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Everglades City has 'rowdied on down' since its drug-dealing days in the fast lane, but the stories remain, including one of the

'saltwater cowboy'

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The woman was from up north — New York, most likely — and she made regular runs to remote Collier County, to the very edge of Florida's vast, swampy wilderness. She set up shop at a motel in Everglades City, and with great care laid out an array of gaudy jewelry, thick gold chains and other baubles favored by local drug smugglers who were heavy on cash, light on taste and routinely stoned, drunk or some combination thereof.

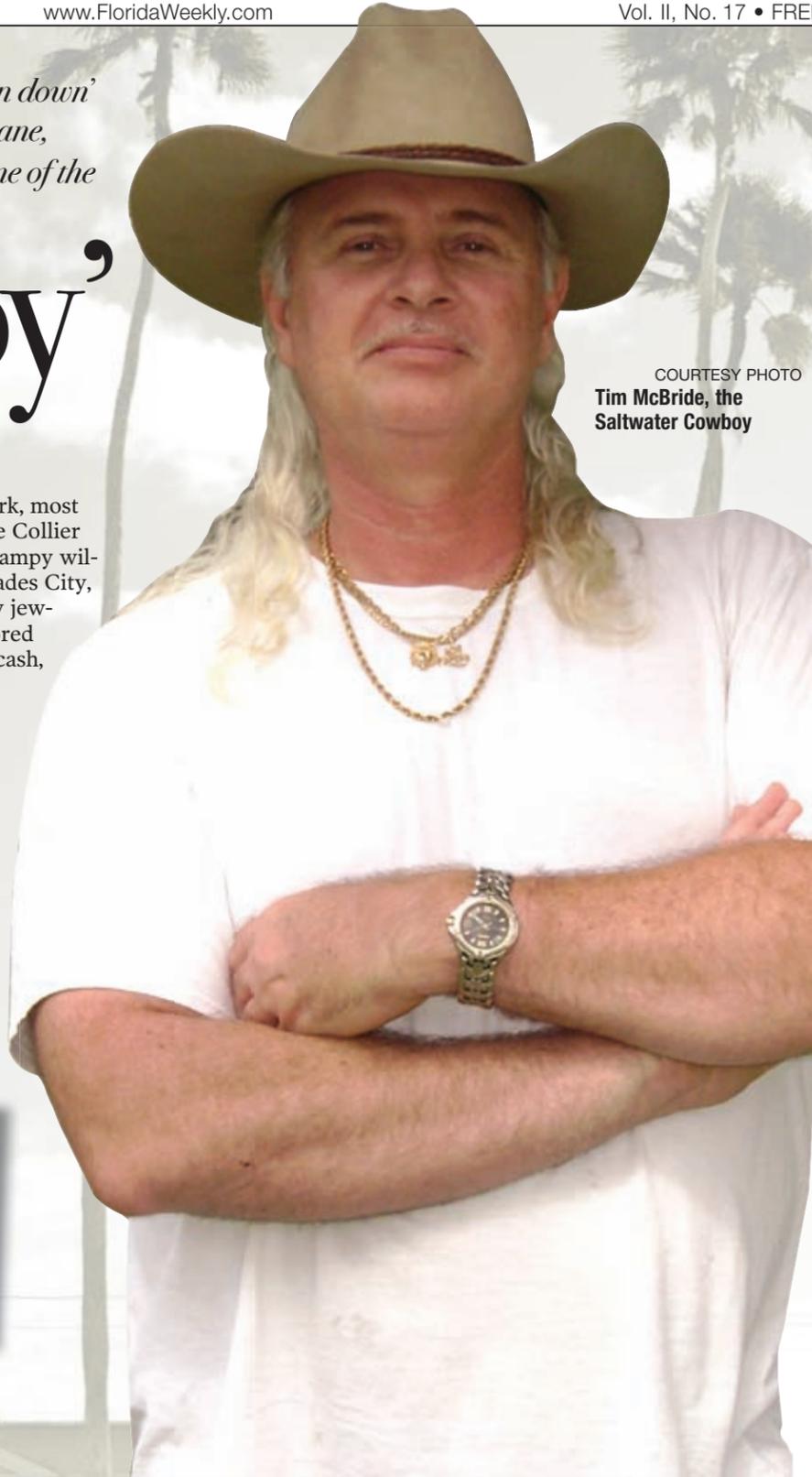
It was the early 1980s, and the dope pirates of Everglades City were going strong. Word spread quickly when the woman was in town; the men trooped to her room and laid

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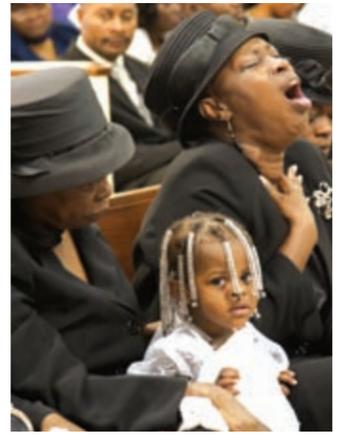
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Lifelong learning goes on throughout SWF

BY EVAN WILLIAMS

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Higher education isn't just for the young and career driven. Southwest Florida retirees and part-time residents are signing up for classes taught by professors and professionals, in collegiate settings, for the pure pleasure of learning.

"Now I can enjoy some of the things I put by the wayside, when I was focusing on my career," said Loren Rosenbach, a retired hematologist (blood specialist) who lives in Naples. He attends classes

with his wife, Barbara, on such topics as Shakespeare, architecture and film at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts.

Thousands of students in their 60s and beyond are finding local schools have beefed up their programs catering to the well educated and forever inquisitive.

The Phil, the Lifelong Learning Institute at Edison State College in Punta Gorda and The Renaissance Academy of FGCU all bring in professors to teach topics across the spectrum of academic



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A class at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts.

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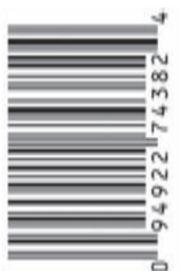
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Readers sound off about war, draft



NOTE: Florida Weekly looked at "The Invisible War" in last week's issue, detailing the troubles and burdens frequently shouldered alone by families of men and women serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Following that theme, my commentary for this space, "A Short, Happy History of the Draft," elicited a number of letters. These are edited only for space.

Dear Mr. Williams,

The next time you choose to write a "history" of anything I suggest you check your facts before going to print. Your article makes it sound as if December 1st (1969) was the beginning of the draft for the Vietnam War; in reality nothing could be further from the truth. The lottery drawing was merely a change in the system of the draft which had been going on for years. The lottery system replaced the old antiquated local boards and provided a fair system for those who were draft eligible. Birthdates were drawn at random and assigned a number. This system was fair and it also allowed potential draftees the ability to make future plans. If you got a low number the odds were high that you would be drafted and could make plans accordingly — such as volunteer-

ing for a service of your choice. If you had a high number you were probably safe from the draft and could make your career plans.

This change was beneficial for all those who were draft eligible but it certainly didn't represent the beginning of the draft for Vietnam... ask those who were drafted in 1961 or '62 or '66.

Thank you for your service. Next time please check your facts... there is enough disinformation about Vietnam already.

— **Dave Carpenter, Naples**

(Note: Mr. Carpenter is correct. Many were drafted before the draft lottery and served in Vietnam, which I failed to mention in the column. As much as anything else, the draft, or the threat of it for so many, created an involvement in national policy — and that war — that helped end it, through popular protest.)

Mr. Williams,

I could not agree more with your column even though I was never drafted, nor served in the military.

I would propose two years for everyone, no exceptions — pregnant women could care for infants, and maybe some illnesses (would be excepted).

The military could be a part — for those that volunteered and were qualified and could be encouraged with incentives such as college money.

The first, second or third months of everyone's tour could be used to get people in good physical shape.

— **Bob Carran, Southwest Florida**

Mr. Williams,

I can not believe that you are granted permission to publish anything at all. After reading your article I am convinced that you are either a complete dunce or a victim of tiresome 23. To assume that all Americans are supportive let alone proud of the government's military exploits is naive. I am wondering why you are publishing this crap instead of sprinting to the battlefield to die for your country. A country that could give to shits about you or your well-being. Do us all a favor and cut the fingers off of your writing hand.

— **from milesmenendez@yahoo.com**

Mr. Williams,

Each week I do look forward to reading your commentary in Florida Weekly and this week you truly hit a home run. I have long been a proponent of what I call "national service." This service to our country should be between one and two years, depending on the current situation, and can include military service or service as you stated — in a hospital or other government institution. During this time your basic needs will be taken care of, such as food, shelter, medical and the appropriate uniform for the position. You will be paid a small wage to allow for personal necessities and some entertainment. The general outline of duties, responsibilities, and time will be set depending on your position, and you will live in a barracks or community setting. This will teach you to live, share and get along with others.

This service will be performed either upon high school graduation or can be delayed until you have finished a higher education. In my opinion it would save parents a lot of money if their children did their service prior to college or some other type of further education, as there might be a better sense of commitment and direction. All would serve! When you finish your commitment is complete, unless there is some type of national emergency, and the government has no commitment to you as far as education or further benefits.

You briefly discussed the draft. In 1965 I was "selected" by my local draft board to serve in the U.S. Army for a period of two years. At the time I was 21 years old and really lacked direction. This two years of service helped to shape who I am today. I note that you served three years in the U.S. Marine Corp. Semper Fi! Thank you for your service.

I have, because of my employment, traveled in numerous countries abroad, such as Israel, Poland, Turkey, Switzerland and several others that still have national service. I have found it fascinating in Israel to see young people waiting at the corner bus stop with their M-16 rifle slung over their shoulder.

Thank you for your comments. I would like to see this column published in every newspaper here in the U.S. AMERICANS NEED TO BECOME INVOLVED!

— **MARTIN, Dean H. SP5/E5, Fort Myers** ■



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OPINION

Obama's anti-Wall Street jag

BY RICH LOWRY

"We want our money back" is a battle cry you'd expect from a tea-party rally. Such lack of nuance. Such grasping materialism. Such us-vs.-them populism.

All the great and good should be expected to recoil from such a grubby sentiment. If it weren't for the fact that President Barack Obama has made the line the centerpiece of his call for a new tax on banks. A year into his presidency, Obama is attempting a brazen misdirection.

In his 11th-hour speech in Boston boosting Martha Coakley's failed Senate candidacy in Massachusetts, Obama said: "Martha is going to make sure you get your money back. She's got your back. Her opponent has got Wall Street's back." Subtle.

Obama's hackish anti-Wall Street jag tests the proposition: Whom do people despise and mistrust more? The bankers who nearly went bust but for a government bailout, or the politicians who bailed them out and now want to tax them under false pretenses?

There are only two things wrong with Obama's "get our money back" justification for the bank tax. 1) He's largely going

to tax institutions that have already paid back their TARP injections, with interest. He leaves untouched the real sinkholes for federal funds — the bankrupt automakers, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and AIG. 2) Taxpayers are unlikely to see a dime of the revenues from the bank tax, which will be devoted to whatever spending priority Congress alights on next.

The tax is a transparent political ploy, the only kind of transparency Obama has actually delivered. It even has a stereotypically Orwellian name, the "Financial Crisis Responsibility Fee" — because in Washington, the only two things that are inevitable are death and slippery names for new taxes.

There's a genuine public-policy concern here: The "too big to fail" major banks have an implicit government guarantee. There should be a resolution mechanism to take over and unwind these institutions in an orderly fashion when they fail, the way the FDIC does with smaller banks. If a new tax were intelligently dovetailed with such an effort, it might make sense. But a punitive approach better suits Obama's political needs.

He needs a villain as long as he can't

plausibly tout his own record. The Associated Press reported the other day that its analysis "found there was nearly no connection between stimulus money and the number of construction workers hired or fired since Congress passed the recovery program." The stimulus has succeeded most directly at "saving or creating" government jobs, reinforcing the impression that government is fattening itself as the rest of the economy struggles.

Obama's curse is that most of what made him so winsome in 2008 was a pose. If he had been serious about a new kind of politics, he would have stood up to Nancy Pelosi and tamed his own runaway ideological ambitions, but that would have been hard and ungenial. Now, he resorts to the easy expedient of dumping on Wall Street in a paint-by-numbers political play — negative, poll-driven, dishonest, eager to cast about for someone to blame.

It's why, given a choice between Wall Street and Washington, most people will take neither. ■

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

COMMENTARY

Democrats get wake-up call



helenTHOMAS

Special to Florida Weekly

President Barack Obama is a much wiser man as he starts his second year in office.

When he arrived at the White House, Obama inherited an insurmountable legacy of a deep recession and two wars in the Middle East. These are issues hardly adaptable to instant solutions for an impatient public.

He was flying high as a presidential candidate offering "change" from the heavy hand of conservatives empowered from the days of Ronald Reagan, who had turned the country to the right.

Since those halcyon inaugural days, the president surely has learned that there is no such thing as bipartisanship. The Republicans in Congress have formed a solid wall of opposition to all of his first-year initiatives, especially universal health care.

The plan to provide affordable medical security for millions of people is now in great jeopardy with the surprising victory of Massachusetts Republican Scott

Brown in the special election for the seat of the late Sen. Ted Kennedy.

Brown has vowed to vote against the health-care bill when he takes his Senate seat. His election also means that Senate Republicans will have 41 votes, enough to block any effort to end filibusters.

Obama also has learned that party loyalty is not a high priority among some Senate Democrats, including Evan Bayh of Indiana and Ben Nelson of Nebraska.

Congressional Democrats are worried about the November midterm elections in the aftermath of Brown's victory and Republican wins in gubernatorial elections in Virginia and New Jersey.

The trend portends bad news for other reforms that Obama hopes to make in the financial world. Other progressive plans for energy, education and global warming may be blocked by supporters of the status quo.

But not to worry, the president will have all the Republican backing he needs to pursue a hard-line foreign policy and possible military interventions in Pakistan, Yemen and Iran.

As for his first-year performance, Obama gives himself a B-plus. That seems about right to me.

On the plus side, Obama has introduced the world to a more caring U.S. image,

compared with his predecessor, who violated international law against torture.

Obama also gave a hand to the beleaguered auto industry in hard-hit Detroit and other parts of the Midwest.

He pushed through Congress the child health program that the Bush administration had rejected.

He also was successful with some of his social agenda, including unemployment benefits.

White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said Obama has "an awful lot to be proud of."

The chief executive also rose to the occasion with an immediate humanitarian response to the earthquake catastrophe in Haiti.

Gibbs acknowledges some missteps by the White House and said "nobody believes you can pitch a perfect game."

Obama has disappointed members of the liberal wing of his party. And he has yet to fulfill the promise of more openness in government.

Gibbs said the president's top priority during the year is "to get the economy back on track," and that "creating jobs will be a top priority."

My suggestion as he starts his second year in the White House: Get tough. Learn to fight back against political foes. ■

LETTER to the EDITOR

Advice to all veterans and active service members in civilian attire

Few of us are aware of a little-known change in federal law in the past two years. On Oct. 31, 2008, Washington (AFNS) said, "Veterans and service members not in uniform can now render the military-style hand salute during the playing of the National Anthem" as per public law 110-181 FY 2008 defense Authorization Act, Section 594. It also allows veterans and active service members not in uniform to render the military service during the hoisting, lowering or passing of the flag to render the military salute.

Let us look closer at this ruling. All retired or active veterans, combat or non-combat military members, are encouraged when out of uniform to render the hand salute from the position of attention. Remember your military training and salute correctly being covered or uncovered.

Posting of the colors anywhere, pledge of allegiance to our flag, colors marching by at a parade six paces right to six paces left of you — hold that hand salute. All sports events with hat on or not, salute yes-yes.

Per Dr. James B. Peake, 2008 secretary of Veterans Affairs, "this provision allows the application of that honor in all events involving our National Flag." Stand at attention, hand salute, be recognized for our service to our country.

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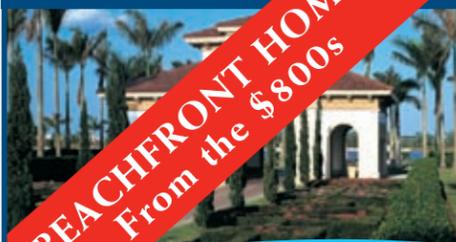
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15 MINUTES

One diaper at a time, Baby Basics changes things for the better

BY PAMELA V. KROL
Special to Florida Weekly

Household income doesn't always keep pace with the rising cost of food, clothing, medicine and other necessities. For many, that often means even the most basic items can quickly become unaffordable.

Diapers are among the most indispensable things on the shopping list for families with babies and toddlers. Considering the average baby goes through about nine diapers per day, it's easy to understand how something so simple can become a major part of the family budget — especially when there's more than one child in the household who isn't potty-trained.

That's where Jean Ann Lynch comes in. The former schoolteacher is the founder and executive director of Baby Basics, a nonprofit organization that provides diapers to working families with children 3 years old and younger. She got the idea while teaching nursery school in Ridgewood, N.J.

"I noticed that a lot of the children we served often suffered from diaper rash because they stayed in their diapers too long," she says. "Their families simply couldn't afford enough diapers to keep them consistently dry."

Determined to find a way to help, she considered starting an agency that would assist families in attaining a whole range of baby-related necessities, such as formula, cribs, strollers and car seats. But she quickly learned that several other organizations already were at work providing those things. A supply of diapers

was the one "baby basic" for which working families could receive no assistance. "I decided to fill in the gap in the services that already existed and to partner with other organizations," she says.

The first Baby Basics began distributing diapers to working, low-income families in Ridgewood in 1991. Since then, Mrs. Lynch has started two Baby Basics operations in Boston (which are operated by her daughters, Jennifer Haggerty and Alicia Steadman), one in Vermont and one in Naples. Eight more independent Baby Basics programs based on her model are up and running around the country, and two will open soon in Idaho and Arkansas.

Mrs. Lynch hopes the growth continues. "We hear all the time that this donation has a big impact on the overall family budget," she says. "Knowing that makes me want to do more. I'd like to see a Baby Basics in every state."

Baby Basics programs all are run entirely by volunteers. "Unless a private donation comes in earmarked for administrative costs, literally 100 percent of the money we receive is used to purchase diapers," Mrs. Lynch says.

The Naples group buys a tractor-trailer's worth of diapers — 1,140 cases — from Sam's Club every five months. That supply serves the needs of 239 babies. Eligible families receive a maximum of



Jean Ann Lynch and a Baby Basics friend

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lic Charities, Habitat for Humanity of Immokalee, YMCA of the Palms and several other family-oriented organizations in Collier County.

Upon entering the program, the participating family signs a contract with Baby Basics assuring that a family member will attend the twice monthly diaper distribution. Diapers are stored and distributed from six sites in Naples, Immokalee and Bonita Springs. This distribution serves two purposes: handing the parent a two-week free supply of diapers and providing them with an open and caring environment where they can connect with the volunteers, talk about other issues they are facing or, if necessary, receive referrals to other supportive services.

While carrying out her daily operations, one of Mrs. Lynch's priorities is to make sure that the families she serves know they are cared about, that someone is thinking about them. "We do our best to provide diapers and kindness," she says. ■

two cases of diapers per month.

In order to receive Baby Basics assistance, one member of the family must be employed and the family cannot be receiving any state or federal aid. Local families are screened for eligibility by the Neighborhood Health Clinic, Fun Time Early Childhood Development Center, Grace Place, St. Matthew's House, Catho-

— Coming up Saturday morning, Feb. 6, the Collier County group is hosting its first Baby Basics Walk/Bike Ride fundraiser at North Collier Regional Park. A continental breakfast and a hot lunch will be served to those who take part in the 2- to 6-mile walk and 2- to 10-mile bike ride along the park's marked trails. For registration and more information, visit www.babysbasicscollier.org.



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down thousands of dollars.

When she had sold enough, The Cartel's Cartier packed up and moved down the road to Miami, where the Cubans and the Colombians (the honchos who bossed the locals in Everglades City) awaited with even bigger bundles of cash to spend on her wares.



In the living room of his modest home off an unpaved road in the wilds near Estero, 52-year-old Tim McBride toys with the purchase he made nearly 30 years ago from the traveling jewelry dealer.

Before the drug trade collapsed under the weight of federal task forces and a blizzard of indictments and convictions, Mr. McBride was among Everglades City's heaviest hitters. But those times are long gone, and he says the only totem that remains is the 14-karat gold chain around his neck holding a lion's head charm set with diamonds in each eye and a ruby in its mouth.

"This was the first gold chain I bought," Mr. McBride says. "God, this was way back, when I was just getting started, still new to the business and basically just throwin' bales of marijuana around and marvelin' that I could make five thousand bucks a night doing that. I can't even remember how much this chain cost. A couple of thousand? Sounds about right."

Mr. McBride's drug smuggling eventually earned him a four-year stretch in a federal prison and a \$4 million fine, which he paid in cash and forfeited property. The prison time and the fine could have been worse (up to a life sentence and \$16 million), but he cooperated with the feds.

By the time he was busted in the late 1980s, Mr. McBride (who had come to the Everglades City in 1980 from his native Wisconsin as a 20-something pothead in search of fast times and adventure) had risen to a position of prominence in the drug trafficking hierarchy. Toward the end, he negotiated high-level deals between the Cubans and the Colombians, who despised one another and required a third party (Mr. McBride in this case) to act as a trusted broker.

Faced with the prospect of life in prison without parole, he gave prosecutors and investigators detailed accounts of how smuggling operations were orchestrated and conducted, but he staunchly refused to provide the names of the big boys in Miami and South America to whom he reported directly.

"Naming those guys," he says, "would have earned me and everyone in my family a bullet in the head. I'd have stayed in prison forever before I'd given up those people."

Still, four years in the slammer and financial destitution weren't mere slaps on the wrist. And now, more than two decades later, it's all gone anyway: the money (at the pinnacle, Mr. McBride says, he was making upwards of \$5 million annually), the women, the wild alcohol- and drug-fueled parties and the indescribable adrenaline rush of slipping enormous loads of marijuana and cocaine past befuddled law enforcers.

The subdued and decidedly anti-drug Mr. McBride of today is an apt metaphor for Everglades City itself. Both the man and the town have, like Hank Williams Jr.'s friends, rowdied on down.

Mr. McBride is a single father raising two teenagers, and his notable vice nowadays is an infrequent cigarillo. And Everglades City, once was the epicenter of South Florida drug running, is now famed for its quaint charms, abundant sport fishing and an annual seafood festival (which will be held next



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The original Collier County courthouse in Everglades City in the 1920s, left, has been renovated and now serves as City Hall, above.

month) that embraces deep-fried fish and hushpuppies, enormous crowds and unremitting, high-decibel country music.

Yet even in their subdued states, Mr. McBride and Everglades City are reminders of a time when lawlessness and greed combined with a tiny town's stunning simplicity to create characters and a place that continue to enthrall. Both the man and the town look to the future, but neither shies from an occasional nostalgic glance toward the rearview mirror.

"I'm not saying that what we did was right," Mr. McBride says. "In fact, it was wrong. Wrong on so many levels. But we were just good ol' boys, fisherman and the like, who made way too much money and had way too much fun. I won't kid you; it was something to behold."

He shakes his head, which sports a cascade of thinning, shoulder-length gray hair, and laughs, "It was like the Jimmy Buffett song, 'A Pirate Looks at 40.'" After a pause, he recites the appropriate lyrics from memory:

"I've done a bit of smuggling, I've run my share of grass/I made enough money to buy Miami, but I pissed it away so fast/Never meant to last, never meant to last."

Looking off to some place deep within his memory, Mr. McBride adds, "There's never been a place like Everglades City."

True enough, and there probably never will be again.



Everglades City is small. Really small. As in 500 people or so. Its public school is said to be the last pre-kindergarten through grade 12 school left in the state, and it enrolls fewer than 150 students. Last year, the graduating class had nine members. The small town center often is forsaken and empty, and if anyone's in a hurry, they do a fine job of concealing it.

This is the way Florida used to be — or at least the way people think

Florida used to be. It's Mayberry with mosquitoes, reptiles, the Skunk Ape (a swamp-dwelling version of Big Foot) and a history of illicit smuggling that dates back to Prohibition. There are no crowds (except during the Everglades City Seafood Festival), no tacky tourist attractions, no looming condominiums that block sun and sky.

The pace is slow and the people are peculiar. Why outsiders are appalled by the notion of dining on manatee is a mystery to many denizens of the swamps. (Bad joke: I love chicken; it tastes just like manatee).

Not a whole lot has changed, and that's just fine by the crusty natives who still call Everglades City home.

Even the town's longtime mayor, the flamboyantly redoubtable Sammy Hamilton (who despite his legendary garrulousness did not respond to requests for an interview for this article), is a certified hoot — a blast from the past who sports a sweeping pompadour that calls to mind Elvis himself, especially if the King had styled his ebony locks into a subdued mullet. When you reach Mayor Hamilton's home answering machine, you're treated to a nimble impersonation of the late Mr. Presley, which ends with the trademark "Thank you, thank you vury much."

Ask around town about His Honor, and mostly you get a laugh and a gesture that seems to say, "Yeah, that Sammy, he's something else." No one, however, underestimates Mr. Hamilton's political acuity or his hold on power. The town's beautifully restored City Hall bears his name, although Mr. Hamilton insists he had no part in fashioning the honor. But he didn't decline it, either.

No doubt, Sammy Hamilton is the spot-on perfect guy to run a place like Everglades City.

Fittingly, given the town's roguish reputation, the area was settled by descendants of 19th century pirates who brought with them the fierce pride and clannish ways of the Scotch-Irish. They arrived with a determination to

live by their own rules, which were largely shaped by what it took to survive in such a harsh environment. And they never felt the need to be validated by the opinions of outsiders.

"Everybody knows everybody, and it sometimes seems like everybody is related to everybody there," says Mary Pat Rogers, an Everglades City native who was born in 1930 and whose family arrived there in 1924. "They just don't trust outsiders. They never have, and I suppose they never will. There are families dating back generations that have been living in the wilderness, fishing, trapping, acting as guides and doing who knows what else. If you don't share that history, you're viewed with suspicion by those folks. It doesn't mean they're bad people at all. They're guarded."

Bob Wells is a longtime Everglades City real estate man with a respected and thriving business. His for-sale signs sprout from lawns all around town.

"I moved to Everglades City in 1955, from Immokalee, when I was 9 years old," says Mr. Wells. "So I've been here close to 55 years — and I am not considered a 'local' by the locals. And no matter how long I stay, I will never be one of the locals."

"I married someone from here, and that helped. But they know I wasn't born here, so therefore I can't be a local. I'm accepted, but not as someone who was born here is accepted."

Visitors find a town that welcomes their business but still casts a wary eye on their reasons for being there.

"The people are quite nice," says Francis Webb, a transplanted Michigander who lives in Miami but drives his RV to Everglades City a couple of times a year for a few days of fishing. "Still, you get a jaundiced eye on occasion. People want to know where you're from, and more important, they want to know when you're going back. I think that's quite understandable in a place this small."

Mr. Webb is eating grouper chowder and nursing a cold Corona as he sits on the dock at City Seafood on Begonia Street.

"Where else can you eat outside on a beautiful day like this, watch manatees pop their heads out of the water and not be crushed by a horde of tourists?" he says. "Very nice. But I'd go crazy living here. Too small and too shut off from the outside world to suit me. I suppose if you grew up here, then you wouldn't even think about that."

Everglades City might have remained little more than a smudge on the map

had it not been for Barron Collier, the great developer of Southwest Florida who amassed massive land holdings there in the early 1920s.

An advertising mogul with a gift for self-promotion, Mr. Collier is said to have remarked that anyone could erect a city in a place like Naples, but building a town in the wilds was a mark of true genius and enormous enterprise. He was right.

Collier County, of which Everglades City was the original seat, was created by the Florida Legislature, with the proviso that the new county would complete the Tamiami Trail between Naples and Dade County. It was the early 1960s before the real power moved from Everglades City and Naples became the county seat.

From the beginning, Everglades City was shaped and defined by the land. It is the gateway to the Everglades and the Ten Thousand Islands, which sprawl across 2,000 square miles of gnarled mangroves, shallow flats, serpentine creeks and waters rich with all manner of seafood and plant life. There are innumerable opportunities in these waters and marshes for those unfamiliar with their intricacies to become stupefyingly (and fatally) lost. The Everglades exude an undeniable beauty, but once inside, everything looks the same. The uninitiated can become turned around and hopelessly baffled in a matter of minutes. To wander into this vast expanse absent a good local guide is roughly equivalent to tackling Everest without a Sherpa.

The muddled waterways around Everglades City, which Tim McBride and other smugglers knew better than anyone, provided the perfect opportunity for drug running. Mother ships were unloaded in the dead of night, and cargoes whisked through the dizzying backwaters to waiting vehicles that then departed for Miami and other distribution points.

That practically an entire town of fishermen would enter into such endeavors was not surprising, really. Environmental regulations and encroaching civilization made it difficult for them to earn a living. And there was that hardheaded streak of rebelliousness and independence that runs in their blood. The fishermen and boat captains were ripe for overtures from drug kingpins.

Everything rolled along quite nicely, from the smugglers's point of view, until July of 1983, when the first wave of arrests began.

Incredibly, an alphabet soup of federal agencies, including the FBI, the DEA, the IRS, the ATF and others, succeeded in infiltrating Everglades City's drug underworld. It was quite an accomplishment, given the tightly knit nature of the community.

The number of actual arrests varies from account to account, but as *The Christian Science Monitor* noted later, authorities arrested "nearly every adult male on drug charges." While that smacks of overstatement, it's safe to say that a substantial plurality of Everglades City's adult men was caught up in the legal mayhem.

In the largest single bust in 1983, 12 people from Everglades City were arrested. At other times, the investigation led to 149 arrests across South Florida, some of which involved Everglades City residents.

