you'd expect, the decline was due primarily to a reduction in volume. On the flip side, however, Caterpillar benefited from cost reductions, a smaller employee base (17,000 fewer workers than last year), and a lower effective tax rate, among other things.

During the company's conference call, management noted that "Over the past

year, we have seen an extraordinarily steep drop in demand in the industries we serve." Yes, that does sound ominous. But looking ahead, CEO Jim Owens observed, "We are seeing encouraging signs that indicate a recovery may be under way." For 2009, management is now forecasting higher profits, and for 2010, it anticipates sales and revenues improving by 10 percent to 25 percent from the midpoint of 2009 expectations.

To keep your finger on the pulse of the global economy, watch Caterpillar and other industrial bellwethers, such as Dow Chemical and Ingersoll-Rand, closely. And if you'd like to profit from our eventual economic recovery, consider adding Caterpillar to your watch list. ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

► **"The Retailer's Holiday Shopping Tool Kit,"** a free program presented by the Collier County Sheriff's Office for small business owners and managers, takes place from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, at East Naples Community Park. Seating is limited. To make a reservation, e-mail Cpl. Dennis Huff at dennis.huff@colliersheriff.org or call 252-0709.

► **The Jewish Business Network of Southwest Florida** meets for breakfast and business on the second Friday of the month (next meeting Nov. 13) from 7:30-9 a.m. in the conference room at Robb & Stucky, 13170 Cleveland Ave., Fort Myers. Call 433-7708 or e-mail yourjbn@chabadswf.org.

► **ABWA Neapolitan Chapter** holds

its holiday celebration and fundraiser from 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17, at the Hilton Naples. Businesses, organizations and individuals are encouraged to gather a group of 10, pick a theme, dress up, decorate their table, and celebrate with other organizations. Individual tickets are \$40. For more information, visit www.holidayauctionevent.com or call Kena Yoke at 592-9193. The chapter normally meets for dinner and a business meeting with program on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Hilton Naples. Meetings begin with networking at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members. RSVP at www.abwaneapolitan.org.

► **Wake Up Naples!** hosted by the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce begins at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov.

18, at the Hilton Naples. Admission for chamber members is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Future members (limit two events) are \$25; non-members are \$45. Register at www.naples-chamber.org.

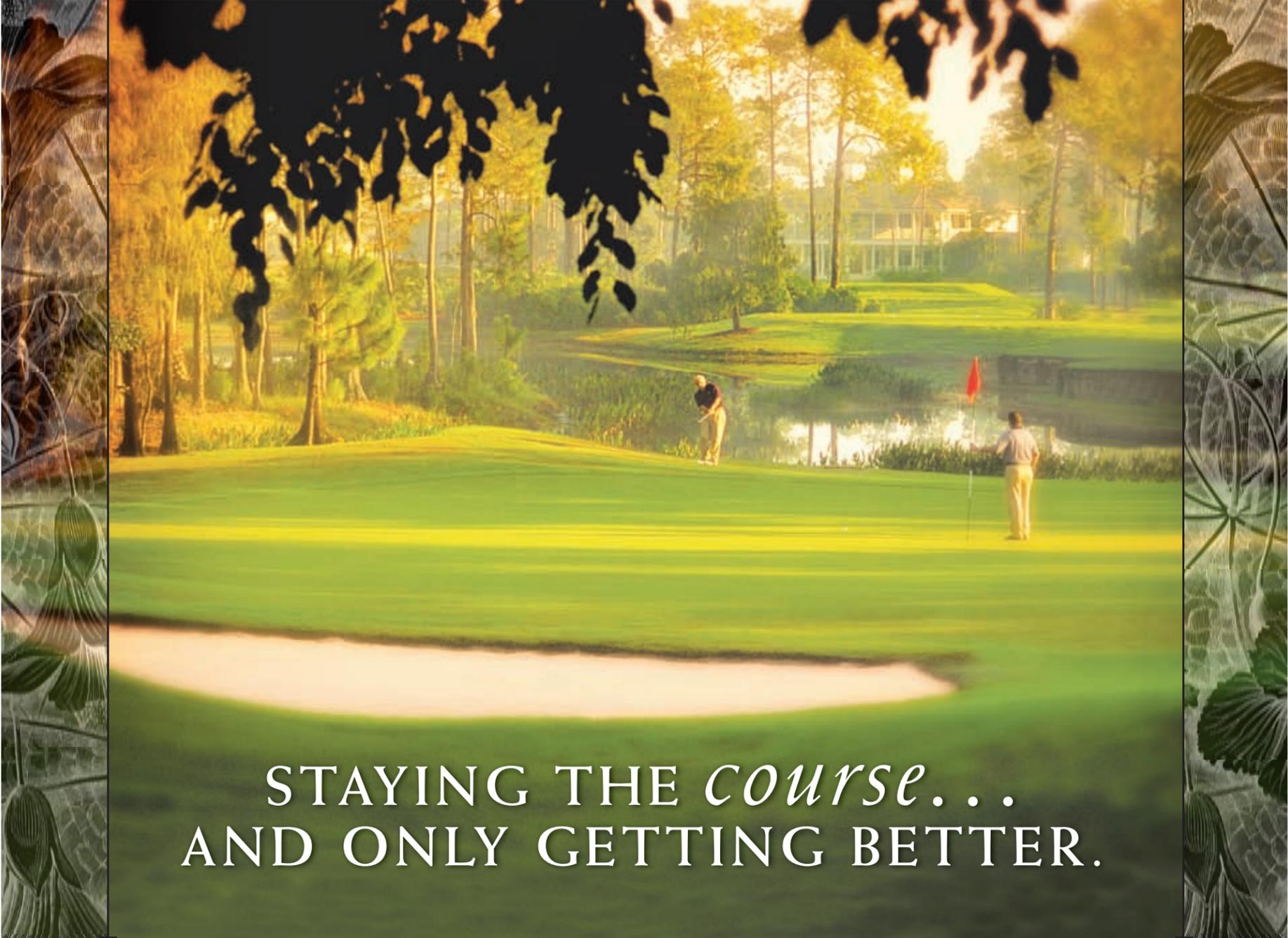
► **The Southwest Florida Christian Chamber of Commerce** will hear from Tim Cartwright about "Economic Gardening" at its lunch meeting beginning at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, at Naples Church of God, 1074 10th Avenue N. Cost for members is \$11 including box lunch or \$5 bring your own; non-members pay \$13 or \$7. Registration is required by calling 481-1411 or by going online to www.hischamber.org.

► **The Business Builder Council of the Collier Building Industry Asso-**

ciation holds a member mixer beginning at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, at Mr. J's Tavern at 13510 Tamiami Trail N., behind Walgreens at the corner of Wiggins Pass Road. Cost is \$10 and includes appetizers. Call 436-6100.

► **The Collier County Women's Bar Association** meets at noon on the fourth Wednesday of the month (next meeting Nov. 25) at Northern Trust, 4001 Tamiami Trail N.

► **The Zonta Club of Naples** holds business luncheon meetings at noon on the first Tuesday of each month (next meeting Dec. 1) at the Hilton Naples. Networking begins at 11:30 a.m. For reservations, call Sally Sitta at 262-1283. For more information, visit www.zonta-naples.org. ■



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Bonita Bay Group reaches agreements with club members

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The Mediterra Members Advisory Board and Bonita Bay Group have agreed that the members of the New Club at Mediterra will purchase club assets for \$6.8 million in cash and assume the \$15 million Community Development District debt. The agreement received strong support from the residents and members of Mediterra with 95 percent of former members and an additional 150 residents, who were not previously members, joining the New Club.

"We are deeply appreciative of the Mediterra residents and club members who together seized this opportunity to control the destiny of our club and community," says Richard Schmidt, chairman of the Mediterra Members' Advisory Board.

The sales agreement includes The Club at Mediterra and its two championship golf courses, an 1,800-square-foot golf learning center, a 25,000-square-foot clubhouse and a sports club with tennis courts, pool, three spa rooms and a fitness center. It also includes the private Mediterra Beach Club on the Gulf of Mexico.

"While this has been an incredibly difficult process for everyone involved, it has created a unity and bond among all the residents and members in Mediterra that sets our community apart as a very special place to live," Mr. Schmidt says.

The agreement represents "a significant step toward resolving the financial challenges facing our company due to the global economic crisis and the dramatic downturn in the Southwest Florida real estate market," says David Lucas, chairman of BBG.

Shadow Wood and The Brooks

The Shadow Wood Country Club Member Board, The Brooks Commons Club Transition Team and BBG have an agreement in principle for the members of both clubs to purchase the combined club assets for \$8.25 million in cash. The agreement is subject to final documentation and a vote of approval by the combined membership of the clubs.

"This agreement provides us with a time-limited opportunity to control our own destiny and to benefit from the marketing advantage of being a member-owned club in today's real estate market," says David English of the SWCC Member Board.

The sales agreement includes Shadow Wood Country Club and its two 18-hole golf courses, the Shadow Wood Preserve club and golf course, and the amenities at The Brooks Commons Club.

The Club at TwinEagles

The Club at TwinEagles membership and BBG have reached an operating agreement whereby the TwinEagles Talon golf course, practice range and clubhouse will reopen on Saturday.

"These agreements are important next steps in our process of reshaping and repositioning the company for the future," Mr. Lucas says. "In the future, we expect to be a smaller, more nimble development company with the ability to react more quickly to changing market conditions." ■



COURTESY PHOTOS

The Donatello coach home opens in Avellino Isles enclave at Vineyards

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Premier Builders has completed construction of its Donatello model in the Avellino Isles enclave of the Vineyards. The elevator coach home has three bedrooms, 3½ baths, a study, formal living room, dining room, great room and

kitchen with a dining nook and breakfast bar. The luxury home offers 2,814 square feet of living space under air, 4,554 square feet of total space, and is priced starting at \$795,500.

Reminiscent of an Italian village, complete with brick-paved driveways, bubbling fountains and Mediterranean artist-

ry, Avellino Isles brings together all the best of the Florida lifestyle, with a private clubhouse for residents that has a vanishing-edge swimming pool overlooking a sparkling lake, six reflecting pools and a cabana equipped with grills for entertaining. The 5,600-square-foot clubhouse includes a library, fitness room, card/TV room, kitchen and a grand salon.

Vineyards is an award-winning 1,375-acre gated residential community with two 18-hole golf courses, 12 Har-Tru tennis courts, a 70,000-square-foot clubhouse and single-family as well as multi-family homes. Full golf memberships to Vineyards Country Club are available for a limited time. For more information, call 353-1500.

To learn more about Premier Builders and the Donatello model, call 353-1920 or visit www.VineyardsNaples.com. The Vineyards Corporate Center and sales offices are at 75 Vineyards Blvd. ■



Above: The formal living room
Left: The gourmet kitchen
Bottom: The screened porch



South Bay Realty team comes to the rescue in short sales

Lesley Garlock, Lisa Reis and Christine Yeaw are the new Short Sale Rescue Team at South Bay Realty, specializing in assisting property owners in the sale of their properties to avoid foreclosure.



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Winters named Toll Brothers' top sales manager

Stan Winters has been named Toll Brothers sales manager of the month for October. Mr. Winters is a sales manager at The Reserve at Estero, a community of single-family homes on Estero Parkway in Estero. He began his career in real estate sales in 2001 and has worked in new home sales for eight years. He joined Toll Brothers in February 2007. He is a Florida-licensed Realtor and member of the national and Florida associations of Realtors. In addition to The Reserve at Estero, Toll Brothers' West Florida Division includes Belle Lago in Estero and Firano at Naples. ■

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Distinctive Communities completes a new masterpiece in Olde Cypress

Distinctive Communities has completed its newest spec home, the Da Vinci, in the Wild Orchid neighborhood of Olde Cypress. The four-bedroom, four-bath home is available for immediate occupancy. It has 3,665 square feet under air and a three-car attached garage with paved driveway. A large screened lanai area offers an easterly view of the golf

course and has an outdoor kitchen area and heated pool and spa.

The home's decorative wood front doors open to a living area with naturally aged maple wood flooring that extends from the foyer to the living room and dining room. The gourmet kitchen is accented with stainless steel appliances, custom cabinets, a cook-top

stove with decorative hood and granite counter tops.

The Da Vinci has brains as well as beauty. It earned the Florida Power & Light Gold level Buildsmart certification for energy efficiency. There is also a complete security system and quick recovery hot water system.

The Wild Orchid single-family neighborhood at Olde Cypress meanders through the heart of the community. There are a number of golf course home sites available on the 15th and 16th fairways of the P.B. Dye golf course. Custom floor plans by Distinctive Communities are also available.

The exclusive listing agent is Chris St. Cyr of John R. Wood Realtors. For more information, call 269-0745. ■

Coral Hospitality selected as Top 35 golf management company in the U.S.

Coral Hospitality, a full-service hospitality management, consulting and investment company specializing in hotels, clubs and residential communities, has been named to Golf Course Industry Magazine's Top 35 Golf Management Companies in the U.S. list.

Tied with Empire Golf Management and In Celebration of Golf for 27th place in the Top 35, Coral Hospitality's selection on this list is based on company growth, number of locations man-

aged and growth projections for 2010. The company has widened its spectrum to include a diverse portfolio of resorts, hotels, condominiums, private golf clubs, marinas, spas and community associations. Currently managing a collection of more than 25 properties throughout the southeastern United States and Caribbean, Coral Hospitality operates each with a core belief in providing thoughtful service in unique surroundings. ■

Learn how to make the old and the new work together at home

The Robb & Stucky showroom in Naples invites the public to a free seminar about design tips and trends. "Bring in the New, and Keep the Old" takes place at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18. Making room for new furniture? Don't put antiques and family heirlooms away just yet. Let Robb



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SHARING

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is change the name of the boat for each shareholder.”

