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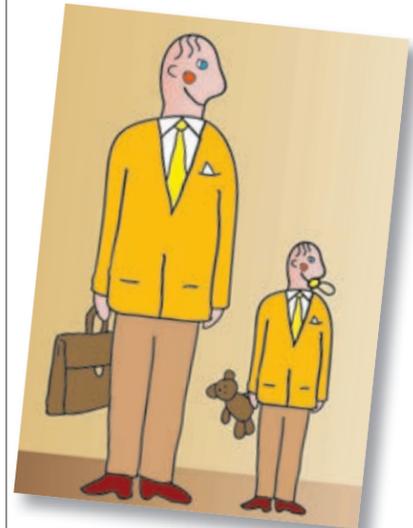
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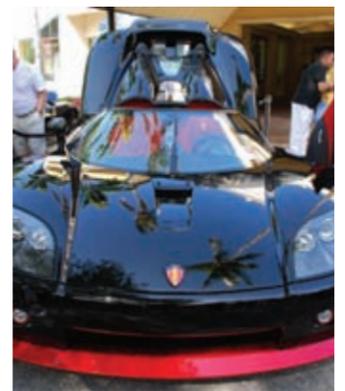
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BY OSVALDO PADILLA

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The Panama Canal at dusk. A \$5.25 billion expansion project will allow much larger ships to use the canal when finished in 2014.

There's a scenario being advanced right now in Southwest Florida that sounds something like this: It's the future, and times are good. The Panama Canal has expanded and so has commerce. From Charlotte to Collier to Hendry and Glades counties, materials arrive at processing plants, trucked in from a relatively short ride from places like Port Manatee in Tampa Bay or Port Everglades in Fort Lauderdale. Workers assemble or otherwise handle

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Bargains abound at 'the oldest thrift store in Naples'

BY EVAN WILLIAMS

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Many of the things on the shelves and racks at The Bargain Box reflect the affluence of the thrift store's tony Fifth Avenue South neighborhood. There are plenty of clothes with brand-name labels— some hardly worn at all, a few of them new — most of which are donated as well as ultimately purchased by Bargain Box regulars.

Whether they use the shop as a place

to take their cast-offs or to purchase their next new outfit, Bargain Box patrons are also decidedly fashion savvy. "You're not getting grandma's 1970s muu muu; you're getting last season's patterns and designs," says Mollie Page, a spokesperson for the longest operating community thrift store in Naples.

Founded in 1975 under the auspices of the Naples United Church of Christ, the volunteer-run shop celebrates its 35th

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Volunteer Patty Bonner manages the boutique section at The Bargain Box, where she offers personal shopper services.

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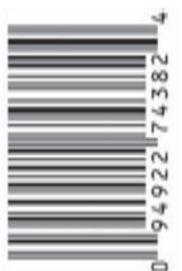
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COMMENTARY

Here's what's cooking: A new, bolder menu at The Naples Zoo

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A nice idea. But too milk toast.

The Wynn family is now serving food at the Naples Zoo, thanks to head honcho David Tetzlaff, the market-savvy zookeeper who spends a lot of his spare time bow and gun hunting in the Glades. (His quarry: white-tailed deer, Osceola turkey, Burmese python and redneck. Also the occasional ATV cowboy, although to my knowledge he doesn't eat those.)

Mr. Tetzlaff called the business relationship between the Wynns and the Tetzlaffs "genius," and told the *Naples Daily News* that the new zoo grub "is about putting fun in the zoo."

Bold as Mr. Tetzlaff may be in the wild, his idea of fun suffers from milk-toast constipation among the impounded.

It's not all bad, mind you. Instead of a generic sandwich from Subway, now you can score salads, sandwiches, hot dogs, chicken salad, pretzels, lemonade, popcorn, tacos, ice cream and a variety of drinks — all from the folks who brought us Wynn's Market, Wynn's Catering and Wynn's Realty.

Mr. Tetzlaff has boldly cut big-chain corporate America out of the zoo herd, at least economically. But he left its culture and cuisine in place.

The new grub is standard day-out family fare of the kind many up-market American attractions offer — Disney, for example. But Disney-like food, even pro-

duced by our own native Neapolitans, is not enough for a zoo that aspires to be the best. And Mr. Tetzlaff has told me personally that he abhors the plastic model of reality celebrated in Orlando.

Food aside, the Tetzlaff-Wynn marriage is historically resonant. The families grew up together in Naples, more or less. Here, the parents of each contemporary incarnation founded their respective businesses — the Wynns in 1938 and the Tetzlaffs beginning about 30 years later, in the 1960s.

Understandably, Tim Wynn's folks didn't sport bare-knuckle nicknames from the Greatest Generation's meat-and-potatoes years, like Mr. Tetzlaff's folks did. The Tetzlaffs answered to "Jungle Larry" and "Safari Jane," and not just because they were from Ohio, where that probably sounded exotic. No, there was more than just Buckeye in such fancy — there was Hollywood in it, too.

According to David's online biography, his father, Larry, worked with the late Johnny Weissmuller, the famous Olympic swimmer turned Tarzan actor. And his mother? Well, she was Nancy Jane.

His parents anticipated so much benefit from their sideshow nicknames alone that they registered them as trademarks. "Jungle Larry™". "Safari Jane™".

The Tetzlaffs were a lot more than just showboats, however. They took their kids on safaris to Africa, which is not milk-toast travel. There, "David's experiences ranged from playing along rivers in western Africa to witnessing stacks of leopard skins confiscated from poachers," his bio says.

Playing along rivers in western Africa?

Would you let your kid play along a river in western Africa? Think 20-foot crocodiles. Or gape-toothed, highly flatulent and extremely foul-tempered male hippopotami as big as Abrams tanks and as territorial as the Edo, a Nigerian tribe, or the MacPhersons, a Scottish clan. On second thought, never mind the MacPhersons. They're mean enough, God knows, but they don't fit this scenario.

Think constrictor snakes the size of aircraft carriers, and leeches that make baseball bats look like toothpicks.

On the flip side, however, consider the culinary possibilities: crocodile tail sautéed with coconut and red wine, perhaps. Or seared Niger River greens with barbecued giraffe rump.

Or (branching slightly eastward, and I have little doubt Mr. Tetzlaff has branched slightly eastward in his time): sukuma wiki (collard greens), mtuza wa samaki (baked curried fish) or the *creme de la creme* of a future zoo menu, *Kuku na nazi* (No, it's not roast Nazi circa 1942, although that wouldn't have been a bad idea. Instead, it's guinea or chicken with coconut milk.)

None of these dishes are hard to prepare, according to the Africans I've known well — all two of them. So why couldn't Mr. Tetzlaff do it, with help from the Wynns?

I'm talking food that would prove just as riveting as the creatures he harbors from distant and diverse geographies, where he has traveled to ingest, digest and exgest. Which is what I plan to do, especially in the latter case, if he takes my advice.

And he could. Mr. Tetzlaff could ask

himself, "What would Anthony Bourdain do?" And then he could offer the world to his visitors, in addition to milk toast.

He himself would be able to provide a significant amount of fresh local fare right from the Glades, with bow or rifle.

In addition, he should be recycling all those creatures that call the Naples Zoo home. Recycling is what we do now, so why waste them?

He could bring in a zoo-chef-de-cuisine (as opposed to a sous-chef-de-cuisine) the likes of which we haven't seen since the last time Humphrey Bogart and Catherine Hepburn floated downriver on the African Queen (probably where Mr. Tetzlaff played as a boy).

Imagine the impact on tourists of Naples Zoo Caged Cuisine — roasted, fried, sautéed, baked, barbecued, curried, ka-bobbed, souped, stewed, broiled, braised or broasted. For example, black bear or binturong (I like my binturong deep fried, but that's just me).

Or dorcas gazelle in gravy, yellow-backed duiker in duck sauce, hedgehog and biscuits, or iguana tail on toast. And have you ever tried jerked kudu antelope, or impala impaled on a fire spit? Man alive!

Eastern gray kangaroo basted in camel butter and crock-pot porcupine with onions and carrots — nearly irresistible. Tastes just like chicken.

Red river hog chops, black-and-white-striped zebra steaks — the list goes on and on. All edible, all present and accounted for at The Naples Zoo, and none of which shows up on the milk-toast menu.

I do hope to see a new and bolder menu from Mr. Tetzlaff soon. ■

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OPINION

The budget poseur

BY RICH LOWRY

President Barack Obama is a budgetary Don Quixote, with Office of Management and Budget Director Peter Orszag his enabling sidekick Sancho Panza.

Obama has donned his armor and picked up his lance to wage a thoroughly imaginary battle for fiscal restraint. He betrays not the slightest sign that his self-styled brave, tightfisted responsibility — slaying wasteful programs and freezing spending all around him — is all a dream.

“We simply cannot continue to spend as if deficits don’t have consequences,” Obama said in unveiling a budget with a record \$1.6 trillion deficit this year that will be the highest as a share of GDP since World War II. He warned against treating taxpayer dollars as “Monopoly money,” even as he proposes a budget of \$3.8 trillion, and against ignoring the challenge of the debt “for another generation,” even with a \$1 trillion deficit projected at the decade’s end.

Anyone listening to him describe his budget would stock extra foodstuffs in the pantry for the lean times ahead — and would be shocked to learn that Obama

was speaking of the most extravagant budget in American history. It’s a Keynesian blowout wrapped in an Eisenhower-era sensible Republican cloth coat.

National debt will exceed GDP in 2012, a staggering fact. Internationally, we will share that distinction with such fine fiscal company as Iceland, Greece and Italy. Even Brazil, Pakistan and Malawi have a lower debt as a percentage of GDP.

Obama is not the first president to take office amid a deteriorating budgetary picture. So did Bill Clinton in 1992. He responded by jettisoning the \$200 billion “investment” program he promised in the campaign and adopting a deficit-reduction program in its stead. He caterwauled privately about losing his political soul, and his left-wing supporters predicted economic gloom. A decade of rollicking good times ensued.

Obama has taken the opposite tack: spending even more than he promised in the campaign as he inherited spiraling, recession-fueled deficits. The fruit of all the stimulus spending is hard to detect, but Obama still wants another \$100 billion in deficit spending on yet another stimulus program. Whether he’s profligate or

austere, Obama is always spending more.

One of his favorite riffs is that he is going through the budget “line by line” for savings. This purportedly adds up to \$20 billion in savings next year, which is about one-fifth of the cost of the new stimulus program and one-fifth of the average monthly deficit last year.

It’s not that Obama is utterly incapable of finding savings and revenues. To fund his nearly \$1 trillion health-care reform, he’s endorsed extensive Medicare cuts and tax increases, both of which are supposed to be relatively painless and beneficial to the overall health-care system. Why wouldn’t he use them, then, to take a ready bite out of the deficit rather than devote them to a new, fiscally unsustainable entitlement program?

Ah, but don’t disturb Obama during his epic budgetary quest in his own mind. Margaret Thatcher said the problem with socialism is that you eventually run out of other people’s money. Obama may run out of ours while maintaining all the while he’s cutting the budget down to size. ■

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

Wars in our time



President Barack Obama does have a foreign policy. It’s called war.

Unfortunately, the president has not defined any real difference between his hawkish approach to international issues and that of his predecessor, former President George W. Bush.

Where’s the change we can believe in? Bush left a legacy of two wars, neither of which was ever fully explained or justified. Obama has merely picked up the sword that Bush left behind in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Both wars lack a formal congressional declaration of war.

In the struggle against terrorism, one might say, “Who cares?”

Well, one group that cares consists of Americans who follow the rules of the road and think we should honor all the treaties we have promoted and signed through the years.

The president gave short shrift to foreign policy in his State of the Union address, mentioning neither the lives lost nor the cost of the global hostilities that the U.S. has involved itself in. He also didn’t mention U.S. policies in the Middle East, though those are the root cause of many of our problems.

While U.S. special envoy George Mitchell has a hopeful outlook for the resumption of the stalemated talks between the Israelis and Palestinians after a year of trying, Obama seems to have temporarily

thrown in the towel.

Obama did say he was keeping his promise to leave Iraq “to its people” by the end of August.

“Make no mistake,” the president said, “this war is ending, and all of our troops are coming home.” Meanwhile, frequent suicide bombings continue in that beleaguered country.

Afghanistan is a different story. U.S. forces there are involved in manhunts and the drone-rocketing of al-Qaida and Taliban leaders. But the cost in civilian life is heavy when drones are used, and whole families have been wiped out to get one suspected leader.

The U.S. seems to have convinced the governments of Pakistan and Afghanistan that it’s their war, too. The Washington Post said the loss of Hakimullah Mehsud — the top Pakistani Taliban leader who reportedly died from wounds suffered from a drone missile attack — has dealt a fatal blow to his ruthless followers.

Meanwhile, the U.S. military web has spread to Yemen, where American intelligence teams have joined Yemeni troops in planning missions against — but not actually fighting — al-Qaida elements. Scores have been killed there.

Then there’s the ramped-up U.S. saber rattling toward Iran.

In his speech, Obama warned Iran of “consequences” if it didn’t play ball and cooperate on nuclear inspections. It’s unclear whether those consequences are of the financial sanction variety or, more ominously, of a pre-emptive military strike by the U.S. or Israel.

All this comes at a time when the U.S. has bolstered its naval presence in the Persian Gulf and the neoconservatives are

calling for “regime change” in Iran. Sound familiar?

But one prominent neocon, Robert Kagan, a senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment, sees the possibility of peaceful regime change in Iran.

Writing recently in *The Washington Post*, Kagan said it would be a tragedy “if Israel damaged the likelihood of regime change” with an airstrike against Iran’s nuclear facilities.

Organic regime change — rather than a military strike — could change the Iranian equation dramatically, Kagan concludes.

Iran, reacting to Western pressure or from fear of an attack, recently offered to send its uranium abroad for enrichment for industrial use.

There are new tensions in other parts of the world. For example, China is upset with the U.S. \$6 billion-plus arms sale to its nemesis, Taiwan. China’s also irked at Google for its belated push-back against Chinese hacking into Google’s Gmail accounts.

Obama will add to his world travels soon, going to Indonesia, where he spent some of his childhood, and Australia. In April he will attend a world conference in London on ways to reduce the threat of nuclear weapons.

So while the president’s Democratic base of support mutters about his abandonment of health reform, immigration reform and other choice policies, Obama can take solace in support from the Republican Party — the “party of No” — whenever he flexes U.S. military muscle.

And so this president takes his place among other U.S. chief executives who have sought the glory of leading the nation in military conflict. He has attained the desired status of “War President.” ■

MOMENTS IN TIME

► On **Feb. 12, 1934**, Bill Russell, the legendary center for the Boston Celtics during the 1960s, is born in Monroe, La. During his 13-year career with the Celtics, the 6-foot-9-inch Russell helped the team to 11 NBA championships.

► On **Feb. 13, 1914**, The American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers is formed in New York. This was the first U.S. group to help protect copyrighted music against illegal public performances for profit.

► On **Feb. 14, 278 A.D.**, Valentine,

a holy priest in Rome, is executed. Ruler Claudius the Cruel was having a difficult time getting soldiers to join his military because of their strong attachment to their wives, and had banned marriages. Valentine had continued to perform marriages in secret and was beheaded for it. ■

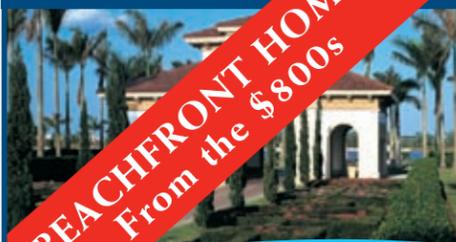
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15 MINUTES

In harmony with Southwest Florida's pristine wetland sanctuary

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*I think that I shall never see
a poem lovely as a tree*
— Joyce Kilmer

Some people have a signature landscape, one they are loyal to, and which in many ways becomes an inseparable part of who they are: a wheat farmer on the high plains of western Kansas, a park ranger on patrol at Yellowstone National Park, Woody Allen afoot in his beloved New York City. In the same sense, Ed Carlson is a part of Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary.

Now the executive director, he was 4 years old in 1954 when Audubon of Florida bought the preserve, 13,000 acres of pristine wetlands in Collier County. In doing so, they saved the largest forest of virgin bald cypress in North America from logging companies, and much of the wildlife that relies on it.

Dignitaries, including Gov. Charlie Crist, will officially recognize Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary on Feb. 18 as one of the world's most treasured natural habitats. The Ramsar Committee, an intergovernmental conservation group based in Switzerland, named it a Wetland of International Importance. That puts the sanctuary alongside Everglades National Park and only 22 other spots in the United States with the Ramsar designation.