"They've arrested all the men," one local woman told the *Miami Herald* in 1983. "It's going to be a town of women."

Another resident complained: "Everybody acts like Everglades City is the only town that has smuggling. I guess I'm prejudiced right now because I have three brothers in jail."

Boats were seized, and it was estimated that about 75 percent of the local stone crab fleet was impounded.

Rusty Rupsis, publisher of the local newspaper, was quoted as saying that while many of the town's people had heard rumors about smuggling, they were mostly unaware of the widespread criminality. It seemed a strange admission coming from someone whose sole business was to know what was going on in a town about the size of Palm Beach mansion's back yard.

"The signs may have been there, but we may have been too close to see them," the newspaperman said. "The smugglers aren't stealing from you; they're nice people. They don't give you any trouble. You can live next door to most of them and never know the difference."

Most of those arrested served their time and returned to resume their lives in Everglades City. Even now, you can speak with a civic leader or prominent businessman and learn later that "he went away" as a result of the drug busts. It's a fact readily accepted and rarely noted by townspeople. Bad things happen to good people and all that.

Indeed, a stretch in federal prison back in the '80s for an Everglades City male of a certain age today is no more stigmatizing than a home foreclosure might be on the record of one of his contemporaries living in Fort Myers.

"The U.S. attorney told me that the government wasn't interested in locking up all these guys from Everglades City forever," Mr. McBride recalls.

"They just wanted it stopped, and they wanted the people who were responsible to be punished. But they knew we weren't really bad, bad people at heart. We didn't carry guns. We didn't kill people — although the people above me certainly did. No, we were guys who just got caught up in this deal.

We deserved punishment. I deserved everything I got. But there's no way we deserved to spend the rest of our lives in prison."



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The Bank of Everglades in Everglades City

There is lingering speculation that many of the Everglades City smugglers stashed their cash and still draw from it to this day. Tales of coffee cans laden with loot hidden deep within the swamp are legion. While there's no hard evidence to back up these stories, the myth persists — and perhaps with good reason.

The amounts of money made were staggering, and on an average day a smuggler/fisherman might have walked around with \$10,000 to \$20,000 stuffed into the pockets of his jeans. Despite all that cash, many of the drug runners continued to live, outwardly at least, modest existences. Grand homes did not spring up, although new pickup trucks became commonplace.

Where did all the money go?

"Well, I pretty well blew all of mine on high living: booze, drugs, women and things like a house in the Bahamas," says Mr. McBride. "And I spent about \$400,000 on my lawyer, who was from Baltimore. And then I had that fine of \$4 million. I paid about \$2.8 million in cash, and rest came from seizures."

Mr. McBride says partying consumed a good part of everyone's income. Convivial gatherings at local watering holes often turned into serious, prolonged bacchanals.

"Oh, man, everybody was drunk or stoned, and we'd be throwing bottles and breaking furniture," he recalls. "It was like the Wild West where cowboys come into town and tear up a saloon. Fights would break out, but it was all in fun. We had a good time, and no serious harm was done. And when we got the bill, we'd add on another two or three thousand for all the damage we had caused. Nobody seemed to mind. Everybody made money."

Still, extravagant partying — no matter how frenetic — seems unlikely to have seriously drained the pockets of these affluent smugglers, and a full accounting of how fortunes were decimated is unlikely at this late stage.

Says Mr. McBride: "How those guys spent their money is hard to say. I don't really know. Vacations were big things, and a guy might take his family on a big trip and then grab thirty thousand in cash when he was headed out the door. People bought nice fishing boats and lots of trucks.

"Is there a fortune in old drug money buried around Everglades City? I can't say, but I doubt there is. Like Jimmy Buffett said, we just pissed it away. And, trust me, that's a lot easier to do than you might think."



Francis Webb, the visiting fisherman from Miami, says he has heard vague stories about Everglades City's past.

"I knew that some of that had happened down here," he says. "I really didn't know the extent. But, look, I can see how that could happen. It's tough making a living off the land or from the water. This doesn't affect how I feel about this place at all. The people are friendly but reserved."

Mr. Wells, the real estate man, says outsiders do indeed move to Everglades City, but that the current housing market generally mirrors the problems other areas are experiencing.

Still, he says the town remains attractive to a certain niche of buyers — principally those drawn by the fishing and outdoors activities afforded by the Everglades.

Buyers come from Fort Myers, Naples and Fort Lauderdale, among other places. They seek second homes, retreats and the like. Everglades City also attracts interest from Northerners desiring a simpler, less-commercialized atmosphere.

And there's also property available for those who want something less mundane. Mr. Wells has a listing of four waterfront acres that carries an asking price of \$2.8 million. If that sounds extravagant, then think again, he says.

"Show me a comparable property anywhere else in Florida that you can get for the same price," he says. "You can't, because you can't find it. The price is relative to what's available elsewhere."

Will outsiders feel comfortable moving to Everglades City? Mr. Wells's answer is an unqualified yes.

"You move into a neighborhood anywhere, in any town, not just Everglades City, and the other neighbors want to know who you are," he says. "Are you in the witness protection program? Where are you from? These are questions people everywhere ask. They are basic things we all want to know."

The witness protection comment seems a bit awkward given Everglades City's past, but Mr. Wells has a point. The townspeople might never view you in the same light as a local, but they also remain a nonjudgmental lot, which is more than can be said about many places with less notorious histories.

Says Mr. Wells, "People here don't pry into other people's business."



It seems highly unlikely that Tim McBride will be moving to Everglades City anytime soon. He says it's been about five years since he set foot there.

Since his release from prison in 1992, times have been tough. He married, divorced and now lives with his teenage son and daughter in their remote home near Estero. He abandoned his drug-infested lifestyle and became an ex-con before his children were born, and they have only learned the full details of his past within the last two years. Before the truth emerged, they believed he had spent four years in college, not prison.

"They accept me for who I am now, not who I was back then," Mr. McBride says.

Post-prison, he made good money in the construction trade, but an on-the-job injury left him with limited use of one arm and constant pain. He received a financial settlement related to the accident, and now employs attorneys to seek disability payments.

Remarkably friendly and articulate, Mr. McBride is writing his memoirs and offers to speak to youth groups about the dangers of drugs. Writing, he says, is his new passion, and Lord knows he's got enough stories to fill a dozen books. Because his injured arm makes typing difficult, he uses a device to translate spoken words into text on his computer.

He's also refreshingly devoid of the grating peachiness that infects some miscreants after they embark on the road to righteousness. Simply put, he knows when to joke and when to be serious.

He has a Web site that bears the nickname given to him and his smuggling crew: Saltwater Cowboys. (Clothing and coffee mugs are among items available through the site). How he acquired the sobriquet says much about the craziness that was Everglades City.

Here's the story: A man who shipped cattle from South America to New Orleans began to smuggle drugs aboard his boat at the suggestion of some Colombian drug lords. Eventually, the smuggling became so profitable that the cattle were mere props to conceal the true cargo.

Mr. McBride and his crew went out to unload the boat one night. They couldn't get to the 45,000 pounds of Colombian grass below deck because of the cattle. The captain pondered the dilemma briefly and then ordered 150 head of livestock herded off the boat and into the Gulf of Mexico, where they drowned.

"Even I couldn't believe that," says Mr. McBride. "I told the captain that we couldn't have all these dead cows washing up on Fort Myers Beach or wherever. That would attract too much attention. Didn't seem to bother him at all."

Mr. McBride's fellow smugglers thought the story was hilarious and hence the tag "Saltwater Cowboy." Mr. McBride saw the humor, too, but he was troubled by the incident and decided never again to unload that captain's vessel. And it wasn't just the logistics of getting to the drugs that bothered him.

"I mean think about it," he says now from his easy chair in Estero. "You've got to feel really sad for those poor cows that drowned. I know I sure did."

Memo to Jimmy Buffett: There's a song buried somewhere in that story. ■

UNDERCOVER HISTORIAN

After a third mention, it's time to tell the Turner family's tale

BY LOIS BOLIN
Special to Florida Weekly

I've always been told the third time's a charm, and I've always wondered why this is so.

Under English law, anyone who survived three hanging attempts was to be set free (with a lifetime supply of turtle necks, I hope). This adage stems from John "Babbacombe" Lee, a sailor who was convicted of murder in 1885 and survived three execution attempts. His sentence was commuted, and subsequently he became known as The Man They Couldn't Hang. He died finally in the 1940s.

Still seeking the origin of the idiom, I turned to the respected Cambridge University Press for my research. As I was reading, I wondered what Pappy Turner would think of my roundabout way of talking about him. Since he's a no-nonsense man of few words, I don't think I really want to know, so I'd best get to it.

Third time for this charming family

This is the third week in a row that I've mentioned the Turner boys, so I supposed it's time to tell the charming tale (or at least some of it) of Elisha and Marion Turner, who raised nine children right on 10th Street South — and raised them well, I must add.

Elisha, heretofore known as Pappy, was raised in Moorhead, N.C., which is also where he met and later married (in 1915) his beloved, the right-citified Marion, who originally came from Long Island, N.Y. Her handiwork exists in the

Bayshore CRA area where the streets the Turners helped to create bear the names of streets that Marion knew back home, such as Constitution and Republic.

Pappy, not wanting to ever feel cold again, headed down to Sarasota around 1920 and began commercial fishing and boat building. In 1925 they homesteaded a spot they called Snake Island, which later became known as Turner Island. When the politicians "got cantankerous," he took his family farther south and landed in Naples around 1942.

If you know fishing (real fishing) in this area, then you've heard of the Big Dipper and the Little Dipper, the Turners' first boats. Later they built tugs and barges, all with a "T" in the bow, and even built a personal boat they dubbed The City of Naples.

Duke was Pappy's baby boy. Now 65 years old, he says, "Pap said that the city paid for this boat (due to the Turners' dredging contract with the city), so we may as well call it in honor of them.

"We had to change it, though, 'cause everyone kept talking about this nice boat the city had."

Pappy and Marion's pride and joys

The nine Turner children who blessed their lives were, in birth order: Lillie Belle, Archie, Ralph, Marion, Nicholas, Winfred, Thomas ("Tommy"), Barbara and Leslie ("Duke"). Each is worthy of a book themselves; three are still with us today: Tommy, Win and Duke.

The eldest Turner child, Lillie Belle, became an outstanding swimmer because she swam to school every day



Pappy Turner in the 1940s

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ist who worked with DuPont testing monofilament nets and with the Florida Department of Natural Resources doing early snook tagging.

Tommy was involved in the inception of the family marina and still has an impish smile that makes you wonder, "What has he done now?"

Whatever you do, don't ask Win about gardens unless you have lots of time to listen to the answer. The guru of gardening, he's consistently noted as the volunteer with the most hours at the Naples Botanical Garden, where he often shares his extensive knowledge about orchids through lectures.

Then there's baby boy Duke, one of the founding members of the Marine Industry Association of Collier County, who continues to work for the betterment of Collier County.

I had the pleasure of attending a Turner reunion for which some 80 of the 250-plus family members turned out on a bone-chilling, wet Saturday afternoon. There is no way I could even begin to capture the stories, the texture and fabric of a family that spans three generations. Perhaps Patty Lewin, the reunion organizer, will ask me back again and then again. I surely hope she does, even though I find it hard to imagine that the third time could possibly be more charming than the first. ■

(if you walked to school in the snow, you've been trumped). Archie, a Purple Heart recipient from Normandy, served on the City Council from 1954-1964 and was mayor from 1964-1968, contributing greatly to our city's success.

Ralph was known as the one who had a way with kids and animals; Marion was the personable one; and Barbara's career was her children and her home, and she was mighty proud of it.

Nick was a fisherman and conservation-

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There's a lot of talk about finding value in the marketplace these days. Financial gurus talk about great prices in the stock market. Realtors tout home prices as the best values in years. There's hardly a retail store in business that isn't offering discounts right now.

When it comes to wine, the New Year brings values as well, as wineries and distributors offer price breaks in an effort to move inventory and reel in customers.

Value wines are not the least expensive wines available. Getting value means getting the most bang for your buck, and there are value wines in all price ranges. These abound in lesser-known varietals. Don't just pick up that favorite chardonnay. Instead, try an albarino or viognier. Instead of merlot or cabernet, try a grenache or mourvedre. Some wineries produce a secondary label, and these can be quite good as well. Try wines from different countries and you'll find lots of values.

"We are looking more to places like South America for wine values," says Aleksander Stepanovich, wine director of Sea Salt Restaurant in Naples.

One wine he likes is Amplus One by Santa Ema, a blend of carmenere and carignane from Chile. "It has great fruit, is medium bodied and has a good finish.

It resembles a cabernet-merlot blend and pairs well with many dishes," he says, adding some 2006 vintage remains, along with the comparable 2007 vintage, and is priced at \$36 a bottle.

Angelina's Ristorante in Bonita Springs is offering Daily Indulgence Therapy, which includes both wine and appetizers during happy hour. From 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., all wines priced at less than \$150 are available for half price. "We have well over 200 wines that qualify for this, with 125 under \$50 per bottle (before discount)," says wine sommelier Angela Robertson.

One wine Ms. Robertson likes is the 2005 Albino Armani Casetta from Trentino, Italy. "This grape has been brought back from extinction," she says. "Merlot drinkers will like trying this because it has a medium body and nice red fruit flavors. It is a fun wine to drink, and is a little off the beaten path." This wine is regularly priced at \$45.

Retailers are on the bargain bandwagon, too.

"Most of our inventory is priced under \$40," says Al Fialkovich, co-owner of Decanted Wine Beer Tastings in Naples. Mr. Fialkovich has assembled an impressive selection of wines by tasting everything before buying.

One well-priced selection is Viridian Pinot Noir 2006 from Oregon's Olsen Family Vineyards, selling for \$16. "This wine is Burgundian in style," he says. "It has big red fruit flavors, balance and elegance. It has a touch of earthiness as well, and is softer than most burgundy."



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Al Fialkovich of Decanted

Tony's off Third in Naples has set up a large display of value wines. "I have many customers saying they want wonderful everyday wines that don't break the budget," says wine director Sukie Honeycutt. "These are people who do not mind spending \$50 or \$75 on a bottle of wine, but are looking for value wines to drink on an everyday basis."

Cono Sur Vision Sauvignon Blanc 2008 is one of the featured value wines from Tony's off Third. "I compare this to a wine from the Loire Valley in France," says Ms. Honeycutt. "It is crisp and clean tasting with good acid and minerality. It pairs particularly well with seafood."

It's not the same wine you find in a grocery store. This wine is from the Vision line of Cono Sur, priced at \$14.95.

Don't forget coupons as another way to save money.

"I have become the king of the coupon

clippers for wine," says Mitch Haley of Fort Myers. And checking the paper for coupons is not the only way to find these savings. "When I shop at the grocery store, I always look for the bottle-neck coupons," which usually save a dollar or two per bottle, he says.

Sometimes the coupon will come to you. "I was shopping at Total Wine and had a coupon good for any brand 1.5 liter magnum bottles," says Mr. Haley. While he was waiting in line with a case of magnums, he adds, another customer offered him another coupon he couldn't use and didn't want to waste. ■

Following are some more value selections from the experts:

From Mr. Stepanovich of Sea Salt:

>>**Domain du Tariquet Sauvignon 2008, Cotes de Gascogne:** Crisp, refreshing clean taste with tropical fruit flavors and a nice finish. Made in the Sancerre style, it is light and elegant with a long finish. About \$36.

From Mr. Fialkovich of Decanted:

>>**Axis Zinfandel 2007:** Lively zinfandel from Lodi, well balanced with nice berry fruit flavors, butterscotch and spicy notes on the finish. About \$15.

From Ms. Honeycutt of Tony's off Third:

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FLORIDA WEEKLY CUISINE

Welcome to the newcomers on Naples' lively restaurant scene

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It's hard to keep up all with the restaurants cropping up around town, but here's some news about two of them:

• **Stage 62 Delicatessen & Restaurant** opened recently at Mercato, bringing Jewish deli fare and a touch of the theatrical together.

The stylish deli with the gargantuan menu is the progeny of Stage 62 in Oak Park, Mich., which was founded in 1962 by owners Jack and Harriet Goldberg. Their son, Steve, is the proprietor of the Naples establishment.

The menu is filled with the classics you'd expect to find in any Jewish deli worth its dill pickle, even if some of the names are new. The 140-seat restaurant offers standards such as cheese blintzes, beet borscht, knishes, potato pancakes and chopped liver. There are also fancifully named items such as nicoise Jolie (a tuna salad), the Mama Mia (turkey, chopped liver and Russian dressing), the Lion King (hot corned beef or pastrami with imported Swiss cheese) and the Producers (pickled tongue, corned beef, lettuce, tomato and hot mustard).

There are also pancakes, omelets, smoked fish plates and hot fare including stuffed cabbage, corned beef and cabbage, meatloaf, knockwurst, brisket and chicken in a pot. Stage 62 even offers egg creams. Breakfast is served all day.

Stage 62 is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day. It's at 9105 Strada Place. Call 597-2800 or check it out on its Web site at www.stage62deli.com.

• **Cornerstone Sports Bar & Grill** scores in East Naples in the Village Fall complex, with 13 HD flat TVs for sports enthusiasts, pool tables, darts and music. The menu offers bar foods such as ribs, wings, pizza, sandwiches and salads.

Cornerstone offers a 25 percent discount to local law enforcement officers and firefighters. It's open 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. daily at 5047 Tamiami Trail East. Call 417-1216.

• **Mr. Tequila's** has opened at 3126 U.S. 41 North in the building previously occupied by a host of restaurants, including Meson Ole and Ditka's. The menu is Mexican, as opposed to Tex-Mex, and the restaurant offers a 46-ounce margarita that's perfect for sharing. Call 304-8629.

A simply ducky deal

Now through Feb. 25, **The Capital Grille** is offering a promotion called

Dessert with a Duck. Purchase a \$10 Dessert with a Duck and enjoy a piece of coconut cream pie while also adopting a rubber duck that will be among the 10,000 dropped into Venetian Bay to race on Feb. 27. Top placing ducks will win their adopters thousands of dollars in prizes.

The Great Venetian Duck Race is a benefit for the Children's Museum of Naples, Collier County's first learning environment devoted exclusively to child's play in order to help youngsters learn the joy of discovering new things. It's scheduled to open this fall in North Collier Regional Park.

Ducks can be purchased at The Capital Grille or online at www.naples.com/duckrace. For Dessert with a Duck reservations and information, contact The Capital Grille at Mercato at 254-0640.

Vergina a favorite of famed chef

Keep an eye out in area restaurants this week for some of the nation's top chefs as they gather for the Naples Winter Wine Festival. Among those returning for the 10th annual event are Thomas Keller, Daniel Boulud and Emeril Lagasse.

According to **Vergina** General Manager Rodo Sundic, Mr. Lagasse is extremely fond of Vergina Chef Sandro Duarte's butternut squash ravioli, which contain a bit of pureed amaretto cookie in the tender



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pillows and some cookie crumbs atop the sage beurre noisette with which they are served. Mr. Sundic says they always sell out of the ravioli whenever Mr. Lagasse dines there. So be forewarned. It's likely to happen tonight or sometime in the next few days.

I had the opportunity to sample that luscious ravioli along with some of the new dishes Mr. Duarte has created for Vergina and was impressed with the additions. Each dish contained the freshest ingredients brought together in a harmonious blend of textures, flavors and colors then artfully plated. Mr. Duarte shuns the heavy Southern Italian style, preferring Northern Italian techniques and blending them with a bit of French influence, or borrowing from the Peruvian palette of his mother's family



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Stage 62 Delicatessen & Restaurant

or even Asia when he sees fit. Here's a look at just a few:

The formaggio di capra began with herb-crusted goat cheese placed on sweet red beets with wilted greens and a drizzle of balsamic and wild berry coulis. The blu arugula salad brought together organic baby arugula, brandied pecans, grilled apples, cucumbers and creamy Gorgonzola cheese dressing.

Tender pillows of lobster ravioli with saffron pernod crème fraîche topped with fennel and a pea tendril were heavenly. The macadamia crusted sea bass with blood orange and tomato confit was delicate and delicious, and the seared ahi tuna with braised leeks, roasted bliss potatoes and an Asian sauce was bold and zesty. I'm hard pressed to say which of the steaks I like best, but I think the N.Y. strip with the Barolo

demi-glace wins out, although both the filet with gorgonzola and the ribeye with parsley-lime pesto were excellent.

Vergina, now in its 10th year, is at 700 Fifth Ave. S. Call 659-7008 for reservations.

New at Sale e Pepe

Sale e Pepe, the widely acclaimed restaurant at Marco Beach Ocean Resort,



KAREN FELDMAN / FLORIDA WEEKLY

Butternut ravioli with amaretto cookies inside and out are a favorite of Emeril Lagasse, Vergina staff say.

has a new menu for the New Year. There's also a new happy hour in the Saletta lounge.

The restaurant specializes in regional Italian cuisine with a focus on the culinary traditions of Northern Italy. Chef Alberto Varetto's new offerings include roasted fillet of grouper with sautéed asparagus over saffron sauce, veal Milanese with sliced tomato and arugula salad and homemade taglierini with Genovese pesto and sautéed calamari.

Meanwhile, the restaurant's Saletta lounge has introduced bar bites such as mini beef Wellington, coconut shrimp and sautéed Brie. Other menu features include steamed mussels in a light tomato sauce with grilled garlic bread, homemade pappardelle pasta with Bolognese style veal ragu and grilled garlic bread with marinated organic tomato, wild mushrooms and field greens.

There are two-for-one drinks available during happy hour from 4:30-6 p.m. in the lounge.

Dinner reservations are recommended during season and can be made by calling 393-1600. The address is 480 S. Collier Blvd.

Short takes

• **Angelina's Ristorante** in Bonita Springs now serves Sunday brunch from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., featuring unlimited champagne, mimosas and bloody Marys plus a brunch buffet. It's \$50 per person. Reservations required. Angelina's is at 24041 Tamiami Trail. Call 390-3187.

• **Olio on the Bay** now offers half-priced small plates, well drinks and drafts plus \$3 off premium drinks during happy hour, 3-6 p.m. daily. There's complimentary docking and valet parking. Olio is at the Naples Bay Resort, 1500 Fifth Ave. S, Naples. Call 530-5110.

• **The Jolly Cricket** Jane's Gastropub hosts a Super Jolly Tailgate Buffet on Feb. 7, Superbowl Sunday. Feast on mac and cheese, nachos, ribs, chili, chicken wings, steamship round of beef, peel-and-eat shrimp, sausage and peppers, kielbasa, baked beans, corn on the cob, hot dogs and more. It's \$60 per person for a reserved bar seat, \$65 for reserved table seat and \$55 for general admission. The tailgate party kicks off at 3 p.m. with four screens, beer by the bucket and prizes. The gastropub is at 720 Fifth Ave. South. Call 304-9460.

• There are some casualties to report this week as well. Restaurants that have recently closed include **Bistro Paradis**, **Cena Entrees to Go**, **Figaro's Pizza**, **Ted's Montana Grill** and **The Three Sisters**, all in Naples; and **Mile High Burger** in Bonita Springs. ■

diningCALENDAR

► **Thursday, Jan. 28, 11:30 a.m.**, Macy's: Chef Emeril Lagasse appears for a cooking demonstration and to sign his book, "Emeril 20-40-60: Fresh Food;" free, Home Department, second floor, Macy's, Coastland Center; 434-1312. Reservations recommended.

► **Friday, Jan. 29, 3-7 p.m., Freedom Park:** Collier County Parks and Recreation sponsors Market in the Park, with vendors offering local produce, pet products, soaps, salsas, fair trade items and more, with a portion of proceeds benefitting horticultural and health programs for Collier County

children; 1515 Golden Gate Parkway. Call 252-4060 or 438-5682.

► **Friday-Sunday, Jan. 29-31**, St. Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church: Greek restaurants from Coral Gables to Tarpon Springs will sell their specialties during this annual celebration of all things Greek, including wine, music, cultural items and more; 7100 Airport-Pulling Road N.; 591-3430.

► **Saturday, Jan. 30, 7:30-11:30 a.m.**, Third Street South: The weekly farmers market features fresh produce, baked goods, hand-crafted items

and more; behind Tommy Bahamas; 434-6533.

► **Saturday, Jan. 30, 7 p.m.**, Robb & Stucky Culinary Center: Chef Martin Murphy prepares a five-course dinner with appropriate wines; \$75 inclusive; 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; (866) 206-3840. Reservations required.

► **Sunday, Jan. 31, 5-7 p.m.**, Bamboo Café: French speakers, or those looking to improve their French, are invited to La Table Ronde, a casual roundtable gathering featuring French conversation, hosted by French teach-

er Christine Payne-Rancier; 755 12th Ave. South; 643-6177. Reservations required.

► **Wednesday, Feb. 3, 5:30-8 p.m.**, Decanted: Sample some of the premier small-production chardonnays now available, including Jarvis, Kistler and Boccata, along with heavy appetizers; 1410 Pine Ridge Road; 434-1814. Reservations required. ■

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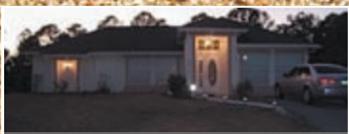
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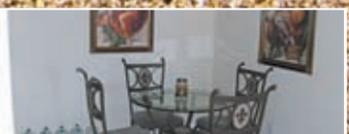
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NAPLES, Fla.-January 15, 2010-The positive momentum continues according to a report released by the Naples Area Board of REALTORS® (NABOR), which tracks home listings and sales within Collier County (excluding Marco Island).

Statistics compiled by NABOR show a dramatic increase in overall sales with inventory diminishing in Collier County, which is an encouraging sign that the favorable market conditions are moving buyers.

2009 showed a series of strong pending and closed sales for each consecutive month with double-digit increases over the 2008 sales figures. Overall pending sales in 2009 increased 71 percent with 9,513 contracts, compared to 5,567 contracts in 2008. Overall closed sales significantly increased with 7,056 sales in 2009, compared to 4,756 sales in 2008.

Inventory continues its steady decline as the housing market improves. According to Mike Hughes, NABOR Media Relations Director, and Vice-President of Downing-Frye Realty, "All price ranges showed a decrease in inventory. The decrease varied from nine percent in the below \$300,000 range up to 25 percent in the \$300,000 to \$500,000 range."

The report provides annual comparisons of single-family home and condo sales (via the SunshineMLS), price ranges, geographic segmentation and includes an overall market summary. The statistics are presented in chart format, along with the following analysis:

- Overall condo pending sales increased 69 percent with 4,243 contracts in 2009, compared to 2,505 contracts in 2008.
- The days a property was on the market in 2009 decreased 11 percent to 160 days on the market, compared to 179 days in 2008.
- The overall median closed price decreased 35 percent to \$178,000 in 2009 from \$274,000 in 2008.

Excluding the \$300,000 and under segment, comprising a majority of foreclosure related property sales, the overall median price for the market declined only 7 percent from \$565,000 in 2008 to \$525,000 in 2009. The median refers to the middle value in a set of statistical values that are arranged in ascending or descending order, in this case prices at which homes were actually sold.

The fourth quarter of 2009 showed overall pending sales increasing 92 percent with 2,455 contracts, compared to 1,276 contracts in the

pending and closed sales as market conditions improved and buyers' optimism grew. "The Naples area is seeing a double digit increase in all geographic areas in overall pending and closed sales," stated Michele Harrison, REALTOR®, with John R. Wood REALTORS®.

- The overall pending sales increase in geographic areas ranged from 51 percent in East Naples to as much as 102 percent in Naples Beach

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same quarter of 2008.

"We are seeing sales steadily move to higher priced ranges," stated Jo Carter, President of Jo Carter & Associates. Both single-family pending and closed sales increased in all price ranges below two million.

- Single-family home sales in the \$300,000 to \$500,000 price range increased 43 percent with 163 sales in the fourth quarter of 2009 compared to 114 sales in the fourth quarter of 2008.

- Single-family pending sales in the \$500,000 to \$1 million price range increased 63 percent in the fourth quarter with 114 contracts compared to 70 contracts in the fourth quarter of 2008.

December 2009 proved to be a strong month

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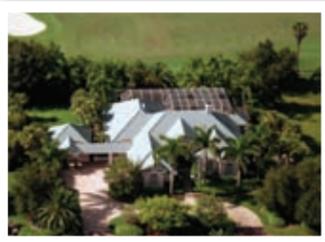
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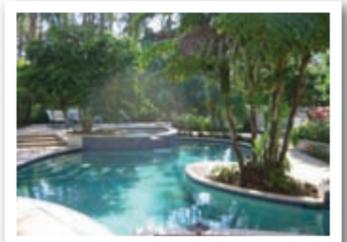
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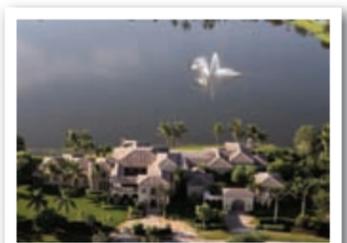
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LEARNING

From page 1

disciplines, and holding lecture series headlined by Ivy League speakers.

“By human nature we have a desire to learn and educate ourselves and become better people, so I don’t think learning is limited to age or by age,” said Dr. Tom Rath, dean of academic services at Edison State College’s Charlotte County campus, a partner of Punta Gorda’s Lifelong Learning Institute. The classes are not for credit, and there are no tests or grades, but schools are working hard to present challenging subject matter to a demographic that continues to hunger for knowledge. Fees for courses are relatively inexpensive, from \$25 to \$30 for a single lecture, or about \$60 for ongoing classes.

“We seem to get the baby boomer generation,” said John Guerro, director of the Renaissance Academy, Florida Gulf Coast University’s continuing education school. “These are really go getters, high-powered individuals. They’ve spent their life steering the bus. They are well educated and well traveled. They want active participation, high quality stuff. None of this is watered down.”