Other fractional programs offer smaller commitments. Wind Path Sailing at Burnt Store Marina, on Charlotte Harbour, lets a small group of six to eight people buy into a fractional ownership program for one of its two Catalina sailboats. They require only a three-month commitment, costing \$500 to \$600 per month. That's not bad considering a monthly slip fee might run \$400, says Wind Path owner Bob Johnson.

Both companies are based on the idea of hassle-free, cost-effective boat ownership.

“I think a lot of the advantage is you just don't have to worry about it in the off season or during hurricane season,” Mr. Johnson said.

Most fractional ownership programs allow people to schedule time to use the boat online.

“I think their biggest concern with shared use is will they be able to schedule the time that they want?” said Mr. Johnson. “I haven't really gotten a lot of complaints or concerns about the cost for what they get.”

Growing popularity

In the past, it wasn't uncommon for friends to split up the cost of a boat. But serious investments can put a strain on friendships when handled casually, which is one reason why fractional programs have become more popular.

“Money and friendship don't mix too well,” said Caroline Ajootian, consumer affairs director for Boat U.S., the trade organization. “Fractional ownership makes that relationship a lot more formal and sets parameters and rules for how things will be done.”

For boaters, the idea of sharing has become more popular during the recession as they looked for ways to cut costs. “I haven't seen any studies that show it's definitely a trend,” said Ms. Ajootian “But (the increasing popularity of fractional ownership and boat-leasing clubs) is a logical trend considering the state of the economy, the cost of owning a boat and just our general lifestyles these days. All of us have so many things that we do that it makes sense to have access to a boat without bearing the full cost of owning it.”

Freedom Boat Club, with 10 locations on Florida's west coast, including Naples, Fort Myers and Punta Gorda, doesn't offer fractional ownership. Instead, boaters simply pay \$150 to



COURTESY PHOTO

Bob Johnson, owner of Wind Path Sailing at Burnt Store Marina, sells fractional ownership shares in two Catalina sailboats.

\$200 per month to use whatever boats the club has available and can quit paying any time. It's less personalized than fractional ownership and doesn't offer many of the amenities, but it's far less expensive.

It's also an example of the growing popularity of boat sharing. The com-

pany was founded in Sarasota 20 years ago, but 2008 was the most profitable year in its history, said President Bob Daley. It's added 35 boats to its fleet of 130 and opened an 11th Florida location in Jacksonville. It also has 46 franchised locations in the southeastern United States.

Fractional ownership companies have also become more sophisticated, with various ownership options and amenities to simulate full ownership.

“There are all kinds of ways to join,” said Mr. Haney, owner in the Signature Shares program. “I chose to pay the most capital up front and the least amount per month. But you pay about one-tenth of what it would cost you to buy that boat and own it yourself. I have access to a very sophisticated offshore boat as long as another member is not using it.”

Like Freedom Boat Club and Wind Path Sailing, Signature Shares offers a training program for inexperienced boaters as part of the membership cost. Pride of full ownership is one thing fractional ownership or boat leasing clubs can't provide.

“When you own a boat yourself, you're the captain, you're the general manager,” Mr. Condon said. “For them to relinquish that control, we have to have a lot of credibility.” ■

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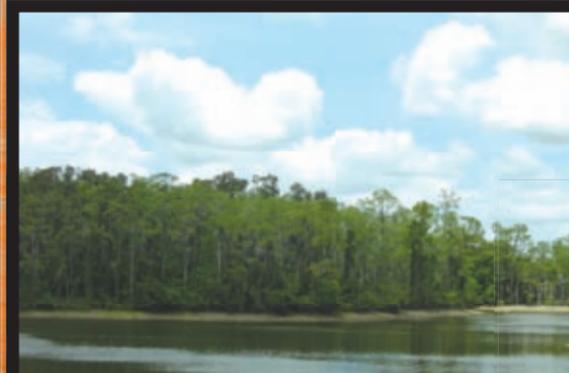
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#1102 - Gulf, Bay and city views from this 3 bedroom, 3 bath turnkey furnished residence. Community clubhouse, pool, spa. \$799,000 | Leah Ritchey/Ray Couret | 293-5899



VANDERBILT BEACH SAUSALITO OF NAPLES ▲
#1 - Over \$70K in upgrades, 3-story townhouse across from beach & on the bay. High-impact glass, 4 balconies, boat slip. \$739,000 | Gayle Fawkes | 250-6051



BONITA BEACH- CAROLANDS ▲
Across from the beach, deep-water direct Gulf access, covered boat lift. Home fully renovated. Possible leaseback. \$699,000 | Cheryl Mease | 691-8104



VANDERBILT BEACH - THE VANDERBILT CLUB ▲ #302 - Smack on the sand, feels like your own private beach house with ease of condominium living. Docks available. Turnkey. \$695,000 | Marion Bethea/Anne Killilea/Adrienne Young | 261-6200



BANYAN WOODS- RESERVE II ▲
#202 - Outstanding 3 bedroom plus den coach home with upgrades. Private elevator. Walk to shopping! Beautiful lake/pool views. \$549,900 | Carolyn Weinand | 269-5678



VANDERBILT BEACH VANDERBILT YACHT & RACQUET CLUB ▲
Magnificent long water views. Spacious with 2 bedroom suites. Bright, crisp & clean. Community across from beach. \$549,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731



OPEN SUN. 1-4
BANYAN WOODS- RESERVE II ▲
5055 Blauvelt Way #202 - Upgrades galore! An incredible lake front 3BR+den, 3BA coach home, private elevator. Lanai with Jennair grill. \$545,000 | Pat Duggan | 216-1980



VANDERBILT BEACH VANDERBILT SURF COLONY II ▲ #205
Panoramic bay views and gorgeous sunsets from every room. Open kitchen, wraparound lanai. Freshly painted. \$529,000 | Marsha L. Moore | 398-4559



BONITA SPRINGS SAN CARLOS ESTATES ▲ Quiet country living on a 1.25 acre site, yet near shops. Newer, spacious 3BR+den home. Family room, heated pool. \$485,000 | Pam Umscheid/Stephanie/John Coburn | 948-4000



BONITA SPRINGS - BONITA VILLAGE III ▲
#3301 - Gated resort community with private beach shuttle. Quality construction, 2 pools, spa, fitness center & clubhouse. \$479,000 | Cheryl Mease | 691-8104



BONITA SPRINGS - BONITA VILLAGE III ▲
#3507 - Two bedroom, two bath wide open floor plan with volume ceilings. Custom paint, tile in all living areas. Furnished. \$459,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210



VASARI COUNTRY CLUB- ALTESSA ▲
#101 - Model perfect, "WOW" S. exposure golf course view! Barely lived in 2BR+den, 2BA in a "bundled" golfing community. \$419,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210



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BEACHWALK GARDENS ▲
Walk to the beach! Furnished, 2nd floor, 2 bedroom, with 1,780+ total SF, vaulted ceilings and a lake view. \$324,000 | Pat Duggan | 216-1980



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Furnished 2 bedroom, 2 bath residence with split floor plan, vaulted ceilings, and lovely views over 1 of 3 lakes. \$320,000 | Carol Loder | 860-4326



COCONUT POINT - RAPALLO ▲
#204 - New and never lived in 3BR/2BA near beach, shops & dining. Long lake views, private garage. Five star amenities. \$297,000 | Cynthia Joannou | 273-0666



OPEN SUN. 1-4
VASARI COUNTRY CLUB - TRIESTE II ▲
#11081 Corsia Trieste Way #206 - Impeccably maintained, turnkey furnished 2BR+den/2BA. S. exposure, unobstructed lake/ golf views. Bundled golf. \$245,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210

VANDERBILT BEACH

SAUSALITO 9400 Gulfshore Drive #6
A unique Bayfront property across from the Gulf of Mexico, 3BR/3BA penthouse. Deeded boat dock and beach access. \$875,000 | Gayle Fawkes | 250-6051

REGATTA II 410 Flagship Drive #601
Beautiful Bay views! Former model 3BR+den end residence. Buyer must assume any current rental bookings. Near beach. \$825,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731

LA SCALA 9700 Gulfshore Drive #203
Beautiful wide water views! Beautifully updated 3 bedroom with over 1,750+ total SF. Boat dock with lift included. \$814,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731

REGATTA III 470 Launch Circle #303
A beautiful 3BR/2BA condominium. Magnificent amenities, excellent rental history. Walk to beach. Nicely furnished. \$599,999 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731

REGATTA III 460 Launch Circle #302
Upgrades galore in this 3 bedroom residence. Granite kitchen with backsplash, tile throughout & faux finishes. \$599,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731

Lots & Acreage

REGATTA Flagship Drive BS #23
Rarely available 40 ft. boat slip with Gulf access. May only be purchased by a Regatta owner. \$99,000 | Leah Ritchey & Ray Couret | 293-5899

REGATTA 425 Launch Circle BS #25-B
This 30' boat slip with 14' beam is a corner, finger dock & quick Gulf access. Must be an owner in Regatta. \$68,500 | Bernie Garabed | 571-2466

COCONUT POINT

RAPALLO 8597 Via Giribaldi Circle N. #PH305
A southwest penthouse with lake views. Two bedrooms plus den with many upgrades. Many wonderful amenities. \$199,500 | Barbara Bardsley | 784-6924

BONITA SPRINGS

Lots & Acreage

BRENDAN COVE 9124 Brendan River Court
Magnificent homesite located on the Imperial River. SW exposure, surrounded by beautiful homes. Direct Gulf access. \$749,000 | Dan O'Dea | 250-2429

BONITA FARMS 27025 Belle Rio Drive
Corner lot at end of waterway with Gulf access or boat to the backwaters for fishing. Your dream homesite. \$299,000 | Dan O'Dea | 250-2429

BONITA FARMS 27191 Esther Drive
The serene riverfront site is the perfect setting for your home to be built. View of river and Gulf access. \$299,000 | Mark/Laura Maran | 777-3301

BONITA FARMS 27151 Mora Drive
Beautiful waterfront site is perfect for your waterfront dream home to be built. Gulf access from this site! \$199,000 | Mark/Laura Maran | 777-3301

NUTTINGLIKIT GROVE 10251 River Drive
Enjoy the serenity of this riverfront site. A perfect setting for your home to be built. \$199,000 | Mark/Laura Maran | 777-3301

SERRANO 27148 Serrano Way
Great building site with lake view. New community with boat and launch on the Imperial River. \$159,000 | Pam Umscheid/Stephanie/John Coburn | 948-4000

VASARI COUNTRY CLUB

BELLINO 28346 Altessa Way
Fantastic 3BR+den, 2BA home. Private pool, spa, quiet location all in a bundled golf community with many amenities. \$499,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210

Condominiums/Villas

TRIESTE II 11111 Corsia Trieste Way #201
Two bedroom plus den corner residence. Fabulous views out every window and privacy galore! Diagonal tile, moulding. \$285,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210

VANDERBILT BEACH AREA

Condominiums/Villas

PAVILION CLUB 881 Gulf Pavilion Drive #201
Turnkey furnished corner residence. Hurricane shutters, pergo floors & built-in grill on the lanai of this 2BR+den. \$399,000 | Carolyn Weinand | 269-5678

BEACHWALK VILLAS 837 Reef Point Circle
One-of-a-kind 2BR/2BA villa owned and designed by an interior decorator. Overlooks a peaceful lake. Walk to beach. \$399,000 | Carol Loder | 860-4326

BEACHWALK VILLAS 871 Reef Point Circle
Fabulous view over the lake and fountain to the south sets this lovely 2 bedroom, 2 bath villa. New tiled roof. \$355,000 | Carol Loder | 860-4326

VANDERBILT BEACH ESTATES

Single Family Homes

NEW LISTING 349 Tradewinds Avenue
Fantastic bay home. Two-story plan, 5BR/4.5BA including full guest apartment. Heated pool, spa, boat dock with lift. \$1,399,000 | Teri Purvis | 597-2993

451 Flamingo Avenue
Complete renovation! Waterway/preserve views. Large lanai and oversized pool. Dock lift can accommodate a 40'+ boat. \$995,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552

Lots & Acreage

452 Heron Avenue
This is a great boating neighborhood where you can build your dream home. Walk to the beach. Southern exposure lot. \$864,000 | Teri Purvis | 597-2993

BANYAN WOODS

4992 Rustic Oaks Circle
Custom designed & professionally decorated southern exposure courtyard home. Lap pool, cabana, and outdoor shower. \$830,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



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10 • PARK SHORE - VENETIAN COVE CLUB • 3500 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. #404 • Premier Properties • \$450,000 • Ed Cox/Jeff Cox 860-8806. •

11 • WYNDEMERE - WATER OAKS • 80 Water Oaks Way • Premier Properties • \$499,000 • Kathryn Hurvitz 659-5126

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13 • THE VINEYARDS - VALLEY OAK • 216 Silverado Drive • \$524,900 • South Bay Realty, Lesley Garlock, 239-289-1351 • Wed. and Sun. 1pm-4pm

14 • OLD NAPLES - WARWICK • 280 - 2nd Avenue South • Premier Properties • \$598,000 • Cindy Thompson 262-2097

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15 • BONITA BAY - ESPERIA & TAVIRA • 26951 Country Club Drive • Premier Properties • New construction priced from the \$600s. • Call 800-311-3622. • Mon. - Sat. 10-5 and Sun. 12-5