"It really identifies us as one of the most important wetland systems on the



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Ed Carlson on the job at Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary

planet," Mr. Carlson said.

A former Miami suburbanite, Mr. Carlson was the son of a boat salesman and an airline secretary who had little interest in such wetland forests. But he and a few high school friends discovered the area on camping trips at spots in and around Corkscrew Sanctuary. After Alligator Alley was built, when he turned 17, one of their favorite trips was a two-day hike through Big Cypress National Preserve, walking from U.S. 41 straight north to the Alley. They trekked through what he described as a "mosaic" of pine islands and cypress marshes, discovering

the line where subtropic plants and animals exist in harmony with species from temperate climates.

"We were basically long-time swamp rats," Mr. Carlson said.

He was recently teased by his friends about how he's tall, sort of bald, and loves to fish — like the endangered wood storks who nest at Corkscrew. He's been "hanging out" there since finishing up high school. After graduating with a zoology degree from the University of South Florida in 1974, he came back to Corkscrew to aid in research projects, and became director in 1983.

Corkscrew Sanctuary received the prestigious Ramsar designation for many reasons. Foremost, it's part of Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed, which Mr. Carlson helped found. CREW's 60,000 acres is one of the only pristine wetlands in South Florida, he said. Because it is a rainwater-based system, it has been protected from the network of pumps, canals and levees that have drained much of the region for development, and destroyed large parts of the Everglades.

It will also receive the Ramsar designation because of its biological diversity, a true mix of subtropical and temperate flora and fauna.

"Imagine Muir Woods (near San Francisco) with alligators and nesting birds," Mr. Carlson said.

While the rest of South Florida was developed, Corkscrew Swamp has largely remained as it has been for hundreds of years. The 600-year-old virgin cypress trees that visitors see are "first growth," or untouched by loggers. About 100,000 people walk along the sanctuary's boardwalk, glimpsing a Florida untouched by economic ambition. Aside from birds that must leave the sanctuary to go search for food in developed Southwest Florida, animals at Corkscrew exist as they always have.

So does Mr. Carlson.

"I never tire of it," he said last week, standing out on the boardwalk, a puffy canopy of clouds hanging over the towering trees. "It's beautiful. I love the forests and the marshes and all the attendant wildlife." ■



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This future may be made possible by the Panama Canal Expansion, a \$5.25 billion project that's under way right now. The new, extra-large canal is scheduled to come online in 2014, a century after it first opened. It will allow super-sized cargo ships to access points around the globe. Shipping routes will be radically transformed, allowing goods to come and go more easily and cheaply. While



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the expansion's real impact has yet to be seen, that hasn't stopped experts and business players from speculating that the Panama Canal effect could be the catalyst that finally delivers the economic diversification and resiliency the state and region long for.

"With strategic investment we could position the state of Florida to be the kingpin for everything east of the Rockies and south of Canada," says Joe Mazurkiewicz, a political consultant and member of the state's transportation commission. He's been taking this ambitious message on the road. Working with Go21, an association that promotes freight transportation, Mr. Mazurkiewicz has been delivering a presentation that describes in broad terms how the canal expansion, coupled with improvements in the freight rail system, can change the state's economic landscape.

Despite the ambitious talk, it is yet to be seen whether Florida will be able to capture the windfall of traffic expected from the canal. Of specific concern to some observers is that ports are located north and east of Southwest Florida. Some critics of the vision argue that the Southwest region is too out of the way to see anything other than modest changes to our local economy.

The expansion begins

The Panama Canal has a history of revolutionizing trade routes. When it opened in 1914, it created a direct connection between the Atlantic and Pacific. Vessels that once had to make the long and treacherous trip along the southern coast of Chile had now shaved thousands of miles and weeks from their journey.

The expansion, now under construction by the Spanish builder Sacyr Vallehermoso, will add a third lane to the canal. Existing lanes are being deepened and widened. New ships are under construction to take advantage of the increased capacity.

The traditional Panamax vessels carried a significant load of 5,000 TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent units, a measure used for capacity in container transportation). That means the ship could carry 5,000 20-foot cargo containers. New post-Panamax or Panamax II ships more than double the load to 12,000 TEUs. The ships require ports that are 50 feet deep. There are no ports in Florida that could handle those kinds of ships. While there are talks of dredging out some of the states' ports to handle the vessels, the more viable short-term solution will be docking the large ships in deeper Caribbean ports, then using smaller vessels to bring in cargo.

Currently, 61 percent of goods from Northeast Asia arrive via ports along the U.S. west coast. They are then carried on trains and trucks across the country to the east. The expanded canal should make it easier and cheaper for more of that cargo to instead find its way through the canal to ports anywhere from Texas to the Northeast. "It cuts 14 days and 300,000 miles off of every round trip if they can bring it in here that way. It's a major deal," said Brian Presley, a financial advisor based in Punta Gorda where one project is already planned to increase rail performance and hopefully, attract some of that canal commerce.

SWFL Intermodal Logistics Center

Jeff Weiler, owner of Weiler Engineering in Charlotte County, is anxious to get started on a project to develop 20 acres into a cargo way station that he calls the Southwest Florida Intermodal and Logistics Center. The site sits between Interstate 75, U.S. 17 and the Charlotte airport. All the permits for the work have been approved, the land has been prepped and sewer lines put in. "We're all ready to go," he said.

What Mr. Weiler needs now is capital.

He has teamed up with Charlotte and Desoto counties and Seminole Gulf Railway to request more than \$36 million in federal stimulus money. The plan has the support of dozens of lawmakers and administrators throughout the state. The initial plan is to use the facility for bringing in granite from the north to be used throughout Southwest Florida for paving. The hope is that the facility can expand to become much more.

"Out of the chute, it's going to create 300 jobs," said Mr. Weiler. His hope is that the hub will expand to be an interchange for goods and raw building materials coming and going from Port Manatee and the Port of Tampa and moving up and down Southwest Florida. "Ultimately, it will create 1,000 jobs directly — all higher-paying jobs," he says. Eventually, he wants the intermodal logistics center to be an interchange for a variety of construction materials and even fuel. The project's impact has been estimated at anywhere between \$270 million to \$1.47 billion within 10 years.

But not everyone is so sure it will happen.

"Oh, you mean the place where that sign is. There's nothing going to be built there," says Gordon Fay. He and his son Robert run Seminole Gulf Railway, the freight and passenger line that runs from northern Naples to Arcadia. "It's an interesting hope and dream, but nowhere near happening."

Seminole Gulf Railway

It's commonly agreed that freight rails will be a major component to taking advantage of increased port traffic. In Southwest Florida, there is only one player in the train game: Seminole Gulf Railway.

Seminole Gulf Railway is best known as a dinner theater on rails. This Valentine's weekend, for instance, the train offers a strolling violinist as part of the Murder Mystery Dinner Train. However, theatrics and recreational excursions represent less than 10 percent of its business. SGR is primarily a freight service, bringing items such as newsprint to daily newspapers and tomato paste to make Bagel Bites in Fort Myers. During the building boom, its trains were packed with drywall, lumber and plywood that came from northeastern ports.

Advocates of the Panama Canal effect theory often cite Seminole Gulf as an impediment.

"They're only interested in running a dinner train," says Mr. Mazurkiewicz.

And financial advisor Brian Presley



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Florida's freight and commuter rail system

would prefer to see them cut out of the picture. "If I were CSX I would try to buy them (Seminole Gulf) out and upgrade those lines," he said. CSX is a railroad company with lines running throughout Florida into the Northeast and Midwest. The company leases the land that Seminole Gulf's lines sit on.

The Fays vehemently reject the characterization of them as unwilling to play ball. Instead, they say they're pragmatists, unwilling to commit to major investments before knowing for certain they will see returns.

"We're very interested in freight. That's what we do," says Robert Fay. "But it's not a 'build it and they will come' scenario. You have to build in step with who is coming."

As evidence of its commitment to expanding freight in the region, SGR has promised to put up more than \$5 million to improve its track if the government approves the \$36 million federal stimulus grant to develop the SWFL ILC project. Currently, Seminole Gulf trains need to slow down to 7 mph on some sections of track. The grant would allow them to upgrade those sections to welded rail, allowing trains to cruise at speeds of up to 25 mph.

Still, the Fays are cautious about expecting anything other than a modest granite operation at the Punta Gorda site. "It's an interesting hope and dream," says Gordon Fay, "But it's nowhere near happening. The commercial reality of this area is that small is beautiful. It's going to be small specific steps, not grand parcels."

Looking east

Mark Morton is ebullient talking about the post-Panamax future of Florida. As a resident of Naples, a father and economic development planner for Glades County, he's excited about the "game-changer" that will guarantee future prosperity. "Who'd have thought that during a major recession Florida would have such an incredible opportunity to diversify its economy?" he says.

Mr. Morton is also the vice president of Lykes Land Investment, which is seeking investors to develop a 4,000-acre site in Moore Haven into an intermodal logistics center that will allow for movement of goods as well as some manufacturing or assembly on site. Manufacturing plants throughout Southwest Florida would have a relatively short truck run to get their materials up and down from the Moore Haven facility. Businesses could take advantage of rail lines originally used to traffic sugar to move their goods to other similar facilities up the state and then link to distribution lines

throughout the country. So far, there are no commitments for the site, although Mr. Morton says there have been discussions with major developers with the knowledge, experience and capital to run this kind of operation.

On the other end of Lake Okeechobee, the Port of Palm Beach is negotiating a contract with Florida Crystals Corp. to create an inland port. The 3,500-acre site will allow the port to place and process the expected abundance of cargo expected from the Panama Canal expansion. Port Everglades in Fort Lauderdale and the Port of Miami would also be able to truck cargo to the site. The port is also asking for federal funds to extend freight lines from Miami-Dade County to Palm Beach. Products for retailers such as Wal-Mart, Pier One and Home Depot, that now come into the Port of Savannah and is trucked down, would have a much shorter and less expensive trip to market.

While all this connectivity would be good for the state in general, Mr. Morton argues that Southwest Florida stands to benefit directly from his Moore Haven location and not so much from the Palm Beach site.

Race to riches

Florida's efforts to attract commerce from the new and improved Panama Canal are not unique. From Texas to the Northeast, ports are planning expansions or storage space and adding cranes and other hardware to unload materials more efficiently. Transportation officials and business interests are collaborating and debating the future. Ports all along the U.S. coastline have signed ceremonial proclamations with the Panama Canal Authority stating that they're willing to work together. The competition among states and regions to capture the predicted traffic is what is fueling the push to improve infrastructure and add new staging centers here.

"For Florida to capture that business, it has to begin these capital improvement projects right now," says Mr. Presley.

Already, the widening of Interstate 75 and the expansion of State Road 80 to four lanes allows for more of the ship-to-truck-to-train traffic that many think will redefine the local economy. The Port of Manatee, the closest port to Southwest Florida, has begun adding a new pier and turning basin.

Even for skeptics of the new vision, the prospect of improving infrastructure and of trying something new to stimulate regional income is enticing.

"If there's a unicorn, it's likely to get away, so let's start chasing the unicorn so it doesn't get away, whether it exists or not," says Charlie Bigelow, a former Lee County commissioner who attended the public meetings concerning the inland port in Palm Beach. Mr. Bigelow, a self-described gadfly with a gift for colorful description, is encouraged with all the talk of rail expansion. He hopes the expansion of freight traffic will also make more commuter rail available — a fringe benefit he expects could also transform the local economy.

What the proponents of this economic vision need now are dollars and commitments from investors. Where the money and manufacturers will come from is unclear. The difficult business of bringing in developers, investors and operators will have to be hammered out in order to turn this grand vision of the future into reality.

"Maybe this is the Holy Grail of economic development. We don't know what the Holy Grail is yet, but we'll know it when we find it," said Mr. Bigelow. ■

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We're hard at work blazing the Collier County Heritage Trail

BY LOIS BOLIN

Special to Florida Weekly

"There is the love of knowing without the love of learning; the beclouding here leads to dissipation of mind."

— Confucius, *Analects (bk. II, ch. XV)*

There was no dissipation of any minds at the Marco Island Library during a recent lecture about the history of the place they call home. Some 50-plus lifelong learners were eager to find out more about the area's past.

It is always a treat to see people's faces when they learn the age of Collier County. Gov. Cary Hardee, Florida's 28th governor, decreed this new county called Collier in 1923. Once a part of southern Lee County, our 2,035 square miles became the Sunshine State's 62nd county and its third largest in total land area.

Many people at the library lecture were not aware of how remote and inaccessible the area used to be, or of how its first permanent settlements didn't take root until the 1880s. That's about the time tiny pioneer communities popped up along the coast at Everglade, Naples, Marco and Chokoloskee; farther inland, in the communities of Immokalee and Corkscrew, farming and ranching became the principal means of livelihood.

Most in the audience did know, however, that it was the Tamiami Trail that pierced the rugged wilderness and unlocked the area's enormous agricultural and resort potential. But they did not know much about Highway 29 and its role in Collier County's development.

The first modern non-native settlements

in Collier County were in the eastern interior, mainly along what today is Highway 29, the connecting path between Immokalee and Everglades City. Both cities still exist, as does Copeland; unfortunately, little evidence remains of other townships that thrived along the highway. I'm talking about places like Jerome, Deep Lake, Matmon, Rock Island, Miles City and Tucker Town. Even so, their place in local history must never be forgotten.

Deep Lake is home to more alligators than can be counted. I can only imagine how many of the creatures must have been there in the early 1900s, when Walter Langford of Fort Myers and John M. Roach of the Chicago Street Railway Company acquired Deep Lake Hammock and its nearly 200 acres of relatively high land surrounding, you guessed it, a deep lake. Mr. Langford and Mr. Roach were attracted to this lush landscape because the tropical vegetation appeared to have survived a winter freeze that had destroyed groves to the north.

In 1914, when neither roads nor railroads were on the horizon to facilitate the transport of supplies and fruit trees from Fort Myers to Deep Lake (and back again to market with the area's produce), Mr. Langford and Mr. Roach built their own tiny rail system. The line eventually extended to Everglades City.

In 1922, Barron Gift Collier purchased both Deep Lake and the considerable holdings of George Storter around Everglade.

A few years later, in 1928, the Atlantic Coastline Railroad bought the rail line from Deep Lake to Everglade. By 1960 this line was abandoned, however, and today it is part of the vast Fakahatchee

Strand Preserve State Park.

A piece of the trail

Information about Deep Lake and other lost townships will soon be accessible to all who drive along the Collier County Heritage Trail. Signs along the trail will let drivers know that, if they have a GPS in their car or on their iPhone, they can learn a little about the area they just passed. Several interpretative sites, where drivers or bicyclists can stop to learn more, will also be along the trail.

The soon-to-be-launched Collier County Heritage Trail social media site will delight lifelong learners who will be able to virtually travel the trail and discover more about our fascinating local history. The National Parks Service, our newest partner, will assist in the final design stages.

We are asking the community to become part of this sign design process. Visit www.naplesbackyardhistory.org for examples of heritage trail signs around the county and to learn how you can participate in the local "Design the Sign" effort.

It's been a long time coming, but I believe we can see a light at the end of this tunnel — or is that a freight train? Whatever. As Will Rogers said: "Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there."

Sitting is something we do not do well.

One day everyone will know about the unique cultures and traditions of our area's past — and the sooner the better, as far as I'm concerned. The lifelong learners who love acquiring as much as possessing a particular knowledge expect it. And the pioneers of our past deserve it. ■

See what life is like down on the farm

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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Synagogue honors Pauline and Murray Hendel

Beth Tikvah Conservative Synagogue presents its second annual Community Leadership Award from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club.

2010 honorees Pauline and Murray Hendel have been major contributors to the Naples community, enriching the quality of life for all area residents. The Hendels are a remarkable team, often collaborating on community service projects.

Mr. Hendel, a retired CPA who worked for the Internal Revenue Service, has served for 14 years on the Naples General Employees Pension Board, of which he is now vice chairman. He is past president of the Gulfshore Association of Condominiums, and he leads the Collier County Presidents Council, a group consisting of presidents of homeowners and condominium associations. He is also vice chairman of the Collier County Tourist Development Council and a board member of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Hendel has been co-president of the Holocaust Museum of Southwest Florida, and he also participated in efforts to bring the Chicago Cubs



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Pauline and Murray Hendel



to Naples for spring training.

Mrs. Hendel served on boards of Temple Shalom's sisterhood and the local chapter of the National Council of Jewish Women. With another woman, she started the Brandeis Women's chapter in Naples, which has evolved into the Women's Cultural Alliance. She has served for five years as a Guardian ad Litem to provide comfort and support to Collier County children involved in local court proceedings, and she has

done volunteer work at the Collectors Corner of the Naples Museum of Art.