Blair Law, a former CEO of a construction company in upstate New York, was poring over course descriptions at a recent open house at Renaissance Academy.

“I see some great things here where you can get enrichment and fulfillment you don’t get from television or Time magazine, or your normal course of reading,” Mr. Law said.

Frank Cooper, professor of research music at the University of Miami, taught a course at the Phil last year about the power of music. It was an hour and a half program held one day a week for four weeks.

“My goal is to inspire them,” he said.

Professor Cooper enjoys the variety of teaching both his younger students in Miami and older ones in Naples, but some things are the same.

“The one thing that doesn’t change is the emotions that music brings out in people,” he said.

Many attend in part to meet friends and “have fun” — not unlike many college experiences — but health may also be a concern.

“Continuing education is not simply a way to entertain yourself. It literally prevents decline,” said Dr. Alex Crandall, a retired Boca Raton psychiatrist. He will teach courses like the “Secrets of Attraction,” “Psychological Viruses and Self-Hypnosis for Health and Wellness” at Renaissance. “It keeps the brain in shape. Even a 100-year-old can exercise their brain to perform easily.



FLORIDA WEEKLY PHOTOS
Above: Potential students of FGCU’s Renaissance Academy Office of Continuing Education learn more about what classes are available. Left: John Guerra, director of continuing education at Renaissance Academy, explains courses to Blair Law, a former construction CEO in upstate New York who retired to Fort Myers.

Continuing education is just as important for well being as exercise or a healthy diet. People today are no longer making mental decline a self fulfilling prophecy, sitting in front of the TV and tuning out.”

Dr. Rath at Edison State College in Punta Gorda, agrees.

“As we grow older, some research says the most important thing you can do to maintain vitality is to continue to challenge the bounds of your learning,” he said.

Beefing up lifelong learning programs

Mr. Guerro, at the Renaissance Academy, says the school’s adult education programs will continue to expand in Southwest Florida.

“The demographic in Southwest Florida is ideal for us,” he said. “This is a playground for retirees who spend six months (per year) here. They play ten-

nis and golf, but they also want to keep their mind active.”

For instance, “The Great Scholars Lecture Series,” a one-day lecture in February, is one of more than 600 programs this year offered by the school. Four professors, including two from Harvard, will speak on politics, fairy tales, contemporary slavery and music.

The Lifelong Learning Institute at Edison College in Punta Gorda offers more than 40 programs including a novel-writing tutorial, as well a lecture by Arctic and Antarctic explorer Will Steger.

The Naples Philharmonic is offering a lecture series this year that includes Shakespearean scholar Paul Rathburn from the University of Notre Dame. The Phil has offered lifelong learning courses since 1989, says founder and CEO Myra Daniels. There are 140 different programs available. She’s planning to add longer courses in the future.

“We found out there was a need,” Ms. Daniels said. “People are hungry to get new ideas, to exchange new ideas. We find most of our people in lifelong learning are retired, but they don’t have to be. Most of them are well educated. All of them have inquiring minds or they wouldn’t do it. These are the same people who play golf and tennis. And during the season it’s hard to get them off the courses. But I think this adds another dimension to their lives.”

And many of the students have as much education in their respective fields as the teachers they learn from.

Fort Myers resident Bill Bisignani is a retired college professor and electrical engineer who is interested in teaching a class or two at Renaissance. This semester though, he’ll take courses with his wife, Peg. “We like to broaden our horizons,” he said. ■

if you go

>> For more information about schools that offer adult education courses:

- Renaissance Academy of FGCU in Southwest Florida. Call 425-3276 or visit www.fgcu.edu/racademy/
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Mrs. Jacobson received the award during a dinner at Wyndemere Country Club on Wednesday, Jan. 27, in recognition of her lifetime of dedication and service to education, volunteerism and advocacy of Jewish principles. She immigrated to the United States as a young teenager. She developed a gift in languages and intended to pursue a career in foreign service. After

marrying and raising three children, she received a master's degree in social work and then taught German while working toward a doctorate.

While living in Kansas City, Mrs. Jacobson was involved in leadership activities with the community's Catholic-Jewish Council, its Holocaust center and its Jewish Federation.

She retired after 20 years as vice president of community resources for the Heart of America United Way. She managed volunteer resources, taught volunteer management and wrote a manual of information and referral services in addition to writing for various publications.

She also served as president of the Association of Volunteer Bureaus and was appointed by President Richard Nixon to the National Advisory Board for the Action Agency.

The local AJC awards dinner was co-chaired by Barbara Meltz and Jack Conroy, with David Rurstein as honorary chair. Keynote speaker for the evening was Rabbi Jim Rudin, AJC's senior interreligious advisor and co-founder of the Center for Catholic-Jewish Studies. ■

Public forum will cover offshore drilling

Offshore drilling is the next hot topic up for discussion at a public forum from 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, in the Community Room at the *Naples Daily News*. The opening speaker will be Michael Stephen, president of Coastal Engineering; panelists include David Mica of the Florida Petroleum Council, former State Sen. Burt Saunders and Susan Glickman of the Natural Resources Defense Coun-

cil. Editorial page editor Jeff Lytle will moderate the forum.

Doors will open at 5 p.m. for first come, first served seating (the forum will be simulcast on www.NaplesNews.com). There is no charge for admission, and the public is invited to submit questions for the panel via e-mail to OffShoreDrilling@NaplesChamber.org no later than 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8. ■

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SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The Education Foundation of Collier County announces that Suncoast for Kids Foundation has signed on as the presenting sponsor for the 20th annual Golden Apple Teacher Recognition Celebration.

Created in 1998, the Suncoast for Kids Foundation is sponsored entirely by the Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union, and 100 percent of funds are contributed to organizations and initiatives that assist children in the communities the credit union serves.

"Suncoast is thrilled to support the Golden Apple awards," says Greg Pasanen, regional vice president of Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union. "It is

important to recognize these educators for their innovation and excellence in the classroom and the lasting impact they have on the students of Collier County."

The Education Foundation began 19 years ago recognizing Collier County public school teachers through the Golden Apple program as part of its mission to engage the community and schools in pursuit of a quality education for every child.

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was chartered in 1934 as Hillsborough County Teachers Credit Union. Today it operates 50 full-service branches and serves nearly half a million members in Collier, Charlotte, Citrus, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Hernando, Hillsborough, Lee, Levy, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas and Sumter counties. It is the largest credit union in Florida and the eighth largest in the United States.

The Golden Apple Teacher Recognition Celebration will take place Tuesday, May 4, at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. Other sponsors include the Naples News Media Group and WINK-TV.

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Classroom Jeopardy makes learning like playing a game

BY RAINER OLBRICH
Special to Florida Weekly

Four months have passed since more than 120 classroom grants were awarded to dedicated public school teachers in Collier County. This week, we follow up on the progress of one of those grants: the introduction of an interactive, modern educational game at Barron Collier High School.

A gift of \$550 from longtime Naples residents Harlan and Heather Dam enabled teacher Diane Parmelee to purchase Classroom Jeopardy for her ninth-grade English class. Learning hasn't been the same for her students since the multimedia game arrived in November, Mrs. Parmelee, a 23-year classroom veteran, says.

Classroom Jeopardy from Educational Insights is an interactive game that brings all of the bells and whistles of the TV show "Jeopardy" to students. Hardware components include a base unit for recording the contestants' scores, cable antenna, CD-Rom containing game software, three player and host remote controls as well as a game cartridge. Although it includes several preprogrammed sample games, it's easy for the teacher to design custom games for his or her students, as Mrs. Parmelee can attest. Through the Classroom Jeopardy Web site, she can even communicate with other teachers to exchange games and compare notes on their experiences with Classroom Jeopardy.

Mrs. Parmelee created a custom game to help her students prepare for their midterm exams. In a spirited round of intellectual jousting, teams of three "contestants" took turns as she cleverly introduced materials that had been covered in recent lessons, including vocabulary words and details relating to recently read book, "The Great Fire" by Jim Murphy. Good-natured team spirit was evident as answers, subject to instant scoring, were fired off.

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Mrs. Parmelee believes Classroom Jeopardy would be as popular and successful with fourth- and fifth-grade students as it has been with her freshmen. "I've shared it already with with departmental colleagues and family," she says.

For more information about this project, other Connect With A Classroom projects under way or grants still awaiting funding, visit www.ConnectWithA-Classroom.org.

— Rainer Olbrich is a volunteer with The Education Foundation of Collier County. Founded in 1990, the foundation is an independent, not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to engage our community and schools. To make a contribution or get involved, call 643-4755 or visit www.Education-ForCollier.org.

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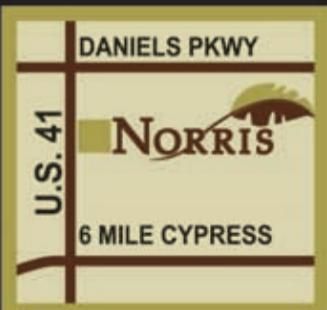


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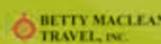
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Empty Bowls will help fill coffers at the Harry Chapin Food Bank

BY ALYSIA SHIVERS
Special to Florida Weekly

If you salivate at the mere mention of such warm, delicious concoctions as broccoli and cheese, lentil and sausage, seafood gumbo, and shrimp and corn chowder, then you'll want to be at Cambier Park between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, to fill your belly with some of the best soups prepared at Naples area restaurants.

More than two dozen soups from popular eateries will be available for consumption at the fourth annual Collier County Empty Bowls, an event that combines art and food in an effort to bring awareness to hunger issues and to raise money for the Harry Chapin Food Bank.

A \$10 donation will let you select a handmade bowl and have it filled from the soups and breads on hand.

While the charity component is the driving force behind the project, coordinator Donna Torrance has learned over the last four years that there's much more going on at the heart of the program.

As an art teacher in the ceramics department at Barron Collier High School for the last 20 years, Mrs. Torrance wasn't prepared to see her teenage students take on the responsibility and assume leadership roles in preparation for the event. Yet they're the ones who encouraged her to organize and coordinate the first an Empty Bowls in Naples.

"It took me about four years to convince myself that I had the gumption and the motivation to pull it off," she says. Eventually, though, the coaxing of the teens won her over, and as a result she credits them with the success of the first Empty Bowls back in 2007, which gave her the confidence to continue.

The backbone of this nationwide grassroots movement that began in Michigan in 1990 is the creation of hundreds, sometimes thousands, of clay bowls. Mrs. Torrance says her ceramics students were so eager that first year that they participated in a fundraiser, a friendly competition between two Naples schools, that resulted in them taking first place and winning \$3,500 — which they spent on clay and glazes. In four months time, her Barron Collier students had made 500 bowls. "It was unreal that we pulled that off," she says.

Today, kids from more than a dozen area schools participate in making bowls, most of which are created during what Mrs. Torrance likes to call "clay camp," a two-week-long summer camp sponsored by the Barron Collier Potters Guild and held in the school's pottery room. "That the kids would give up their time during the summer for this was truly inspirational," she says.

For this year's event, Mrs. Torrance expects to have approximately 1,350 bowls available. The fun part for those attending is selecting the bowl to take home in remembrance of their contribution. The exciting part for the students is when someone chooses their bowl and then gets in their line to be served soup. "The students fall in love with the little bowls they've made," she says.



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The Empty Bowls event also includes live music performances in the band shell, potter demonstrations and a silent auction of donated works by local craftsmen.

Last year's Empty Bowls raised \$24,000 for the Harry Chapin Food Bank, up considerably from the remarkable \$15,000 it brought in its first year.

"With the recession, I would be happy just to match the \$24,000 this year," Mrs. Torrance says.

The last four years have surprised, pleased and satisfied her in ways she never imagined and yet, this will be Mrs.



COURTESY PHOTOS

These and more than 1,300 other handmade bowls will be sold for \$10, filled with hot soup and a hunk of bread.



Students serve soup at last year's Empty Bowls event in Cambier Park.



Making bowls in art class before last year's event.

Torrance's final Empty Bowls event, as she hopes to turn over the reins to a new coordinator, who has yet to be named.

"I am tired," she says with a smile in her voice. She will be missed. "She is not only a great teacher, but her students really like and respect her," says Joyce Jacobs of the Harry Chapin Food Bank. ■

If you go

- >>What: The fourth annual Empty Bowls Collier County lunch to benefit the Harry Chapin Food Bank
- >>When: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30
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The Garden goes to the dogs

Dogs welcome. That's the message the Naples Botanical Garden plans to send at the public opening celebration of its Dogs in the Garden program from 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30. It's the first of the Garden's special days and hours for dog walks and dog-related activities in the Garden; dates and times are posted at www.naplesgarden.org.



Naples Botanical Garden

The inaugural event will include obedience and agility training demonstrations, obstacle courses and the North Naples Fire Department and Naples Police K-9 dogs, Shadow and Chico. Owners will be able to take their leashed dogs down winding paths, around the waterfall, across the lawns of the Brazilian Garden and past the Caribbean Garden to the River of Grass and birders' tower.

Bamboo Café, St. Francis Animal Clinic, Camp Bow Wow, Goodness for Pets, Naples Pet Salon and Woof Gang Bakery are among the sponsors who will be on hand with information, goods and food for dogs and their people.

Regular Garden admission applies for non-members; Garden members and their dogs will be admitted free. All dogs must be current on vaccinations and registrations, and only one dog per adult will be admitted.

For more information, visit www.NaplesGarden.org. ■

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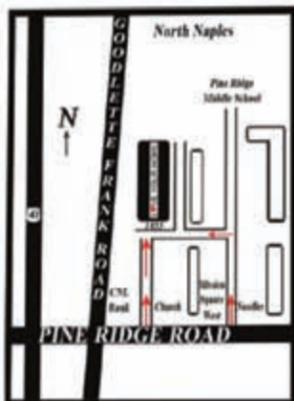
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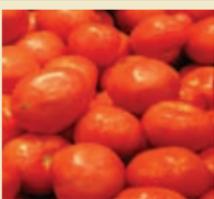
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Humane Society Naples celebrates a record-breaking adoption year

Despite a sluggish economy and the hassles of major renovation to their no-kill shelter, volunteers and staff at the Humane Society Naples are celebrating a record-breaking 1,550 adoptions in 2009.

"I had a feeling we were going to break last year's record of 1,472," says Executive Director Michael Simonik. "Then in December our adoption center was jammed full of people every day up to and just after Christmas. We did 201 adoptions in December, which was another record."

Adoptions have steadily increased since 2005, which shelter officials attribute to staff, consistent volunteer and community support and borrowing marketing tips from the retail industry.

Several special promotions were implemented last year, including Pets for Vets, which gave free cats to veterans during the week of Veterans Day; and free kittens for moms on Mother's Day. The successful Cider House All Star Pooches program was suggested by retired advertising executive-turned Humane Society volunteer Bob Hooper.

The Humane Society Naples is a private organization that receives no tax revenues or national support. Donations and gifts fund day-to-day operations. Fund-raising events and pledges for the capital campaign have also provided the revenues for a much needed \$3.8 million renovation project slated for completion in May.

"Breaking adoption records each year makes my job a little bit easier, because I



Elaine



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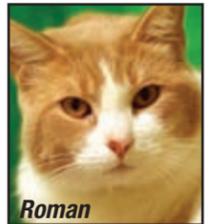
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Above: Who's happier, Barbara Brownson or her adopted pug?

The other photos are of pets available for adoption.



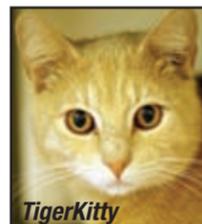
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can show potential donors how serious and focused we are about what we do here," says Andy Reed, director of development. "And for every pet we adopt out, that makes space for another orphaned pet that we can take in and rescue."

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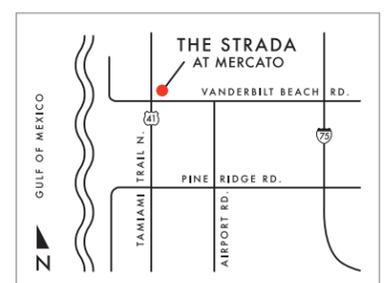


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Catch up with local history at Palm Cottage

The Naples Historical Society presents free Gardenside Chickee Chats from 11 a.m. to noon in the Norris Gardens at Palm Cottage. Reservations are recommended.

• **Friday, Jan. 29:** “Naples Oral Histories: Tomorrow’s Old Timers” — Ray Carroll, Lodge McKee and Nick Turner will talk about what it was like for young Neapolitans growing up here in the 1950s.

• **Friday, Feb. 12:** “Archaeological Landscapes of Naples” — Learn about the city’s physical evolution from John Beriault, past president of the NHS and

archaeologist for the Archaeological & Historical Conservancy Inc.

• **Friday, Feb. 26:** “Edison, Ford and Friends” — Learn about two of America’s greatest inventors, Thomas Edison and Henry Ford, how they met, the trips they took and the famous friends they made along the way. Chris Pendleton, president and CEO of the Edison & Ford Winter Estates in Fort Myers is the presenter.

Palm Cottage is at 137 12th Ave. S. The cottage and gardens are open from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 261-8164 or visit www.NaplesHistoricalSociety.org. ■

Celebrate Mardi Gras in Goodland

The 14th annual Mardi Gras-Goodland Boat Parade sets sail at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, from mile market G15. Stan Gober will lead the flotilla through Goodland Harbor/Buzzard’s Bay South and circumnavigate the island before dropping anchor at Coon Key Marina.

Goodland restaurants and hot spots will serve specials and have live music throughout the afternoon. Spectators can also picnic and watch the parade from the

Pink House Motel, where volunteers from the Kiwanis Club of Marco will sell hot dogs and soda. Boaters can dock at Stan’s, the Little Bar, the Old Marco Lodge or the Marker 8 restaurant.

Funds raised from parade registration, T-shirt sales, raffles and auctions will support the Marco office of Avow Hospice Inc. For boater registration and more information, call Elaine Ritchie at 642-8356 or visit www.mardigrasgoodland.com. ■

Wildflower expert will discuss milkweed

The Naples Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society and the Naples Botanical Garden present their first annual banquet and lecture at 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at the Garden. A reception begins at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. and the program at 7 p.m.

Guest speaker Walter Kingsley Taylor, professor emeritus at the University of Central Florida, will speak about “The

Milkweeds of Florida.” Dr. Taylor has written numerous books about Florida wildflowers and will sign copies of some of them, which will be available for purchase, after his lecture.

Tickets are \$35 per person including reception and dinner, or \$20 per person for the lecture only. For more information, call 641-2111 or 403-4207, or visit www.naplesfnps.org. ■



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Part of the master plan for the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center, the bridge was designed to connect with a series of planned nature trails and a boardwalk on the south side of the creek that will enable visitors to get up close and personal with a variety of native habitats and wildlife. The bridge project began in 2006 with a \$783,000 grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. That grant was matched by \$444,000 from the state of Florida for a project total of \$1,227,000.

The bridge is open for guided walks only while construction on the trail and boardwalk system gets under way. ■



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Above: From the Naples Botanical Garden, Chad Washburn, Jill Barry, Randy McCormick and Shannon Palmer.

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Workshop participants come from throughout Collier and Lee counties and as far away as Miami and Tampa Bay. For registration and more information about upcoming sessions, call 417-6310 or visit www.rookerybay.org.

• **Thursday, Feb. 4:** Best Management Practices for the Protection of Water Resources by the Green Industries - Conducted in Spanish, this certification class for landscapers covers turf grass management, landscape plants, irrigation systems and pesticide handling.

• **Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 9-10:** Navigating in Rough Seas: Public

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• **Tuesday, Feb. 16:** Fertilizer Calibration - A refresher class for landscapers to hone skills on fertilizer application and spreader calibration.

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Ag Tour will head out to the farms

The Collier County Extension Services 2010 Ag Tour will visit several area farms, where experts will be on hand to answer questions about farm operations and explain how food goes from Southwest Florida farms to Southwest Floridians' dining tables. The tour's air-conditioned bus will stop at the American Farms Wholesale Nursery; Silver Strand Orange Grove; a small, family-owned organic farm; and the Pepper Ranch, the county's newest Conservation Collier property.

Although county farmers struggled through the recent cold snap, Extension Services Director Robert Halman says they



continue to rebound. "The Ag Tour will be an excellent opportunity to see and talk with producers about the damage and how farmers are coping," he adds.

At the Pepper Ranch, a 2,500-acre bird and game preserve on the edge of Lake Trafford, tour goers will see cattle ranching operations and active oil wells.

Tickets for the Ag Tour are \$55 per person and include lunch. Buses will depart at 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. Wednesday, March 10, from the extension services office at 14700 Immokalee Road. Order forms for tickets are available by calling 353-4244. ■

Get your ducks in a row

The 2010 Great Venetian Duck Race makes a splash for the Children's Museum of Naples on Saturday, Feb. 27, at The Village on Venetian Bay. On that morning, 10,000 "adopted" rubber ducks will be dropped into Venetian Bay for a race to the finish line. Ducks are \$10 each and can be adopted online at www.naples.com/duckrace.

Corporate and neighborhood teams signed up for the 2010 event include groups from Nordstrom, Capital Grille and



Bentley Village and those with names such as the Mighty Ducks, the Crazy Quackers and the Dancing Ducks, among many others. Volunteer opportunities are available for events and activities leading up to the race, as well as on race day. To learn more, contact Vicki Tracy at missvickit@earthlink.net.

The Children's Museum of Naples, C'mon, is scheduled to open in fall 2010 at North Collier Regional Park. Visit www.cmon.org or call 514-0084 to learn more. ■



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FGCU’s Renaissance Academy announces Great Scholars program at Bentley Village

Join some of the country’s foremost scholars and professors from Harvard, the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and Duquesne University at the 2010 Great Scholars Lecture Series sponsored by the Renaissance Academy of Florida Gulf Coast University. The full-day program Saturday, Feb. 27, at Bentley Village in North Naples features two morning lectures, lunch and two afternoon lectures, followed by a Q&A session with the speakers.

This year’s lecturers and their topics are:

• **Dr. Randall Kennedy, Harvard Law School:** “Racial Politics in the Age of Obama” — Race relations have always been a key focal point for anyone hoping to decipher the mysteries of American political culture. Dr. Kennedy will discuss race relations in light of President Barack Obama’s ascendancy: What role did race play in his election? What role is it playing in responses to his administration?

• **Dr. Maria Tatar, Harvard University:** “The Mysteries of Beauty & Horror in Fairy Tales” — With the rise of industrialization, fairy tales moved from the communal hearth into the nursery. As they migrated into a space for children, they lost much of their earthy realism and gained much in morals, messages and lessons. What accounts for the power of

these stories, and why do they continue to haunt adult cultural production?

• **Dr. Zoe Trodd, the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill:** “Contemporary Slavery: Bondage & Abolition in the 21st Century” — There are 27 million slaves in the world today — more than at any point in history. According to the U.S. government, this includes 50,000 slaves here in the United States.



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Drawing on new research and narratives by contemporary and former slaves, Dr. Trodd will discuss 21st-century slavery and today’s abolitionist movement.

• **James Houlik, Duquesne University:** “Music & the Mind: Neuroscience with a Beat” — The field of neuroscience provides new and remarkable insights into the powerful role of music in the lives of people beginning as early as the prenatal months and continuing through our last breath. Offering some musical moments to demonstrate his points, Professor Houlik will explore the impact of music on all of us.



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Cost of the FGCU Renaissance Academy’s 2010 Great Scholars Lecture Series is \$150 per person. To register, call 425-3272 or go to <https://RegisterRA.fgcu.edu>. For more information or a catalog of all of the academy’s lifelong learning offerings, call 425-3276. ■

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HEALTHY LIVING

Whole Foods serves up The Cancer Project cooking classes



Whole Foods Market in Mercato will present four cancer prevention and survival cooking classes on consecutive Friday evenings beginning Feb. 19 and ending March 12. Sponsored by The Cancer Project, the sessions will teach participants how proper diet can help them prevent and survive cancer.

The Cancer Project is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing cancer prevention through education and research. The cooking course is designed to help people prevent and survive cancer through proper diet and nutrition.

"The easiest and best thing most of us can do to prevent cancer or its recurrence is to eat right," says Jennifer Reilly, R.D., a senior nutritionist for The Cancer Project. More than a third of all cancer deaths in this country are due to poor diet, she adds.

Each of the four classes will meet from 6-8 p.m. and will focus on a different cancer-nutrition topic. The first session will introduce foods that fight cancer. The second will be about dairy and meat alternatives. The third session will focus on low-fat, high-fiber foods, and the program will wrap up with a session about cancer-fighting compounds and foods that boost the immune system.

Local cooking instructor Joanne Irwin will guide students through recipe preparation.

There is a \$60 fee for the four-class series. Register online at www.Cancer-Project.org. ■

Art exhibits at Physicians Regional help create a healing, soothing environment

BY KELLY MERRITT
Special To Florida Weekly

Patients, visitors and staff at Physicians Regional Healthcare System-Pine Ridge can enjoy original art on-site thanks to the hospital's Arts in Healing program in cooperation with the Naples Art Association and The von Liebig Art Center. In addition to helping create a more soothing environment, the works are for sale; the hospital receives 10 percent of all proceeds.

The latest exhibit, which remains in the atrium lobby through April 6, is "Ali Clift: Beyond the Big Top." Mrs. Clift's vibrant cloth paintings are from her early Circus and Still Life Series and her latest Grand Canyon Series, all courtesy of the Pucker Gallery in Boston. There are also three pieces of Zulu pottery.

Jack O'Brien, curator for the The von Liebig Art Center, organizes three exhibitions each year for Physicians Regional Healthcare System and says variety plays an important role in how the works are selected. Last year an exhibition of mural-sized Clyde Butcher photographs was followed with one of paintings and drawings by Robert Luvall, who depicts the exotic and faraway places he visits on cruise liners. Next was a group photography exhibition focusing on how artists use light to create a composition or mood. Then "A Day at the Beach with Artist Emily James" featured Ms. James' paintings and photographs depicting Florida beaches.

For the current exhibition, Mr. O'Brien collaborated with the Pucker Gallery in Bos-

ton to obtain Mrs. Clift's fabric paintings and with Zulu Beer Pots for the pottery pieces.

He heralds Ms. Clift's art as one work leading to another work with the same theme. "We have three series represented in 'Under the Big Top,' and many of the works in the Grand Canyon series feature waterfalls," he says.

Mrs. Clift, who signs her work simply "Ali," was born Alison Cann in 1949 in Nova Scotia. She attended the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, where she met her future husband, Jack

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STRAIGHT TALK

Common themes characterize the future course of health care

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The challenging question our nation continues to wrestle with is, "What will the future of U.S. health care look like?" I recently got a glimpse of the answer.

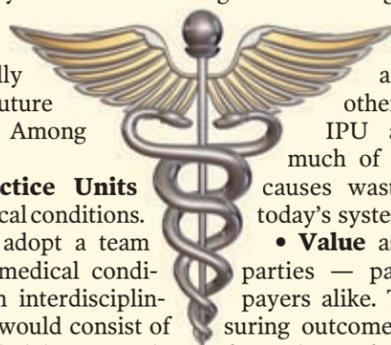
I was honored to participate, with 60 other health care leaders from around the world, in a three-day session at Harvard University on the subject of "Redefining Health Care." Famed Harvard professor Michael Porter, who co-authored a book on the subject with Elizabeth Teisberg, led the session.

A six-time winner of the McKinsey Award for the best Harvard Business Review article of the year, Dr. Porter led us in the Harvard Business School case discussion method. Using real-life situations for examples, the professor asked the questions, and we shared our dif-

ferent views. With participants ranging from a Canadian health care leader to a California insurer of 7.5 million Medicaid patients, you can imagine the spirited and diverse discussions we had.

As Dr. Porter skillfully teased out common themes, several directions emerged that will most assuredly help characterize the future course of health care. Among them:

- **Integrated Practice Units** organized around medical conditions. Increasingly, we will adopt a team approach to treating medical conditions. For example, an interdisciplinary heart failure team would consist of cardiologists, nurses, dieticians, exercise therapists, psychologists, social workers and others who would care for a patient from first diagnosis to last — which might constitute an entire lifetime. IPU would offer patient-centered care, as opposed to care centered on the physician, institution or procedure. IPU delivery would



co-locate care givers for "one-stop" care. As another example, consider pregnancy: from the time a mother desires to conceive to the time she returns to her prenatal state, IPU care would aggregate all the caregivers she might need in one location so they could communicate and cooperate with each other for better outcomes. IPU also would eliminate much of the fragmentation that causes waste and inefficiency in today's system.

- **Value** as the only goal for all parties — patients, caregivers and payers alike. This would mean measuring outcomes relative to cost over the entire cycle of care. What kinds of outcome measures? Whether you are cured from cancer, have a functional heart after a heart attack, or better yet, avoid cancer or heart attack altogether by receiving coordinated preventive care. At the Harvard session, we heard how the Cleveland Clinic measures and

shares outcome knowledge. Most of us need to do more.

- **Payment** must be realigned to improving value for patients. Insurers need to change from payers to "players" by paying for value over an entire cycle of care for a medical condition. Bundling payments for a condition would facilitate caregivers working together to more efficiently and effectively add value, while reducing or eliminating excessive volume and non-standardized care.

- **Information technology** as the primary tool to facilitate health care's new goals. Again, medicine has a ways to go to catch up to the digital world. But I have no doubt that we will get there.

Indeed, these interconnected goals may take us a while, but all are worthwhile. Together, all of us will play an increasingly important role in safeguarding the health of our community and our nation. ■

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

ART

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Clift, an artist and drawing instructor who would have an enduring influence on her life and career.

Over the course of three decades, Mrs. Clift has produced approximately 300 cloth paintings, a limited group of pastels and numerous graphic works.

