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Check out plan to educate public about library Friends

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The Friends of the Library of Collier County has launched a new membership campaign called "Library Cardholder or Friend?" in hopes of shedding light on confusion people have about being a member of the library.

"A library card is what the library does for you; the Friends are what you do for the library," Friends of the Library board member and secretary Nita Leftwich explains. The campaign will clarify the key role that Friends of the Library play in supporting the public library system.

The Friends of the Library of Collier County have contributed more than \$1.5 million for educational, recreational and technological needs at Collier County's 10 library branches. The organization relies partially on membership dues, which are available at several levels, from a \$25 individual membership to a \$35 family membership.

"Friends funds do so much," says Linda Fasulo, executive director of the Friends of the Library of Collier County. "They contribute toward the purchase of adult and children's books, pay for library staff development and even help with capital construction projects."

The official estimate is that nearly 200,000 people hold Collier County library cards and that the library system has an annual circulation approaching 3 million.

Members of the Friends of the Library of Collier County can enjoy previews for book sales and free exhibit space at the West Wing Art Gallery, along with tickets to fundraising activities such as the recent "Red, White and Roulette" event.

The Friends' spring book sale is coming up during regular hours at South Regional Library, 8065 Cultural Pkwy., March 12-19. Friends members can preview book sale items from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, March 11.

Members also receive advance ticket information and savings at the Nick Linn Lecture Series, which features bestselling authors such as Dennis Lehane (Feb. 8), James Patterson (Feb. 15), James O. Born and Bob Morris (March 8) and Lisa Black (March 15).

The Friends of the Library is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. For more information on membership, visit www.collierfriends.org or call 262-8135. ■



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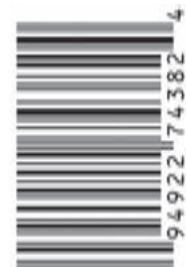
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Left: Barbara Balser celebrates a winning bid at the Saturday auction. Below: Grace Evenstad, baseball great Rusty Staub and Celebrity Chef Emeril Lagasse, also at the auction.

The Wine Spectator:

2010 NAPLES WINTER WINE FESTIVAL

Reflections on an \$8 million weekend

BY BILL CORNWELL
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I learned this last Saturday at the Naples Winter Wine Festival "Expanding Horizons" Charity Auction: His Royal Highness Prince Robert Louis Francois Marie of Luxembourg does not live in Luxembourg! He lives in Geneva, Switzerland! Can you believe that? I got it straight from the prince.

This seemed odd (I'd always assumed that royals lived in their home countries), but Prince Robert didn't make much of it, so I didn't either, which I thought only prudent given my appalling ignorance regarding Luxembourgian internal affairs.

Prince Robert (who looked more like a moderately successful CPA than an American's idea of royalty) proved to be a

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Florida Weekly food writer Karen Feldman chats with celebrity chefs who were here for the Naples Winter Wine Festival. C43 ►

COMMENTARY

Paean to Jose Frio

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I finally met Farmer Joe last week, all 130 pounds of him, a little tornado spinning through an orange grove.

With his ball cap facing backward so the citrus thickets couldn't claw it free, he thrust his body head first into the dense tangle of an orange tree.

Only his leathery face remained exposed. From the ground up, the rest of him suggested a shanty-town couture fashioned for a third-world runway.

Farmer Joe wore "worn" like Heidi Klum wears silk — as if he'd been born in it. Worn black boots, worn black jeans, an enduring, worn black belt, and a long-sleeved shirt so worn that its once red stripes had faded to dirt gray from the elbows down. His oversized work gloves seemed to grow out of his sleeves like fungal anomalies, protecting his worn hands.

So attired, he grabbed, twisted, snapped and finally flipped the sunny ripe into the cherry-red, a thousand times in a row.

Joe's heavy-gauge vinyl fruit bag (the cherry-red) looked like a ball-and-chain fashion accessory. He'd secured it to his waist by a second black belt so wide he could have used it to harness a horse.

In four minutes flat Joe had loaded, hoisted and spilled a single bag into a steroidal-seeming black cereal bowl (it

took him longer when he mounted a ladder). Other gaping bowls squatted nearby in the rows where he worked.

If Joe's topped-off bag weighed an ounce less than 75 pounds, my name isn't Roger Williams. And neither is his. But I think his name must be Jose Frio. That's Farmer Jose Frio — Farmer Joe Cool.

The morning I met Joe I'd gone out for a country drive. My wife, Amy, who can cook up a Sunday supper the way Emeril Lagasse or Rachael Ray can whip up a Saturday night special, needed some Florida fresh tomatoes. She also wanted about five other Florida fresh fruits and vegetables we don't have in our garden now.

And everywhere I went, Joe had provided them. If it was fresh and local, Joe stood close by — a man (or woman) dressed in the same worn clothes as all the other Joes. He appeared to have a single goal, and he appeared to be reaching it: to be the hardest-working-most-hustling Joe Cool in America.

In the grove where I met him, the Spanish voices of his companions sparked with laughter or sweetened with occasional song lyrics as they worked. I heard one man call to some others, "This grove doesn't have any bathrooms."

In Florida, according to author John Bowe ("Nobodies: Modern American Slave Labor and the Dark Side of the New Global Economy"), roughly 100,000 Joes work our fields in any given year. And in Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties alone, Joe's numbers probably range from 10,000 to 30,000.

Is Joe an American? Is he here legally? Is he taking away jobs from other hard-working Americans?

I don't know. But I do know the jobs are there for any cowboys who want them, because I drove into a labor lot and asked the crew boss.

Fact is, I didn't see one fat Anglo American, or one hefty African American, or anybody else except scrawny Jose Frio get on the fading white busses that transport him by the score from labor central to the groves and fields. That's because nobody else lines up to work as much for as little.

Which raises a few more questions. Should Farmer Joe get more money when he asks for it — say, a penny a pound more from Publix for all those tomatoes he picks? Maybe instead, he should have his bony little ass kicked back into the third world, like some insist.

Should he get medical care here? Should he or his employers pay taxes on his income?

My answer to all those is another question. Who grows and picks our food — the guy who owns the acres? The proud members of the Gulf Citrus Growers Association or the Florida Tomato Growers Exchange?

Not hardly. In most cases, the last time those farmer-owners picked an orange or a tomato, they had to lift it themselves from their granite kitchen countertops.

So I wonder: Where do all the chest-thumping Joe haters plan to get such fresh food at such good prices (\$1 to \$2



a pound for local tomatoes in many farm stands now, or \$1 a bag for sweet citrus) if Joe isn't out there busting his butt?

And here's one last question. What do you think would happen if you climbed out of your car one Saturday morning and greeted Farmer Joe right there in a field or grove? Maybe baked some cookies the night before and walked them straight out of the American blue to put them in his hands?

Howdy-do, buenos dias, I'm a local American. Thanks for bringing us food.

Here are two fairly sure bets: One, you'd get a look of stunned disbelief followed by a big smile, the kind that comes in a universal language. And two, your food would taste better. ■

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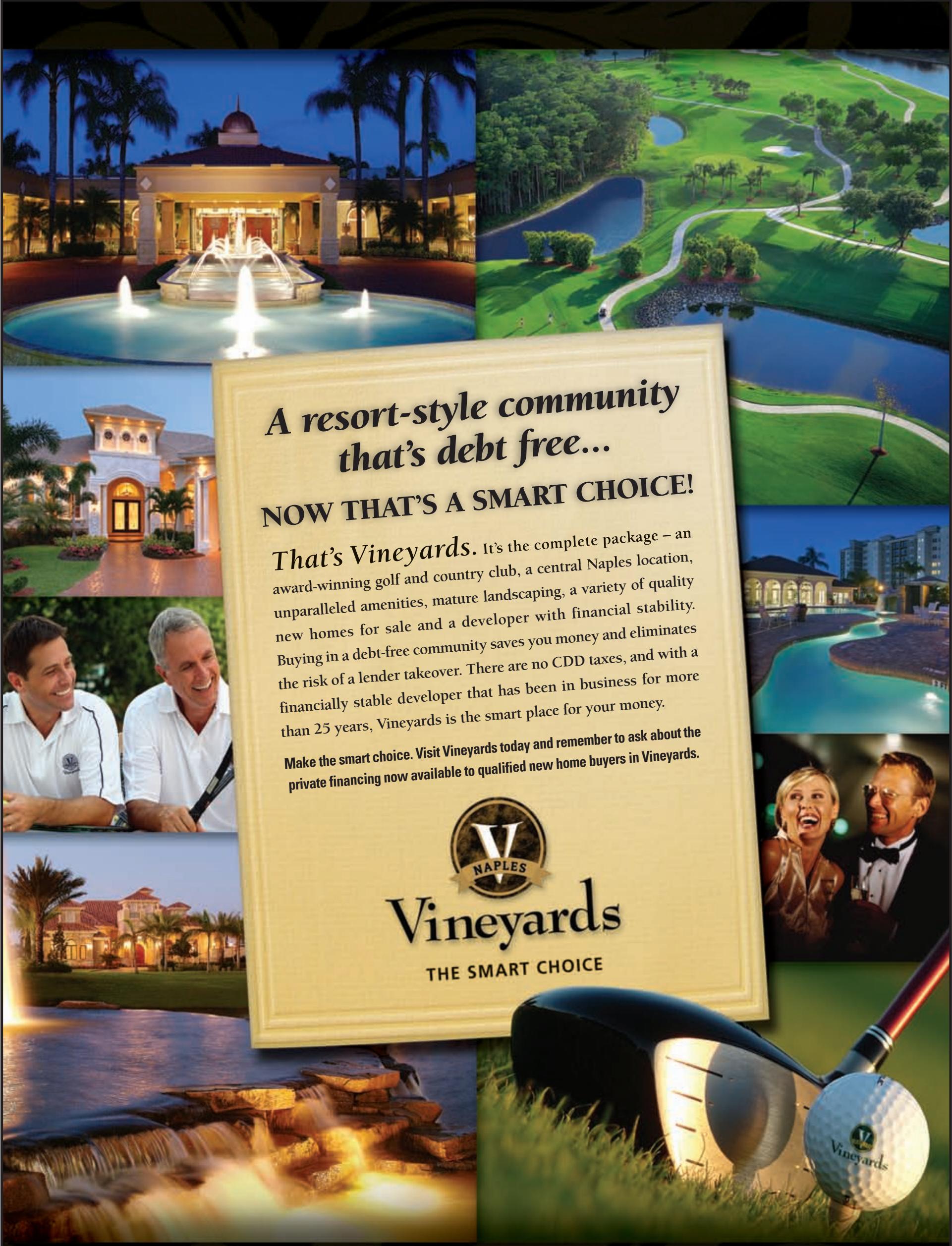
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In the wake of losing Teddy Kennedy's Senate seat, in an electoral rebuke for the ages, liberaldom has a new catechism. These articles of faith may seem strange and implausible to the outsider, but they give comfort to the believer in these times of trial.

The catechism goes like this: We believe that the 2008 election wasn't a reaction to a concatenation of unrepeatable circumstances (a financial crisis, an unpopular war, etc.), but a vote for nothing less than social democracy in America.

That if Democrats had already rushed through Congress a health-care bill on a partisan vote, a grateful nation would have showered them with huzzahs — delighted by the hundreds of billions of dollars in Medicare cuts and tax increases.

That the public is bristling with impatience to see a bill passed that won't fully take effect until 2014.

That the public rejection of health-care reform as reflected in almost every single public-opinion survey is just so much statistical noise.

That nefarious special interests oppose

the bill, even though practically every special interest from PhRMA to the AMA is actually on board.

That Massachusetts is a swing state.

That President Barack Obama was winning and deft in his put-downs of Scott Brown for driving a truck — who cares if a pickup truck, the Ford F-150, is the most widely sold vehicle in America?

That the people of Massachusetts didn't send a message on health care — all evidence to the contrary notwithstanding, including the fact that 56 percent of them said health care was the most important issue to them.

That the GOP is a Southern rump party, even if it has such new, remote outposts as the governor's mansion in New Jersey, the county executive offices of Nassau and Westchester counties outside New York City, and Ted Kennedy's former Senate seat.

That Obama's failure to boost Democratic candidates in Virginia, New Jersey and Massachusetts with highly touted personal appearances was a fluke signifying exactly nothing.

That Obama is a centrist because he didn't nationalize the banks.

That deficit spending is the best of all economic programs, and Obama badly

erred by not supporting more of it. If people have recoiled from a \$787 billion stimulus program, they would have basked in the glory of a \$1.7 trillion one.

That Rachel Maddow has her finger on the pulse of America.

That, with unemployment at 10 percent, what Americans really care about is working to keep carbon in the atmosphere beneath 350 parts per million.

That if Obama attacks the banks, then taxing, spending and Washington back-room deals will become more popular than ever.

That independent voters haven't been turned off by Obama's policies. They have merely been, as liberal columnist E.J. Dionne noted, "confused about his goals."

That polls showing conservatives outnumbering liberals 2-1 in America can be steadfastly ignored.

Such is the new liberal orthodoxy. If you encounter someone repeating it, don't be alarmed. Nod affably and avoid sudden movements. Back off slowly and wonder at the awesome power of willful self-delusion. ■

— Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

GUEST OPINION**GOP medical wrecking ball****helenTHOMAS**

Special to Florida Weekly

President Barack Obama set a goal to change the way Washington works. That was a far-fetched dream, to say the least, at a time when there is no comity in the country and no move toward political reconciliation.

The Washington scene — reflective of the nation — is fragmented between naysaying conservatives who seem against everything, and liberals and moderates in search of a middle ground. It seems impossible to find that mythical location.

The divisions are propelled by anger, dissatisfaction and undoubtedly some fear of the future. Obama is the fall guy for this, raising Republican hopes of taking back the White House in three years.

The buzz saw of Republican opposition is notable for its solidarity and for its failure to offer serious alternatives. The president cannot be blamed for a lack of trying to find compromises with his opponents, but he has found them disinterested in solving problems. Rather, they are single-minded in their goal of denying him any victory.

Their target in the president's first year was his goal to enact universal health care for all, including the poor,

the sick and the maimed.

The health-insurance industry, drug companies and medical affiliates poured millions of dollars into the hands of Washington's lobbyists — some of them former members of Congress who know their way around Capitol Hill. Opponents also shelled out big money for television commercials that spread scary falsehoods about pending health-care legislation.

The Obama administration is not blameless. It apparently assumed that no lawmaker would actually vote against the health-care needs of some 47 million people. Wrong.

Obama also can be fairly criticized for sending mixed signals about what he wanted in health-care reform and for seeming to lack strong convictions.

The president naively failed to send a comprehensive health-reform proposal to Congress with his strong personal imprimatur. He made the mistake of depending on Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and a flaccid supporter of reform, to carry the ball.

The president, who had served as a state senator in Illinois and then as a member of the U.S. Senate, seemed to approach health-care legislation from a parliamentary perspective, rather than as a crucial bread-and-butter issue that affects all Americans.

He was eager to slice and dice, and cut deals in the Senate to cobble together

the votes to pass a very modest bill, instead of rallying voters behind his vision. Heat from the electorate will always trump deal-making in Congress. But he didn't stoke the fires.

Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., last year outlined the Republican strategy of unrelenting opposition in the name of scoring political points. DeMint, urging a stonewall opposition to Obama's health-care plan, said: "If we're able to stop Obama on this, it will be his Waterloo. It will break him."

Rarely has naked political motivation been so clearly stated.

Republicans should know that their partisanship means they are rejecting medical security that is available in most countries of the world for its citizens. Shame on them!

The president has not dropped his search for bipartisanship, though that quest is an impossible mission.

Obama, trying to find his populist voice in the wake of the stunning Republican upset victory in the Massachusetts election to replace Sen. Ted Kennedy, is moving on to the critical domestic issues of unemployment and poverty.

The president recognizes the fact that the bonanza bailouts for Wall Street have added to the public disenchantment with his handling of the still-sick economy and the continuing hardships.

The question comes to this: Will the Republicans also ignore this national need? And will the voters wise up? ■

MOMENTS IN TIME

► On Feb. 4, 1959, Lawrence Taylor, one of the greatest defensive players in NFL history, is born in Williamsburg, Va. Taylor went on to play his entire 13-season professional career with the New York Giants and is credited with redefining the position

of outside linebacker and terrorizing a generation of NFL quarterbacks.

► On Feb. 5, 1989, the last Russian troops withdraw from the capital city of Kabul. Soviet armed forces entered Afghanistan in December 1979

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15 MINUTES

Retirement doesn't stop Dennis Hill from making music

BY ALYSIA SHIVERS

Special to Florida Weekly

Retirement isn't going quite like Dennis Hill anticipated. "I thought I'd be fishing every day," he laughs. Yet, after 30-plus years of playing, arranging and teaching music, he's finding he devotes just as much time to music now as he did in his days of working full time. Not that he minds, of course.

It started innocently enough. After retiring in 2008 as director of music at Edison State College, a post he held for 32 years, he did enjoy one semester of what one would classify as true retirement — having nothing but free time.

But then he was asked back to Edison as an adjunct professor to teach a music history class at the Collier County campus. That class has since turned into three classes: two in music history and one in jazz history.

Next he was invited to display his musical prowess at area country club and community events, sometimes accompanied by his wife, Connie Hill, a singer who performs regularly at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples. And just when he thought his days were full, Sylvia Schraff, founder of the Bonita Springs Concert Band, asked Dr. Hill to help organize and ultimately direct/conduct the fledgling band.

Suddenly, his visions of wiling away his retirement days with a fishing pole on the backwaters listening to nature's song were replaced with preparing for class and grading papers, planning band programs and organizing rehearsals. "I don't

feel very retired," he chuckles.

Although his retirement is certainly different than what he originally envisioned, he finds it a joy to continue a passion that started at a young age.

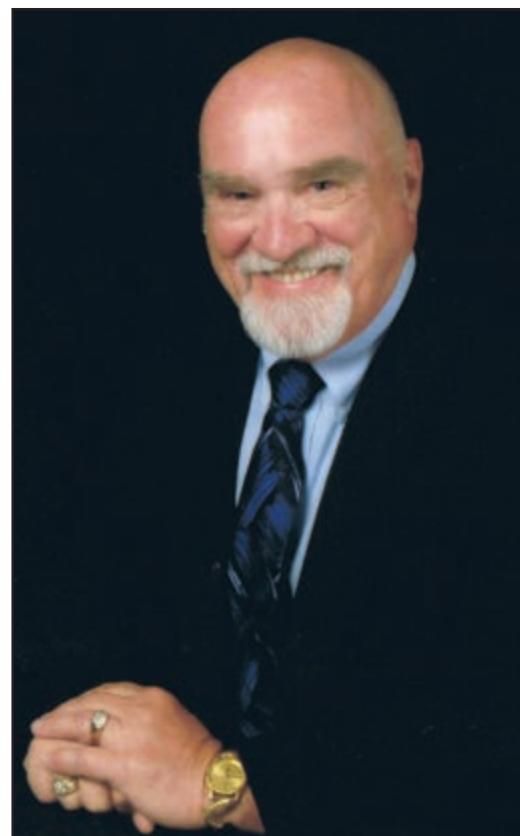
Music didn't necessarily run in the Hill family. "We were not like a Bach family," he jokes, adding that for some reason, he was just naturally drawn to it whenever he heard music or saw an instrument. So, when his fourth grade teacher asked if he wanted to learn an instrument, he couldn't contain his excitement.

"I was able to talk my folks into it, and I chose the clarinet," he says.

Woodwinds, in general, fascinated him — their mechanics, their sound — and so he moved on to the saxophone and eventually to the flute, the instrument he majored in during college.

Did he dream of a career as a virtuoso? Sure, there was a part of him that wanted that life. But he was also realistic, knowing those coveted positions are few, and those who earn such posts tend to hang on to them for decades.

As such, it was during his early days spent playing gigs for money when he gained this valuable advice from older fellow musicians: Play all you want to play, but get a job. Those wise words encouraged him to earn his teaching degree, a fact he was thankful for as a young married man in need of a steady income.



Dennis Hill

COURTESY PHOTO

In the 1960s and early '70s, he taught music for six years in Ohio. Then three job offers along Florida's Gulf coast surfaced. Naples won out simply because "the fishing is better here," he laughs.

Initially, Dr. Hill taught music at a Collier County elementary school and spent one year at Naples High School as

its orchestra director and assistant band director. He feels he made his biggest impact at Edison, however, where he helped build a curriculum for instrumental music.

When he talks about Edison, it's obvious how rewarding his tenure there was for him. "We turned out a lot of musicians who played professionally all over," he says. Under his direction, the college's concert band, orchestra and jazz ensemble performed more than 200 free public shows. "I can't imagine having been anywhere else."

Now, though, Dr. Hill finds fulfillment directing the Bonita Springs Concert Band, where folks from all walks of life — attorneys, doctors, secondary and middle school teachers and college professors among them — find an outlet for their musical hobby. "We have some amazing people," he says.

Band membership swells during season to about 60 players. "These people just love to play," he says with the confidence of someone who knows the feeling.

He, too, still plays whenever he can, usually picking up the flute to play on his own time, even though he's mostly asked to play the saxophone in public.

As for the fishing ... he says he's content joining the occasional charter trip down in the Keys. "That fills my need for now." ■

— See Dennis Hill and the Bonita Springs Concert Band at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, at Riverside Park in Bonita Springs. The concert is free.



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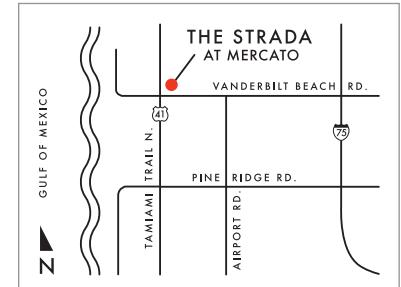


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1. Champagne and sparkling wine flowed. 2. Celebrity Chef Bill Telepan and his staff at work in the penthouse kitchen of NWWF Trustees Barbara and Ron Balser on Friday evening. 3. An image of Trustee Retta Singer is larger than life on the big screen as she celebrates a winning bid. 4. Vintner Annika Sorenstam, Chef Emeril Lagasse, Chris Wilson and Kevin Fogt.



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5. Auctioneer Humphrey Butler, with the Wine Patrol standing by, acknowledges a bid and encourages the competition. 6. Fancy cars lined up at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. 7. Dave Bernahl, Julius Guadio, Rob Weakley and Celebrity Chef Mark Kiffin. 8. Gary Strauss with Terry and Bob Edwards.



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SPECTATOR

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delightful conversationalist, and I also learned that he writes screenplays in addition to being one of the world's foremost vintners, which is why he was attending the festival.

That's one of the great things about the NWWF, which was held on the grounds of The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort and celebrated its 10th anniversary over the weekend — you never know who you will bump into. Not 20 feet from where Prince Robert and I chatted, television's Judge Judy was talking a mile a minute to a small group, and across from her, Emeril Lagasse, perhaps the most recognizable chef in the country, was swirling wine in his glass and telling a joke.

The festival has become one of the preeminent wine events in the world. It attracts international celebrities, chefs, vintners and connoisseurs, and it has raised more than \$80 million to help poor children in Collier County. At Saturday's auction, bidders forked over more than \$8 million for rare bottles of wine and exotic trips, meals and outings. This year's total exceeded last year's figure by about \$3 million.

Outsiders often think only of Naples when Collier County is mentioned. But this is a county that also includes Immokalee and other pockets of deep financial despair. In short, the money raised by the festival is desperately needed and put to good use. No one seriously disputes that point.

The festival is the most glamorous social event in Southwest Florida. It's what Mardi Gras might look like if the Junior League was in charge. Attendance is limited to 550 people. Couples pay \$7,500 to attend, and a party of four can get in for \$20,000 (included in the cost of admission is a private vintner dinner in one of several grand homes and penthouses scattered around Naples the evening before the auction, as well as a Celebration Brunch back at The Ritz to cap it all off on Sunday afternoon).

Through it all, wine flows, women flaunt and egos run riot. The food is as rich as its consumers, and moderation is not noticeably encouraged. At the auction, sleek, young wives wielding noise-makers sprint from table to table to congratulate winning bidders, occasionally trailed by huffing, cotton-topped hubbies who struggle to keep pace. And if anyone is embarrassed by any or all of the above, they do a splendid job of concealing it.

This glitzy, over-the-top side of the equation aggravates critics who believe that an equal amount of good could be done if the participants would simply write checks to charities that minister to the needs of Collier County's disadvantaged children and be done with it. All of this Louis XVI-style reveling is unsavory in such hard economic times, detractors insist.

Let's be honest, though. What fun would that be? And the NWWF is about fun.

If you weren't there (and odds are you weren't), this is a little of what you missed.



The Friday evening vintner dinners, all hosted by NWWF trustees, are not large affairs, running anywhere from 20 to 50 guests. One such soiree took place at the stunning 18th-floor penthouse of Barbara and Ron Balser in The Montero in Pelican Bay. Adria and Jerry Starkey co-hosted.

Mrs. Balser wore a sweeping creation that probably was the work of a famous designer. I would describe it further, but I actually know less about fashion



COURTESY PHOTO

His Royal Highness Prince Robert Louis Francois Marie of Luxembourg adds to the Fund-a Need coffers. By auction's end, more than \$600,000 had been raised by the pass-the-bucket effort.

than I do about Luxembourg, so let's just say she looked great. Mr. Balser, a trim man of medium height, was turned out in a dandy slacks/sport jacket outfit that was set off by a rakish paisley ascot. Best I could tell, he was the only man in attendance without a tie. Not many guys can wear a paisley ascot and pull it off, but the dapper Mr. Balser is one of them.

The Balsers, who also maintain homes in Santa Fe and the Buckhead section of Atlanta, have a magnificent collection of artwork by Picasso, and the party's theme played on that artist's



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NWWF Trustees and vintner dinner hosts Ron and Barbara Balser

"blue period." "Smoke" was pumped at a low level around the dining table to create the sensation of "walking on a cloud," according to Rufino Hernandez, one of the party's planners.

The Balsers' visitors wandered about the penthouse, wine glasses in hand, oohing and ahing at this work of art or that. But what I found most interesting was their collection of private photographs pinned to a corkboard in an inconspicuous location off a hallway (almost every home seems to have a collection like this, either on a bulletin board or plastered on a refrigerator). There were scores of photos displayed in haphazard fashion. Some clearly were of family and friends, anonymous faces known only to the Balsers. But mixed in with those were shots of Barbara and Ron with Francois Mitterrand or Barbara and Ron with the Pope or Ron with Colin Powell. There was nothing done to draw attention to these remarkable images. They were just there, mingled in with the rest.

Bill Telepan, one of New York's rising chefs, was in the kitchen that evening, and he had the relaxed air of a man set to feed chili to a few friends at a neighborhood Super Bowl party. "I brought my sous chef and sommelier with me," he explained.

Mr. Telepan said the star dish of the evening would be stew prepared with Nantucket scallops, shrimp from Maine and sea urchin from wherever sea urchin is abundant, I suppose.

"It is one of my favorite things," Mr. Telepan said.

The next day, at the auction, I ran into Mrs. Balser, who was munching from a bag of popcorn. I inquired as to how she thought the dinner had gone.

"Interesting menu," she said, arching one eyebrow ever so slightly as she popped a kernel of corn into her mouth, "sea urchin chowder, if you can believe that."



If there had been an award for the best hair at Saturday's auction, it would have gone, hands-down, to Kyle MacClachlan, the vintner and actor ("Twin Peaks," "Sex in the City," "Desperate Housewives"). Mr. MacClachlan's longish hair — tastefully highlighted and magnificently sheared — had the remarkable ability to return to something resembling its original, informal configuration no matter how hard or from what direction the wind howled. There wasn't a billionaire in sight whose mane was in the same league. Perhaps that is one of the reasons he is the screen star and they are not.

Mr. MacClachlan, who is 50 years old, got into the wine business a few years back through a friend who is a successful vintner.

"I've discovered that to be a vintner, you have to be a salesman and a bartender," he told me. "You go to wine festivals and talk about your wine and try to interest people in it; that's the salesmanship. And you're always pouring glasses of your wine for people to sample; that's the bartending angle."

Mr. MacClachlan laughed and added: "Most actors start out doing things like being a salesperson or a bartender to support themselves while they struggle as an actor. I've done it in reverse. I use my acting to support myself while I get established as a vintner. Whatever works, I guess."



According to ABC news, Judith

Sheindlin, known widely as television's Judge Judy, makes a salary of \$25 million from her syndicated program, which is something like the legal equivalent of professional wrestling.

For Saturday's auction, Judge Sheindlin discarded her billowy black robe for an all-white outfit that featured snug jeans. Not long into the event, the judge got into a spirited bidding competition for a seven-day Bahamian cruise for three couples aboard a private yacht. She bid \$320,000 for the vacation, but balked at besting the \$340,000 bid from the eventual winner, Bill Bain, a festival trustee.

"This whole event shows what this town is really about," ruled the judge, who has lived in Naples for a decade. "This is a big-hearted community full of giving people. It really is. But it's a fun place, too. Yes, it's true; the people here like to have fun. And they like to party as well. I like that, too, so I think it's wonderful."



On the way home from Friday night's affair at the Balsers, I stopped for a Diet Coke at a convenience store on U.S. 41, just south of Victoria Street in Fort Myers. A scruffy, middle-aged man wearing dirty Bermuda shorts and a soiled T-shirt approached me as I got out of my car. It was a measure of his desperation that he sought out someone who drove a tired 1994 Honda Civic.

He pointed to his stomach and spoke a single word: "Hungry."

I fished two dollar bills from my wallet — all I had on me — and handed them to him. He nodded and walked away.

The incident left me unsettled. There was something jarring about the reality of the street and the unreality that is the Naples Winter Wine Festival. I thought about those who criticize the carnival-like atmosphere of the Saturday auction and the opulence of the private dinners.

In the end, it comes down this: We do what we can do. For the wealthy of Naples, that involves a big party, a lot of high living and huge donations to a worthy cause. For me, it is a couple of dollar bills delivered face-to-face to a hungry man in the parking lot of a convenience store.

Is one act nobler than the other, or even in better taste? Not for me to judge. But I will say this: They both are better than doing nothing.

top bids

- >> Lot #50: It's All in the Cards. It's All for the Kids! Fund-a-Need lot, which entailed patrons dropping on-the-spot contributions into buckets for a new behavioral health initiative: More than \$600,000 (final figure still being calculated)
 - >> Lot #31: Dream Come True: \$440,000
 - >> Lot #14: Guess Who's Coming to Tee Time? \$360,000
 - >> Lot #17: Passage to Paradise: \$340,000 (tie)
 - >> Lot #42: I Dreamed of Africa: \$340,000
 - >> Lot #60: A Feast for the Senses: \$240,000
 - >> Lot #24: Live the Wine Country Dream with Robert Redford: \$205,000
 - >> Lot #21: Your Castello or Mine? \$200,000 (tie)
 - >> Lot #28 To Live and Dine in LA: \$200,000
 - >> Lot #30: Rhapsody en Bleu: \$180,000
 - >> Lot #35 Bobbies, Beefeaters and Big Ben for Breakfast: \$170,000 (four-way tie)
 - >> Lot #55: That Was Then: \$170,000 (four-way tie)
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 - >> Lot #23: Days of Wine and Roses: \$160,000 (tie)
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- >> All auction lot descriptions are at www.NaplesWineFestival.com.

UNDERCOVER HISTORIAN

Heritage Trail map connects the dots in our seaside city's past

BY LOIS BOLIN

Special to Florida Weekly

"Life moves pretty fast. You don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."

— Ferris Bueller,
in "Ferris Bueller's Day Off"

Young Ferris must have been studying William Wordsworth's sonnet, "The World Is Too Much With Us," in English literature class when he decided he needed to slow down and take a day (or two) off from school. It's not clear whether Ferris understood Mr. Wordsworth's notion of poetry as a mystical experience with spontaneous overflows of powerful feelings leading us to "intense emotions recollected in tranquility," or if he understood the poet's attempt to contrast nature with materialism so as to illuminate us into right choice, thus saving us from forfeiting our souls; but it is clear that Ferris knew life was moving pretty fast.

In today's world — which is short on tranquility and long on hurrying up to wait, all the while fending off sensory overload from the media, Twitter, Facebook, e-mail, etc., etc., — is it any wonder that we've lost a connection to nature and even to who we are?

Purple cows and guerrilla ways

Digital marketing guru Seth Godin understands the world of "hurry up" and the loss of connectedness, which he chronicles daily in his blog, <http://sethgodin.typepad.com/>. In "Purple Cow," Mr. Godin's new marketing paradigm on how

to stand out in the crowd, he describes how successful marketing today requires a new perspective from the traditional 5 Ps of marketing (product, price, placement, promotion, people). Jay Levinson, the author of "Guerrilla Marketing" (1984), was a "purple cow" back then because his philosophy stood out in the crowd; it was different, a new way to promote a product or service when resources are low.

Both Mr. Godin and Mr. Levinson are artists of the living: entrepreneurial leaders who created a marketing manifesto, a promotional canvas, for those who want to make a difference at their companies by daring to be different, but while staying connected to their communities.

Collier County's pioneers were also artists of the living. Their canvas was America's final frontier, a place they could call home — a place that Andrew Jackson's men called "a God-forsaken place" and that the Seminole Indians knew was life-sustaining.

Another artist of the living

Naples City Historian Doris Reynolds is another purple cow, an artist of the living who has lived a self-sustaining life since age 13. In 1952 she left a fruitful career as a writer and moved to the Naples to become the executive director (rather a glorified administrator) of the new Naples Chamber of Commerce. It wasn't long before her purple cow syndrome and the guerrilla marketing tactics she had honed so well took hold.

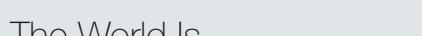
As the area's only public relations/marketing firm, the chamber created numerous magazines and publications that still aid historical groups and researchers around

olds's advice: to take it to the next level by actually connecting the dots — the plotting points of how the city's pioneering families built a community. It manifested itself into the City of Naples Heritage Trail.

The next time you have guests you want to educate — or get out of the house and your way for a while — our map will guide them to the five "heritage hubs" within the downtown area of Naples (in order of growth): the Third Street South District, the birthplace of the City of Naples; Crayton Cove, once known as the Back Bay; the Waterfront District, which incorporates Tin City (along with Kelly's Fish House), Bayfront (the railroad turn-around point) and Naples Bay Resort; the 41/10 District; and Fifth Avenue South.

We're happy to say that this "purple cow" new paradigm perspective, built around guerrilla tactics for economic sustainability, has been designed and accepted in the spirit from which it flowed: promoting and safeguarding the magic of this place we call home.