The award evening will be a champagne and dessert reception, at once toast and roast, in the Mangrove Room of the hotel. There will be several door prizes and raffles associated with the festivities. Cost is \$54 per person, of which \$21 is tax-deductible.

Proceeds will support the Hendel Education Fund at Beth Tikvah. For more information, contact Jay Kaye at 593-2137 or jkaye@kayecompanies.com. Make checks payable to Beth Tikvah and mail to 3765 Airport Pulling Road, Suite 200, Naples, FL 34105. ■

Celebrating 10 local women of achievement

The Greater Naples American Association of University Women Charitable Foundation invites everyone in the community to its annual Celebrate Women of Achievement benefit from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, March 11, at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club. Lois Thome, WINK-TV news anchor and co-host of "Eye on Education," will recognize leaders from all walks of life — health care, education, service, the arts, the environment and business.

This year's honorees are: Joetta Abbazio, Rosalee Bogo, Judy Hushon, Harriet Lancaster, Mollie Ottina, Mary Polizzotto, Rosemary Seheult, Sheryl Soukup, Carlene Thissen and Linda White. These accomplished women are recognized for

their contributions to the local community and are role models who reinforce AAUW's mission: advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

Luncheon tickets are \$65 (\$38.50 is tax-deductible).

All proceeds will benefit AAUW fellowships, grants and research, AAUW Legal Advocacy and local scholarships sponsored by the Greater Naples AAUW Charitable Foundation.

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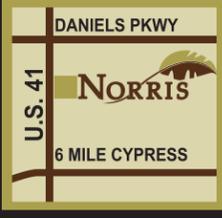


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Civil Air Patrol's Capt. Picone earns Commander's Commendation

Capt. James Picone of the Marco Island Composite Squadron recently received the Commander's Commendation from Civil Air Patrol's Florida Wing Commander Col. Christian Moersch. Marco Island Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Lee Henderson presented the award.



COURTESY PHOTO
Lt. Col. Lee Henderson, left, presents the commendation to Capt. James Picone.

Picone seized the initiative and organized communication teams that operated almost 24 hours a day for the duration of the operation. Through his quick reaction, initiative and organizational skills, his actions directly contributed to the success of the operation.

Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit

organization with 58,000 members nationwide. CAP performs 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and was credited by the AFRCC with saving 72 lives in 2009. Volunteers also perform homeland security, disaster relief and counter-drug missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. The members play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to the more than 23,000 young people currently participating in CAP cadet programs. CAP has been performing missions for America for 68 years. For more information on CAP, visit www.gocivillairpatrol.com. ■

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Capt. Picone was honored for outstanding duty performance in connection with a Homeland Security multi-state, multi-agency mission. Such missions are one of the key contributions Civil Air Patrol volunteers make in protecting the country. Over the course of 10 days in April 2009, Capt. Picone acted as the communication team leader for a joint task force operation involving numerous agencies in three states. Florida Wing was tasked with providing 104 air sorties during the mission.

During the operation it became apparent that the controlling authority was overwhelmed with providing communications for the many players involved. At the discovery of this weakness in communications, Capt.

Frontier Airlines offers new Denver flights

Frontier Airlines has added year-round service between Southwest Florida International Airport and Denver International Airport. Three weekly nonstop flights begin running on Tuesday, April 20. Tickets for the expanded service go on sale Sunday, Feb. 14.

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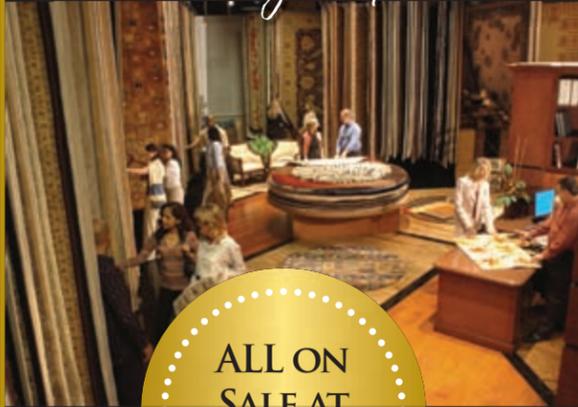
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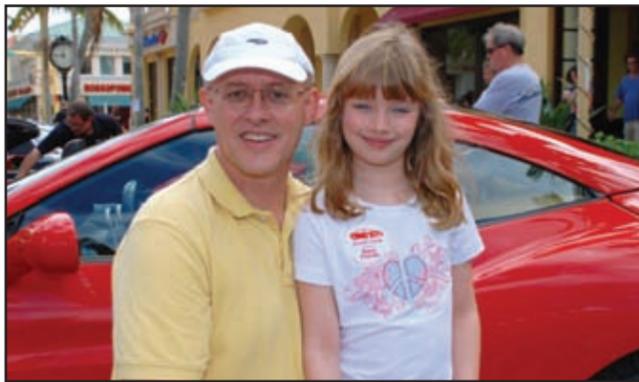


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Needlepoint group ready to stitch

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

The next "stitch-in" starts at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 26, at the church. For more information call 353-9973 or e-mail marrdr9@aol.com ■

A taste of Sicily in Naples

Treat your sweetheart to a Valentine's Day evening in Sicily without leaving Southwest Florida. The Naples Italian American Club presents "Una Notte In Sicilia" (A Night in Sicily), a traditional dinner and dance with authentic Sicilian cuisine, on Sunday, Feb. 14. The Tarantella Dancers and musician Nat Carbo, host of 93.5 FM's Italian music radio show, will perform.

The club's executive chef, Annie Prizzi describes the Sicilian family meal as "a table filled with generation-to-generation shared dishes." Doors open at 4 p.m. Din-

ner is served at 5 p.m. and entertainment will be from 6-9 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person for club members and \$35 for others. There will be a cash bar. Next up for club members and guests is the "Rainbow of Fashion" luncheon and fashion show to benefit the club's foundation. Members will model spring fashions from Class Act Boutique, and an array of accessories will be available for purchase. The event begins at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 19. Tickets are \$38 person with a cash bar.

Prepaid reservations are required for the Valentine's Day dinner dance and for the spring fashion show. Call 597-5210. ■

Ikebana group invites the public into its fold



Members of Ikebana International in Naples invite the public to their next meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 17. The club will enjoy a luncheon and demonstration at Grey Oaks Country Club by headmaster Ricardo Carrasco of the Banmi Shofu Ryu Ikebana School. The meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. with a silent auction followed by Mr. Carrasco's

demonstration at 10:30 a.m. and luncheon at noon. Cost is \$60 per person. Call 390-2881 or go to www.ikebananaples.com for reservations and more information. ■

Private dinners benefit arts and learning

Supporters of The Naples Woman's Club and The von Liebig Art Center team up to host themed dinners in 10 private homes throughout Naples on Wednesday, March 3. "Dining for Philanthropy" marks the first jointly sponsored event by these two organizations that are raising funds to benefit their activities and scholarships.

After cocktails and dinner from 5-7 p.m. in the various homes, guests will gather for a dessert-under-the-stars reception and live art auction sponsored by Bentley Village from 7-9 p.m. at The von Liebig.

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

Zonta fashion show will help local girls

The Zonta Club of Naples will hold its Spring Fashion Show and Fundraiser



for PACE Center for Girls, Immokalee, and the Naples Teenage Parenting Program at 11 a.m. Friday, March 26, at The Strand Country Club. Tickets are \$80. For more information and reservations call 598-9058. ■

Get acquainted with the Newcomers Club

The Naples Newcomers Club is designed to help women who have been permanent residents of Naples for no more than five years meet and develop friendships with others who are new to the area and to learn about the culture and lifestyle of their new home.

The club holds a luncheon meeting on the second Thursday of each month, year 'round. Groups within the club meet for outings and to share varied interests, such as mah-jongg and duplicate bridge, gourmet cooking and discussions about philosophy.

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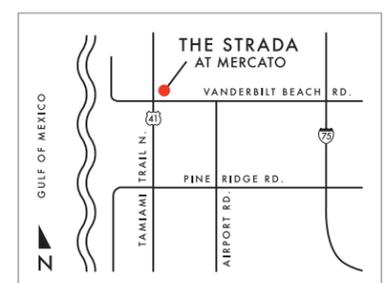
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Jewelry, watches expert will offer complimentary appraisals in Naples

Leslie Hindman Auctioneers welcomes fine jewelry and timepieces expert Alexander Eblen to Naples Monday through Wednesday, Feb. 15-17. Mr. Eblen will provide free jewelry appraisals at the Chicago-based auction house's new satellite location at 1300 Third St. S. He will also host a breakfast presentation about "Fine Jewelry and Timepieces in Today's Fluctuating Market: Current Valuations" at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 15.

"In today's tough economy, people have become increasingly interested in learning what their jewelry is worth," Mr. Eblen says. "I'm delighted to meet residents of Naples and to provide free appraisals and advice on selling jewelry at a time when many people are looking to raise capital."

A graduate gemologist from the Gemological Institute of America in Carlsbad, Calif., he specializes in diamonds and colored gemstones.

Leslie Hindman auctions feature antique, period, modern and contemporary jewelry and timepieces from Bulgari, Buccellati, Cartier, Tiffany & Co., Patek Philippe, Rolex and other designers. Mr. Eblen's department offers items from private collections and estates.

In addition to the jewelry department, Leslie Hindman Auctioneers is a full-service auction house acknowledged as a key player for more than 30 years in the global auction market. The company delivers up to 40 sales a year specializing in fine furniture and decorative arts; fine art; fine books and manuscripts; fine jewelry and timepieces; and vintage couture and accessories.

For more information about attending Mr. Eblen's breakfast presentation or setting up a complimentary consultation, contact Kristy Vaughn or Maura Ross at Leslie Hindman Auctioneers, Naples, 643-4448. ■

Get your ducks in a row

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

Corporate and neighborhood teams signed up for the 2010 event include groups from Nordstrom, Capital Grille and Bentley Village and those with names



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

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

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Free seminar examines retirement lifestyle options

The Women's Cultural Alliance and Jewish Family Services of the Jewish Federation of Collier County invite the public to a seminar about "Retirement Lifestyle Options" from 9:30 a.m. to noon Thursday, March 4, at Moorings Park. Presentations will look at options for life care, rental properties, equity and co-ops. Among the facilities describing their ser-

vices will be Arbor Trace, Aston Gardens, Bentley Village, Marbella, Moorings Park, Terraces, Terracina Grand, The Carlisle and The Glenview.

Presentations will be followed by a question-and-answer session. Reservations are requested by Friday, Feb. 19, and can be made by e-mailing Jane Hersch at janehersch@comcast.net. ■

Get set for writing and speed-reading classes

Professor Nancy Shuster teaches several classes in the area to help lovers of the written word improve their skills. Her writing workshops take place from 10-11 a.m. every Wednesday at Fleischmann Park, a speed-reading lessons are from 1:30-2:30 p.m. every Thursday at the park. Each session costs \$5, and classes continue every week until April 28. Call 213-7120 to register.

Professor Shuster is also teaches life story writing and diet writing at the Naples Center of FGCU's Renaissance Academy, 1010 Fifth Ave. S. Life story classes meet from 10-11:30 a.m. Feb. 15 and 22 and March 5, 12, 19 and 26; diet writing classes meet from 10:30 a.m. to noon March 15, 22 and 29. Call 434-4737 to register or e-mail Nshu4@aol.com for more information. ■

Catch up with local history at Palm Cottage

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



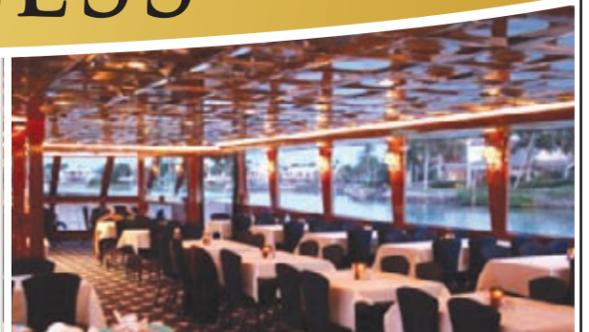
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- **Friday, Feb. 12:** "Archaeological Landscapes of Naples" — Learn about the city's physical evolution from John Beriault, past president of the NHS and archaeologist for the Archaeological & Historical Conservancy Inc.
- **Friday, Feb. 26:** "Edison, Ford and

Friends" — Learn about two of America's greatest inventors, Thomas Edison and Henry Ford, how they met, the trips they took and the famous friends they made along the way. Chris Pendleton, president and CEO of the Edison & Ford Winter Estates in Fort Myers is the presenter.

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

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As another prom season approaches, 'fairy godmothers' need gowns to give

This prom season, a few fairy godmothers will help make dreams come true for area girls who otherwise wouldn't have a dress to wear to the school year's biggest dress-up affair. The Southwest Florida Fairy Godmothers are gearing

up for their second annual donation drive that encourages women to reach into their closets and give last season's gowns to the cause. "We're also asking moms who have teenage daughters to donate last year's prom dresses," says organizer Franky Margolin.



Gowns and accessories can be dropped off between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13 and 20, at Coconut Point mall in Estero and Edison Mall in Fort Myers.

attend their prom," Ms. Margolin says. Last year more than 200 local junior and senior girls found their perfect prom dress

through the Fairy Godmothers, she adds. Fairy Godmothers is a national non-profit organization that began a decade ago in Pennsylvania. The Southwest Florida chapter was created in 2006.

For more information, call Ms. Margolin at 565-5969 or visit www.fairygodmothersswf.com.





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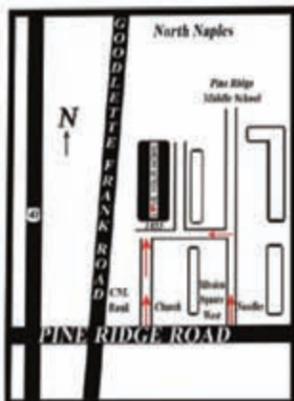
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Marco Bridge Run on Valentine's Day

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 goes through Key Marco and over several bridges, including the Goodland Bridge, dubbed "Marco's equivalent to the Boston Marathon's 'Heart Break Hill.'"

Registration is \$70 and can be completed at www.Active.com or www.MarcoBridgeRun.com. For more information, call Leslie Drake at the Marco Island YMCA, 394-3144, ext. 205, or Leslie@MarcoIslandYMCA.org. ■

walks, bike lanes and multi-use pathways for pedestrians, cyclists and individuals in wheelchairs.

Registration and continental breakfast begin at 6:30 a.m. at Gulfview Middle School, 255 Sixth St. S. Cost is \$35 for adults and \$20 for children. For more information, visit www.cancerallianceofnaples.com. ■

Pedal power for amputees

The second annual Miracle Limbs-Courage in Motion Bike Ride takes place Saturday, March 6, at North Collier Regional Park. There will be a 2-mile family fun ride through the park, 10-, 28-, 42- and 62-mile city rides and a 4.8-mile timed trial ride. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m. with the first ride starting at 7 a.m. and staggered starting for the rest of the rides.

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

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At the heart of this year's ride is 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.



Ride or walk for cancer alliance

Gulfview Middle School is the site for the sixth annual bike ride and walk to benefit Cancer Alliance of Naples and the Naples Pathways Coalition. The event takes place Sunday, Feb. 28; those who register by Friday, Feb. 12, will receive an event T-shirt.



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Tommy Bowden will address Christian athletes

The South-west Florida Fellowship of Christian Athletes hosts its "Join The Team" banquet from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, March 18, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point in Bonita Springs. Guests at the third annual fund-



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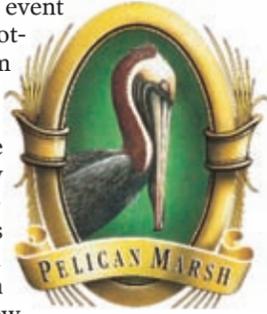
raiser will welcome Tommy Bowden, former head football coach at Clemson University and FCA Football Coach of the Year, as the keynote speaker. The evening is designed to share the vision of FCA on a national and local

level and will include entertainment, dinner, music, video presentations and a silent auction.

Tickets start at \$100 per person and are available online at www.swfloridafca.org or by calling 784-3377. ■

Golf tourney at Pelican Marsh

Immokalee Housing & Family Services holds its inaugural pro-am golf tournament 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 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 will follow the 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.

Proceeds will help Immokalee Housing & 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.