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16 • MOORINGS • 2338 Beacon Lane • Premier Properties • \$749,000 • Virginia Wilson 450-9091

17 • PELICAN ISLE YACHT CLUB III • 425 Dockside Drive #403 • Premier Properties • \$785,000 • Suzanne Ring 821-7550

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18 • PARK SHORE - BAY SHORE PLACE • 4255 Gulfshore Blvd. N. #702 • Premier Properties • \$850,000 • Marian Bethea 261-6200

19 • THE DUNES - GRANDE PHOENICIAN • 275 Indies Way, Unit 406 • \$850,000 • South Bay Realty, Nancy Kamenick, 239-860-2219 • Sat. - Sun. 1pm-4pm

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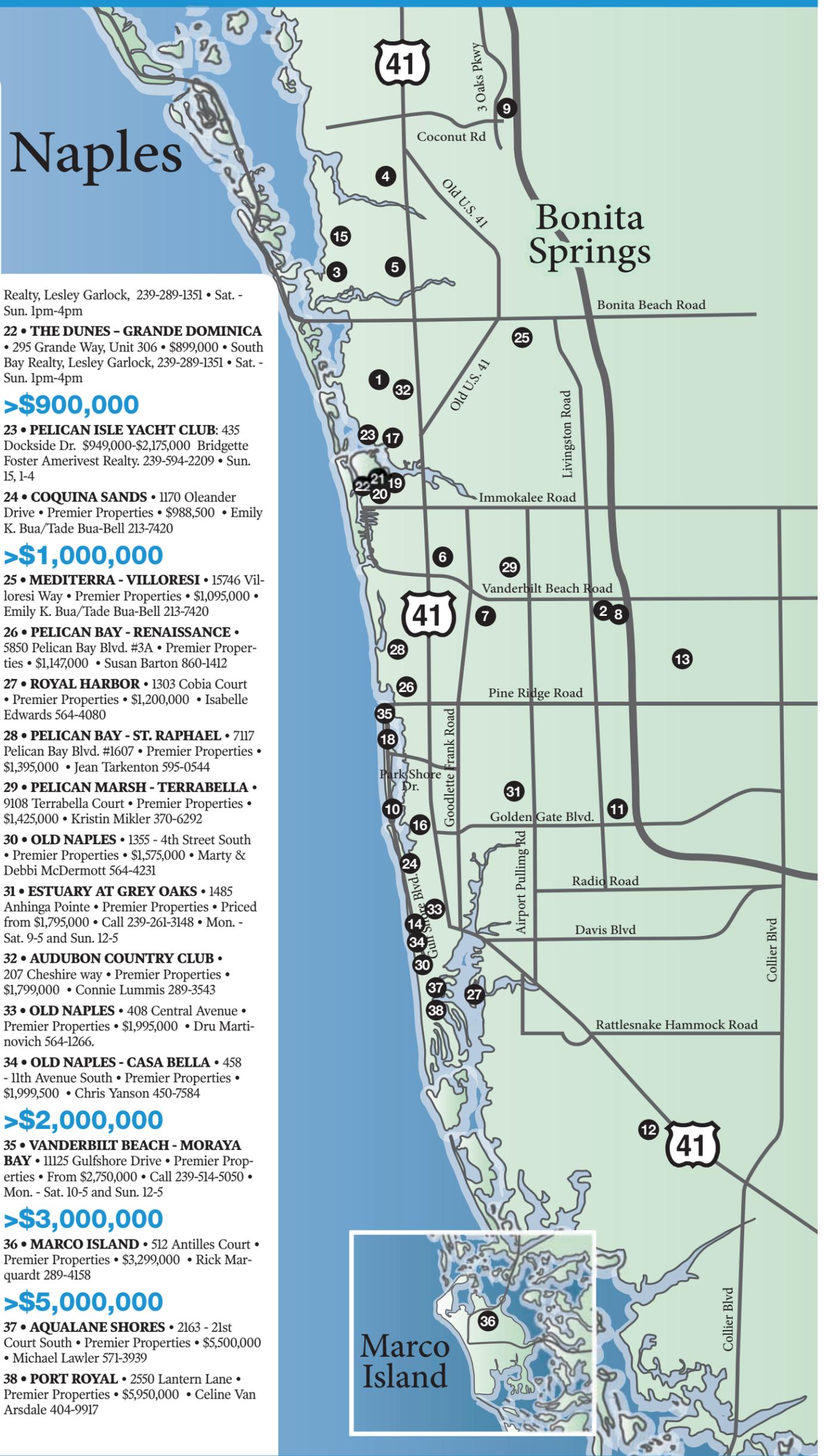
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PELICAN BAY- CAP FERRAT #PH22 - 4,600+ SF A/C, 2,300 SF of terraces, pvt. rooftop terrace. \$160,000+ in backgrounds, 5BR+den, Gulf/Preserve views. \$3,275,000 | Philip N. Collins | 404-6800

NEW LISTING



PELICAN BAY- ST. RAPHAEL #1105 - Luxury, pristine 3BR/3.5BA tower residence has a spacious single-family home feel plus spectacular high-rise view. \$2,285,000 | Jean Tarkenton | 595-0544



PELICAN BAY- GEORGETOWN Borelli-built, French Provincial 2-story manor home. 5 BR with elevator, media room & library. Turnkey furnished. \$2,895,000 | Jane Darling | 290-3112



PELICAN BAY- CAP FERRAT #1001 - SW corner residence, panoramic Gulf/bay views. Den, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, high-end finishes, pool, secured entry. \$2,800,000 | Ellen Eggland | 571-7192



PELICAN BAY- BARRINGTON Spectacular lake views! Large screened lanai with pool & outdoor kitchen. Master suite wing plus 3 other bedrooms. \$2,395,000 | Mary Halpin/Jamey Halpin | 269-3005



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PELICAN BAY- ISLE VERDE This villa is absolutely stunning and offers 4,000+ SF under air. Over \$300,000 in recent improvements. \$2,195,000 | Jane Darling | 290-3112



PELICAN BAY- BARRINGTON Pristine 4 BR+den/5.5BA pool home on golf course. Tram to beach, golf/social memberships, fitness center, tennis. \$2,000,000 | Sharon Kipytky | 777-3899



PELICAN BAY- BARRINGTON Overlooking lake and golf, 3,946 A/C SF, 3BRs plus den. Gourmet kitchen, Australian cypress floors, 3-car garage. \$1,995,000 | Jane Darling | 290-3112



PELICAN BAY- PINECREST Renovated inside and out, 4 bedroom, 4.5 bath home. Cook's kitchen, family room, heated pool/spa, 3-car garage. \$1,795,000 | Janet Rathbun | 860-0012



PELICAN MARSH- TERRABELLA Large, private lake-front property. Separate guest cabana, 4BR+den, open-air courtyard, pool, spa and 3-car garage. \$1,690,000 | Red Soars | 290-2448



PELICAN BAY- COCOBAY 7853 Cocobay Drive - Lakefront courtyard villa with guest cabana. Three bedroom plus den. Private pool/spa. Many recent improvements. \$1,665,000 | Cathy Owen | 269-3118



PELICAN BAY- COCOBAY Lakefront courtyard villa. Three bedrooms, den and 3,440 total SF. Separate guest house. Screened courtyard. \$1,650,000 | Linda Platt | 269-2322



PELICAN MARSH- TERRABELLA 9108 Terrabella Court - WOW! Incredible SW view of pool/spa to lagoon. Detached 4BR/4.5BA+den villa, formal living, dining & family rooms. \$1,425,000 | Red Soars | 290-2448



PELICAN MARSH- GRAND ISLE Spectacular lake & golf view! Mediterranean inspired 4BR/4.5BA+den courtyard villa, 3,861 SF A/C. Pool, spa. \$1,200,000 | Ray Cooret/Leah Ritchey | 293-5899



PELICAN MARSH- TERRABELLA Contemporary villa with European-style finishes. Three bedroom, upgraded cabinetry, guest cabana & courtyard pool/spa. \$1,185,000 | Red Soars | 290-2448



PELICAN BAY- RENAISSANCE 5850 Pelican Bay Blvd. #3A - Charming 3BR/3BA with high ceilings, granite, wood-burning fireplace, loft library, skylights. Furnished. \$1,147,000 | Susan Barton | 860-1412



PELICAN MARSH- GABLES 1004 Spanish Moss Trail - Four bedrooms, 4 BA's, 3-car garage, pool, lake view. Granite counters, fireplace, tray ceilings, 2 new A/C systems. \$1,145,000 | Ray Cooret | 293-5899



PELICAN BAY- L'AMBLANCE #201 - Sensational view! Tropical aquascape view enhances the open spaciousness of this coach home. Incredible amenities. \$995,000 | Ellen Eggland | 571-7192



PELICAN BAY- ST. RAPHAEL #14 - Corner 3 bedroom, 3 bath villa with private elevator, sunny private pool, fireplace and "Juliet" balcony. \$999,000 | Karen Coney Coplin | 261-1235



PELICAN BAY- HERON #802 - Your home in the sky awaits. Stunningly remodeled. Unobstructed bay and Gulf views. Two bedrooms, den, 3 baths. \$925,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126



PELICAN BAY- MARBELLA #1105 - Wonderful Gulf views from this 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath with approx. 2,000 total SF. Full service building. \$899,500 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



PELICAN MARSH- IVY POINTE Lovely villa with 3 bedrooms plus a den/study and 2,900+ total SF. Spectacular lake/golf views! Refurbished pool cage. \$870,000 | Carol Loder | 860-4326



PELICAN BAY- INTERLACHEN 6732 Pelican Bay Blvd. - Spacious floor plan with 3 bedrooms and 2-car garage. Wonderful lake/pool views. Beach access, pool, tennis. \$699,500 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



PELICAN BAY- ST. MARISSA #1002 - Endless Gulf of Mexico views from this 2BR plus den condominium. Beautifully updated building with great amenities. \$639,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731



PELICAN BAY- PEBBLE CREEK #403 - Panoramic golf & lake views! Meticulously maintained, tasteful decor, 3BRs. Pool, across from private beach tram. \$599,000 | Dave/Ann Renner/Esther Van Lare | 784-5552



PELICAN BAY- ST. MAARTEN #602 - WOW Gulf/beach view, great building, excellent location! Den, 2BR/2BA. Private beach tram. Near shops/restaurants. \$595,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210



PELICAN BAY- BREAKWATER #203 - This 2 bedroom + den features picturesque southern lake views, a glass-enclosed lanai, huge oversized 2-car garage. \$575,000 | Mary Halpin/Jamey Halpin | 269-3005



PELICAN MARSH- VENTURA Expansive great room & kitchen. "Spinnaker" floor plan, 3 BR plus loft/den, lanai with pool. Attached 2-car garage. \$545,000 | Pat Duggan | 216-1980



PELICAN MARSH- OSPREY POINTE #101 - Quiet location overlooking golf course. Southern exposure, 2BR+den/2.5BA, many upgrades. Clubhouse with pool & spa. \$489,000 | Janet Rathbun | 860-0012



PELICAN BAY- ST. NICOLE #203 - An outstanding 2BR/2BA furnished condominium with a terrific view of the mangrove preserve. Private beach access. \$499,000 | Fred Alter | 269-4123



PELICAN MARSH- TIMARRON 1908 Timarron Way - A/cy, exquisite 3BR/3BA plus loft villa on a corner lot. Private pool with southern exposure. Golf, tennis, clubhouse. NOW \$499,000 | Pam Hartman | 216-7045



PELICAN MARSH- OSPREY POINTE #101 - Priced \$100,000 below comparable properties. Bring offers! Furnished 3BR. Social/golf memberships available. \$429,000 | Mary Catherine/Larry White | 584-9484



PELICAN BAY- CHATEAUFORT #201 - Beautifully renovated! Spectacular lake/golf views. Enclosed lanai with sliding glass doors. Turnkey furnished. \$425,000 | Linda Ohler | 404-6460



PELICAN MARSH- CLERMONT #202 - Three bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, and a 2nd floor location. Lake views and palm tree-lined sunsets. Tastefully updated. \$399,000 | Pam Hartman | 216-7949



PELICAN MARSH- ARIELLE #2101 - New wood flooring & great decor! This corner 3 bedroom plus family room/den residence enjoys a peaceful lake view. \$357,500 | Jean Tarkenton | 595-0544



PELICAN MARSH- CLERMONT #202 - PRICED TO SELL! Mint condition, recently renovated 3BR/2BA coach home. Clubhouse, pool, tennis & community ctr. \$335,000 | Wendy Hayes | 777-3960



PELICAN MARSH- ARIELLE #907 - Beautifully decorated 2 BR + den on the golf course with 2,066 total SF. Close to the beach. Amazing amenities. \$305,000 | Vickie Larscheid | 250-5041

PELICAN BAY

MONTENERO 7575 Pelican Bay Blvd. #508 - Warm beachfront home with western exposure, 3,400 SF A/C, & private elevator. Panoramic views of Gulf and preserve. \$1,975,000 | Judy Perry/Penny Lyle | 261-6161

TERRA MAR 572 Terra Mar Lane - Rare lakefront 3 BR villa sits on oversized Terra Mar lot with southern exposure. Vaulted ceilings and lots of glass. \$1,150,000 | Linda Platt | 269-2322

ST. LAURENT 6849 Grenadier Blvd. #705 - Spacious corner 3 bedroom with Bay, Gulf and golf views. Panoramic sunsets from open air lanai. Large master suite. \$1,150,000 | Michael Lawler/Janet Rathbun | 571-3929