So even if your life is on a fast track, we hope we will move you to stop and look around once in a while — not for us, but for you, so you can check to see if your soul is in need of some tranquility. ■



The World Is Too Much with Us

The world is too much with us; late and soon,
Getting and spending, we lay waste our powers;
Little we see in Nature that is ours;
We have given our hearts away, a sordid boon!
This Sea that bares her bosom to the moon,
The winds that will be howling at all hours,
And are up-gathered now like sleeping flowers,
For this, for everything, we are out of tune;
It moves us not. Great God! I'd rather be
A Pagan suckled in a creed outworn;
So might I, standing on this pleasant lea,
Have glimpses that would make me less forlorn;
Have sight of Proteus rising from the sea;
Or hear old Triton blow his wreathed horn.

— William Wordsworth, 1807

the county and country as they seek to learn more about the history of our town.

It was Ms. Reynolds' purple cow "juice" that lit my fires when she said, "You can do this. I've done all this work and I'm tired (as if we believe that). Now you can take it to the next level."

Connecting the dots

Nature is a sure-fire way to stay connected to one's self, as is history. So why not combine the two? That was our thinking when Naples Backyard History allowing "the process to create the structure," a new paradigm strategy that enhances authenticity and ensures sustainability. This process led us to follow Ms. Reyn-

— Correction: Win Turner's wife, Audre' Smith Turner, assisted in the naming of the streets in what is today the Bayshore CRA area of Naples. She was inspired by street names from her hometown of Washington, D.C. In the Jan. 28 column on this page, the Undercover Historian incorrectly attributed the source of the local street names.

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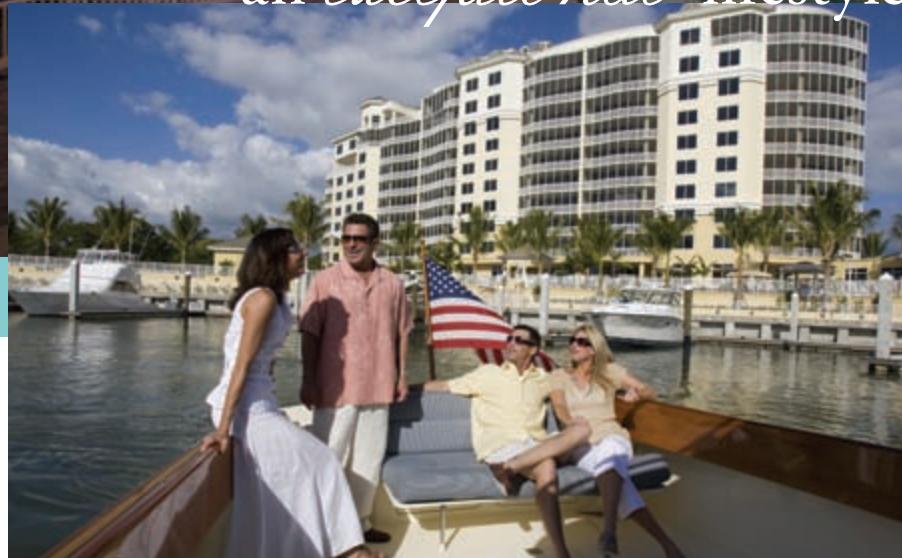


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Immokalee museum showcases photos from days gone by in rural Florida

Rural Floridians, most from days gone by, are the subject of a new exhibit at the Immokalee Pioneer Museum at Roberts Ranch. "At the Crossroads" combines photographs by Eric Dusenberry with selected oral histories to tell about the people and events that have shaped rural communities throughout the Sunshine State. Visitors will enjoy a glimpse into the lifestyles and livelihoods tucked away in forgotten rural landscapes, seldom seen in today's high-tech world.

Those quoted in "Crossroads" include brother and sister Vera Miles and Floyd Prevatt: "There were people who were bootleggers all their lives," says Mr. Prevatt. "They made it right here in the swamps... Regular moonshine was 50 cents a pint... In Uncle Bill's Special they'd find roaches, ants, flies all in the same bottle. In some of these backwoods, country towns, you can still find

bootleg liquor."

Mr. Dusenberry is the executive director of Cinderic Documentaries Inc., a nonprofit organization whose mission is to preserve the history and traditional culture of vanishing places and lifestyles. He believes it is vital to document and record the history of rural areas, their subjects and relationship to today's communities.

His black-and-white photographs depict people enjoying a simpler way of life in a frame-by-frame view. Visitors to the exhibit will be able to see what rural life was and, in some cases, is like along the banks of meandering rivers and streams of Florida.

The exhibit will be in place through March at the museum at 1215 Roberts Ave. in Immokalee, 44 miles northeast of Naples. For more information, call 252-8476. ■



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Brother and sister Vera Miles and Floyd Prevatt, from the "At the Crossroads" exhibit

Catch up with local history at Palm Cottage



Naples Historical Society

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. ■

Collier will have 10 museums in 2010

With the opening of the new history museum on Marco Island in February and the new Children's Museum of Naples in the fall, the roster of museums



**United Arts Council
of Collier County**

in Collier County will total 10. The United Arts Council of Collier County urges residents and visitors alike to make sure they experience all 10. They are:

1. **Collier County Main Museum**

2. **Immokalee Pioneer Museum**
3. **Everglades City Museum**
4. **Naples Depot Museum**
5. **Holocaust Museum of Southwest Florida**

6. **Naples Museum of Art**
7. **The Naples Historical Society's Palm Cottage**
8. **Naples Backyard History Mini-Museum**
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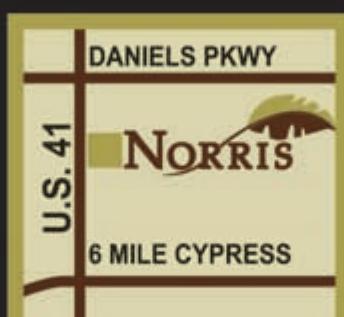
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Naples campus expansion helps Hodges University celebrate 20 years



Hodges University announces a multi-million-dollar expansion at its Naples campus to accommodate continued strong enrollment growth.

The university has entered into a lease-purchase agreement with Stock Development to acquire a two-story building at 2647 Northbrooke Drive, immediately adjacent to the campus and main George Gaynor Building. Hodges will develop the first floor and occupy part of the second floor; Stock will maintain its headquarters there.

On the ground floor, 25,000 square feet of space has been converted into classrooms for the university's schools of allied health and technology. A lecture hall at the northern end of the building can accommodate up to 300 people.

The expansion nearly doubles the amount of space dedicated to the university's allied health and technology programs. The new science and technology building will house the allied health and technology faculty; medical assisting, chemistry and biology labs; computer classrooms; and the university's advancement department. Many of these functions are currently housed in a

modular building that will be removed, giving the university further room to expand. The building also will be home to the France Pew Hayes Center for Lifelong Learning.

The decision to expand the Naples campus comes as Hodges continues to experience record enrollment.

"The economic recession and high unemployment rate have prompted more people to go back to school in search of career-oriented educational programs," President Terry McMahan explains. For the current winter semester, he adds, Hodges' enrollment is approximately 2,750 students, up from 2,228 around the same time a year ago.

The school of allied health is the larg-

est school at Hodges, offering degrees in health administration, health studies, health information technology and medical assisting. The school of technology offers innovative programs of study in computer information technology, digital design and graphics and information systems management.

Dr. McMahan adds that as the university ran out of classroom space in its existing facilities, administrators turned to offering more courses online and scheduling afternoon classes on campus for the first time. This latest expansion should enable the university to accommodate enrollment in Naples for several years, he says.

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Celebrating 20 years

Founded in 1990 as International College, the school has grown from 85 students and a rented storefront in East Naples to 2,750 students with main campuses in Naples and Fort Myers. Hodges also operates learning sites at South Florida Community College in Avon Park; the University Centers of Edison State College in Charlotte and Lee counties; Pasco-Hernando Community College in New Port Richey and Brooks-

ville; Immokalee at Jubilation; and at the Florida Keys Community College in Key West.

In 2007, International College was renamed Hodges University in honor of its main benefactors, Earl and Thelma Hodges, long-time residents of Naples and long-time supporters of the school.

The university is comprised of a school of allied health, school of professional studies, school of technology and the Kenneth Oscar Johnson School of Business. The university is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award associate, bachelor's and master's degrees.

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Grant helps middle school teacher with recipe for students' success

BY RAINER OLBRICH

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For the past three years, teacher Mary Gust at New Beginnings, the alternative middle school in East Naples, has cooked up "Recipes for Success" to help her 60 students master math concepts. A Connect With A Classroom grant funded by Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union has made Ms. Gust's innovative program possible.

"Recipes For Success, Volume, III" is on the front burner this year. A Collier County teacher for 23 years, Mrs. Gust incorporates culinary concepts into her lessons in order to make math come alive for her students. Assisting her in a monthly enrichment activity in the classrooms are two New Beginnings Marine Corps League volunteers, Eleanor Millar and Jack McCormick.

Mrs. Gust's annual cookbook reflects student participation at every step of the way. The youngsters master mathematical concepts such as fractions and measurements, conduct simple food preparations and learn about nutritional analysis through activities such as planning a menu and shopping for ingredients, measuring quantities and preparing food, discussing nutritional values and having group parties to enjoy their culinary accomplishments.

Because of limited cooking facilities and the lack of a baking oven at the school, items prepared are mostly cold or microwavable dishes, with a heavy emphasis on desserts, fruit drinks and smoothies, snacks, dips and desserts. Last year's favorite creations were personal pizzas and grape juice shakes called "Purple Cows."

One of the first questions students ask Mrs. Gust when they return to the math classroom at the start of the school year is, "Are we cooking again this year?" Many are eager to tell their teacher about the recipes they prepared over the summer.

Mrs. Gust encourages her students



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Cooking up fun and learning math at the same time.

to bring recipes from family members and friends. One of the most interesting recipes in the class cookbooks is for "Pralines from Trucker Will," a recently retired long-distance cargo hauler now residing in Dunedin, Florida. For several years, he faithfully mailed in recipes from the road, much to the delight of Mrs. Gust and her students.

Mrs. Gust says there are still a few things that would greatly enrich her culinary classroom project. Her wish list includes additional funds for ingredients and an electric mixer. The program would also benefit from the addition of a student-run vegetable garden. Anyone interested in helping can contact Mrs. Gust at 377-1060.

Additional information about this project and other Connect With A Classroom grants already funded or still needing sponsorships is available at www.ConnectWithAClassroom.org. ■

— Rainer Olbrich is a volunteer with The Education Foundation of Collier County. Founded in 1990, the foundation is an independent, not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization whose purpose is to engage our community and schools. For more information, call 643-4755 or visit www.EducationForCollier.org.

ESU scholarship recipients will discuss their studies

Members and guests of the Naples branch of the English Speaking Union will hear from two Collier County high school English teachers at the ESU meeting beginning at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, in Moss Hall at Moorings Presbyterian Church.

The teachers — Connie Mazgaj of Golden Gate High School and Lisa Byrne of Barron Collier High School — spent last summer studying abroad as Naples ESU scholarship recipients. Ms. Mazgaj attended Edinburgh University in Scotland; Ms. Byrne attended Oxford Uni-



versity. They will discuss how their experiences have informed their teaching. A wine and cheese reception will follow.

The English-Speaking Union is an international charity founded in 1918 to promote "international understanding and friendship through the use of the English language." The Naples branch will announce its 2010 scholarship winners in April. For more information, contact Frank Den Dooven at 649-1295 or erd346@aol.com, or Thomas Raser III at 948-4827 or tjrfrmr@aol.com. ■

First Baptist Academy plans open house

The faculty and staff of First Baptist Academy will hold an open house for prospective families from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, Feb. 11. The K-12 school's guidance counselor, athletic director and administrative team will give tours and answer questions. Applications for admission will be available and also can

be downloaded from www.fbalions.org.

First Baptist Academy is a ministry of First Baptist Church Naples, under the leadership of Dr. Hayes Wicker, senior pastor. The school is at 3000 Orange Blossom Drive at the corner of Livingston Road. For more information, call 597-2233. ■

Sign up online for Komen Race for the Cure

The 2010 Susan G. Komen Southwest Florida Race for the Cure is set for March 13 at the Coconut Point mall in Estero. Online registration for individuals and teams is now open.

Last year, more than 8,100 people participated in Race for the Cure in Southwest Florida and raised more than \$914,000 to support the fight against



breast cancer. This helped the Southwest Florida Affiliate make grants of \$963,000 to 10 local nonprofit organizations that provide education, screening, treatment and support in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties. Seventy-five percent of all net proceeds stay in Southwest Florida and 25 percent is applied toward national groundbreaking research programs.

"Desperate Housewives" leading actor James Denton has been named Honorary Race Chair and is scheduled to attend this year's race. Mr. Denton has been instrumental in raising money for Komen following the death of his mother from breast cancer.

Individual and team registration is available online at www.komenswfl.org. More than 100 ideas for individual and team fund-raising are also listed on the Web site. For more information on the Race, visit the Web site or call 498-0016. ■

Ag Tour gives a glimpse of farm life

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. ■

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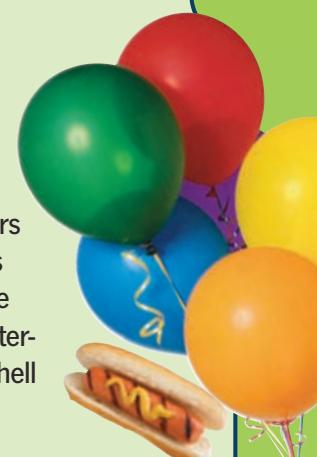
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Thursday, February 11 at 7:15 p.m. • The Island at Shell Point

Professor Adrian Kerr of Edison State College will take us on a tour of ancient Egypt in this Academy presentation. Professor Kerr travels frequently to Egypt as part of his research in archeology and is a respected Egyptologist. No reservations necessary.



Dr. Gary Small: Keeping Your Brain Young

Friday, February 12 at 7:00 p.m. • The Island at Shell Point

A leading expert on memory, aging, and the brain, Dr. Small is a professor of Psychiatric, Biobehavioral Sciences, and Aging at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, and Director of the UCLA Center on Aging. He will share research-based evidence about the effect lifestyle has on one's ability to live with health, vibrancy, and cognitive sharpness. Tickets \$30. Call 454-2067.



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Join us for one of these group presentations about the Lifestyle and Lifecare available at Shell Point followed by a narrated bus tour of the community. Light refreshments. Space is limited, so call 466-1131 to reserve your place.



Dr. Harold Koenig: Religion, Spirituality & Health

Thursday, February 25 at 7:00 p.m. • The Island at Shell Point

Dr. Koenig is Professor of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences at Duke University, and founded the Center for Spirituality, Theology and Health at Duke. He will discuss how religion and spirituality may impact physical health through mind-body connections and explain their effects on immune and cardiovascular functioning, and longevity. Tickets \$30. Call 454-2067.



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Soup fills Empty Bowls and food bank coffers

Fourth annual event at Cambier Park benefits Harry Chapin Food Bank

More than 250 gallons of donated soup was ladled into 1,300 handmade bowls that sold for \$10 each during the Empty Bowls event on Saturday, Jan. 30. Additional money for the Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida was raised from a silent auction and through sponsorships and other cash donations. ■

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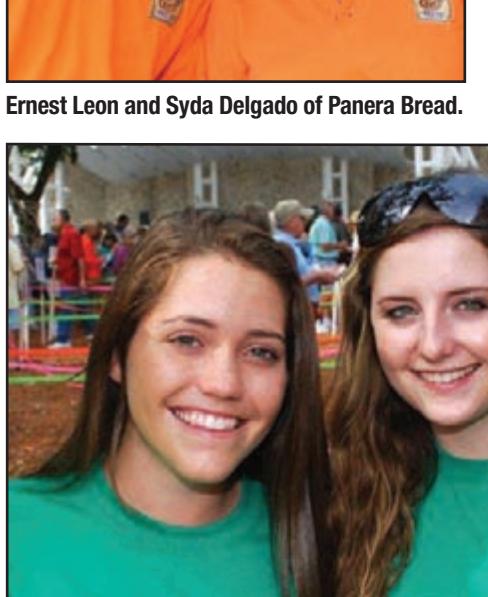
Ernest Leon and Syda Delgado of Panera Bread.



Volunteer servers from Barron Collier High School dish out more than two dozen kinds of soup donated by area restaurants.



Kathy Anderson shows off a bowl soon to be filled with soup.



Brianna Wagner, Alex Drescher and Tatiana Lauricella.



Clare Edlund ladles a generous serving of soup.



Joyce Taricska fills a handmade bowl with soup for Doris Pritchard.



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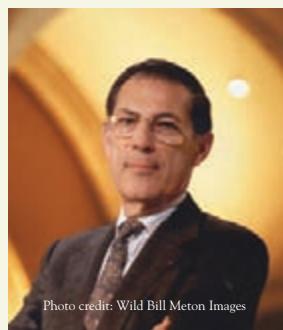
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Blind, visually impaired welcome to use equipment at Lighthouse

Lighthouse of Collier has recently installed several pieces of equipment to help the blind and visually impaired regain their independence. Donated to the agency by various companies, the equipment is available for the public at Lighthouse headquarters at 457 Bayfront Place. Volunteers staff the center from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Telesensory gave the organization Aladdin Classic and Aladdin Apex Basic CCTV magnifiers, along with a PICO hand-held electronic magnifier.

Humanware installed a Smart View Synergy CCTV magnifier and a state-of-the-art auto reader called the My Reader.

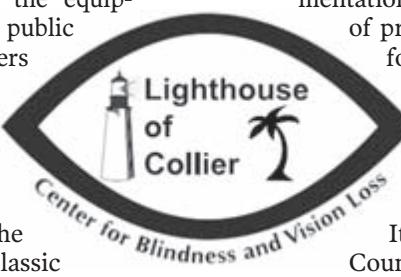
Rhode Island-based Electronic Vision Access Solutions installed the EVAS SRM, an optical character reader that can scan, read and magnify, and the Value Series

System, a computer with speech and large print access.

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Its Founding Leadership Council includes the following members: Bill Mercer, Bruce Miles, David Weigel, Diane Bauman, Douglas Fowler, Dr. Al Cinotti, Dr. Lisa McGarity, John Clapper, Justin Benson, Kathleen Faulk, Kathleen Peck, Marion Nicolay, Mark Hahn, Sandra Martin, Sean Critcher and Victoria Nader.

For more information, call 430-EYE4 (3934) or visit www.lighthouseofcollier.org. ■



A day at DAS equals a day at Disney

Volunteer for a day at Collier County Domestic Animal Services and enjoy a free day at Disney. Hundreds of animals in the DAS shelter need friends to visit them and help them find new homes where they will be cared for with love.

Volunteers must be at least 8 years old and must sign up to participate at www.disneyparks.com. Normally, DAS volunteers must be at least 15, but the department is making an exception for children participating in the Disney promotion.

Once registered at the Disney online, volunteers will be contacted by DAS and scheduled for an orientation. To receive the one-day theme park voucher, Disney registered volunteers must provide at least one day of service. Children younger than 18 must volunteer with a parent.

The next DAS volunteer orientation takes place from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 6, at the DAS shelter at 7610 Davis Blvd. For more information, call volunteer coordinator Kathy Drew at 252-8657. ■

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CLUB NOTES

A sweet evening with the Italian American Club

This Valentine's Day, spend a night in Sicily with your sweetheart without ever leaving Southwest Florida. The Naples Italian American Club is celebrating the most romantic of holidays with "Una Notte In Sicilia" (A Night in Sicily), a traditional dinner dance complete with authentic Sicilian cuisine, The Tarantella Dancers and entertainment by Italian musician Nat Carbo, host of 93.5 FM's Italian music radio show.

Doors open at 4 p.m. Dinner is at 5 p.m. and entertainment from 6-9 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person for members and \$35 per person for non-members. There will be a cash bar.

Prepaid reservations are requested. Call 597-5210, ext. 2. ■

Woman's Club, von Liebig plan themed dinners

Ten themed dinners (Key West Delight, Moonlight Clambake on Naples Bay, Italian Night at the Murphy's and more) will take place private homes, hosted by supporters of the Naples Woman's Club and The von Liebig Art Center on Wednesday, March 3. "Dining for Philanthropy" marks the first jointly sponsored event by the organizations that are raising funds for scholarships and other activities. After dinner in vari-

ous home, guests will gather for dessert (sponsored by Bentley Village) and alive auction under the stars at the art center.

Tickets are \$125 and can be purchased by calling Ann Cox at 417-0471. ■

OSU Club presents 'Buckeyes' event

The Ohio State Alumni Club of Naples invites alumni, fans and supporters to "Buckeyes in Paradise." The event is the first-ever scholarship gala to raise funds for area honor students to attend Ohio State University. It takes place from 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Imperial Golf Club in Naples. For registration or more information, go to www.NaplesBuckeyes.com or call Sandy Ritchie at 594-0868. ■

'Vatican secrets' will be divulged

The Italian Cultural Society will welcome the Vatican's Fr. Mark Haydu for a talk about "Vatican Museum Secrets" when the society meets for luncheon at The Strand at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9. Cost is \$38. For reservations, call 434-3323 or visit www.italianculturalsociety.com. ■

Sailing club welcomes author

Author Nicholas Hayes speaks to the Gulf Coast Sailing Club about "Saving

Sailing" at the Hamilton Harbour Yacht Club at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10.

"Saving Sailing" is a provocative argument and action plan — sure to appeal to sailors everywhere — for the revival of family sailing and quality intergenerational pastimes, lifelong hobbies and free-time pursuits.

Mr. Hayes will share his experiences while researching and writing the book. He'll also dispel some myths about sailing and offer suggestions for sailing clubs to secure their futures. He was a director of the Milwaukee Yacht Club for four years, helping to renew its youth training facilities and serving as fleet captain. His sailing resume boasts thousands of course races and thousands of offshore miles in the Chicago-Mackinac, Queen's Cup, Hook and Trans-Superior races. For more information, visit www.savingsailing.com.

There will be a Crew/Skipper/Visitor Mixer from 6-7 p.m., following by the meeting at 7 p.m. and the program at 7:30.

GCSC meetings are open to the public. The club meets the second Wednesday of the month. For more information, call 263-8511. ■

Naples Press Club welcomes author

The Naples Press Club presents "Happy Hour with Dr. Ralph Engelman," author of "Friendlyvision — Fred Friendly and the Rise and Fall of Television Journalism," at 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11. Professor Engelman is making a special trip from New York for the press club event at the Bellasera Hotel,



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221 Ninth St. S. Cost is \$10 for NPC members and \$12 for non-members.

Mr. Engelman's book deals with Fred Friendly (1915-1998), the most important personality in news and public affairs programming during

the first four decades of American television. Mr. Friendly, along with Edward R. Murrow, invented the television documentary format. He was a producer, policy maker and a teacher who had a major impact on the development of CBS and, later, on public television. Mr. Engelman's biography is the first comprehensive account of Mr. Friendly's life. It provides a crucial perspective on the past and future of American television journalism.

Required advance payment can be made by credit card via the NPC Web site, www.naplespressclub.org, or by a check to Naples Press Club at 2390 Tamiami Trail, N., Suite 210, Naples, FL 34103, along with reservation to rsvp@naplespressclub.org. ■

Needlepoint group ready to stitch

The American Needlepoint Guild general meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 12, at St John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 625 11th Ave., Naples.

The ANG Stitch-In starts at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 26, at the church.

For more information call 353-9973 or e-mail marrdrg9@aol.com. ■

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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 beach-combing and shell-ing 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: 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. ■



COURTESY PHOTO

Margaret Winn, president of Friends of Barefoot Beach Preserve, and James Burke, chairman of "Be a Friend, Buy a Brick," install new commemorative bricks at the entrance to the learning center at Barefoot Beach Preserve. Bricks can be purchased for \$100, \$500 or \$1,000 to honor family members or others who care about the future of Barefoot Beach Preserve.

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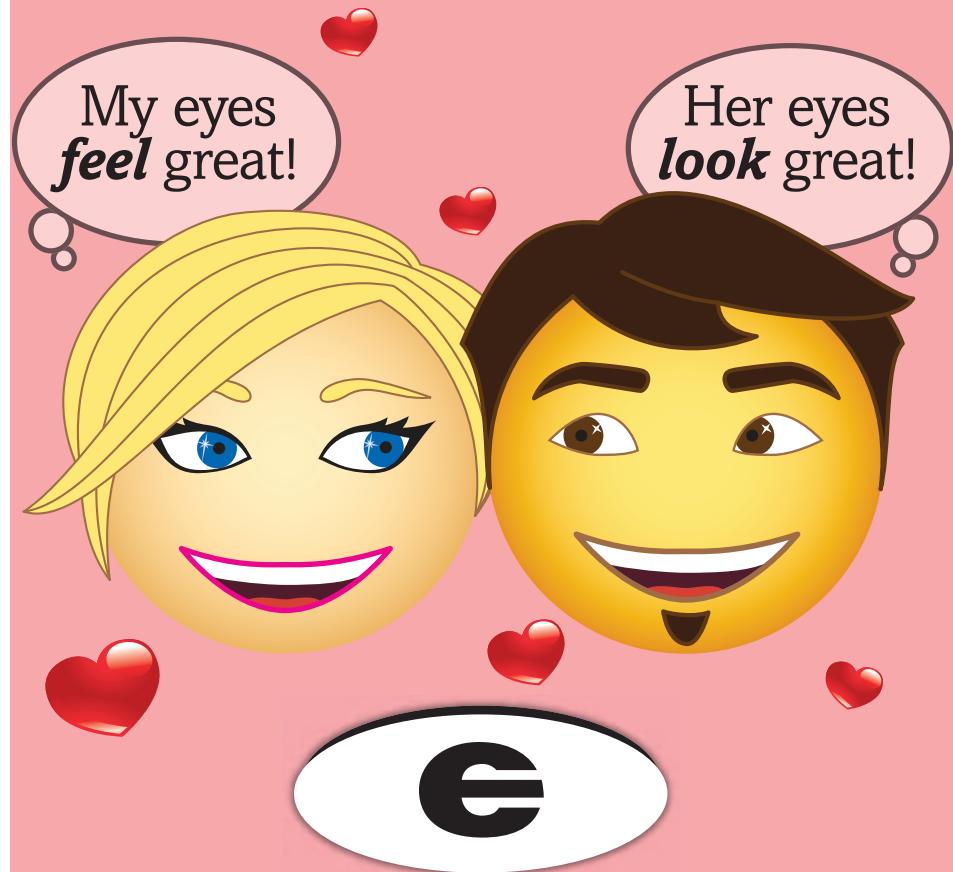
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• Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 9-10: Navigating in Rough Seas: Public Issues and Conflict Management - This free workshop will help participants increase their ability to design, conduct and control meetings in public forums.

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

and spreader calibration.

• **Thursday and Friday, Feb. 18-19:** **GIS I:** Getting Started With GIS - This course is for people with very little or no ESRI ArcGIS software experience.

• **Thursday, March 11:** Best Management Practices for the Protection of Water Resources by the Green Industries - A certification class for landscapers that covers turf grass management, landscape plants, irrigation systems and pesticide handling.

• **Tuesday, March 23:** Urban Pond Management - A refresher class for landscapers with information about littoral shelf planting and maintaining stormwater ponds.

• **Monday and Tuesday, April 26-28:** ESRI ArcGIS Desktop II: Tools and Functionality - Learn to edit spatial and attribute data, label features, customize symbology, work with geodatabases, perform queries and create graphs and maps. ■

Hear about offshore drilling from experts at public forum

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. Jeff Lytle of the *Naples Daily News* 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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Bike or walk for Baby Basics this Saturday

The first annual Baby Basics Biking and Walking Challenge takes place Saturday morning, Feb. 6, at North Collier Regional Park. The event will help raise funds to provide diapers to deserving families through Baby Basics of Collier. Honorary chairpersons are Dr. Allen Weiss of NCH and Jo Anna Bradshaw of FGCU.

Cyclists can opt to pedal 75, 50, 25, or 10 miles, with all rides except the 10-mile one taking place outside the park. Start time for the 75-mile ride is 7:30 a.m., followed by the 50-mile start at 8 a.m. and the 25-mile start at 8:30 a.m. The 10-mile park ride will set out at 8 a.m.

Walkers are welcome to stroll from 2 to 5 miles along a route through the park, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Event partner is YMCA of the Palms, and co-sponsor is Collier County Parks and Recreation. Registration can be completed online at www.active.com or on site the day of the race. For more information, call Jean Ann or Dick Lynch at 352-4310 or visit www.BabyBasicsCollier.org. ■

Pro-am golf tourney at Pelican Marsh planned

Immokalee Housing & Family Services holds its inaugural pro-am golf tournament on Monday, April 12, at Pelican Marsh Golf Club. The event will include a shotgun start team scramble from 2-6 p.m., with each foursome accompanied

by a local golf professional. Prizes will be awarded to the top seven teams with the lowest net score, longest and straightest drive from both the men's and women's tees, and for the longest putt. Germain Lexus has donated a two-year lease on a 2010 Lexus for the first hole-in-one.

A gourmet buffet and live auction with Mayor Bill Barnett as special guest auctioneer will follow the tournament competition. Up for bid will be a weeklong vacation villa in Italy, a necklace from Designs by Donna Carty's "Starry Night" collection, as well as golf foursomes at private clubs throughout Naples.

Event chairman is Howard Agranat.

Registration will begin at 1 p.m. Cost is \$250 per person, or \$100 per person for dinner and auction only.

Proceeds will help Immokalee Housing and Family Services in its mission to provide decent, safe and affordable rental housing with supportive social and educational services for farm workers and other low-income families.

Corporate sponsorships are still available. For more information, e-mail donna@donnacarty.com or call 784-7734. ■

'Harley for Her' party will cover it all

Naples Harley-Davidson will hold a "Harley for Her Garage Party" from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10. Designed for women and presented by women, the evening will include information about everything for riding, from the proper fit on a motorcycle to the function of Harley MotorClothes.

Riders from novice to veterans are welcome. Space is limited, and RSVPs are requested by Feb. 8. Call 594-5504 or e-mail SusanW@harleyflorida.com.

Naples Harley-Davidson is at 3645 Gateway Lane. ■

Marco Bridge Run set for Valentine's Day

The Greater Marco Island YMCA's second annual Marco Bridge Run sets out from the Y at 7 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 14. This year's event is dedicated to the memory of Carole Sbertoli.

The 10-mile course, designed by runners Roger Raymond, M.L. Meade and Fred Kramer, goes through Key Marco and over several bridges, including the Goodland Bridge, which Ms. Meade describes as "Marco's equivalent to the Boston Marathon's 'Heart Break Hill.'"

Registration is \$50 by Feb. 10 and \$70 after that and until race day. Register online at www.Active.com or www.MarcoBridgeRun.com.

Sponsorship opportunities are available, and volunteers are needed. For information, call Leslie Drake at the Marco Island YMCA, 394-3144, ext. 205, or Leslie@MarcoIslandYMCA.org. ■

Registration is \$35 for riders 11 years and older and includes a race T-shirt, power breakfast, lunch buffet, a children's bike safety clinic and activities, fully supported SAG stops and a prosthetist for amputee rider support.

The bike ride will kick off with a travel auction and dinner at the Hilton Naples on Friday, March 5. Cost is \$75 per person, and the evening is open to riders and non-riders.

The goal for this year's ride and silent auction dinner is \$75,000 to help the Miracle Limbs Foundation continue providing support to Florida amputees. At the heart of this year's ride will be Jamarion Styles, a 6-year-old from West Palm Beach who lost both of his arms as an infant. A portion of the proceeds will help Jamarion's family purchase myoelectric arms for him. Cost of the prosthetic arms is nearly \$50,000.

Miracle Limbs-Courage in Motion is devoted to the psychological, medical, financial and spiritual support of amputees. The organization is the inspiration of founder Bob Ayres, an above-the-knee amputee whose painful and triumphant journey from the tragedy of losing his leg in a car accident inspired him to create an efficient, "one-stop" center for fellow amputees struggling not only to accept their fate, but to transform their experience into increased productivity and joy.

Miracle Limbs-Courage in Motion is helping to fill a void in the nonprofit community for an increasing number of amputees due to diabetes (253 new diabetic amputees daily in the U.S. alone), combat injuries (over 35.5 percent of returning vets come home as new amputees), birth defects and accidents. To learn more about Miracle Limbs, or to register for the bike ride or the travel auction dinner, visit www.MiracleLimbs.org. ■

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A full moon is a great reason to take a hike

BY BETSY CLAYTON

Special to Florida Weekly

Maybe there's no scientific explanation for it, but anyone who has spent winter in Southwest Florida has noticed the full moons look huge here.

I'll tell you what: They look even larger when you get away from the city and go for a walk.

Not something you'd do on your own? Go on a guided full-moon hike. The CREW Marsh is hosting an event. Staff members tout it as a chance to explore using senses other than sight, although the moonlight around here sometimes appears as bright as ball-field lights.

Mark your calendar for Friday, Feb. 26. It's only \$5, but you have to make a reservation by calling 657-2253 or e-mailing Brenda Thomas at bthomas_crew@earthlink.net. CREW Marsh is a remote, magical place with five miles of hiking trails easily accessible from Southwest Florida's cities. From Naples, travel north on Interstate 75 then take Exit 123 (Corkscrew Road/County Road 850) and travel east. From Fort Myers, travel east on Martin Luther King Boulevard/State Road 82) for 20 miles and turn right on C.R. 850.

CREW, by the way, stands for Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed. It's a non-profit with an outstanding Web site. Check it out at www.CrewTrust.org.



In other outdoors news:

► **Fishing show:** The annual Florida Sportsman Fishing & Boat Show is this weekend. The Lee Civic Center in North Fort Myers will feature gear, demos and, of course, a few tall tales from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7. It's \$8 for adults and free for children 12 and younger with a parent. Get more details at www.FloridaSportsman.com/shows/

► **Grouper reminder:** The Gulf grouper sport season closed Feb. 1. That means now you can't catch and keep any shallow-water grouper — gag, black, red, yellowfin, scamp, yellowmouth, rock hind and red hind — until April 1. It's spawning season for the fish. You can get complete rules and regulations at www.MyFWC.com.

► **Dead fish cleanup:** The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has extended its executive order to aid dead saltwater fish cleanup efforts. It was supposed to expire last weekend but now won't until Sunday, Feb. 28, because the agency continues to receive reports of dead fish in many pockets around the state.