Registration begins at 1 p.m. Cost is \$250 per person, or \$100 per person for dinner and auction only. Corporate sponsorships are available. For more information, e-mail donna@donnacarty.com or call 784-7734. ■

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Agencies plan 'Five Days of Spay' for low-cost pet sterilizations

Collier Spay Neuter Clinic, in collaboration with Humane Society Naples and Collier County Domestic Animal Services, is observing "Five Days of Spay" Feb. 22-22. Pet owners will be able to have their animals sterilized for a fraction of the usual cost. All it takes is a toll-free call to (877) 781-SPAY (7729) to get the process started.

Several area veterinarians are participating in the program. A limited number of appointments are available and must be reserved.

For low-income pet owners who want to have their pet sterilized, "Five Days of Spay" is a blessing, says Pallas Diaz, executive director of the local spay neuter clinic. "In Southwest Florida, more than 15,000 pets are put down every year due to pet overpopulation," she says, adding, "Spay/neuter protects pet health, improves pet behavior and lessens the burden on animal shelters and taxpayers."

Michael Simonik, executive director of Humane Society Naples, confirms the seriousness of the pet overpopulation problem as seen at the private no-kill shelter. "Every day we get call after call after tearful call from people wanting to surrender their pets," he says.

HSN is the middle of a renovation project that is temporarily reducing the total number of pets the shelter can take in, Mr. Simonik adds. "But even when our renovation is finished in June and we can take in 25 percent more pets, that alone will not solve the problem of pet overpopulation.

"But pet sterilization can and does reduce



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Veterinarian Linda George finishes up a canine spay at The Humane Animal Clinic, one of the partners in "Five Days of Spay."

the number of unwanted pets in a community," he says. That's why HSN is joining the "Five Days of Spay" promotion.

Director Amanda Townsend at Collier County DAS is deeply troubled by the number of pets surrendered and impounded. "Almost 7,000 pets entered DAS last year," Ms. Townsend says. "This is far too many. Sterilizing pets is the most effective and humane method to reducing the number of unwanted pets and ending pet overpopulation."

Since National Spay Day's inception in 1995, participants across the country have altered an estimated 1,418,500 animals. The efforts of Spay Day participants and spay/neuter programs have reduced the number of homeless animals euthanized in the United States from 13.5 million in 1973 to about 4 million currently.

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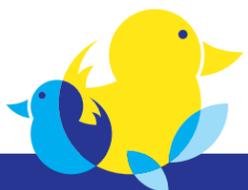
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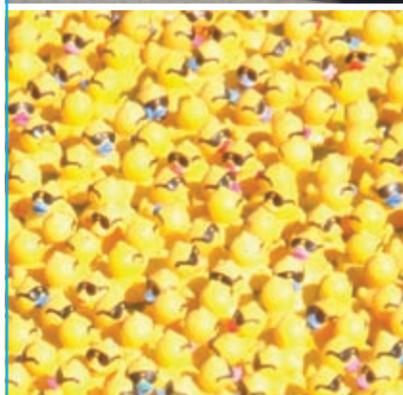


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Five Southwest Florida hospitals have been designated as among the best hospitals in the country by HealthGrades, a hospital rating company based in Golden, Colo.

NCH Healthcare System and Physicians Regional Medical Center in Naples, Lee Memorial Hospital in Fort Myers and Fawcett Memorial Hospital and Charlotte Regional Medical Center in Charlotte County were all named to a list of the top 5 percent of hospitals nationwide with low complication and mortality rates.



Each year HealthGrades independently assesses the quality of care provided at the nation's 5,000 nonfederal hospitals. In the eighth annual study, HealthGrades identified hospitals that are performing among the best in the nation across 26 diagnoses and procedures. These hospitals are further designated as a HealthGrades Distinguished Hospital for Clinical Excellence. These ratings and a list of specific recipients are available to consumers in order to help them make health care decisions based on the quality of care provided.

To be considered for HealthGrades Distinguished Hospital for Clinical Excellence, a hospital had to have star ratings in at least 19 of the 26 HealthGrades procedures and diagnoses ratings using MedPAR data. After creating a list of hospitals that met the above criteria, HealthGrades took the following steps to determine the Distinguished Hospital recipients.

The five Southwest Florida hospitals designated had 29 percent lower risk-adjusted in-hospital mortality, performed 9 percent better in in-hospital complications and improved at a greater rate for risk-adjusted mortality. The rankings are based on data from 40 million patients on Medicare who were hospitalized between 2006 and 2008.

Patients in need of a medical procedure who choose to receive their care at a Distinguished Hospital for Clinical Excellence will have a lower risk for an adverse clinical outcome relative to all other hospitals, the report from HealthGrades said. It also reported that if all hospitals performed at the level of Distinguished Hospitals, 150,132 Medicare lives could potentially have been saved and 13,104 Medicare in-hospital complications could potentially have been avoided.

For more information about how HealthGrades compiles its ratings, visit www.healthgrades.com/. ■

Go Red for Women luncheon and fashion show
is American Heart Association's first in SWF

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Although heart disease is commonly considered a "man's problem," the statistics tell another story: Heart disease remains the No. 1 killer of women in America today, claiming a half million lives each year, and stroke, the nation's No. 3 health offender, has a higher mortality rate in women than men.

Most people don't realize that one in every 2.5 women will die to heart disease. The awareness factor is much less in the African-American and Hispanic communities, though African Americans are more likely to have high blood pressure, be overweight or obese and to have diabetes, all leading risk factors for heart disease and stroke. In fact, African Americans have almost twice the risk of first-ever stroke compared to Caucasians.

The American Heart Association wants to change all that, and a luncheon coming up next month will help the effort in Southwest Florida. The AHA Go Red for Women luncheon and fashion show Friday, March 19, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point will provide women with the knowledge of how to take the necessary steps to live a longer and heart healthier life. This is the inaugural event in Southwest Florida; similar luncheons

take place all across the country as part of the AHA's nationwide Go Red for Women campaign, says Jenny Oister, chairman of the local event.

The educational, yet fashionable event will create an emotional, informative and inspirational atmosphere that will encourage women to become champions of their own health, says Debra Townsend, CEO and president of the International Center for Compassionate Care. As the keynote speaker for the local luncheon, Ms. Townsend will discuss "The Woman Within... Caring for Gentle Hearts."

The afternoon will also feature heart disease survivors and Circle of Red members as models in the "Go Red in Your Own Fashion" fashion show. Two educational breakout sessions will be offered: "The Take Home Message" presented by Kathy Shierling, and "Invest in Your Life: Balancing Health, Wealth & Family," sponsored by Regions Bank and Regions Morgan Keegan Trust.

Tickets to the luncheon/fashion show/educational sessions are \$125 per person.

The Go Red For Women movement is presented nationally by Macy's and Merck Inc. Top sponsors of the luncheon are Corowise, Home-Tech, Lee Memorial Health System, Regions Bank, Regions Morgan Keegan Trust and Miro-mar Design Center.

For more event information or sponsorship opportunities, contact Jennifer Baggett, Go Red for Women director, at 495-4911 or jennifer.baggett@heart.org.

And remember: A luncheon/fashion show ticket would make an ideal Valentine's Day gift for yourself, your wife or daughter, mother, sister, best friend or any woman who is important to you. ■

Warning signs
for women

>>As with men, women's most common heart attack symptom is chest pain or discomfort. But women are somewhat more likely than men to experience some of the other common symptoms:

♥ **Chest discomfort.** Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.

♥ **Discomfort in other areas** of the upper body. Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.

♥ **Shortness of breath**, with or without chest discomfort.

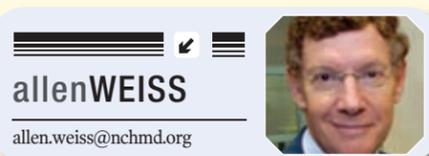
♥ **Breaking out in a cold sweat**, nausea or vomiting, lightheadedness and back or jaw pain.

If you or someone you are with has chest discomfort, especially with one or more of the other signs, don't wait longer than five minutes before calling 9-1-1 for help.



STRAIGHT TALK

Saluting some of the people who help NCH make a difference



NCH is a leader in the community because of one quality in particular: its people. Here are three examples of those whose recent contributions that have made a profound difference in the community we serve.

• **Michele Thoman**, recently appointed chief nursing officer, is a champion of shared governance. With a goal of getting everyone informed and enthused, she has conducted nursing forums and followed them with distribution of shared governance information to each nursing unit by "cart." Finally, she has organized shared governance fairs on both campuses.

What exactly is "shared governance," anyway? Basically, it can be thought of as encouraging and empowering nurses to exercise control over nursing practices for their patients. Shared governance has emerged as one way for clinical nurses to become involved in the decision-making processes that affect patient care. Shared

ownership, partnership, accountability and decentralized decision-making are all hallmarks of shared governance. Think of it as giving our nurses more power over patient care.

Ms. Thoman's information-sharing sessions will culminate with volunteer front-line nurses forming a System Practice Council as well as many specialty practice councils that will address local practice issues specific to the area of nursing expertise. Additional councils will form as these initial teams impact the way we practice nursing at NCH.

Beyond her efforts to promote shared governance, Ms. Thoman has reported to the board on the general state of nursing care at NCH. Her report included information about improving our nurse-to-patient ratios and the number of hours nurses are able to spend with each patient. Further, she reported that we will soon benchmark our nursing data with the national database for nursing quality indicators, which will allow us to constantly monitor our performance against national norms.

• **Dr. Babak Bozorgnia**, the newest of five NCH electrophysiologists (cardiologists who specialize in treating the electrical system of the heart), has used

the revolutionary EnSite System to diagnose and stop an abnormal heart rhythm in two recent patients. The EnSite System gives a real picture (a "map") of the electrical system of the heart, enhancing the accuracy of the procedure. NCH volunteers donated \$260,975 to purchase this state-of-the-art system for our community.

• NCH medical staff physicians **Vladimir Mathieu**, **William Murtagh**, **Phillip Organ** and **Robert Pascotto**, along with **Barbara Murtagh**, C.R.N.A., and **Vinouth Pierre-McNamara**, R.N., all recently returned from Haiti where they helped treat hundreds of people who were wounded in the earthquake. NCH has been sending supplies to Haiti since 2006 and continues to match employee contributions so we can assist our colleagues who have loved ones there in need. Our supplies are channeled through Hope for Haiti; we have accelerated our response with the current crisis.

Thanks to everyone who is part of the team that helps NCH make a difference every day for our community. ■

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

TO YOUR HEALTH

Free seminar on arthritis

The Arthritis Foundation estimates that arthritis affects one out of every five Americans and is the leading cause of disability in the nation. Orthopedic surgeon Robert Zehr of The Zehr Center for Orthopaedics will present "Arthritis: What's New, What Works" at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, in the café at the NCH North Collier Hospital. The seminar is free, but space is limited. To register, call 596-0100 or visit www.zehrcenter.com. ■



ZEHR

Healthy aging for women

"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. Call 593-0177 or 593-0334 for more information. ■

Cancer society volunteer training

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

to Recovery program connects volunteer drivers with patients in need of a ride to treatment. Volunteers need to have a valid driver's license, safe and reliable vehicle, proof of adequate automobile insurance, and should be willing to attend a brief training session. Volunteers can drive as often or as frequently as they'd like. The next local training session is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 16. For more information, call (800) 227-2345. ■

Macular degeneration lecture

The Lighthouse of Collier invites members and guests to hear Dr. Jaclyn Kovach of Bascom Palmer Eye Institute present an "Update on Diagnosis and Recent Treatments of Macular Degeneration and its Allied Diseases" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, in Building J/Room 103 at the Naples campus of Edison State College.

The mission of the Lighthouse of Collier is to promote the development, implementation and on-going evaluation of programs and services that foster independence and enhance the quality of life for the blind, visually impaired and their caregivers. For more information, call 430-3934 or visit www.LighthouseofCollier.org. ■

Parkinson's disease symposium

The Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida holds its 12th annual educational symposium and luncheon from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, at the Hilton Naples. The program is open to persons

with Parkinson disease, their caregivers and the medical community.

This year's featured speaker is Dr. Theresa Zesiewicz, an associate professor of neurology and assistant director of the Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders Center at the University of Southern Florida College of Medicine in Tampa.

Two hours of continuing education for mental health professionals, nurses, nursing home administrators and public guardians will be provided by the Mental Health Association of Southwest Florida and Sunshine Pharmacy.

Admission is \$30 per person. For reservations or more information, call Linda Stewart at 417-3465. ■

Heart attack program on Marco

Marco Island residents and visitors are invited to a free presentation titled "My chest hurts: Is it indigestion or a heart attack?" by cardiologist Roland Werres of Physicians Regional Healthcare System at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, at Markle Park.

Dr. Werres, a resident of Marco, holds a degree in medicine from the University of Cologne Medical School in Germany. His advanced training includes an internal medicine residency and cardiology fellowship at the Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, affiliated with the University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey. He is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine with subspecialties in cardiovascular diseases and nuclear cardiology.

The next free health lecture at Markle

Park presented by PRHS will be about kidney stones and other urological ailments. It will take place at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 30. The final lecture of the season, "Common Ailments of the Hand," will be presented at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 13. ■

Screenings for autism spectrum disorder

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. ■



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anniversary with an open house from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13. The Rev. Cathy O'Connell will make a presentation at 1 p.m., followed by a performance of the Bay Singers choral group. Thrift shop volunteers are making refreshments to serve, and those who find something to buy — clothing and accessories, electronics, books, household necessities or decorative treasures — will enjoy an automatic 25 percent off the regular ticketed price and will have the chance to increase that discount to 35 percent at the check-out counter.

All profits from The Bargain Box — an estimated \$1 million over the years — go to more than 50 charities of NUCC's choosing, including St. Matthew's House, Youth Haven and Grace Place for Children & Families. The shop has been a constant fixture in serving the needs of the Naples community and has fueled the church's ability to achieve many of its community outreach goals, says Senior Pastor Dr. Ronald Patterson. The anniversary open house, he adds, "is more of a thank you to our supporters."

"Without donations from our church members and friends, we wouldn't be able to provide the level of quality items we carry," he says. "Likewise, without patronage from the community, we wouldn't be able to serve the needs of those looking for affordable used merchandise."

The 5,000-square-foot store is organized by departments, the most popular by far of which is the ladies boutique. Patty Bonner, one of more than 100

if you go

- >> **What:** 35th anniversary celebration at The Bargain Box thrift store
- >> **Where:** 331 Eighth St. S., at the corner of Third Avenue South
- >> **When:** Anniversary celebration and open house from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13
- >> **Phone:** 262-3801

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Bargain Box volunteers, set up the specialty area of the store last summer and even offers personal shopping services for women who appreciate advice in coordinating accessories for the clothing they choose. Since the boutique section opened, it has accounted for 30-50 percent of sales storewide, Ms. Bonner says. "It was an experiment, but it's really gone over," she says. "We're so pleased."

Among the recent items snapped up by savvy bargain-hunters scouring the boutique corner: a nearly new pair of Ferragamo boots for \$50.



GRIDLEY

Store manager Jim Welty has held The Bargain Box's only paid position since 2004. Formerly a district manager for a large retail store based in New Castle, Pa., he utilizes the same skills at the nonprofit thrift shop.



COURTESY PHOTO

Customers from near and far enjoy shopping at Naples' oldest thrift store.

"It really parallels itself," he says, adding the biggest difference is at The Bargain Box, his staff consists entirely of volunteers.

"Here, you bring a person in, and they're here two or three hours and then you don't see them until next week... But these people have a lot of love, and they're dedicated. They put forth as big an effort as they are physically capable of doing."

A 13-year veteran of The Bargain Box ranks, Doty Gridley now helps train newcomers to handle store duties, from pricing and organizing donations and arranging and rearranging displays to checking out shoppers with purchases.

Ms. Gridley taught merchandising and marketing for 17 years and has also worked for retail stores in Boston, Mass., and Rochester, N.Y. At The Bargain Box, she still applies the

four basic retail principles of product, place, price and promotion. "It doesn't matter whether it's my college bookstore or Macy's or a thrift shop — you apply the basics," she says. "Retailing is change, change of season. It's always moving."

As any experienced thrifter knows, the merchandise is, indeed, always moving; the bargains here this morning will likely be gone by noon, so the time to buy it is when you see it.

The deals at The Bargain Box are so good, Ms. Page says, that some of them sometimes end up for resale — with higher price tags, of course — at area consignment stores. "If you said, 'Where'd you get this?' they'd say, 'Oh, we know someone who lives on Fifth Avenue,'" she says.