"I have been using cloth as my painting medium for many years, layering multiple sheer fabrics over brighter ones to create illusions of light and space," she says. "Thread becomes line, and sometimes there is a hint of pastel, but all the layers are sewn together by hand."

In addition to 17 museum and gallery collections, her works can be found in important private collections internationally. ■



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Top: *Dos Mesas Grandes*

Right: *Afternoon Wind*



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► **Canoe through the estuary** with a Collier County park ranger and learn about one of the most productive ecosystems on earth. Ideal for ages 6 and older, the 2½-hour tours set out at 8:30 a.m. every

Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday. Cost is \$5 per person. Reservations are required by calling 252-4024 or 252-4060.

► **Join a ranger** on a leisurely boardwalk stroll through a maritime forest and coastal dune and hear how our ancestors used Florida's state tree and the native plants on this barrier island. Free tours begin at 9 a.m. every Saturday and are fun for all ages.

► **Find out** what wrack lines, jellies, blue buttons, beach hoppers, ghosts, sea pork and beans have in common when a park

ranger leads a beachcombing and shelling adventure at 10 a.m. every Monday. Free, fun and educational for all ages.

► In addition to the programs presented by park rangers, the Friends of Barefoot Beach Preserve present a **free lecture** at 10 a.m. every Saturday through April in the chickee hut between the butterfly garden and the cactus garden. Coming up: Jan. 30, Coastal Habitat presented by John Fitch and Larry Richardson; Feb. 6, Panthers by David Shindle; Feb. 13, Shells of Barefoot Beach by Jan Bachrach; Feb. 20, Bird Migrations by Jerry Jackson; and Feb 27, the Master Naturalist program by Martin Main. For more information about the Friends of Barefoot Beach lectures, call Margaret Winn at 495-9100. ■



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Royal terns are among the sights visitors might see on a free guided nature walk along boardwalk, beach and bay at Clam Pass Park. Naturalists from the Conservancy of Southwest Florida lead the walks beginning at 9 a.m. Monday through Saturday. No reservations required. Meet your guide at the tram stop for a relaxed, informative stroll that takes about two hours. For more information, call 262-0304 or visit www.conservancy.org.

Dig up some fun at The Conservancy

The Conservancy of Southwest Florida presents fossil digs with Dr. Gary Schmelz from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30.

Participants learn about Florida's prehistoric past and collect half-million-year-old fossils from a nearby quarry. Wear old clothes (long pants, sneakers and a hat), bring plenty to drink, and carry a garden trowel and a 5-gallon

bucket. Everyone will go away with fossil treasures and have a chance to win more at the fantastic fossil raffle during lunch.

Cost is \$60 per person for Conservancy members and \$95 for non-members (includes a one-year basic Conservancy membership).

Participation is limited. Register online at www.conservancy.org or by calling 262-0304, ext. 266. ■

Join the CREW for hiking adventures

The CREW Land & Water Trust is dedicated to the preservation and stewardship of the water resources and natural communities in and around the Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed. The trust also has educational programs.

► Guided hikes on the marsh trails take place from 9 a.m. to noon on the second Saturday and first and third Tuesdays of the month for all ages. Participation is free, although donations are appreciated.

► A full moon hike will begin as the sun goes down on Friday, Jan. 29. Flashlights with a red beam setting are welcome, but the moon lights the way for the most part. Cost is \$3 for CREW members and \$5 for others.

► The CREW marsh trails are open to the public from sunrise to sunset every day. Maps are available at the trailhead at 4600 Corkscrew Road, two miles south of State Road 82 or 18 miles east of exit 123 off I-75. The CREW cypress dome hiking trails are open from sunrise to sunset every day; maps are at the trailhead four miles west of the marsh trails.

All hikers should bring water and wear hiking shoes, long pants and long sleeves. Reservations for guided hikes can be made by calling 657-2253 or by e-mailing bthomas_crew@earthlink.net.

For more information, visit www.crewtrust.org. ■

Find out about frogs at Audubon program

The Collier County Audubon Society presents "Frogs in Southwest Florida," a program by Dr. Win Everham, associate professor at Florida Gulf Coast University, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida.



Dr. Everham will discuss the local frog population and its impact on the environment. For more information, call Lori Beall at 643-7822 or e-mail audubon@collieraudubon.org. ■

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It might be just a pinch, but salt shows up in fresh water, too

BY LEE BELANGER
Special to Florida Weekly



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Everyone knows the oceans are salty. What most people probably don't realize is that that fresh water is salty, too. Fresh water (including rainwater) and ocean water both contain chemicals called salts; we only notice it in oceans and the Gulf of Mexico because we can taste it, and that's simply because the amount of salt in salt-water is more than 200 times the amount of salt in most lakes and other fresh water.

Add a pinch of salt to 16 ounces of fresh-water and stir it until dissolved. Take a sip. You probably won't taste the salt, but it's there.

While animals such as corals, mollusks, shrimp and lobsters take salts from the water to make their shells, our oceans have more than enough salt to spare. Most of the salt comes from fine pieces of rock worn by wind and erosion. Rain and rivers dissolve the salts or move them as sediments into the oceans. As rivers get close to oceans they become estuaries, which are less salty than oceans because they are diluted by their mixing with the upstream water (The portion of the Blackwater River at Collier-Seminole State Park is an estuary.)

Other salts in ocean water are dissolved from sediments already on the ocean floor. Volcanoes above and below the oceans also blow salty material into the seas. And finally, the atmosphere contains salts that eventually dissolve in ocean water.

Scientists believe oceans were less salty when they formed about 500 million years

ago. One theory suggests the oceans were born when water vapor escaped from inside the earth. This vapor surrounded the earth forming clouds. As the clouds grew, rain began to fall and filled the deepest portions of the earth now called oceans. Ocean salinity increased as streams, volcanoes and the atmosphere continued to add salts.

Today, rivers in the United States dump more than 200 million tons of dissolved salts and 500 million tons of sediments each year.

There are other factors that influence salinity, too. Evaporation, which is higher in warmer waters, increases the salt concentration in ocean water. When the water vapor cools, it falls as rain that washes more salts into the oceans.

Some chemicals combine in the oceans and precipitate, or form solids that settle to the ocean bottom. These precipitates can later dissolve if conditions are right.

Scientists have identified more than 72

chemical elements in seawater. Most are there in small amounts compared with sodium and chloride, which make up 85 percent of the dissolved solids in ocean water.

Oceans cover about 70 percent of the earth's surface. Although these bodies of water are interconnected, their salt content varies. The highest salt concentrations are in the Red Sea and Persian Gulf. This is primarily due to high evaporation rates. Low salinity occurs near the poles, where ice melts and snow dilute the oceans.

Along the United States coast, salt levels vary by month as well as location. Among the changing factors that affect salinity are water temperature, amount of river water entering the ocean, and the rate of evaporation and amount of rainfall.

In Southwest Florida, salinity averages slightly above the ocean average of 35 parts per 1,000. I find it surprising that away from shore, regardless of the percent salinity, the ratio of major chemicals such as sodium and chloride remains nearly the same. Ocean circulation, wind and solubility seem to explain why.

Just how salty are the oceans? If all the ocean salt in the world could be spread evenly on the earth's land, the salt piles would cover the land as high as a 40-story building. I vote for leaving the salt where it is. How about you? ■

— Lee Belanger is a seasonal volunteer trail and canoe guide at Collier-Seminole State Park. To contact her, e-mail Lungwort@aol.com.

Paddle, hike with park guides



Guided day and moonlight canoe trips and hikes are booking up quickly at Collier-Seminole State Park. This season's schedule is as follows:

>>Guided daytime canoe trips take place from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Participants paddle through a mangrove wonderland along the Blackwater River and listen to a park ranger tell stories about the Seminoles' survival. These trips are fun for ages 6 and older; \$25 per person.

>>Guided moonlight paddles take place from 7:30-10 p.m. Jan. 29, Feb. 26 and 27, and March 27 and 29. Paddlers discover the changes nighttime brings along the Blackwater River. These trips are great for ages 12 and older; \$30 per person.

>>Guided night hikes take place from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Feb. 10 and 11 and March 10 and 13. These walking adventures are ideal for ages 6 and older; \$10 per person.

Those who want to discover Collier-Seminole State Park on their own can explore the park's 11 miles of hiking trails from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Enjoy picnicking, birding, fishing, camping, a boat ramp and the historic "walking dredge" that was used to build the Tamiami Trail.

Entrance to the park is at 20200 U.S. 41, eight miles east of Highway 951. Reservations are required for the guided hikes and canoe trips. Call 394-3397 for more information.

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PET TALES



Med recall news slow to get out

BY DR. MARTY BECKER, GINA SPADAFORI AND MIKKEL BECKER SHANNON

Universal Press Syndicate

■ The recall of two veterinary drugs made by Teva Animal Health Inc. has not been well-known among either veterinarians or pet owners. According to the Pet Connection's Christie Keith, writing for the SFGate.com Web site, the recalls involve two commonly used injectable veterinary drugs: butorphanol, a fast-acting opioid used to control pain from surgical procedures in dogs and cats, and the anesthetic agent ketamine. Because Teva manufactured these products for a variety of companies and it's not known if all the product has been identified and removed from veterinary practices, it's essential that pet lovers discuss these recalls with their veterinarians before scheduling a pet for any procedure requiring their use. The list of recalled products is on the FDA's Web site.



Cats have ways of getting us to do their bidding.

■ A study published in Current Biology recorded the sounds cats make when trying to get people to do their bidding. Cats use an urgent cry or meowing sound embedded within a purr when they want something, producing a sound humans find difficult to ignore. The combination is more subtle than meowing, which some owners may find annoying enough to put the cat out. Not all cats produce this type of "request purring," but it seems to be more prevalent in cats who have a bonded relationship with a single care-giver.

■ The average daily water intake for a dog is about 3 ounces for every 5 pounds of body weight, so a 25-pound dog would drink about a pint of water per day under average conditions. The amount goes up if the weather is hot, the dog is exercising or both. Depending on whether a pet eats canned or dry food, up to half of a pet's daily water

consumption can come from food. Dogs drink a lot of water, not only because they need it for normal bodily functioning, but also to create moist nasal mucous to help them with their keen sense of smell. ■



Pet Tip: Birds need perch variety

Chosen properly, a perch is an important tool for helping to keep a pet bird physically and emotionally sound.

When choosing perches, think variety and select an array of textures. Choices you'll find at the bird store or through catalog or online retailers include rope, natural wood and concrete, and each should find a place in your bird's home.

Some of the best perches around won't cost you anything more than the time it takes to trim them from your trees. Limbs from most fruit and nut trees make fine perches, as do those from ash, elm, dogwood and magnolia. Cut the branches to fit the cage, scrub with detergent, rinse well, and let them dry in the sun before putting them in the cage.

A final check is for insect pods — just break them off and dispose of them in an outside trash can. ■

Pets of the Week



1. **Duke** is a 1-year-old Rottweiler mix who knows his basic commands and needs to find his new best friend.



2. **Gus & Daisy** are great pals. Gus is a 1-year-old, neutered black and grey domestic shorthair; Daisy is a 1-year-old brown tabby.



3. **Smores** is an 8-month-old guinea pig. He's very loving and very friendly.



4. **Missy** is a very sweet, 1-year-old fox terrier mix.



5. **Pepper & Love** are best friends. Pepper is a spayed, 8-month-old domestic shorthair; and Love is a 3-month-old female brown tiger domestic shorthair.

To adopt a pet

Collier County Domestic Animal Services is at 7610 Davis Blvd. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Adoptions begin at 11 a.m. and are processed through closing time. Adoption fees are \$60 for cats and \$85 for dogs and include spay/ neuter surgery, a bag of pet food, pet's license and a micro-chip ID. Call 252-PETS (7387) or visit DAS online to search for a lost pet or find a new pet at www.collierpets.com.

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MUSINGS

Quake



Imperiled existence, florid non-existence: at any moment. Winds can blow, from bad to worst. And grounds can be breached. Unmanageable becomes impassible. And the impossible becomes probable. It is the surreal reception of unrequited love. Again.

And She, newest goddess, Anaika Saint Louis, is alive in mortal form for 11 years prior. Then trapped in instantaneous rubble, she be. Right leg pinned, now forcibly engaged, held in the breach. So young, premature, a breech presentation: Foot first into a world, testing the entry with entreaty: "Mother, don't let me die."

She wore eyeglasses given to her to protect her eyes from the rabblesque rubble. And how right this was, this dusty visual premonition of a future dream already rapidly I moving to oblivion. Anaika would never be jurisprudent, would never become out of her sobriquet, the little lawyer.

Rescue does not lead to life. Verdict was passed. Sentence was ended.

But no: She lives for me in glory. In the glory of post-crucifixion quake, She lives in and beyond tremble, shake, and shudder. She is stronger than a sudden release of earth crust energy. She is seismic.

She carries in herself the imprint of her nation. One view might be seeing her as reminiscent of the Queen Anacaona, who was deceived into festivity attendance only to be executed in front of her people. But I see the power of Haiti. I see the first independent Latin American colony. I see the first post-colonial black-led nation. And most important for a pirate, I see the first slave rebellion leading to independence.

All of this power lives in our newest goddess. From the poor, the rough, the dangerous that is Cite Soleil, city of the sun, she emerges, archetypal power born of pain. Out of 200,000 dead and crushed palace and parliament, out of chaos and question unanswerable She rises, phoenix for a new time and place.

Hispaniola was haven for pirates. Jean Lafitte was born in Port-au-Prince. Columbus did not find Haiti; Haiti found him. And Haiti created Creole, language emerging out of need, and song and life in spite of many renting waves.

I feel my heart start trembling whenever you're around.

And you know who you are: Not terra firma, but terra incognita. You are the unmapped lands of which cartographers sing "here dragons be." You are insight into the infinite, the fractal fracturing of ordinary preoccupation. You remind me of who I am, really, beyond any small label or enterprise or idol.

You break the icy concretized vault that traps the molten passion of my deepest mind-heart. You die not, but live



in the place in all that is nobility and piracy and liberated lunacy.

Who is trapped? Who has died?

Only the false notions of rivers that can be re-tasted, or grounds that are more than constructions in process. This is the true revolt, the amniote molt, the infinite rescue, moment by moment. What lives is rising and falling sans tectonic foundation, Perelandra paradises vibrating in bliss.

You are mother, and you will never die. You dwell among the untrodden ways, intimating immortality.

And to you, Anaika, piracy steals dedication from Wadsworth to your political

father, Toussaint L'Ouverture, and gives it to you:

"Thy friends are exultations, agonies, And love, and man's unconquerable mind."

Thanks from the humble heart of this pirate. ■

— Rx is the FloridaWeekly muse who hopes to inspire profound mutiny in all those who care to read. Our Rx may be wearing a pirate cloak of invisibility, but emanating from within this shadow is hope that readers will feel free to respond. Who knows: You may even inspire the muse. Make contact if you dare.

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Art festivals, such as Naples Invitational Art Fest, draw crowds of locals and cultural tourists.

WEEK at-a-glance



Men of Distinction

An Education Foundation luncheon and other business events. **B7 & 8** ▶



Clean energy jobs

Jackie Roberts, who will speak at the upcoming Imagine Solutions conference, says there's good news for Florida. **B2** ▶



Whoa!

The 'Freedom Horses' now belong to the residents of Lely Resort. **B18** ▶

The art of the draw

Art festivals boost local economies

BY KATHY GREY
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Outdoor art festivals have long provided a plein air experience for the cultural set. Favorite summertime happenings in northern climes, they draw collectors and art aficionados to our part of the world throughout the winter and spring.

The happy fallout of this economic impact lands on the surrounding community. From gas stations to hotels, from mom-and-pop shops to local national retail chain affiliates, everybody wins.

From Marco Island to Englewood, art festivals in Southwest Florida are a welcome attraction for visitors and residents alike, and a more than welcome guest for a host community's local businesses.

"When arts festivals come, folks stay in



BLACK



MALBUISSON

hotels and rent booth spaces. And then you have patrons and artists spending money for essentials and food, as well as spending in hotels," said Lydia Black, executive director of Lee County Alliance for the Arts. "Art festivals are also instrumental in attracting families to communities."

Ms. Black believes that communities that have ongoing art festivals have a leg up in drawing potential residents.

Judy Malbuisson, chief executive of the Arts & Humanities Council of Charlotte County, cited a study showing that all of the arts — not just festivals — amounted to an annual impact of \$21

million in Charlotte County in 2007. Attendance at cultural events in Charlotte that year totaled nearly half a million people, she added.

Formal studies and hard statistics about festivals notwithstanding, it appears obvious that they are a good thing for communities through Southwest Florida.

"For the City of Punta Gorda, it's a no brainer," said John Wright, president of the Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce. "Whenever we host a fine arts festival, the entire business community benefits. The arts are a very strong economic driver, even in tough economic times."

Lisa Swirda of the Downtown Naples Association had similar sentiments. "It definitely has a great impact, I'll tell you that," she said. "People call all the time asking about art festivals." Many, she added, won't make airplane or hotel reservations before finding out when the big festivals are scheduled.

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How to deal with relationships and money

Money is a big part of most relationships. Money and relationships are like Abbott and Costello, eggs and bacon or Martin & Lewis — you just don't have one without the other. Broadly categorized, the various forms of relationships are: husband-wife; parent-child; brothers and sisters, etc.

Marriage statistics reveal that: "problems with money" is listed as the number one reason for divorce, even above marital infidelity. Furthermore, dating statistics reveal that men have a stronger aversion to debt issues than income or weight-

related factors when considering relationships with a woman.

The general intent in relationships is that they thrive: that a married couple be happy and remain intact and that children grow up and become responsible adults and also thrive in their relationships. The general financial objective in relationships is to preserve capital and have it grow so

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that income derived is sufficient and that the capital base increases. The successful merging of these two concepts is where the challenges lie.

Many adults fret over whether they make an extra percent return on investment. Yet, in a divorce, approximately half of the capital can go out the window. Since over 50 percent of marriages end in divorce, it seems as if the

number one way to keep your wealth is to keep your marriage intact; even better, have it flourish. Instead of worrying about marginal improvement in portfolio returns (the "money tree"), you might want to worry about the success of the marital relationship (the "money forest").

Despite all the openness in our modern day society, it is still difficult, socially taboo, and/or prohibitive, to have reasonable talks about money in the various relationship categories. Why? It is emotionally charged,

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IMAGINE SOLUTIONS

Clean energy jobs: Good news for Florida

BY JACKIE ROBERTS
Washington, D.C.

Editor's note: Jackie Roberts is one of the 40 speakers presenting at the inaugural Imagine Solutions Conference to be held Feb. 22 and 23 in Naples. For more information about how you can attend the conference, contact Lynne Groth at 216-4226 or visit www.imaginesolutions-conference.com. This is a preview of Ms. Roberts' remarks.



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Jackie Roberts

It's been a tough year across America, but there is real reason to hope that 2010 will be brighter. In fact, the U.S. Senate is gearing up to debate a clean energy bill that could unleash a flood of investment — and thanks to the leadership of Gov. Charlie Crist, Florida is poised to tap that investment to create jobs across the Sunshine State.

The clean energy sector will be a leading — if not the top — growth sector for the U.S. economy over the next several decades. For starters, the global clean energy market is conservatively projected to reach \$500 billion per year by 2020, according to experts at New Energy Finance. And the clean energy sector is heavily populated by small businesses, which create at least 60 percent of all new jobs. In fact, a recent market survey by the research firm Frost & Sullivan found that 70 percent of firms in this emerging sector were small businesses.

Even in the current recession, which began in December 2007, the clean-ener-

gy sector has proved viable. Indeed, in December 2008, Frost & Sullivan found that 42 percent of clean energy firms surveyed had seen an increase in sales over the past one to two years. By August of 2009, that number jumped to 55 percent. While businesses say that increasing awareness of the benefits of their products is a big factor, federal stimulus dollars certainly played a role as well.

But stimulus dollars are, by their very nature, only temporary. To create a durable transition to a clean energy future for Florida and America as a whole, the U.S. Senate needs to pass comprehensive energy and climate legislation. The bill should include, among other elements, a declining cap on global warming pol-

lution. A similar program for acid rain emissions in the 1990s cut pollution faster and at lower cost than anyone had predicted. Under a cap, the more a company reduces its emissions, the more money it can either make or save. Across the whole economy, the most efficient ways to cut pollution get put into practice most widely — creating many new customers for energy efficiency and renewable energy in the process.

Want to see where poised-to-grow clean-energy companies already exist in Florida? Take a look at the Florida map at LessCarbonMoreJobs.org. You'll find companies like CoPower in Boca Raton and EnerFuel in West Palm Beach that focus on fuel cells, Siemens Boiler Technology Services used for capturing waste heat and converting to electricity, and more than 20 Florida companies supplying in the growing market for LED lighting. And with 85 percent of the maximum photovoltaic potential of any place in the U.S., the Sunshine State certainly offers opportunities for solar businesses such as Sunshine Solar Services in Fort Lauderdale, GeoSolar in Boca Raton, or Sol Inc. in Palm City. Florida's skilled workforce in sectors ranging from construction to project financing has the capacity to tackle the job as these and other clean-energy businesses grow.

But we must act quickly. Countries like China have invested billions of dollars in renewable energy and are working hard to establish a stronghold in the sector. Already China has become the biggest

solar photovoltaic equipment producer in the world, in part because they are providing large markets. Companies often locate near their customers, particularly as transportation costs become more expensive.

We have enough ingenuity and innovation to compete. What we lack is delivering customers at scale. To spur on investors, grow clean energy businesses, and create many more jobs in this emerging new sector, we need a national call to action that has teeth. Enacting a strong clean energy bill that puts a cap on carbon emissions and thus spurs demand for renewable energy and energy efficiency is a critical step in ensuring American companies get to play a major role in this key sector of the 21st-century economy. And the Sunshine State is primed to lead the way in meeting that demand.

— Jackie Roberts is the director of sustainable technologies for the Environmental Defense Fund and is an expert on how firms can best respond to emerging environmental changes. She works to promote and develop policies that provide a framework for business to harness new market opportunities sparked by the growing demand for efficient and renewable energy resources. Her current research focuses on green jobs, emerging business opportunities in the green economy, especially related to climate solutions, as well as strategies for reducing carbon emissions. For more information about Ms. Roberts' work, visit www.edf.org.

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Board Appointments



BOOKBINDER

Art Bookbinder has been appointed to the board of directors for Lighthouse of Collier, Center for Blindness and Vision Loss. Mr. Bookbinder has spent more than 48 years developing tech-

nology and marketing equipment in the field of low-vision and blind services.



FLYNN

Terry Flynn has joined the board of directors of the Hodges University Foundation, which raises funds for scholarships and endowments. Originally from Green Bay, Wis., Mr. Flynn spent 25 years with MBNA America Bank and retired as vice chairman in 2004. He and his wife, Christine, were honored as Hodges University's Humanitarians of the Year in 2009.

The United Arts Council of Collier County announces the following local business leaders have joined the board of directors: **Gail Geary**, artist and co-owner of the Gallery at Geary Design; **Barbara Sigel**, interior designer and art patron; **Roz Travis**, owner of Roz Travis Interiors; and psychologist **Dr. Marilyn Varcoe**, who is in private practice and on staff at Naples Community Hospital.

Law



LOWE

Jason Lowe has joined the law firm of Garlick, Hilfiker & Swift LLP as an associate. His practice areas include business litigation, probate litigation and resolution of construction and real estate disputes. Mr. Lowe earned a master's degree in criminal

justice administration from Troy University and his juris doctorate from Stetson University College of Law. He is a member of the Florida and Collier County bar associations.

Shareholder **Dale Klaus** of Asbell, Ho, Klaus, Goetz & Doupe P.A. was named a Super Lawyer 2009 Rising Star and a 2009 Legal Elite by Florida Trend magazine. He was also elected to the board of directors of the Trial Lawyers Section of the Collier County Bar Association for 2009-2010. Managing shareholder **Nicole Goetz** has been elected to the executive council of the Family Law Section of The Florida Bar and was named co-chair of the section's Equitable Distribution Committee. She was named a 2009 Legal Elite by Florida Trend magazine. Shareholder **Reuben Doupe** has attained board certification in marital and family law from The Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education. Mr. Doupe was named a 2009 Legal Elite "Up and Comer" by Florida Trend magazine and was elected president of the Young Lawyers Section of the Collier County Bar Association for 2009-2010.

Nonprofit Organizations



PALMER

Shannon Palmer is the new communications manager for the Naples Botanical Garden. She will direct communication activities with the goal of enhancing the Garden's public image and visibility and increasing attendance and support among diverse audiences and constituencies. Ms. Palmer has more than five years of experience in

public relations and social media marketing. She holds a bachelor's degree in communications from the University of Tampa.



SUAREZ

Susan Luenberger Suarez has joined Eden Autism Services Florida as director of development to oversee fundraising efforts. She brings 20 years of experience to the role. For the past six years, she has consulted with nonprofit organizations. Prior to that, she served as president of the Community Foundation of Collier County and vice president of development and marketing for the Silicon Valley Community Foundation Silicon Valley, and held management roles with American Red Cross in Palo Alto, Calif. She holds an MBA from Santa Clara University and a bachelor's degree from Stanford University.

Public Relations



WOOLLEY

Cyndee Woolley has been elected treasurer of the Public Relations Society of America, Sunshine District, for 2010. The district is comprised of seven chapters throughout Florida. Ms. Woolley owns C2 Communications, a public relations, marketing and social media firm based in Naples. She has served as a past president of the Gulf Coast Chapter of PRSA and is the founder of Coffee & Social Media club. ■

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prone to miscommunication, often relates to control issues and leads to bad feelings. For some of us, a common approach to handling difficult topics is to not approach them at all. The proverbial, "Why go there?" is operative. But problems not resolved tend to grow.

Professional counsel in these matters abounds, but it can be singular in perspective. Divorce attorneys and trust and estate specialists frequently find themselves in the role of personal counselor. Such counsel might be seasoned and good in addition to being legally and technically proficient. But it is an expensive route when attorneys (actually retained to create financial and legal plans) evolve into counselors and are

now deeply mired in the personal elements/dynamics of the relationships. Possibly the worst experience in marriage or parent/child relationships is to have the entirety of financial and estate plans cast in concrete by a sole person (plus attorney) behind closed doors and THEN foisted upon the other person(s) in the relationship.

The complexity of the matters might increase or decrease when spiritual and cultural elements enter the discussion. For instance, some conservative Christians have specific guidelines or rules regarding money. Sometimes it translates into a husband and wife being like-minded. Sometimes it means that money is a much less important relationship issue as it is dwarfed by their spiritual priorities. In these cases, money matters might be greatly simplified. In contrast, relationships characterized by differing socioeconomic backgrounds, religions, prior families and cultures will be more challenging.

There are reasons to discuss relationship/money issues with legal counsel years before estate planning (e.g. a pending marriage). Prenuptial agreements communicate to some that the marriage is doomed to failure and best prepare for it now. The truth is that most lives do transition out of a first marital partner, however, and it makes one think if it would be better if there are rules for the unimaginable, unponderable split. Beyond that practicality, a prenuptial agreement can help two people come to terms with how they will live their financial life,

how they will handle money with children, how they plan to give charitably, etc.

Couldn't this be undertaken in counseling sessions before a marriage? Yes, and there is nothing wrong with creating a hard copy of your financial road map. Maybe it remains just a hard copy; maybe it is translated into a legal document.

Before any wealth specialists are engaged, before the retention agreements are signed, you might want to begin having dialogues with the people in your life. No agendas. Just conversation. It permits people to talk about what is important to them. It creates an environment of collaboration and inclusion. One person in the relationship will likely be more competent in legal and financial matters, and this person can easily take the lead. But many times, having this person take a supporting role will provide a greater benefit to the relationship.

It is your choice whether you initiate constructive dialogue about money issues within your relationships; it is inevitable that these issues will be front and center at some point in your life. ■

upcoming column

>> **Financial columnist Jeannette Showalter** is planning a special column for the Feb. 11 edition on money and relationships. If you have questions or topics you'd like to discuss, contact her at jshowalter@floridaweekly.com. No names will be used without prior consent.

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ART

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Michele Valencourt, executive director of the Visual Arts Center in Punta Gorda, heads up the annual Peace River National Arts Festival and said a survey of more than 300 festival goers last year showed more than 45 percent had come from outside Charlotte County. "That's good news to any county hosting fine art festivals," she said, adding that for the upcoming festival, "We have a block of 80 rooms at the Sheraton Four Points (in Punta Gorda) and the Microtel (in Port Charlotte)" reserved for exhibitors.

Elaine Hamilton is the executive director of the United Arts Council of Collier County, a sort of chamber of commerce for the arts. "It's impossible to track," she said of the overall economic impact of any given festival or the festival industry as a whole.



HAMILTON

But she knows full well that people come to town especially for some of Naples' better-known art festivals. At the same time, Ms. Hamilton expresses concern about an overabundance of smaller art festivals. "It seems that every shopping center has one," she said, "which can dilute the effectiveness of them to a certain extent."

Even so, each event makes money for its artists and for nearby businesses.

Sharon McAllister is the executive director of ArtFest Fort Myers. Celebrating its 10th anniversary the weekend of Feb. 6-7, ArtFest brings with it entertainment and an array of art activities for children in addition to the fine art

on display and for sale in booths set up along the Caloosahatchee riverfront downtown. Though the festival has a strong VIP component, offering exclusive opportunities for the upscale set, its family-friendly emphasis and outreach to young artists ensure that the event appeals to a wide audience.

There's never been a formal study commissioned for ArtFest, but Ms. McAllister is certain of its positive effect on the local economy. As many as 300 hotel rooms are booked as a result of the festival, she said. "And locally," she added, "we pay a payroll, pay rent and buy supplies. Our own (operating) budget is \$300,000." (The rule-of-thumb measurement from the national Americans for the Arts organization is that nonprofit art festivals should expect a seven-fold return on investment.)