We're no exception. I was at a chamber of commerce event last week and people were whipping out their iPhones to show photos of snook in their canals and sharing stories of nasty-smelling shorelines. The long January cold snap killed way too many fish.

So the state temporarily suspended certain saltwater fishing regulations to allow people and local communities to legally dispose of dead fish found in the water and

on the shore. The order allows people to collect dead saltwater fish from Florida's shoreline and from the water by hand, cast net, dip net or seine. Get more details at www.MyFWC.com and click on rules and regulations for saltwater fish. There's a "fish kills" link.

► **Boating event:** The event that touts itself as "the world's largest boat show" may be smaller this year because the marine industry is still suffering from the recession. But for many Southwest Floridians, the Miami International Boat Show is an annual event likened to visiting Disney World for boaters. It starts next week, running Thursday, Feb. 11, through Monday, Feb. 15. Get details at www.MiamiBoatShow.com.

► **Photo contests:** If nature photography is your outdoors passion, you have no shortage of opportunities.

The National Wildlife Federation is now accepting entries for its 40th annual contest. This one gives away \$30,000 cash to winners and publishes their pictures in December. Deadline is in July. Get details www.NWF.org/PhotoContest

The Calusa Blueway canoe and kayak trail is reviving its photo contest. Wildlife and paddling photos from along Lee County's 190-mile trail will be accepted until Oct. 1. ABC Framing will turn winners' photos into artwork, framing and matting enlarged images. Contest details will be available this month at www.CalusaBluewayPaddlingFestival.com. ■

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The American Heart Association designates February as Heart Month, making it the perfect time to earn certification in CPR. Classes typically include instruction in the use of an automated external defibrillator and how to handle choking emergencies.

The AHA reports that about 80 percent of all out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occur in private residential settings. If bystander CPR is not provided, a sudden cardiac arrest victim's chances of survival fall 7 percent to 10 percent for every minute of delay until defibrillation. Few attempts at resuscitation are successful if CPR and defibrillation are not provided within minutes of collapse.

"What you learn today can save a life tomorrow," says Frank Smith, owner of Collier CPR and Safety Training.

Mr. Smith is passionate about getting in front of groups of people and removing any fear of performing CPR, using an AED and /or performing the Heimlich maneuver. An authorized provider for the AHA and the American Red Cross, he teaches CPR, AED, basic life support and first aid classes to health care providers, those needing a certification for work reasons and the public in general. Classes are held in Naples, Marco Island, Bonita Springs and Fort Myers.

"I notice automated external defibrillators in most public places, but the majority of people I talk to do not know how to use them, nor do they know the current steps of performing CPR. I plan to change that," Mr. Smith says. His target audiences include neighborhoods and condominiums with a clubhouse or meeting room; day care centers; churches; fitness centers; golf, yacht and tennis clubs; dentist and doctor offices; schools and civic groups; and hotel and restaurant employees. In-home classes (aka "CPR parties") are gaining popularity as well, he says.

If you are want a clever, heartfelt gift for your Valentine, consider CPR and AED training. For more information about Collier CPR and Safety Training, call 537-0495 or visit www.coliercpr.com. ■



BY MARY LOU SMART

Special To Florida Weekly

When conservative talk-show host Rush Limbaugh checked into a Honolulu hospital while on vacation in late December, the world didn't have to wait long for a news update. The talkative commentator held a press conference after receiving his angiogram results. Probably an artery spasm, he reassured his fans, adding that the test showed no heart disease or signs of a heart attack.

Extreme chest pains like nothing he'd ever felt before caused Mr. Limbaugh to make the wise decision to seek immediate help. Besides his well-publicized problems with a powerful narcotic, the middle-aged celebrity has admitted in the past that he hates exercise, except golf, and loves steaks dipped in butter. He smokes cigars.

Despite his self-declared clean bill of health, Mr. Limbaugh he most likely does have vascular disease, says Dr. Edwin Dean of Edwin J. Dean MD Medical Wellness Center and Heart and Health Screening in Naples. "He's 58 and he's



Dr. Edwin Dean

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overweight," notes Dr. Dean, adding, "It's highly unlikely that he's free of heart disease."

Dr. Dean believes Mr. Limbaugh's television announcement provides an excellent example of how a good result on one standard heart test often misleads people into thinking they're okay.

"You can have an angiogram that shows no significant obstruction but still have significant vascular disease," he explains. "Initially the wall bulges outward as cholesterol is deposited, and this is not particularly well seen in an angiogram."

Dr. Dean says 80 percent of heart attacks and strokes are caused by this non-obstructive plaque. "Many people miss the opportunity to reduce their risks based on the false interpretation of an angiogram."

Stress tests also leave many with a false sense of security, he says.

"You always hear about people having a normal stress test and then collapsing," he says. "A normal stress test might not reveal any significant blockage, but it does not mean that you do not have disease. These tests only pick up things when a person is 70 percent blocked. Most of the warning signs occur in the wall of the artery and will not be picked up by the standard tests."

Myocardial infarction, more commonly known as a heart attack, occurs when the blood supply to the heart is interrupted, causing heart cells to die. Sixty percent of heart attack victims have no warning symptoms prior to their first heart attack

and approximately 40 percent die.

Up to 30 percent of heart attacks are silent. Not a benign process in its early stages, vascular disease contributes to deteriorating health, congestive heart failure and dementia.

While the well-known risk factors — obesity, physical inactivity and poor eating habits — are the primary reason for the high incidence of cardiovascular disease, another is that people are living longer.

The power of the disease becomes apparent in later years. Only a small number of heart attacks, less than 15 percent, occur before age 65.

The American Heart Association's report, "Heart Disease and Stroke Statistics — 2010 Update," reveals that the incidence of cardiovascular disease (CVD) is sky-rocketing. On the basis of 2006 mortality rate data, nearly 2,300 Americans die of CVD each day, an average of one death every 38 seconds.

"The lack of risk factor control is the chief reason," Dr. Dean explains. "Vascular disease is preventable, but unfortunately it's relatively silent in its early stages."

The doctor recommends

Dr. Dean's recommendation is to get healthy and stay healthy. His practice

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STRAIGHT TALK

Sometimes we need reminders about why we're in this business

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Most of us who went into health care did it to "make a difference." Sometimes, in the daily crush of activities, we lose sight of that simple yet profound goal.

I was reminded of it recently when I opened an e-mail from Susan Kimper, R.N., and director of psychiatric medicine. She shared something she had received from Tom O'Connor, one of our stalwart psychiatric social workers. Here's what Tom said (edited only to comply with the HIPAA privacy law):

"Last Friday in Naples, a gentleman holding his 3-year-old daughter approached me and asked if I remembered him. After I hesitated, he said he had been on our unit 10 months ago. He said he was now "10 months sober," and thanked us for all we had done. He introduced me to his wife standing nearby, and it was obvious that she, too, was very appreciative. He said he was still using helps he learned in the group therapies and mentioned one specific hint that "I pass on to my friends when they have trouble sleeping." I thanked him and wished him continued success."

Many times we don't realize the difference we make in so many ways — from the very personal, as in Mr. O'Connor's story about helping keep this family together, to our more general initiatives to educate about wellness and illness prevention.

As NCH increases its focus on community education at all levels — patients, families, physicians, students and researchers — our relationships with esteemed national institutions allow us to expand the community's healthcare knowledge. For example, one recent night we hosted both Hazelden Treatment Center and Jackson Labs in different portions of the Telford Auditorium. And the next night, it was Johns Hopkins' turn.

• Almost 200 people came to hear William Cope Moyers, Hazelden vice president and author of "Broken," his personal story of rehabilitation. Mr. Moyers praised NCH's relationship with his company, the premier drug and alcohol addiction rehabilitation institute in the world. (By the way, the speaker's last name might sound familiar; he is the son of famed TV commentator Bill Moyers.)

• About 80 NCH colleagues attended the program by Jackson Labs, a leading genetics research lab, about the scope and future of personalized medicine. Harvard professors Raju Kucherlapati and Mason Freeman, along with Dr.

Edward Abrahams, executive director of the Personalized Medicine Coalition, and Dr. Rick Woychik, president and CEO of Jackson Labs, shared their visions. In the not-too-distant future, they said, newborns will have their genetic code made clear at birth. In advance, people will know their risks for various diseases and which medications will prove effective or cause side effects. NCH intends to be an active player in this exciting and hopeful future of health care.

• Dr. Frederick Brancati, professor of medicine and epidemiology at Johns Hopkins, spoke at the next evening's quarterly medical staff meeting about "Glycemic Control in Type 2 Diabetes: How tight is too tight?" Sounds complicated, doesn't it? But in plain English, Dr. Brancati dissected the controversy between geriatric physicians and endocrinologists (physicians specializing in diabetes) about targeting the right level of blood sugar so that diabetes is controlled and how complications from excessive treatment can be avoided.

Enhancing our role as a local source for leading-edge health care education and research is one more way in which NCH and its employees continue to "make a difference" in our community. ■

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

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incorporates proactive methods to combat serious heart conditions. By offering advanced screening that detects vascular disease and risks in the earliest stages and targeted strategies to optimize health, he helps his clients avoid problems before they occur.

Educated at Cornell University Medical Center, Dr. Dean first specialized in emergency medicine. Part of his passion for getting patients on the right track early is a direct result of years spent in some of the busiest ER's in Los Angeles, where he often treated heart attack and stroke victims. One in particular, a 50-year-old man, made a lasting impression when he arrived in the ER after having a heart attack. Despite CPR, he died.

"I had to go out and tell his wife and kids that even though he seemed perfectly healthy, he'd just had a heart attack and died. He wasn't coming home for dinner," he says. "I remember feeling so helpless. I kept thinking that there's got to be a better way."

A family history

Dr. Dean's commitment is personal. His own father, Dr. Edwin E. Dean, was one of the first physicians at Naples Community Hospital, now NCH Healthcare System. He died suddenly from vascular disease 10 years ago at age 62. Less than two months earlier, he'd received the best score of all physicians at the medical center taking a stress test.

"Had he had these tests, I feel that he'd be alive today," says Dr. Dean. "That really is how I got here."

While several of his recommendations

are steps that people can initiate on their own — lose weight, increase activity and improve diet — a physician's help, especially with early targeted testing, is critical.

Heart and Health Screening employs multi-modality, or many ways of looking at a picture. Many of the heart screening programs that offer three to five basic tests for under \$150, for instance, use only one modality, ultra-sound, which often is not designed to pick up early vascular disease — again potentially misleading people they have nothing to worry about.

Tests at Heart and Health Screening include a coronary calcium scan to determine calcium content in arteries, a plaque test that looks for a molecule that comes from dangerous plaque, cholesterol testing that will be thoroughly examined with MRI technology and a test that looks for elevated inflammation in the body, another indicator of vascular disease. Risk factors including dangerous cholesterol particle numbers and size, pre-diabetes, pre-metabolic syndrome, hormone imbalance and vitamin deficiencies can be identified and addressed early on.

Results determine a personalized regimen of medical therapy with heavy emphasis on education and the guiding principle that lifestyle changes increase vitality and improve health. A free guide "10 Steps to Optimal Health" is available at www.Dean-Wellness.com.

The bottom line

The bottom line is that a targeted heart health program reduces the risk of vascular disease by 90 percent, Dr. Dean says.

"It really is simple, but everyone needs to get educated and take responsibility for their health," he says. "For a long, healthy life, take action now." ■

HEALTH BRIEFS

Free health fair in Bonita Springs

Bonita Community Health Center holds a health fair with complimentary health screenings on a first come, first served basis from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6. Attendees can tour the BCHC Surgery Center and meet nearly two dozen specialty physicians.

A partnership between Lee Memorial Health System and Naples Community Hospital Healthcare System, the center is just south of Coconut Point mall at 3501 Health Center Blvd. For more information, call 945-1050. ■

Stroke and osteoporosis screening

Life Line screenings for risk of stroke and osteoporosis are offered be appointment at First Presbyterian Church of Naples beginning at 9:30 a.m. Monday Feb. 8. Noninvasive and painless, Life Line ultrasound screenings identify potential cardiovascular conditions like blocked arteries and irregular heart rhythm, abdominal aortic aneurysms and hardening of the arteries in the legs, a strong predictor of heart disease. Bone density screenings to assess osteoporosis risk are also available.

A package of five screenings takes 60-90 minutes; prices begin at \$139. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (877) 237-1287 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com. ■

Screenings for autism spectrum disorder Screening

The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida and Ronald McDonald House Charities of SWF conduct free autism spectrum disorder screenings every month for toddlers 18 months to age 5.

Conducted by an advanced registered nurse practitioner, the screenings are courtesy of The Children's Hospital's neurosciences center under the guidance of pediatric neurologist Jose Colon and pediatric psychiatrist Marianne Krouk, D.O. Physician referrals are not required.

Early diagnosis and early intensive behavioral intervention can make a difference in development of children on the autism spectrum and for their families. The next screenings will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, and March 5 in the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile. It will be parked at Miromar Outlets by the lakeside playground. To schedule a screening, call 985-3608. ■

Women's aging and health

"How Women Can Get Healthy & Age Gracefully in the New Millennium" is the topic of a free program at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, at Collier County Headquarters Library, 385 Orange Blossom Drive.

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EMBRACE THE GREAT OUTDOORS AT ROOKERY BAY

Here's what's on tap at the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve Environmental Learning Center in February. The center is at 300 Tower Road, 3/4 mile south of the intersection of U.S. 41 and Collier Boulevard, on the way to Marco Island. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children ages 6-12 unless otherwise noted. For more information and registration where required, call 417-6310 or visit www.rookerybay.org.

■ Photography exhibit opening reception

5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4

The Friends of Rookery Bay and the United Arts Council of Collier County celebrate the opening of the annual photography exhibit that hangs at the learning center through April 2. Clyde Butcher juried this year's show. Most of the works are for sale. Refreshments will be served. Admission is free.

■ Amazing Adventure! Namibia: Thorns, Horns and Pachycorms

6:30-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5

Join Maureen Bonness as she talks about her recent self-drive tour through the vast wilderness of Namibia's desert, dunes and savanna. A botanist and environmental consultant in Southwest Florida for the past 11 years, Ms. Bonness earned her Ph.D. from the University of Texas and has academic training and research experience in plant physiology, specifically medicinal plants and how plants have adapted to various environments. She was an adjunct professor at FGCU in environmental biology, traveled the world as a naturalist for

eco-tour cruise, volunteers at Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, and was recognized as the Collier County Audubon Society "Fellow" in 2004 in acknowledgment of outstanding achievement that has benefited the natural world. Doors open at 6 p.m., and light refreshments provided. Admission is \$5 (free for Friends of Rookery Bay members).

■ Quick Start Your Kayak

9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Feb. 10

This introductory level course to paddling will cover safety, simple rescues and basic paddling instruction. Cost is \$35 for Friends of Rookery Bay members and \$40 for non-members. Limited to 10, and pre-registration is required.

■ Valentine's Day celebration Saturday, Feb. 13

Start your celebration early and bring your sweetie to Rookery Bay to enjoy two-for-one admission.

■ Sunset kayak trip

4:30-7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26

Paddle out to an active rookery and watch hundreds or maybe thousands of birds fly in to roost. Cost is \$30



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Winners in the Rookery Bay/United Arts Council photographer contest: 1: Naples Beach, Marc Damon, first place; 2: Egret and Chicks, Cheryl McClure, second place; and 3: Autumn in the Islands, Jim Freeman, third place



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members and \$35 for non-members. Registration required.

■ Lectures and more

A rotating schedule of lectures, films and interactive programs is offered most days at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Lecture and film topics include backyard butterflies, plankton, shells of Southwest Florida and animals of Southwest Florida. Interactive programs include Touch Tank Exploration, Plant Walk, Munchin' in the Mangroves youth program, and animal skulls and bones presentation. Check the Web site for programs on specific days.

■ Kayak tours

Start times for guided kayak tours depend on the tides, but two-hour

tours take place every Wednesday and Friday. Registration is required. Cost is \$35 per person and includes kayak, all equipment and paddling instruction.

■ History walks

Cultural history walks take place hourly from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesdays from now until the end of April. A Rookery Bay naturalist leads these free one-hour walks along Shell Island Road. ■

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OUTDOORS

AT COLLIER-SEMINOLE STATE PARK

Nothing tops a blooming prickly pear cactus for beauty

BY LEE BELANGER

Special to Florida Weekly

Let's face it: Think Florida plants, and we picture palms; think Florida flowers, and we envision the showy flame vine, oleander and poinsettia (all introduced species). Few of us picture the beautiful native eastern prickly pear cactus.

There are more than 200 species of prickly pear cacti worldwide, and the one we have here, *Opuntia humifusa*, grows throughout most of the United States. In Southwest Florida, look for the prickly pear in sandy pinelands, open dry woods, pastures and on dunes.

Its familiar flat pads are really stems, and the spines are modified leaves. Like all succulents, the prickly pear stores water. The pads swell after a rain and shrink during droughts.

I once — but only once — had a much-too-close encounter with this cactus. While I knew to avoid the sharp spikes and very carefully did so, I touched the pad. Not a good plan. I missed the inch-long spikes but not the minute barbed bristles (glochids) that detach easily. My fingers immediately became full of those bristles, and it took hours to pull them all out. The prickly pear had, indeed, lived up to its nickname: devil's tongue.

The spines and bristles discourage many predators, but not all. Here in Florida the eastern prickly pear is an important food source for the gopher tortoise. I've watched these reptiles



Prickly pear cactus

chew away on the cactus pads as if they were lettuce.

The gopher tortoise is threatened by habitat destruction just as many Florida animals are. Fortunately, the tortoises still thrive in many of our state parks, including Lovers Key and Koreshan, where they are relatively undisturbed and have both sand for their home and food such as the prickly pear.

The prickly pear is also an important food source for insects, chipmunk, skunk, gray fox and even wild turkey.

Plants that supply food to many different animal groups are especially important in keeping nature in balance. An invasive weevil threatens the eastern prickly pear cactus in Southwest Florida,

and biologists are working to prevent the destruction of this plant that's so vital to the food chain.

The reddish-purple fruit (tunas) of the prickly pear ripens in late spring to summer. The Seminoles ate the pads, buds, flowers and fruit. They used the pulp to treat wounds and to ease rheumatism, and the juice for relief from kidney stones, warts and lung ailments.

The beauty of the prickly pear cactus presents itself when the buds open and stunning yellow flowers burst forth, some with reddish centers adding to the display. These plants often grow in clusters low to the ground, and when they bloom it can be a breathtaking sight.

The first time I saw a field of these gorgeous yellow blooms, I excitedly began videotaping but kept walking. Unaware, I walked right up to a rattlesnake. Fortunately for both of us, it rattled. I side-stepped, and it went on its way.

Prickly pear cacti, like so many other plants, seem rather ordinary or even pesky at times. But when in bloom, nothing can top them. ■

— 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 are coming up from 7:30-10 p.m. 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 11. 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

Plan for pet-friendly yard

BY GINA SPADAFORI

Universal Press Syndicate

Every year more of my yard gets turned over to sustainable projects, from my pet chickens and their fresh eggs to an ever-growing collection of raised beds and containers planted with the veggies I love — and some flowers, too.

This year, I'm taking back a huge swath of lawn, fencing it off and having a contractor really go to town, doubling the size of my garden and putting in drip irrigation and mulched paths to save on weeding and water. The way I'm planning it, my yard will be beautiful and productive — and I'm doing this while continuing to share my life with my dogs.

And you can, too. That's because dogs and lush gardens — whether productive or decorative — aren't mutually exclusive.

You can't just plant whatever you want where you want it and throw a bored, unsupervised dog into the mix. Instead, plan your yard to take your dog into account, and mind your dog's needs to get him to leave the plants alone. The basic guidelines:

- Exercise your dog. A dog with too much energy isn't one you want to leave alone all day in a nice yard — and yet that's exactly what many people do. If you don't take care of your dog's exercise requirements, he's going to take care of them on his own, by digging a hole to China or by removing the shrubs in your yard.

Dogs who don't get daily exercise are likely to expend that energy and cure

boredom by doing things people don't like — digging, chewing and barking. Dogs who are well-exercised are more likely to sleep while you are gone. When you leave, you should also offer your dog alternatives to choosing his own amusements: Provide him with chew toys. You can make them more appealing by praising him for using them and by stuffing hollow toys — such as a Kong — with something delicious, like peanut butter.

- Work with your dog's habits. Observe how your dog uses your yard, and plan accordingly. For instance, many dogs consider it their duty to run the fence line, leaving a well-worn trail where many people hope to put flowers. Instead of fighting with your dog, go with his natural instincts. Place your beds and plantings away from the fence line, and let him do his guard-dog patrolling behind those plants.

- Consider giving your dog a yard of his own. At my house, the dogs are never let out in the main yard without supervision — and the veggie garden and chicken areas are fenced off — but they come and go at will into a side yard that's just for them. A low fence covered with climbing roses hides from view both the dog yard and the chicken/veggie areas.

- Redirect digging. Some breeds were developed to dig, and expecting them not to indulge in it is unfair. You can find most of these digging dogs in the terrier group — the word terrier comes from terra, for "earth."

You can keep many dogs from digging if you keep them exercised, limit their access



to dirt and make the digging experience unpleasant. Sometimes, putting the dog's own stools in the hole and covering them with dirt deters them. Many dogs won't dig if their own mess is under the surface.

Another option is giving your dog a dig zone. While hardly clean fun, it is good fun, especially for dogs who are happiest with their noses in the dirt and their paws flying.

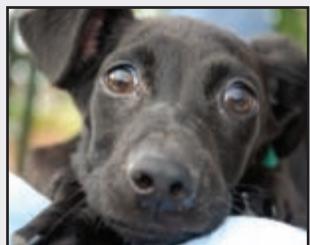
- Put special plants in safer places. Raised beds and hanging planters are the place to put your most precious plants. In borders, put the plants that can take being stepped on in front. What are some dog-friendly plants? Mint is a good one. This plant is nearly indestructible and greets each assault with a wave of cool mint smell. Some lilies are tough enough to be stomped or sat on, as well, and your gardening center may have suggestions for others that are dependable growers in your region.

Dogs don't know a wisteria from a weed, and they never will. That's why it's up to you not to leave them unattended around plants you want left alone. When you leave for work, limit your dog's space for his safety and to protect your plants. Most of a dog's time alone is spent sleeping anyway, so he doesn't need to have the entire run of the house and yard. Outings — for jogging, walking, fetch or swimming — should be done with your supervision. ■

Pets of the Week



>>**Cassie** is a 5-year-old spaniel mix with a beautiful expression. She has been spayed and is a sweet girl.



>>**Coco-Moco** is a 4-month-old retriever mix. He's been neutered and loves kids. He would be great for an active family.



>>**Cupi-Doll** is a 4-month-old neutered Siamese mix with stunning blue eyes. He's very playful and friendly.



>>**Willow-Mena** is a 2-year-old Dachshund. Petite, sweet and also spayed, she would love to be your companion.

To adopt a pet

This week's adoptable pets are in foster homes that have been arranged by Brooke's Legacy Animal Rescue. Volunteers and adoptable animals are at Petco on Naples Boulevard from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Saturday. For more information, call 434-7480 or visit www.BrookesLegacyAnimalRescue.com.



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E.M. Forster wrote, "Only connect." And connection is a process, an unfolding development, a flowering. Flowers exist to mediate union, the sexual union that itself flowers the seeds that are sent forth, scattered, dispersed to emerge again into union. The movement is in and out; out and in.

The iris flower, with its petals both upright and drooping, is an amazing connecting form. It seduces insect pollinators visually. Then, by the mere being of its wonderful architecture, of its landing stage petals, the iris compels its guests to leave behind only the pollen of other flowers and to take away only its own pollen, safe to be given as gift of connection to others. No opportunity for connection is wasted.

The iris is quintessential bridge of what it is to the other that it is not.

The iris flower, growing out of the earth, has the single pointed shapely focus of connecting its reproductive jewels to the other through air born messengers. In this way, flower is like the goddess that shares its name. In Greek mythology, Iris is the messenger of the gods. She unites earth and heaven; she links humanity to the divine beyond. She travels with the speed of wind to the

ends of all places. She links the earth to the depths of sea and underworld and to the heights of the sky. And in the sky she makes her mark; she leaves the imprint of her coming and going. Her path is the rainbow. In Greek, her name means rainbow.

Rainbows have inspired narrative creators from every space and time. The Chinese see rainbows as repaired slits in the sky, sealed by the goddess with stones of many colors. For the Hindu it is the bow of the god of love, and in Norse mythology the rainbow is the bridge connecting the realms of divine and human. For Gilgamesh and Noah, the rainbow end is the promise of the end of destruction.

My favorite rainbow story is the Irish tale of the leprechaun. These little people, the flowering of degenerate fairy mothers who are not wholly good nor wholly evil, hide their appropriated treasures at the end of rainbows. This is a masterful idea, an unfailingly perfect hideaway, since rainbows do not exist in any actual place.

In fact, rainbows do not really exist at all. Rainbow is merely a name that describes a vast interlocking network of circumstance. There is the union of light shining and droplets of moisture and the earth's atmosphere. And there is the observing eye that brings into being an interior similitude brighter than the exterior, and an apparent position that is opposite the sun.

The eye's iris, the colorful sphincter

around the pupil of the eye, controls the amount of outer light that connects to the inner retina and the cerebral places beyond that are hidden like gods in cranial Asgards or Olympus. The pupil, too, is merely emptiness: a hole. Yet it is the road, black and embraced by the iris color, that is round rainbow window to the soul.

Whose heart does not leap up with Wordsworth's at rainbow insight? The Iris path can be in the inaccessible heavens or closer in the iridescence of soap bubbles or butterfly wings. Iris does not leave her mark, but only her path of connection in a moment.

Poet John Keats saw Isaac Newton's scientific deconstruction of the rainbow as the rainbow's diminished unwrapping. But the vision of this pirate is positioned closer to the perspective of Richard Dawkins, who sees science as the inspiration of poetry. The in breath gathers, and then releases out, paradoxical paradoxism, both connection and separation.

All of this it is. And none, really. Iris

knows, and sings as she dances into being the bliss of the ever emerging net of the possible impossible. Like Nietzsche, pirates believe only in gods who dance the end of gravity's rainbow, creating the connection of counterpoint sweeter than eye has seen or ear has heard. ■

— Rx is the Florida Weekly 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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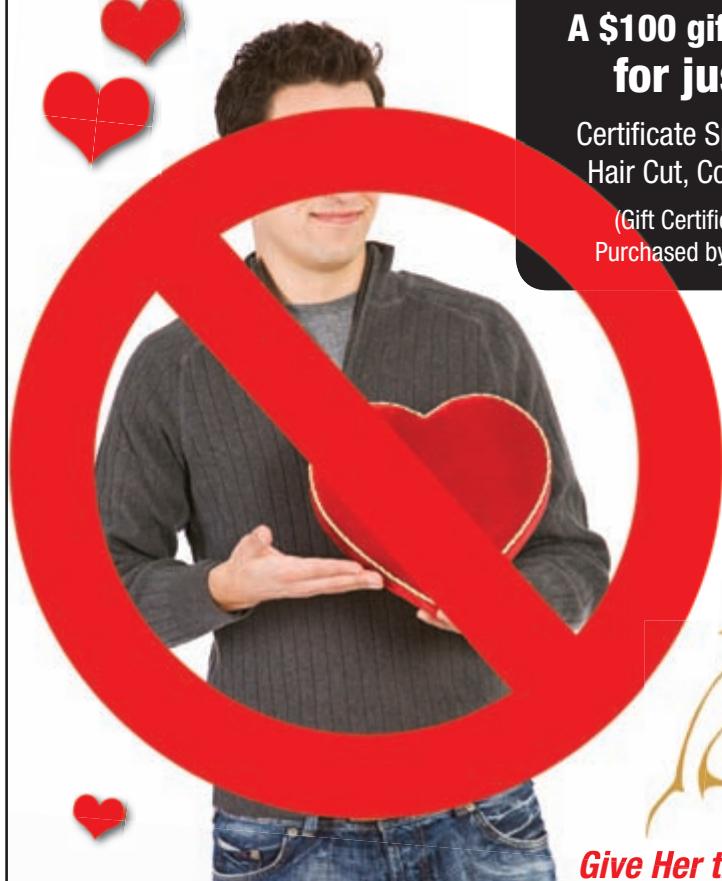
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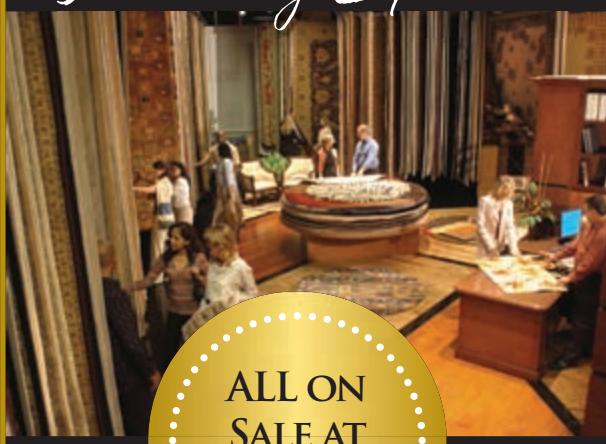
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Above and below: The Naples Beach Hotel boasts 34,000 square feet of meeting space, as well as outdoor venues for business functions.

Left: The Hilton Naples has several meeting and banquet rooms to accommodate groups.



BY OSVALDO PADILLA
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The tourism industry will forever remember October 2008 as a very bad time.

That's when news broke that a group of AIG executives had taken a deluxe retreat at a resort in California. Congressmen lambasted them for indulging in massages and manicures just after Americans had paid to rescue the firm with billions of tax dollars. Within days, the phones at resorts all throughout Southwest Florida started ringing. Meetings and conferences were being cancelled.

Companies thought it prudent to cut back or simply pull the plug on travel plans that might be interpreted as ostentatious in an era of unemployment, wage

SEE MEETINGS, B7 ▶



Technical analysis: meaningful or voodoo finance?

A picture is worth a thousand words.

Do you want to hear about a product or see a product? Do you want to see a technology's equations or see them at work? Do you want to hear about a blind date's best features or see a picture?

The answers to these questions are obvious. But do you request to see a picture of a financial asset before you buy it? That is to say, do you look at charts of historical prices for a stock you are thinking to buy? Stated that way.... well, most think they should.

Technical analysts create such pic-

tures and they take it one step further; they use past prices and volume to project future prices and, accordingly, trade or invest. For some, these

analysts are a strange species of investors; to others, they offer meaningful investment information.

Best definition of a technical analyst is to explain who they are NOT. They

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are not fundamental analyst — a profession that is the backbone of money management, investment banking, commercial lending, etc. A fundamental ana-

lyst is one who studies economics, corporate financials, commodity and labor markets, patents, products, etc. for the purpose of projecting future economic trends, earnings and stock prices.

Though they are the bedrock of Wall Street thinking, few investors would disagree that traditional analysis fell far short in 2007-2008. Even with all the data collection and economic modeling and fundamental analysis extraordinaire, most of the financial market titans did not forecast the impending disaster in sub-prime, banking, and housing. That analytic group includes those sitting in the catbird seat of financial data: Greenspan, Bernanke

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WEEK at-a-glance



Celebration of life

NABOR members and friends gather at Noodles to remember J.P. Antonmattei. B10 ▶



By the book

Collapse of the housing industry leads marketing expert to start book-publishing business. B5 ▶



Par for the course

Fiddler's Creek makes golfing magazine's Top 100 list. B11 ▶

BUSINESS PROFILE

It's time to reboot our math and science education

Editor's note: Tom Luce, CEO of the nonprofit National Math and Science Initiative, is a former U.S. assistant secretary of education. He 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 and visit www.ImagineSolutionsConference.com. This essay previews Mr. Luce's forum comments.

BY TOM LUCE

Dallas, Texas

America's record 10 percent unemployment — the highest level in a quarter of a century — should be a wake-up call for the United States. We need to reboot our education system as well as our financial system.

Forty years ago, you had to have a strong back to get a job; today, you need a strong mind. In today's economy, math and science are not just for brain surgeons or rocket scientists, but for any person looking for a job. Auto mechanics have to understand computerized machinery; factory workers need to operate more complex production systems.

Although there were fewer job losses as 2009 closed, more than 15 million Americans were unemployed and seeking work — along with 11 million part-time workers who want full-time jobs or have given up job hunting. As more young people begin seeking work, where



Tom Luce

will the jobs come from?

The jobs can come from right here in America if we make innovation a national priority. Innovation historically has fueled job growth — from the cotton gin to

the microchip, from miracle fabrics to miracle drugs. The careers of tomorrow will come from discoveries such as algae that produces energy and nano-technology that runs microscopic machines.

Yet evidence has been growing that the U.S. has been losing ground in education, which is the genesis for innovation. Most recent international rankings by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development show American students 15th in reading, 19th in math and 14th in science.

President Barack Obama zeroed in on the heart of the matter when he warned that our students must move to the top of the pack in science and math over the next decade, "for we know that the nation that out-educates us today will outcompete us tomorrow."

While America has been coasting on yesterday's educational lead, free enterprise has been embraced by a new wave of countries who are eager to beat us at our own economic game — and they are beginning to do so, thanks to their

stronger emphasis on math and science education.

- Six years ago, our high-technology balance of trade went negative. By last year, the gap between our high-tech exports and imports had grown to \$60 billion. We're now buying more leading-edge goods from others than we are producing and selling.

- American demand for scientists and engineers is expected to grow four times faster than all other professions in the next decade, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Yet a mere 5 percent of U.S. college students are graduating from college in math and science fields, compared to 42 percent in China.

When you do the math, the solution is clear: If we want to rev up America's stalled economy, we must invest now in students who can become tomorrow's innovators.

The comment I encounter most often when talking about education across the country is that people say, "Oh my goodness. The problem is so overwhelming. Where do we start?" There is a lot of wailing and gnashing of teeth.

But there is hope. We do have American programs that work. The National Math and Science Initiative is implementing two "lighthouse programs" that are showing the way ahead. Last year, our program to help students succeed in college-level classes produced a 52 percent increase in the Advanced Placement courses passed. That is nine times greater than the national average. Just as

importantly, this program can help reduce the minority achievement gap — our participating schools showed a 71 percent increase in AP courses passed by African American and Hispanic students.

We also are training a new generation of skilled math and science teachers through the UTeach program. Two of our energetic partners are here in Florida — Florida State and the University of Florida. This popular program has now expanded to 15 universities around the country. Enrollment has nearly doubled. But we have more than 40 universities on our waiting list.