GROSVENOR 6001 Pelican Bay Blvd. #1705 - Extremely open and airy stand-out. Modified plan. Granite countertops, marble flooring, 3M film on all windows. \$1,090,000 | Larry Wachowicz | 777-0741

ST. RAPHAEL 7117 Pelican Bay Blvd. #1504 - Stunning views from this gorgeous 15th floor, 4 BRs plus a den, 4 baths and 3,100 SF under air residence. \$1,050,000 | Jane Darling | 290-3112

ST. RAPHAEL 7117 Pelican Bay Blvd. **OPEN SUN. 1-4** #1607 - Spectacular sunsets over Gulf with totally unobstructed views from this penthouse. Sunrise terrace overlooks golf. \$1,395,000

#1607 - Spectacular views over Gulf, Bay & golf! Exquisitely appointed 3BR/3BA. Health club, pool, tennis, 4 guest suites. \$1,395,000

#207 - Peaceful, tropical setting with sunsets galore. Bamboo flooring, 3 bedrooms, hurricane shutters & 2,200+ total SF. \$995,000 | Jean Tarkenton | 595-0544

PELICAN BAY

PENDING SALE: VILLA LANTANA 7084 Villa Lantana Way - Totally updated 3 BR, 2.5 BA pool home in a small, lovely complex. Two bedrooms on 2nd floor with enclosed porch. \$999,000 | Carol Loder | 860-4326

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LAS BRISAS 18 Las Brisas Way - Gorgeous 2-story 3 bedroom, 3 bath villa, plus a powder room. Private pool and brick lanai. New roof and A/C. \$995,000 | Jane Darling | 290-3112

BEAUVILLE 7000 Rue De Marquis - Charming 3 BR + den, 3 bath villa with 2,900 total SF on oversized corner lot. Gated entry. Family room open to pool. \$895,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420

PENDING SALE: ST. LAURENT 6849 Grenadier Blvd. #1702 - Cosmopolitan elegance, Gulf & fairway vistas! SW exposure, 1,640 SF A/C, 2 master suites, family room, 2 terraces. \$849,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420

ST. RAPHAEL 7117 Pelican Bay Blvd. #14 - Elegant garden residence, private pool and luxuries of condominium living. Two bedrooms, great room, marble floors. \$745,000 | Cynthia Joannou | 273-0666

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The Music of Led Zeppelin at the Phil
Nov. 18.
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Naples Philharmonic Orchestra rocks to the music of Led Zeppelin

BY NANCY STETSON

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It's a given: Every new generation of composers borrows from and builds upon what's come before.

Some pioneers of rock borrowed the energetic beats of jump and jive; others adopted the syncopation of western swing.

Some groups, such as Led Zeppelin, took the American blues and reinterpreted the tunes with wailing electric guitars. They also went further back and incorporated orchestral music into some of their songs.

While rock bands nowadays don't think twice about incorporating orchestras into their music, the reverse rarely happens. But the Naples Philharmonic is getting ready to rock out with its full orchestral power and beauty in an

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"Pay no attention to the man behind that curtain," booms the Wizard of Oz, in an effort to keep his clandestine actions from Dorothy and her friends.

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SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

When inexperience is a shame



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I recently came across a copy of *The Village Voice*, the New York City newspaper committed to liberal views and liberal use of the word “f&*#.” *The Voice* has everything you’d expect — reviews of indie rock bands, ads for escort services — and some things you wouldn’t (an unsettling “Ask a Mexican” column). An advice section toward the back drew my eyes, and it read like a Dear Abby for naughty New Yorkers.

One advice-seeker, in particular, caught my attention. “I’m a straight female in her early 20s, currently engaged to a handsome man three years older,” the poster began. “We’re very happy, and we have a strong, healthy relationship, but lately, I’ve been worried about one question: Considering my limited sexual experience . . . is it possible to have a long, enjoyable sex life with him? I’ve gotten some (well-intentioned, I’m sure) advice that suggests that we are both making mistakes. I can’t have a satisfying sex life without being able to compare him to anyone else, I’m told, and he’s making a huge mistake by pairing up with a less experienced partner.”

This perplexing debate arrived on the heels of several conversations I’d just

had with girl friends, conversations held separately, over separate cups of coffee, with women who are as different as vinegar and molasses. The first woman — foxy, smart and bold — confided her fears that she would be too inexperienced for her new love interest.

“Too inexperienced?” I asked.
“I haven’t — you know. Done much,” she said.

I was shocked. She’s in her 20s and a college graduate. Few women I know make it though the cesspool of undergraduate hormones and liberation without a roll in the hay (or two) and the requisite walk of shame afterward. But I was proud of her. Here was a girl who had held onto what people once considered sacred — her “carnal treasure,” as Topher Grace calls it in the romantic comedy “Win a Date with Tad Hamilton!” And she was embarrassed about it.

Less than a week later, the second friend confessed to a similar embarrassment. In her soft southern accent, she, too, admitted being inexperienced and she, too, worried her new paramour would soon grow bored.

What saddens me about these two young women — and the third from *The Village Voice* — is not their lack of experience. It’s how mortified they seem. I wonder when we stopped honoring our chaste women and started making them feel ashamed of their virginity.

In his reply to the poster in *The Vil-*

lage Voice, writer Dan Savage gave a wise response. “Are you happy? Is he happy? That’s all that matters,” Mr. Savage said. “And there are plenty of men and women out there in miserable, sexually dysfunctional marriages who met after both had plenty of experience.”

In the end,



“Few women I know make it though the cesspool of undergraduate hormones and liberation without a roll in the hay (or two) and the requisite walk of shame afterward...”

we define our love lives by the quality — and not the quantity — of our romantic experiences. We would do well to keep that in mind, even as we seek the next notch in the bedpost. ■

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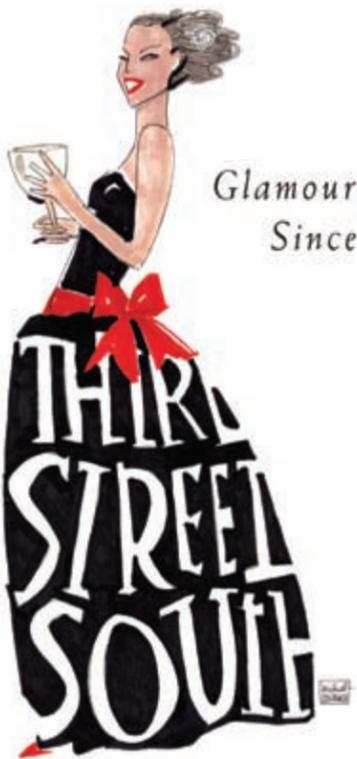
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ZEPPELIN

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evening of Led Zeppelin music, complete with a five-member rock band, on Wednesday, Nov. 18, at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts.

It's not the typical symphonic repertoire, but then, this orchestra is known for its musical versatility.

"Our orchestra... plays ballet, they play chamber music, they play jazz, they play blues, they play pops," says Phil CEO and founder Myra Janco Daniels. "And now they'll play Led Zeppelin. I'm terribly proud of their flexibility and high professionalism."

Her favorite Led Zeppelin songs, Mrs. Daniels adds, are "Stairway to Heaven" and "Heartbreaker."

Unique harmonic structures

Guest conductor Brent Havens, grew up on the Led Zeppelin music he has since arranged for performance by an orchestra. "'Stairway to Heaven' and 'Whole Lotta Love' were all over the radio then," he says about his teen years in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Led Zeppelin was one of the first bands to use orchestration. "The Doors did, too," Mr. Havens says. "They have strings and some brass in a number of their tunes... a lot of the classic rock groups in the '70s did."

Think Moody Blues. The Eagles. Pink Floyd. And, of course, Led Zep.

"Kashmir," from the band's "Physical Graffiti" album, has a full brass and string section performing. Mr. Havens arranged the song to include woodwinds and percussion.

One of the things that put Led Zep on the cutting edge in the '70s was that they experimented with different harmonic structures, placing one on top of the other — something that was rarely done in rock music, Mr. Havens says. "What made Zeppelin stand out was that they used open tunings on their guitar, which allowed for multi-harmonic structures, a chord on top of a chord, which was really unusual."

He can transcribe their music by computer now, but in the early '90s, the technology wasn't as sophisticated. "I had to listen over and over: *What the heck is that? What are they playing?* It's chords on top of chords."

The also used "a lot of licks, rhythmic patterns. Like in 'Black Dog,' there's a rhythmic and melodic pattern — no harmony —going on in the background.

"To play that with just a guitar and a bass player is great. But when you have 50 musicians on stage playing that line — the flutes and the oboes and trumpets and cellos and violins — it's a massive sound.

"It's a blast. It's a great time. You don't get to hear that kind of stuff anywhere else."

'I try to do it justice'

Those who fear that an orchestra performing Led Zep means the songs will lose their bite are wrong, says Randy Jackson, the singer who fronts the band playing the Phil with Mr. Havens. "We're a full-tilt rock band, and no, it's not going to be Muzak by any means. We try to recreate what people are listening to on the records, and the orchestra added into that makes it all the more powerful."



JACKSON



A five-piece rock band will join the Naples Philharmonic for "The Music of Led Zeppelin."

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Mr. Jackson's favorite Led Zep song to listen to is "The Rain Song," but his favorite one to perform is "Since I've Been Loving You."

"It gives you chills when you hear it," he says. "It's a slow blues song, with the orchestra just soaring behind the band."

Mr. Jackson is not a Robert Plant impersonator, he hastens to add.

"I don't have his tone," he says. "I hit the notes, I try to do it justice. I'm not out there with a wig that impersonators would wear."

"It's (Randy's) voice, and not Robert Plant," Mr. Havens stresses. "But man, he sure kills it! He has that sound, the emotion... he's got the whole package."

Mr. Havens' favorite Led Zep song is "The Ocean," because "the meter changes every bar for the first 16 bars," he says. "... Hand that to someone who's an average musician and say 'Write that out!'"

Mr. Havens, Mr. Jackson and the band have a repertoire of 18 Led Zeppelin songs. The Nov. 18 audience at The Phil should expect to hear "The Immigrant Song," "Kashmir," "Whole Lotta Love" and "The Ocean." (For some strange reason, their repertoire doesn't include the classic "Rock and Roll," the song with which Led Zep

opened its shows in the early '70s, and then used as an encore at the close of the decade.)

A change in careers

As a teen, Mr. Havens planned to become a lawyer. He loved music, he says, but he never saw it as a career.

"I was a jazz guy," he says. A big fan of Maynard Ferguson, he'd buy the trumpeter's albums, listen to them and transcribe all the tunes. He'd then take the transcriptions to school for his high school band to play. But they couldn't. The music was too complex.

His stage band director talked to his symphony band director, who pulled him aside and said, "You might want to consider going into music. This isn't a normal thing to do."

"Had that band director never said anything to me, I'd be a lawyer now," Mr. Havens says.

When he recently guest conducted the Cincinnati Symphony, he looked up his high school stage band director and symphony band director. They both remembered him, he says, and he took them to lunch to thank them for their encouragement all those years ago that changed his career path.

Orchestras get hip

Mr. Havens has been getting orchestras to play classic rock since the fall of 1995.

"Back then, very, very few orchestras were willing to take a chance on something so different," he says. "We didn't do a whole lot of concerts, not until the early 2000s. I think orchestras at that point began looking to bring different audiences in."

Someone attending a Led Zep orchestral show might return to see another performance, venues reason.

They performed in Louisville, Ky., recently, with the Louisville Orchestra playing the music of The Eagles. Prior to the concert, an announcement was made that anyone holding a ticket wouldn't have

to pay to see the orchestra perform a more traditional program the following night.

Out of a crowd of 2,100 people, they expected maybe five or 10 people might show up, Mr. Havens says. "But 120 people showed up. It introduced them to a whole different genre, which was great."

The orchestras get into the shows, too.

"A lot of the musicians come up to me, and say, 'I listened to this tune way back then, and now I know what it looks like on paper, and it's a cool thing,'" he says. "A lot of them say, 'I knew every one of those tunes. I knew these as a kid; I snuck into my room and listened to these tunes when I was supposed to be practicing.'"

"They recognize, too, that it's something that's going to draw an audience. The audience freaks out and goes nuts. It's cool for their orchestra to be hip. They're not stick-in-the-muds."

Although no members of Led Zeppelin have come to their concerts, although guitarist Jimmy Page heard their music when he had to approve it for radio play, to advertise the shows, Mr. Havens says. And the daughter of the late John Bonham, the group's drummer, came to a show in Los Angeles and brought friends.

"She loved it," Mr. Havens says.

"Audiences love it," Mr. Jackson says. "It's hard to find somebody who didn't like it."