Kathy Bostwick is president of the Florida Watercolor Society and was responsible for selecting a location for the group's 38th annual juried exhibition last fall. She chose the Visual Arts Center in Punta Gorda for the juried exhibit to hang. But when she considered hotel accommodations, Punta Gorda was still in the process of rebuilding after Hurricane Charley, and hotel accommodations, though promising, were not sure. So she turned to another arts-magnet locale — Bonita Springs — to house visitors from across the state for the instructional component of the event. "We occupied 350 (Bonita Springs hotel) beds over the week," she said.

Ms. Bostwick points to other local service providers who benefit from art festivals. "Every artist in the show has to get a painting there somehow," she said, so FedEx and UPS get business from those who cannot hand-deliver their works. The artists within driving distance who do make their own deliveries, she added, have to eat and sometimes stay overnight.

art festivals

>> Some art festivals coming to Southwest Florida

Naples Invitational Art fest

Benefiting Eden Autism Florida
Jan. 30-31
Fleischmann Park, Naples
www.edenartfest.com

ArtFest Fort Myers

Feb. 6-7
Downtown Fort Myers
www.artfestformyers.com

7th Biennial National Art Exhibition

Feb. 6-March 12
210 Maud St. (across from Fishermen's Village),
Punta Gorda
www.visualartcenter.org

Coconut Point Art festival

Feb. 13-14
Coconut Point, Estero
www.artfestival.com

Naples National Art Festival

Feb. 20-21
Cambier Park and Eighth Street, Naples
www.naplesart.org

Peace River National Arts Festival

Feb. 28-March 1
Laisley Park, Punta Gorda
www.visualartcenter.org

Mercato Fine Arts Festival

March 6-8
Mercato, U.S. 41 and Vanderbilt Beach Road,
North Naples
www.napesart.org

The Naples Masters

March 6-7
Collection at Vanderbilt
www.boulderbrook.net

Bonita Springs National Art Festival

March 13-14
The Promenade at Bonita Bay
www.artinusa.com/bonita

Downtown Naples Festival of the Arts

March 27-28
Fifth Avenue South, Naples
www.naplesart.org

"I know Presseller's (deli in Punta Gorda) got a lot of business out of it," she said. Sunart Gallery got some business cleaning up frames that had been banged in shipping, she said. And a transportation company had to be hired to bus people from the exhibit site in Punta Gorda to the classes in Bonita Springs.

Likely Florida's biggest ally for art festivals is its balmy winter weather, which draws both locals and visitors. But that fair-weather ally turned fair-weather foe for this year's Cape Coral Festival of the Arts. Frigid temperatures and bone-chilling rain kept the usual crowds away, while exhibitors and festival volunteers suffered the elements. The number of attendees was halved due to the inclem-

ent weather. It's a part of the experience art fair promoters and exhibitors have come to accept.

Ms. Black, with the alliance in Fort Myers, sums it up this way: Art festivals are extremely important to a community, as economic drivers and as enhancement to the overall cultural climate. "The bottom line," she said, "is that art festivals impact communities in ways that other events and venues may not be able to." Statistics from the Americans for the Arts, she added, show that nationwide in 2008, art festival created 5.7 million jobs and generated \$166 billion.

"The arts are essential for the health and vitality of our communities," Ms. Black said. "They make a community." ■




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As you get older, it seems that no one wants you to have any fun. After a lifetime of investing experience, and after you've gotten familiar with dozens of companies that have served you well, financial planners may tell you to bid farewell to those trusty stocks — even blue chips.

Sure, there's some logic there — as the recent bear market made perfectly clear. After all, when you're young, you can afford to take some big risks. Even if your investments do badly at first, you can wait for them to recover.

As you approach or enter retirement, you no longer have the luxury of weathering long downturns in stocks. You need that money now for your living expenses. You don't want to have to sell at very low prices just to pay your bills.

There's one big problem with reducing stock exposure as you get older: Although falling stock prices may seem like the biggest danger — especially now — people face other risks, too, as they

approach retirement.

Even if your portfolio is adequate to cover your costs when you're just about to retire, there's the threat of inflation. With a \$1 million portfolio invested entirely in ultra-safe Treasury bills, you won't even earn \$10,000 in a year, thanks to rock-bottom interest rates. Moreover, the value of your principal will stay locked at that \$1 million mark, and it won't be long before rising costs eat away at its purchasing power.

Stocks, on the other hand, can offer not only prices that rise over time, but also rising dividends. Companies such as Exxon Mobil, Abbott Labs and McDonald's have a long history of increasing their dividends regularly, providing extra income that can help seniors keep up with inflation — even when the stocks themselves suffer temporary drops.

Retirees with substantial nest eggs may choose to sell some of their stocks every year to supplement their retirement income. So don't dismiss stocks — look into whether they can still serve you well. ■

My Dumbest Investment

From \$5,000 to \$5

I bought shares of Pacific Ethanol because I read that Bill Gates did. It turns out that Bill Gates is a lousy investor. It was my worst and best investment. It was the worst because my \$5,000 turned into \$5. (No, I never sold — I kept waiting for a comeback.) It was the best because I learned some lessons of a lifetime: Don't buy on speculation of future earnings. Don't buy nascent companies with zero history of making money in rough times. Don't buy because someone else does.

— C. Adams, West Chester, Pa.

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(Answer: Abercrombie & Fitch)



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Ask the Fool

Footnotes & Tulips

Q Is it OK to just read a company's filings without reading the footnotes, too?

— M.S., Tucson, Ariz.

A If you skip the footnotes, you might miss some red flags (or green ones). At www.footnoted.org, Michelle Leder offers a fascinating education on footnotes. She recently reviewed the "worst footnotes" of 2009, citing Martha Stewart getting \$3 million to stay at her company, Chesapeake Energy disclosing that it spent \$12 million buying its CEO's antique map collection, and Freddie Mac giving its new CFO a \$2 million signing bonus (among other things), after taking in more than \$50 billion in government aid. (Chesapeake Energy is a Motley Fool Inside Value recommendation and the Fool owns shares of it.) This is good stuff to know about companies that may interest you.

Less exciting are the useful details you'll also find in footnotes, such as the specific interest rates that a company is paying on its debt. You might not worry so much about a 3 percent obligation versus an 8 percent one.

Q Why do I occasionally see tulips mentioned in my financial reading?

— D.J., Dalton, Ga.

A They're references to the great "tulipmania" phenomenon that took Holland by storm in the mid-1600s. It's one of the first documented cases of a speculative investing frenzy. Incredibly, people were taking out loans on their homes in order to buy tulip bulbs. Prices soared to the modern-day equivalent of tens of thousands of dollars per bulb. Eventually, the proverbial bubble burst, wiping out many investors. The easiest way to avoid "tulipmania" is to avoid borrowing money to invest — and to be wary of stocks that seem to have soared beyond reason. (Check out the new Tulipmaniaboard game at bouldegames.com or www.funagain.com.)

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The Motley Fool Take

P&G's Tricky Task

Recession-smacked Procter & Gamble (NYSE: PG) lowered prices on roughly 10 percent of its products last year. Now it's trying to squeeze more sales out of its most popular brands — but that move could flop badly.

Consider its Olay skin-care brand, which raked in nearly \$3 billion in fiscal 2009. The company is reportedly planning to roll out a wrinkle-fighting body wash next month in Olay's Total Effects line, which currently consists exclusively of facial products.

Given Olay's history as a facial treatment, why lose that focus? Well, it's cheaper and faster to extend established brands into new categories than to build a fresh

brand from scratch. But offering too many products under the same brand can confuse consumers and dilute the brand.

It's also risky to introduce value-oriented versions of traditionally premium brands, as the company has done with Pampers and Tide. In order for that to succeed, shoppers must believe the premium product is still worth the extra cost while also viewing the value version as a step up from the store brand. That's a tricky task.

P&G plans to introduce 30 percent more new products this year versus last, so in all seriousness, investors should keep an eye on the consumer reception. (Procter & Gamble is a Motley Fool Income Investor pick and The Motley Fool owns shares of it, too.) ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

► **The Bridgers Group at Merrill Lynch** hosts "Creating a Legacy: Estate Planning and Florida Domicile" with David Slenn, Esq., of Porter Wright Morris and Arthur LLP at 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, at The Capital Grille in Mercato. Attendance is free, but reservations are required by calling 649-2915.

► **The Financial Planning Association of SWF** holds its next dinner meeting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, at Spring Run at the Brooks in Bonita Springs. Cost is \$40 for members and \$50 for others. RSVP by e-mailing RSVP@fpa-swfl.org. For more information, call 949-0710 or visit www.fpa-swfl.org.

► **The Bridgers Group at Merrill Lynch** presents "Municipal Bond Opportunities and Risks" with Otis Greene, CFA,

director and senior portfolio manager at BlackRock Investments, beginning at noon Wednesday, Feb. 3, at the Robb and Stucky Culinary Center in Bonita Springs. Luncheon and the program are free, but reservations are required calling 649-2915.

► The next **Business After 5 with the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** takes place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at First National Bank of the Gulf Coast, 3560 Kraft Road, on Thursday, Feb. 18. Register at www.napleschamber.org.

► **Merrill Lynch** financial advisors Heidi Varsames and Dora Watson will host "Retirement and the Roth IRA," a wine tasting and program by Barbara Bolick, CPA, beginning at 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, at Brio at Waterside Shops. Free. RSVP by calling 649-2976.

► The next **Gulf Coast Venture Forum** meeting takes place from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, in the clubhouse at Tiburon Golf Course. For more information, call Tim Cartwright at 262-6300.

► The next **Wake Up Naples** sponsored by the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, at the Hilton Naples. Register at www.napleschamber.org.

► **Women's Empowered Network** has two local chapters: The North Naples Chapter meets at 11 a.m. every second and fourth Friday at Buca di Beppo, 8860 Tamiami Trail N.; RSVP to NorthNaples@EmpoweredNetworking.com. The Central Naples Chapter meets at 11 a.m. every first and third Wednesday at Patric's, 1485 Pine Ridge Road; RSVP to [\[EmpoweredNetworking.com\]\(http://EmpoweredNetworking.com\).](mailto:CentralNaples@</p>
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► The **Chartered Financial Analysts Society of Naples** meets for lunch and a program at noon every second Tuesday in the Chokoloskee Room at the Naples Beach Hotel, 851 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. Members, \$30; Guests, \$40. RSVP www.cfanaples.org.

► **Business Network International** holds its weekly meeting at 7:15 a.m. Thursdays at St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church, 7100 Airport-Pulling Road N., North Naples. For more information and to make a reservation, call 354-3224.

► **Network International, the Downtown Networkers chapter**, meets weekly at 7:45 a.m. Thursday at IHOP, 1921 Davis Blvd., East Naples. Guests are welcome. Cost is \$10. Call Jamie Bergen at 572-3720. ■

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Ali Parish has joined the sales and marketing team

at Vineyards as a new home specialist responsible for educating customers about Vineyards and assisting with new home purchases. Originally from Connecticut, Ms. Parish has nearly 20 years of experience in real estate sales. She began her career in Wilmington, N.C., and has been licensed in Florida since 1994.



PARISH

Dennis Brando has joined the Uptown office of John R. Wood Inc., Realtors. The former manager of the Naples VIP Realty Group office and a top-producing agent, Mr. Brando has more than 20 years experience in senior marketing and merchandising. He holds the professional designations of Graduate, Realtor Institute; Certified



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Luxury Home Marketing Specialist; and At Home With Diversity. He belongs to the Naples Area Board of Realtors and the Marco Island Area Association of Realtors.



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The Monterey by Stock Development is in Lely Resort.

The Stock report

Lely Resort tallies nearly \$73 million in new home sales in 2009

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Stock Development has concluded a strong year of new home sales at Lely Resort. A fourth-quarter surge brought total sales in the community to 172 new homes in 2009.

Brian Stock, CEO of Stock Development, says Lely Resort's new home sales volume reached more than \$72.6 million for an average sale price of \$422,277 per home, a 3 percent price increase over 2008.

"We closed the year on a very strong upswing with 58 new home sales in the final quarter, which almost tripled our numbers from the fourth quarter of 2008," Mr. Stock says. As a result, the company has implemented an aggressive building program to bring new, ready-to-move-in

inventory homes on to the market regularly through the winter sales season.

Stock Construction has 60 new homes completed, under construction or in permitting at Lely Resort and nearly 100 homes under way throughout Southwest Florida.

In 2009, Stock Development and Stock Construction won 16 Sand Dollar Awards from the Collier Building Industry Association for their work at Lely Resort, while the Cordoba neighborhood by Cordoba Development won five additional awards. The accolades included Community of the Year honors, four clubhouse and pool awards, three residential design awards and two interior design awards.

In December, Stock Construction was honored with CBA's Builder of the Year

Award. The company's Paseo community in south Fort Myers won the Lee Building Industry Association's Community of the Year honors for the third year in a row.

Stock Construction, Cordoba Development, Bateman Communities, Divco Construction and Lundstrom Development comprise a preferred builders program that offers 12 neighborhoods with residences including flats, town homes, casitas, coach homes, twin villas, single-family homes and estate homes priced from the \$180,000s to more than \$2 million. There are currently 33 furnished model homes open throughout Lely Resort.

The Lely Resort Sales Center is at 8020 Grand Lely Drive. For more information, call 793-2100 or visit www.lely-resort.com. Lely Resort is also on Facebook. ■

Lennar reports strong new home sales in Naples, Estero in 2009

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Lennar's Southwest Florida Division reports it sold more than 350 new homes in the Naples/Fort Myers area in 2009 at Heritage Bay in Naples and Bella Terra in Estero.

The builder sold more than 200 new homes at Heritage Bay, a gated golf and country club resort community four miles east of I-75 on Immokalee Road, according to Matt Devereaux, director of

sales for Lennar in Southwest Florida.

Lennar sells terrace condominiums, town homes, coach homes, executive homes and classic luxury homes at Heritage Bay priced from the \$100,000s to the \$500,000s. All homeowners at Heritage Bay enjoy club membership that includes tennis and a 27-hole, Gordie Lewis-designed championship golf course.

In Estero, Lennar sold more than 150 new homes at Bella Terra, a gated golf

and country club community located east of I-75 on Corkscrew Road. Prices for villa homes, manor homes, executive homes and luxury estate homes in the community are from the \$100,000s to the \$300,000s. Amenities at Bella Terra include bocce ball courts, a tot lot, beach volleyball, inline skating rink, baseball and soccer fields, tennis courts, clubhouse, fitness center and banquet room.

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Terri Morrison delivers program at Grey Oaks Country Club

The Naples Area Board of Realtors recently welcomed best-selling author Terri Morrison for a presentation about the top three countries that are investing locally. The daylong program took place at Grey Oaks Country Club. Ms. Morrison is the president and owner of Getting Through Customs, a software, training and research firm for international business travelers. Her books include "Kiss, Bow or Shake Hands: How to Do Business in Sixty Countries." She conducts seminars about intercultural communications and has written on cross-cultural communications for many U.S. and European publications.

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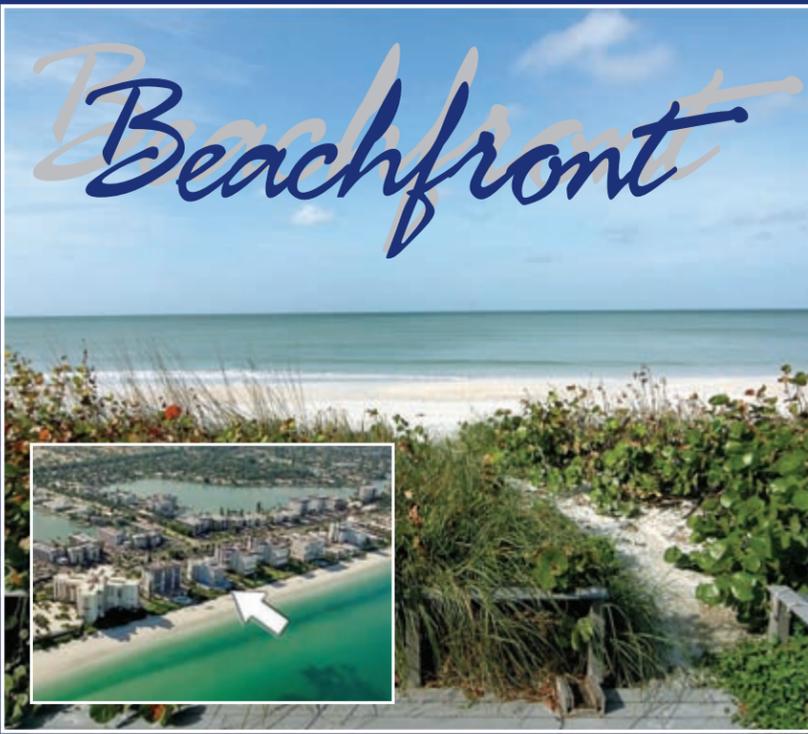
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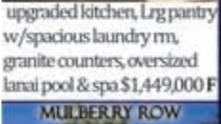
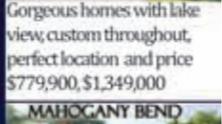
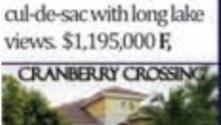
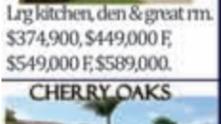
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GREY OAKS - ESTUARY ▲ 1280 Osprey Trail - "Mariana" Model. Panoramic lake and fairway views abound. Boasting 6,910 SF A/C, 6BRs, 5 full BAs + 2 half baths. **\$4,995,000** | 239-261-3148

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MOORINGS ▲ 363 Cuddy Court
Exceptional Bay views, 131 feet on the water, 2 docks & boat lift, 3BR/4.5BAs, office, covered lanai, pool & spa. **\$3,995,000** | Michael Lawler | 571-3939

OPEN SUN. 1-4



OLD NAPLES ▲ 244 - 4th Ave. N. Custom-built in 2006, furnished, 2 blocks to beach. Over 4,700 SF of living area, 5BR+den, heated pool/spa. **\$3,495,000**
Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231



VANDERBILT BEACH - THE VANDERBILT ▲ Magnificent beachfront PH with panoramic Gulf views! 3BR+den. Beach Club membership included. **\$3,400,000**
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Dru Martinovich/Milton Collins | 564-1266



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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 ▲ SW corner residence, panoramic Gulf/bay views. Den, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, high-end finishes, pool, secured entry. **\$2,800,000** | Ellen Egglund | 571-7192



BAY COLONY - BRIGHTON ▲ Breathtaking views all the way to Sanibel! Nearly 3,000 A/C SF, 3BRs, polished marble floors & neutral tones. **\$2,795,000**
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BAREFOOT BEACH - BAYFRONT GARDENS ▲ 209 Bayfront Drive
Stunning home with bay views, pool/spa, boat dock and lift, 2 gourmet kitchens, 3 guest suites & 3-car garage. **\$2,595,000** | Cynthia Joannou | 273-0666



FIDDLER'S CREEK ISLA DEL SOL ▲ Designer decorated & furnished custom 4 BR (includes casita with separate guest quarters) overlooks golf. **\$2,900,000**
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COQUINA SANDS - VIA DELFINO ▲ ON THE BEACH! Beautifully renovated with elegant European craftsmanship. Gourmet kitchen, luxurious master suite. **\$2,395,000** | Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894



PELICAN BAY - ST. RAPHAEL ▲ 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



AUDUBON COUNTRY CLUB ▲ Expansive lake/golf views, double cul-de-sac lot. Custom 4BR/5BA pool home, double-car garages. Member owned club. **\$2,245,000** | Connie Lumis | 289-3543

OPEN SUN. 1-4



MOORINGS ▲ 614 Bowline Drive
Extensive upgrades in this 4 BR, 5.5BA pool home. Interior repainted in fresh, lively colors. Marble/wood floors. **\$2,145,000** | Angela R. Allen | 825-8494



PELICAN MARSH BAY LAUREL ESTATES ▲ Pool, spa, and waterfall on quiet preserve. Lovely main home, 2-story 5 room cabana. Large outdoor living area. **\$2,000,000**
Mary Catherine/Larry White | 287-2818



OLD NAPLES - NAPLES BAY RESORT - THE RESIDENCES ▲ Distinct 3BR, 2nd floor residence with private elevator entrance from A/C 2-car garage. Open granite kitchen. **\$1,845,000**
Mitch/Sandra Williams | 370-8879



PELICAN BAY - MONTENERO ▲ Beachfront, panoramic views of Gulf & natural preserve. Generous 3,400 SF of living area. Well-appointed building. **\$1,795,000** | Judy Perry/Penny Lyle | 261-6161



VINEYARDS - TERRACINA ▲ Estate home on 1.5 lots overlooking double fairway views. Five bedrooms in suite, home theater, 3 gas fireplaces. **\$2,199,000** | Julie Rembos | 595-1809



THE DUNES - GRANDE PRESERVE - GRANDE GENEVA ▲ Brand new 3BR with over \$120,000 in upgrades! Endless resort amenities, Beach Club eligibility, concierge. **\$1,675,000**
Meghan Reed/Gayle Fawkes | 825-0736



THE BROOKS - SHADOW WOOD OAKBROOK ▲ Built by Boran Craig Barber, 3BR+den, enhanced with all the extras. Pool, spa, southern exposure, preserve views. **\$1,399,000** | Kevin Smith | 641-2942



ROYAL HARBOR ▲ 1935 Snook Drive
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PELICAN LANDING HERON POINT ▲ Panoramic lake views. Custom-built, immaculately maintained 4BR/4BA + den pool home, 3-car garage, cul-de-sac lot. **\$1,280,000** | Daniel Pregont | 272-8020



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** | Rod Soars | 290-2448



PARK SHORE ▲ This spacious 4 BR, 3.5 BA offers neutral tile in main living areas, newer carpet in bedrooms & is freshly painted. **\$1,250,000** | Kathryn Tout | 250-3583



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SHORES COURT ▲
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CAXAMBAS COURT ▲
Slocum-Christian, waterfront home with 243 ft. of direct access water frontage. Great docking facility. Furnished.
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HIDEAWAY BEACH ▲
Premier beachfront home with guest suite. Luxurious appointments throughout this 6BR with 8,100 A/C SF. Furnished.
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MADEIRA #PH202 ▲
Beachfront penthouse with 6,500+ SF of living area. Gulf, beach & island vistas from 2,140 SF of multiple terraces.
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Majestic custom home with spectacular panoramic views of Smokehouse Bay. Featuring 5 bedroom suites plus a study.
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512 ANTILLES COURT ▲
This spacious tip lot custom 2-story home has over 230 ft. on the water, nearly 6,000 sq. ft. A/C, 4BRs, 5.5BAs.
\$3,299,000 | Roe Tamagni | 398-1222



CAPE MARCO - BELIZE #PH2102 ▲
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CAXAMBAS COURT ▲
Gulf & Caxambas Pass views. Spacious 4 bedroom with 3,600 SF of living area. Offered at lot value. Dock included.
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BUTTERFIELD COURT ▲
Breathtaking views of Marco River from eye-catching spacious home. Alarmed, 4-car garage. Dock with lift.
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HEIGHTS COURT ▲
Majestic Estate home, 4,100+A/C SF, 3BR/5BA, den, family room. Screened lanai, pool, spa, dock, direct Gulf access.
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\$2,390,000 | Natalie Kirstein | 784-0491



CAPE MARCO - VERACRUZ #801 ▲
Exquisite beachfront 8th floor 4BR/4.5BA estate condominium with 4,709 SF A/C. Fabulous views, five-star amenities.
\$2,300,000 | Richard Marquardt | 642-2222



HIDEAWAY BEACH ▲
Views of Gulf, skyline & beach. Custom 3-story Eastwood-built home with 3,000+ SF, elevator & rooftop sundeck.
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HIDEAWAY BEACH - ROYAL MARCO POINT II #526 ▲
Beautifully upgraded front residence with panoramic views of beach/Gulf. Decorator furnished.
\$1,880,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133



MADEIRA #606 ▲
Views of the Gulf from the beachside balcony and living areas of this professionally decorated 2,974 SF residence.
\$1,695,000 | Chris Adams | 404-5130



WINTERBERRY COURT ▲
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\$1,480,000 | Natalie Kirstein/ML Meade | 784-0491

776 Hull Court - Elegant indoor & outdoor living with spectacular views, 130 ft. of water frontage, dock-lift, quick Gulf access.
\$2,399,000 | Natalie Kirstein | 784-0491

882 Magnolia Court - Panoramic views! Tip-lot location, 163 ft. of direct access, deep-water frontage, 3BR/3BA, dock with 20,000 lb. lift.
\$2,100,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

660 Century Court - Incredible tip lot home with views of Smokehouse Bay; 169 feet of water frontage with 15,000 lb. boat lift & dock.
\$1,699,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

720 South Barfield Drive - Beautiful inland home on an oversized homesite. Great floor plan, hurricane shutters plus an open lanai with pool/spa. **\$1,450,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

257 Polynesia Court - One of the best values on the River, offered at lot value. Pool, 3BR/2BA, boat dock, direct access, sold "as-is".
\$1,350,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

1699 Barbados Avenue - Builder's own custom-built 3BR+den, 3,200 SF A/C, great waterway views. Dock, 20,000 lb. lift, River access.
\$1,299,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

690 Pelican Court - An absolutely gorgeous custom-built 3BR/2BA pool home. Dock with direct Gulf access. Lush landscaping, oversized lot.
\$1,200,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

HIDEAWAY BEACH 871 Sea Dune Lane - Bright, exquisite home with built-in pool & spa. Pickled red cedar ceilings, fireplace, 2nd floor loft.
\$1,198,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

1261 Laurel Court - Direct access & beautiful views! New home by Marco River with great room plan, 3 BRs, den, 3 BAs & Viking appliances.
\$1,195,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

633 Crescent Street - Incredible custom 3BR/3BA pool home. Direct Gulf access, 70' dock, 30' boat slip & lift. Many special features.
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1820 Travida Terrace - Gorgeous Estate Area 5BR/4.5BA home, 5,400 SF under air. On a hill for great views, no need for flood insurance.
\$1,000,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

1131 Vernon Place - Old Florida style home with quick direct access & 160 ft of waterfront, large wraparound verandas, new floors & paint.
\$899,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

721 Rose Court - Beautifully remodeled 4BR+den home, quick river access, long water views, car aficionado's dream - a 5-car garage.
\$890,000 | Natalie Kirstein | 784-0491

450 Joy Circle - Furnished 3 bedroom on a huge lot (210' deep) with 166' of waterfront with SW exposure. Dock, lift and new seawall.
\$849,000 | Michelle Thomas | 860-7176

350 Rockhill Court - Spectacular, open 3BR+den custom pool home, quick, direct River access, 100' of water frontage (60' dock in place).
\$849,000 | Natalie Kirstein | 784-0491

391 Waterleaf Court - Custom-built 3BR home with scenic long water views. Pool, boat dock with 10,000 lb. lift, 90 ft. water frontage.
\$809,500 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

761 Nautilus Court - Enjoy quick, direct access to River/Gulf. Wide water views, immaculate 3BR+family rm pool home, turnkey furnished.
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921 Heron Court - Charming "beachy", nautical decor 3BR/2BA. Completely renovated, new pool/spa, quick, deep water-direct access.
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SOUTH SEAS TOWER I 260 Seaview Court #906 - Walk to beach! Lovely 9th-floor 2BR/2BA end residence, great views from wraparound balcony. Gated entry, docks. **\$565,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

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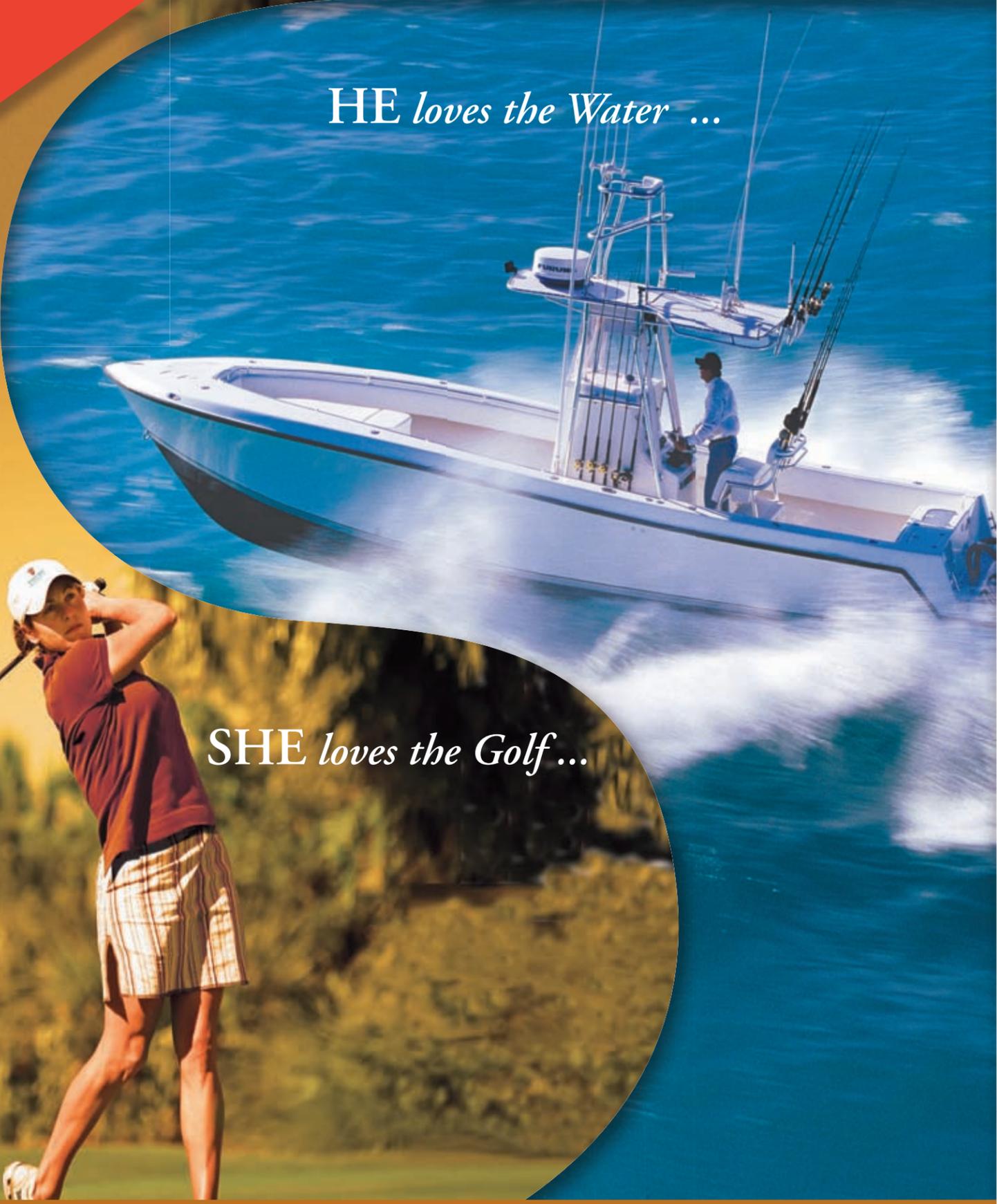
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Pelican Bay, 820 Bentwater Cir, #102 - 1g tile thru out, updated kit w/granite, newer appls, mstr suite w/his & her closets. Plantation shutters, oversized sliding glass doors. Lake view. 2-car gar! 2+Den/2 (C6017) Mimy von Schreiner & Kate Del Ga, 659-6173 **\$599,000**