What's needed now is for others to join us in this fight for America's future, not just the federal government, but more corporations and foundations.

More than the economy is at stake — we need a science-literate workforce to address health threats like the current swine flu outbreak, to create the clean energy that will power us forward, and to protect us against security dangers. Those concerns are all related to the need for a workforce that is prepared for what tomorrow may bring.

— Tom Luce, CEO of the nonprofit National Math and Science Initiative, is a former Assistant Secretary of Education. He has written the books "Now or Never - How We Can Save Our Public Schools" and "Do What Works: How Proven Practices Can Improve America's Public Schools." Visit his Web site at www.nationalmathandscience.org.



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BUSINESS BRIEFS

EDC Business of the Month: INgage Networks

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INgage Networks, formerly Neighborhood America, has been named Business of the Month for January by the Economic Development Council of Collier County and the Collier County Commission. It is the first joint tribute to a local business by the public-private partnership since its formation in 1997.

The Business of the Month award recognizes businesses that utilize and implement innovation and that contribute to a more diversified economy in Collier County.

Collier County Commissioner Fred Coyle presented a certificate of appreciation to Christine Buonocore, INgage Networks' director of global alliances. Commissioner Frank Halas commended Kim Kobza, INgage Networks' co-founder and CEO, for finding a niche in the marketplace and serving it so successfully.

Mr. Kobza and David Bankston founded Neighborhood America in 1999 to enable better collaboration between government and citizens through the World Wide Web. A decade later, big-picture thinking has created big business, and the company's technology solves similar challenges for all lines of business.

With its headquarters in Collier County employing 100 professionals, offices extending throughout the United States and projects of national import, the company welcomed 2010 with a new name that readies it for global penetration.



INgage Networks is on the leading edge of what most believe is the future of marketing. Using its proprietary ELAvate (Engage, Listen, Act) platform, Neighborhood America today enables its clients to build online and mobile communities that leverage social networking. INgage Network's formula for success is multifaceted, but among those most important is its home. Although frequently wooed by other cities, Mr. Kobza is loyal to the Naples location for company headquarters. And it's not just his affection for the community he calls home; for him, it is, like every other, a reasoned decision. His analysis of the strengths of this area yields

three conclusions:

1. The pool of retired and semi-retired corporate executives in Naples is an invaluable resource. "The level of experience and intellect across a diversity of industries is a very strong draw," he says, adding the company has formally mobilized this group as business advisors who have become "a critical part of the company's DNA."

2. Naples offers an exceptional quality of working life. Mr. Kobza concentrates on the benefits of Naples living for those in the workforce. "It's the right environment for working," he says, citing the ability to work on world-class projects without paying the metropolitan price of commuting. He also cites the desire of qualified candidates and their families to live here, whether they be ex-metros looking for a different experience, or offspring of executives who have retired

here. "Last year, we hired a former AOL executive, a Harvard/MIT graduate who was a lead manager of a 600-person international team," he says. "For him and his wife, moving to Naples was one of the real advantages of the job."

3. The resources in Naples are world class. "This is a destination," he says. "Our customers love to come here, and our seminars, held in some of the nation's top hotels right here in Naples, are always well-subscribed." Company staffers also appreciate the proximity of Southwest Florida International Airport, he says, adding he can get to Washington, D.C., for a business meeting in about the same amount of time it takes a typical commuter from western Virginia to get there. "And I get to live in Naples."

For more information about INgage Networks, visit www.INgageNetworks.com. ■

New ownership, new name for Reliable Roll-Offs

Larry and Anne Schuchman have purchased controlling interest in Reliable Roll-Offs, a Naples-based commercial and industrial waste container company.

Mr. Schuchman, former owner of The Recycling Group Inc. in Indianapolis and a 30-year veteran of the waste industry, has re-entered the business after a 9½-year hiatus. The Recycling Group operated a fleet of 19 Roll-Off trucks and had more than 850 containers and three 50,000-plus-square-foot facilities,

including a waste paper processing plant and two transfer and recycling stations.

Under the new ownership, Reliable Roll-Offs has become Reliable Disposal and Recycling to better describe its current and planned services. The company has already purchased additional equipment in order to promote green-friendly disposal with the same-day service clients have grown to expect.

Reliable Disposal and Recycling will continue to be run by General Manager Shelley Kienzle. ■

quent speaker on topics including the economy and estate and gift tax planning. He serves on the trust executive board of the Florida Bankers Association and is chairman-elect for 2010-2011 year. He earned a bachelor's degree and a juris doctorate from the University of Missouri.

Prior to working at Bank of Florida, Ms. Edwards was a portfolio manager with Morgan Keegan Trust Company. She holds a bachelor's degree in finance with minors in economics and history.

In her prior position at Bank of Florida, Ms. Hackett was responsible for managing all aspects of wealth relationships. ■

Lydian Bank & Trust expands into the Naples market

One of Florida's largest private banking and wealth management firms is continuing its expansion across the state. Lydian Bank & Trust will enter the Naples market with a team including Scott Kellett, former Bank of Florida Trust Company president and CEO; Kerry Edwards, senior vice president and senior portfolio manager; and Elizabeth Hackett, client services officer. They will be instrumental in establishing Lydian in a community that boasts nearly 50,000 millionaire households and the highest median family income in Florida.

Mr. Kellett has 16 years of wealth management experience and is a frequent

Chamber welcomes new members

The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce welcomed the following new members in December: Boulderbrook Productions; BoxGroove.com; Capital Wealth Advisors; CaterMasters Inc.; Coupons-2go Inc.; Derma Clinic of Naples; Florida Athletics Cheer; Gulfing Adventures; Hazelden Foundation; John Graham; Mary P. Taylor, Downing-Frye Realty Inc.; Mulheren and Associates LLC; Mulligan's Sports Grille; Naples Council on World Affairs; Party Time Rentals & Special

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Housing industry collapse leads to the beginning of Barringer Publishing

BY PHILIP K. JASON

Special to Florida Weekly

For Jeff Schlesinger, whose advertising and marketing career includes more than two decades in Naples, the collapse of home building presented a challenge. Many of his clients are local builders whose misfortunes have been his as well. After researching new ways to apply his talents and experience, Mr. Schlesinger made a surprising choice: book publishing. Most failed publishing endeavors, he believes, result from faulty marketing — and marketing savvy is Mr. Schlesinger's forte.

Barringer Publishing, a name that combines his own last name with that of his wife, psychologist-author Dr. Molly Barrow, is a full-service publishing house that guides authors through four major steps: publishing, marketing, graphics and advertising. For Mr. Schlesinger, however, marketing considerations embrace the entire process. Authors who do not want piles of books in their closets need carefully designed plans that target potential readers and turn them into buyers.

With a background in art, Mr. Schlesinger feels that his creative side is responsive to the needs and aspirations of authors. He savors the preliminary conversations that eventually build the author-publisher relationship.

He entered advertising from the perspective of graphic design, and he steps into publishing with both that interest and decades of marketing know-how.

For him, "publishing" includes editorial assistance, cover design, interior layout and design and printing.

A book's appearance must attract attention and provide a message. The impact of the cover and the power of the title are essential marketing decisions. So are decisions about manufacturing quality, distribution channels, and pricing. Each book's price must include a percentage allotted to marketing costs.

"Marketing" includes public relations, media contacts, review copies, mailings, press releases, networking (electronic and otherwise) and speaking engagements. Branding the author as an expert on topics addressed in the book opens up marketing opportunities.

"Graphics" supplements book design with advertising design, handouts, bookmarks, fliers, Web site design, business cards and posters for book signings and other exhibits. "A distinctive, cohesive graphics campaign is essential," he says.

"Advertising" goes beyond ad design to include print and electronic media placement. Barringer Publishing works

to define the market for a book and reach that market "with the correct message as cost effectively as possible." Many books have niche markets (grandparents purchase four out of 10 children's books), and advertising campaigns must exploit media that truly reach the potential buyers.

Self-published authors have the opportunity to make far more money per book than authors who work with traditional "royalty" publishers. However, this opportunity cannot be realized unless the authors receive appropriate guidance and assistance. Mr. Schlesinger developed Barringer Publications to do just that.

Published authors unhappy with their books are turning to Barringer Publishing for book makeovers that typically include reshaping the book's content, stylistic smoothing, a new title, enhanced graphics, more astute production and pricing decisions and, of course, an effective marketing plan.

Barringer Publications established its initial list of titles primarily by word of mouth, and interest has spread far beyond Naples, aided by the promise of

a 60-day turnaround time and the showpiece titles by Dr. Barrow.

Mr. Schlesinger has discovered that there are many good writers in the Naples area, accomplished people with fascinating experiences who are ready to share what life has brought them and taught them. He intends to help them refine their voices, share their stories and insights, and do it all effectively.

If a book already in print is in desperate need of a strong marketing campaign, Mr. Schlesinger offers that service as well.

Coming soon (along with new Dr. Molly Barrow titles):

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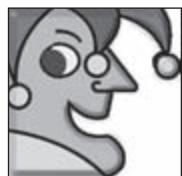
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Know that Wall Street analysts are notoriously inaccurate. Patrick Cusatis and J. Randall Woolridge of Pennsylvania State University studied 20 years' worth of published earnings estimates made by Wall Street industry analysts and found that they consistently overestimated the future earnings growth rates of the companies they cover. By a lot — around 40 percent more. So take analysts' forecasts with a grain of salt at best.

They're fickle, too. Within a few weeks or months, they might change their expected earnings for a company from \$4 to \$3 to \$1.

When familiar companies have fallen to penny-stock levels, there's usually a good reason for it. They may be crushed by heavy debt or may be struggling against and losing market share to growing competitors.

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The Motley Fool Take

Yum! Looks to India

Already established in China, Yum! Brands (NYSE: YUM), operator of Pizza Hut, Taco Bell and KFC, recently outlined its growth plans for India. The company intends to open 1,000 fast-food outlets by 2015. While investors invariably think of China when it comes to overseas growth, they need to look at India, too.

Like China, India offers the promise of an exploding middle-class population. But India differentiates itself through the sheer size of its youth population — the median age in India is 25, and a stunning 30 percent are under 14 years old. These are young consumers preparing to make their first foray into the workforce, and they represent

potential lifelong customers. Aligning with India's youth culture presents an exciting growth proposition for companies.

Yum! is already huge in China, where it makes about a third of its operating profit. While its current footprint in India is relatively small, it has done an excellent job adapting to China, a skill that should help it in other emerging markets.

India needs major boosts in infrastructure, education and health care, all of which should offer excellent investment opportunities. The McKinsey consultancy estimates that private consumption in India should quadruple from 2005 to 2025.

If Pizza Hut, Taco Bell and KFC snare even a small piece of the growing consumption pie, Yum's bottom line should benefit. ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

► **The Naples Speakeasy Toastmasters Club** meets from 6-7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month at the North Naples Collier Government Building, 2335 Orange Blossom Drive. Guests are welcome. Speakers for the Feb. 8 meeting will be Bryan Nagle, who will discuss "Choose Your Mentors Well and Discover the Real You" and storyteller and writer Mary Lou Williams, a member of the Fort Myers Toastmasters. For information, call 262-8183 or visit [www.naplesspeakeeasy.org](http://www.naplesspeakeasy.org).

► **The Bridgers Group at Merrill Lynch** will host "Market Outlook 2010: The Road to Recovery" with Daniel Deckman, vice president of BlackRock Investments, at noon Wednesday, Feb. 10, at The Capital Grille. Complimentary lunch will be served. For reservations, call Dale Kirk at 649-2915.

► **Kenneth Saundry Jr.**, a court-appointed receiver for Real Estate Advisory Services, and Michael Timmerman of Fishkind & Associates will present the latest commercial market trends and strategies for preserving equity in a seminar for Southwest Florida attorneys and bankers Wednesday, Feb. 10, at The Club at Mediterra. Continental breakfast will be served. All Southwest Florida attorneys and bankers are invited. For reservations, call Angela Bell at 275-5758.

► 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

My Dumbest Investment

In Bad Company

My dumbest investment has been keeping too much of my 401(k) money in my employer's stock. Shares have fallen from \$47 in February 2007 to close to \$1 recently. I accumulated a lot of shares over 20 years. I knew the dangers of having too much 401(k) money in company stock, but I thought my company was solid, so I chose not to do anything about it. Now, of course, I wish I'd sold at least some. This has been an expensive lesson.

— Pete Brown, Holt, Mich.

The Fool Responds: Ouch. It's a common temptation to invest 401(k) money mainly in your employer's stock. The fact that you presumably know so much about the firm is indeed valuable and does give you an edge over other investors. But still, you probably don't know everything, and even well-respected companies slump or stagnate for a period, while some even go out of business. You might even steer clear of company stock entirely — after all, you already have great financial exposure to it, as you depend on it for your paycheck. ■

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

Last week's trivia answer

My slogan is "Cover the Earth." Founded in 1866 and based in Cleveland, I'm America's largest specialty retailer of paint, stains, coatings, wall coverings and sundry items. I patented a resealable tin can in 1877 and paid my first dividend in 1885. These days I'm developing environmentally friendly coatings. My brand names include Dutch Boy, Krylon, Dupli-Color, Pratt & Lambert, Purdy, Thompson's and Minwax. I serve the automotive, industrial maintenance and traffic paint markets, among others, and have more than 3,300 stores. I rake in about \$8 billion annually, and I've increased dividends annually since 1979. Who am I? ■

(Answer: Sherwin-Williams)

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The Best Time to Buy

Q What percentage gain should I shoot for with a stock? When should I sell?

— S.H., Mansfield, Ohio

A Instead of thinking of percentages, consider whether the company is still executing well. Many people bail out after a particular gain, such as 10 percent or 30 percent. But it's often more profitable to hang onto the stock for years or decades, as long as it keeps growing and you retain faith in it. You would have regretted selling Microsoft shares in 1990 after a 100 percent gain, right? It would have kept doubling your money for many years. Don't hang on blindly, though. Follow the company's progress and prospects.

Q Is there a best time of day, week, month or year to buy or sell stock?

— P.W., Baton Rouge, La.

A Don't look at your watch or calendar for that look to your notebook or noggin. Ask yourself if you've done enough research to determine that the company is financially healthy and growing, has sustainable advantages over its competitors and has a promising future. Then determine whether the current stock price offers a good chance of growth. Some terrific companies might be priced so high that it's hard to rationally imagine them advancing much more in the next few years.

Evaluating a company's fair value is not easy, though. Measures such as price-to-earnings (P/E) ratios and price-to-cash-flow ratios can help, but in order to keep improving your results, aim to keep learning more about investing. You can do so at www.fool.com/how-to-invest and at Morningstar.com.

Once you're confident that you've found a great company selling at a good or great price, that's the best time to buy.

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

Commerce takes place at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, at the Hilton Naples. Register at www.napleschamber.org.

Thursday, Feb. 18. 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 CentralNaples@EmpoweredNetworking.com.

► 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. ■

MEETINGS

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cuts and foreclosures. Southwest Florida tourism was an innocent victim caught in the shrapnel of bailout politics.

The phenomenon is called the AIG Effect and Southwest Florida tourism workers wince when they speak of it. The numbers throughout the region for bookings of meetings and conventions, particularly of the business variety, are flat this season. Nevertheless, there are some indications that the market is poised for a rebound that could start by the end of this year.

The winners in the current market are groups and businesses that still want and need to meet.

"The client is in the driver's seat," said Pamela Johnson, director of sales for the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau. The agency is offering incentives to groups travelling to Lee County by rebating 5 percent of their stay. The Naples Beach Hotel in Collier County offers a similar deal to its conference visitors. Rates are dropping and hotels have practically eliminated the practice of attritions, where they would charge clients for unused rooms. "There's a lot of concessions being made to get the meetings on the books," said Ms. Johnson. "Everything is up for grabs, and the clients know it."

Expansion and contraction

Just prior to the recession and bailout problems, hoteliers throughout the area were renovating and expanding as business was booming. Just as their projects reached completion, the recession and those AIG "fat cats" reared their heads.

Recently, as Dave Walsh steered a

golf cart down the main road through South Seas Island Resort on Captiva, on osprey perched in a dried pine tree. There was a yellowtail under his talon. The bird dug its beak into the fish, tugging and shaking its head back and forth to rip away the sushi. At the end of the drive, beyond the restaurants and an ice cream parlor, a man played with his two children in the "H2Whoa!" Pool, where South Seas recently installed two water slides. Past that area, two more pools overlooked a tranquil Pine Island Sound, where dolphins and manatees often surface to the delight of guests.

Mr. Walsh's strategy to make it through these times is simple: Maintain your quality, accentuate what you offer and don't try to be everything to everyone. "We're not a convention center — it's not high-traffic events," said the South Seas sales director. "We're a retreat-style destination. People come here for the environment, to enjoy nature and not feel like they're in a hotel," he said.

Throughout the region, hotels and meeting facilities are toning down, cutting budget proposals and creating package deals. "Splashy, expensive dishes are out, while healthful, sustainable and practical meals are in," read one headline on the Meetings and Convention Web site. The Frugal Planner's Tip of the week on the industry site recommends replacing open bars with wine tastings.

The meetings that are still coming to the area aren't what they used to be. The tone of conferences has turned less playful.

"Meetings are much more meeting intensive these days," said Joe Thompson with the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point in Bonita Springs. "The days of the half day of sessions and half day

of recreation, that's gone." These days, companies are more often letting individuals pick up the tab of any extracurricular activities.

In Collier County, hotel bookings for meetings and conventions fell from 30.7 percent of all bookings in 2008 to just 19.6 percent in 2009.

The depressing statistic came just as the Naples Beach Hotel finished the long, \$18 million task of gutting and redoing every hotel room. It's also about to unveil a \$5 million renovation to its pool area.

"Those plans were already in the works. The stage was set so we went ahead," said David Tyler, marketing director at the resort. "We're looking toward the future."

The story is similar in Charlotte County, where there is a concerted effort to transform downtown into an ideal destination for small- and medium-sized groups. Two new hotels, the Wyvern and the Four Points by Sheraton, opened last year. They're both a three-minute walk away from the brand new Charlotte Harbour Event and Conference Center.

"A lot of times, hotels will say they're walking distance from a venue, then you have to walk a few miles. Here, it all really is right outside the door," said Shawn Doherty, who helps attract groups and sporting events to Charlotte County.

The 45,000-square-foot conference center and grounds more than doubles the amount of space that the old pre-Hurricane Charley center offered. The problem is, there aren't that many meetings to go around right now.

"We're waiting for the good things to happen," said Wyvern operator John Perez. "It's going to take some time. We're sitting on a good location. It's just

bad times throughout the country."

The bright side

Throughout the region, the consensus seems to be that the meetings and conferences market will return with an uptick starting toward the end of this year, then pick up throughout 2011 and 2012. There are a few promising signs. County visitors bureaus report that the number of requests for proposals they're receiving from groups wanting to book for next season is on the rise. The Lee County VCB reports having 36 requests right now. That compares with just 22 requests last year at this time.

Associations and social groups haven't curtailed their meetings the same way corporate groups have. Meeting Professionals International reports that 80 percent of U.S. meeting planners expect to keep their business in the U.S. compared with 61 percent a year ago. Meetings also tend to take place closer to home, which has local promoters focusing on attracting nearby clients.

During the past year, corporations, even those that did not receive bailout funds, learned to get work done without traveling or luxuriating. A lot of meetings have been replaced with Internet video conferences or simply cancelled.

"Technology has changed things. It's really very easy now for people to meet electronically," said Jack Wert, executive director of the visitors bureau in Collier County. Nevertheless, travel business experts are waiting for the AIG Effect to naturally wear off. They hope that as time passes there will be a softening of attitudes toward business travel that will lead to more bookings, and maybe even a few more massages and martinis. "At some point, in order to maintain relationships, you have to meet face-to-face," said Mr. Wert. ■

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Midwest auction house sets up shop in Naples

Chicago-based Leslie Hindman Auctioneers has opened at 1300 Third St. S. The full-service auction house is a key player in the global auction market, with a team of professionals conducting 40 sales a year specializing in fine jewelry and timepieces; 18th-, 19th- and 20th-century paintings, furniture and decorative arts; fine books and manuscripts; and vintage couture and accessories.

"Many of our longtime clients winter or live year round in Florida, specifically the southwest region, so Naples is an ideal location for a satellite office," says Les-

lie Hindman, president and CEO. "One of our goals is to serve our Midwestern clients' needs as well as cultivate relationships with new clients who are interested in consigning." Ms. Hindman founded the company in 1982, sold to Sotheby's in 1997 and reopened in 2003.

The Naples facility will serve as an office and event destination for regular appraisal fairs and auctions.

Gemologist Alexander Eblen will be on site Monday through Wednesday, Feb. 15-17, to review fine jewelry and timepieces and offer complimentary consulta-

tions. The public is invited to his breakfast presentation titled "Fine Jewelry and Timepieces in Today's Fluctuating Market: Current Valuations" at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15. Appointments can be scheduled for consultations with Mr. Eblen.

Kristin Vaughn and Maura Ross will oversee the auction house's Florida operations. Ms. Vaughn, a six-year Southwest Florida resident and former marketing director for the art fair organizers of International Fine Art Expositions in Bonita Springs, will lead busi-

ness development and marketing. Ms. Ross, who formerly worked with Edelman Public Relations in Washington, D.C., will head community relations in the new Florida office.

Both Ms. Ross and Ms. Vaughn will work with private collectors, museums, institutions and trust and estate professionals to coordinate appraisal services and for those who are interested in selling fine art.

For more information or to schedule an appointment with Mr. Eblen, call 643-4448. ■

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and the Goldman Sach's group "turned" Treasury Department employees, and others.

But before discarding fundamental analysis as meritless, consider that there were several economists who sounded the alarm (publicly and for the public's benefit) — Gary Shilling, Roger Cass, Marc Faber, and John Mauldin among others. Also, consider that fundamental stock analysis is the bedrock of Warren Buffett's exceptional investing, creating billions for Berkshire Hathaway investors. So fundamental analysis works... but not all the time... and not for every professional practicing it.

So beyond what technical analysis isn't, what is it? Methods for creating pictures of a financial asset. Pictures created from historical prices and trading volume. Pictures that show trend

lines around the actual historical data; circles and ellipticals; X's or O's denoting rising or falling prices; geometrical angles; numbers and letters assigned to "waves" of price advances or declines; and more.

Basically, the technician tries to find patterns and trends. The premise is that investor behavior repeats itself and, therefore, price action repeats itself... ergo price projections — short term to very long term.

Is this something new? Not at all. Technical analysis dates back to the 1800s. Most methods are over 50 years old. Four major groupings of study are: Japanese candlestick charts; Dow Theory (put forth by Charles Dow of Dow Jones); Elliott Wave theory (which ties investor extremes in optimism and pessimism to "waves" in prices); Gann theory (uses geometrical angles to divide time and price); point and figure charts (solely based on price without recordation of time); and proprietary algorithmic trading systems (commonly used by some of the best known hedge funds).

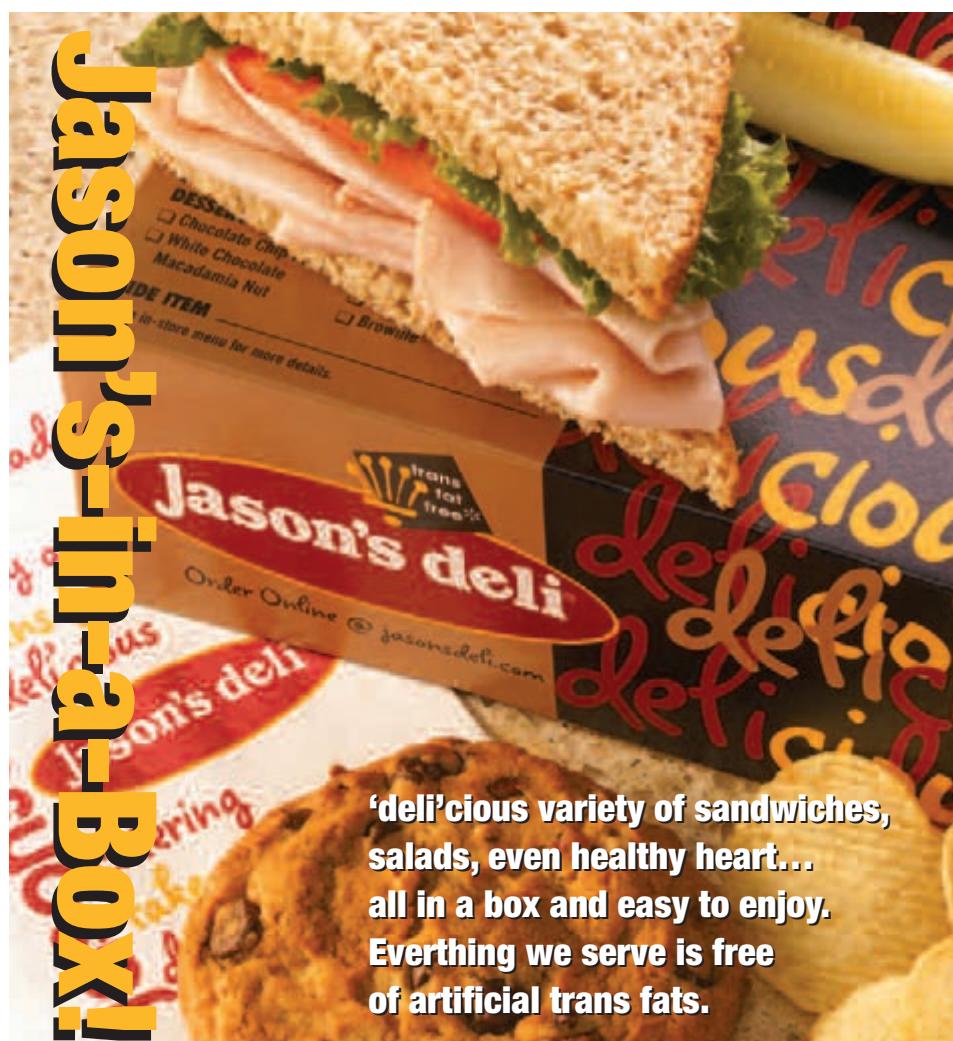
Technical advice abounds in newsletters and blogs. Some are more noteworthy, especially those who called the bear decline as early as 2007 and clearly by January 2008. (Glenn Neely; Dr McHugh; Richard Russell; and Robert Prechter.... by no means were an exhaustive list and not all perennial "bears.") Is their history of predictions stellar? For some, yes; for all, no. But what is interesting is that, in 2007/early 2008, all the fore mentioned expected the onslaught of a financial crisis of epic proportions. Something bigger than any stock market correction experienced in the past 30 years.

Most of these technical analysts called a recovery of equity prices in spring 2009 but, to them, the recent recovery in stocks from the March 2009 low "does not a bull market make." They find an amazing price parallel to other bear times and they perceive the rally as an expected bounce before resuming downward. Absolutely certain? No. Most project price movements in terms of probabilities and they have not totally ruled out a resumption of a resumption

of a bull market — just an extremely low probability is assigned to such.

Businesses want to have a glimpse at what the economy will look like and investors want to have an idea of where gains can be realized and devastating losses can be avoided. If collecting data and modeling data gets you to those two goals, then so be it. But when fundamental analysis fails (and it did so in 2008), then it is fair game to look at other methods for discerning the future. The truth is that all the study in the world does not transform an erudite analyst or a finance professor into a market savvy investor while many a technical analyst has made a fortune. So consider embracing both fundamental and technical analysis in your decision making and consider asking your advisor to review relevant charts with you. ■

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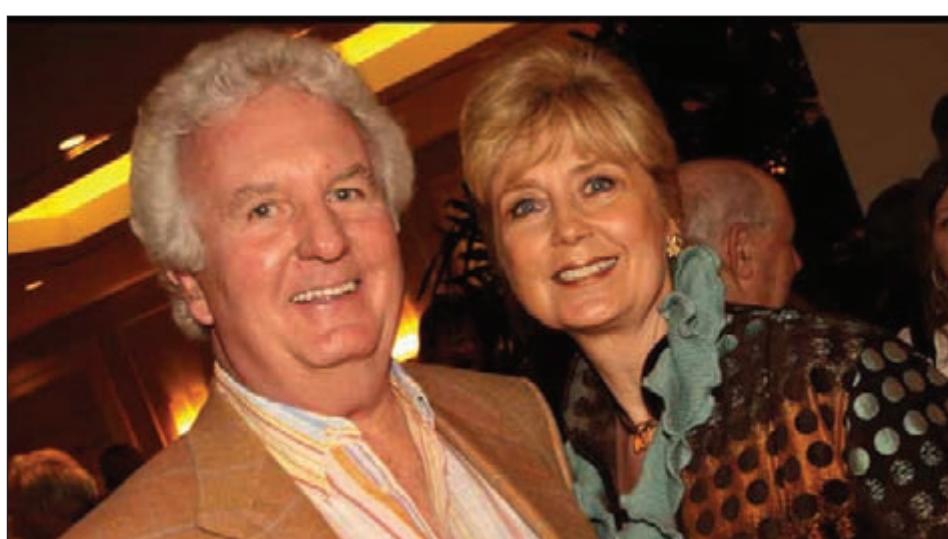
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■ Top-producing agent **Paul Fonseca** has been promoted to assistant sales manager at Weichert, Realtors on the Gulf. Mr. Fonseca, who holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and marketing, will direct agents who serve the market from the new Weichert satellite location in Fort Myers. He joined the agency in October 2008.

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and marketing, will direct agents who serve the market from the new Weichert satellite location in Fort Myers. He joined the agency in October 2008.

■ Company-wide sales and listings winners for 2009 at Downing-Frye Realty Inc. are as follows: Top Overall Agent, **Susan Heller**, in recognition of closed sales volume; Top Sales Agent, **Lauren Fowlkes**; Top Listing Agent, **Janice Gover**.

■ **Kathy Vlahovic** has joined Downing-Frye Realty Inc. as a sales associate. Originally from North Babylon, N.Y., she has more than 23 years of real estate experience in New York, New Jersey and Florida. She also worked in the travel industry as a customer service representative for El Al Israel Airlines and Northeastern and as the personal assistant to the owner of a cruise line. Ms. Vlahovic belongs to the Naples Area, Florida and National associations of Realtors.



■ **Andrea Jacobs** has joined the Old Naples office of John R. Wood Inc., Realtors as part of the Michele Harrison Team. A native Floridian, Ms. Jacobs recently relocated to Naples from the Orlando area. Prior to her career in real estate, she worked as a mortgage broker. She belongs to the Naples Area Board of Realtors and holds the Certified Short Sale Professional designation. She is in her first year of law school at Ave Maria University's School of Law and expects to receive her juris doctorate in May 2012.

JACOBS
The Mariana is the newest model to open in the exclusive enclave of Estuary at Grey Oaks. At 1280 Osprey Trail, the home by Covelli Development Group overlooks a lake, fairway and the fifth-hole green of the Estuary

■ **Chad Phipps** has joined the Uptown office of John R. Wood Inc., Realtors as part of the Patrick Dearborn Team. Mr. Phipps brings many years of Naples real estate experience to the firm. A member of the Naples Area Board of Realtors, he is the co-founder and president of the Young Professionals of Naples and serves on the board of directors for the Economic Development Council of Collier County.



■ **Rick Aurit** has joined John R. Wood Inc., Realtors in the company's Uptown office. A resident of Naples since 1963, he graduated from Florida International University with a degree in hospitality management. He also earned his captain's license from the U.S. Coast Guard and sold mega-yachts for 10 years. He belongs to the Naples Area Board of Realtors.

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Golfing magazine finds Fiddler's Creek par for the course



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Hole #4 of the Creek Course

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The Mariana: Estuary's first green-certified model

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The Mariana is the newest model to open in the exclusive enclave of Estuary at Grey Oaks. At 1280 Osprey Trail, the home by Covelli Development Group overlooks a lake, fairway and the fifth-hole green of the Estuary

championship golf course.

The Mariana has nearly 7,000 square feet of indoor living space, which includes six bedrooms and five full baths, a powder room and pool bath, a theater room, cherry-paneled library and an 1,100-bottle Malaysian mahogany wine room. State-of-the-art technologies throughout the home provide touch-of-a-button conveniences for the security system, the Crestron lighting system, controls for pool and spa and a sound system with LCD keypads.

Custom mahogany double doors open to the foyer with rotund ceiling. The

pool and golf course beyond are visible through three 13-foot arched windows of the formal living room. A floor-to-ceiling fireplace, made of white marble imported from Syria, and double-step crown molding in the tray ceiling are highlights of the living room. The formal dining room seats 10.

Spanning nearly the full width of the home, a corridor of archways and marble flooring serves as the main artery to access each wing and individual rooms.

Grandeur prevails in the open kitchen

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Lely Resort loves a parade

Stock Development, in conjunction with the CBIA, is hosting the Single-Site Parade of Homes at Lely Resort from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday through Sunday, Feb. 12-14 and 19-21. Visitors will be able to tour 33 decorated model homes in 11 neighborhoods.

Priced from the \$180,000s to more than \$1 million, the models have been built by five of the area's finest luxury home-builders: Bateman Communities, Divco Construction, Lundstrom Development, Cordoba Development and Stock Construction. Interior design has been completed by Adele Lundstrom Interiors, East Indies Home, Valentine & Stone, DDC Design, Expressions in Design, Pizzazz Interiors and Robb & Stucky.

Admission to the Parade of Homes at Lely Resort is \$5 per person. Visitors can register to win a GE Profile washer and dryer at any of the participating homes. For more information, call the CBIA at 436-6100. ■



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Pam Delaney is the newest member of the sales team at Weichert, Realtors on the Gulf in Naples. She specializes in residential sales and rentals in Lee and Collier counties and is a member of the Naples Area Board of Realtors.

Terrilyn VanGorder has joined the sales staff of South Bay Realty in



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the company's Vanderbilt Beach office. A native of Georgia, she has resided in Naples since 1995 and has worked with WCI Communities, Pulte Homes, Beazer Homes and Royal Palm Builders. She also served as director of sales and marketing for 4What Interactive, and most recently was executive director of Virtual Solutions, a provider of architectural marketing services to builders, developers and architects. South Bay Realty also welcomes Cindy Wichroski to the company's administrative staff to work on marketing, advertising and client care services. ■

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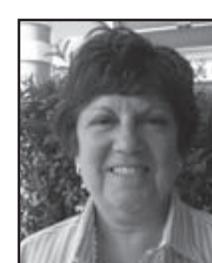
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MARIANA

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and family room arrangement, which is the heart of the home. The gourmet kitchen is equipped with two Sub-Zero

refrigerators/freezer drawers, Wolf natural gas range, Miele cappuccino maker, two Bosch dishwashers and cabinetry hand-glazed by local artisans.