Apparently, the Bargain Box does, too. ■



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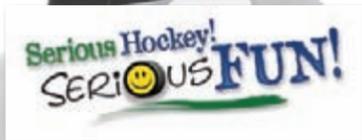
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Golden silk spider weaves a wondrous web

BY LEE BELANGER

Special to Florida Weekly

What's stronger than a bulletproof vest made of Kevlar? It isn't the golden silk spider (*Nephila clavipes*); it is this spider's web. In some cultures fishermen still use the twisted webs to make fishing nets. Scientists are also researching this tough material to find the secret to its strength.

Golden silk spiders are named for their golden web, but are also called "banana spiders" because their long, thin bodies have yellow highlighting their topsides.

Their webs are more than three feet in diameter and easily found in humid forests along trails. They are occasionally seen along the Black Island Trail at Lovers Key and can be spotted throughout Southwest Florida. If you see one, you are in for a treat.

The spiders are strikingly colorful, and their webs are works of art. Their intricate lacework calls to mind the Greek story of Arachne, a girl who loved to weave. She was so talented that the goddess Athena turned her into a spider out of jealousy. It is from that story that spiders derive their scientific classification: arachnid.

The webs spun by the golden silk spiders catch food and offer protection from predators such as frogs, toads, lizards, birds, shrews, beetles, ants and wasps.



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A golden silk spider

The female spider is three inches long and like all spiders, the male is much smaller, only one-half inch. These spiders live throughout the south, especially in Florida.

Web builders like the golden silk spider make web material in their bodies. They release the material as they jump from tree to tree to anchor the web. Some strands are sticky to catch insects and others are dry for the spider to walk on. When the spider feels a tug on the web, it walks on a dry strand to investigate. If it is just a leaf or some other non-edible detritus, the spider will cut the strand with little claws and eat the remainder of the broken strand, which in turn helps the spider create more silk.

If the web ensnares an insect, the spider will bite it and inject it with powerful venom. The toxin paralyzes or kills the insect, turning the bug's insides into liquid that the spider then drinks.

Fortunately, banana spiders rarely bite humans, and when they do, the neurotoxin is typically harmless. Only black widow and brown recluse spiders cause seriously painful and sometimes medically complicated bites.

The mating process for golden silks can be risky for the male. He must quickly win the female's affection or she will eat him. This rarely happens with the golden silk spider, which tends to be more passive than other spider species. Males face another hazard — other males. If two males meet, they will fight and may lose a leg or two in the process.

All this sounds rather gruesome, but spiders are really our friends. They eat more insects than birds do. If a spider lands on you, the best course of action is to flick it off and let it be. That spider may eat an insect that might have stung you. Once you've gotten over the excitement of the encounter, take a moment to marvel at the spider's web and contemplate the intricate interlacing that drove Athena so mad ■

— 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. Fun and educational for ages 6 and older; \$25 per person.

>>Guided moonlight paddles take place from 7:30-10 p.m. Feb. 26 and 27, and March 27 and 29. Join a park naturalist and discover the changes nighttime brings along the Blackwater River. Great for ages 12 and older; \$30 per person.

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

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

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PET TALES

Grooming for health

BY DR. MARTY BECKER & GINA SPADAFORI
Universal Press Syndicate

Beauty is more than skin deep when it comes to your dog. Keeping your pet well-groomed not only gives you a clean-smelling companion, it also helps keep your dog more comfortable and allows you to spot health problems before they become serious, even life-threatening.

How important is grooming to your pet's comfort? Consider a simple mat, so easy to overlook. Have you ever had your hair in a ponytail that was just a little too tight? A mat can feel the same way to your dog, a constant pull on the skin. Try to imagine those all over your body, and you have a good idea how uncomfortable an ungroomed coat can be.

Your dog need never know what a mat feels like if you keep him brushed and combed — but that's just the start of the health benefits. Regular grooming allows you to look for lumps, bumps and injuries, while clearing such things as mats and ticks from his coat. Follow up with your veterinarian on any questionable masses you find, and you may detect cancer early enough to save your pet's life.

For shorthaired breeds, keeping skin and coat in good shape is easy. Run your hands over him daily, a brush over him weekly, and that's it.

For other breeds, grooming is a little more involved. Breeds such as collies, chows, Keeshonden and Alaskan malamutes are "double-coated," which means

they have a downy undercoat underneath harsher long hair. The down can mat like a layer of felt against the skin if left untended. To prevent this, divide the coat into small sections and brush against the grain from the skin outward,



Regularly brushing pets keeps them healthier — and cuts down on shedding, too!

working from head to tail, section by section. In the spring and fall — the big shedding times — you'll end up with enough of that fluffy undercoat to make a whole new dog. Keep brushing and think of the benefits: The fur you pull out with a brush won't end up on the furniture, and removing the old stuff keeps your pet cooler in the summer and lets new insulation come in for the winter.

Silky-coated dogs such as Afghan hounds, cockers and Maltese also need constant brushing to keep tangles from

forming. As with the double-coated dogs, work with small sections at a time, brushing from the skin outward, and then comb back into place with the grain for a glossy, finished look. Coats of this type require so much attention that having a groomer keep the dogs trimmed to a medium length is often more practical. In fact, experts say that the pets who shed the least are longhaired dogs kept trimmed short by a groomer.

Curly and wiry coats, such as those on poodles and terriers, need to be brushed weekly, working against the grain and then with it. Curly coats need to be clipped every six weeks; wiry ones, two or three times a year (but clipping every six weeks will keep your terrier looking sharper).

Good grooming is about more than keeping your pet looking beautiful and clean-smelling, although that's certainly one of the pleasant payoffs. Regular grooming relaxes the dog who's used to it, and it becomes a special time shared between you both. A coat free of mats, burrs and tangles, and skin free of fleas and ticks, are as comfortable to your dog as clean clothes fresh from the wash are to you. It just makes you feel good, and the effect is the same for your pet.

Some added benefit for you: Giving your dog a tummy rub after every session is sure to relax you (and your dog, of course) and ease the stress of your day. And for allergy sufferers, keeping a dog clean may make having a dog possible. ■

Pets of the Week



>>>**Bob** is a cute and cuddly little guy who makes friends with people and other pets quickly. His adoption fee is \$55



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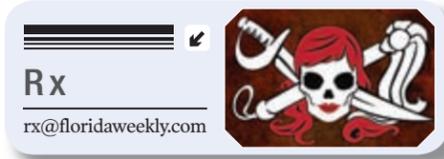
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Off the wall



What is rising up in the infinite space between us? The fourth wall?

In a proscenium theatre, the audience directly faces the stage that is raised in front of them. There is no audience view from any other position. Between the audience and the actors there is an imaginary wall of separation. This wall is referred to as the fourth wall. In a three-walled set in which the audience is viewing a spectacle, the fourth wall is an imaginary boundary between what is fiction and what is the viewing audience.

The fourth wall is a willing suspension of disbelief that allows play.

The audience, perforce, cannot give thought to this wall. Because with this thought audience role is altered, made different, but without being changed into something else.

Denis Diderot explicitly used the term in the 18th century. Since that time, many other stage formats have been created. On thrust stages action is observed on three sides instead of one. Theater in the round is observed by audience from all sides. That setup can be reversed, with central audience encircled by the dramatic action. In black box and site-specific theater settings, there is more

possibility of adaptation and change of setting.

But the word wall usually refers to solid structures that define or protect. Building walls support roof or ceiling. Sealing space is accomplished in boundary walls. Retaining walls create barriers that protect against the movement of earth, stone, or water. And separation walls separate peoples, like the defunct Berlin Wall or the wall at the Mexican border.

Wall Street in lower Manhattan was named after a wooden fortification that surrounded the pre-America Dutch colony. It was built to keep out wolves and other wild animals. Now, perhaps, it is merely a place wall-eyed, of indecipherable strabismus imbalance.

There are many laws about what changes that can be made to walls that are shared. And there are portable walls and fire walls and rock walls, shared and unshared.

I am a fly on the wall in this hole in the wall wailing wall. I see the writing on the wall. Don't stonewall.

My back is up against the wall. Please don't put another brick in the wall. I'm climbing the walls here, here in this attempt to permeate cell walls that are rigid, non-living enclosures.

Even though the English language uses the same word for both internal and external walls, this is not the case in other languages. There is often a linguistic distinction made between walls of internal boundary and walls of external



structure. And this is a distinction with wall-to-wall implications beyond merely cosmetic alteration.

Let's take a leap onto the fifth wall.

The term fifth wall has been used to refer to what separates critics, audiences and actors. It also refers to the boundary between the experiences of audience members, or to the screen in shadow theatre on which images are projected. The television has also been called a fifth wall.

In the 2007 indie film "Fifth Wall," a playwright creates a performance in which there is no line between stage and audience. The actors become their performance. The line between extraordinary art and a frightening drop with no control is lost when two actors become the insanity that is their staged story.

In pirate clambering, scaling, walking through walls, especially fifth walls, there is no denouement.

There is wall painting, panting, wall plugged into sources. Like the walls in Hogwarts School, there are shape shifting inside and out. There are non-oppositional visions that laugh unbecomingly. There are ceilings of sky, sealings of clarified love that slip out of hand. All this for fishy walleye eye shine that sees in the dark and turbid waters of duality. And with that trick of the mind, unbounded by any walls, we find ourselves at leisure, at play in the fields of the lords, divine and not needing to be.

Aye, off the wall. ■

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A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES BUSINESS INDUSTRY

To succeed, think about succession early. Ask the hard questions of family members, partners and key personnel before they have to be asked.

Tying up the future now... Succession

BY ROGER WILLIAMS
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Sure you're busy, but the answer is yes. Yes, you do want The-Future-Of-Your-Business advice from a guy who once paid for an entire semester of college at the University of Florida by scalping tickets to a Gators-Auburn football game: Craig Hersch, of The Sheppard Law Firm in Fort Myers.

And yes, you ought to listen to the advice of an Oklahoman who sounds like Will Rogers when he talks about your family and those who will

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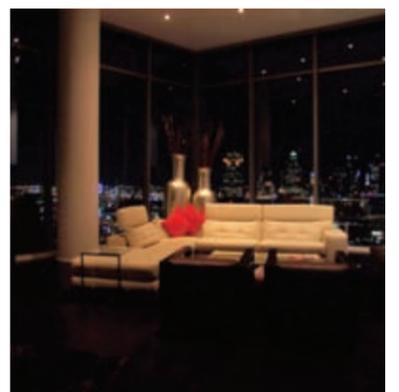
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The Education Foundation celebrates 20 years of award program, and more. **B7 & 8** ►



Imagine this

Keith Dychtwald says it's time to rewrite retirement rules. **B2** ►



Romancing the homes

Just in time for Valentine's Day, there's a lot to love on the national market. **B9** ►

Answers to readers' questions about money, relationships

Two weeks ago, this column wrote about money and relationships and made some observations that, while the two are inextricably interwoven, it is seemingly taboo for most relationships to allow open discussion. This is even more surprising given that money is cited as the number one cause of divorce, even above infidelity. The column ended with an invitation for readers to submit money-relationship questions. No offense to those who are unanswered; there were just too many questions posed for this column's space.

Unique people and unique circumstances do not allow a single or perfect answer to each of the question. Some of the questions require legal counsel and so specify. All require a lot of communicating. What is offered are suggestions for exploring the problem at hand, all within the context of developing loving and healthy relationships.

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► **Ultimately, I want to retire and have my son become CEO, but he's not ready. I have Christian values. Should I hire a Christian**

interim CEO to run the company and train my son?

Finding a replacement CEO who has the proper skills and values comparable to the company's and who can effectively train your son will be difficult; a

family business typically resonates with values and business practices unique to the family. If your perception is skewed in the direction of faith, you might end up with an agenda unaccomplished. Most probably, the interim CEO would be someone looking for his/her "last" job before retirement. Compensation for the CEO can be tied to performance as well as training.

The benefit of an interim CEO is that

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IMAGINE SOLUTIONS

Rewrite the rules of retirement: Bring on the grownups!

BY KEN DYCHTWARD, PH.D
San Francisco

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



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Ken Dychtwald

Where's the gravitas? Where are the leaders? I know there's talk that people want to be forever young, but I'd like to make a counter-argument. If there was ever a time that the world needed some grownups (or at least some grownup behavior), it's now. While there's a lot that's attractive about the energy, taut skin, and good intentions of youth, we could sure use some more experience, seasoned reasoning and level-headed wisdom.

Bring back the elders

Warren Buffett, the 79-year-old lion of American industry and commerce, has been in the media of late, taking strong, thoughtful positions on our economic state. Barbara Walters at 80 is all over the airways, and at 58, Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger miraculously landed his plane on the Hudson River with no casualties. And that's how it should be.

This is no time for our most experienced professionals to be on the bench, dismissed from the game just because they've reached

an "age of retirement" that is obsolete anyhow. Now is when we want the men and women who have been on the field the longest — the wisest, most discerning, smartest players — sharing their hard-earned insight and advice. It's time to retire retirement, because 65 is definitely not old anymore, and when it comes to getting out of a jam — either financial or mental, who better to help show us the way, than people who have been there before?

Late achievement, while gaining some fresh visibility of late, isn't altogether new. Groucho Marx launched a career as a television-show host at 65. Mary Baker

Eddy was 87 when she founded The Christian Science Monitor. Galileo published his masterpiece, "Dialogue Concerning the Two New Sciences" at 74. Picasso painted "The Rape of the Sabines" at 81. At 91, Frank Lloyd Wright designed the Guggenheim Museum in New York City. At 100, Ichijirou Araya climbed Mount Fuji

I also would make the case, having studied retirement now for 35 years, that most people are not all that happy with the "life of leisure" model of retirement, doing mostly nothing for 20 or 30 years. Having more time off to play, to relax, take an extended break — I totally respect that. But telling people at the top of their game in a longer-lived era, "Now just move to the sidelines, you're done," I think is a terrible mistake. It's not good for them, and it's not good for our nation.

Will the boomers grow up?

Here's the irony... the very generation that has tried the hardest to remain forever young may not realize that by seeking to live the Peter Pan lifestyle, we may be avoiding the critical role of growing up. I know it's hard for this "nip and tuck" generation to imagine, but for most of history, maturity was prized. Until relatively recently, the old, more than any other age group, assumed leadership, calmed the worried young, and set the example for others. Before the modern youth movement took hold in the Roaring '20s, and then became feverish in the post-World War II baby boom, maturity was so highly valued that people tended to exaggerate

their age. Remember that painting of the signing of the Constitution? No Grecian Formula in that room. Leaders of the time hid their youthful hair beneath wigs that were powdered white to enhance the illusion of age and wisdom.

Those of us who came of age believing that you shouldn't trust anyone over 30 need to reevaluate our stance toward the positive dimensions of the aging process and rethink our place in society. That "won't grow up" attitude is getting old now, too. Our kids, and their kids, need us to step into our roles as society's adults, and assume our gravitas to help the world get through this fix.

Come off the bench

Now's the time to gather up our wits and life lessons to think on our feet, lead with our hearts, envision new solutions, and bring optimism and a can-do attitude to bear on the problems at hand. Be one of the grownups. The choice is yours.

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SUCCESSION

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succeed you in the company you spent your life creating: Joe Cox, of Cox & Nici in Naples.

And yes, you should weigh carefully the wisdom of a fourth-generation native when he speaks about the pitfalls of the forward pass — that's when you drop back and send your business spiraling into the future: David Holmes, of the Farr Law Firm in Punta Gorda.

Mr. Cox, Mr. Hersch, and Mr. Holmes are estate-planning lawyers who specialize in helping small-business owners pass on their businesses with the greatest advantage when the time comes.

All of them say the same thing: To succeed, think about succession early. Ask the hard questions of family members, partners and key personnel before they have to be asked. Otherwise, you risk throwing away everything you've accomplished.

"The worst example of doing this the wrong way is when you die without planning," says Mr. Cox.

"And maybe the person who runs your estate is stuck with your business, and that person is not an entrepreneur or inclined to risk. Maybe it's a bank or entity that wants out of any risk. We've seen many under-priced sales of businesses that would have produced much more if proper succession planning had been in place, and the proper person had been there to nursemaid the business and get the proper sales price."

That's true of little small businesses and big small businesses alike, the experts say. Which means most businesses. In the United States, more than 90 percent of businesses are family owned (including 150 of the Fortune 500) and together they provide 78 percent of the country's jobs, notes Mr. Hersch.

Unfortunately, only three out of 10 will carry on into a second generation. One or two (12 percent) will make it into a third generation, and a slim four out of every 100 will survive

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— Joe Cox, estate-planning lawyer

beyond that.

Mr. Hersch introduced those sobering numbers in a recent commentary he called, "What's Your Family Business Succession Plan?"