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Waterside At Bay Beach, 4191 Bay Beach Ln #252 - SPECTACULAR water views for a bargain price!!! Watch dolphins & manatees meander in Estero Bay from every room in your home! A must see for the view alone! 2/2 (C6086) Heather Wightman, 450-1891, Ginny Nobbe, 218-0025 **\$489,900**



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Arbor Trace, 1001 Arbor Lake Dr, #406 - Estate sale-Offers welcome!! Luxury senior community. High-rise with Gulf views! Dining and health care avail. Sunny, spacious. 2/2 (C2407) Pam Etheridge, 269-4614 **\$399,900**



Naples Imp Co Little Farms, 1171 26th Ave N - Location in the heart of Naples on Lake! Beautifully updated 3 bedroom, 2 bath pool home with long lake views. Spacious & private fenced in yard. 3/2 (H2497) Kelly Kent, 250-5480 **\$399,000**



Village Walk, 3461 Donoso Ct - Rarely available "extended" Oakmont plan featuring white tile, high ceilings, newer a/c & appliances w/lake view. Community pools & tennis at Town Center. 3+Den/2 (H2548) Merry Coolidge, 450-4924 **\$385,000**



Glen Eden, 14612 Glen Eden Dr - Beautiful Lake Views!! W of US41. Near bches, public boat ramp, shops & dining! Gated comm., walk to pool/spa, clubhouse & fitness. Arch detail, crown molding. 2+Den/2.5 (V1273) Kelly Kent, 250-5480 **\$369,000**



Banyan Woods, 5017 Maxwell Cir, #101 - 2000+ SF plus an oversized lanai overlooking lush gardens & community pool. Extras: plantation shutters, tile on the diagonal, workshop & additional storage. 3/2 (C6063) Linda C. Loomis, P.A., 451-0769 **\$350,000**



Worthington, 13030 Southampton Dr - Large single fam. villa. Stunning SW lake views! Hurricane shutters most windows, oversized garage, Corian counters, most newer appliances & A/C. 3/2 (V1271) Sharon Hammond-Turnblad 851-6918 **\$329,000**



Glen Eagle, 224 Glen Eagle Cir - Golf community minutes to 5th, 3rd & beaches. Open floor plan w/2124 SF, granite kitchen, diag tile, coffer ceilings, water softener, pool/spa. 2+Den/2 (H4019) Jim Scartz, 877-9726, Douglas R. Smith, 682-0414 **\$319,900**



Moorings, 2100 Gulf Shore Blvd N, #204 - Beach & Boating...this 2nd floor apt, turnkey furnished 1200 SF 2/2. Views of Gulf from kitchen & master bdrm. Boat dock available for purchase. 2/2 (C5409) Carmony-Hutchison Team, 272-7000 **\$319,000**



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- Francis A. Oakes III and Deanne D. Oakes have purchased 2,035 square feet of retail space at 2225 Davis Blvd., from CVC-SOPH Inc. for \$450,000. Craig Timmins and David Stevens of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction.
- Canberra Investments LLC has purchased 73,181 square feet of vacant land at 3620 Shaw Blvd. from Ralph P. and Bonnie M. Shaw. William Gonnering of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction.
- Direct Home Realty has leased 938 square feet in Dockside Boardwalk at 1100 Sixth Ave. from Dockside LLC. Bill Young of CB Richard Ellis, Fort Myers/Naples brokered the transaction.
- Insouth Funding Inc. has leased 720 square feet of office space at 3033 Riviera Drive, Suite 101, from Beasley Broadcasting Management Corp. Patrick Fraley of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction.
- The Keys Bar & Grille has leased 5,109 square feet at the Pavilion Shopping Center on Vanderbilt Beach Road from Equity One Florida. Doug Olson of LandQwest Commercial represented both the landlord and the tenant on the transaction. The Keys Bar & Grille will open in the space in February. ■

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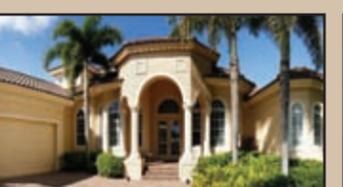
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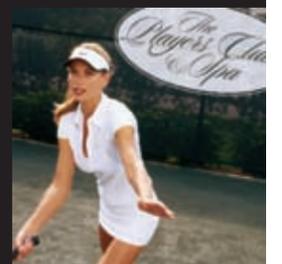
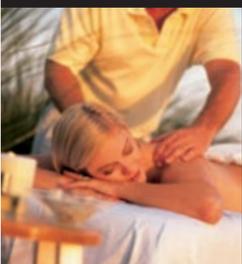


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Images of Immokalee reflect a mixture of promise, despair

BY PEG LONGSTRETH
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Ted Koppel once described Immokalee as “thirty miles and billions of dollars east of Naples.” For all the efforts of numerous charitable organizations and individuals, all the progress made, Mr. Koppel’s metaphor remains as right on today as it was when he made it several years ago. I liken Immokalee to the Janus Phenomenon, with one face revealing snippets of hope, of possibility, of progress, and another reflecting grinding poverty, overwhelming despair.

SEE HOPE, C14 ▶



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‘Finding a Voice’ to support The Shelter, survivors of domestic violence

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How many times has a concert changed your life? What about the life of one of your neighbors? What if your presence at a concert could help break the silence surrounding family violence... would you attend?

“Finding a Voice,” a choral and arts concert to benefit The Shelter for Abused Women & Children, takes place at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, at Moorings Presbyterian Church.

The performance is presented by The Choir Project as a way to honor the journey of Shelter residents and local survivors of domestic violence and to raise community awareness about domestic violence. It is a powerful embodiment in text, music, image and dance of a woman’s journey from lament, to breaking the silence, to hope, to healing and finally to restoration. Music includes choral music, African-American spirituals, folk music and



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Alive by Jen Gray is among the artwork in “Finding a Voice.”

WEEK at-a-glance



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SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

Taking another look at May-December



When it comes to younger wives, we've bought the stereotype. We believe that older, lecherous men regularly prey on young women, swapping wealth and security for nubile scintillation. Funny that this should be a defining image of our dating culture, when it's often not the case. The women are rarely as young as we imagine.

In fact, at a recent wedding, most of the older men escorted younger dates. But the ladies were hardly co-eds. In fact, many of them were in their early 40s. So what if the average age difference spanned 20 years?

I imagine that for the first wives — in their 60s, like their ex-husbands — these second wives look like young hussies. But from this side of 40, it's not so bad. Truthfully, divorce and remarriage are part of the contemporary American experience. In the old days, a man took a mistress and a woman took a lover and the marriage soldiered on. Now, husbands are cutting their first wives loose, often at the moment when the husband achieves personal and professional success. Those women who stuck through the lean times, who sacrificed sleep for infant children, who forsook miniskirts in favor of sweatpants, are tossed aside

in favor of younger brides.

Which is why women need to get ahead of the curve. In love, as in all things, the best defense is a strong offense. Instead of chasing after men our own age, perhaps we should set our sights higher — or, rather, older. If women are resigned to the idea that a man will dump his wife at middle age, then why not put our efforts into a successful older man instead of one who already has a foot out the door?

The great thing about these relationships is that we don't have to be 18 to make them work. Any of us — at any age — can attract an older gentleman. If beauty is in the eye of the beholder, then so is youth.

On the plane back from the wedding, the cabin's air conditioning system locked into hyper-drive and cranked out a stream of frigid air during the flight. I wrapped a cotton scarf around my shoulders



and shivered under the thin material. From the corner of my eye, I saw the man across the aisle stand and open the overhead bin. He reached in, pulled out a leather coat, and before I realized what he was doing, draped the heavy jacket over me. I was stunned and grateful. I said "thank you" and he smiled in return. The man must have been in his early 50s. He was nice looking, with salt and pepper hair, and

"If beauty is in the eye of the beholder, then so is youth..."

he had a good build. He was neither sleazy nor lecherous. When I thanked him for the jacket at the end of the flight, he replied with a polite, "You're welcome." His confidence impressed me.

Now that I'm fast approaching 30, and emotional maturity and financial security carry more weight, I'm reevaluating these relationships. Perhaps it is better to marry a handsome December than be disappointed by another May; otherwise we might find ourselves looking again in late November. ■

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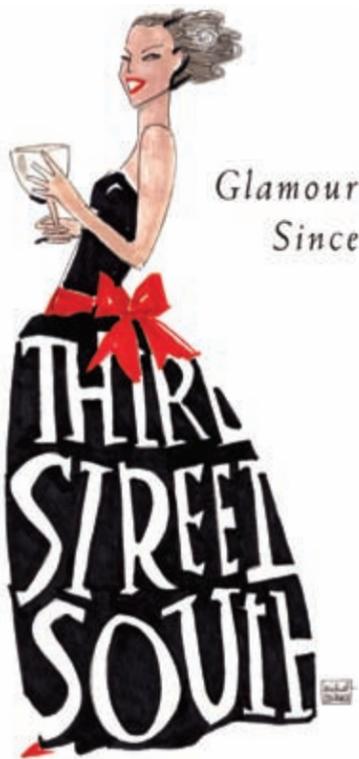


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There's nothing convoluted about Opera Naples' ability to please a crowd



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Louis Otey and Stephanie Pearce

It's been five years since Southwest Florida's only regional opera company took its first baby steps. Since that time, Opera Naples has managed to stay afloat in the midst of the greatest economic downturn in modern history. Several long established opera companies, including the venerable Baltimore Opera, have not fared so well.

The Naples company's former pick-up orchestra now has a strong, seasoned flavor to it, with Raymond Gniewek, concertmaster for the Metropolitan Opera for nearly his entire "first life," as concertmaster. Under the tutelage of Robin Shuford-Frank, the 30-member chorus is truly first rate.

This past weekend, Willie Anthony Waters, the almost-understated conductor of the New York City Opera, made his first appearance as conductor for Opera Naples and quickly proved a definite crowd (and orchestra) pleaser.

On Friday evening, once again performing in the auditorium at Gulf Coast High School, this time to a nearly sold-out audience of opera enthusiasts, Opera Naples proved just how far it has come, with an amazingly good performance of the truly convoluted Giuseppe Verdi masterpiece, "Il Travatore" (The Troubador).

Most noteworthy, and utterly essential for this opera to succeed, is that

the main roles were perfectly matched vocally, since much of the opera is sung "together." This presents far different challenges — and opportunities for greatness as well as for getting literally lost in the shuffle.

The production was sung in Italian with English subtitles. From the very first ominous rolls on the tympani, the audience knew that there was about to be trouble in the kingdom. Another love-gone-terribly-awry story was about to unfold.

A witch who wasn't a witch — but who was burned alive for a crime she didn't commit (putting a curse on one of the king's infant sons) — is about to have her dying plea to her daughter come true. Vengeance of unimaginable proportions is about to unfold.

"I've seen this opera at least six times," someone sitting nearby commented during intermission, "and I still can't figure it all out." I understood

exactly what she meant.

Sure, everyone knows the melody line of the "Anvil Chorus." As for the rest of the lyrics, you're definitely on foreign soil if you're anything other than a true opera buff.

However can one explain it to people who are seeing and hearing it for the first time? "What tangled webs some mortals weave, when first they practice to deceive?" Does that at least give a hint of why all is not well in the kingdom?

Opera Naples' amazing set designs, compliments of Samuel Vasquez, local architect and husband of Stephanie Pearce, Opera Naples' artistic director, brought multiple rounds of applause as the story unfolded.

The company garnered sufficient financial support to acquire some of the most exciting voices in the business for this production. Tenor Jeffrey Springer of the San Francisco Opera returned to Naples in the role of Manrico, Leonora's (Steffanie Pearce) doomed lover.

Baritone Louis Otey of the Metropolitan Opera was Count di Luna, determined to win the love of Leonora at any cost.

The Met's Ashley Howard Wilkinson was simply stellar as Ferrando. And the incredibly rich voice of mezzo-soprano Korby Myrick as Azucena practically made me swoon with delight.

The character of Ruiz was presented by a new and exciting voice in the person of San Francisco Opera star Calvin Ellis Lee.

Soprano Deborah Berioli rounded out the cast as Inez. A great talent as well, Ms. Berioli resides in Sarasota and is

the founder and director of the Venice (Florida) Performing Arts series.

As the story unfolds, Count di Luna succeeds in killing Manrico, only to discover, to his horror, that he has lost everything. Leonora dies in agony after secretly ingesting poison rather than be forced to marry him instead of her true love, Manrico. And Manrico, his accused rival for her affections, turns out in actuality to have been Count di Luna's brother, whom he mistakenly believed had succumbed to the witch's curse while an infant.

For all the wonderful voices and great performances, I must confess I found the chillingly macabre dance by a megal-talent named Rosa Mercedes (principal dancer and choreographer with the Metropolitan Opera) to be utterly great and itself worth the price of the ticket.

So congratulations, Opera Naples. You did yourself proud with this performance. ■

— Peg Goldberg Longstreth was trained as a classical musician. She owns Longstreth-Goldberg Art Gallery in Naples.

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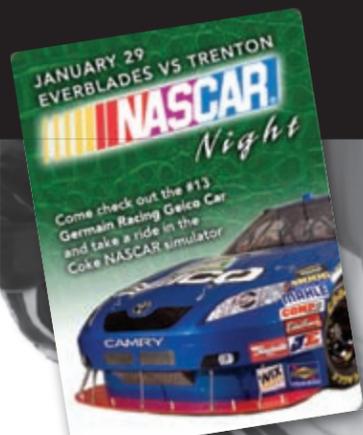
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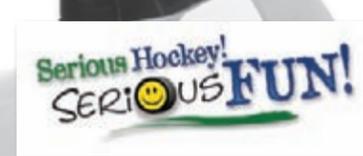
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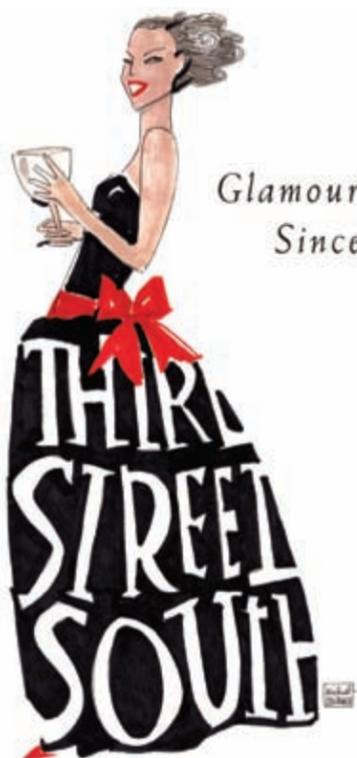


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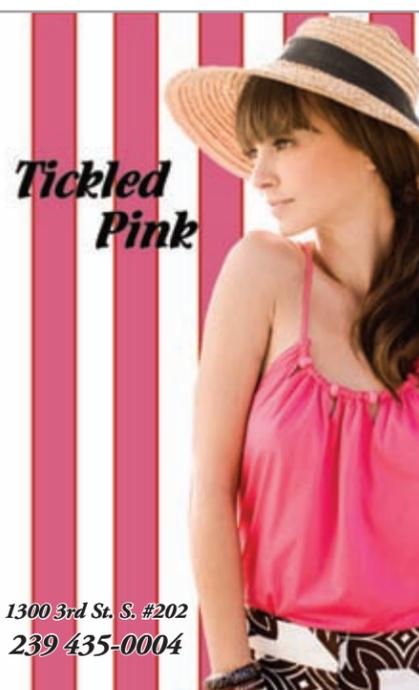
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■ **You Can't Take It With You** – At Florida Repertory Theatre in Fort Myers Feb. 5-21 (previews Feb. 2-4). 332-4488 or www.floridarep.org.

Thursday, Jan. 28

■ **Trunk Show** – Signatures at Mercato presents a trunk show featuring Peace of Cloth pants, jackets and jeans. Champagne and a light lunch will be served. 254-5805.

■ **Another Trunk Show** – Marissa Collections presents the Spring 2010 Collection by Lucifer vir Honestus. The designer will make an appearance. 1167 Third St. S. Call 263-4333 for times and reservations.

■ **Wet Paint** – Caution! The Marco Island Center for the Arts holds its Wet Paint Live Auction at 5:30 p.m. at the Marco Island Center for the Arts. Work up for bid have been created earlier in the day.

■ **Songs & Duets** – The Florida Gulf Coast University Bower School of

Music presents "Songs & Duets from the American Musical Theatre" at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union ballroom. Free and open to the public. The program will be repeated for the Naples Opera Society program at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, at The Norris Center. 590-7548.

■ **Art Event** – Members of the Art League of Bonita Springs open their studios from 4-7 p.m. at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. 495-8989.

■ **Thursdays on Third** – The courtyards and plazas of Third Street South come alive with music from 6-9 p.m.

■ **Pop Quiz** – The English Pub hosts Quiz Night beginning at 8:30 p.m. 2408 Linwood Ave. 775-3727 or www.naplesenglishpub.com.

Friday, Jan. 29

■ **Mullet and More** – Stan's Idle Hour in Goodland hosts its Mullet Festival today through Sunday. Experience a most colorful and unique weekend of seafood, arts and crafts, music

and silliness. The fun begins at 10 a.m. 394-3041.

■ **Local Lore** – The Naples Historical Society's Gardens Chickee Chat from 11 a.m. to noon will feature three Neapolitans who grew up here in the 1950s. 261-8164 or www.NaplesHistoricalSociety.org.

■ **Boo!** – Guides will lead ghost walks through the Koreshan State Historic Park in Estero tonight and Saturday. 992-0311.

■ **Celtic Rock** – "A Night Downtown with the Screaming Orphans" begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in downtown Fort Myers. \$45 per person include hors d'oeuvres. This is a fundraiser for the Pace Center for Girls Lee County. www.thescreamingorphans.com for ticket locations.

■ **Family Entertainment** – "Razzle Dazzle," an evening of magic, comedy and theater, is performed Friday and Saturday through Feb. 13 in the Tuscan Showroom at The Inn of Naples. (866) 468-7630.

Saturday, Jan. 30

■ **A Glass Act** – Glass artist Dale Chihuly lectures at 11 a.m. in Hayes Hall at The Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

■ **Doggie Garden** – Naples Botanical Garden opens its doors to a new kind of visitor – canines with their companions – from 1-5 p.m. See story on page A21. 643-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.

■ **Art Event** – The 13th annual Naples Invitational Art Fest brings some of the nation's top artists to Fleischmann Park from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Sunday. Free admission, but donations accepted to benefit Eden Autism Services Florida. www.edenartfest.com.

■ **It's Your Move** – The Southwest Florida Chess Club invites players of all ages and abilities to gather at



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Jarrod Walker is among the Bluegrass All-Stars who will perform at The Norris Center at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6. Joining him will be Clay Hess, Ronnie Stewart and Austin Wilder. Naples' own Frontline Bluegrass opens the evening. Tickets are \$25. Call 213-3049.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO



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“Naples Collect,” an exhibit of works on loan from private collectors — including “Water Heart” by Jim Dine, above — remains at The von Liebig Art Center through Feb. 14. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday. Call 262-6517 or visit www.naplesart.org.

Books-A-Million at Mercado from 1:30-5 p.m. 898-0458 or e-mail swflchess@yahoo.com.

■ **To the Max** – Meet pop artist Peter Max at the Road Show Company, 375 Broad Ave. S., Naples, from 6-9 p.m. tonight and from noon-3 p.m. Sunday. (888) 513-8385.

■ **Weekend Blues** – Gulf Coast Town Center presents Riverside Blues beginning at 8 p.m. in Market Plaza. www.gulfcoasttowncenter.com.

Sunday, Jan. 31

■ **Finding a Voice** – The Choir Project presents “Finding a Voice” to benefit The Shelter for Abused Women & Children at 4 p.m. at Moorings Presbyterian Church. See story on page C1.

■ **Debby Boone** – The Philharmonic Center for the Arts presents Debby Boone at 8 p.m. 598-1900 or www.thephil.org.

■ **Free Concert Band** – The Naples Concert Band welcomes pianist and FGCU professor of music Dr. Michael Baron at 2 p.m. in the band shell at Cambier Park. Free, but donations appreciated. 263-9521 or www.NaplesConcertBand.org.

■ **Dinner Show** – Erin’s Isle restaurant presents The Famous Finton Stanley Dinner Show. 6190 Collier Blvd., www.erinisle.biz or 774-1880.

Monday, Feb. 1

■ **Art Class** – Take a class from master artist Urania Christy Tarbet from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The von Liebig

Art Center. 262-6517.

■ **Lyndon and Lady Bird** – “Presidents and Their First Ladies: Lyndon and Lady Bird Johnson” begins at 2 p.m. at Headquarters Library. William and Sue Wills perform the costumed, dramatic presentation that is sponsored by Friends of the Library. 2385 Orange Blossom Drive. 593-0177 or 593-0334.

■ **Love Trivia?** – The questions begin at 7:30 p.m. at The Pub at Mercado. 594-9400.

Tuesday, Feb. 2

■ **Fledgling Birders** – Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center presents a Beginning Birder’s Workshop from 8 a.m. to noon. Learn the basics and then practice your new skills on a field trip to a local park. 417-6310, ext. 401.

■ **Book Discussion** – Enjoy a discussion about Dan Brown’s “Lost Symbol” beginning at 10 a.m. and again at 2 p.m. at South Regional Library. 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway. 252-7542.

■ **Museum Exhibit** – The Patty & Jay Baker Naples Museum of Art showcases works by three contemporary artists in “People, Places and Things: The Art of Ben Aronson, Joel Babb and Alec Soth,” which opens with an invitation-only reception from 4:30-6:30 p.m. and runs through April 18. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

■ **Chamber Concert** – Classic Chamber Concerts presents flutist Amy Porter at 8 p.m. at the Sugden Community Theatre. 434-8505 or www.ClassicChamberConcerts.org. See story on page C25.

■ **Team Trivia** – The tough questions begin at 9 p.m. at Boston Beer Garden. 2396 Immokalee Road. 596-2337.

Wednesday, Feb. 3

■ **History Tours** – Walking tours of the Naples Historical District start at 10 a.m. at Palm Cottage, 137 12th Ave. South. Requested donations to the Naples Historical Society are \$15 adults, \$5 children. Reservations required. 261-8164.

■ **Songs from the Silver Screen** – The musicians known as Take Four present a tribute to the music and stars of the movies beginning at 6 p.m. at Naples Regional Library. Sponsored by Friends of the Library. 650 Central Ave. 263-7768 or 262-4130.

■ **Art in Cinema** – The Art League of Bonita Springs presents “Affairs of the Arts No. 7: Art in Cinema 2” from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Enjoy dinner and a film about painter Frida Kahlo. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ **Underground Art** – It’s Underground Art Wednesday, when more than a dozen studios and galleries north of Pine Ridge Road between Airport-Pulling and Taylor roads stay late, serve refreshments and introduce new works. 821-1061.

Upcoming events

■ **One Woman Show** – “The Life of Mary Todd Lincoln, The First Woman They Called Crazy” begins at 7 p.m. Feb. 4, at The Norris Center. \$12. 213-3049.

■ **Raku for You** – “A Taste of Raku” with artists Annabelle Johnson and Richard W. Rosen takes place from 6-9 p.m. at Rosen Gallery & Studios Feb. 4. The pottery-filled evening of glazing, socializing and firing includes all materials, refreshments and your finished piece of raku to take home. \$43. Reservations: rictra@earthlink.net or 821-1061.

■ **Hyacinth Series** – Moorings Presbyterian Church presents its next Hyacinth Series concert at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 4 with Christopher Bolduc, baritone, and Charles Webb, piano. 213-5246 or e-mail rcrofts@moorings-presby.org.

■ **Shell It Out** – The annual Bonita Beach Shell Club Show and Sale takes place Feb. 5-7 at the Bonita Beach Club, 5700 Bonita Beach Road. 994-2774.

■ **Bluegrass Event** – The Bluegrass All-Stars perform from 7:30-10 p.m. Feb. 6 at The Norris Center. \$15. 213-3049.

■ **Music Fest** – The Heritage Music Festival, with music from Dixieland jazz to bluegrass, takes place from 3-6 p.m. Feb. 6 at Miromar Outlets. 948-3766 or www.MiromarOutlets.com.

■ **Bonita Springs Concert Band** – The next free concert by the Bonita Springs Concert band begins at 2 p.m. Feb. 7 in Riverside Park, Bonita Springs. www.bonitaspringsconcertband.com.

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ARTS COMMENTARY

The Naples Players don't quite hit the mark in 'Almost, Maine'

Nancy STETSON

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English is such a colorful language. We talk about falling in love, having our heart broken, waiting for the other shoe to drop — all picturesque phrases to describe a situation.

Playwright John Cariani knows his way around the English language. He knows how to tilt it so we can see the world in a slightly off-kilter way. And he does that skillfully in "Almost, Maine," which is on stage at the Sugden Community Theatre through Feb. 6.

All the action in this sweet little play takes place on the same night in the small, inland town of Almost, Maine, when the northern lights dance and swirl in the sky and strange things happen all around. (Well, as one character explains, Almost isn't exactly a town, because the people living there couldn't get organized enough to officially make it one. So it's almost a town. A town called Almost.)

Maybe it's the aurora borealis or a certain alignment of the stars, but on this particular magical night, people all over Almost are having epiphanies about love: they're falling in or out of love, having their hearts broken or healed and seeing others, or themselves, in a new light.

"Almost, Maine," is a series of vignettes involving various people in town: a husband and wife arguing after ice-skating, a couple of buddies playing Can You Top This? with bad date stories, a man running into an old girlfriend at the local bar.

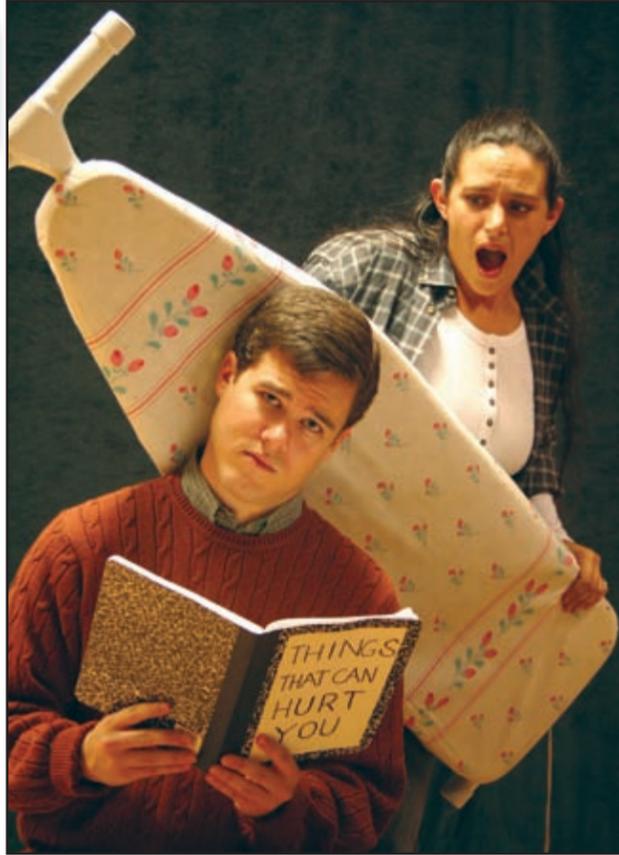
(The scenes are not directly connected to each other, though if you listen carefully, you realize that characters refer to characters in other scenes.)

Mr. Cariani takes these everyday situations and turns them on their head.

"Almost, Maine," his first play, was named one of the 10 best plays of the 2004/2005 regional theater season by *The Wall Street Journal* and was featured in "New Playwrights: Best Plays of 2006." It has been staged locally at Theatre Conspiracy and at Florida Repertory Theatre, both in Fort Myers.

It's an engaging, charming play. Unfortunately, The Naples Players don't quite do it justice.

Under the direction of Anna Segreto, the seven actors play the show purely for laughs. The show is, indeed, funny,



J.C. Haniska and Bree Cowan in a scene that shows ironing boards and love can both hurt.

but they don't seem to trust its humor. They play the characters too broadly, gesturing wildly and speaking loudly, as if in vaudeville.