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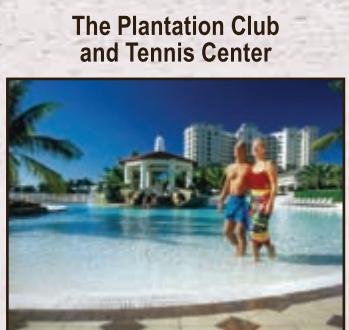
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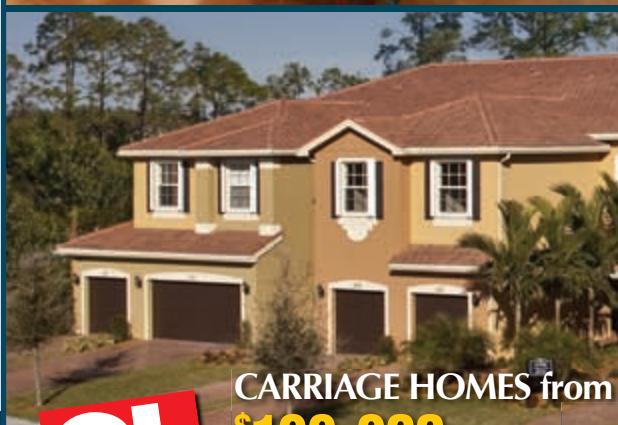
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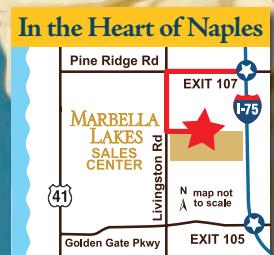
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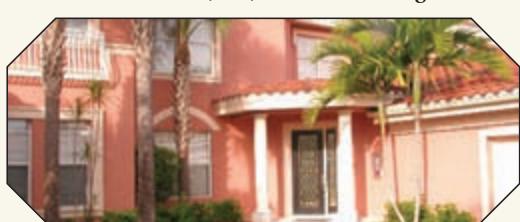
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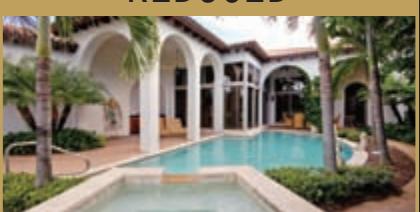
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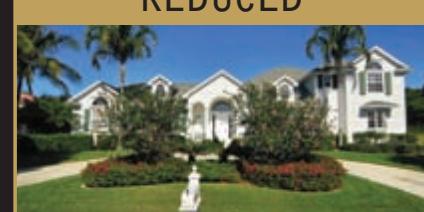
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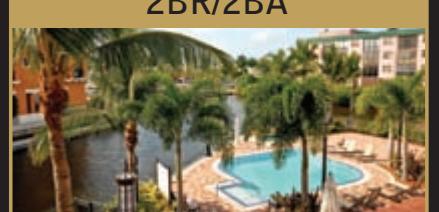
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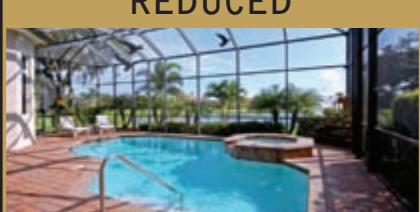
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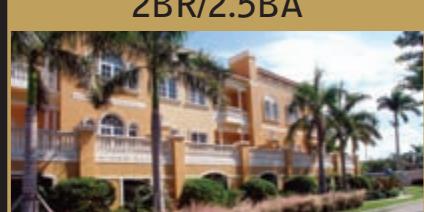
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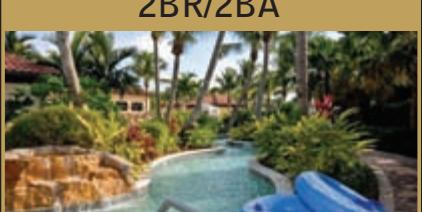
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"Our respondents report that we will continue to see increasing vacancies and decreasing rents throughout most property types," said Timothy Becker, director of UF's Bergstrom Center for Real Estate Studies. "One person summed up the situation by saying, 'Unemployed people don't need office space, don't

shop, don't pay rent and don't buy houses."

Adding to the angst is the unavailability of financing, Becker said. Respondents continue to worry about their ability to refinance existing mortgages coming due, even if they are able to meet the obligations right now, he said.

Compounding the problem in the housing market is that many adjustable

rate mortgages that were taken out five to seven years ago must soon be reset, which could increase monthly payments and throw property owners into financial peril.

Florida's unemployment rate climbed to 11.8 percent in December, its highest level since 1975, and there are concerns that it may rise even higher, he added. "Until we start seeing significant job gains, it's going to be a rough road to hoe for residential and commercial properties."

Mortgage refinancing also stands to increase the number of foreclosures in commercial real estate, the weakest sector of the market. "Many commercial property owners can still pay their mortgage based on the rents they collect, but with the terms of their mortgages ending, they will have to figure out how to get financing, and there is no financing out there."

On the positive side, the survey indicates that private investors, both foreign and domestic, are starting to "kick the tires" in many markets, and investor expectation for returns is starting to fall to more realistic levels, helping to close the spread between bidding and asking prices.

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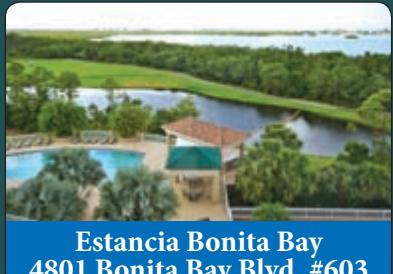


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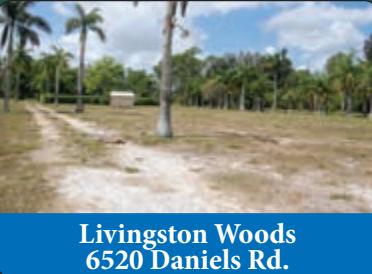
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**Marina Bay Club
13105 Vanderbilt Dr. #606**

Refurbished, 2/2 end unit, Gulf/Wiggins Pass views. \$639,000



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2102 Imperial Golf Course Blvd**

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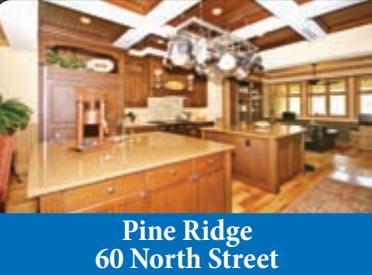
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Waterfront unit, 3/3.5, steps to Gulf/Beach, slip w/ 20K lift, \$1,429,000



**Anchorage at Vanderbilt
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Wiggins Pass views, direct Gulf access. Sharp 2/2 \$399,000



**Pine Ridge
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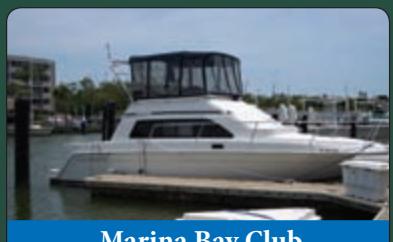
**Bay Forest, Bermuda Bay
15465 Cedarwood Ln. #303**

REFURBISHED, 2/2, Hi-Ceilings, top flr. Owner financing avail. \$254,900



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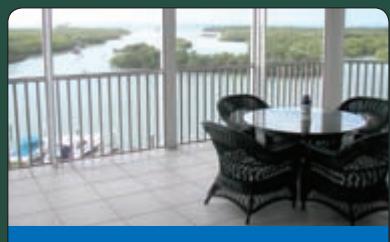
Pelican Isle I #402

Great Gulf views, 2677SF, 3/3, 2 lanais. \$949,000



Pelican Isle I #1002

2677SF, 10ft. ceilings, granite countertops, 'Views' \$1,329,000



Pelican Isle III #605

3096SF, 3Br/3.5Ba., Amazing views, Large lanais. \$1,699,000

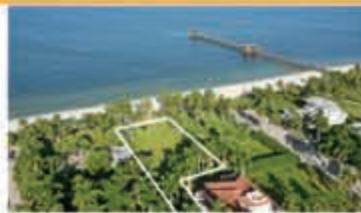


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AQUALANE SHORES ▲
2163 - 21st Ct. S. - Views of Naples Bay! No bridges to Gulf, 7,370+ total SF, 5BRs, den, media room. Pool, 2 boat lifts & 3-car garage. **\$4,995,000**
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OLD NAPLES ▲ Prime Beach Block property - 47 and 67-8th Ave. S. Three meticulously renovated cottages. Furnished with exceptions. **\$4,995,000**
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Mary Catherine/Larry White | 287-2818



AQUALANE SHORES ▲
Approx. 167' of waterfront!
58'x195'x167'x136' site with cut-in boat slip. Direct Gulf access. Older home on property. **\$2,795,000**
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AQUALANE SHORES ▲
Direct Gulf access. Building site 1 lot from Naples Bay. Deep canal, approx. 80' dock, covered slip & boat house. **\$2,795,000**
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OLD NAPLES ▲ 366 Central Ave. Elegance, up-to-date construction & quality material throughout this 3 BR + den pool home with over 5,125 total SF. **\$2,675,000** | Ruth Trettis | 403-4529



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AQUALANE SHORES

1529 - 3rd St. S. - Oversized lot, over 100' on canal, concrete seawall, dock, covered boat house. Direct Gulf access. Beach nearby. **\$1,600,000** | Virginia/Randy Wilson | 450-9090 | **NEW LISTING**

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WHARFSIDE 830 River Point Drive #4 - Situated on Naples Bay! Sunsets and long water views! Recently updated 3 bedroom townhouse. 30' boat dock included. **\$490,000** | Julie Rembos/Paula Sims | 595-1809

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195 Central Avenue - Only 1.5 blocks to beach & a short stroll to 5th Ave. shopping & dining. Lot is 76'X150' w/a total of 11,500 SF. **\$1,395,000** | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231

NAPLES BAY RESORT - THE RESIDENCES

1540 - 5th Ave. S.
#D-201-Custom-painted 3BR+den, spacious floor plan. Breathtaking water views. Marble and wood floors. **\$1,990,000** | Wendy Hayes | 777-3980
#C-211-Distinct 3BR, 2nd floor. Private elevator from A/C 2-car garage. Open granite kitchen. **\$1,845,000** | Mitch/Sandra Williams | 370-8879
#D-204-Brand new 3BR overlooking marina & restaurants. Granite kitchen, private elevator, marble bath. **\$1,445,000** | Michelle Thomas | 860-7176

BAY TERRACE 1325 - 7th Street South #3C - Spectacular direct waterfront 3BR. Expansive views, exquisitely remodeled. Very private, boat slips. **\$1,050,000** | Virginia/Randy Wilson | 450-9090

OLD NAPLES

181 - 15th Avenue South - A classic Old Naples cottage located 2 blocks from the Gulf of Mexico. Lovely 3 bedroom, 2 bath home offered as-is. **\$1,450,000** | Ruth Trettis | 403-4529

AQUALANE MANOR 320 - 14th Avenue South #C Carefree 2BR, 2BA. Walk to Gulf beaches and shopping. Deeded covered boat slip with lift. Turnkey furnished. **\$799,000** | Ruth Trettis | 403-4529

NAPLES BAY RESORT - THE HOTEL 1500-5th Ave. S. #342 - Top floor 2 BR 2 BA villa suite with southern exposure. Private corner porch with marina view. Turnkey furnished. **\$785,000** | Michelle Thomas & Cathy Owen | 860-7176

#A322 - Quiet, top floor 2 bedroom, 2 bath (whirlpool soaking tub) on end location. Sunset water and dock views. **\$695,000** | Mitch/Sandra Williams | 370-8879

#360 - Brand new waterfront resort, 2BR/2BA hotel condominium with upscale furnishings. First class amenities. Turnkey. **\$629,000** | Linda Piat | 269-2322

TIFFANY COURT 1071 - 8th Street South #202 - Second floor, 3BR to include new carpet, crown moldings & baseboards. Bathrooms updated. **\$669,000** | Cindy Thompson | 860-6513

NAPLES BAY RESORT - THE COTTAGES 975 Sandpiper Street #A-104 - Beautiful decorator furnished 2BR/2BA condominium. Resort amenities. Near shops, dining, and beach. Weekly rentals. **\$600,000** | Michelle Thomas | 860-7176

1571 Bonita Lane Court - Priced to sell! Exciting opportunity to build your dream home on this vacant lot. Waterway views from backyard. **\$599,000** | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420

WARWICK 280 - 2nd Avenue South - Two blocks to beach, near restaurants & shops. Beautifully renovated in 2007, 2BR+den, large glass-enclosed porch. **\$598,000** | Cindy Thompson | 860-6513

THE PIERRE CLUB 1222 Gordon Drive #11 | **OPEN SUN. 1-4** Steps to beach, shops & dining. Unique townhouse, extensive renovations, large master suite, granite kitchen. **\$549,900** | Virginia/Randy Wilson | 450-9090

THE PIERRE CLUB 1222 Gordon Drive #20 - Walk to 3rd Street shops, restaurants, Naples Pier, and white-sand beaches. Furnished. **\$499,000** | Lodge McKee | 592-3358

NAPLES BAY RESORT - THE COTTAGES

1025 Sandpiper Street #E-205 - Turnkey furnished, 2BR with 1,426 total SF. Screened private balcony & walkways that lead to water's edge. **\$449,500** | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420

BEAUMER 803 River Point Drive #307-B - Totally and beautifully updated 2BR furnished residence. Awesome kitchen, tile floors, & updated bathroom. **\$299,000** | Jeri Richey | 269-2203

VILLAGE GREEN - GARDENIA COURT - 520 - 12th Avenue South - Garden/pool views, 5 blocks to Gulf, 2 blocks to shops & dining. Nice and clean 2BR. **\$265,500** | Beth Hayhoe McNichols | 821-3304

ROYAL HARBOR

1303 Cobia Court - Over 4,600 total SF and 4 BRs, 142' of seawall, large dock & 2-boat lifts. Direct access to the Gulf (no bridges). **\$1,200,000** | Isabella Edwards | 564-4080 | **OPEN SUN. 1-4**

ROYAL HARBOR AREA

GOLDEN SHORES - VARESE 1601 Curlew Ave. #1601 Custom, like new 3BR/3BA "en suite" plus 1/2 bath. Large built-in spa on terrace overlooking personal dock & canal. **\$929,000** | Ann M. Nunes | 860-0949

FOUR WINDS 1200 Blue Point Avenue #A-2 - Lovely view to Bay, 3BRs, renovated/expanded kitchen, newer A/C, fresh paint, docks for lease. **\$399,000** | Kathy Morris | 777-8654

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NAPLES BAY RESORT- THE RESIDENCES ▲ Gorgeous 3-story custom villa. Wood flooring, chiseled marble, fireplace, 3 bedrooms plus den. Breathtaking views. **\$1,995,000** | Wendy Hayes | 777-3960



BEACH BUNGALOWS ▲ This 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath plus den villa has over 2,500 sq. ft. of living, private heated pool. Ceramic/wood floors. **\$1,990,000**
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11TH AVENUE SOUTH ▲ Contributing structure in National Register Historic District. Two-story cottage; heart pine floors, & guest house. **\$1,795,000** | Lodge McKee | 592-3358



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4TH STREET SOUTH ▲ Florida cottage offers 3BRs plus den and a separate living area in a peaceful, tropical setting. Close to beach. **\$1,495,000**
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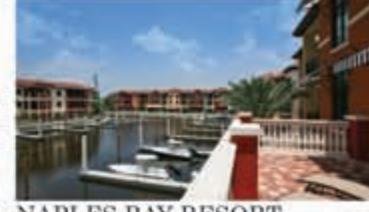
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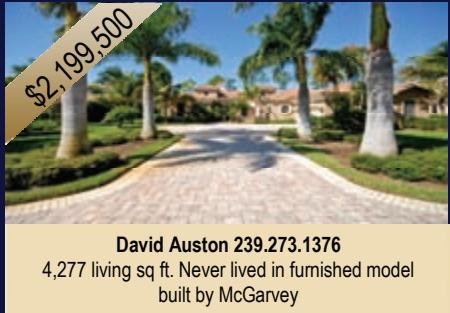
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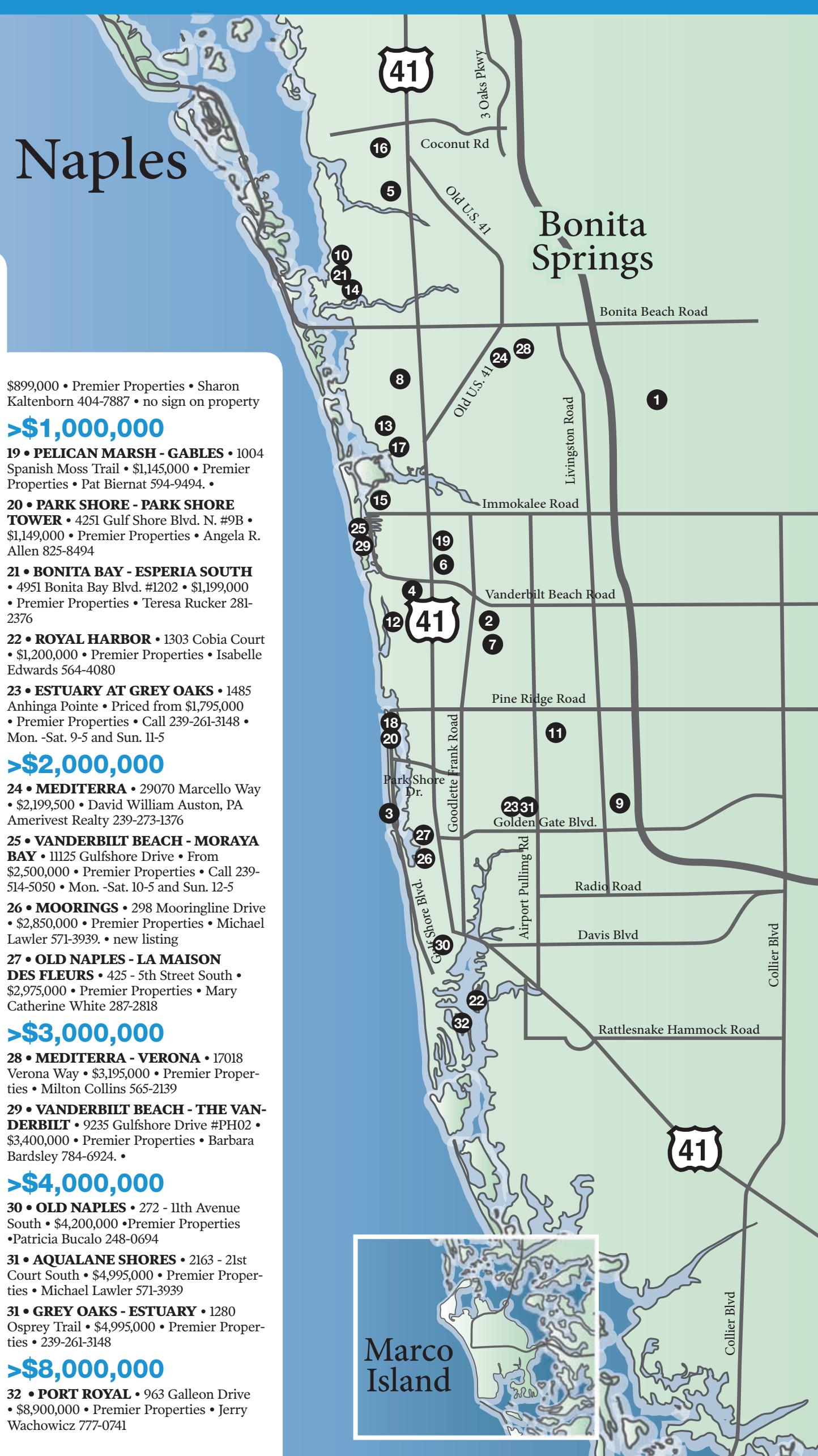
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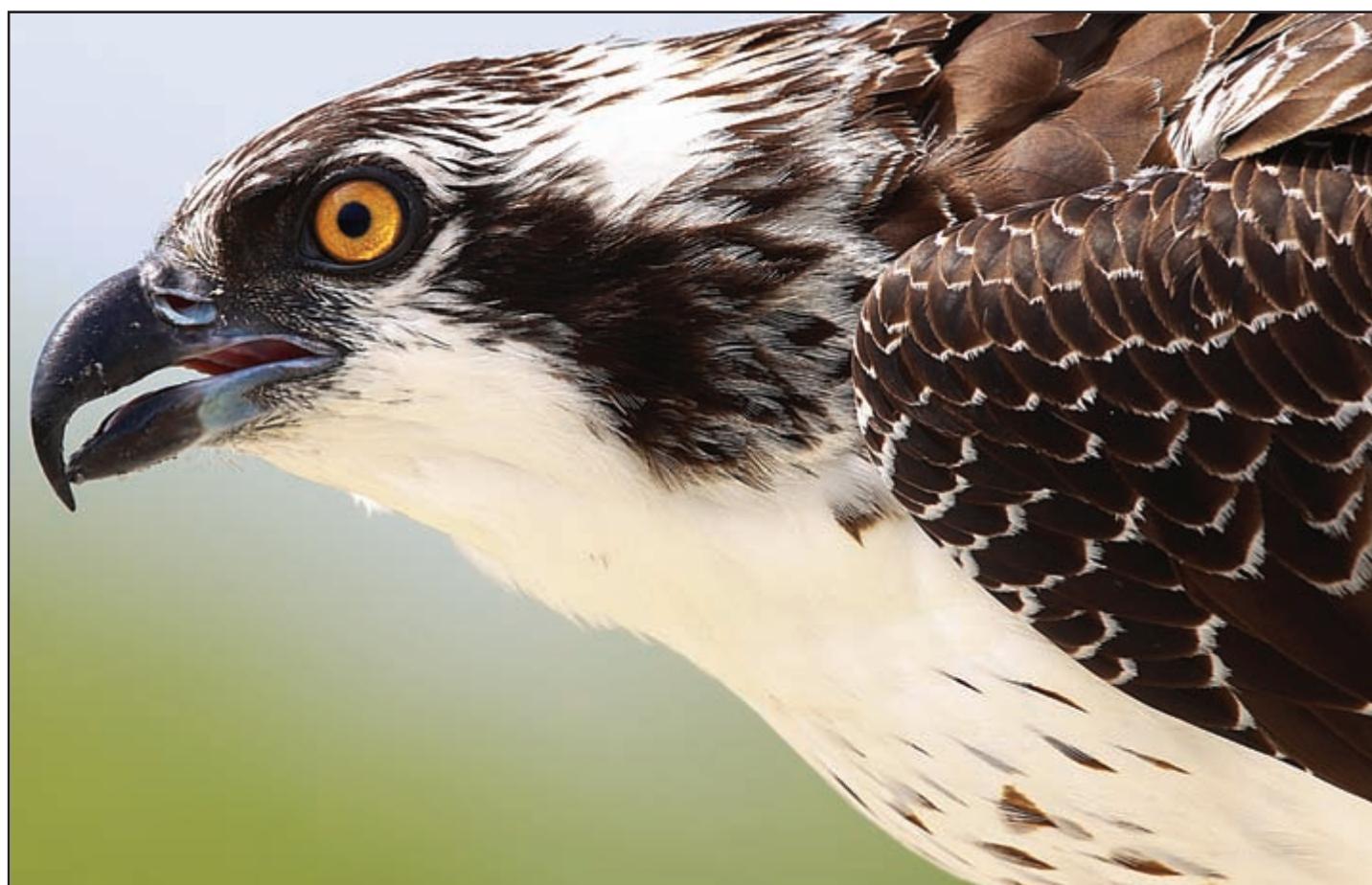
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A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE

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Photographer **Dennis Goodman** takes center stage at downtown's Art in the Park



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BY KELLY MERRITT

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The untamed world of the Florida Everglades is a mysterious, magical place. To capture one of the Earth's most precious resources on film is to help preserve it for future generations, and that is one of photographer Dennis Goodman's primary goals.

Mr. Goodman is the featured artist at Art in the Park coming up from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, in Cambier Park next to The von Liebig Art Center. The monthly art exhibit and sale showcases works by members of the Naples Art Association.

SEE GOODMAN, C4 ▶

'Transitions' exhibit reflects artist's journey with ovarian cancer

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Art Modern Gallery holds an opening reception for "Transitions," a solo exhibition of works by Stella Farwell, from 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6. A portion of all proceeds from art sales on opening night will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

The artist, who will attend the reception, attributes her influence for the exhibition in part to her journey with ovarian cancer. While side effects of chemotherapy and radiation treatments have altered some of her plans, the



COURTESY IMAGE

Calm Waters, Stella Farwell

challenge has stretched her creativity to find new methods and materials to

express her ideas. The result is an array of bold organic forms in brilliant colors.

Formally trained in both fine and commercial art, Ms. Farwell attributes her broad spectrum of materials to her unique look and style. Her moving shapes and biometric compositions allow the viewer to interact with her artwork.

With "Transitions," she hopes to raise awareness of ovarian cancer, which statistics say one in every 58 women will contract. "Ovarian cancer is a very

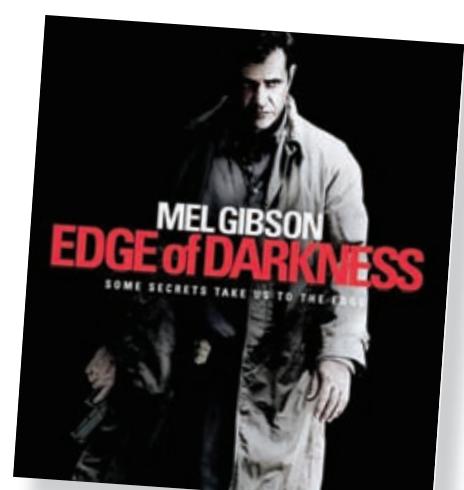
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Antiques expert Terry Kovel says paper cut-work messages were all heart. **C30 ▶**

SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

Love in the era of the textationship

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In our modern, technophile society, we've equated technological advances with progress. How else to classify an application like Facebook that lets us stalk our exes without them knowing? Or YouTube, where the drunken videos of your bachelorette party can be uploaded and stored for posterity (and potential employers)?

Technology has become so integrated in our lives that we've even introduced it into our relationships. So much so, in fact, that AT&T has published a Dating Textionary to help define the terms used in a textationship ("a relationship based solely on texting"). Some of the best ones include: BlasText, which is when someone sends a late-night booty call to multiple people, hoping one of them will take the romantic bait; Mistext, when a text message meant for one person is mistakenly sent to someone else (as when, over the Christmas holidays, I wrote a text for a love interest that began "Big sexy man" and went on from there, then accidentally sent it to my best friend); and Text Away Your Dignity, which is pretty much self-explanatory.

In fact, I think a lot of us have gotten caught up in texting away our dignity. When we're hidden behind the veil

of distance and digitally produced sentiment, it's easy to confess things we'd otherwise keep to ourselves (AT&T calls this textibitionism). Contrarily, there is also an element of dishonesty to texting, a sort of built-in passive-aggression, that lets people be less than forthright in their 160 characters. Sure, it eliminates a certain amount of awkwardness, like the sting of rejection, say, but it also allows people to give less than 100 percent.

For instance, a good friend of mine who is petite and fiery and beautiful has been in an on-again, off-again fling with a man who works at her restaurant. She hesitates to call what they have a relationship and prefers the term "friends with benefits" instead. It's fraught with texting, whatever it is. When he's interested in late-night action, he sends her a message. When she's feeling the same, she'll send him one back. The exchange is easy, uncomplicated, and ultimately doomed. Lately, her texts have gone unanswered, or he'll reply after several days. She's left in the lurch, wondering if her message went through. But of course, in situations like these, it's not the technology that's the problem, but our own human frailties.

The truth is, textationships are based on cowardice. They're for people who don't have the gumption to ask someone out in person, who don't have the wherewithal to withstand rejection. No one likes being

turned down, especially not face-to-face. But it builds character, in a way. It certainly builds confidence. It teaches people how to dust off and get back in



"Which lets people like my friend's boy toy off the hook too easily. Texting doesn't demand explanations...."

the game. When relationships are based on texting, there's hardly a let down, and there's rarely a direct confrontation. Which lets people like my friend's boy toy off the hook too easily. Texting doesn't demand explanations.

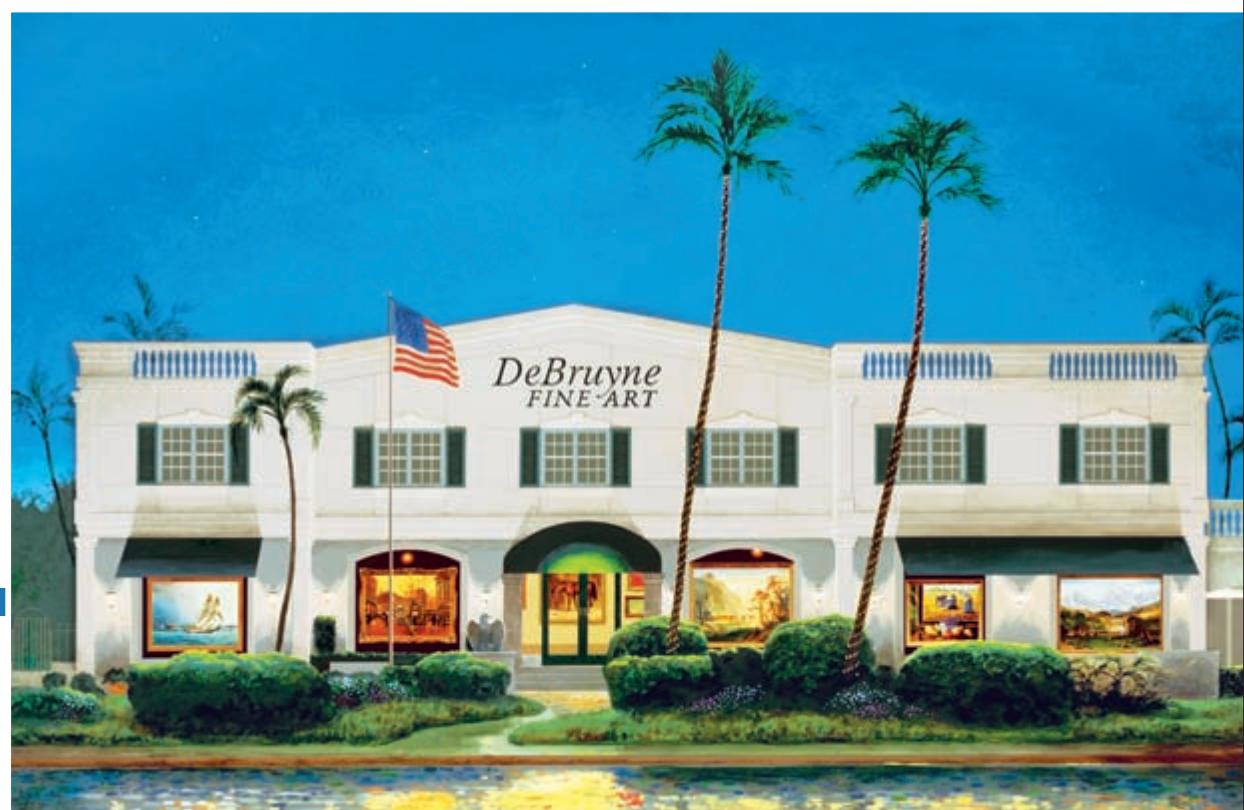
Not to say texting has no part in a relationship. But there's a world of communication that exists between the cell phone and the bedroom. Perhaps we'd all do well to be a little less textual. ■

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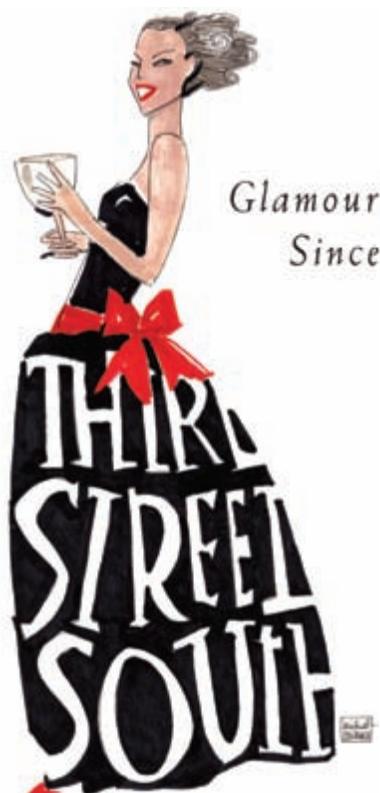
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GOODMAN

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Mr. Goodman often takes entire days to explore the vast swampland of the 'Glades, hunting for the perfect photographic opportunity. "You never know what you're going to capture or learn while you're deep in the swamp," he says.

Amidst an abundance of plants and wildlife, he sees something different through his lens on every adventure. He often focuses on details, such as the "faces" of majestic dragonflies, "creatures that up close look like they are smiling at you."

In addition to the artistic value of his photography, he is helping to chronicle changes in the Everglades landscape brought on by hurricanes, pollution and other forces both natural and manmade.

Inspired by the natural beauty in nature, his journey has become a spiritual expedition as well. "The connection I have when I am in the Everglades is indescribable," he says. "It's as if you're in a lost, prehistoric world that has been untouched and preserved."

Through his photographs, Mr. Goodman hopes to help people realize the importance of preserving the wetlands and the Everglades as God intended them to be for future generations to come.

Mr. Goodman moved to Naples in 1985 from his hometown of St. Paul, Minn., and ran his own property management business for many years. Although he has been photographing in the Everglades for more than 20 years, he only recently began to pursue photography fulltime.

To those who have never been in the swamplands, the Everglades can seem like a scary place, but Mr. Goodman says many places offer easy access for excellent nature watching. He recommends the boardwalk at Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, which takes visitors deep into the cypress forest. And on guided park tours in the Fakahatchee Strand near Everglades City, he adds, one can spot all manner of birds, flowers and rare orchids.

Photographic treks into the swamp are a family affair for Mr. Goodman; his two young daughters love exploring with their father. "We call my 9-year-old, Kayla, 'the bug whisperer' because she loves rubber grasshoppers and they always seem to find her," he says. Kayla and her younger sister, Madisyn, both have a deep respect for nature, he adds.