"The audience is there to celebrate Led Zeppelin, and we're just there to help them." ■

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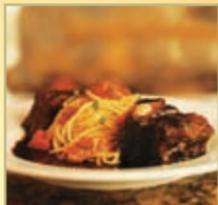
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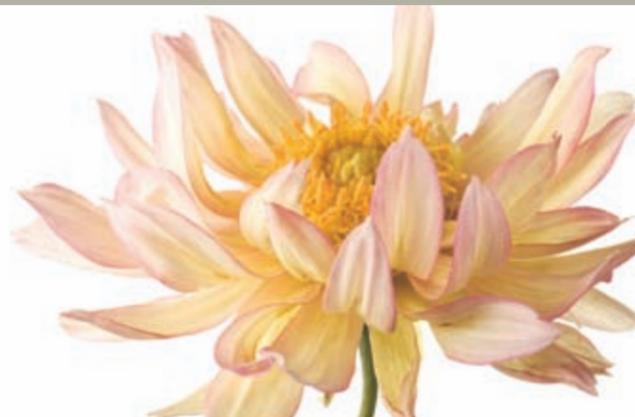
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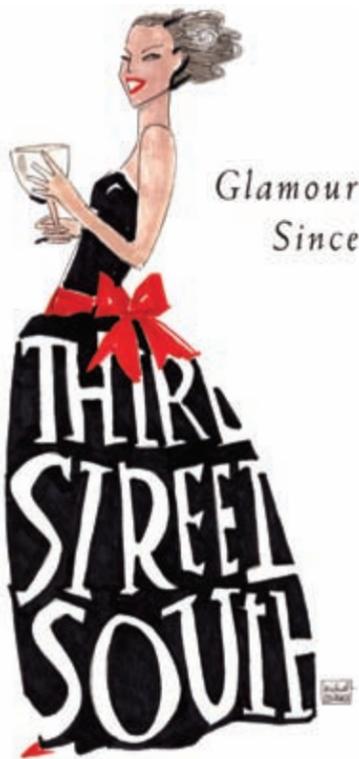
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Friday, Nov. 13

■ **Holiday Shops** – Le Bourdon and Cottontails welcome browsers and shoppers from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Saturday. In Fountain Park Centre, 7935 Airport Pulling Road. 596-3336 or 594-9005.

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■ **Opera Outdoors** – Join Opera Naples for "Opera Stars Under the Stars" at 7:30 p.m. tonight and Saturday in the band shell at Cambier Park. 514-7464.

■ **Free Concert** – Gulf Coast Town Center presents the Cypress Lake High School Steel Drum Band beginning at 8 p.m. in Market Plaza. 267-0783 or gulfcoasttowncenter.com.

Saturday, Nov. 14

■ **C'Mon at Waterside** – The Children's Museum off Naples presents an art gallery and clay sculpture studio for kids from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the pavilion at Waterside Shops. 514-0084.

■ **Garden Grand Opening** – Naples Botanical Garden celebrates its official ribbon-cutting and grand opening at 11 a.m. 643-7275.

■ **Art at Coconut Point** – Howard Alan Events presents the Coconut Point Fall Art Fair today and Sunday at Coconut Point. Admission is free.

■ **Arts and Crafts** – A Fine Art and Craft Show takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Cambier Park. 262-6517, ext. 109.

■ **Holiday Bazaar** – North Naples United Methodist Church holds its annual holiday bazaar from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ **Chess anyone?** – The Southwest Florida Chess Club invites players of all ages and abilities to gather at Books-A-Million at Mercado from 1:30-5 p.m. 898-0458 or e-mail swflchess@yahoo.com.

■ **Ad Libbing** – The Art League of Bonita Springs presents Naples City

ARTS COMMENTARY

No egos, just writers learning and laughing at Sanibel conference



The annual Sanibel Island Writers Conference has developed a reputation for being a writers conference without an ego.

A Florida Gulf Coast University event, it attracts not only students but professional and aspiring writers from all across the country.

This year, approximately 140 people attended.

In years to come, it might become known as the conference that persuaded FGCU President Bradshaw that the university "needs to have a major in creative writing," as he announced this past weekend, just before keynote speaker Carl Hiaasen spoke to the near-capacity auditorium at BIG Arts.

Dr. Bradshaw's promise of starting a creative writing major at FGCU was met with enthusiastic response, some leaping to their feet and cheering as if their favorite team had won a championship.

Conference director and FGCU instructor Tom DeMarchi, who followed the president at the podium, was visually stunned and uncharacteristically at a loss for words. Finally finding his voice, he said, "Something just happened that I didn't expect to happen, so I just want to capture my reaction."

When he held a camera at arm's length and took a photo of himself looking stunned, the audience broke into laughter.

And the laughs kept coming throughout the night, when Julianna Baggott read selections from her novels as well as when Mr. Hiaasen took the podium. (Mr. DeMarchi introduced him as "a man who is making environmental sustainability sexy.")

Mr. Hiaasen spoke to the crowd about journalism and writing books. He confessed that he speaks, rather than gives readings, because when he read his books, especially his older titles, he's tempted to edit them as he reads, seeing ways he could improve his sentences and dialogue.

He also said that when initially approached by a publisher to write a young-adult novel, he didn't think much of the idea. His agent, however, thought it would be a good thing. Although Mr. Hiaasen didn't think anything would come of it, "Hoot" wound up winning a Newberry Award and being made into a movie. It also gave Mr. Hiaasen a much younger reading audience.

The idea was just to write one kids' book, but Mr. Hiaasen has recently published his third. Set in Southwest Florida, "Scat" is about the Florida panther, an endangered species.

In his young-adult novels, the author leaves out cursing, drug references and sex, but his humor is still the same. "The voice is authentic," he said. "It's how I look at the world. The transition is not as difficult as you may think."

He just has to be sure not to include anything that's not age-appropriate.

What is age-appropriate, he said, is "smart-ass stuff."

"Kids love smart-ass stuff," he said. "The more you poke fun at authority, kids love it."

Insider secrets

Mr. Hiaasen revealed that he doesn't plot his novels. He has his characters, he explained, and "you have a little stage in front of you. You throw them on stage and see how they bump into each other. It's just like real life: nobody's life is planned by an outline."

He quoted his friend and fellow novelist Elmore Leonard, who doesn't plan out his novels either: "Why would I write them if I knew how they were going to end?" Mr. Leonard asks.

Mr. Hiaasen also said selling the rights of his novels to Hollywood "is like taking your kid to the Charles Manson Day Care Center."

He said his training as a journalist (Mr. Hiaasen is still a columnist for the *Miami Herald*) helped enormously in writing fiction. It gave him both the discipline and the tools to write.

"It's all storytelling; you have to know how to tell a story," he said.

Other conference highlights

- Ishmael Beah, author of "A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier," a former No. 1 *New York Times* Best-seller, gave a reading and taught a class in memoir writing.

- "Listen deeply," Mr. Beah urged the attendees. "When you listen deeply, you hear what is unspoken as well."



COURTESY PHOTO

Carl Hiaasen chats with a young admirer at last weekend's Sanibel Island Writers Conference.

- The conference included two singer/songwriters this year. Willy Vlautin, lead singer and songwriter of the group Richmond Fontaine and author of "The Motel Life" and "Northline," taught a class in fiction. And Dan Bern, who composed music for the soundtrack of "Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story" and seems to be the lovechild of Bob Dylan and Tom Lehrer, taught a class in songwriting.

One evening, the two gave a concert. Though each accompanied himself on acoustic guitar, the two were a study in contrasts. Mr. Vlautin's music is dark, moody and sparse, while Mr. Bern's lyrics are often hysterically absurd.

- In his songwriting class, Mr. Bern led his students (I was one of them) in writing jingles and gave them an assignment to eavesdrop on people in public places as a means of finding song lyrics. He then had us write a group song, with three verses and a chorus.

As an exercise, Mr.

Bern challenged us to write a song about a sport, using "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" as a model and melody. People wrote songs about tiddlywinks, bridge, curling and the board game Clue. (If I remember correctly, for the Clue song, the "Root, root, root for the home team" line was something like "And it's kill! Kill! Kill Mr. Mustard.")

Though I attended the class out of curiosity, I wound up writing a song about synchronized swimming for that assignment. I don't know if that's a sport or not, but I live in Florida now, and so that's what came to mind. My first two lines were: "Oh sweet synchronized swimming/Wonderful ballet of pools."

There's just something so kitschy about synchronized swimming.

"We're singing all the time when we speak, because we don't speak like robots (with equal inflection on each word)," Mr. Bern told us. "We're singing creatures."

In word or song, we're singing creatures. ■



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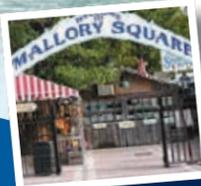
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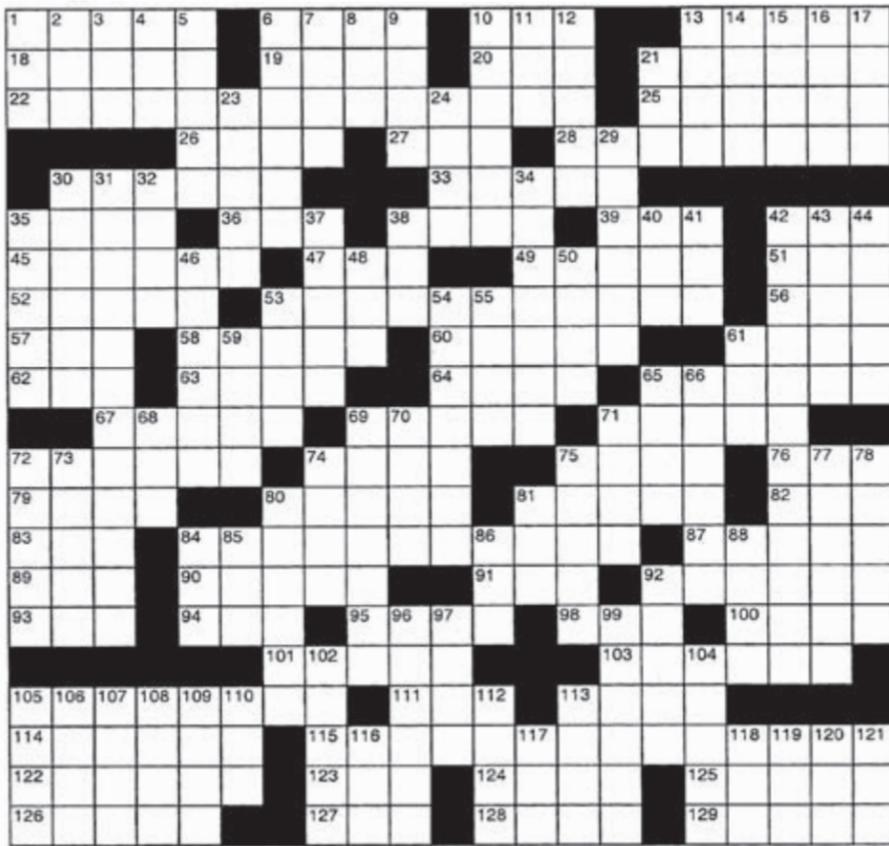
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- 1 Williamson of "Excalibur"
 - 6 The — Brothers
 - 10 Urban transport
 - 13 Get the lead out
 - 18 Harden
 - 19 Stallion's son
 - 20 "Agnus —"
 - 21 Mason's tool
 - 22 Cat-show judge?
 - 25 Puts aside
 - 26 Carpenter's item
 - 27 Cavity
 - 28 Model boat?
 - 30 Degrades
 - 33 Mongoose's enemy
 - 35 Bungle
 - 36 One of the Marches
 - 38 "If I — you . . ."
 - 39 White House grp.
 - 42 Beret kin
 - 45 Queen of mystery
 - 47 Tell it like it isn't
 - 49 Winter warmer-upper
 - 51 See 105 Down
 - 52 Sluggishly
 - 53 Dislike of a relative?
 - 56 Branch
 - 57 Swiss canton
 - 58 "— Dawn" ('73 song)
 - 60 Moving man?
 - 61 Strait-laced
 - 62 71 Across feature
 - 63 Support
 - 64 Not quite adult
 - 65 Kevin of "American Beauty"
 - 67 Renown
 - 69 Board game
 - 71 Casals' instrument
 - 72 Messenger
 - 74 "Younger — Springtime" ('49 song)
 - 75 Exceptional
 - 76 Be a buttinsky
 - 79 So be it
 - 80 Wallace of "The Princess Bride"
 - 81 Type of orange
 - 82 Bray beginning
 - 83 Lion's lair
 - 84 A different place to get married?
 - 87 Newscaster Lesley
 - 89 Mythical monster
 - 90 Danger
 - 91 UK honor
 - 92 Steven of "Exit Wounds"
 - 93 Comic Louis
 - 94 JFK info
 - 95 Literary lioness
 - 98 Edinburgh veto
 - 100 Westover or Tambllyn
 - 101 Emit
 - 103 Indiana river
 - 105 Wood-chopping mishap?
 - 111 Married Mlle.
 - 113 Identical
 - 114 Use logic
 - 115 Like a quick-fingered poker player?
 - 122 Chased rainbows?
 - 123 Competitor
 - 124 "Dies —"
 - 125 — cotta
 - 126 Stratum
 - 127 TV's "Too Close — Comfort"
 - 128 Deserve
 - 129 Occurrence
- DOWN**
- 1 Tuck's mate
 - 2 Shiba — (Japanese dog)
 - 3 Mongrel
 - 4 Rink legend
 - 5 Bowe blows
 - 6 Charge
 - 7 Reformer Lucretia
 - 8 Lilly or Mintz
 - 9 Command at a corner
 - 10 Perry White, for one
 - 11 Meyerbeer's "—"
 - 12 Lucknow lute
 - 13 Art Deco name
 - 14 Carrot or parsnip
 - 15 Crooked
 - 16 Trickle
 - 17 In addition
 - 21 "For shame!"
 - 23 "Sleeping with the —" ('91 film)
 - 24 Mediter-ranean port
 - 29 Foul
 - 30 Charm
 - 31 Aggressive-ness on Wall Street?
 - 32 Genesis figure
 - 34 Suits
 - 35 Disgusted
 - 37 Fills to the gills
 - 38 Moisten
 - 40 Letters of desperation?
 - 41 Machine part
 - 42 Kremlin tomb?
 - 43 Hawk's home
 - 44 One of the Yokums
 - 46 "Swingin' School" singer
 - 48 Claire or Balin
 - 50 — impulse (suddenly)
 - 53 Landed
 - 54 Centipede's sensor
 - 55 Departs
 - 59 "My word!"
 - 61 Chum
 - 65 Medieval menial
 - 66 Kindly
 - 68 Pantry item
 - 69 Atlas or Aznavour
 - 70 Actress Goldie
 - 71 Java joint
 - 72 Wore
 - 73 Abrasive substance
 - 74 Bangkok native
 - 75 Poe crow
 - 77 Cover old ground
 - 78 Bellows
 - 80 Athlete's injury
 - 81 Triangular sail
 - 84 Mimic
 - 85 Word with on or off
 - 86 — degree (somewhat)
 - 88 Skater Lipinski
 - 92 Forms a dart
 - 96 Trudge
 - 97 Big rig
 - 99 Come to
 - 102 Employees
 - 104 Ms. Midler
 - 105 With 51
 - 106 Lucy Lawless role
 - 107 Shrewd
 - 108 Land in the ocean
 - 109 Action figure
 - 110 Greene's "The — of the Affair"
 - 112 Falco or Adams
 - 113 Injury after-effect
 - 116 Herd word
 - 117 Significant years
 - 118 Gun the engine
 - 119 Nav. neighbor
 - 120 Decorative vase
 - 121 Tended a tot