The three women in the cast — Debi Garnett, Bree Cowan and Erin Laughlin — all have admirable acting skills, as seen in previous productions at the Sugden. But in "Almost, Maine," they're all too shrill and obvious.

Rather than give us three-dimensional people with feelings and histories, they rely instead on speaking loudly and with southern accents. (Why do they think people in inland Maine speak with southern accents?)

Three men in the cast — Bob Garnett, J.C. Hanisko and Todd Irby — have the opposite problem: they underplay their characters.

Only James Jackson, the seventh member of the ensemble, comes across as a real person in his scenes. Ms. Segreto has wisely cast him in four roles (though most of the others play multiple roles as well.)

With our recent cold snap, there were rumors (untrue) that it had snowed in Naples. But with Mark Santos's set design,

COURTESY PHOTOS



Bob Garnett shows off his misspelled tattoo to Erin Laughlin.



Bree Cowan and James Jackson focus on a painting that has heart.

you believe it. With snow on the ground and in the firs in the mountains, the simple set transports the audience to northern Maine in mid-winter. Though much of the action takes place outdoors, an interior set is used for multiple environments, quickly re-decorated to be a bar and a couple of different cabins.

And Jeff Weiss's creation of the northern lights is magical.

Dot Auchmoody dresses the cast in so many flannels and scarves and jackets that you suspect she used all of the winter clothing available in the theater's wardrobe.

But this quirky, whimsical play filled with magic realism needs to be acted with more subtlety. If the cast had approached it more seriously, respecting its depth, it would've been both moving

and funny.

"Almost, Maine" has much more tenderness and depth than what's on stage at the Sugden.

The production nearly gets there, but doesn't quite hit the target. ■

If you go

- >> **What:** "Almost, Maine"
- >> **When:** through Feb. 6
- >> **Where:** Sugden Community Theatre, 701 Fifth Ave. S., Naples
- >> **Cost:** \$30
- >> **Info:** 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org

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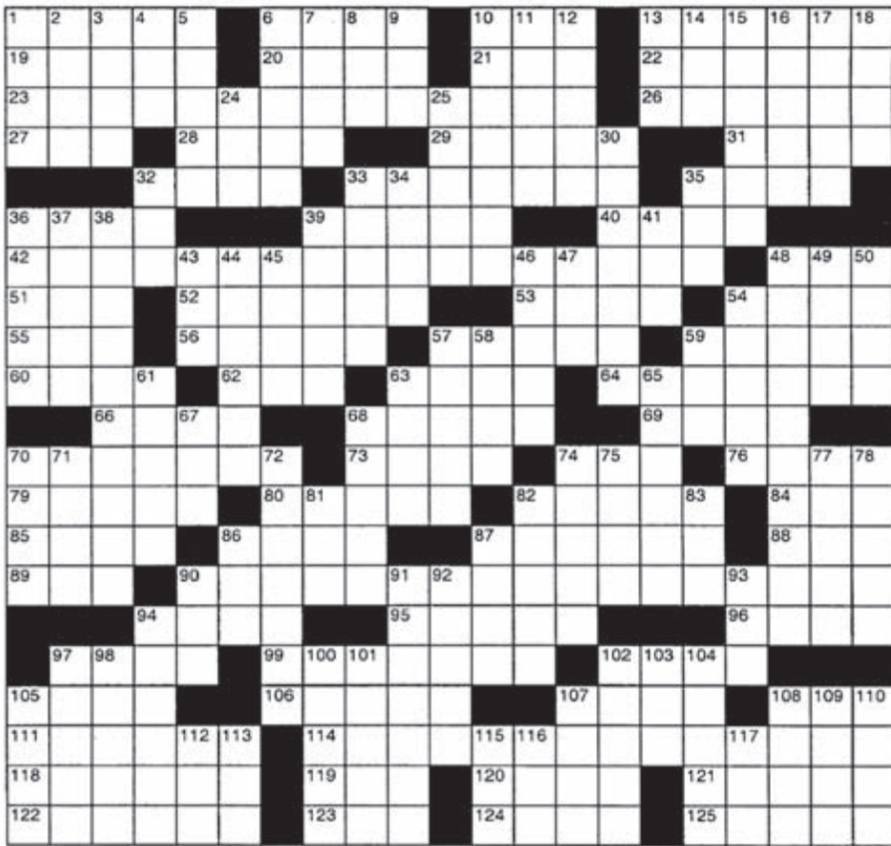
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 - 27 Plead
 - 28 Skeleton part
 - 29 Elizabethan instruments
 - 31 Yen
 - 32 Relinquish
 - 33 Occur earlier
 - 35 To — (perfectly)
 - 36 El —, TX
 - 39 Puppeteer Lewis
 - 40 TV's "— Street"
 - 42 Part 2 of definition
 - 48 WWII abbr.
 - 51 Palm oil?
 - 52 Aristocratic address
 - 53 Duel tool
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 - 59 Sun screen
 - 60 Ulrich of Metallica
 - 62 Caustic stuff
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 - 64 Broke to smithereens
 - 66 Thornfield governess
 - 68 Part 3 of definition
 - 69 Black
 - 70 Sullivan's partner
 - 73 — even keel
 - 74 Heel
 - 76 Impresses immensely
 - 79 Confess
 - 80 Helicopter part
 - 82 Party present
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 - 86 Anapest, for one
 - 87 Spanish title
 - 88 Broadway letters
 - 89 Prohibit
 - 90 Part 4 of definition
 - 94 Borscht ingredient
 - 95 Diva Leontyne
 - 96 Petty or Chandler
 - 97 Stallion's sweetie
 - 99 Mideastern kingdom
 - 102 "The Ramayana," e.g. — song (cheaply)
 - 106 Casual cloth
 - 107 School founded in 1440
 - 108 Absorb, with "up"
 - 111 "The Barber of Seville" heroine
 - 114 End of definition
 - 118 Carved a canyon
 - 119 Sue —
 - Langdon
 - 120 — Linda, CA
 - 121 Avid
 - 122 Became rigid
 - 123 Guitarist Paul
 - 124 "— River" ('61 hit)
 - 125 Be grateful
- DOWN**
- 1 Use a dirk
 - 2 Drac's wrap
 - 3 Couturier Cassini
 - 4 Negative correlative
 - 5 Follow
 - 6 Metaphysical poet
 - 7 Nebraska neighbor
 - 8 Speedometer abbr.
 - 9 "— Beso" ('62 hit)
 - 10 Pianist Arrau
 - 11 — del Este
 - 12 Mid-size band
 - 13 Contains
 - 14 — deco
 - 15 One in a million
 - 16 Diminish
 - 17 Pizza serving
 - 18 Son of Adam
 - 24 Time-honored
 - 25 Office worker
 - 30 "Georgy Girl" group
 - 32 Pigeon English?
 - 33 Med. professional
 - 34 Unwelcome visit?
 - 35 Donkey
 - 36 Pansy part
 - 37 "West Side Story" role
 - 38 "The New Yorker" humorist
 - 39 Where to find a plover
 - 41 Positive vote
 - 43 Singer Sumac
 - 44 Steering device
 - 45 Potter's need
 - 46 Ancient Sanskrit
 - 47 Mineral spring
 - 48 Indecisive
 - 49 Bum remedy
 - 50 Firewood measure
 - 54 One of the Aleutians
 - 57 Chavez or Romero
 - 58 "— go brag!"
 - 59 Rocker Morrison
 - 61 Astrologer Leek
 - 63 Mrs. Jupiter
 - 65 Skater Ito
 - 67 Postal abbr.
 - 68 Club creed
 - 70 Apparel
 - 71 Concept
 - 72 Pulled a sulky
 - 74 Hiawatha's transport
 - 75 Declare
 - 77 Join up
 - 78 Abolitionist author
 - 81 Aah's partner
 - 82 Use
 - 83 Hurried
 - 86 "Pshaw!" bit
 - 87 Vaudeville bit
 - 90 Elfin
 - 91 Revolts
 - 92 Freddie the Freeloader, e.g.
 - 93 Father Brown monogram
 - 94 Pigtales
 - 97 Boxer Archie
 - 98 Fiery felony
 - 100 Copper or cobalt
 - 101 — fell swoop
 - 102 Patriot Allen
 - 103 Luau dish
 - 104 Map feature
 - 105 Worry
 - 107 Admiral Zumwalt
 - 108 Adventure story
 - 109 Portent
 - 110 Company car, e.g.
 - 112 Born
 - 113 Slap on
 - 115 Shady character?
 - 116 Leeds lavatory
 - 117 Uh-uh

SEE ANSWERS, C9

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HOROSCOPES

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) This is a good time to re-sort your priorities and see if adjustments are called for. Be honest with yourself as you decide what to keep, what to discard and what to change.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Letting yourself be bathed in the outpouring of love and support from those who care for you will help you get through a difficult period sooner rather than later. Good luck.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your natural Arian leadership qualities make you the person others will follow in tackling that important project. But don't get so involved in the work that you neglect your personal life.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Aspects favor sorting through your possessions, both at work and at home, to start giving away what you don't use, don't need or don't like. Relax later with someone special.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The issues are not quite as clear as they should be. That's why you need to avoid getting involved in disputes between colleagues at work or between relatives or personal friends.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You'll get lots of support from others if you own up to your mistake quickly and include a full and honest explanation. Learn from this experience so that you don't repeat it.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) There might be some early confusion over a major move, whether it's at work

or at home. But once you get a full breakdown of what it entails, it should be easier to deal with. Good luck.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Creating order out of chaos, even in the most untidy spaces, should be no problem for organized Virgos. So go ahead and do it, and then accept praise from impressed colleagues.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Whether it's for business purposes or just for leisure, a trip might be just what you need right now. You would benefit both from a change of scenery and from meeting new people.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) While things generally go well this week, a romantic situation seems to have stalled. But you can restart it if you want to. Then again, maybe this is a chance to reassess the situation.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A meeting that was promised quite a while back could finally happen. So be sure you're prepared with everything you'll need to make your case sound convincing and doable.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A workplace blunder could create a problem down the line unless you deal with it right now to see how and why it happened. Don't be surprised at what you might learn.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have an uncanny gift for reaching out to all people and creating bridges of understanding among them.

By Linda Thistle

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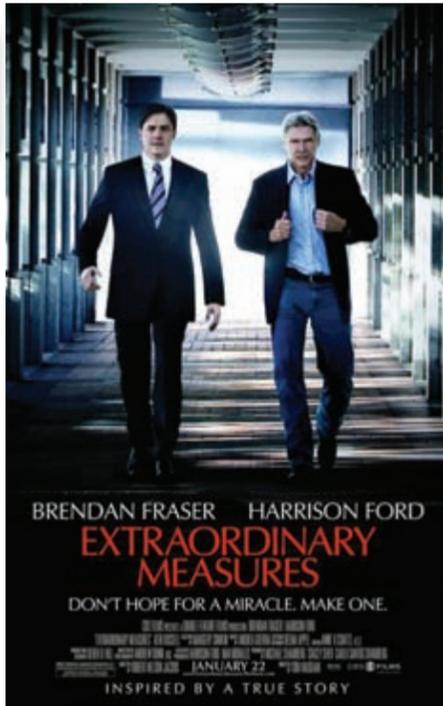


LATEST FILMS

'Extraordinary Measures'



Is it worth \$10? Yes



In the surprisingly effective "Extraordinary Measures," two action movie stars face an insurmountable foe, and just about every step they take is met with resistance and difficulty. For Harrison Ford ("Indiana Jones") and Brendan Fraser ("The Mummy"), this is nothing new. But what is new is the villain, which is more deadly and dangerous than any they've ever faced.

It's called Pompe disease, and it's a rare genetic disorder in which the inability to break down glycogen (loosely, this is a sugar that's naturally produced by the body for energy) causes muscle weakness throughout the body, affecting the skeletal muscles, diaphragm, nervous system, liver and heart. It's often found in children, and is similar to other muscular dystrophy disorders such as Lou Gehrig's disease.

For John Crowley (Fraser), the disease has been devastating. Two of his children, Megan (Meredith Droeger) and Patrick (Diego Velazquez), suffer from it, and it will soon be the cause of their deaths if he isn't able to get them help. His search leads him to Dr. Robert Stonehill (Ford), who believes he's found a way to treat the disease but lacks the funding to complete his research.

And so John and his wife, Aileen (Keri Russell), lead a fundraising campaign in a race against time, and the story takes off from there with family drama, corporate greed and plenty of close calls. There's a fair amount of medical jargon thrown around, but director Tom Vaughan never gets lost in the science — this is a human story first and foremost, and Mr. Vaughan does a nice job of giving the movie energy and suspense without letting it get too melodramatic.

Mr. Vaughan should also thank Mr. Fraser and Mr. Ford for their fine performances. Each has successfully done drama before, and the experience shows. Mr. Fraser ("Crash") never goes over-the-top desperate dad crazy, a smart move given that Mr. Crowley's business sense has a lot to do with saving

his children. And Mr. Ford ("Regarding Henry") may do a lot of yelling here, but Dr. Stonehill is always a likeable old crank with a good heart.

Touching as it is, "Extraordinary Measures" is not easy to watch. Parents of children under the age of ten will especially have a hard time seeing Megan and Patrick suffer, and the frustrations of corporate bureaucracy — though smart from a business perspective — are at times infuriating in that they contradict the best interests of the children.

Ultimately, though, the movie, which is based on a true story, is rewarding and uplifting. It will also heighten awareness of Pompe and numerous diseases similar to it, and in doing so it may help save the lives of afflicted children. Fraser and Ford have given us plenty of bang for our bucks in the past, so kudos to them for finding a story with meaning and heart. ■

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Did you know?

>> As of fall 2009, Megan and Patrick Crowley are still alive and are 12 and 11 years old, respectively. Worldwide, it's estimated that roughly 5,000-10,000 people suffer from Pompe disease.

CAPSULES

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The Book of Eli ★★★

(Denzel Washington, Gary Oldman, Mila Kunis) In post-apocalyptic America, a lone warrior (Washington) carries a rare book to the west coast while a savage despot (Oldman) tries to steal it from him. Mr. Washington and Mr. Oldman are solid as always, and although the story is not always



believable, it is suspenseful and entertaining throughout. Rated R.

Leap Year ★½

(Amy Adams, Matthew Goode, John Lithgow) Irish legend says women are allowed to propose to their boyfriends on Leap Year day, so upon the advice of her idiot loon father (Lithgow) headstrong Anna (Adams) flies to Ireland to propose to her boyfriend (Adam Scott) of four years, who's attending a medical conference. After a rough detour she meets a gruff bartender (Goode) and inexplicably falls in love with him. The idiot tradition is dumber than the people who believe in it, and this inane, trite romantic comedy has 2010 off to a terrible start. Rated PG. ■



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Catch the news from Lake Wobegon at the movies

"A Prairie Home Companion with Garrison Keillor" comes to three Southwest Florida movie theaters live in HD at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4. Tickets are \$20 per person. The two-hour show originates from the Fitzgerald Theater in St. Paul, Minn., before a live audience.

For more than 35 years, legions of fans have tuned in to National Public Radio once a week for "A Prairie Home Companion," where Mr. Keillor entertains with his low-key reflections, sharp insights and trademark humor. The broadcast is heard by more than four million listeners of every age, on more than 600 public radio stations across the country. The show has been host to thousands of wonderful guest artists, little known and world-renowned, who've brought the audience to their feet. And there has been plenty of adventure along the way, including broadcasts from Canada, Ireland, Scotland, England, Germany, Iceland and almost every one of the 50 states.

With his usual understated wit, Mr. Keillor notes: "After all these years, we're starting to get the hang of doing this show and feeling like we're ready for the big screen. Let people see what Dusty and Lefty and Guy Noir look like, and how the guy does the sound effects. Let them make sure the news from Lake Wobegon is not read from a script."

Special guests and beloved regulars in the lineup for the Feb. 4 show include actors Sue Scott and Tim Russell, sound-effects wizards Tom Keith and Fred Newman, and The Guy's All-Star Shoe Band



KEILLOR



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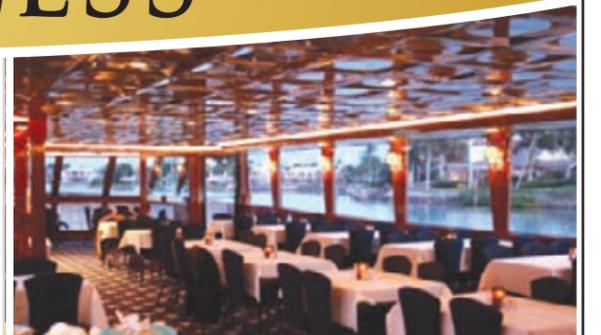
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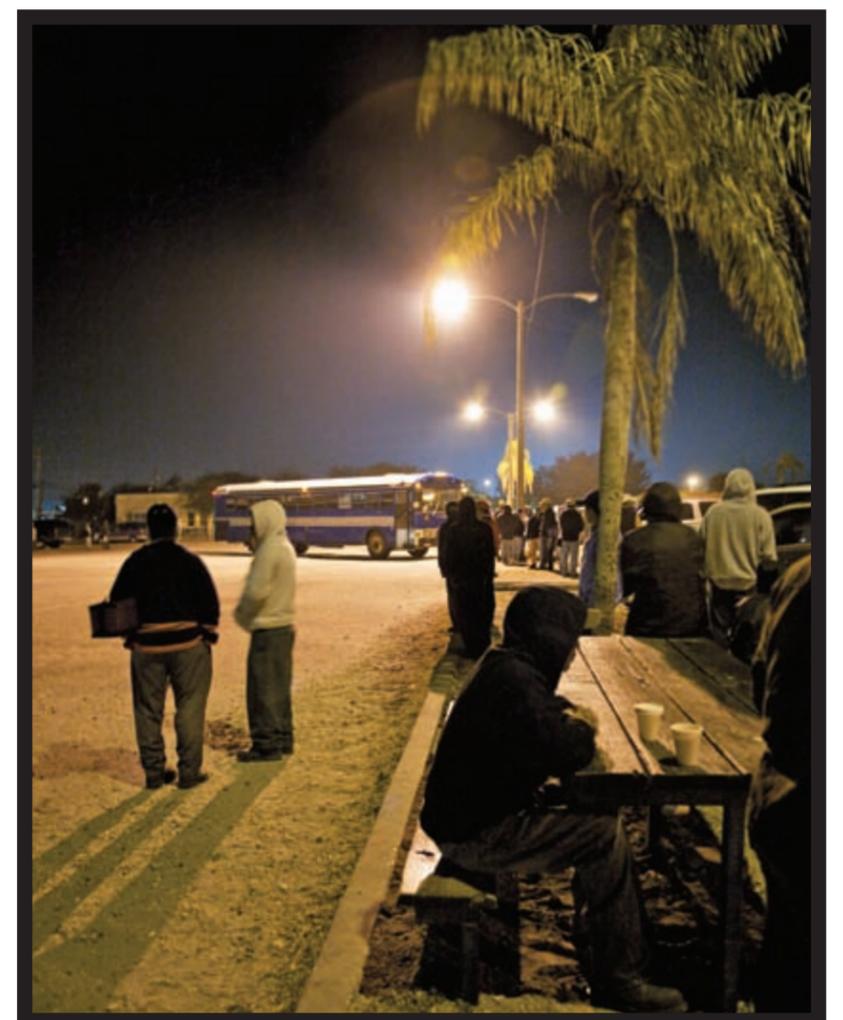
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Clockwise from above:

Heritage, ancestry and birth matter greatly in Immokalee's cultural spectrum. Religion, however, dominates as a powerful source of comfort, support and hope. Photographer Brynn Bruijn titled this photograph "Anguish."

At dawn, farmworkers begin a 14-hour work-day. They are not paid for the time spent on the bus being transported to and from the fields, or for the time waiting until the dew dries from the crop before they can begin picking.

A recluse spider bite is a serious danger to the homeless. Hospitalized for several weeks, this woman is comforted by a friend under the shelter of Immokalee Friendship House as she continues her long and painful recovery.

As the sun begins to rise, workers wait in the cold, hoping to be picked for that day's work. Those who have already been chosen line up for the bus that will take them to the fields.



In addition to her ailing mother, this woman supports her son and nephew in this trailer that has no electricity, gas or water.

HOPE

From page 1

Thanks to the efforts of Habitat for Humanity, several hundred residents of Immokalee now reside in 500 new homes. An organization called I HOPE has collaborated with FEMA to install 64 new single-wide trailers. Other homes have been built by the Empowerment Alliance. All this is but a drop in the bucket of what is needed, but it is a start.

During the agricultural season between October and May, Immokalee's population swells from 25,000 to more than 40,000.

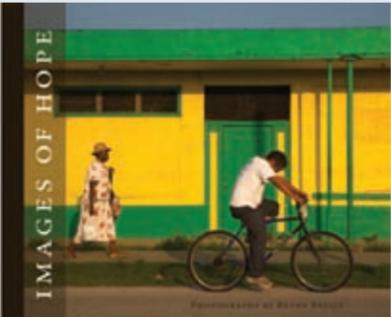
Pride radiates from the faces of some of the lucky ones in the compelling documentary photography by Brynn Bruijn on exhibit at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. Titled "Immokalee: Images of Hope - Looking Forward, Looking Back," the exhibit is so large that it occupies an area on the second floor of the Naples Museum of Art and also fills the first- and second-floor exhibition rooms at the Phil.

This is a show that will make you uncomfortable.

That's precisely why you must see it before it closes on Sunday, Feb. 7.

I suggest you allow a couple of hours to absorb the 70 digital images that leap off the walls, eager to tell a profound story about a world that is oh, so close — yet so remote — from all that is Naples and the image of privilege our seaside town projects to the world.

if you go



>> "Immokalee: Images of Hope - Looking Forward, Looking Back"

>> What: An exhibit and hardcover book of photographs by Brynn Bruijn with commentary by Philip Beuth



BRUIJN

South, at the Eastern Collier Chamber of Commerce in Immokalee and at Lozano's Mexican Restaurant in Immokalee; online at www.cfcollier.org.

>> Exhibit: at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts and the Naples Museum of Art

>> When: through Sunday, Feb. 7

>> Information: 597-1900

>> Book: \$59.95 at the museum store, at BRuno on Third Street

A cooperative effort

More than two years in the making, "Images of Hope" is a cooperative effort between Ms. Bruijn, a Naples resident whose photographic assignments have taken her around the world, the art museum and the Community Foundation of Collier County. Together they have also produced a stunning coffee table book containing every image from the exhibition plus nearly 200 others,

all taken by Ms. Bruijn during the same time period. Text and commentary for the "Images of Hope" book are by another Neapolitan, Philip Beuth, the retired president of ABC's "Good Morning America."

Walk in their shoes

As you absorb the oversized exhibit photographs — and later, as you study the book again and again, as I am certain you will — here are some questions I suggest you ask of yourself:

- Would you pay \$800 to \$1,000 a month to live with your entire family in one-half of a "substandard" trailer or in a single room in a plywood shack? (The word substandard seems a ridiculous euphemism when applied to "housing" such as this.)

- Could you be up and dressed, have your kids at day care and yourself at the bus stop before dawn, to stand there praying you're early enough to be selected for a day's work in the fields? Because that's what it is: a day. There are no guarantees you will be selected to work for a month or even a whole week. And when you are chosen, the time clock doesn't start ticking until the bus drops you off at the picking site and you start filling a 5-gallon tub with tomatoes.

- Can you lift 32 pounds? Can you hold it all day? A full bucket of tomatoes weighs 32 pounds. To mimic what the pickers do, balance a 30-pound bag of dog food on one shoulder and hold it there while you bend over — and over and over, again and again, all day. You will fill the bucket without dropping a tomato — or the bucket — and take it to the crew boss each time it is full. For your effort, you will receive a token worth not quite 50 cents, which you will "cash in" at the end of the day. To earn

\$50 that day, you must fill 100 buckets, which translates to harvesting about one and a half tons of tomatoes. Can you do that?

Give hope a chance

As you move through "Images of Hope," you see life go on, with all its ups and downs, for the people of Immokalee.

You feel their anguish in the photograph of the same name.

You might tear up a bit as you view the picture of the young mother who is overwhelmed as she receives her daughter's very first pair of new shoes.

In a number of Ms. Bruijn's photographs, you see the possibility of hope: Hope that graduation from Immokalee High School will lead these young people away from life as they have known it.

And you see smiles: Smiles of gratitude among those who would otherwise go hungry, as they share one of the 60,000 meals served by volunteers. Smiles of pride from youngsters completing their first music lesson, and from adults beginning to recognize the written word in English.

"Immokalee: Images of Hope - Looking Forward, Looking Back" is a compelling photographic journey, one that should haunt you for a long time to come.

We cannot solve Immokalee's problems by arresting and deporting the undocumented people who are already here. We cannot turn our backs on another human being, hungry and exhausted, and hope that by not acknowledging his existence, he will disappear.

My prayer is that as you view "Images of Hope," the gamut of emotions displayed in these photographs will penetrate your heart, not just your eyes. ■

BOOKS

Julie Compton delivers a strong follow-up to her first success

"Rescuing Olivia," by Julie Compton. Minotaur Books/St. Martin's. 352 pages. \$24.95.

BY PHILIP K. JASON
Special to Florida Weekly

Julie Compton is a lawyer and former U. S. Justice Department trial attorney who moved to the Orlando area some years ago and turned novelist. "Rescuing Olivia," due out on Tuesday, Feb. 2, will make readers happy about that career change.

Florida country club groundskeeper Anders Erickson has talents above his employment status and a beautiful girlfriend, Olivia Mayfield, from a wealthy family that she seeks to leave behind. When a car runs his motorcycle off the road while the two are riding together, Olivia ends up hospitalized in a serious coma. Her father, head of a pharmaceutical company, blames Anders and does all he can to keep him from seeing Olivia or finding out about her condition. Then Anders receives the news that she has died.

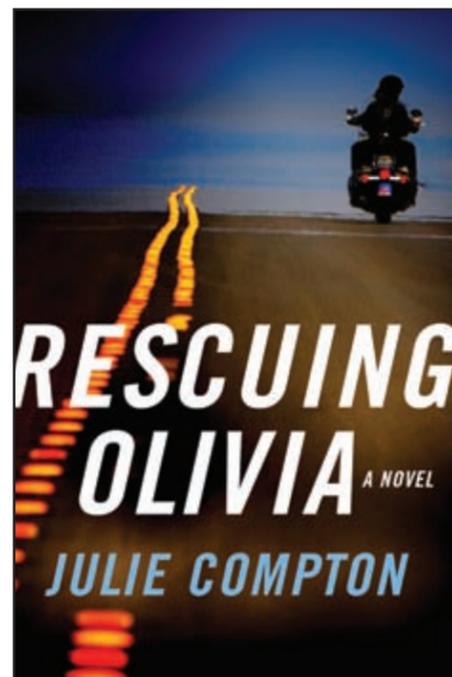
The hostile behavior of a formerly sympathetic hospital nurse raises Anders' suspicions, as does his inability to receive information about the funeral. As does the name of a mysterious drug he noticed in her hospital room. Could Olivia be alive and hidden? Anders becomes convinced of a subterfuge of some sort when the hospital record of the incident turns out to be an empty file folder. And when the police won't investigate, he is compelled to discover the truth.

He follows Olivia's trail to the Connecticut town of her youth, where he is beaten up at a local hangout and learns that she was the victim of a gang rape. He also finds out unsettling things about the man favored to become her husband. A family retainer from Kenya, where Olivia also did much of her growing up, helps Anders decide to seek Olivia there.

The story he has been given — that she has forgotten the accident episode and the entire Florida part of her life, including Anders — turns out to be true. But how and why did this happen? It is clear that Olivia is a captive of some kind, but what is the motive? What can Anders do to rescue her? Can her memory be restored? Assisted by his friend and co-worker Lenny, Anders plunges into unknown geographical, cultural and psychological territory. In the process, he learns why Olivia is attracted to beauty of the African savannah.

Ms. Compton paces the story majestically, giving just enough new information in each scene to raise new questions that pull the reader forward. A fascinating cast of characters deepens the story. And as she does with the people in her story, Ms. Compton also makes each of her major settings — Florida, New England and Africa — contribute mightily to the imagistic and emotional power of the novel.

By making a seemingly ordinary guy like Anders Erickson her central character, Ms. Compton goes against the grain of much contemporary suspense fiction written by women. Most of her peers select a female protagonist, but



Ms. Compton does a remarkable job of portraying a flawed yet sympathetic male hero. The novel's point of view is channeled through Anders, and Ms. Compton handles his thoughts and feelings with great insight and skill. Breaking with stereotypes of male psychology, she reveals, for example, that men — even those without physical vanity — are very much aware of their own and other men's bodies.

"Rescuing Olivia" should bring this talented writer new fans. Certainly, this is a strong follow-up to her first novel, "Tell No Lies," which garnered laudatory reviews.

— Southwest Florida readers and writers will be able to meet and learn from Julie Compton on Saturday and Sunday, April 10-11, when she teaches at the Naples Writers' Conference, part of the Naples Authors and Books Festival. Visit www.authorsandbooksfestival.org for more information. To learn more about Julie Compton, go to www.julie-compton.com. ■



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Trudy Labell Fine art does a 'Reality Check'

In her 33rd year as an art dealer, Trudy Labell of Trudy Labell Fine Art will open her first group show with a reception from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4. Included in "Reality Check" are works by Gabrielle Mayer, Elizabeth Rickert, Veronique Molinier, Isabelle du Toit and renowned painter Joel Babb, who coincidentally is also featured at the Naples Museum of Art in an exhibit opening Tuesday, Feb. 2.