For his part in helping to conserve Southwest Florida's vibrant landscape, Mr. Goodman is a volunteer animal rescuer (and documenting photographer) for the Conservancy of Southwest Florida.

Being chosen as the February artist for Art in the Park is an honor,



COURTESY PHOTO/ TERRY CANTRELL
Dennis Goodman



DENNIS GOODMAN PHOTOS



Three, Stella Farwell

TRANSITIONS

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tricky disease to identify," she says. "There are no tests for early detection and the symptoms are similar to many illnesses. Women should be aware of the possibility and get regular check-ups because it is difficult to diagnose the disease until its late stages. If this effort could help spare one person from going through my experience, I would be very glad."

Some of her works in "Transitions" are definitely influenced by her ovarian cancer journey. The work "Standing

"Free" encompasses facing up to the disease. "Cooperation" incorporates paper that was handmade by a fellow cancer survivor. "Calm Waters" is Ms. Farwell's interpretation of accepting the challenge and finding a way through. "Endless Chains of Hope" relays the message that hope is essential to surviving the disease, and "Ups and Downs" signifies the roller coaster of emotions every patient experiences on the journey.

Art Modern Gallery is at 824 Fifth Ave. S., in the breezeway across from Bistro 821. "Transitions" will hang through Feb. 20.

Regular gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday. For more information, call 263-1137 or visit www.artmoderngallery.com. ■

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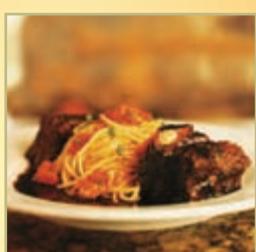
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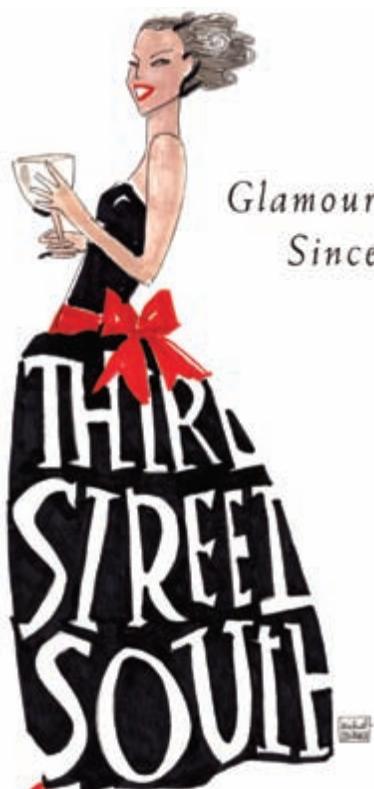


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Capri, A Taste of Italy – Thursday: Jebry's Jazz Jam; Friday: Manhattan Connection; Saturday: Frank Sinatra; Monday: Bob Zottola and The Expandable Jazz Band; Tuesday: karaoke with Steve Roberts; Wednesday: Carla Valenti. Riverchase Plaza, 11140 Tamiami Trail. 594-3500.

Fitzgerald's Famous Pub – Country and bluegrass music every Saturday. 9070 Bonita Beach Road. 949-2111.

Fred's Diner – Monday: Gino from 5:30-8:30 p.m.; Wednesday: Singer Songwriter Night hosted by Tim McGahey at 7 p.m.; Thursday and Saturday: Jazz vocalist Jess; Friday: The Laws. 2700 Immokalee Road. 239-431-7928.

Jack's Bait Shack – Thursday: Soapy Tuna; Friday and Saturday: Diane Russell Band; Tuesday: Geek Skwad; Wednesday: Love Funnel. 975 Imperial Golf Course Blvd. 594-3460.

Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club – Thursday and Monday: Kevin Bruce; Friday and Tuesday: Barefoot Geno; Saturday and Wednesday: Don Ortiz. All from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Sunset Beach Bar. Sunday: High Voltage poolside from 6-9 p.m. 851 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. 659-4309.

Paddy Murphy's – Thursday: Justin; Friday: Barefoot Geno; Saturday and Tuesday: Maxi Courtney; Monday: Patrick. 457 Fifth Ave. S. 649-5140.

Riverwalk at Tin City – Thursday: John Lowbridge; Friday: Merril; Saturday and Sunday: Sal DeSantis. 1200 Fifth Ave. S. 263-2734.

The Island Pub – 5-8 p.m. Monday: Jebry's Jazz Jam; 6-9 p.m. Saturday: Jebry's Dance Trio. 600 Neapolitan Way. 262-2500.

The Pickled Parrot – Thursday: Nevada Smith; Friday: Steve Hill; Saturday: Maxi Courtney. On the boardwalk at 1100 Sixth Avenue South. 435-7900.

South Street City Oven and Grill – Thursday: Open Mic Night; Friday: Maxi Courtney at 5:30 p.m. and Justin Raymond at 9:30 p.m.; Saturday: Ocean Roads; Sunday: Live reggae with Spread the Dub; Monday: Meagan Rose; Tuesday: Karaoke; Wednesday: P.A. Trick. 1410 Pine Ridge Road. 435-9333.

This week's theater

Mauritius – By The Naples Players in the Tobe Studio at the Sugden Community Theatre at 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sundays through Feb. 27. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

Magic Comedy – Razzle Dazzle Magic Comedy Theater is offered every Friday and Saturday through Feb. 13 at the Tuscan Showroom at The

Inn of Naples. (866) 468-7630.

Murder on ze Menu – On the Murder Mystery Dinner Train on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. 275-8487 or www.semgulf.com.

Glorious – By Theatre Conspiracy at the Foulds Theater in Fort Myers on select dates starting Feb. 5. 936-3239.

George M! – At Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre in Fort Myers through Feb. 14. www.BroadwayPalm.com or 278-4422.

Are We There Yet? – At Off Broadway Palm Theatre in Fort Myers through March 7. 278-4422.

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

Symphony

Symphony Sounds – The Southwest Florida Symphony performs "Hot Rhythms & Sweet Swing" Friday and Saturday at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall in Fort Myers. 418-1500.

Thursday, Feb. 4

One-Woman Show – "Mary Todd Lincoln: The First Woman They Called Crazy" at 7 p.m. at the Norris Center. \$12. 213-3058.

Tim Conway – The Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall in Fort Myers welcomes Tim and Friends at 7:30 p.m. The show also stars Chuck McCann and Louise DuArt. 481-4849.

Rural Genius – James Johann returns to the Off The Hook Comedy Club on Marco Island today and Friday. www.offthehookcomedy.com.

Trunk Show – Donna Carty's latest jewelry designs are showcased at a trunk show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Figge Conservatory at the Naples Museum of Art.

Acoustic Duo – Jeni and Billy perform at 2 p.m. at the Collier County South Regional Library. 252-7542.

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



COURTESY PHOTO

Donato Colucci stars as The Great Gorgonzola as part of "Razzle Dazzle," a multi-act evening of magic and theater for the whole family at the Inn of Naples on Friday and Saturday evenings through Feb. 13. Call (866) 468-7630.



COURTESY PHOTO

Harmon-Meek Gallery presents "Adventures in France & Italy," an exhibit of works by Bob Kane, through Feb. 12. This is Mr. Kane's 24th annual show at the Naples gallery at 599 Ninth St N. For more information, call 261-2637 or visit www.harmonmeekgallery.com. Above is Quick Before It Melts by Bob Kane.

Village Nights – The Villages on Venetian Bay hosts Village Nights from 6-9 p.m., featuring live entertainment plus waterfront shopping and dining. 261-6100.

Raku Evening – A Taste of Raku Art Evening is set for 6-9 p.m. at the Rosen Gallery and Studios. Enjoy a pottery-filled evening of glazing, socializing and firing. \$43 per person. Reservations: 821-1061.

Trunk Shows – Marissa Collections hosts a jewelry trunk show by House of Lavande today and Saturday and fashion trunk show by Jules Reid today. Call for times and reservations: 263-4333.

Friday, Feb. 5

First Friday – Mercato hosts its First Friday concert and Neighbors Helping Neighbors from 6-10 p.m.

Seafood Fest – One of Southwest Florida's longest-running traditions, the Everglades Seafood Festival, returns for three days of food, music, carnival rides and shopping in Everglades City. 695-4100.

Shell Show – The annual Bonita Beach Shell Club Show and Sale takes place today through Sunday. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday at the Bonita Beach Club, 5700 Bonita Beach Road. 994-2774.

Jam Session – Bayshore Landing reopens at 2700 Bayshore Dr. with a jam session for acoustic musicians from 7-10 p.m. 465-9117. \$5 cover.

Free Music – The Bunche Band performs from 6-8 p.m. at Miromar Outlets in Estero. 948-3766.

More Free Music – Gulf Coast Town Center presents the Ron and Tommy Duo at 8 p.m. in Market Plaza. 267-0783 or gulfcoasttowncenter.com.

Saturday, Feb. 6

Fast Cars – The Ferrari Club of Naples Car Show takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. along Fifth Avenue South as a benefit for Eden Autism Services of Florida. 919-6510.

Art in the Park – Naples' oldest outdoor art festival celebrates its 53rd season by showcasing artwork from Naples Art Association members from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Cambier Park. 262-6517.

Shakespeare Lecture – Paul Rathburn, professor emeritus of English literature at the University of Notre Dame, presents "Cymbeline," the second event in the lecture series "Shakespearian Adventures: The Final Romances" at 10 a.m. 597-1900.

Fashion Obsession – A benefit fashion show and fashion history lecture take place from 1:30-5:30 p.m. at Miromar Design Center in Estero.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Cost is \$50. 390-8207 or www.MiromarDesignCenter.com.

Music Workshops — Clay Hess, Ronnie Stewart and Jarrod Walker hold workshops from 2-4 p.m. at Bayshore Landing. Jon Garon of My Favorite Guitars is partially underwriting a meal to be included with the workshops. 465-9117.

Pickin' and Grinnin' — The Bluegrass All-Stars perform from 7:30-10 p.m. at the Norris Center. \$15. 213-3049.

Free Music — Cracker Blues perform classic rock beginning at 8 p.m. in Market Plaza at Gulf Coast Town Center. 267-0783 or gulfcoasttowncenter.com.

Sunday, Feb. 7

Israeli Dancers — The Galim Dance Company, from the south shore of the Sea of Galilee in Israel, presents a show for the whole family to enjoy at 2 p.m. at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall in Fort Myers. 481-4849.

Outdoor Tunes — The Bonita Springs Concert Band performs at 2 p.m. at Riverside Park on Old 41. www.bonitaspringsconcertband.com.

Flute Concert — Trinity-by-the-Cove Episcopal Church presents a free concert of music for flute and organ by Italian virtuosos Mariella Mochi and Luke Magni at 4 p.m. 262-6581, ext. 207.

Monday, Feb. 8

Art Class — Take a class from a master artist Christopher Leeper today through Wednesday at The von Liebig Art Center. 262-6517.

Style Sessions — Marissa Collections hosts style sessions offering



COURTESY PHOTO

Harry Connick Jr. performs at the Barbara B. Mann Hall in Fort Myers on Feb. 11.

directions and suggestions for clothing for differing body types. 687-1148 for times and details.

Tuesday, Feb. 9

Special Exhibit — The Patty & Jay Baker Naples Museum of Art is showcasing works by three contemporary artists in an exhibition titled "People, Places and Things: The Art of Ben Aronson, Joel Babb and Alec Soth" through April 18. 597-1900.

Wednesday, Feb. 9

Concert Duo — The Art League of Bonita Springs presents Live at the Promenade!... Kat Epple "Magic, Travels, Stories, Moods and the Power of Music" at 7:30 p.m. at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. Flutist/composer Kat Epple and pianist/composer Chuck Grinnell perform music from around the world. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Stage Show — Danny and the Juniors perform at 7 p.m. at the Off the Hook Comedy Club on Marco Island. Tickets: \$55, dinner and show package. www.offthehookcomedy.com.

Art Lecture — Stephen May, independent scholar, writer and lecturer on art, presents the illustrated lecture "Arthur Dove and Helen Torr: Modernist Couple Extraordinaire" at 10 a.m. in the Daniels Pavilion at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900.

Upcoming events

Crooner — Harry Connick Jr. performs Feb. 11 at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall in Fort Myers. 481-4849.

Free Concert — Florida Gulf Coast University Bower School of Music's Wind Orchestra performs a free concert with guest conductor Jean-Philippe Allard at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 11 in the Student Union ballroom. 590-7188.

Musical Evening — The Art League of Bonita Springs presents Live at the Promenade!... "98 Strings Plus" at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. Enjoy harpist Dickie Fleisher and an all-star line-up of musicians performing classical music. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Sinatra Project — Singer-pianist Michael Feinstein brings his new album "The Sinatra Project" to the Philharmonic Center for the Arts Feb. 13. 597-1900.

Bluegrass Jam — "Jammin' in the Hammock" takes place from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 13-14 at Collie Seminole State Park.

Art Fest — The fourth annual Coconut Point Art Festival takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 13 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 14 at Coconut Point in Estero. www.artfestival.com, info@artfestival.com or (954) 472-3755.

Big Boy Toys — Germain Arena hosts the Big Boy Expo Feb. 13-14. www.germainarena.com.

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NONPROFIT NEWS

Reception honors Baby Basics volunteers

Baby Basics of Collier County, a volunteer-run organization that provides and distributes free diapers to children from low-income working families, recently honored 25 of its most dedicated volunteers a private cocktail reception given in their name.

Baby Basics was one of three winners of a 2010 Diamond Volunteer Award. Kelly Capolino organized the awards program last year as a way to recognize volunteers in the community. The reception for Baby Basics was held in a model home in Mediterra provided by Nelson and Sandy

Bordeaux of Bordeaux Homes.

"The Diamond Volunteer Award encourages the positive impact we all have when we give back to our community," Mr. Bordeaux says. "We salute the efforts of the volunteers in our area and recognize them as leaders who make a positive impact on the lives of others. We are very excited to have been part of the program honoring Baby Basics."

Baby Basics gives out diapers, a costly but basic necessity, to more than 230 infants and toddlers in Collier County and Bonita Springs. Beyond these essentials,

volunteers provide a supportive atmosphere of kindness and caring that gives struggling, hard-working families a feeling of hope, a sense of belonging and a support network for the opportunity to succeed.

"I was really impressed with the care and attention that these volunteers have in creating a nurturing and loving environment," Ms. Capolino says. "It was an honor for me to be able to present these dedicated volunteers with this award... They give so much to help families in need."

Jean Ann Lynch, founder and president of Baby Basics, accepted the award on behalf of all the Baby Basics volunteers. The award read: "Through their efforts and dedication, hundreds of babies are given comfort. Through their efforts, diapers and kindness are provided to low-income working families. Through their efforts, families find true compassion."

Mrs. Lynch said volunteers are "the heart and soul of Baby Basics"

For more information about making a donation or becoming part of the Baby Basics volunteer corps, call 352-4310 or visit www.babybasicscollier.org. ■



COURTESY PHOTOS
Kelly Capolino and Jean Ann Lynch



Selma Flieder, Paul and Mary O'Connor, Connie Marsocci

Grant makes reduced tuition a reality for kids in Creative Dramatics program

The Art League Marco Island's Center for the Arts has received a \$1,000 grant from the Scripps Howard Foundation Volunteer Grant Program. The funds will allow the center to offer its Creative Dramatics program to students in grades one through six for \$30 per student for a four-week session. The program is designed to stimulate imagination, build acting skills and increase self-confidence through theater games, reading and writing exercises, monologues and character development.

Research shows that children of all economic means who participate in theater programs build reading and writing skills, character education and creativity and are more motivated than children who are not exposed to this type of art form.

The next session at the Center for the Arts will run from 3:15-4:15 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 18-May 13. Participants sign up for four sessions at a time. Irene Horowitz, director of educational outreach for the Gulfshore Playhouse ART SMART Theatre Education Project, will instruct Creative Dramatics. A teacher, actor and director for many years, Ms. Horowitz founded the David A. Boody Performing Arts Company in New York City and established outreach partnerships with organizations including Lincoln Center Theatre, City Center Theatre, Joseph Papp Shakespeare Festival and The Manhattan Theatre Club.

For more information or to register, call the art league at 394-4221 or visit www.marcoislandart.com. ■

Big Brothers Big Sisters recruiting new mentors for kids

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Florida has named Toby Buerger its community mentor manager for Collier County. Mr. Buerger is a graduate of Johnson and Wales University.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Florida, a United Way agency, has been bringing caring adults into the lives of children for 35 years. The agency

currently has nearly 500 mentoring matches in Collier, Lee and Charlotte Counties and is seeking additional mentors to pair with children in its "Bigs In School" and "Bigs In Community" programs.

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GIVING

Generous hearts will help 11-year-old heart patient at Mercato First Friday

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February is the month of love, a time to celebrate loved ones with tokens of affection that often come in the form of chocolate hearts. It is also a time to recognize heart awareness — not only the health of hearts, but hearts in the sense of giving back.

As the nation's economy takes steps to regain its footing, the ranks of those who need a helping hand are greater than ever in recent history.

To address some of those needs on a local level, Neighbors Helping Neighbors formed a partnership with the philanthropic iWannahelp.net. Last October, NHN was introduced as part of the monthly Mercato First Friday event. The organizations share a vision to raise awareness and funds for individuals in our community who have substantial medical costs due to lifesaving surgeries and treatments — some reaching into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. None have medical insurance.

Mercato First Fridays provides an ideal platform for Neighbors Helping Neighbors. The restaurateurs and retailers at Mercato are pleased to be part of this compassionate endeavor in step with the mission of iWannahelp.net."

Each month, NHN raises thousands of dollars for one individual who is struggling with medical expenses.

With hearts in mind, Donte Walkins has been chosen as February's NHN recipient. The 11-year-old Naples boy has been diagnosed with congenital hypoplastic left heart syndrome, a disease that occurs when parts of the left side of the heart (mitral valve, left ventricle aortic valve and aorta) do not develop completely.

On March 12 last year, Donte underwent a life-saving heart transplant at Jackson



WALKINS

Memorial Hospital in Miami. According to the Children's Organ Transplant Association, the cost of the transplant exceeded \$500,000.

"He's in school now and has learned how to ride his bike," says Dion Walkins, Donte's father, who works as a handyman. It's been a long battle for the family, with Donte in and out of hospitals since birth. His condition causes a lack of oxygen. "It's great to not see his fingertips and lips blue anymore," he father says.

Donte enjoys the same typical things as other kids his age: watching TV, reading and playing video games. His father credits the family's love and support with helping keep Donte's spirits up. "He's a great kid," he says.

The close family will need to draw on that strength going forward, as his doctors expect Donte will need another operation in 10 years.

The 501(c)(3) nonprofit iWannahelp.net is a networking site designed to streamline philanthropic efforts and provide an Internet-based home for nonprofits, businesses and the general public. The Web site contains information about local charitable events and allows interested parties the opportunity to get involved and give back.

Registration is free, and members have access to make tax-deductible donations online, offer in-kind services, set up sponsorships or nominate persons in need.

Everyone is invited to join the festivities at First Friday from 6-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at Mercato. Shops and restaurants throughout the center will have beverage and food specials, in-store drawings and more, with proceeds going to iWannahelp.net on behalf of Donte.

Mercato First Friday is open to the community free of charge. Free parking is also provided. A residential and commercial development of The Lutgert Companies, Mercato is on the east side of U.S. 41 north of Vanderbilt Beach Road. For more information, call 403-2204 or visit www.mercatoshops.com. ■

Senior Expo set for Golden Gate Community Center

Collier County's Public Services Division hosts the 2010 Senior Expo from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, at the Golden Gate Community Center.

Public Services Division departments will participate in addition to community nonprofit groups and outside agencies with information about everything for seniors, from free medical assessments to assisted living communities.

Representatives from Domestic Animal Services will educate seniors about volunteer and pet adoption opportunities. Housing and Human Services staff will be

on hand with information about services available to those who are homebound and the free congregate meal program for mobile seniors. Experts will also be available to explain Medicare benefits and insurance coverage options. Additionally, the Retired Senior Volunteer Program director will invite seniors to get involved in their community by volunteering at their choice of 600 local organizations.

Collier County Parks and Recreation hosts the Senior Expo every year. For more information, call the Golden Gate Community Center at 252-4180. ■

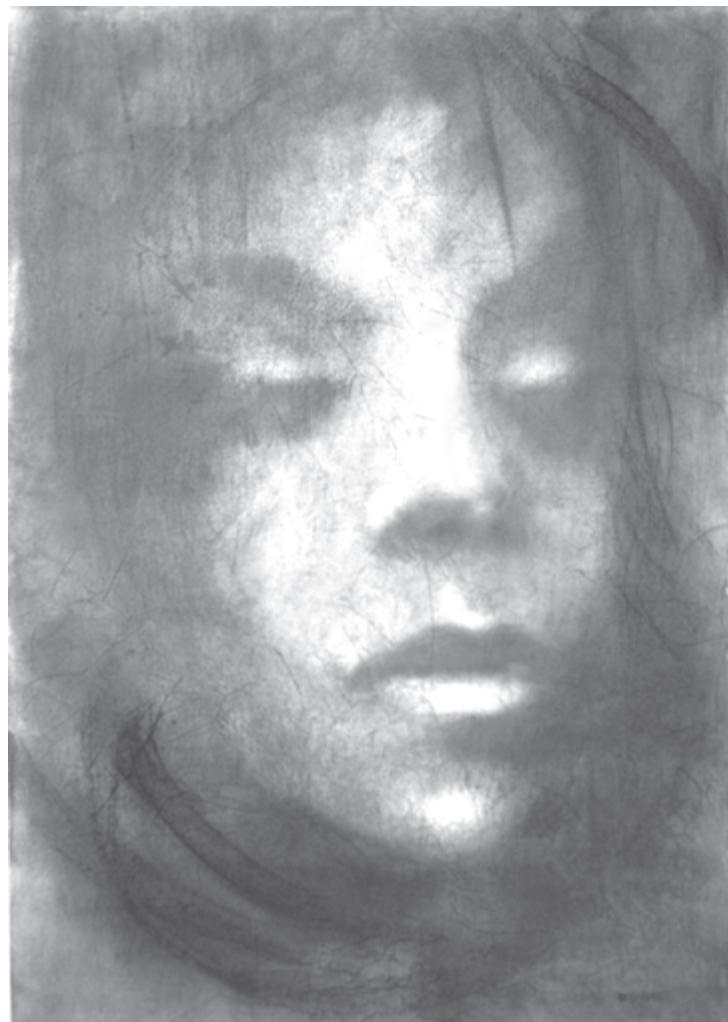
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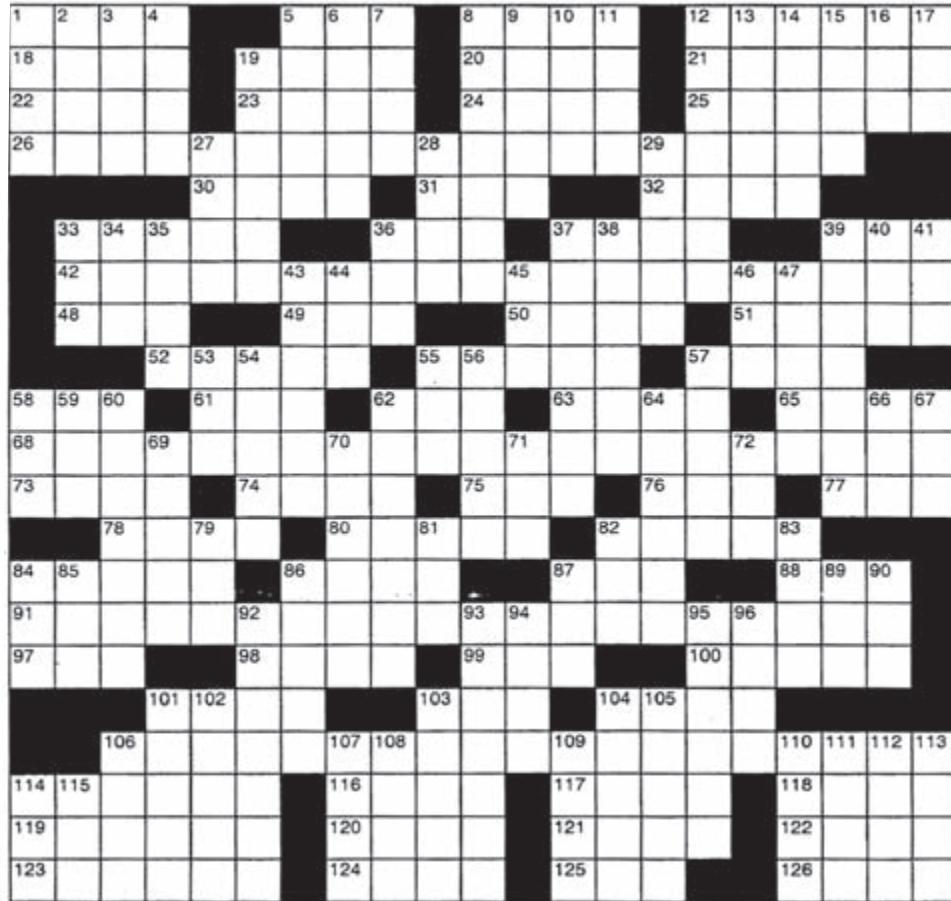
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■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** A lot of work-related issues might be raised this week, and you need to be prepared for whatever comes along. Things should be easier when it comes to matters in your private life.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** What might appear to be a very much unwanted change in your life right now could turn out to be a very welcome event after all. Give yourself a chance to see where it might take you.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** All that flattery and fawning shouldn't affect any decision you have to make. Keep your focus on the facts and ignore all the hyperbole, especially if it gets uncomfortably personal.

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Your Bovine instincts are on the mark about that "favor" you're being asked to do. Agree to nothing unless you get a full explanation -- which you would check out first, of course.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** A somewhat unsettled recent period should give way to a smoother time going through the week. Use this quieter time to catch up on matters you might have had to let slide.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Feeling a little confused is understandable with all those mixed messages. Take time to list the questions you have. Then present them and insist on answers that make sense.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Cupid can be very helpful for Lions

seeking a love connection. The chubby cherub also brings warm and fuzzy feelings to paired Leos and Leonas who already share a special love line.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Travel is favored this week, whether you'll be globe-trotting or taking a trip to a nearby getaway. You might be surprised (or maybe not) by who wants to be your traveling companion.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Getting advice on your next business-related move is a good idea, but only if your advisers are trustworthy. Get references that you can check out before you make any decisions.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Getting a boost in your self-esteem is one benefit that comes with a job well done. There are other pluses as well, including being noticed by all the right people. Good luck.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Make time to deal with family matters, especially where they concern your elderly kinfolk. Being there for them from the start can help resolve problems sooner rather than later.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Getting a project started can often be difficult. But the good news is that you won't want for lack of assistance from colleagues who would like to work with you. So, let them!

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You exercise your strong leadership qualities well, which is why people believe in you and feel reassured by you.

By Linda Thistle

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'Edge of Darkness'

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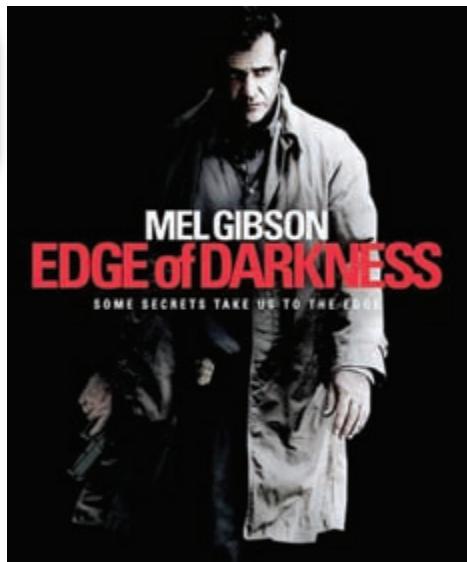
Tom Craven no longer gives a damn. His daughter — his world — is gone, and as we've learned in "Death Wish" and "Taken," vigilante heroes will break any law and bear any burden for the pleasure of revenge. That "Edge of Darkness" gets us to care about Tom, and root for him through decent action scenes and a suspenseful storyline, is our pleasure.

Tom (Mel Gibson) is a Boston homicide detective whose 24-year-old daughter Emma (Bojana Novakovic) is murdered on his doorstep. He doesn't grieve because there's no time to grieve. Mourning is for the weak. His focus is hell-bent on finding his daughter's killers, even if it costs him his own life.

This is where it gets good. A lengthy career in law enforcement and healthy pension be damned, justice is all that matters. His boss tells him he's not supposed to work the case, but he does anyway. He breaks into a suspect's (Shawn Roberts) home. He threatens a corporate executive (Danny Huston) whom he believes is involved. He destroys public bathrooms. Oh yes, vengeance will be his.

Tom's investigation leads to a massive cover-up involving the defense department, activists, corrupt senators, nuclear energy and more. He also meets a dangerous frenemy (someone who's both a friend and/or enemy) named Darius Jedburgh (Ray Winstone), who may or may not be on his side and whose relevance to the story is questionable. Jedburgh is some ways is the movie's moral center, but tales of vigilante justice don't need morality.

Jedburgh's presence also makes the story convoluted, as does the fact that writers William Monahan ("The Departed") and Andrew Bovell take the other moral philosophizing a too far. There's no need for overt commentary on government weaponry when all anyone is going to remember — and wants to see — is Mel Gibson kicking ass.



Thankfully, director Martin Campbell ("Casino Royale") never lets politics bog the story down, and he effectively allows Tom avenging his daughter's murder to take center stage. After seven years behind the camera as a director, it's nice to see Mr. Gibson give such a fine performance, though it will likely remind many of his turn in "Ransom." More importantly, Mr. Gibson and Ms. Novakovic create a nice, loving bond in their few short scenes together, which gives meaning and emotion to Emma's death scene. Intermittent flashbacks to home videos of Emma as a child also provide needed warmth, and smartly stop just short of being hokey and annoying.

There's no denying that in real life wanting vengeance and enacting vengeance are two very different things. But movies like "Edge of Darkness" can get you thinking about how you may act/feel if your loved ones were suddenly murdered, and it is an ample revenge fantasy that evokes genuine suspense. ■

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Extraordinary Measures



(Brendan Fraser, Harrison Ford, Keri Russell) John Crowley (Fraser) leaves a successful career in corporate America to team up with a research scientist (Ford) in an attempt to save the lives of Crowley's children, who have a terminal disease. Strong performances from Mr. Ford and Mr. Fraser highlight a very touching and moving story that thankfully avoids getting too melodramatic. Based on a true story. Rated PG. ■



ca, 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. ■

The Book of Eli



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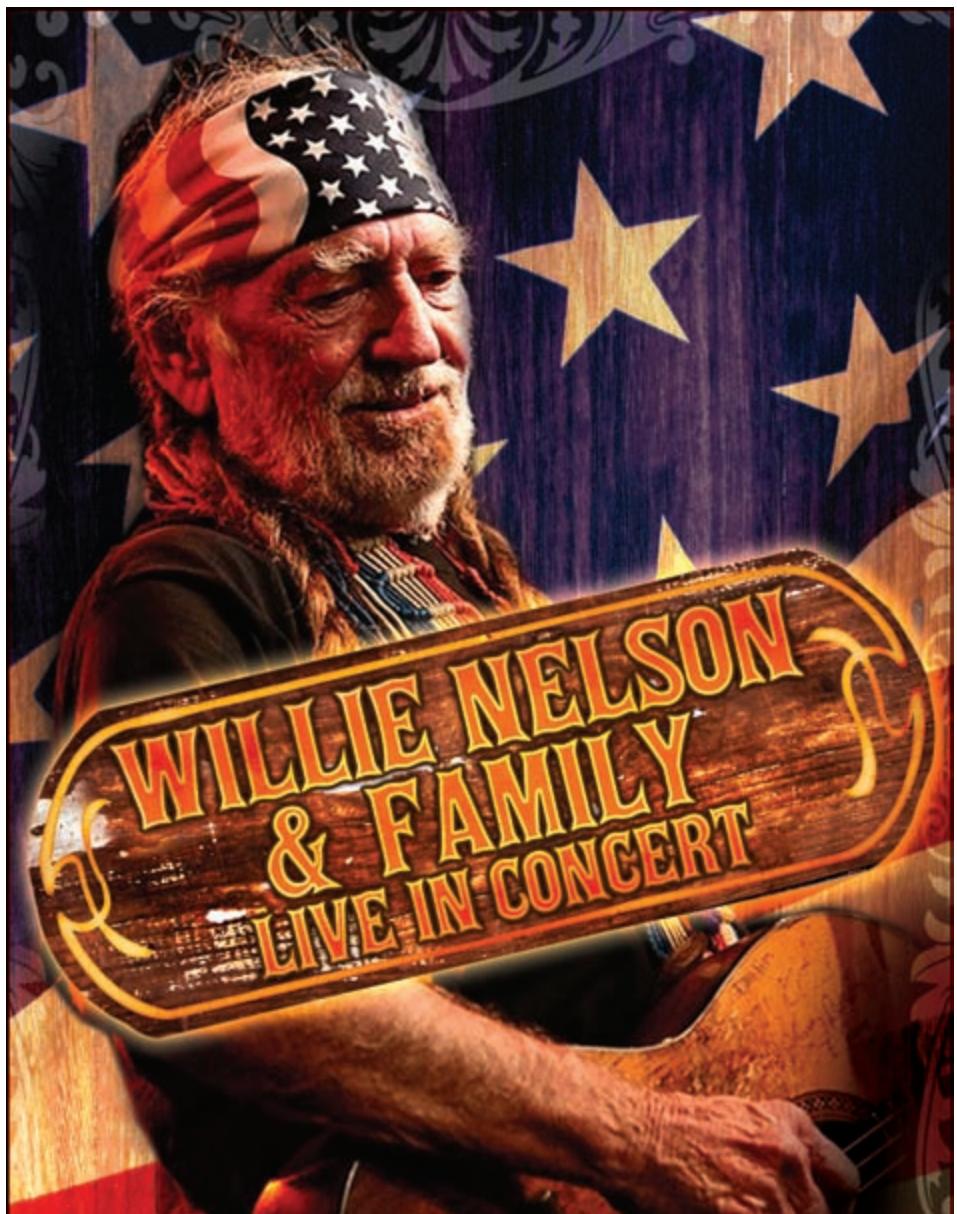


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Three local theaters broadcast opera live from The Met

Opera aficionados can see and hear the legendary baritone Placido Domingo live from The Metropolitan Opera in New York City when the matinee performance of Giuseppe Verdi's "Simon Boccanegra" is broadcast at three area movie theaters beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6.