Good question. If you don't have one — and you love your spouse and children, or care about your partners, or won't become another Andrew Carnegie, who reportedly gave each of his children a dime — "Then what's wrong with you?" asks Mr. Hersch bluntly. "As Cher said in the movie 'Moonstruck,' 'Snap out of it!'"

Snap out of it, indeed. "I've dealt with these issues in businesses ranging from mom-and-pop machine shops to large-scale construction companies doing \$30, \$40, \$50 million a year — small businesses aren't measured in dollars but in terms of number of shareholders," says Mr. Holmes.

"No matter who it is, the hard issues have to be confronted. The only question is, are you going to confront them or leave it to somebody else? Because this bridge will be crossed."

The hard issues are not just legal or professional, as it turns out. They're

A six-step program to the future

(Craig Hersch, of The Sheppard Law Firm, Fort Myers. For more: www.sbslaw.com)



HERSCH

A: Identify the current family leader's business and professional direction after transferring the business.

B: The family transition: Decide who will play what roles.

C: Determine how the business plan will change.

D: Ask how management will change when an owner leaves — only family members or key employees?

E: Decide on an ownership structure: Equal ownership? Common voting or non-voting shares?

F: Pin down the estate plan: Will the transition offer lifetime sales or transfers or gifts, will it occur at death, will it provide necessary funds for a business owner and spouse?

Two trains of thought

(David Holmes, of the Farr Law Firm, Punta Gorda. For more: www.Farr.com)



HOLMES

"When thinking about succession, try to divide

often personal.

What role will children or spouses have? Are they qualified? Should key personnel be protected or encouraged so they won't desert the business? What happens when family goals and business interests diverge? Or when a second marriage has occurred with children from each, and everyone has an interest? Or when in-laws become involved?

How do you tell one sibling that he or she lacks the talent of another for a given business, and won't be part of its future management? And then how do you assess what each child will inherit, both those who are more and those who are less involved in the business?

You don't do it quickly, say they experts.

"This is often done well, but some-

your thought processes into two distinct areas: One: ownership. Who will own it in the next generation — families, partners, spouses? And two: The succession of leadership or management.

"A lot of people want to come up with a plan but not tell anybody, write it up, put it in a vault, and when they die have it all come out the way they wanted. That doesn't work. You need to have the difficult conversations as early as possible."

The three options

(Joe Cox, of Cox & Nici, Naples. For more: www.coxnici.com)



COX

"First, your successor can be a family member. Second, they can be employees or partners — those are obvious successors. And the third is the toughest — the third party.

"If there is more than one owner, I always recommend a buy-sell agreement. Always. Are there four others? Is it just you and myself? Are the owners childless? Doesn't matter, the answer about a buy-sell agreement is, yes, yes and yes. This will define exactly what happens, and the price, if an owner dies, or becomes definably disabled — that's tough to define — or decides it's time to go."

times it takes several years," says Mr. Hersch. "You don't go into a lawyer on March 1, and on March 15 it's all done."

Everyone in a family, or the families of close partners, has to get used to the idea of change, and practice it.

"Let's say the business is worth a few million bucks," says Mr. Hersch. "You can't just turn it over suddenly because taxes might destroy your estate plan. You might have banks involved or third-party financing. Are you going to spook off your key employees? Will Junior do a good job, or is somebody going to open a competing firm?"

Family businesses, especially, are "a boiling pot of potential problems," he adds. "If those aren't addressed while everybody is sane and competent and vigorous, relationships can degenerate to lose the value of a business."

Owners have many expectations for their businesses — that they pay lifetime incomes after owners quit working, that they support spouses and children into the future, that they prove wealth and health enough to liquidate with sumptuous advantage, at a given point in time.

But many ignore the long-term questions during the demanding day-to-day operations of their businesses.

"If you had 100 businesses in Naples, I'd estimate that just over half wouldn't have any planning," observes Mr. Cox. "Entrepreneurs are sometimes the least-detail oriented people. They're the ones likely to say, 'Let's go to work now, we got a business to run, we'll worry about the future later,' and the papers never get filed."

So maybe the thing to do is tie up the future now. And worry about the present later. ■

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your son will be exposed to a managerial style other than Dad's. The downside is that it will take a lot of time and energy. If it is feasible for you to retire gradually; you can assign CEO tasks to your son in incremental steps and skip hiring an interim CEO. If not, consider assigning an outside consultant or board member to focus on this transition.

All of this assumes that the business is stable and that your son is willing and capable of learning the executive role.

► **My girlfriend and I both have children from previous marriages. We see financial issues very similarly except for schooling. She wants to pay for private high school and colleges. I want my sons to attend public high school and to pay one-third of their college so they grow in responsibility and maturity. The disparity not only affects us but our respective children as they deal with one another. How can I handle this? Should I run now?**

If your sole relationship problems are school selection and financing, you are fortunate.

If, after talking with her about these differences, you remain polarized, you can choose to accept and respect each other's position. Worry less about the children relating to each other; kids deal with disparities if they are clearly explained and reasonable. In the context of love, kids accept that not everything given to them will be exactly the same across and within each family of origin. Sameness is not required to blend families

However, the schooling issue might be a manifestation of greater relationship differences. Your priority is to build character

in your children; in your perception, public school and college payment by your children creates character building circumstances. For your girlfriend, "maturity and responsibility" might be back seat priorities to pedigreed or religious school education, super test scores, or protection from the "real world" of public school

A parent's values are expressed day in, day out in children's discipline and motivation. If values are prioritized in radically different order, all sorts of parenting conflicts will arise. Picture this: She excuses her kids from household chores so that they can study for a test; you make your kids finish chores despite pressing academic needs or major social events. Now stuff like this can easily make bad blood between children and adults.

So, no need to run; just walk one step at a time.

► **My sweetheart is very successful and she has a lot more money. For five years, we have always paid everything 50-50. But I don't know if I can continue with this spending arrangement in the future. What should I do?**

After five years, you might want to reassess what form you ultimately want your relationship to take: continued dating, living together, or marriage and then set your course. If you want a deeper and permanent relationship, you need to begin talking seriously about financial matters — remember, the primary cause of divorce is money issues and you have identified disparities to be resolved. It might be that, after five years, she is content to date, keeping well established patterns (including finances) intact.

Unlike women with less money or women with more traditional values or conservative cultures (which embrace the man as provider), she is amenable to sharing expenses. Most probably she is also open to a discussion laying out your financial situ-

ation. If she hears and sees demonstrations of your affections for her, your desire to be with her and your intent to provide for and protect her, she is apt to be open minded to a mutual dialogue about money. Sincere affection works like a charm!

► **How can we give a home to our daughter who is single and yet protect the asset from marital division in the event she gets married but ultimately divorces?**

This issue brings finance, legal and relationship issues together and each aspect should consider expert counsel.

Parents should seek the counsel of an attorney specializing in prenuptials in the daughter's state of domicile. Legal experts are expected to offer strategies, contract wording and execution so that the contract is clear and upheld in divorce court. Initial consults with attorneys are generally without charge.

Some of the questions to ask include: how is a pre marital asset is best protected after marriage so that it does not transform from being a non marital asset (not subject to division in a divorce) into a marital asset (one that is subject to division in a divorce) and how is the appreciation in a non-marital asset (from time of marriage until divorce) best protected from becoming a marital asset? Does marital effort expended on the home and marital income used to make mortgage payments create a marital component to the home during the marriage? Do the answers change if the asset was a gift to her?

Complex? Wait, there is more. What happens if your daughter's state of domicile changes? Each state has different marital laws, including regarding prenups executed in a former state of domicile.

Suggestions might include not gifting at all. Maybe a home should be held in parents name or trust owned by the parents but allow it to be used as her domicile

both before and after marriage. Maybe the attorney will suggest the home be owned by the daughter but the parents hold a mortgage on the property (at 100 percent of purchase price or 100 percent of purchase price PLUS unpaid interest which compounds (i.e., letting it accrue until time of marriage).

But, before visiting with an attorney, you might want to think about the relationship ramifications associated with this problem (i.e., excluding a home from the "marital pot" might not build "relationship equity") — the stuff that keeps marriages together. That is a personal/relationship issue

After Saturday's hard work 'round the house, couples sit on the patio swing and admire it together and build more dreams. If exclusively owned by the wife, are these moments possible? Or is the wife not allowing a husband's repairs, renovation and additions because the asset could become "tainted?" If it is a second marriage, much later in life, and the home is a condo, well... fewer of these questions arise.

What if the man who marries her has traditional values? Living in a home not jointly owned by him or provided by his labor may be an affront to his masculinity.

If the primary goal is for the daughter to have a successful marriage and yet be financially well provided, there are possibly other financial options to consider. Maybe it is not a home that is gifted; rather, it is an investment trust. Or maybe the parents will own the home but sell the home to the married couple, offering sweetheart terms for financing. ■

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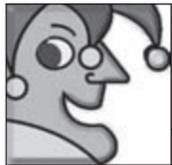


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Is there a universal language? Some would suggest love — but there's another candidate: mathematics. It's a major factor in investing, but you'd better be careful. It may surprise you a little.

For instance, imagine that you've lost money on a stock and you want to know when you're going to get back to even on your initial investment.

You might assume that after a 50 percent drop in the stock's price, you'd need a 50 percent gain to get back to even. Not true. Imagine that shares of Scruffy's Chicken Shack (ticker: BGAWK) fell from \$80 to \$40, a 50 percent drop. To get back to \$80, the stock will need to double, gaining 100 percent. If it drops 80 percent, say, from \$100 to \$20, it will need to gain 400 percent in order to get back to \$100. Even a more modest 20 percent drop in value will require a 25 percent gain. (As the drop gets bigger, the required return for a recovery gets much bigger.)

That's the bad news. Fortunately, there's good math news, too, regarding how your money can grow. If your stock gains \$100 in value, going from \$100 to \$200, you're sitting on a "two-bagger" and a 100 percent gain. (Got that? A double is a 100 percent gain, not 200 percent.) But later on, if it gains \$100 going from \$500 to \$600 (from a "five-bagger" to a "six-bagger"), that requires only a 20 percent gain.

It's good to understand how the math works, but it's more important to understand that we shouldn't get hung up on the past. With investing, what really counts is the future. A stock may have fallen 60 percent on you, or it may have risen 200 percent, but either way, you just need to know how likely it is to keep growing at a good clip. If you think it will, hang on. If not, sell and move the money into a more promising investment. Don't look back — look forward. ■

My Dumbest Investment

A Short Cup of Coffee

Some years ago, Starbucks was trading around \$14 per share. At the time, I thought paying \$2.50 for a cup of coffee was the dumbest idea I'd ever heard of when regular coffee at a deli was only 50 cents. So I shorted Starbucks. By the time the stock hit \$20, I had learned a valuable lesson: Don't short something just because you think it's a dumb idea. Millions of other coffee drinkers disagreed with me. It just proved to me how dangerous short selling is.

— K.D.S., Leonardo, N.J.

The Fool Responds: Short selling can be profitable, but many great investors succeed without engaging in it. When you short, essentially betting against a company, you're betting against the overall long-term trend of the market, which is up. You have the company's management working against you, too, as they aim to prosper. Also, the most you can make on a short is 100 percent, if the stock falls to zero (unlikely), while you might make 200 percent or more investing in some stocks in the usual way. Learn more at www.fool.com/specials/2001/sp010621.htm. ■

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

Last week's trivia answer

I was born in 1970, am headquartered in Cincinnati, and you probably don't know my name. My two main businesses are, oddly enough, hospice care and plumbing repair. My VITAS division is America's largest end-of-life hospice care provider, based in Florida and operating in 12 states. It owns 8 percent of the hospice market. My Roto-Rooter business sports more than 110 company-owned units and some 500 franchisees. It's the nation's largest plumbing and drain-cleaning servicer, serving 90 percent of America and 40 percent of Canada. I rake in more than \$1.1 billion annually. Who am I? ■

(Answer: Chemed)

 Write to Us! Send questions for *Ask the Fool*, *Dumbest* (or *Smartest*) *Investments* (up to 100 words), and your *Trivia entries* to Fool@fool.com or via regular mail c/o this newspaper, attn: *The Motley Fool*. Sorry, we can't provide individual financial advice.

What Is This Thing Called The Motley Fool?

Remember Shakespeare? Remember "As You Like It"? In Elizabethan days, Fools were the only people who could get away with telling the truth to the King or Queen. *The Motley Fool* tells the truth about investing, and hopes you'll laugh all the way to the bank.

Ask the Fool

Look for Growth and Value

Q What's the difference between "growth stocks" and "value stocks"? Which kind should I invest in?

— M.S., Dallas

A The adjectives "growth" and "value" are often not that meaningful and aren't even exclusive of each other. After all, an ideal prospective investment would probably be increasing sales and earnings at a good clip (growth!), and would also be priced a fair amount below what it's really worth (value!). A company that is increasing sales or earnings significantly may be dubbed a growth stock, and if its stock price ever seems undervalued, it might be deemed a value play. Look for both value and growth when investing.

Q Do I have to buy 100 shares at a time of any stock I'm interested in, or is there some way for me to buy odd lots (say, 10 or 25 shares) without paying a lot of extra money?

— K.E., Elyria, Ohio

A Most brokerages don't restrict how many shares of stock you can buy. You can buy 17 shares, or 83 shares, or even just one share. You should pay attention to what percentage of your investment is going to commissions, though.

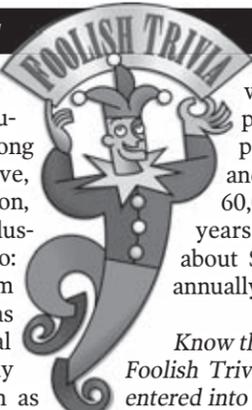
If you're spending \$250 on 10 shares of a \$25 stock but are paying a \$20 commission to your broker, then that represents 8 percent of your investment, which is too costly (20 divided by 250 is 0.08, or 8 percent). Aim to pay 2 percent or less in commissions.

If you buy \$1,000 of stock in a company and pay a \$20 commission, that's just 2 percent. Some brokerages sport commissions as low as \$8 (sometimes lower) — with a \$400 investment, an \$8 commission is just 2 percent. Learn more at www.broker.fool.com.

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

Name That Company

I'm the world's leading producer of primary aluminum, fabricated aluminum and alumina, serving, among others, the aerospace, automotive, packaging, building and construction, commercial transportation, and industrial markets. (I'm sustainable, too: Almost 70 percent of all the aluminum ever produced is still in use.) I was also America's second-largest real estate developer, at one time. Today I produce all kinds of things, such as



wheels, fastening systems, precision castings, and many parts of planes, buses, trucks and cars. I employ more than 60,000 people, and in recent years I've raked in between about \$20 billion and \$30 billion annually. Who am I? ■

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

The Motley Fool Take

Avoid Green Investment Scams

FINRA, the big regulator of U.S. securities firms, has recently addressed a new threat to your financial well-being: the green energy investment scam.

This is a twist on the traditional energy (i.e., oil and gas) scam. The promoter convinces you that given the rise of solar, wind and other alternative or renewable energy sources, some tiny stock has a game-changing technology, a huge untapped market or a big government contract about to fall in its lap. The idea is to get enough people excited about the stock that they'll pile in and push up the price of the thinly traded issue (typically a penny stock, trading for a few dollars or less per share). This gives the promoters

a chance to exit their position at a big profit. Hence the term "pump and dump."

To spot such scams, look for:

- Unsolicited communications (from snail mail to tweets, and more).
- Predictions of swift and exponential growth (a surefire 367 percent gain in the next two weeks!).
- No actual product on the market (but the prototype's almost ready to go!).

As the government showers money on alternative energy projects, some half-baked schemes will suddenly seem plausible, even profitable. It's important to keep your wits about you. Learn more at www.finra.org. ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

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

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

► The next **Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce After Five** meeting takes place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, at M&I Bank in the Esplanade. The networking event is a joint venture with Avow Hospice. Call 394-7549.

► The **Christian Chamber of Southwest Florida** welcomes Todd Gates as

the guest speaker for the Lee County luncheon on Tuesday, Feb. 16, at First Church of the Nazarene, 13545 American Colony Blvd., and the Collier County luncheon on Wednesday, Feb. 17, at Naples Church of God, 1074 10th Ave. N. Both meetings begin at 11 a.m. Cost is \$11 for members and \$13 for others. For reservations, call 481-1411 or visit www.hischamber.org.

► The **Business Builder Council of the CBIA** will hold a networking mixer from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, at Kitchens by Clay, 7935 Airport Road N. Register online at www.cbina.net or call 436-6100.