Mr. Babb is a relentless taskmaster, painting in a studio in the midst of a woods, unconcerned about the drama and mischief of the current art scene. Graduated from Princeton, he initially honed his skills in Europe, absorbing the classical tradition in Rome and then

in Germany. Upon his return to the U.S. in the early 1970s, he worked as a guard at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, which gave him a chance to further observe and study the masters while earning his MFA.

Touted as a contemporary realist painter, he's been on a roll ever since, creating canvases with cityscapes replete with challenging perspectives and others that capture the mystery and exotic aura of Florida's murky swamps.

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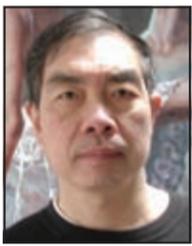
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Blue Melody, oil on canvas, Christopher Zhang

Eastern, western influences combine in Weatherburn Gallery's one-man show

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The Weatherburn Gallery presents the most recent works by Christopher Zhang in "Oriental Splendor, Western Elegance," a one-man show that opens with a public reception honoring the artist at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28. The show will remain open until Feb 28.



ZHANG

Born in China, Mr. Zhang was an extraordinary child with a natural gift: the ability to paint. But like many other gifted young children growing up in the crowded streets of Shanghai in the time of the People's Republic, he had to struggle to prove he was truly exceptional in order to gain the attention of skilled teachers.

Young Christopher didn't play on the streets with other children. Instead, he went to the city's museums. He spent hours, almost every day, copying over and over again the great Russian works on display, always striving to master his natural gifts.

Eventually the young painter became good enough for acceptance at Shang-

hai's East China Normal University. He earned a BFA degree but was far from done: He wanted to learn about western art and to study everything from the Renaissance to Post-Impressionism.

He won a scholarship to Rhode Island College and graduated a figurative painter with a master's degree and a distinctive style that is a blend of eastern and western influences. As he puts it, "Russian masters taught me how to color the soul of man, while western masters taught me how to ennoble the figure of man."

Mr. Zhang visits China and Tibet frequently, sketching the distinctive features, costumes and customs of the ethnic minorities he meets there. He's also influenced by what he describes as "the elegant art of ballet," frequently sketching and painting members of the Connecticut Ballet.

He is a member of the prestigious Copley Society of Boston, Oil Painters of America, Connecticut Fine Arts Academy and the Mystic Art Association. His collection of Tibetan images was the subject of a one-man show at the Copley Society in October 2008.

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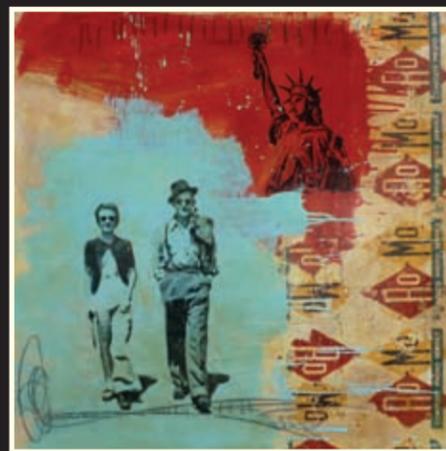
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'Mauritius' puts a sinister stamp on new season in the Tobye Studio

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

For the first production of 2010 in the Tobye Studio, The Naples Players present "Mauritius," a sinister comedy by Theresa Rebeck. Directed by John McKerrow, the edgy, tightly woven production is rated "R" for harsh language and fight scenes.

"Mauritius" marked the Broadway debut of author Theresa Rebeck in the early 1990s. It tells the story of complicated relationships, diverse motives, attempted scams and two estranged sisters with a disastrous family history and a potential windfall. Ms. Rebeck has gone on to write numerous Broadway plays; her newest, "Understudy," is scheduled to open on Broadway next fall.

"The Tobye Studio is perfect for Mauritius," says Artistic Director Dallas Dunnagan. "The space is intimate and allows the audience to engage with the actors." Ms. Dunnagan describes the play as "a thriller, ostensibly about stamp collecting, but really about family relationships and greed."

The New Yorker Magazine review of the play said: "Mauritius' brings together two sensational forms of combat: the psychological battle between rival siblings for property after as parent's death, which most of the audience understands, and the compulsive battle

for ownership in the world of philately, which most of audience doesn't."

The Naples Players' production stars Bill Bresnan, Dede Brownlee, Beverly Canell, John McKerrow and Val Koffel. Scenic designer is Matt Flynn, costume designer is Dot Auchmoody and light/sound design is by Jeff Weiss.

Opening night for Mauritius is Wednesday, Feb. 3. The show is on stage through Feb. 27, with performances at 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are \$20 and available at the box office, at www.naplesplayers.org or by calling 263-7990. ■



Director John McKerrow gives notes to Dede Brownlee during rehearsals for "Mauritius."



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Bob Staeheli (who plays Tevye) and Grant Ramos.

Part 6: Tuning up for 'Fiddler'

Florida Weekly is keeping track behind the scenes as The Naples Players' spring production of "Fiddler on the Roof" takes shape. With its memorable score and universal theme of tradition, "Fiddler" has touched audiences around the world with humor, warmth and honesty. The full-scale musical runs March 3-April 3 on the main stage at the Sugden Community Theatre. Dawn Lebrecht Fornara is the director/choreographer; Charles Fornara is the musical director. As these photos show, the cast is busy learning the steps.

Tickets are on sale now at the box office or by calling 263-7990 or visiting www.naplesplayers.org.

Also at the Sugden

You don't have to wait for "Fiddler" to find entertainment at the Sugden. In addition to "Mauritius" opening Feb. 3 (see story this page), here's what lies ahead:

• 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14: ETC...

Readers Theatre will honor the late Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Horton Foote with "Foote Steps," a staged reading of two of Mr. Foote's celebrated short plays. Best known for his screenplay "To Kill a Mockingbird," Mr. Foote died in March 2009.

The first reading of the "Foote Notes" evening will be "Oil Well," the story of one man's life-long dream of finding oil on his land. As the dream seems to be coming true, greedy real estate investors and a disagreeable wife combine to create complications that threaten his goal. The second play will be "The Dancers," about a man whose sister sets him up on a blind date with the prettiest girl in town — only he can't dance.

"Foote Notes" will be presented in the Tobye Studio at the Sugden Community Theatre. Tickets for \$10 per person are available at the box office or by calling 263-7990.

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Miami City Ballet performs

Back for its first full encore since its 2003 premiere, Miami City Ballet presents "The Neighborhood Ballroom" at 8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 9-10. A preview with Edward Villella, founding artistic director and CEO, begins one hour prior to each program.

"The Neighborhood Ballroom" is Mr. Villella's acclaimed tale of a poet, his muses and the great ballroom dances of the early and mid-20th century: the seductive waltz, quick-stepping jazz, the fox-trot and the mambo. The show is set to live piano music and recordings by Duke Ellington, Artie Shaw and Glenn Miller.

Tickets are \$59.

DSO performs with renowned cellist

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the fourth-oldest symphony in America, performs at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, under the direction of Leonard Slatkin, called "America's Music Director" by



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Miami City Ballet performs "The Neighborhood Ballroom" Feb. 9-10.

the *Los Angeles Times*. Performing with the DSO will be renowned cellist Sol Gabetta, winner of the Lucerne Festival Young Artist Award.

Tickets are \$79.

Orchestra tunes up for Berlin tribute

The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, led by principal pops conductor Jack Everly, presents "An Irving Berlin Tribute: From Ragtime to Ritzes," at 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, Feb. 16-20, and at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 20-21. It's the first fully produced sym-

phonic show dedicated to the enormous body of work created by this musical icon. This program will also feature two acclaimed Broadway/concert-hall singers.

Tickets are \$74.

Pianist Jodie DeSalvo plays ragtime, blues

Concert pianist and Phil favorite Jodie DeSalvo presents "Ragtime, Blues and Jazz," the second program in the Piano Celebrations series that's part of the

Phil's Lifelong Learning classes, at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, in the Daniels Pavilion.

Ms. DeSalvo won the Artist International Competition in 1988 and made her Carnegie Hall debut to critical acclaim with an encore performance two years later at Lincoln Center. An artist faculty member at Florida International University in Miami, she continues to perform extensively around the world and has recorded six CDs of solo and two-piano music.

Tickets are \$39.

Jazz musician discusses swing-era music

Veteran jazzman and educator Henry Ettman presents "Not Just for Big Bands," the second class in the series The Great Small Groups of Jazz, at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, in the Toni Stabile Building. The series features recordings, photos and archival videos to create a musical journey through the years of jazz.

Mr. Ettman studied under Oscar Peterson, Dizzy Gillespie, Max Roach and Bob Brookmeyer and has played drums for more than 50 years with a variety of artists, from guitarist Grant Green to saxophonist David Sanborn.

Tickets are \$30. The series includes additional performances: "The Unforgettable Groups of Modern Jazz" on Feb. 16 and "From the Sixties to Today" on March 2.

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Ms. Klein, a protégé of the landscape photographer Ansel Adams, has appeared on the Lifetime and Discovery channels and has produced a hand-coloring kit with Prismacolor Pencils.

Cost of the workshop is \$130. A supply

list is available online at www.thephil.org.

Elaine Newton's Critic's Choice

Elaine Newton, professor emeritus of humanities at York University in Toronto, presents "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett, the fourth event in the Critic's Choice series, at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, in Hayes Hall. Set in Mississippi during the 1960s, "The Help" explores the relationships among several black maids and the white women who employ them.

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Woodwinds rule in third program of Classic Chamber Concerts' 15th season

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Classic Chamber Concerts presents flutist Amy Porter and the University of Michigan Faculty Woodwind Quintet, along with pianist-in-residence Ilya Itin, in "Quintet on 5th," the third concert of CCC's 15th anniversary season, at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, at the Sugden Community Theatre.



PORTER



ITIN

William Noll, CCC artistic director, promises "an evening of fun and excitement with the return of the flute virtuosity of Ms. Porter and her colleagues, all from the faculty of the UofM School of Music, and the revered Mr. Itin."

He describes the musicians and their program as "many layers of texture and tone in a combination not often heard." The evening will conclude with Francis Poulenc's Sextet for Piano and Wind Instruments.

Ms. Porter is a graduate of the Juilliard School in New York, where she received a full scholarship for her degrees as well as fellowships to Tanglewood and The Mozarteum Summer Academy in Salzburg, Austria. A touring concert artist, she performs recitals in the major concert halls of Asia and the United States with pianist Christopher Harding and has performed as concerto soloist with orchestras throughout the world. She's

been heard in recital on National Public Radio and highlighted on PBS' "Live From Lincoln Center."

In addition to Ms. Porter, the UofM Faculty Woodwind Quintet consists of Nancy Ambrose King, oboe; Daniel Gilbert, clarinet; Jeffrey Lyman, bassoon; and Adam Unsworth, horn.

Mr. Itin, a graduate of the famed Moscow Conservatory, appears as soloist with orchestras such as the Cleveland Orchestra, St. Petersburg Philharmonic, the Tokyo Symphony, the National Symphony and the London Philharmonic. He has also played sold-out recitals throughout North America. Mr. Itin's recent touring schedule included debuts with the China National Symphony playing Rachmaninoff's 3rd Piano Concerto, and Prokofiev's 2nd Piano Concerto with the Bilkent Symphony in Ankara, Turkey. Equally prized as a coach, he has been a featured artist at the Golandsky Institute of Princeton University, giving master classes, teaching and performing.

Up next in Classic Chamber Concerts' 15th anniversary season will be the debut of the Fifth Avenue Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Mr. Noll and with Maria Nemtsova on piano, at 8 p.m. Monday, March 8, at Sugden Community Theatre. ■

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>> Classic Chamber Concerts "Quintet on 5th"

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tions from Stravinsky’s riveting “Firebird Suite,” Prokofiev’s haunting “Romeo and Juliet” and Tchaikovsky’s “Nutcracker.”

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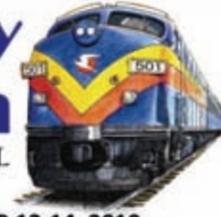
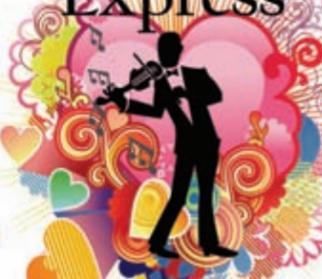
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Dr. Baron serves as professor of music and head of keyboard studies at the Bower School of Music at Florida Gulf Coast University. He is also honorary professor of music at Yantai University and Hubei University in the People's Republic of China. With the NCB he will perform George Gershwin's "Rhapsody In Blue" on a grand piano generously provided by Steinway Piano Gallery.

A special appearance by composer Melinda Zenor will open the second

half of the concert. Ms. Zenor will conduct her "Gulf Coast March." Franz Lehar's "Merry Widow Selections," John Turner's "Way Down Yonder in New Orleans" featuring The Paradise Brass Quintet and "Classic Duke," Luther Henderson's arrangement of Duke Ellington's big band, will round out the program.

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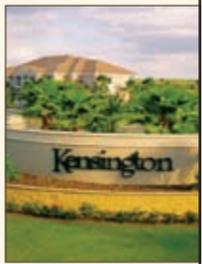
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As part of the "sneak preview" opening of the Marco Island Historical Museum, the society is bringing an appraisal fair to the new museum from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6. The event will take a nod from the popular PBS series "Antiques Roadshow," with some of the show's appraisers coming in to participate. Dr. Wes Cowan, Nan Chisholm and Ken Farmer from the show will be complemented by Neapolitans Bill and Barbara Meek of Harmon-Meek Gallery and gemologist Grace Alter.

Organizers expect to see art, books, jewelry and major and minor treasures of all kinds.

Items are limited to three per person and must be of a size that they can be carried. There will be a charge of \$10 per item for Marco Island Historical Society members and museum

contributors and \$15 per item for others who bring their heirlooms and treasures in for appraisal.

In addition to being a featured appraiser on "Antiques Roadshow," Mr. Cowan stars in PBS' History Detectives series. Ms. Chisholm is a New York City-based independent appraiser, art consultant and dealer in 19th- and 20th-century American and European paintings. Mr. Farmer has been a guest appraiser on "Antiques Roadshow" since 1997 and is a member of the Certified Auctioneers Institute, the Virginia and National auctioneers association and the Appraisers Association of America.

Mrs. Meek specializes in cut glass; Mr. Meek represents 30 living American masters or their estates.

Food, beverages and live music will also be part of the event on South Heathwood across from the Marco Island library. All proceeds will benefit the MIHS Museum Fund. For more information, call 389-6447 or visit www.TheMIHS.org. ■

From page C28

are no factory marks. Since it is so small, what was it used for? Can you tell me how old it is?

A: Your jar is a cracker jar, not a cookie jar. The well-known Little Red Riding Hood design was patented by Louise Bauer of Zanesville, Ohio, in 1943. Pieces were made by A.E. Hull Co. of Crooksville, Ohio, and decorated by Royal China and Novelty Co., a division of Regal China of Antioch, Ill. Several different cookie jars were made, as well as other types of jars, pitchers, dishes and other items. The only pieces designed by Bauer herself were the cookie jar and large and small salt and pepper shakers. Little Red Riding Hood pattern pieces were made from 1943 to 1957. Reproductions have been made since then. Your cracker jar with decal decorations is worth a surprisingly high \$750 to \$825. An all-white version with gold trim is even more rare.

Q: I have a small commemorative medal that's shaped like an American Indian arrowhead. It's embossed with an Indian's head, the year 1913 and

"Homeopathic Medical Society of the State of N.Y." The medal was made by Whitehead & Hoag. Can you figure out why this was made and what it's worth?

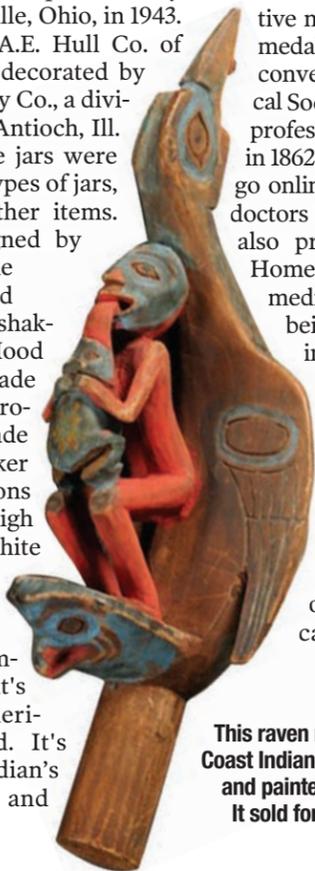
A: Whitehead & Hoag was in business in Newark, N.J., from 1880 to 1955. It made campaign buttons, commemorative medals and other novelties. Your medal was probably made for a 1913 convention of the Homeopathic Medical Society of New York. The society, a professional organization, was founded in 1862 and is still in existence. You can go online and find medical doctors and doctors of osteopathic medicine who also practice homeopathic medicine.

Homeopathy involves using special medicines to mirror the illness that's being treated — thereby stimulating recovery. Your medal could sell for \$10 to \$50, but it may be hard to find buyers interested in homeopathic collectibles.

Tip: Remove stains from dishes with hydrogen peroxide or bicarbonate of soda, not with bleach, which was recommended years ago. Bleach can damage the finish. ■

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This raven rattle was made by Northwest Coast Indians in the 19th century. The carved and painted wooden rattle is 10 1/4 inches long. It sold for \$9,480 at Skinner in Boston.



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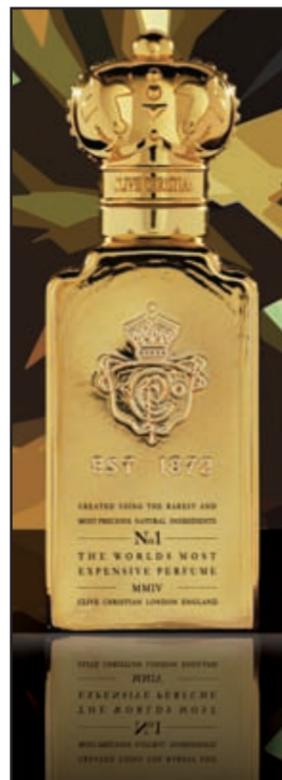
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A benefit for the American Heart Association's "Go Red for Women" campaign, Fashion Obsession takes place from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and includes a runway show with one-of-a-kind apparel and accessories created from fabrics, trims, tile, stone and wood found in the Miromar Design Center showrooms, plus collections from top designer stores at Miromar Outlets including DKNY,



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In addition to exquisite perfumes, Mr. Christian designs custom-made furniture and interior architecture. A Clive Christian showroom, featuring handcrafted furnishings for kitchens, bedrooms, baths and offices, is in Suite 101 at Miromar Design Center.

Fashion Obsession will also include a lecture on "The History of High Fashion 1850-1970" by Jean Renoux from Art & Architecture in Sarasota. Hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar and silent auction for the original fashions, samples from Norman Love Confections and wines from PRP International will complete the affair. Admission is \$50 per person.

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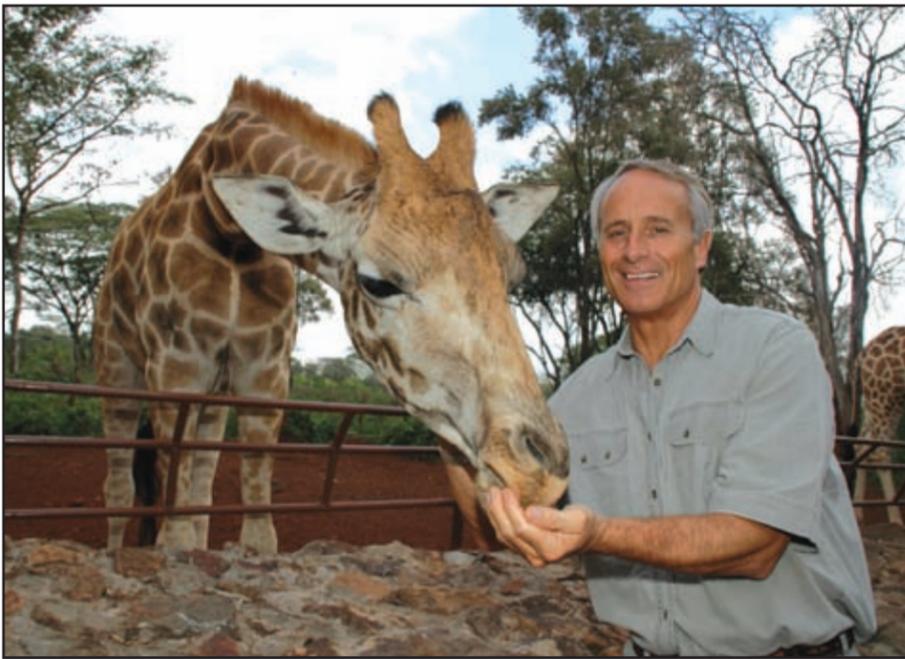
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Jack Hanna and a long-necked friend. Mr. Hanna will be the guest of honor at a fundraiser for The Naples Zoo's planned giraffe habitat on Monday, Feb. 8, at the Naples Beach Hotel.

Zoo sticks its neck out for giraffes

Patrons and friends of The Naples Zoo can spend the evening with Jack Hanna at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club on Monday, Feb. 8. Proceeds from the cocktail reception, dinner and silent and live auctions will benefit the Zoo's efforts to build a giraffe habitat.

Up for the live auction will be a classic safari through Kenya and Tanzania across the Serengeti. Mr. Hanna also will present a live animal show.

"Giraffes are among the world's most beautiful and interesting creatures," says zookeeper David Tetzlaff, adding the new giraffe habitat will include a raised observatory that will allow

visitors to feed the animals and observe them without obstruction. The Zoo plans to bring in four or five bachelor male giraffes (called bulls) from other zoos in the U.S.

Kraft Construction Company, which built the Black Bear Hammock habitat that opened last year, will build the giraffe habitat as well. Construction is targeted for completion this year, and the giraffes are expected to be in residence by early 2011.

Tickets for the Feb. 8 fundraiser with Mr. Hanna at the Naples Beach Hotel are \$150 per person and are available by calling 262-5409, ext. 133, or by visiting www.napleszoo.org. ■

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JDRA Foundation plans Aqua Ball

The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation holds its annual Hope Gala: The Aqua Ball beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples. Proceeds from the "Fund A Cure" live auction portion of the evening will be donated in honor of John Cammett and John Reisman to benefit a JDRF project.

Tickets are \$400 per person, \$750 per couple. call 992-3840.

Seeing stars for The Naples Players

Glamour. Sparkle. Culinary delights. And a splash of Broadway. Find it all at "A Starry, Starry Night," the annual gala to benefit The Naples Players on Saturday, Feb. 13, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Patty Baker at 643-4824 or The Naples Players at 434-7340, ext. 10.

Yellow brick road leads to Fun Time

Fun Time Early Childhood Academy's third annual "play date fundraiser" will have the theme of "Follow the Yellow Brick Road." Follow it to the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club on Thursday, Feb. 18. Proceeds will help Fun Time provide safe, affordable early childhood

education and quality childcare for the children of low-income working families in the community.

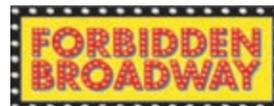
Tickets are \$250 per person. Patron tickets for \$350 include a private party the week before the main event. For more information, call 261-7411, 263-2673 or 262-4878.

See it all at 'Forbidden B'way'

In celebration of its 24th year, The League Club presents the Tony Award-winning cabaret show "Forbidden Broadway" from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club.

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"A Very Special Evening for Very Special People," a benefit for the Foundation for Developmentally Disabled, takes place Saturday, Feb. 20, at St. John the Evangelist Kiney Hall in North Naples. WINK-TV's Trey Radel will oversee the evening that includes a cocktail reception at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner, dancing, auctions and a recognition ceremony.

The Foundation for the Developmentally Disabled strives to advocate for the citizens of Collier County who are developmentally disabled. The foundation stresses affordable housing, increased community awareness and social and recreational activities.

Tickets are \$75 per person. For more information, call 431-6440.

See historic homes on Society tour

The Naples Historical Society's 2010 Historic Homes Tour begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at historic Palm Cottage. From there, society docents will lead a tour to three beautifully restored historic homes nearby affectionately known as Mandalay, Palm Villa (the old DuPont Estate) and Martha's Cottage. Each tells an important story about the importance of preservation. The tour culminates with a luncheon in The Norris Gardens at Palm Cottage.

Tickets are \$200 per person. Space

is limited, and early reservations are encouraged. For more information, call 261-8164 or visit www.NaplesHistoricalSociety.org.

Former NFL player will help mend broken hearts

Former NFL offensive guard Victor Rivas Rivers, spokesperson for the National Network to End Domestic Violence, will be the keynote speaker for the 10th annual Mending Broken Hearts with Hope luncheon to benefit The Shelter for Abused Women & Children. The event takes place Friday, Feb. 26, at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples.

Tickets are \$300 per person. Call 775-3862.

Shop 'til you drop for The Shelter

Shop The Shelter for Abused Women & Children's annual Designer Boutique from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 26-27, at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples, and support adult and child victims of family violence.

Chaired by Cindy Halle, the boutique will have fashions and accessories from more than a dozen exclusive vendors; 15 percent of all sales will benefit the life-transforming programs and services offered by The Shelter. Admission to the Designer Boutique is free. For more information, call 775-3862.

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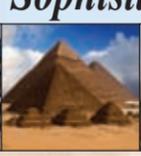
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Luxury car dealer hosts NHC party

The Neighborhood Health Clinic is gearing up for its annual block party from 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at Naples Luxury Imports. Tickets are \$200 per person and include gourmet dinner, open bar and dancing among luxury cars. Raffle tickets are \$100 each for a chance to win \$10,000. Although the drawing is the night of the block party, the winner need not be present. For more information and to purchase tickets to the party or for the raffle, call Stephanie Foster at 261-6600, ext. 25.

Children's Advocacy Center having a Beach Ball

The Children's Advocacy Center of Collier County holds its 14th annual Gala, The Beach Ball, beginning at 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, on Watkins Lawn at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. In addition to dining beneath the stars, live and silent auctions, and music from Clint Wiley's None Other, the CAC's signature event will feature a sunset cocktail reception, crab races and a variety of beach-style games. Tickets are \$250 per person. For reservations or more information, call Karen Virdinlia at the CAC, 263-8383. Founded in 1986, the CAC is dedicated to helping children who have been abused or neglected. For more information, visit www.CACcollier.org.

'Something extra' for Classic Chamber Concerts

Lagniappe is the Cajun word for "a little something extra," which is just what's planned as a benefit for Classic Chamber Concerts at the home of maestro William Noll on Sunday, Feb. 28. The evening under the stars will feature live jazz by Mr. Noll and other local musicians as well as traditional Cajun food and drinks prepared by Angela Chinaglia of Angela's Fine Cuisine. Six special items will be up for bid at live auction.



Tickets are \$150 per person. For reservations, call Delores Sorey at 263-2673 for an invitation or e-mail soreysan@aol.com.

It's magic for The Conservancy

The Conservancy of Southwest Florida hosts its sixth annual Magic Under the Mangroves gala on Thursday, March 4, 2010, under a tent at Cap d'Antibes at Pelican Bay. The mangrove-fringed property will be transformed into an eco-chic envi-



ron for an evening that will begin with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction. A seated dinner and live auction will follow, as will presentation of the annual Eagle Award.

Patron packages begin at \$3,500, and individual tickets are \$550. For more information, call 403-4219 or visit www.conservancy.org/magic.

Mardi Gras fun for spay neuter clinic

The Collier Spay Neuter Clinic holds its inaugural Mardi Paws Ball from 6-10 p.m. Friday, March 26, at Collier's Reserve Country Club. New Orleans blues great Larry Garner will perform with his blues band in a ballroom transformed into Mardi Gras with decorations donated by Deco Productions of Miami.

The fundraiser will support the daily operation of the Collier Spay Neuter Clinic and subsidize the low-cost/no-cost spaying and neutering of dogs and cats in Southwest Florida. The clinic's mission is to provide a non-lethal alternative to the euthanasia of homeless pets by offering targeted and affordable sterilization services.

Ticket to the Mardi Paws Ball are \$125 per person and include two drinks, hor d'oeuvres and a Louisiana-style buffet dinner, silent auction, dancing and much more. Cocktail attire with a masquerade flair is suggested.

For tickets or more information, call Leslie Turruellas at 776-5523 or visit www.collierspayneuter.org.

Place your bets for the Marco library

The Marco Island branch of the Collier County Public Library is holding a Las Vegas-style casino night from 7-10 p.m. Saturday, March 27. Professional dealers will oversee gaming tables for poker, blackjack, craps and roulette. Proceeds will help furnish the new Rose Hall Community Room.

Admission is \$40 per person (\$35 for Friends of the Library members and library employees) and entitles holders to \$1,000 in gaming chips, food and soft drinks (cash bar for wine and beer). Raffle tickets will be sold for prizes including boating and fishing outings, restaurant dinners and hotel weekends and more.

Tickets are available at the library, at the Wednesday Marco Island Farmers Market and from several Friends of the Library board members.

For more information, call Jan Silver at 394-8224.

Wanderlust will cure travel cravings

Florida Gulf Coast University's Resort & Hospitality Management Program will hold the 21st annual Wanderlust travel auction and gourmet dining extravaganza Wednesday evening, April 14, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Tickets are \$250 per person or \$3,500 for a corporate-sponsored table of 10. For more information or to make a reservation, call 590-7742 or e-mail kroyal@fgcu.edu. ■

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2. Kathleen Karpovich and Sandy
3. Patricia Connell, Steve and Judy Lawrence
4. Sean Lawrence as Scooby with Gloria Tomasi
5. Model Sarann Kraushaar
6. Model Roberta Newadomski

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7. Carmon Price, Mark Kline and Amanda Aleksov
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