SEE ANSWERS, C9

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HOROSCOPES

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Encouraging a friendlier environment in the home could go a long way to help dissipate anger and resolve problems, especially those affecting children. It won't be easy, but you can do it.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** A recent act of kindness is beginning to show some unexpected (but very welcome) results. On another note, expect to hear more about a possible move to another locale.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** The good news is that the sure-footed Goat can rely on his or her skill to get around obstacles in the workplace. The not-so-good news is that new impediments could turn up later.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** A change of pace is welcome but also confusing. Before you make decisions one way or another, be sure you know precisely what it is you're being asked to do.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Don't fret if you don't get the gratitude you think you're owed for doing a nice thing for someone. There might be a good reason for that. In any event, what's important is that you did it.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** While it seems that chaos is taking over, you get everything back to normal, even if it means being more than a little assertive with some people. Expect to hear more job-related news soon.

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Expect to be able to move ahead

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

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** A quieter period settles in, giving you a chance to catch your breath, as well as allowing for more time to handle some important family matters. The arts dominate this weekend. Enjoy them.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** The frustrations of last week have pretty much played themselves out. You should find things going more smoothly, especially with those all-important personal matters.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Once again, you find a creative way to resolve a pesky problem in short order. However, a matter involving a possible breach of confidence might need a bit more time to check out.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Reuniting with an old friend could lead to the sharing of some great new experiences. But be careful you don't find yourself once again being super-critical or overly judgmental.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** You should be seeing some positive results following your move toward repairing that unraveling relationship. There might be some setbacks, but staying with it ultimately pays off.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a way of making the sort of wise decisions that lead to shedding new light on dark situations.

By Linda Thistle

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Is it worth \$10? No

There's nothing like being thrust into the Christmas spirit a week after Halloween and a full three weeks before Thanksgiving. And while the sentimental favorite "A Christmas Carol" is always reason for good cheer, this animated version is dark and lacks heart. It's supposed to make you feel good, but it leaves you full of humbug.

Based on the Charles Dickens novel "A Christmas Carol," the story begins with elderly miser Ebenezer Scrooge (Jim Carrey) hating everything about Christmas. He's awful to his nephew (Colin Firth), who invites him to Christmas dinner, refuses to help a charity worker (Cary Elwes), scoffs at carolers and only begrudgingly gives his employee Bob Cratchit (Gary Oldman) the day off on Christmas.

On Christmas Eve, things change. The ghost of Scrooge's late partner, Jacob Marley (Oldman again), appears and warns Scrooge that three spirits will visit during the night. The spirits — the ghosts of Christmases past, present and yet to come (all played by Carrey) — force Scrooge to reconsider his ways.

The reason the story is so detached is the performance-capture animation, which writer/director Robert Zemeckis had previously used to great effect in "The Polar Express" and "Beowulf." Briefly, the process involves actors wearing digitized suits as a camera captures their performances. The digital images are then animated in a computer using the facial expressions and mannerisms of the actors, which is why Scrooge looks like Carrey, Cratchit looks like Oldman, etc.

Though the 3-D in "A Christmas Carol" looks fine, there are too many sequences of Scrooge flying through Victorian London and not enough of him as an actual human being with real emotions. We need to hate Scrooge, then want him to change as we see his troubled past, painful present and awful future. But all we get are a series of action sequences followed by uninspired personal moments that fail to register.



Worse, some scenes are quite dark and scary. The latter third of the film, as Scrooge is seeing his future, features a nighttime chase through the streets with two large black horses with red eyes pulling a chariot. The chase ends in a graveyard, and Scrooge is sucked into his grave. The movie is rated PG, but parents should use caution if children are younger than 8 years old.

These scary sequences may be authentic to the book (as much of the movie is), but that doesn't mean they're good for the movie. Still, the spirit of the story — giving to others, unselfishness — is relevant in these tough economic times, so hopefully "A Christmas Carol" will inspire an old grouch somewhere to give to the needy this holiday season. But there are too many other, better versions of this story (including animated ones — "Mickey's Christmas Carol" is delightful!) to run off to this one. ■

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Did you know?

>>Cary Elwes and Robin Wright Penn have small supporting roles. This is the first time since "The Princess Bride" (1987) that they've appeared in the same film, though they don't have any scenes together.

CAPSULES

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Yoo-Hoo, Mrs. Goldberg ★★ ★

(Ruth Bader Ginsberg, Edward Asner, Norman Lear) Before Lucy, there was Gertrude Berg, a radio and television star who created the modern sit-com as we know it. This documentary by Aviva Kempner explores her career as a writer and actor, and looks at why we've never heard of her. The story also goes in some interesting directions when it discusses Blacklisting and Ms. Berg's fight to break into the film industry. Not Rated.

Gotta Dance ★★ ★

(Joe Bianco, Jaclyn Sabol, Petra Pope) The first year (2007) of the NET-Sation-

als, a senior dance team that performs during home games for the NBA's New Jersey Nets, is chronicled in this inspiring documentary. Writer/director Dori Bernstein flirts with issues of staying fit as we age and the pressure put on the team of 60-plus seniors, but the joy of the film shines through as the squad embraces hip-hop music and dancing. Not Rated.

Zombieland ★★ ★

(Jesse Eisenberg, Woody Harrelson, Emma Stone) With earth overrun by zombies after a virus wipes out most of humanity, the survivors (Eisenberg, Harrelson, Stone and Abigail Breslin) work together to stay alive. You'll expect the playful violence, but the laugh-out-loud humor may take many by surprise. In fact, this is the best horror-comedy since "Shaun of the Dead" in 2004, which was also about zombies. Rated R. ■

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Naples International Film Festival award winners announced

The Naples International Film Festival announces the winners of the inaugural event that took place Nov. 5-8. From the more than 300 films submitted, the winning selections fell into the categories of features, documentaries, shorts, "strictly local" and short animations for children.

The award for Best Comedy went to "The Baker," a romance about a hit man who tries to quit and falls in love with a veterinarian.

Best Short was "Sun Sessions," about a teenage Elvis fanatic who wins the heart of his girlfriend.

Best Drama was "That Evening Sun," in which Hal Holbrook delivered a powerful performance as an aging Tennessee farmer who returns to his homestead and must confront a family betrayal, the reappearance of an old enemy and the loss of his farm.

The festival's Visionary Award went



COURTESY PHOTO

Joe Chisholm, Myra Daniels and "The Cove" director Louie Psihoyos at the Naples International Film Festival's inaugural gala Nov. 5.

to "Li Tong," about an 8-year-old girl who loses her bus pass and walks through the streets of Beijing.

Best Documentary was "The Way We Get By," an unsettling and compassionate story about aging, loneliness,

war and mortality. The film offers an intimate look at three retirees who find purpose as troop greeters — a group of senior citizens who gather daily at a small Maine airport to thank American soldiers departing and returning from Iraq.

The Rising Star Award was presented to Jeff Hare, the director of "Bitter/Sweet," the story of a U.S. coffee buyer who meets a Thai woman and the romance begins.

T.J. Boone of the *Naples Daily News* presented the Neapolitan Award, in recognition of a film with a spirit of generosity and community resulting in a positive impact on the community, to "A Bridge Life," about a Good Samaritan's efforts to aid victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The Best Feature of the Naples International Film Festival Award went to

"Desdemona: A Love Story." The movie tells the story of an ill-fated kidnapping in which love, betrayal and racism collide. Upon receipt of his award, actor Denton Everett described "Desdemona" as "a passion piece that speaks to love, loss and life."

The mission of the NIFF is to nurture and support a diverse, artistic and cultural experience by showcasing the work of independent filmmakers.

A sold-out crowd attended the gala red carpet opening of the festival and enjoyed a screening of the documentary "The Cove" at the Phil on Thursday, Nov. 5. Afterward, director Louis Psihoyos took the stage to a standing ovation and talked about the film and its impact on the Japanese industry of dolphin harvesting.

For more information, visit www.naplesfilmfest.com. ■

Films on Fifth series continues at the Sugden Community Theatre

Films on Fifth, a series of the best contemporary independent and foreign cinema, continues its seventh season at Sugden Community Theatre with "The Edge of Heaven" at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15.

"The Edge of Heaven" (Germany), examines the cross-cultural consequences faced by a Turkish widower and his son living and working in Germany. The film won the European Film Award at the Cannes Film Festival and was named Best Picture by the National Society of Film Critics.

"Elsa & Fred" (Argentina) will be

screened on Sunday, Dec. 13. A romantic comedy about finding love in old age, this simple but beautiful story about two octogenarians captures the timelessness of love and life.

On Sunday, Jan. 17, 2010, "Waltz with Bashir" (Israel) explores the mysteries of memory during a soldier's service in Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon. The R-rated animated film

— the first to be nominated for a

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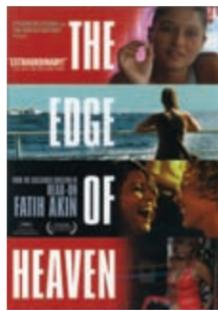
The comedy-drama "Son of Rambow" (UK) will be shown on Sunday, Feb. 21, 2010. This film recounts the summertime antics of two English schoolboys who set out to create their own homage to the film "Rambo: First Blood." The hilarious take on friendship, film heroes and the death-

defying adventures of growing up in the

video age became an audience favorite when it premiered at the Sundance Film Festival.

The final Films on Fifth movie is set for Sunday, March 21, 2010, and has yet to be selected from a short list of the most interesting, better-reviewed foreign/independent films of recent months.

Seating for Films on Fifth is limited and assigned. Tickets are \$12. For reservations or information, visit The Naples Players box office at 701 Fifth Avenue South, call 263-7990, or click on Films on Fifth at www.naplesplayers.org. ■



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Naples resident and voiceover artist Peter Thomas will narrate the emotional "Liberty Fanfare" by John Williams. Baritone Ken Beaty will sing "We the People," a new composition written by Helen Pestuka and arranged by Melvin Maxwell. Other selections on the program will include "They Called It U.S.A.," "We the People," John Phillip Sousa's "Sempr Fidelis March" and "A Chesapeake Bay Adventure." The vocal group HeartSong will join the band for several selections, including the grand finale, "Armed Forces: The Pride of America." Uniformed

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Guests are encouraged to arrive early with lawn chairs and blankets for seating. Admission is free, with donations appreciated.

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The Naples Concert Band is a non-profit organization dedicated to entertaining the community with old-fashioned concerts in the park. The all-volunteer ensemble is in its 38th year offering free concerts to the Southwest Florida community. In addition to the Nov. 15 performance, 2009-2101 concert dates are: Dec. 6, Jan. 10 and 31, Feb. 28, March 21 and April 16.

For more information, call 263-9521 or visit www.NaplesConcertBand.org. ■

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The seventh annual "Sing-Along Messiah" will be performed by the Voices of Naples at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, at the United Church of Christ, 5200 Crayton Road. The 90-member choral group will be accompanied by a chamber orchestra and professional soloists Ellie VanderMeuse, soprano; Jan Ortenzo, alto; Robert Beane, Tenor; and Doug Renfroe, bass. Artistic director is Nancy Nugent Beaty.