The theaters are: Hollywood Stadium 20, Naples; Hollywood Coconut Point 16, Estero; and Bell Tower 20, Fort Myers. Tickets are \$22 for the show that lasts approximately 3 hours and 40 minutes, with two intermissions. Each theater will also show an encore performance of the tragic thriller about a father and his lost daughter at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24.

Four decades into his career with the Met, Mr. Domingo makes history by singing Simon Boccanegra, his first appearance in a baritone role on the Met stage. Met Music Director James Levine leads a cast that includes soprano Adrienne Pieczonka as Amelia, tenor Marcello Giordani as Gabriele Adorno and bass-baritone James Morris as Jacopo Fiesco in the classic production by Giancarlo del Monaco. The moving and tragic story is about a father and his lost daughter.

Saturday's live HD broadcast to theaters around the world is directed for the screen by Barbara Willis-Sweete. It is the seventh in the 2009-2010 series of "The Met: Live in HD." The series con-

tinues with these performances, also showing at the above three Southwest Florida theaters:

- 1 p.m. Saturday, March 27:** A new production of "Hamlet" by French composer Ambroise Thomas, starring Simon Keenlyside and Natalie Dessay. Encore at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 14.

- 1 p.m. Saturday, May 1:** Rossini's fanciful "Armida," starring Ms. Fleming as the mythical sorceress opposite six tenors. Encore at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 19.

For more information and to order tickets online, visit www.metoperafamilly.org. ■

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Heather Buck during an Opera Naples performance in Cambier Park last fall

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ArtFest participant Larry Fox thinks inside the box

BY NANCY STETSON

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Artists usually pride themselves on thinking outside of the box.

Michigan sculptor Larry Fox gets creative by thinking within the box and redefining its very essence.

His wooden wall hangings, for example, are an exploration of texture, form and color. The asymmetrical painted shapes combine to make mysterious, abstract pieces.

"I've always worked three dimensionally," Mr. Fox says, talking from his studio in Omena, Mich. "I've built things forever. When I got out of college, I built furniture and did architectural work. I also did film sets. And those three disciplines are kind of what make up my sculpture. They're architectural. The painting on them is kind of loose, like film painting. And a lot of the technical, practical aspects of making furniture, of woodworking, are part of the work."

Mr. Fox is one of 200 artists whose work can be seen at ArtFest, held in downtown Fort Myers from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 6 and 7. ArtFest includes paintings, photography, glass, jewelry and fiberwork.

This is the first juried show for Mr. Fox. In Florida, he typically exhibits in Bonita Springs at the Bonita Springs National Art Festival held at the Promenade, and on the east coast in Coconut Grove. Other festivals he's exhibited in include the Smithsonian Craft Show in Washington D.C. and the prestigious Evanston Fine Crafts Show in Evanston, Ill.

"I've been doing this full time for about eight years, but I've been building things for 30," he says.

During the past six years, he's been making "pieces whose only function is to look at them, rather than use them."

Previously, he made furniture — tables, chairs. Then he started making smaller pieces, such as sculptural shelves that hung on the wall, and sold them at shows. "That was the evolution," he says. "The practical building aspect of them, a painted surface with paper and canvas."

He generally makes a rough sketch first of what he wants to create. Sometimes the piece stays close to the sketch, and sometimes it evolves into something else. Depending upon the piece, he'll either paint directly on the surface of the wood, or upon the paper or canvas that covers its surface.

"Some of them have a substrata of different materials," he says. "That evolved from my furniture work."

He worked on film sets, mainly in the Detroit area, for a number of years. He worked on "Evil Dead II," ("a classic horror film," he calls it), which was directed by Sam Raimi, and "The Abyss," directed by James Cameron.

"I worked my way up. Eventually, for my final film, I worked as a production



COURTESY PHOTO

Artist Larry Fox, above, is one of several hundred artists whose work will be on display at ArtFest, top, where 60,000 are expected.

designer. On others I worked as construction coordinator. Sometimes I was a carpenter. In the beginning, I was a promotion assistant. I usually had my hand in the paint and building."

Painting for film, he says, is similar to stage painting, but not as rough. "It has to look more real," he explains.

The last film he worked on was 10 years ago. But then the technology began changing.

"It's different now, because they're digital," he says. "But 10 years ago, they were using mostly film. A lot of times you needed to create different surfaces with the paint."

He names Louise Nevelson's assem-

blages as a major influence, as well as the work of architects Frank Lloyd Wright and Le Corbusier. Mr. Fox initially studied architecture before getting a bachelor's degree in fine arts.

He paints his wood pieces, often with more subdued colors. "But sometimes I use brighter colors — they pop more," Mr. Fox says. "It's a play between the form and the surface. The more you treat the surface, the more you lose the form. They're sculptural. There's a play there: how much do you treat the surface, and how much do you let the sculptural aspect of the piece speak out? Every piece is different. Sometimes the surfaces are played up. Sometimes I use tool marks to create a texture, and that's the actual wood that you see. Some of them are built like a box, with the skin of paper and canvas."

Some pieces are inspired by nature ("Snowstorm," "Grassland II," "Fields" "Forest View"), yet he's done an entire series based on industry. "I have different influences," he says. "I did a whole series of architectural pieces. The thought behind each piece is a reaction to or an observation of an architectural element. I went out to a show and went through Pennsylvania, and they have a lot of interesting barns out there. So just by looking at them, and reacting to them, I did a piece about a barn. You can kind of see the barn, but you have to look kind of hard."

"Sometimes they're more identifiable, sometimes they're more abstracted. I don't want to build a model of a barn, but I want to translate the feeling of a barn, the elements that I react to."

Mr. Fox did a number of free-standing sculptures in his tower series. And he also made a series of small, 8-inch by 8-inch architectural squares that hang on the wall. Selling for \$155 apiece, he calls them "entry-level pieces for fledgling collectors."

The squares, he says, were for an online show.

"I was experimenting with how that works," he says. "I made 60 and put them on there. Each one is different. I've probably made 200 of them by now."

He sold 35 of them to a real estate developer in downtown Chicago, who created a bigger piece by grouping

them together.

Some of Mr. Fox's larger pieces can be found in corporate collections, including Disney in Orlando, Arco Corp. in Chicago, and the Toledo Art Commission Public Collection in Toledo, Ohio. A 26-foot-high waterfall, a commissioned work, is housed in the Wells-Fargo Bank headquarters in Des Moines, Iowa. The abstracted wooden blue waterfall, which is 26 feet high, can be viewed from two levels.

"It's a frozen moment kind of thing," he says, describing it.

Some festival-goers are unsure what to think about his abstract work.

The public, he says, would sometimes rather see something more representational, so they understand it. If it's something they recognize, they feel more comfortable with it.

"Sometimes it's harder for people to see beyond the design of it," he says. Sometimes a patron will like a piece and not even be able to explain why.

"It's funny," he says. "They don't understand it, but they're attracted to it, and will purchase it. They don't even know why. It's all about reacting to it emotionally. If they can connect with it emotionally, at whatever level that is, then they react to it." ■

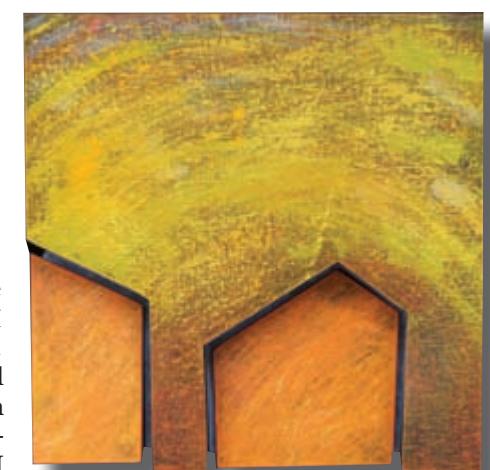
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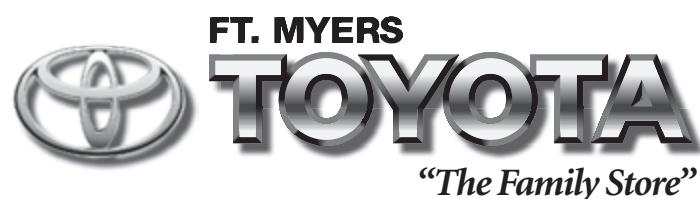
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The Moony Mann Band will perform on the lawn across from The Pub at Mercato as part of the First Friday celebration that takes place from 6-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5. The dance/party band specializes in a mixture of '50s and '60s oldies, blues, country and classic favorites.

Additional entertainment as part of First Friday will include Barefoot and Brendon Duo by Whole Foods, and

guitarist/vocalist D.L. Turner by Swim n' Sport.

The event also aims to raise funds and awareness for Donte Walkins, an 11-year-old heart transplant recipient whose family faces bills exceeding \$500,000. (See story on page C9.)

Mercato First Fridays is open to the community and is free of charge. For more information, call 403-2204 or visit www.mercatoshops.com. ■

Go 'nuts' at family fun day at The von Liebig on Saturday

Families are invited to "Nuts about The von Liebig," the annual free family day at The von Liebig Art Center, from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6. The art center at 585 Park St. started the event several years ago to highlight coconut shell painting. Since then the day's activities have expanded to include cookie painting, face painting, kids' crafts, caricatures, a clown, music, food and more. Several child-oriented community partners also set up activities, including the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, The Naples Zoo, the National Center for Missing/Exploited Children, COSTCO, The Shelter for Abused Women & Children and the Children's Museum of Naples.

Saturday, Feb. 6, is also an Art in the



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A young guest admires his coconut creation at last year's Nuts about The von Liebig family day.

Park day, with members of the Naples Art Association displaying their works outside around The von Liebig. For more information, call 262-6517. ■

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Intimidated by art? ARTnews editor will discuss viewing for enjoyment

ARTnews editor and publisher Milton Esterow will discuss "How to Look at Art Without Feeling Inferior" at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at The von Liebig Art Center. Mr. Esterow will discuss the international art scene, the art market, art journalism, art criticism and changes in taste and fashion. He will also invite questions from the audience.



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Since he bought ARTnews from Newsweek Magazine in 1972, Mr. Esterow has guided its growth into the most widely circulated art magazine in the

world. During the last three decades of his leadership, ARTnews has won 31 major awards for reporting, analysis, criticism and design. It is the first and only art magazine to win these awards.

Born in New York City, Mr. Esterow was a New York Times reporter and assistant to the cultural news editor. He has lectured extensively around the world about art and the art market and is the author of "The Art Stealers." "I agree with Henry Moore who said, 'Art is a way of making people get a fuller enjoyment out of life than they would otherwise,'" he says.

Tickets to Mr. Esterow's lecture at The von Liebig are \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members and include light refreshments. The lecture is sponsored by PNC Wealth Management. ■

'From Broadway to Galway' bound for St. Finnbar's community center

The Irish American Club of Naples presents "From Broadway to Galway," a concert featuring Irish Broadway stars



PATTERSON

Ciaran Sheehan and Gay Willis, at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, at St. Finnbar's Catholic Community Center, 13250 Tamiami Trail E. Tickets for \$25 are available by calling 774-1880 or 417-2084.

Mr. Sheehan starred in "The Phantom of the Opera"

on Broadway and in Toronto. Ms. Willis starred opposite Mr. Sheehan in "Phantom" and also won recognition for her performance opposite Michael Crawford in the world tour of "The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber."

Dublin-born concert pianist Eily O'Grady Patterson will accompany the singers. She has toured extensively in Europe and America with her husband, the late Frank Patterson, and is the producer of "From Broadway to Galway." The program consists of classics from Ireland as well as Broadway showstoppers. ■

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Scholarship winners return as guests in spring concert with Voice of Naples

Voices of Naples will welcome 209 scholarship winners Susanna Rizzo and Laura Chami as featured soloists in the group's spring concert. The 90-member choral group will perform "The Color of Music" at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at Naples United Church of Christ, under the direction of Nancy Nugent Beaty. LaVon Mattson will be the accompanist.

Ms. Rizzo is a 2009 graduate of the esteemed Interlochen Arts Academy in Interlochen, Mich., where she was a member of the Academy Choir and the dean's honor list. As a national finalist in the YoungArts competition sponsored by the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts, she earned a trip to Miami for a week of master classes, showcase performances and other musical theater activities.

The daughter of Peter Rizzo and Julie Southmayd of Naples, she is a freshman at Marymount Manhattan College, where she is pursuing a degree in musical theater.

RIZZO



CHAMI



sing along

Applicants sought for 2010 awards

>> Voices of Naples announces its search for area vocal students to audition for the organization's 2010 scholarship awards. Over the past several years, the community chorus has awarded more than \$15,000 to young singers from area public and private high schools, as well as to private students who wish to pursue a career in vocal music.

Scholarship applications are available from high school guidance counselors and private teachers. Auditions will take place at 7 p.m. Monday, April 12, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 777 Mooring Line Drive. For more information, call 430-0698 or visit www.voicesofnaples.org.

Ms. Chami is a 2009 graduate of Barron Collier High School, where she has participated in the Concert Choir, Bel Canto ensemble and Women's Glee. She is also an instrumentalist, and played with the wind and jazz ensembles at BCHS, as well as with the Florida Gulf Coast University Symphony Winds. She was selected for the 2008-2009 FVA All-State Choir and was a member and featured soloist with the Naples Philharmonic Youth Chorale.

The daughter of Lamia and George Chami of Naples, she is a freshman majoring in music therapy at Florida State University.

Tickets to "The Color of Music" are \$15 through Feb. 21 and \$20 thereafter. Call 455-2582. ■

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Classical No. 4: "Beauty and Destiny," the fourth in this year's classical series with the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, should be yet another blockbuster. The concert opens at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4 (the Conductor's Prelude, an always informative discussion, begins one hour earlier), and has additional performances at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5-7.

There are still a few tickets available for each of the performances (\$64 for adults, \$25 students), so forget about the Super Bowl for a few hours and take advantage of an opportunity to fill your soul with three glorious selections, including Brahms' choral masterpiece, "Schicksalslied" ("Song of Destiny," loosely translated).

With so little to celebrate in today's world, losing yourself in this lovely piece should nourish your soul.

The stage will be overflowing with the Philharmonic Orchestra and the 60-some members of the Naples Philharmonic Chorale (under the directorship of Jim Cochran), plus a special guest conductor: the young superstar Carlos Miguel Prieto, a fourth-generation professional musician, superb violinist and conductor from Mexico, whose star is rising high in the heavens.

Aside from a burgeoning list of guest conductorships and performances, Mr. Prieto presently serves as conductor for four different orchestras — two in

The Naples Philharmonic Chorale

Mexico, and two in the United States. Our own maestro, Jorge Mester, it will be remembered, has been conductor of the Orquesta Filarmónica de la Ciudad de México for a number of years. Mr. Prieto is a student of Mr. Mester's, which is all you need to know to understand how special a musician/conductor you can anticipate the young Mr. Prieto being.

The evening's second selection, Beethoven's 7th Symphony, remains one of his best known and most popular symphonies, replete with everything you could possibly want: power, energy and drama. So popular, in fact, is the second movement of the symphony, it is frequently played alone.

If you want to check out an excellent recording of the Beethoven prior to attending the concert, I suggest you listen to the late conductor Herbert Von Karajan's conducting of the complete symphony on YouTube. Although Mr. Von Karajan remains on my list of "not a nice human being" (an opinion I share with thousands of musicians and his fellow countrymen, who knew his peccadillos far more personally than I), nonetheless, this is an excellent recording that will reacquaint you with Beethoven's masterpiece in preparation for "the real McCoy" when you attend one of the four performances here this week.

The evening's third and final selec-

tion should be the piece de resistance: Saint-Saëns's magnificent Cello Concerto #1. Attendees are in for another special treat: guest cellist David Requier. At just 24 years old and a graduate of both Princeton and Harvard universities, he's also the winner of back-to-back competitions, including the prestigious Naumberg competition. Mr. Requier's performance should be the perfect close to a wonderful evening of classical greats.

True, Haiti is in ruins, and millions of its victims need our prayers and help; true, what might be one of the all-time most exciting SuperBowl games is coming up Sunday (go Colts!). But trust me: you will thank me for recommending you take in this concert. It promises to be a winner.

Coming next from the Philharmonic: "From Rags to Ritzes: A Pops Tribute to Irving Berlin," under the direction of Principal Pops Conductor Jack Everly, Tuesday-Sunday, Feb. 16-21. Five Broadway/concert hall singers will join the orchestra for this fully produced symphonic show.

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

Flute Cocktail

Naples Orchestra and Chorus pairs with Flute Cocktail

The perfect concoction of not just one but seven guests flutists will join the Naples Orchestra and Chorus to create musical magic at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, at Golden Gate High School.

Flute Cocktail is the name of the ensemble, and its members are "gellin'" with the NOC. Together they will perform excerpts from Tchaikovsky's beloved "Nutcracker" and Sousa's rousing "Stars and Stripes Forever."

The flutists — Wendy Willis, Diane Ball, Marjorie Huelsman, Julie Meschko, Martie Miller, Sandy Stein and Nancy Frost Tate — will also perform several classical and pops favorites on their own as part of the program called "Music and Movement."

Conducted by Robert Dale Herrema, the NOC will perform Berlioz's "Roman Carnival Overture" and Brahms's "Hungarian Dance No. 5" and "Slavonic Dance No. 8." It's a light fare — like fruit cocktail.

Admission is free, but donations are welcome from all who imbibe when Flute Cocktail mixes with the NOC. For more information, call 455-1912. ■

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Dixieland band will perform benefit for two Collier nonprofits

The critically acclaimed Barbary Coast Dixieland Show Band will perform a benefit concert for St. Matthew's House and Literacy Volunteers of Collier County at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 777 Moorings Line Drive.

Admission is free; a freewill offering will be taken. Guests are also encouraged to bring a non-perishable food

item for the St. Matthew's House Food Pantries. A portion of the proceeds from sales of Barbary Coast Dixieland Show Band CDs will be donated to both organizations.

A limited number of reserved patron seats are available for a \$100 donation. For information and tickets, call 261-0894 or e-mail elcanaples@embarqmail.com. ■

Gulf Coast Symphony performs 'Symphonic Valentine: Mancini & Moonlight'

Take a stroll down lover's lane with a program full of dancing and romancing at the Gulf Coast Symphony's "Symphonic Valentine: Mancini & Moonlight" concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall in Fort Myers. Be swept away by lush arrangements of "Moon River," "The Days of Wine and Roses," "Dear Heart," "Charade" and orchestral features such as "The Baby Elephant Walk," "Peter Gun," "The Pink Panther" and "Victor Victoria."

On the program are Gulf Coast Symphony audience favorites Teri Dale Hansen and Nat Chandler. Ms. Hansen began her career starring as Magnolia in Harold Prince's Tony Award-winning production of "Show Boat" in London's West End. She toured with the show's first national company for three years. She stars as Rose in the film version of "Street Scene" on the Bravo channel as part of its Bravo On Broadway series. The film, which has received interna-

tional acclaim, is also available on DVD. Ms. Hansen reprised the role for the premiere production in Berlin at the Theatre Des Westens.

Well known to theater and concert audiences around the country, Mr. Chandler appeared on Broadway as Sir Percival Blakeney in the Tony-nominated musical "The Scarlet Pimpernel." Recent roles include Fred/Petruchio in "Kiss Me Kate," district attorney Frederick Kattmann in Anton Coppola's new American opera, "Sacco and Venzetti," and Shauna in "La Boheme." Mr. Chandler starred as Raoul in "The Phantom of the Opera" directed by Harold Prince and toured with Sarah Brightman in "The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber."

Tickets for \$29, \$35, \$40 and \$51 are available online at www.gulfcoastsymphony.org by calling 481-4849 or at the box office one hour prior to the concert. For more information, e-mail info@gulfcoastsymphony.org. ■

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Val Kuffel, who plays a stamp expert, shares information with Beverly Canell in a scene from "Mauritius."



'Mauritius' puts a sinister comedy stamp on the Sudgen's intimate Tobe Studio

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

For the first production of 2010 in the Tobe 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" tells the story of complicated relationships, diverse motives, attempted scams and two estranged sisters with a disastrous family history and a potential windfall. Playwright Theresa Rebeck has written numerous Broadway plays; "Mauritius" was her first, and her newest, "Understudy," is scheduled to open on The Great White Way next fall.

"The Tobe Studio is perfect for "Mauritius," says Artistic Director Dallas Dunnigan. "The space is intimate and allows the audience to engage with the actors." Ms. Dunnigan describes the play as "a thriller, ostensibly about stamp collecting, but really about family relationships and greed."

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. ■

if you go

>> **"Mauritius,"** The Naples Players
>> **When:** through Feb. 27, with shows at 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday
>> **Where:** in the Tobe Studio at the Sudgen Community Theatre
>> **Tickets:** \$20
>> **Info:** 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org

Part 7: 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. "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.

These photos show some of the cast's youngest members going through the costume racks in search of long, full skirts to wear during rehearsals in order to get the feel of what dancing in their real costumes will be like.

Also at the Sugden

You don't have to wait for "Fiddler" to find entertainment at the Sugden. In addition to "Mauritius" in the Tobe Studio (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



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Bianca Prioletti at the skirt rack

him up on a blind date with the prettiest girl in town — only he can't dance.

"Foote Notes" will be presented in the Tobe 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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Marco Players set to take audiences to 'Golden Pond'

The Marco Players present "On Golden Pond," the hit Broadway play and motion picture, opening Wednesday, Feb. 24, and playing through March 14 at the theater in Marco Town Center.

Beverly Dahlstrom, president of the theater group, directs the production that stars Michael Hennessey and Marilyn Hilbert as Norman and Ethel Thayer. Mr. Hennessey starred in the Players' production of "The Love List" last year, and Ms. Hilbert appeared in "Jake's Women" earlier this season. In "On Golden Pond," they are joined by several newcomers to the Players: Julia Byrne is their daughter, Chelsea; Brian Schlager plays Bill her fiancé; Kevin Moriarty is Charlie the mailman; and Joey Byrne portrays Billy, Bill's son and Chelsea's soon-to-be stepson.

The story revolves around the Thayers' 48th annual trip to their summer home on Golden Pond, where they are joined by their daughter, her fiancé and his 13-year-old son. The couple is looking to leave

If you go ↗

"On Golden Pond," The Marco Players
 >>**When:** 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday and 3 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 24-March 14

>>**Where:** Marco Town Center

>>**Tickets:** \$23

>>**Info:** 642-7270 or www.themarcoplayers.com

Billy in the Thayers' care while they go off to Europe. The result is an evening of comedy, old hurts and loving relationships.

"It's a slice out of so many of our lives — especially today, as the economy has forced many young families to turn to their parents for survival," Ms. Dahlstrom says.

"On Golden Pond" will be staged at 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday and at 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are available at www.themarcoplayers.com, or at the box office from 4-6 p.m. Wednesdays, or by calling 642-7270. ■

Bach Ensemble winter concert set

The Bach Ensemble presents "Winter Sarabande: Come Let Us Sing" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at Moorings Presbyterian Church. The concert preview at 6:30 p.m. will feature several of the young Outstanding Performers from the Bach Festival that took place in November.

The ensemble's chamber orchestra members will welcome pianist Toby Blumenthal to join them in the Hayden Concerto in F Major. Ms. Blumenthal and her late husband, cellist Bert Phillips, founded Classic Chamber Concerts of Naples. She

now resides in Round Rock, Texas. The program centerpiece is Mendelssohn's Psalm 95: "O Come Let Us Sing," performed in German with soloists mezzo soprano Rissa Arias and soprano Lindsey Graham. The evening will close with G.F. Handel's Foundling Hospital anthem, "Blessed are They that Considereth the Poor." The ensemble dedicates this work to the orphaned children of Haiti.

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Elaine Newton is back at the Phil for her 20th year.

Detroit Symphony Orchestra

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra, with guest cellist Sol Gabetta, performs at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11. The DSO is under the direction of Leonard Slatkin, called "America's Music Director" by the Los Angeles Times. Tickets are \$79.

Chamber group at temple

"Brass at the Ballet," a chamber-style concert featuring the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra's Brass Quintet with percussion instruments performing some of the greatest and most popular

ballets ever written, takes place at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, at Temple Shalom, 4630 Pine Ridge Road. Tickets to the outreach concert are \$31 for adults and \$13 for students.

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 in the Phil's Lifelong Learning program, 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. Tickets are \$30. ■

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— will prepare an exclusive luncheon as part of the 10th annual Southwest Florida Celebration of Reading on Friday, Feb. 12. Guests will include members of the

Bush family — former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and his wife, Columba, and former President George H.W. Bush and Mrs. Barbara Bush — as well as 10 authors who will participate in the Celebration of Reading main event that evening at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa in Bonita Springs.

"The luncheon gives us an opportunity to thank the major donors whose support makes the Family Literacy Initiative such a success each year," event coordinator Tina Matte says, adding luncheon tickets and other benefits are available to donors of \$30,000 and higher.

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The evening Celebration of Reading event draws nearly 600 attendees, with table sponsorships starting at \$5,000 and individual tickets available at \$250 each, including dinner. Tickets can be purchased online at www.CelebrationofReading.org or by calling 277-6295. The Web site includes detailed information about sponsorship levels and benefits and provides an overview of the 10 national best-selling authors slated for this year's event. They include:

- Derrick Barnes, one of the most celebrated new voices in children's literature with his "Ruby and the Booker Boys" series;
- James Bradley, author of "Flags of Our Fathers," "Flyboys" and his latest, "The Imperial Cruise";
- Jill Conner Browne, the "Sweet Potato Queen" and author of best-sellers including "The Sweet Potato Queens' Book of Love";
- Mary Higgins Clark, the top-selling suspense writer in the U.S. and author of 24 novels, including "Where Are the Children?" and "A Stranger is Watching";
- Carol Higgins Clark, accomplished actress and author of nine best-selling Regan Reilly mysteries, including "Decked" and "Snagged";
- Steve Doocy, the Emmy Award-winning co-host of the national "FOX & Friends" broadcast and best-selling author of "Tales from the Dad Side" and "The Mr. & Mrs. Happy Handbook";

• Jeffrey Engel, teacher of history at the Bush School of Government & Public Service, director of the Scowcroft Institute of International Affairs and author of "The China Diary of George H.W. Bush";

• Brad Meltzer, New York Times best-selling fiction author of "The Book of Fate," "The Tenth Justice" and "The Zero Game," who is also the co-creator of the TV show "Jack & Bobby";

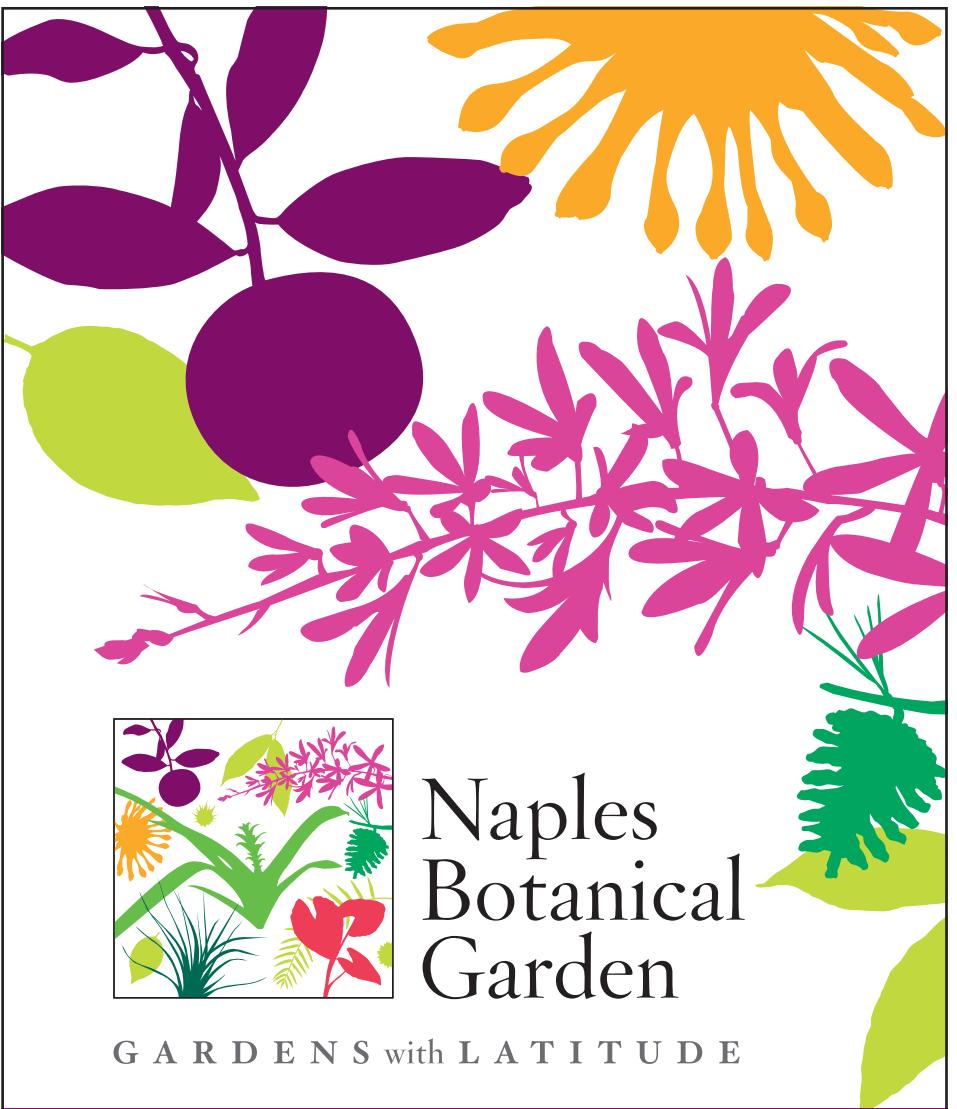
• Sharon Robinson, director of educational programming for Major League Baseball, whose books, including "Jackie's Nine" and "Promises to Keep," share the important life lessons learned from her father, Jackie; and

• R.L. Stine, creator of the "Goosebumps" series with more than 300 million books sold, making him one of the best-selling children's authors in U.S. history.

Guests will receive signed copies of several authors' titles at the event, and additional books will be available for purchase from an onsite Barnes & Noble bookstore. Guest authors will be available after dinner to personalize their books.

The Florida Family Literacy Initiative is administered by the Volunteer USA Foundation, which provides funding, training and technical assistance for literacy providers. In addition to the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy, major partners include Dollar General, Comcast Cable, Publix Super Markets Charities, Florida Trend, Scholastic and the Florida Association of Postsecondary Schools and Colleges.

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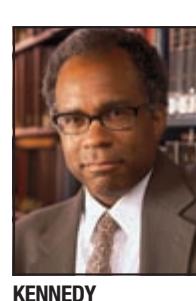
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FGCU's Renaissance Academy announces Great Scholars program at Bentley Village

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 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:



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• **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, mes-



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sages and lessons. What accounts for the power of these stories?

• **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. Drawing on new research and narratives by contemporary and former slaves, Dr. Trodd will discuss today's slavery and the abolitionist movement.

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Town Hall speaker series welcomes the Bush brothers

George W. Bush, 43rd president of the United States, and his brother Jeb Bush, 43rd governor of Florida, will participate in a discussion at the Naples Town Hall Distinguished Speaker series on Tuesday, Feb. 16. Guest moderator Jim Angle is the chief Washington correspondent for FOX News and also serves as a substitute anchor for "Special Report with Bret Baier."

This is the second in the 2010 Town Hall series.

The third program, on Sunday, Feb. 28, will be Phillippe de Montebello, the former director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. After 31 years at the helm, Mr. de Montebello became the first-ever director emeritus of the MMA



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and is recognized throughout the world as one of the field's most influential and articulate champions of integrity, authority, education and public access. Upon his retirement in December 2008, he

was the longest-serving director in the Met's nearly 140-year-long history.

Bringing the 2010 Town Hall season to a close, Malcolm Gladwell, best-selling author of "Outliers," "Blink" and "The Tipping Point," will take the stage on Friday, March 26, with co-New Yorker Magazine essayist Adam Gopnik.



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A staff writer for The New Yorker since 1996, Mr. Gladwell was named one of Time's 100 Most Influential People in 2005 and received the American Sociological Association's first Award for Excellence in the Reporting of Social Issues in 2007.

Mr. Gopnik is best known as a staff writer for The New Yorker and as the author of the essay collection "Paris to the Moon," an account of the five years he and his family spent in the French capital. His new book, "Angels & Ages: A Short Book about Darwin, Lincoln,

and Modern Life," explores the way we live today by looking at the birth of the modern era through the lives of two extraordinary people born within hours of each other 200 years ago this year.

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A: Wrighton Furniture Co. was an English firm that made traditional styles of furniture during at least the 1940s and '50s. Today's prices for the company's armoires, which seem to have been a Wrighton specialty, are \$100-\$200.

Q: I love to collect old valentine cards, mostly from the 1950s, but I also have a couple from the early 1900s. I'm keeping them in an album in protective sleeves, but I would love to display them without tearing them up. Can you give me some suggestions on how to display my collectible valentines?

A: We displayed some antique valentines in deep frames with spacers between the glass and the valentine and hung a group of them on a wall. Choose a frame with a glass or archival plastic cover, and use an acid-free mat. Thicker valentines look best in a shadowbox. If the card needs to be fastened to the mat, use archival corners. If it has an inscription inside that you want to save, or information on the back that would help to date the card, you can make a photocopy of it and put it in an envelope attached to the back of the frame, or even display it next to the front of the card. There is a club with a newsletter and Web site for valentine collectors: National Valentine Collectors Association, P.O. Box 647, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417, ValentineCollectors.com.

Q: I have a set of china that was handed down to me by a family member about 25 years ago. It is marked "Harmony House Metro China, Elizabeth, made in Occupied Japan." I would like to know something about it.

A: Harmony House dinnerware was made for Sears, Roebuck & Co. by several different factories from 1940 until the early 1970s. Makers in the United States included Hall China Co., Harker Pottery, Homer Laughlin China Co., Laurel Potteries, Salem China Co. and Universal Potteries. Pieces marked "Occupied Japan" were made in Japan between 1947 and 1952. You can find extra dishes for your set at some of the replacement services.

Tip: Don't clean a cloth doll's body with water. Use cornstarch or talc. Rub it into the fabric, then gently brush it away after four hours.