► **"Changing Domicile in Florida"** is the topic of a complimentary seminar and wine tasting hosted by Merrill Lynch

financial advisors Heidi Varsames and Dora Watson at 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at Decanted Wine & Beer, 1410 Pine Ridge Road. Guest speaker will be Rani Newman Mathura of Cummings & Lockwood LLC. Space is limited, and reservations are requested by calling 649-2907 or e-mailing a_ferguson@ml.com.

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

► **ABWA Neapolitan Chapter** meets from 5:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, at the Hilton Naples. Guest speaker Cyndee Woolley will discuss "Are You Linked In?" ABWA members and non-members

are welcome. Cost is \$35. For reservations, go to www.abwaneapolitan.org.

► 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. For more information, call 262-8183 or visit www.naplesspeakeasy.org.

► **Coffee and Social Media** members and guests meet from 8-9 a.m. the second Tuesday of every month at Ingage Networks (formerly Neighborhood America), 2210 Vanderbilt Beach Road. Coffee and Social Media is free and open to people with all social media abilities. For more information or to register, contact Cyndee Woolley at 571-3174 or cyndee@c2-com.com. ■

NETWORKING

ABWA Neapolitan Chamber January meeting at the Hilton Naples



Michele Smith and Carrie Kerskie



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NETWORKING

Heart of the Apple 20th anniversary luncheon

The Education Foundation of Collier County celebrates the Golden Apple



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This two-story penthouse in Dallas, Texas, is owned by Southwest Floridian Deion Sanders.

Looking for romance?

It's right at home in these residences

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Just in time for Valentine's Day, TopTen-RealEstateDeals.com has released its list of the Top 10 Most Romantic Homes for sale around the country, including a Boston home frequented by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, a grand estate overlooking San Francisco Bay and a log house nestled in the Smoky Mountains.

Homes were selected by using criteria based on a mix of location, history and design to create "the perfect atmosphere for love," says Jason Wakefield of TopTenRealEstateDeals.com. "These homes give love a street address," he adds.

For details, visit www.toptenrealestatedeals.com/.

1. Stars Fell on San Francisco

San Francisco, Calif.

\$45,000,000

This 1920s-era Italian Renaissance mansion in Pacific Heights was originally built for industrialist Milton Ray, who was also a published poet. His books of poetry were dedicated with love to his four daughters.



Suggested romantic activities: Ride a cable car, get your chocolate fix at Ghirardelli Square, take the ferry to Sausalito or head to Haight-Ashbury for a little retro romance.

2. I Love New York Limestone

The Upper East Side, New York, N.Y.

\$75,000,000

Built in the 1920s for wool baron Julius Forstmann, this home remains one of the largest and most important townhouses in the city. Behind a stately limestone façade are five floors with an additional garden level and a total of approximately 21,000 square feet.

Suggested romantic activities: Cuddle up for a carriage ride in Central Park, go ice-skating at Rockefeller Center or whisper sweet nothings at the top of the Empire State Building.



3. Love in the City of Cupid & Angels

Bel Air, Calif.

\$72,000,000 (recently reduced \$13,000,000)

Le Belvédère captures the hearts of all who enter, with its 280-degree city and mountain views, exquisitely ornate interior and even a

swan pond on the magical 2-plus-acre property.

Suggested romantic activities: Go for a drive through the Hollywood Hills, or fall in love with art at The Getty Museum.



4. A Poetic Affection

Boston, Mass.

\$23,500,000

The Daniel Parker House was inducted into the National Registry of Historical Places in 1978 and was home to the Women's City Club. The 21,000-square-foot Beacon Street residence has a ballroom, two roof decks and a private electric gate to a six-car parking lot.

Suggested romantic activities: Ask your sweetie for a rain check and look forward to June when the Charles River gondola boats begin their 2010 season. You can then snuggle together as your gondola glides under the Longfellow Bridge (named after the romance poet who used to cross this bridge to visit his future wife).



SEE ROMANCE, B22 ►



Port Royal, 3860 Gordon Dr - BEACH HOUSE. Easy living beach front home affords panoramic views and breath taking sunsets. Totally renovated in 2007. Just steps to the beach!. 4/4 (H3560) Mary Naylor, 784-1689, Jacques Groenteman, 659-6382 **\$8,250,000**



Port Royal, 3901 Gordon Dr - Beautiful Gordon Drive location is the setting for this custom built home originally designed for use by architect Walter Keller. Situated on Champney Bay. 3/3.5 (H3558) Mary Naylor, 784-1689, Jacques Groenteman, 659-6382 **\$4,500,000**



Pelican Bay, 8231 Bay Colony DR #1603 - Exquisite condo with home office & extensive upgrades for the most discriminating buyer. Country club living at the beach! Poolside cabana available separately. 3/3.5 (C5141) Sarah A Theiss, PA, 269-0300 **\$3,800,000**



Pelican Marsh, 8639 Blue Flag Way - Luxurious lifestyle begins in this Bay Laurel Est home. Offers striking architectural details, lavish finishes, top of the line features & fixtures. Golf views. 5+Den/5+2half (H4752) Claire Licciardi, 250-4564, Carol McElroy, 659-6395 **\$2,395,000**



Vanderbilt Beach, 10620 Gulf Shore Dr, #701 - Your private elevator leads to a double door entry. Enjoy expansive views to the west, north and east from this end unit. 3 porches. Dock included. 3+Den/3.5 (C4718) Mary Naylor, 784-1689, Jacques Groenteman, 659-6382 **\$2,150,000**



Park Shore, 4041 Gulf Shore Blvd N, #PH-6 - DAZZLING two-story Penthouse, completely redesigned by award-winning interior designer/owner. Offered turnkey furnished. 3/3.5 (C4390) Sarah A Theiss, PA, 269-0300 **\$1,895,000**



Aqualane Shores, 450 17th Ave S - Located on beautiful 17th Ave South, desirable southern exposure, direct access with 60' dock and covered cut-in 20x36' slip. Well maintained home. 3/2 (H3562) Mary Naylor, 784-1689, Jacques Groenteman, 659-6382 **\$1,825,000**



Naples Boat Club, 909 10th St S, #304 - Waterfront views from every room give way to endless lazy days watching the boats go by. 42' terrace, fabulous amenities, walk to 5th Ave. 3/3.5 (C4947) Mary Naylor, 784-1689, Jacques Groenteman, 659-6382 **\$1,690,000**



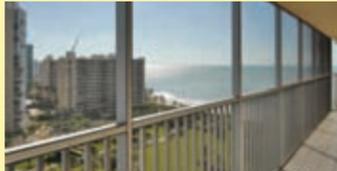
Park Shore, 4041 Gulf Shore Blvd N, #801 - WOW! RARELY AVAILABLE 8th floor direct West condo with 180 degree unobstructed Gulf of Mexico views!! 2800 total sq. ft. Renovated building!. 3+Den/3.5 (C6250) Sarah A Theiss, PA, 269-0300 **\$1,595,000**



Pelican Bay, 806 Slash Pine Ct - 100% RENOVATION! UPGRADES include new TILE roof, new Hurricane windows, resurfaced pool, new kit w/new stainless appliances, new BRs, new tile floors & carpet. 3/2.5 (H4744) Carmony-Hutchison Team, 272-7000, Glenn Carretta, 850-9296 **\$1,390,000**



Golden Gate Estates, 1971 12th Ave Ne - Equestrian Estate on 5 acres! Beautifully gated two story custom pool home w/ oversized 3 car garage. Fireplace, state of the art kitchen & 6 stall barn. 4/2.5 (H3746) Kelly Kent, 250-5480 **\$999,000**



Park Shore, 4041 Gulf Shore Blvd N #1404 - Beautiful Gulf of Mexico and Venetian Bay views from the sunny, south 14th floor complement this COMPLETELY remodeled (2002) condominium. 2/2 (C5045) Sarah A Theiss, PA, 269-0300 **\$869,000**



Naples Lakes Country Club, 5107 Castlerock Way - Exquisite estate home enhanced w/ numerous valuable upgrades. CC membership included. 3 car side entry garage is ideal for your own golf cart. 3+Den/3.5 (H2883) Annemarie M. Giannini, 289-1820 **\$849,000**



Pelican Bay, 7425 Pelican Bay Blvd, #201 - Marbellain Pelican Bay - First Class amenities at this elegant senior living address. Western views-Sunset skies and 1200 sq ft terrace for entertaining. 2+Den/3 (C5776) Mary Naylor, 784-1689 **\$845,000**



Imperial Shores, 4865 Regal Dr - A Boaters Dream & priced to sell. Unique Key West style home w/ boat dock, lift & seawall. Super southern views of canal & bay to Gulf. Bi-level lanai. 3 bdrm. 3/2 (H4238) Carmony-Hutchison Team, 272-7000 **\$799,900**



Moorings, 1947 Crayton Rd - 4 minutes to beach & Gulf. Oversized lot, renovated pool home, 3 BRs, fam rm, new tile & Berber, granite counters, stainless appls, dble gar. Over 4000 T. sq ft. 3/2 (H3039) Carmony-Hutchison Team, 272-7000 **\$799,000**



Park Shore, 4041 Gulf Shore BLVD N #509 - Spacious and bright 2-story townhouse in newly renovated Savoy. Spiral staircase, French doors. Master BR on 1st floor! Some new carpet & paint. 3+Den/3.5 (C6109) Sarah A Theiss, PA, 269-0300 **\$789,000**



Banyan Woods, 4980 Rustic Oaks Cir - Modified Catalina floor plan allows more open area in kitchen and family room. Home has an upgraded allergy free A/C system w/air purifier. 3+Den/3 (H4031) Mary Kay Hart, 821-5500 **\$699,000**



Punta Gorda, 150 Mandalay Rd - 5/4.5 (H4587) Mary Kay Hart, 821-5500 **\$695,000**



Cedar Creek, 9230 Cedar Creek Dr - Your own paradise in this popular comm. Custom built w/many upgrades. Pool, spa, citrus trees, boat dock & pvt. tiki hut overlooking Spring Creek. Gulf Access. 4/3 (H4465) Jim Scartz, 877-9726, Carl Rao, 949-3932 **\$599,900**



Belle Lago, 8570 El Mirasol Ct - Aragon Open flr plan w/3 car garage, on a cul-de-sac. Gourmet eat in kitchen w/island, gas stove, custom cabinets, granite counters, walk in pantry, SS appliances. 4/3.5 (H4578) Kelly Kent, 250-5480 **\$579,000**



Cedar Creek, 8900 Creek Run Dr - Absolutely gorgeous 4BR, 3BA, totally updated, professionally decorated, 3-car garage w/circular drive, on private lake preserve. Must see. 4/3 (H3789) Jim Scartz, 877-9726 **\$499,000**



Banyan Woods, 5004 Maxwell Cir, #201 - The value is in the details. Like no other competitor in Banyan Woods, this 2nd floor carriage home built in 2005 with 3,084 sf of well-designed living space. 3+Den/3 (C5755) Craig Jones, 280-2238 **\$498,000**



Moorings, 2100 Gulf Shore Blvd N - Port au Villa. 4 offerings. Beach & Bay, Boat Docks. 1200 SF. Furnished, pool on the bay, fish off docks & walk across the st. to the beach. All steps from your door. 2/2 (C5125) Carmony-Hutchison Team, 272-7000 **\$311,000 to \$450,000**



The Colony At Pelican Landing, 23770 Merano Ct #101 - Amazing water views 3/2.5, 2-car garage, upgrades. spacious in upscale Bonita gated community. Private beach, canoe park, tennis. 3 /2.5 (C5054) Rose Rothell, P.A., 848-8637 **\$399,900**



Naples Imp Co Little Farms, 1171 26th Ave N - Location in the heart of Naples on Lake! Beautifully updated 3 bedroom, 2 bath pool home with long lake views. Spacious & private fenced in yard. 3/2 (H2497) Kelly Kent, 250-5480 **\$375,000**



Naples Lakes Country Club, 4780 Shinnecock Hill Ct, #201 - Pristine, luxury 2nd floor coach home offers the feel of living in a single family home. Bundled golf. Wrap-around lanai w/ electric hurricane shutters. 3+Den/3 (C6239) Annemarie M. Giannini, 289-1820 **\$375,000**



Country Club of Naples, 334 Burning Tree Dr - Enjoy this 3 bdrm in Quiet Neighborhood on the 11th fairway of newly renovated Country Club of Naples. Double fairway view from the pool & large glassed lanai. 3/2 (H4658) Douglas Treadwell, **\$375,000**



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



Golden Gate Estates, 6030 Sea Grass Ln - Opportunity to own 3/2 home and 2/1 guest home west of Santa Barbara. Great location, pool, fireplace, fruit trees, storage shed and more. Very nice property!. 3/2 (H4111) Mary Kay Hart, 821-5500 **\$350,000**



The Colony At Pelican Landing, 23821 Merano Ct, #101 - Beautifully upgraded w/ custom window treatments, custom closets, electric storm shutters, crown molding, private setting. Walk to the pool. 3/2.5 (C4720) Rose Rothell, P.A., 848-8637 **\$335,000**



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



Park Shore, 4170 Crayton Rd, #5C - Swan Lake Club, 2 bedroom/2bath, 2nd floor Condo w/pool and lake in Park Shore. Turnkey Furnished. New Plantation shutters. Bright and Cheery. 2/2 (C5945) Carmony-Hutchison Team, 272-7000 **\$309,000**



Pelican Bay, 5815 Glencove Dr #1201 - Glencove. On tram to beach. Split bedroom Cambridge model, most sought after. Furnished, lanai glassed and screen, 1606 T. Sq. Ft. 2/2 (C4999) Carmony-Hutchison Team, 272-7000, 272-4462 **\$265,000**



Lely, 7316 Hagen Way - BANK FORECLOSURE! Cleared lake front lot with golf course view in beautiful gated neighborhood. (L1138) Sarah A Theiss, PA, 269-0300 **\$250,000**



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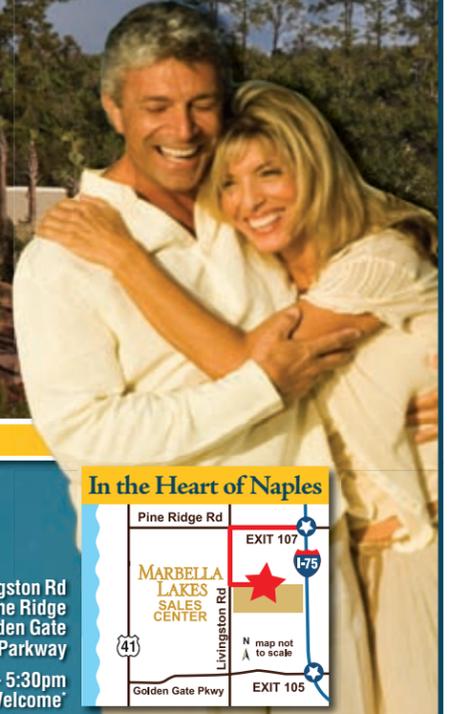
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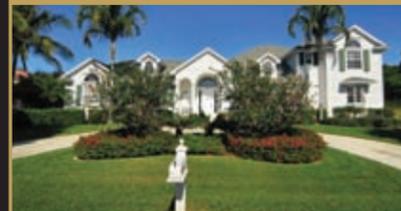
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Toll Brothers has move-in ready homes and quick-build homes that have permits in place, which means construction can begin as soon as final selections are made, in Firano at Naples, in The Reserve at Estero and also in Belle Lago, another Estero community. Depending upon the home's design and the community, upgrades often include granite countertops in the kitchen and marble countertops in the master bath as well as upgraded cabinetry and carpeting.

Single-family homes in Firano at Naples are priced from the upper-\$300,000s; Belle Lago residences are from the mid-\$300,000s; and The Reserve at Estero offers homes from the low-\$200,000s, Mr. Thirtyacre says.

For more information about Belle Lago, call 344-0600 or visit www.BelleLago.com. For information about Reserve at Estero, call 334-3600 or visit www.TheReserveAtEstero.com.

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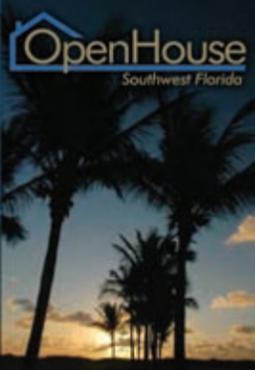
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Lely resort launches new Web site

Stock Development has launched a new Web site for Lely Resort.