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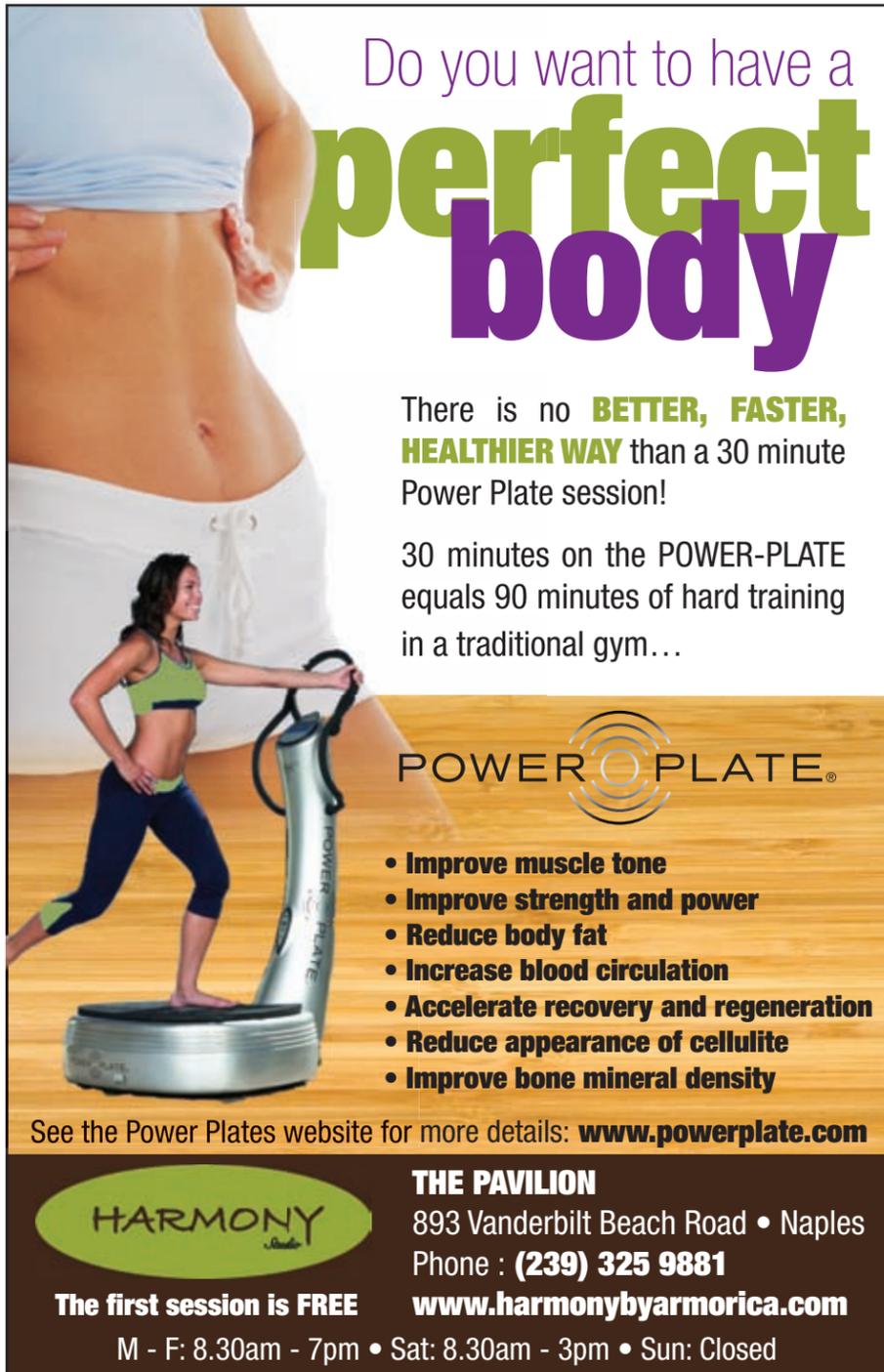
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'Crimes of the Heart' coming up next from The Naples Players

Continuing a season of love and laughter with The Naples Players, "Crimes of the Heart" opens at Sugden Community Theatre on Wednesday, Nov 25. Beth Henley penned the Pulitzer and Tony award-winning comedy/drama in 1978. It has been performed on and off Broadway and was made into a feature film starring Diane Keaton, Jessica Lange and Sissy Spacek.

Described by *The Chicago Sun Times* as "a deep, abiding comic affection," the story portrays three sisters in a warmhearted tale full of Southern good humor. The characters navigate through the sometimes frayed edges of sisterly bonds, with troubles grave yet somehow, deeply funny. You'll be awash with infectious high spirits in this true and touching play.

Annie Rosemond directs The Naples Players's production of "Crimes of the Heart." The set has been designed by New York set designer Todd Potter. The cast includes three actors who are long-time favorites at the theater, and three who are making their debut with the Players.

Patrons are invited to a complimen-

tary champagne reception on opening; the show will continue on the main stage through Dec. 19, with performances at 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday. There will be no performance on Thanksgiving, and an extra performance at 8 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 29.

Following "Crimes of the Heart," The Naples Players main stage season continues with with:

- **"Almost, Maine,"** Jan. 13-Feb. 6 - A whimsical comedy about the joys and perils of romance, told in a sometimes surreal, but always moving way.

- **"Fiddler on the Roof,"** March

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- **"The Importance of Being Earnest,"** April 21-May 15 - Oscar Wilde is at his best in this madcap satire of social mores and propriety in 19th century London.

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look at what's involved in producing professional theatre," Mr. Danni says. Subscriptions and individual tickets to the season's shows will also be available at the open house.

The 2009-2010 season begins with "Man of La Mancha," Dec. 3-13. A play-within-a-play based on Cervantes' "Don Quixote," this is a poignant story of a dying man whose impossible dream takes over his mind. His dream is Everyman's dream. His tilting at windmills is Everyman's great adventure.

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- **"High Spirits," Jan. 7-17** - Based on "Blithe Spirit," this musical comedy features a fussy, cantankerous novelist named Charles Condomine, who is haunted (literally) by the ghost of his first wife, the clever and insistent Elvira. Elvira is summoned by a visiting "happy medium" who for the TheatreZone production will be played by Georgia Engel ("The Mary Tyler Moore Show").

- **"The Beast of Broadway," March**

4-14 - Starring Hal Linden, this show is based on the book "The Abominable Showman," about the intense, inventive Broadway producer David Merrick.

- **Lee Roy Reams** in concert with "Gotta Sing, Gotta Dance," **April 22-25**

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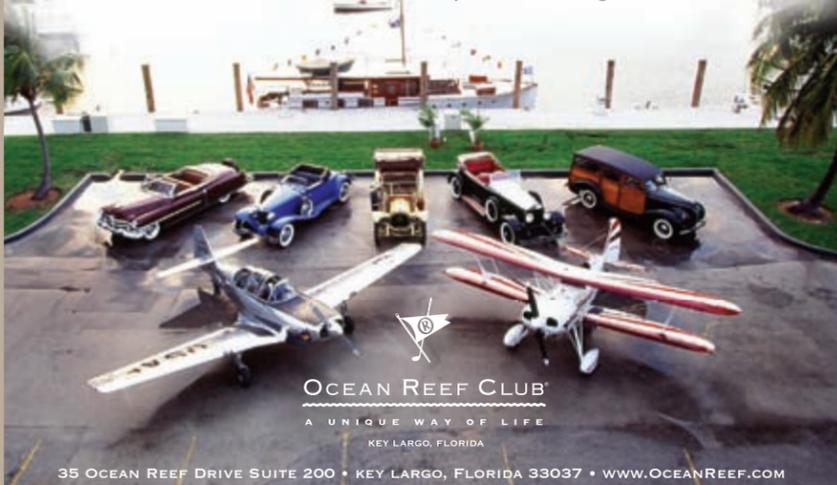
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By the book

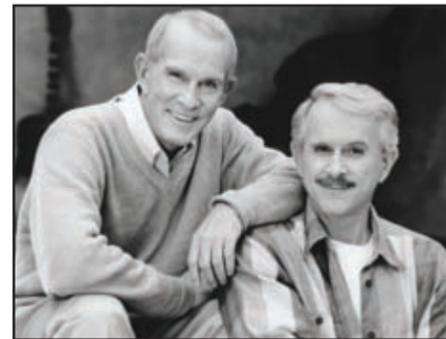
Elaine Newton, professor emeritus of humanities at York University in Toronto, begins the 20th season of her Critic's Choice book discussions as part of the Lifelong Learning program at the Phil at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, and Saturday, Nov. 14.

"The Story of Edgar Sawtelle" by David Wroblewski is the first book of the season. The series includes additional Thursday/Saturday morning events as follows: "The White Tiger" by Aravind Adiga, Dec. 10 and 12; "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows Jan. 7 and 9; "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett, Feb. 4 and 6; "Little Bee" by Chris Cleave, March 4 and 6; and "Cutting for Stone" by Abraham Verghese, April 8 and 10.

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The Smothers Brothers come to the Phil Dec. 1.

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'The Color Purple'

The first North American touring production of "The Color Purple" arrives at the Phil for eight performances Dec. 8-13. Nominated for 11 Tony Awards, "The Color Purple" is based on the classic Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Alice Walker and the film by Steven Spielberg.

As on Broadway, the touring production is directed by Gary Griffin. The libretto is by Pulitzer Prize-winner Marsha Norman, music and lyrics are by Grammy Award-winning composers/lyricists Brenda Russell, Allee Willis and Stephen Bray, and choreography by Donald Byrd. Tickets are \$79.



A holiday tradition

Miami City Ballet and the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, led by conductor Juan Francisco La Manna, will present George Balanchine's "The Nutcracker" at 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, and at 2 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29. Featuring more than 100 dancers, dazzling sets and costumes, brilliant choreography and the famous Tchaikovsky score, this holiday season event is perfect for the whole family. Among the classic selections in this timeless show: "Waltz of the Flowers," "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy," "Arabian Dance" and "Russian Dance."

While you're there, don't miss the Nutcracker Boutique, featuring a variety of holiday items for decorating and gift-giving. Visitors can also view more than 25 beautifully decorated Christmas trees in the dome at the Naples Museum of Art. The Nutcracker Boutique and Christmas tree display are free and open to the public.

Tickets for "The Nutcracker" are \$59 for adults and \$25 for students.

The Philharmonic Center for the Arts and the Naples Museum of Art are at 5833 Pelican Bay Blvd. The Naples Museum of Art is sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$4 for students. For more information or to order tickets for programs at the Phil, call 597-1900 or visit www.thephil.org. ■

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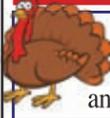
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ORCHESTRA NOTES

Here's what's on the schedule for the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra (concerts take place at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts):



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Jorge Mester

• **8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 12-14:** The orchestra's Classical Series opens with Tchaikovsky's Fifth, under the baton of Maestro Jorge Mester. The Conductor's Prelude begins one hour before the concert. In addition to Tchaikovsky's Fifth, the program will feature Haydn's Sinfonia concertante and Debussy's "Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun." Tickets are \$64 for adults and \$25 for students.

• **7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15:** Musicians from the Philharmonic Youth Orchestra play by themselves and members of the professional orchestra in the first Major/Minor concert of the season. Youth Orchestra Concerto Competition winners will be featured. Christopher Confessore will conduct. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students.

• **8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18:** Bridging the gap between rock 'n' roll and classical music, the orchestra performs "The Music of Led Zeppelin." Tickets are \$55 for adults and \$33 for students. See story on page C1.

• **8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20:** Led by New York City Opera Conductor Joe Mechavich, the orchestra joins Mozart Festival Opera to present Mozart's "Don Giovanni." Considered by many the greatest of all operas, "Don Giovanni" is based on the escapades of Don Juan of Seville, the seductive, devious and dangerous rake who lived in the 1600s. Performed in Italian with English supertitles. Tickets are \$75.

• **3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22:** The orchestra's Chamber Ensemble presents Chamber Masterpieces, the second concert of the season in the popular Syper Salon Series, which features early chamber music from the Baroque era to approximately 1850. The program features Schumann's Piano Quartet and Schubert's String Quartet in A Minor. Tickets are \$32 for adults and \$15 for students.

• **8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 3-5:** The orchestra presents "From Beethoven to Bernstein," the second program in the season's Classical Series, led by Maestro Jorge Mester. The Conductor's Prelude begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$64 for adults and \$25 for students.

The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra is sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Arts Council, and the National Endowment for the Arts. The Philharmonic Center for the Arts is at 1900 Pelican Bay Blvd. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 597-1900 or visit www.the-phil.org. ■

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Positioned alongside wine lots that contain some of the finest vintages in the world are one-of-a-kind lifestyle lots for things as varied as dining with Robert Redford and his wife, vacationing on a private Bahamian island where the winners and their pamperers (chef, housekeeper, masseuse) are the only inhabitants, appearing in a walk-on role on the television show "Modern Family" and enjoying the privileges of insider access at a NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race.

"The festival has always featured items and experiences that you cannot buy on your own. Given that this is our 10th anniversary, we wanted to make the lots extra special," says Denise Cobb, who with her husband Brian chairs the lifestyle auction lot committee. The Cobbs are also trustees of the Naples Children & Education Foundation, the festival's founding organization. "Every

"Every single donor embraced the idea of contributing something extraordinary to make this a spectacular auction."

— Denise Cobb, Lifestyle auction co-chair

single donor embraced the idea of contributing something extraordinary to make this a spectacular auction," Mrs. Cobb adds.

The Naples Winter Wine Festival begins on Friday, Jan. 29, with a tour of children's charities that benefit from festival proceeds and lunch and a wine tasting guided by outstanding U.S. vintners. That evening, private vintner dinners take place in 15 homes. The live auction happens Saturday, Jan. 30, on the grand lawn of The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort and includes a culinary showcase and wine tasting. The day ends with a "wine"-down party. The festival's final event is a Sunday celebration brunch, which includes a raffle of a new Lexus IS convertible.

Festival ticket packages are \$7,500 per couple; \$20,000 for reserved seating at the same vintner dinner for two couples. For a schedule of 2010 festivities, a complete listing of auction lots and more information about the Naples Winter Wine Festival, visit www.napleswinefestival.com or call the wine festival office at (888) 837-4919. ■



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ART NEWS

NONA exhibit celebrates 'The Female Essence'

NONA Gallery and Studio hosts "The Female Essence," an exhibition of abstract figurative paintings by Tim Parker, through Tuesday, Nov. 24. The artist says his paintings often take on their own lives and seem to paint themselves as he explores the interaction between texture, brushwork, color, the human figure and other forms. He strives to create works that at first glance are multi-depth abstracts, while a closer look reveals a figure or multiple figures intertwined with the brushstrokes and blocks of color to give the painting multiple dimensions.