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- Needlework map of England and Wales, by Maria Leach, Crediton, Devonshire, 1808, silk on wool, oval, vine and leaf border, signed, 23-by-19 inches, \$500.
- Quadroon Tobacco pouch, cloth, image of woman with fan, 1883 tax stamp, 4½-by-3 inches, \$770.
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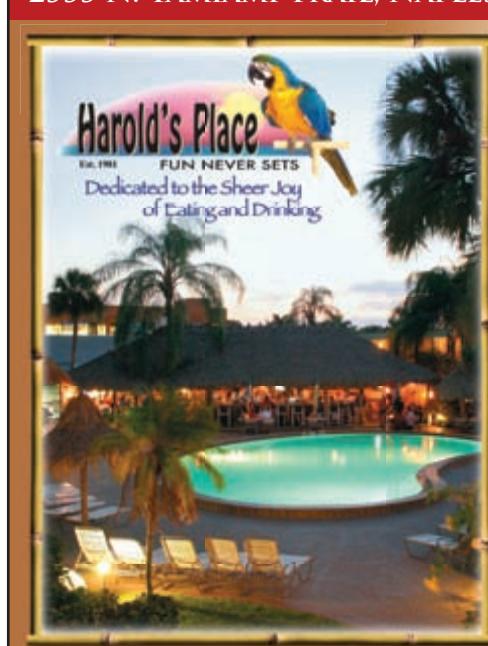
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Organizers expect to see art, books, jewelry and major and minor treasures of all kinds.

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.

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Annette Miller as Golda Meir

Golda Meir comes to life on Sanibel stage

BIG ARTS on Sanibel welcomes Annette Miller in a one-time performance of a one-woman show about Golda Meir beginning at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, in the Schein Performance Hall.

"Golda's Balcony" unfolds as Golda, the prime minister of Israel, recalls memories of her life as she deals with the pressure of the 1973 Yom Kippur war and Israel's role in world politics. Born in pogrom-filled Russia, raised in Milwaukee and living on the international circuit, she is charged with the responsibility of shepherding her adopted nation, one she helped to create, through a national disaster, the seeming betrayal of faith toward her country by the Nixon administration and a global disinterest in becoming involved with Israel's oppression. How Golda handles it, alone in her office, sitting at cabinet meetings with an unseen contingent of military and militant men, offending her family through her seeming disaffection, is the substance of the play.

"Annette Miller transforms herself without much help from makeup or wig or artifice into the dowdy woman in a hairnet whose face is emblazoned in our memory," critic J. Peter Bergman wrote. "Here is the woman we don't expect, the chicken-soup cooker who weeps over the children who died in Cyprus even as she pleads with adults who have waited in internment camps for their release to give up their rightful places so that children can emigrate... it is almost as though we live within her; we feel her pain and we experience her joy; we know her thoughts and we are gripped by her emotions."

Tickets to "Golda's Balcony" are \$35 for general seating (\$15 for students). To purchase tickets or for more information, call 395-0900 or visit www.BIGARTS.org. ■

This week on WGC-TV

► THURSDAY, FEB. 4, 9 P.M.
Pioneers of Television: Sitcoms — Part 1

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► FRIDAY, FEB. 5, 8:30 P.M.
Connect! Grassroots Activism

Eating local and enjoying mealtime through Slow Foods; embracing cultural diversity through AFCAAM in Fort Myers; buying foreclosed homes for rehab and resale through Habitat for Humanity. Hosted by Jim McLaughlin.

► SATURDAY, FEB. 6, 11 P.M.
Austin City Limits: Esperanza Spalding/Madeleine Peyroux

Singer/composer/bass prodigy Esperanza Spalding and contemporary torch singer Madeleine Peyroux.

► SUNDAY, FEB. 7, 9 P.M.
Masterpiece Classic: Return to Cranford - Parts 1 & 2

Dame Judi Dench returns in the sequel to the Emmy-nominated "Cranford" miniseries, based on the novels of Elizabeth Gaskell. Imelda Staunton, Francesca Annis and Julia McKenzie rejoin the cast in the acclaimed story of life in a small Cheshire market town.



Dame Judi Dench

► MONDAY, FEB. 8, 8 P.M.
Antiques Roadshow: Atlantic City — Hour 3

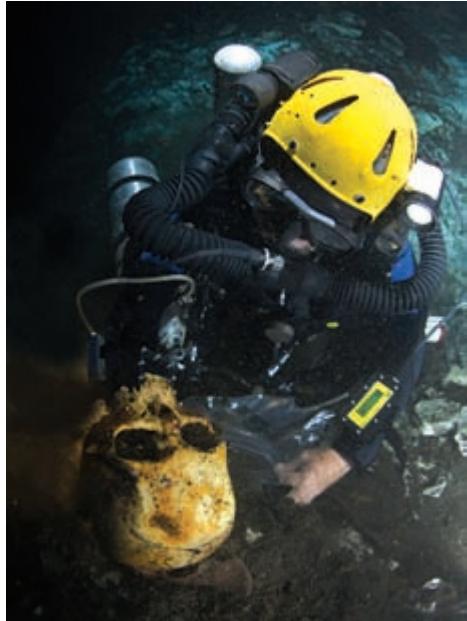
A fanciful folk sculpture; a 1934 New York Yankees team-signed baseball; and an early 20th-century landscape painting by great American painter George Bellows.

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**American Experience
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► TUESDAY, FEB. 9, 8 P.M.
NOVA

Extreme Cave Diving Dr. Kenny Broad dives into blue holes — underwater caves that formed during the last ice age.



9 P.M.
**Frontline:
Flying Cheap**

Following the deadly Continental 3407 crash, this investigation examines the rise of regional and low-cost carriers and whether the aviation system is being stretched beyond its capacity.

► WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10, 8 P.M.
Faces of America

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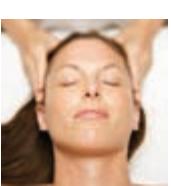
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NAPLES FLORIDA WEEKLY

Parade of Beth Moné spring fashions will benefit Immokalee Foundation

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Elementary school students from Immokalee will show off Easter finery and lively spring clothes at the Beth Moné Children's Shoppe Easter Parade Fashion Show and Luncheon on Monday, Feb. 15, at Bay Colony Golf Club.

Grandparents, parents and youngsters alike will enjoy

the parade of fun fashions by leading designers. Barbara Roy, a Naples resident well known for the enthusiasm she pours into fashion shows, will announce the children and describe their outfits during the event. All proceeds will fund The Immokalee Foundation's efforts to empower the youth of Immokalee through education.

Since 1991, the foundation has created pathways to success for Immokalee's children through a variety of programs that focus on mentorship, after-school activities, college scholarships, the development of vocational skills and incentives for educational growth. In 2009, The Immokalee Foundation served 2,700 children through its seven core programs.

"The money raised through the fashion show will directly fund these programs," said Jessica Toker, events manager for the foundation. "The fashion show is special because it benefits our children. It also gives guests the chance to meet our kids. Many of these children could be future recipients of our programs."

One of its most successful programs, Take Stock in Children, matches mentors with qualified seventh-, eighth- and ninth-grade students from Immokalee Middle School and Immokalee High School. Mentors meet with their students once a week and encourages

them to attend school, study, stay away from drugs and uphold other positive academic and personal standards. In return, the student earns a scholarship to any Florida state college, university or vocational school.

Take Stock student Gaelle Colas graduated top of her class at Immokalee High School and is now a freshman at Smith College in Massachusetts. "She is a shining example of the potential held by so many children in Immokalee who don't have the means or mechanics to get them to college," said Louise Penta, a foundation board member.

Another successful program is Immokalee Readers, which matches high school-aged tutors with children from kindergarten through second grade to provide intensive reading lessons. These high school tutors use Sunshine State Standards, which helps ensure that all students are reading on grade level by the third grade.

Many projects executed by The Immokalee Foundation benefit the entire community. One of its oldest programs, Community Grants, has provided nearly \$2.5 million in project-specific funding to organizations in Immokalee since 1991. Community Grants has helped in efforts ranging from keeping an elementary school library open during the summer to providing children with emergency medical services.

Tickets to the Beth Moné Children's Shoppe Easter Parade Fashion Show and Luncheon are \$100 for adults and \$35 for children. For more information or reserve a ticket, call The Immokalee Foundation at 430-9122 or visit www.immokaleefoundation.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. For reservations and more information, call 992-3840. ■

See stars for 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. After cocktails and dinner, The Naples Players will entertain with some of their biggest showstoppers. Saks Fifth Avenue will showcase fashions for the season, and a live auction will offer an array of items. One lucky guest will win a drawing for a five-carat diamond necklace.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Patty Baker at 643-4824 or The Naples Players at 434-7340, ext. 10. ■

Art sale for Freedom Waters

"Painting My Tomorrow," an art

exhibit and sale to benefit the Freedom Waters Foundation, takes place from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. The exhibition is free and open to the public; the sales of artwork created by young recipients of Freedom Waters programs will benefit the foundation, which provides boating and marine education for children with disabilities and life-threatening illnesses as well as other individuals with special needs.

Footage filmed at last month's balloon release over the Naples Pier will be shown as part of "Painting My Tomorrow." For more information, call 248-1120, e-mail info@freedomwatersfoundation.org or visit www.freedomwatersfoundation.org. ■

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." The evening of fine dining and fun, complete with Mayor Bill Barnett as auctioneer, unfolds Thursday, Feb. 18, at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club.

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. ■



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League Club brings Broadway to town

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. For comedy lovers, it doesn't get better than this: 31 Broadway shows in 97 minutes.

Members of TLC are current or former members of The Association of Junior Leagues International. Locally, the club gives more than \$200,000 a year to organizations including the Guadalupe Center, NAMI of Collier County, The Children's Hospital of SWF, The Conservancy of SWF, St. Matthew's House and the United Arts Council of Collier County.

Tickets are \$200 each. Call 353-3100. ■

Humane Society's 10th annual Pet Lovers Gala

The 10th annual Pet Lovers Gala to benefit Humane Society Naples takes place from 6-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at The Port Royal Club. This year's theme is "Making a World of Difference."

Co-chaired by Kimberley Speer Miller and Sharon Treiser, the gala will include hors d'oeuvres from the club's acclaimed chef, an open bar, live entertainment, dancing and silent and live auctions with the Mayor Bill Barnett as auctioneer. ■

The highlight of the evening will be presentation of the Walter Turken, Animalitarian and Animal Advocate awards to three groups or individuals in honor of their efforts on behalf of animals.

For more information, call Patricia Connell at 643-1880, ext. 18, or e-mail Patricia@hsnaples.org. ■

Special evening for special people

"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 inside historic homes

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.NaplesHistorical-Society.org. ■

Football legend will help mend 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.

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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. ■

Car dealer hosts NHC block party

The Neighborhood Health Clinic is gearing up for its annual block party set for 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at Naples Luxury Imports. This year's theme is "2010 - A Space Odyssey." 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. ■

A Beach Ball for children's agency

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 Virdinia 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. ■

An 'extra' touch for classic concerts

Lagniappe — the Cajun word for "a little something extra" — is just what guests will discover at a benefit for Classic Chamber Concerts at the home of maestro William Noll on Sunday, Feb. 28. The evening will feature 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.

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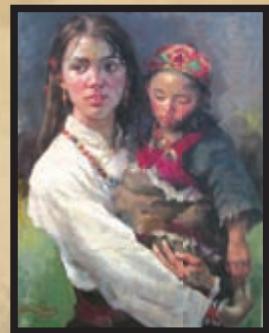
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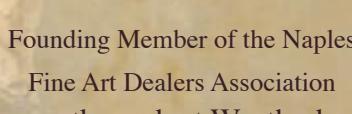
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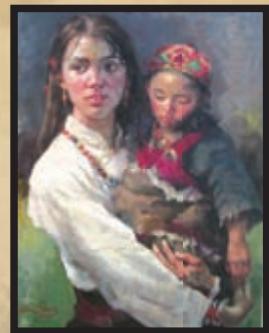
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The Conservancy of Southwest Florida hosts its sixth annual Magic Under the Mangroves gala on Thursday, March 4, 2010, under a tent at Cap d'Antibes at Pelican Bay. The mangrove-fringed property will be transformed into an eco-chic environ for an evening 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. ■

Tickets on sale for travel auction

Miracle Limbs-Courage in Motion will welcome musician Michael Nix as the headline act at its international travel auction and dinner beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, March 5, at The Hilton Naples. Performing on a seven-string banjar — an instrument of his design that crosses a five-strong banjo and the classical guitar, Mr. Nix plays original compositions as well as jazz, ragtime, Irish and folk tunes, Renaissance and Baroque lute

dances, and pieces from the classical banjo and classical guitar canon.

Tickets to the travel auction and evening with Mr. Nix are \$75 per person and are available by calling 591-8393.

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Courage in Motion is a nonprofit organization devoted to the psychological, medical, financial, and spiritual support of amputees. For more information, visit www.MiracleLimbs.org. ■



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'Be who you aren't' at masquerade ball

The Collier Spay Neuter Clinic invites patrons and friends to "be who you aren't" at its inaugural Mardi Paws Masquerade 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 band in a ballroom transformed 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.

Tickets are \$125 per person and



lier 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. ■

Wine Tasters raise glasses for charities

The Wine Tasters of Naples are planning "Cheers for Charity," the group's first fundraising gala, from 6-10 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at The Player Club at Lely Resort. The Hawaiian-themed evening of wine, vodka cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction will benefit The Shelter for Abused Women & Children, St. Matthew's House and Youth Haven. Cost is \$75 per person.

The Wine Tasters of Naples was formed by Dan Leaman in 2007. Since then, membership has grown from 17 to more than 300 wine aficionados. The group regularly holds wine tastings at area restaurants and has a monthly dinner at a member's private home. For more information, call Michele Woodman at (508) 361-9106 or Lorette Clevenger at 254-9439. ■

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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.

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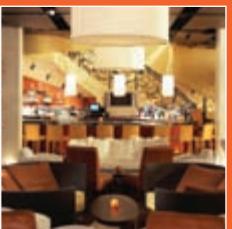
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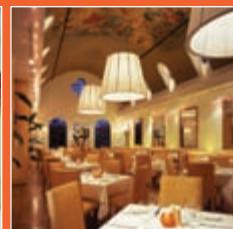
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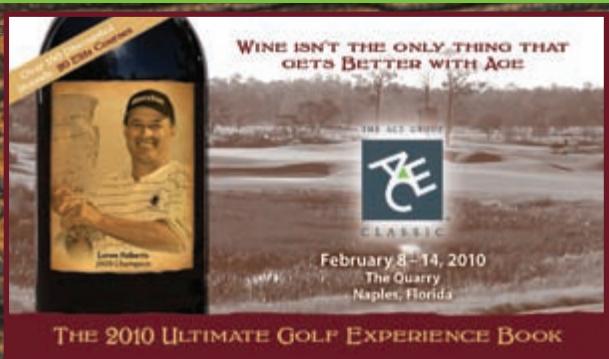
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Celebrating 15 years of Barbara's Friends at Miromar

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6. Marshall Bower, in front, with kids from The Dancing Classroom
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Here are some capsule summaries of previous reviews:

► **Bay House, 799 Walkerbilt Road; 591-3837**

Nestled right along the edge of the mangrove-lined Cocohatchee, the dining room seems a throwback to the late '80s when it was built with an old boathouse ambience. Bay House is a rare establishment in which the caliber of the food matches that of the water view. Highlights from a recent dinner included crawfish cakes with Georgia peaches' sautéed scallops with poached shrimp, beet risotto and horseradish beurre monte; sockeye salmon with tarragon red wine sauce; and cinnamon-dusted churros with fleur de sel caramel and cayenne fudge sauces. Service was exemplary, as was the wine list. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★½ Service: ★★★★★ Atmosphere: ★★★★

with specials just about every night and Yappy Hour from 5 to 7 p.m. daily, when people who accompany their dogs get discounts on their meals. Full bar.

Food: ★★★½ Service: ★★★★½ Atmosphere: ★★★★½



► **The Pub, Mercato, 9118 Strada Place; 594-2748**

At this lively gastro pub tartan-clad servers deliver well-prepared British fare in a room that appears to have been lifted whole out of the U.K. then plunked down in Naples. It offers a broad assortment of beers — 25 on tap alone — as well as a full bar. The Scottish egg was a tasty concoction of hard-boiled egg wrapped in sausage and bread crumbs then fried. A spicy pub mustard completed the dish. An order of curry chips — crisp fries with red and yellow curry sauces — was plenty for two. The fish and chips (made with pollock) were excellent and the Young's Double Chocolate Stout BBQ burger was large, juicy and delicious

with bacon, cheddar and tangy-sweet barbecue sauce. For dessert, we shared a Tipsy Laird — two slices of fried pound cake with fresh berries sautéed in brandy and creamy English custard. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★ Service: ★★★★★ Atmosphere: ★★★½

► **Roy's, The Promenade at Bonita Bay, 26831 South Bay Drive, Bonita Springs; 498-7697**

Roy's primary influence comes from Hawaii, but its emphasis on fresh fish, delicate sauces and tropical drinks makes it a great fit for Southwest Florida. Service is gracious and personal, and the Hawaiian fusion cuisine is imaginative and well executed. Besides an interesting wine list, Roy's offers lots of exotic drinks, such as the 1988 Martini (with lychee liqueur and ruby red vodka, among other ingredients) and the Original Hawaiian Martini (with pineapple-infused and vanilla vodkas and coconut rum). Crunchy pot stickers contained tender lobster and veggies, and the sweet summer corn soup was creamy yet light. Roy's Classic Trio is a great entree, with small portions of hibachi-grilled salmon, blackened ahi tuna and Hawaiian style misoyaki butterfish. I loved my crispy whole hog snapper, served head on and scored for easy eating. Don't miss the molten chocolate cake, a Roy's classic. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★½ Service: ★★★★★ Atmosphere: ★★★★½

► **Tarpon Bay, Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa, 5001 Coconut Road, Bonita Springs; 444-1234**

For a casual seafood bistro, it would be hard to beat Tarpon Bay. It features a ceviche bar, 16 varieties of raw oysters, a dozen fresh fish options plus a number of signature dishes, such as banana leaf-wrapped mahi-mahi and crispy whole snapper. Wine devotees will find a host of interesting selections from which to choose. Every dish is painstakingly prepared and plated, served by a well-informed staff that fully grasps the definition of good service. In addition to two excellent varieties of ceviche (shrimp with roasted corn and coriander and salmon with sweet chili, almonds and cilantro), we enjoyed the tuna tataki and stone crab claws (in season only). Entrees of Applewood bacon-wrapped grouper balanced salty and smoky flavors with creamy leek fondue and asparagus and red onion confit. The showiest entrée was a crispy whole snapper that was perfectly fried and served with tender-crisp vegetables and a light ponzu sauce. Chocolate lava cake and a trio of Key lime desserts finished the meal nicely. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★½ Service: ★★★★★ Atmosphere: ★★★★½

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Talking shop with top chefs a treat for local media



For me, the most enjoyable part of the Naples Winter Wine Festival comes before the party even starts. On Thursday evening, the Naples Fifth Avenue chefs stage a reception for the incoming celebrity chefs to which the media are invited.

The chefs go on to a private party afterwards, but the cocktail hour gives food-focused writers time to talk with the culinary glitterati one-on-one before they commence preparing sumptuous multi-course wine dinners at private homes the following night.

As it did last year, the event took place at the Inn on Fifth. Last year cold weather forced us indoors, but this year, Mother Nature kindly supplied a perfect evening for an al fresco event on the spacious second-floor patio.

As the sun set, the chefs greeted one another and gamely fielded questions from the flock of media, which clearly outnumbered them.

Having any one of the guest chefs in town would be newsworthy, but having 15 speaks to the skills and connections of the NWWF board of trustees.

I had hoped to bring you some words from the chef I'd been looking forward to meeting most: Thomas Keller of The French Laundry in Yountville, Calif. Unfortunately, he and a couple others didn't make it in time because bad weather scrubbed their New York flights.

Nonetheless, plenty of other culinary superstars gladly spoke with us. Here's what a few of them had to say.

Rick Tramonto, best known for Tru, Chicago's highly acclaimed progressive French restaurant, also operates Tramonto Steak & Seafood, RT Lounge and Osteria de Tramonto, all in the Westin Chicago North Shore.

Here for his third stint as a guest chef, he had planned a 12-course Chicago-themed dinner at the home of festival trustees Bob and Joan Clifford, who are Chicagoans themselves and who insisted on flying Mr. Tramonto, his wife and their three sons here on their private plane.

Despite his hectic schedule, Mr. Tramonto was happy to donate his time and talents to the wine festival. The event and its purpose — assisting children in need — speak to him because of



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Right: Chicago Chef Rick Tramonto participates in the Naples Winter Wine Festival because he knows first-hand what a tough childhood is all about. Gale Gand, above, a celebrated Chicago pastry chef, brought her three children along to visit their grandmother, who lives in Naples.



Chef Rick Tramonto

his own difficult childhood in upstate New York.

"My dad went to prison when I was a kid and my mom worked as a cleaning lady," he said. "I wish these organizations had been around in 1975."

Now that he's in a position to help, he does so whenever he has the chance. And he makes sure his sons play a part in it, too.

"I'll do anything to give kids a chance, especially now when hard times are affecting people at all levels," he said. "The key is to let them know that people care, to build them up and give them hope."

He is keenly aware how important his role is in ensuring his teenaged sons make the right choices and learn to do the right thing themselves. On Christmas Eve each year, he and his sons takes toys to kids whose parents are incarcerated. "I want them to see how blessed they are," he said. "My wife and I say to each other 'Let's not be lazy parents.' It's easy to be a lazy parent. It's hard to be a good parent."

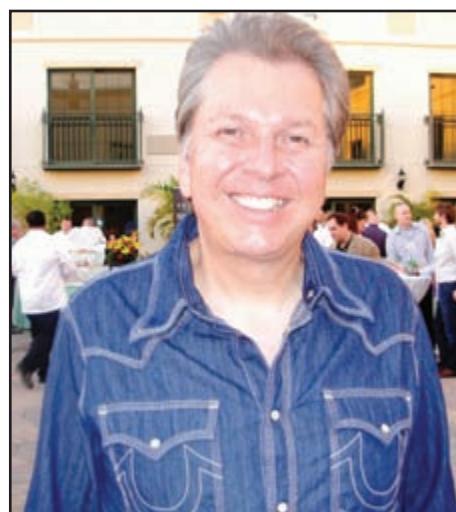
It's also personal for Christopher Lee, the executive chef at Charlie Palmer's Aureole in New York City.

"I have a nephew with autism," he said. "When someone asks me to do for kids, I'm there."

It's become an even greater imperative since his own son was born 14 months ago. "It's all about family now," he said.

An added bonus was the appearance of Gale Gand, who wasn't touted in the news releases but is every bit a celebrity chef in her own right. The pastry chef yang to Mr. Tramonto's ying at Tru, she handled the cheese course and hors d'oeuvres for the Cliffords' party and also supplied a host of desserts for an after party following the private vintner dinners Friday night.

Ms. Gand and her family also flew on the Cliffords' plane, which meant she could bring her cookie dough and other special ingredients she'd need for



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Dean Fearing, the acclaimed chef of Fearing's and formerly The Mansion at Turtle Creek in Dallas, wore his trademark Lucchese cowboy boots.

baking, something that wouldn't have been possible with the 3-ounce limit on liquids and all the other security regulations enforced on commercial jets.

Her mother-in-law lives in Naples, so she was able to bring her two daughters and 13-year-old son to visit their grandmother while she was whipping up goodies for the NWWF. Among the treats she had planned for the festival goers: butterscotch pudding with black pepper whipped cream, coconut tuile cookies and candied kumquat, mini-root beer floats (using her artisanal root beer), cowboy cookies, mini-ice cream cones and petit fours. Earlier in the day, she and Mr. Tramonto had made a trip to Abbott's Frozen Custard on Fifth Avenue South to procure custard from the northern New York purveyor of whom both are big fans.

Making his debut at the festival this year was famed Southwestern chef Dean Fearing, who made The Mansion at Turtle Creek in Dallas one of the country's top restaurants and who now oversees Fearing's at The Ritz-Carlton in Dallas. Standing tall in a pair of his trademark hand-tooled Lucchese cowboy boots, he said his dinner would reflect his overall philosophy about food: "No borders. Big flavors."

On the menu were Thai-style lobster bisque, apricot-glazed quail, butternut squash taquitos, Buffalo tenderloin that had been soaked in Vermont maple syrup for 48 hours that would pair with jalapeno grits and an upside-down pear cake for dessert.

"Helping out charities is what chefs do," he said.

So why is the festival's 10th year his first?

"They've been trying to get me here for a few years," Mr. Fearing conceded. "There's always been some sort of conflict. But last year Francis Rooney sat me down at my restaurant and said, 'We want you there next year.'"

Considering that Mr. Rooney — who chaired this year's festival with his wife, Kathleen — served as the U.S. ambassador to the Vatican for President George W. Bush, it's not surprising that his powers of persuasion proved effective.

Only one chef at the media event — whose name is a household word but who will remain anonymous in this column — showed his disdain for the local writers, just as he did last year. He took few questions and, when he did respond, his eyes darted in every direction but that of the person interviewing him as if he was looking for someone more important to talk to. ■



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► **Friday, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26, 3-7 p.m., Freedom Park:** Collier County Parks and Recreation sponsors Market in the Park, with a portion of proceeds benefiting horticultural and health programs for Collier County children; 1515 Golden Gate Parkway. Call 252-4060 or 438-5682.

► **Friday, Feb. 5, 5:30-8 p.m., Decanted:** Learn the basics of Italian wine; \$10, 1410 Pine Ridge Road; 434-1814. Reservations required.

► **Friday, Feb. 5, 7 p.m., Robb & Stucky Culinary Center:** Enjoy wine and a multi-course meal by Executive Chef Martin Murphy at this month's Date Night; \$90 per couple, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; (866)

206-3840. Reservations required.

► **Saturday, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, 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, Feb. 6, 10 a.m.-noon, French Bread Oven:** Join chef-owners Eric Truglas and Andre Gratesol for complimentary brioche and champagne along with some baking and cooking tips; 8793 Tamiami Trail East, Naples; 732-7774.

► **Saturday, Feb. 6, 13, 20 and 27, noon-2 p.m., Alexander's Restaurant:** Chef Alex Bernard conducts a vegetarian and vegan cooking class,

which includes the cooking demonstration, a sampling of dishes, recipes and a glass of wine; \$40, 4077 Tamiami Trail N.; 262-4999. Reservations required.

► **Saturday, Feb. 6, noon-3 p.m., Whole Foods:** The store teams up with the Naples Fire Department for a chili cook-off, with each of the store's departments featuring its own chili and service by local firefighters; free, Mercato, 9101 Strada Place; 552-5100.

► **Saturday, Feb. 6, 6-8 p.m., Decanted:** It's singles night with Go Fish Singles, South American wines and light appetizers; \$10, 1410 Pine Ridge Road; 434-1814. Reservations required.

► **Monday, Feb. 8, 6 p.m., Robb**

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Executive Chef Martin Murphy leads a tour of Italy cooking class with appropriately paired wines; \$35, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; (866) 206-3840. Reservations required.

► **Monday, Feb. 8, 6 p.m., Whole Foods:** Chef John Cruz of Fleming's Steakhouse shows how to surprise a loved one with a romantic breakfast in bed; \$10, Mercato, 9101 Strada Place; 552-5100. Reservations required. Call customer service or online at www.acteva.com/Go/LifestyleCenter. ■

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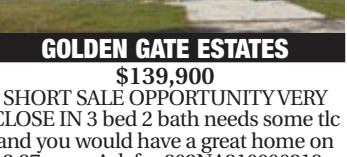


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Potential Short Sale, spacious 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, 2 car garage, tile throughout, vaulted ceilings, 2,020 sq under air. Ask for 802NA80462



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Homebuyer Tax Credit Boosts Economy

The vast majority of current homeowners say they would spend the expanded version of the homebuyer tax credit on repaying existing debts, home improvements, savings and investments and household expenses, according to a Coldwell Banker survey of 1,000 homeowners.

Paying off debts affords consumers more spending power, home improvements likewise put more equity money in their pockets and savings and investments generate income.

Consumer spending, of course, is the real fuel for the nation's economic engine. And much consumer spending is fueled by the housing market -- provided the housing market is energized.

Helping to energize the housing market and the economy is the idea behind the homebuyer tax credit and it's recent extension and expansion.

By October 2009, before President Obama signed the latest extension and expansion, more than 1.2 million tax returns had claimed about \$8.5 billion in the refundable tax credit, for both new and resale homes -- according to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA).

The new law extends the existing credit for first-time homebuyers, worth up to \$8,000, through April 30, 2010.

A new credit of up to \$6,500 is available to qualifying existing homeowners who buy a new primary residence (or have one built) by April 30, 2010, if they owned their existing home for five consecutive years over the last eight years. Second homes don't qualify.

The new rule also raises the qualifying



The maximum allowed home purchase price is \$800,000.

More information is available from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), including its question and answer page.

As a tangible asset with a host of other tax breaks and the potential for equity gain, a home is often a consumer's most valuable asset.

As the economic theory goes, when more consumers buy homes, the economy gets a boost.

income limits to \$125,000 for single taxpayers and \$225,000 for joint taxpayers, from the current \$75,000 and \$150,000.

the value of their home and home equity (29 percent). Home equity, can be a way to consolidate other, more expensive debt or spend further on capital improvements that generate more returns on the money.

- To put into savings and investments (28 percent). Saving and investing for returns is a much better personal financial approach than using credit for purchases.

Coldwell Banker also found, after learning about the tax credit expansion, 20 percent of those surveyed said they were more likely to consider purchasing a home than they were six months ago.

Of course, what will happen when the tax credit expires in 2010, without another extension, is anyone's guess.

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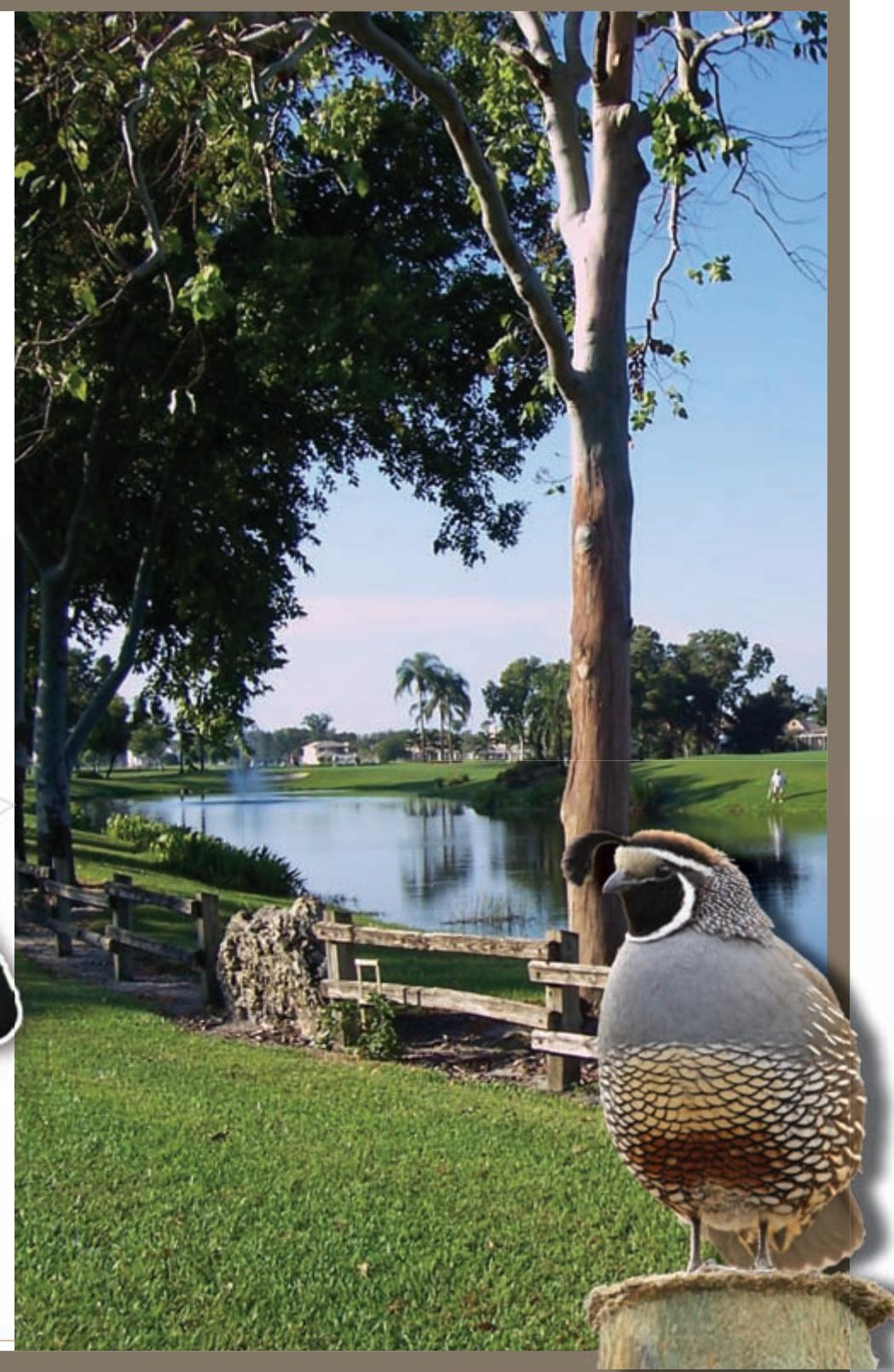
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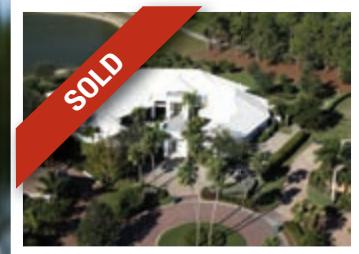
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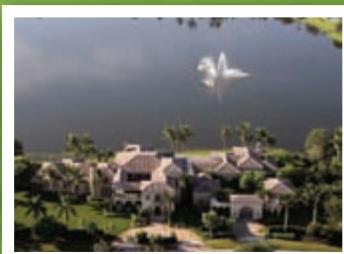


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28870 Cavell Terrance
\$3,295,000 - 5BR+Den
5,800 A/C Sq. Ft.



13770 Pondview Circle
\$1,995,000 - 5BR+Den
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28901 Cavell Terrace
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4,730 A/C Sq. Ft.



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