Mr. Parker studied art at Parsons School of Design and worked in New York City for 22 years as an artist, illustrator and creative director. He moved to Naples in 2003 and started Art2D. NONA Gallery and Studio is at 2079 J&C Blvd., North Naples. For more information, call 572-3386.



COURTESY PHOTO

Tim Parker's *Blue Soul*

Artists invited to 'salon' at Rosen Gallery & Studios

Richard Rosen of Rosen Gallery & Studios invites all local artists to an informal "ArtistSalon" gathering from 6-8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16, at the gallery in North Line Plaza, 2172 J&C Blvd.

The evening will be an opportunity for networking and discussions, critiques and general support from others in the artistic community.

There is no cost to attend, but an RSVP is appreciated by calling 821-1061 or e-mailing rictra@earthlink.net.

Holiday trunk shows planned at the Collection

Six local artisans will hold their first holiday trunk show from 1-6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, at the Collection at Vanderbilt. Subsequent shows are planned for 4-7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, all in the center's community hall, Suite 126. For more information, call Christi Lavoy at 566-3459.

Also open for the holiday season at Collection at Vanderbilt is the Deck the Halls Christmas Shoppe with holiday trees and home décor. Saturday workshops are now being planned that include gift wrapping and crafts.

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Everglades photographs at museum

"The Ever-Changing Everglades," an exhibit of photographs by Angie Chestnut, is on display this month at the Museum of the Everglades, 105 W. Broadway in Everglades City. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday; a donation of \$2 is suggested.

Ms. Chestnut is a landscape photographer specializing in capturing the pristine scenery of Southwest Florida and other natural environments. Her work depicts images of the Everglades, Big Cypress National Preserve, the bays and estuaries lining Gulf Coast and the outer islands of the Bahamas. It is also being featured at the Marco Island Executive Airport through February.

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NAA art festivals support the association's many youth activities and outreach programs for underserved children. The season's art festivals are:

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Furnishings for the house were important, and everything — from large oil paintings to floor-standing vases to huge carved pieces of furniture — was carefully shipped back to the United States. Many pieces were copies of earlier works: Greek vases, marble statues, Egyptian relics and more. Gold and precious-gem jewelry was popular, and so was souvenir jewelry, carved lava set in bracelets, agate or shell cameos and micro-mosaic pins and necklaces.

Auction houses and shops today often advertise an item as a "Grand Tour" piece. That means it was collected in

Europe between 1880 and 1900, and probably is of good quality and expensive. Copies of Greek vases and Roman carvings are popular today because of their size, quality and decorative appeal. Originals are almost impossible to buy, so an accurate old reproduction is a good substitute. A Grand Tour carved lava and gold bracelet recently sold for \$300, a replica Greek vase for \$1,500 and a replica Roman statue for \$5,000.

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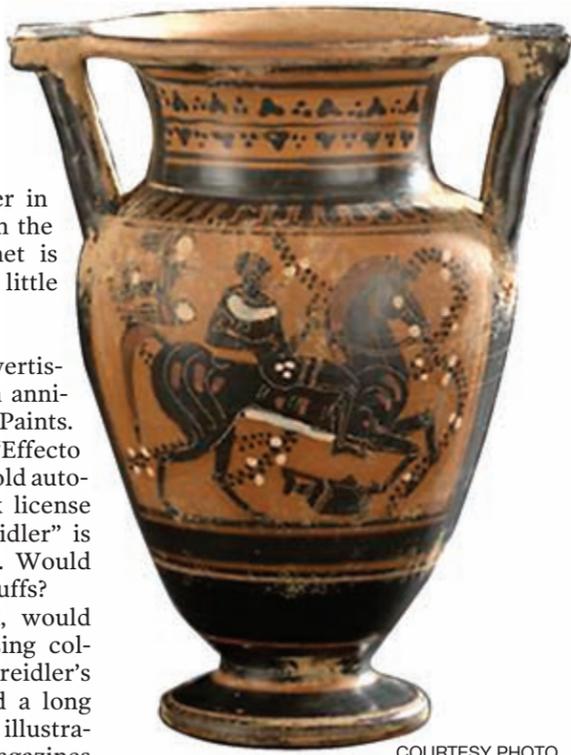
Q: I own a 34-by-28-inch advertising poster celebrating the 75th anniversary of Pratt & Lambert Paints. It's advertising the company's "Effecto Auto Finishes" and pictures an old automobile with a 1923 New York license plate. The name "Adolph Treidler" is printed in the top left corner. Would this hold any appeal for auto buffs?

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"Grand Tour" pottery like this 11-inch, two-handled vase decorated in the ancient Greek "Black Figure" style was made in the late 19th century. It shows a water fountain, a goat and a servant carrying a water bottle. The vase sold at New Orleans Auction Galleries for \$1,728.

- Wooden pencil box, pencil shape, metal eraser lid unscrews to open, gold tones, American Pencil Co., patent applied for, 1930, 11-by-11 inches, \$75.
- Rookwood pitcher, standard glaze with flower and leaf design, "1887" mark, 8 inches, \$490.
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The big, bubbly world of sparkling wines beyond champagne

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This is the time of year when even people who don't drink sparkling wines not only imbibe, but find themselves faced with buying them, too. As if champagne isn't confusing enough, add in all the other varieties now on the market and it's enough to drive a man or woman to drink.

The fact is, sparkling wines are made just about everywhere. There are two ways to get the bubbles into the bottle. The traditional method is called *methode champenoise*. The young bottled wine is opened, dosed with a sugar and yeast solution, and then corked and secured with a wire basket. The best known is champagne, which comes from France's Champagne district and is made only with pinot noir, pinot meunier or chardonnay grapes.

The second way to add bubbles is the charmat, or Martinotti method, in which the wine is allowed to ferment a second time in a temperature- and pressure-controlled stainless steel container called an autoclave. This process is faster and less expensive than the champagne method, but there can be some trade-off in quality.

In general, you'll pay more for champagne than other sparklers, but don't

discount the others just because they aren't champagne. Here is a look at some other worthy contenders.

- Cava is produced in Spain and is second only to champagne in worldwide sales of sparkling wines, according to the official Spanish Institute for Foreign Trade Web site, www.winesfrom-spain.com. Cava is also produced using the *methode champenoise*. Traditional Spanish grape varieties are the principal grapes used, although chardonnay and pinot noir are also permitted.

- Prosecco is an off-dry selection from Italy made in the charmat method. It's made primarily from the white prosecco grape but others may be blended in.

- Spumante from Italy encompasses many wines, ranging from dry to sweet. Some are made in the traditional bottle method, like asti spumante, and some are made in the charmat method.

A tasting is an excellent way to try wines before buying. I recently attended a pre-holiday sparkling wine tasting at Austin's Wine Cellar in Fort Myers, where owner Frank Pulice poured a variety of sparklers for several area wine enthusiasts.

"When you hear that cork pop, you know it is excitement," said Gina Birch. "Something good is on the way!"

Her friend, Patty George, agreed that sparkling wines are, indeed, special. "They're decadent and fun and make every day special," she said.

Phil Pfahlert was impressed with the Jansz Rose, made in Tasmania. "They



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Amanda Mihalik, Gina Birch and Patty George at Austin's Wine Cellar

are the most labor-intensive wines to make," he said about sparkling wines in general. "The vintner has to put his heart and soul into the wine, and in a well-made sparkling wine you can almost taste that energy."

Thom McKay, sommelier at The Wine Merchant in Naples, had some good suggestions as well. At his shop we tasted a French non-champagne, Francois Montand Brut Blanc de Blanc, with customers Lynn and Jack Crotty of St. John, Ind.

"It's refreshing and crisp but not real dry. It would make an excellent aperitif," Mr. McKay said. Made with 100 percent chardonnay grapes in the traditional champagne method, it sells for \$13. "I'd like this in a mimosa," Mrs. Crotty said. "And I really like this price."

Good holiday sparklers need not cost a fortune. Following are some noteworthy ones from the Austin's tasting, with

a final one from Mr. McKay. A knowledgeable salesperson at your local wine shop can add to the list.

- Juve Y Camps Brut Rose NV: A Spanish cava, it's 100 percent pinot noir. A creamy mousse delivers a bouquet of fresh flowers and strawberry that follows through onto the palate. It ends with a light acid and long finish. About \$21.

- Jansz Premium Non-Vintage Rose is a Tasmanian selection that is a medium pink rose with smooth creamy bubbles, a rose petal bouquet and strawberry on the palate. This wine is definitely worth searching for. A clear crowd favorite at the tasting, it's about \$29.

- Langlois Crémant de Loire Blanc Brut NV is made from chenin blanc, chardonnay and cabernet franc. Produced by Langlois-Château in the Loire district, the bouquet has flowers and a little peach fruit. The taste is light and vibrant with a touch of sweetness from the cabernet franc. About \$35.

- Louis Roederer Carte Blanche NV is pricier, as you would expect from a champagne. This demi-sec is made a touch sweeter and works as an aperitif or a dessert champagne. The big, flowery nose opens with a touch of honey, followed by a delicious, mouth-filling flavor with a touch of sweet citrus. A very elegant wine, priced about \$55.

- Monmousseau Cuvee JM Touraine NV is 100 percent chenin blanc from the Loire Valley. It has a light, fruity nose with clean acid and a touch of almond on the palate. About \$18. ■

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My early experiences with British food were memorable for the wrong reasons.

During my teens and 20s, my gastronomic experiences in London and thereabouts involved plate after plate of relatively tasteless, mostly grayish-brown substances of dubious origin. But that was well before the advent of gastro pubs — establishments that serve comfort food but with a more gourmet flair than standard pub grub. That's a fairly broad definition, but I've yet to find a definitive source that can narrow it down further.

A relative newcomer to the Naples scene, The Pub at Mercato certainly fulfills the gastro pub concept in that it looks, feels and sounds like a pub yet offers a far more enticing array of menu items.

While striving to provide a neighborhood bar atmosphere, it fits in well with the Mercato mystique in that it's exceedingly well appointed. There's gleaming wood everywhere, particularly on the massive oak bar that dominates the room. A huge Union Jack adorns the ceiling over the bar, and servers wear tartan kilts. The place looks as if it were plucked whole out of Great Britain and set down in the midst of the tony North Naples center.

Open since last spring, The Pub has become a popular hangout for all sorts of people, ranging from singles at the bar to large groups clinking beer mugs around big tables. There's a lot of energy — and a lot of noise. With all that wood, sounds seem to bounce endlessly about, making conversation difficult indoors even when the place is less than half full.

The high volume would be my only complaint, and it didn't appear to be a problem for most of the revelers gathered there last Thursday night during happy hour. That's likely due to the fact that just about everything else about The Pub is jolly good.

Let's start with the liquid refreshments, contained in a document dubbed "The Pub Beverage Bible." Beer lovers could make a meal on the draughts alone. There are 25 on tap, including Belhaven Twisted Thistle, Hobgoblin, Young's Double Chocolate Stout, Leffe Blonde, Old Speckled Hen, Tennent's Lager and Strongbow Cider. If one of

those won't do, there are still more options by the bottle plus specialty beers, such as Monty Python's Holy Grail Ale or a mixed beverage such as the Brave Liver, consisting of half cider and half your draft of choice (I'm not sure whether the name refers to the person ordering or that individual's organ).

For those who disdain beer — and I confess I belong to this group — there are lots of gins, bourbons and single-malt scotches, wines and just about any other alcoholic option you can think of.

We tried the Belhaven Twisted Thistle, an amber-orange brew from Scotland with notes of heather, jasmine and lemon zest. My beer-loving companion liked it so much he ordered a second one. I tried a Bombay Sapphire martini, straight up with olives. It arrived icy cold and perfectly dry.

I'm happy to report that the management devotes as much attention to the food as it does to the drinks.

We started off with curry chips (\$4.95) and a Scottish egg (\$8.75). Because we were ordering during happy hour (3-7 p.m.), our attentive and well-trained server explains, drinks were \$1 off while appetizers were \$3.95 and served in half portions. As it turned out, the portions were closer to full size. The chips were crisp golden steak fries accompanied by red and yellow curry sauces, both of which possessed some bite as well as aromatic palettes of Indian spices.

The Scotch egg starts out as a boiled egg that's wrapped in sausage and bread

crumbs then fried. The firm exterior with the savory sausage complemented the egg inside and a spicy pub mustard drizzled over the plate added some zip.

We moved on to more substantive fare, including a Young's Double Chocolate Stout BBQ burger (\$9.75) and fish and chips (\$13.95). The burger was large and juicy, cooked as ordered to medium rare, then topped with bacon, cheddar, onions and a delicious tangy-sweet barbecue sauce made with the chocolate stout.

The fish and chips were even better. A large piece of pollock had been perfectly fried and placed atop a mound of steak fries. The fish was tender and moist. A house-made tartar sauce had great fresh flavor, and a squirt of lemon finished the fish off nicely.

We both liked the condiment selections, dipping our fries in the cider malt vinegar and in a brown sauce that combined molasses, tamarind and vinegar.

The meal concluded with the whimsically named Topsy Laird (\$6.95), which contained two good-sized slices of fried (but not battered) pound cake with fresh berries sautéed in brandy and creamy English custard. It was excellent and more than enough for two.

It was an immense and immensely satisfying meal at an astoundingly good price: \$57.64 before tip.

The Pub brings an appealing taste of Great Britain to Naples. If the British had treated our predecessors this well, we might still be a contented and well-fed colony. ■



Perfectly fried pollock enhanced by fresh lemon juice and house-made tartar sauce pairs with a generous portion of fries in The Pub's version of fish and chips.



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A massive oak bar dominates the room.

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