"To help showcase all that we have to offer, we have launched a comprehensive new Web site at www.ley-resort.com," says Claudine Léger-Wetzel, vice president of sales and marketing for Stock Development. "Available with the click of a mouse are dozens of beautiful new photos of our homes, available inventory homes, news and event information, neighborhood site

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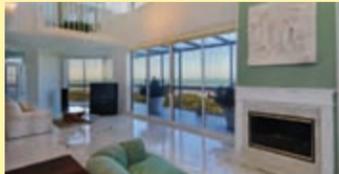
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Moorings, 215 Mooringline Dr - 256' on Water, No Bridges to Gulf, 2 docks w/ lifts plus jet ski lift. Totally renovated & stunning. Marble floors, fireplace, 2 sunset terraces, open kitchen. 5/4 (H4144) The Candito Group, 290-5236 **\$2,750,000**



Pelican Bay, 6001 Pelican Bay Blvd, #PH B - Gulf front penthouse, stunning Gulf & Bay views, 2 large master suites, 5,490 ac sq ft, fireplace, windows galore, storm shutters, 86 ft screened lanai. 3+Den/3.5 (C6133) Friley Saucier, PA, 293-3532 **\$2,650,000**



Pelican Marsh, 1728 Persimmon Dr - Marsh Links - A significant estate home on a large lake front lot offers an elegant understated richness that is great for family entertaining. 4+Den/6.5 (H4757) The Candito Group, 290-5236 **\$1,999,900**



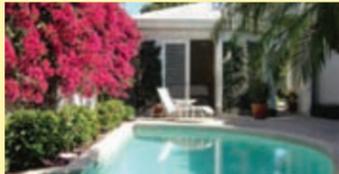
Pelican Bay, 7117 Pelican Bay Blvd, #401 - Preferred southern exposure from lovely "01" end unit. Spacious fl plan w/Gulf views & morning sun in kitchen. Marble floors, crown molding & 2 parking spaces. 3/3 (C6168) Barbara Salinas, 449-2733 **\$1,599,000**



Mediterra, 16509 Cellini Ln - Reduced OVER 1 Million. Owner has over 2 million in property; \$250k lanai, \$200k furn/decor, \$75k landscape, \$150k interior upgrades. Brand new never lived in. 4+Den/4.5 (H992) The Candito Group, 290-5236 **\$1,489,000**



Park Shore, 4000 Gulf Shore Blvd N, #1000 - Venetian Villas. Elegant living directly over the water!!! First floor flat, completely renovated with exquisite touches everywhere. Spectacular views. 3/2.5 (V1226) Michele Harrison, 580-9889 **\$1,375,000**



Pelican Bay, 7807 Cocobay Ct - Extremely private, bright courtyard villa with resort-style pool & guest cabana. 14-foot ceilings, new a/c, gated, furnished. Visit www.7807CocoBay.com. 3+Den/4 (V1165) Friley Saucier, PA, 293-3532 **\$1,349,000**



Livingston Woods, 6510 Sable Ridge Ln - 2.73 acres, 2 story home w/3 car garage, pool, family room w/FP plus upstairs media room. Commercial pole barn w/1750 SF of storage/work area. 4+Den/3.5 (H3865) Lisa M. Richardson 250-8008 **\$1,199,000**



Grey Oaks, 2571 Twinflower Ln - Striking Courtyard Villa w/pvt. Cabana Suite, pool, spa, elegantly casual design, wood floors, "extras". 3/3 (V1304) The Candito Group, 290-5236 **\$1,100,000**



Pelican Bay, 6825 Grenadier Blvd, #701 - St Pierre - 7th fl end wrap residence. Interior updated & shows beautifully. Gulf, Bays & Golf Course views. Elec Shutters on lanai, walls of glass, built-ins. 3/3 (C5973) The Candito Group, 290-5236 **\$995,000**



Pelican Bay, 7515 Pelican Bay Blvd, #7-A - Claridge - Never miss a sunset from this So end residence. Lanai converted to family room. Elec. Shutters, 2 a/c storage rooms, walls of glass. 3+Den/2.5 (C5510) The Candito Group, 290-5236 **\$989,000**



Pelican Bay, 7082 Villa Lantana Way - Remodeled with granite, marble, cr. molding, inlays, lots of windows, pvt. pool, bonus rm. or 4th BR, oversized tile throughout, storage, natural light abounds. 3+Den/2.5 (V1281) The Candito Group, 290-5236 **\$898,000**



Pelican Bay, 7225 Pelican Bay Blvd, #504 - Coronado. Stunning residence w/Gulf views. Interior updated w/granite kitchen, wood & tile flrs, elec. Shutters, lavish BR suites. 24-hr concierge, guest suites. 2/2 (C6092) The Candito Group, 290-5236 **\$849,000**



Moorings, 2200 Gulf Shore Blvd N, #J4 - Situated at the entrance of Doctors Pass, this updated, turnkey furnished unit offers view of Gulf, Pass & Bay. Steps from beach, 2nd fl unit offers a 1-car gar. 2/2 (C6163) Dustin Beard, 289-2650 **\$799,000**



Regatta @ Vanderbilt Beach, 410 Flagship Dr, #502 - Expansive Bay view! Tastefully furnished and very well maintained 3BR/3BA unit with excellent rental history. Call today. 3/3 (C5971) Barbara Salinas, 449-2733 **\$779,000**



Pelican Bay, 8459 Abbington Cir, #921 - Crescent, Top flr coach home w/gar. Western lake views over fountain & pool area. Fabulous sunsets. Light & bright w/ext. use of tile, wet bar, elec shutters. 3+Den/2.5 (C5947) The Candito Group, 290-5236 **\$749,000**



The Colony At Pelican Landing, 23540 Via Veneto Blvd, #2205 - Commanding view of the Gulf from The Colony's newest luxury tower! CORNER PENTHOUSE provides sunrise, sunset, and twinkling night views. 3/3.5 (C6058) Diana Coyle, 220-4534 **\$745,000**



Park Shore, 4022 Crayton Rd - Charming, spacious villa, large upgraded kitchen/family room. First Floor Master Suite. Walk to Park Shore beach and Venetian Village! 2+Den/2.5 (V1260) Pam Etheridge, 269-4614 **\$697,000**



Vanderbilt Beach, 400 Flagship Dr, #405 - Regatta - Great bay & sunsets from this beautifully decorated unit. Ext. use of tile, open & spacious floor plan, short stroll to beach, great amenities. 3/3 (C5358) The Candito Group, 290-5236 **\$649,000**



Longshore Lake, 10819 Fieldfair Dr - N Naples gated community. Quality & upgrades throughout. Kit. & 3 baths feature granite, high-end fixtures and designer tile. Home surrounds tropical pool/spa. 4/3 (H4467) Lisa M. Richardson, 250-8008 **\$639,000**



Imperial Golf Estates, 1937 Empress Ct - Remodeled w/top of the line custom finishes throughout. High ceilings & 8' sliders. Spacious lanai w/room for several seating groups. Hurricane windows & doors. 4/3 (H4649) Debbie Frost, 250-8701 **\$625,000**



Pelican Bay, 6585 Nicholas Blvd, #602 - Gulf-front views, completely updated w/ extras. Hurricane-code glassed lanai. Sunny Spacious. Walk to bch tram, bch access. Fabulous value for luxury high rise! 2+Den/2 (C6244) Pam Etheridge, 269-4614 **\$584,900**



Park Shore, 4001 Gulf Shore BLVD #1102 - A bright and dramatic color palette enhance this exceptional beach-front condo. This 11th floor unit will amaze you with spectacular Gulf, Bay and city views. 2/2 (C5914) Dustin Beard, 289-2650 **\$569,000**



Naples Bay Resort, 1005 Sandpiper St, #C 103 - The Cottages @ Naples Bay Resort. Best lifestyle in Naples features club, spa, tennis, fitness, kids club & more. Stunningly turnkey furnished. 2/2 (C5770) The Candito Group, 290-5236 **\$514,900**



Moorings, 2880 Gulf Shore Blvd N, #209 - Bayside beach retreat! Updated open floor plan, glassed in lanai, 1554 T.A. carport, new windows & plumbing. Lovely bayside pool or stroll Moorings Beach. 2/2 (C5890) Lisa M. Richardson 250-8008 **\$474,000**



Pelican Bay, 6360 Pelican Bay Blvd, #404 - Hyde Park, Awesome views of lake & golf course from this 5th floor location. Interior features updated kitchen w/granite. Great rm has wood floors. 2+Den/2.5 (C5948) The Candito Group, 290-5236 **\$445,000**



Pelican Bay, 7702 Pebble Creek Cir, #302 - Top floor unit w/vaulted ceilings & overlooks lake & pool amenities. Lg. great room, spacious master, large lanai, 2+ car garage, beach tram across street. 2/2 (C2346) The Candito Group, 290-5236 **\$419,000**



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



Pelican Bay, 619 Serendipity Dr, #619 - Serendipity features 2 pool areas & great location. Privately situated 1st fl unit new kitchen & baths, newer a/c & HW htr. Glass enclosed lanai & garden views. 3/2 (C5975) The Candito Group, 290-5236 **\$399,000**



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



Saturnia Lakes, 2418 Butterfly Palm Dr - Your key to paradise! Furniture negotiable home w/open floor plan, spacious kitchen, wrap around lanai and a 2 car garage. Also one of the finest clubs w/ fresh coffee, exercise, two pools & more. 3/2 (H4571) Diana McCoy, 404-0793 **\$349,900**



Imperial Golf Estates, 1139 Imperial Dr - Single family custom home to be built on oversized lot. 1860 sq. ft. 3 bd+den. Southern exposure, tile throughout living area, granite in kitchen. 3+Den/2 (V1323) Debbie Frost, 250-8701 **\$344,000**



Country Club of Naples, 277 Burning Tree Dr - No HOA fees & optional golf/club mshsp. Ranch style home w/pool. Large corner lot w/oaks & tropical foliage, tile roof, 2 car garage. Close in location. 3/2 (H1046) Lisa M. Richardson, 250-8008 **\$339,500**



Worthington, 13260 Southampton Dr - What a view! Southern exposure over lake & 17th green. Quiet/serene! Wow Detached villa with Large family room/kitchen combo. Shutters, extra large garage. 2+Den/2 (V1340) Sharon Hammond-Tumbad, 851-6918 **\$279,900**



Park Shore, 4150 Belaire Ln, #110 - West of 41. Walk to Park Shore Beach, restaurants & shopping. Corner 1st fl unit w/tile floors, updated kit. fireplace, carport, & 1,506 TA. Lovely pool. 2+Den/2 (C4104) Lisa M. Richardson, 250-8008 **\$274,000**



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5. Love on an Island

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This modern masterpiece has accommodated the likes of Jay-Z and the Prince of Denmark. It has 10 bedrooms, 12 full and three half-baths and 260 feet of secure waterfront on private La Gorce Island.



Suggested romantic activities: Stroll hand-in-hand along Ocean Drive in South Beach for some fascinating people watching. Pop into an Art Deco hotel for cocktails.

6. Say Aloha To Love

Honolulu, Hawaii
\$18,000,000

Privacy beyond compare defines this mountaintop estate that has a traditional

Hawaiian grass “shack” that’s the perfect setting for a candlelight dinner. The house has more than 15,000 square feet and 29 rooms. There are two waterfalls on the property.



Suggested romantic activities: Cruise the Diamond Head coastline, watch for whales, and visit the Lili’uokalani Gardens. Discover the hidden spa with its own fire pit, and you might never leave the property.

7. A Romantic Celebrity Skyline

Dallas, Texas
\$7,500,000

Former Dallas Cowboys star (and Southwest Floridian) Deion Sanders is the owner of this two-story penthouse that has a private elevator to the rooftop terrace with garden and fireplace.



Suggested romantic activities: Smell the roses at the Dallas Arboretum and

Botanical Gardens, tour the Dallas Arts District and enjoy some of the best nighttime skyscraper illumination in the world.

8. Wedding Bells in The Big Easy

New Orleans, La.
\$6,000,000 (recently reduced \$2,000,000)

William Perry Brown built this Romanesque Revival mansion in 1905 as a wedding present for his bride, Marguerite. The massive stained glass over the grand stair landing is replete with daisies, also known as French Marguerites, as a symbol of Mr. Brown’s love for his wife.



Suggested romantic activities: After dinner and dancing in the French Quarter, hop aboard the St. Charles Streetcar and enjoy the ride that takes you past a host of antebellum mansions and monuments.

9. A Mile-High Love Story

Denver, Colo.
\$5,695,000

This mid-century modern design is just two blocks from the fashionable shops and gourmet restaurants of Cherry

Creek, Denver’s premier upscale neighborhood.

Suggested romantic activities: His-and-her massages on heated massage tables in the spa, followed by a toast with something fine from the 1,200-bottle wine cellar. Watch the sun set over the Rockies from the master suite’s private deck.



10. Love in a Log Cabin

Gatlinburg, Tenn.
\$3,900,000

This massive log cabin is custom down to the hinges on the doors and silverware/china in the kitchen drawers. The house sits on more than five acres with some of the most breathtaking views East Tennessee has to offer.



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Lots
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BRENDAN COVE 9124 Brendan River Court - Magnificent homesite located on the Imperial River. SW exposure, surrounded by beautiful homes. Direct Gulf access. **\$749,000** | Dan O'Dea | 250-2429
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OPENING FRI 2/12	NBC2 News in HD					NBC2 News in HD	NBC2 News in HD	NBC Nightly News in HD	Wheel Of Fortune in HD	Opening Ceremony - Parade of Nations (LIVE) Lighting of the Olympic Cauldron (LIVE) Ski Jumping - Individual K-90 Competition				NBC2 News in HD	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	Primetime Replay (2:40 a.m. - 6:00 a.m.)	
SAT 2/13				Men's Speed Skating - 5000m Gold Medal Final (LIVE), Ski Jumping - Individual K-90 Gold Medal Final Women's Biathlon - 7.5km Sprint Gold Medal Final				NBC2 News in HD	Wheel Of Fortune in HD	Men's Short Track - 1500m Gold Medal Final (LIVE) Women's Freestyle Skiing - Moguls Gold Medal Final (L) Men's Alpine Skiing - Downhill Gold Medal Final			NBC2 News in HD	Men's Luge Women's Short Trk Medals Plaza	Primetime Replay (1:00 a.m. - 4:30 a.m.)		
SUN 2/14				Women's Speed Skating - 3000m Gold Medal Final (LIVE), Nordic Combined - Individual Gold Medal Final:K-90 Jumping & 10km CC (LIVE) Men's Luge - Single Competition (LIVE) Men's Biathlon - 10km Sprint Gold Medal Final (LIVE)				NBC Nightly News in HD	Jeopardy in HD	Figure Skating - Paris Short Program (LIVE) Men's Freestyle Skiing - Moguls Comp & Gold Medal Final (LIVE) Men's Luge - Singles, Gold Medal Final (LIVE) Women's Alpine Skiing - Super Combined Gold Medal Final			NBC2 News in HD	Figure Skating - Pairs Post Game Medals Plaza - Award Ceremonies	Primetime Replay (12:05 a.m. - 4:05 a.m.)		
MON 2/15	NBC2 News in HD			Men's Snowboard - Snowboard Cross Comp (LIVE) Men's Cross Country - 15km Indv, Gold Medal Final (LIVE) Women's Cross Country - 10km Indv, Gold Medal Final (LIVE)			NBC2 News in HD	Wheel Of Fortune in HD	Figure Skating - Pairs Gold Medal Final (LIVE) Men's Speed Skating - 500m Gold Medal Final (LIVE) Men's Snowboard - Snowboard Cross Gold Medal Final				NBC2 News in HD	Women's Luge - Competition Medals Plaza - Award Ceremonies	Primetime Replay (2:00 a.m. - 5:00 a.m.)		
TUE 2/16	NBC2 News in HD			Men's Biathlon - 12.5km Pursuit Gold Medal Final (LIVE) Women's Biathlon - 10km Pursuit Gold Medal Final			NBC Nightly News in HD	Wheel Of Fortune in HD	Men's Figure Skating - Short Program (LIVE) Women's Snowboard - Snowboard Cross Gold Medal Final Women's Speed Skating - 500m Gold Medal Final Men's Alpine Skiing - Super Combined Gold Medal Final				NBC2 News in HD	Women's Luge - Gold Medal Final Medals Plaza - Award Ceremonies	Primetime Replay (2:00 a.m. - 5:00 a.m.)		
WED 2/17	NBC2 News in HD			Men's & Women's Cross Country - Sprint Gold Medal Final (LIVE) Sprint Competition			NBC Nightly News in HD	Jeopardy in HD	Men's Snowboard - Halfpipe Semi/Gold Medal Final (L) Men's Speed Skating - 1000m Gold Medal Final (LIVE) Men's Short Track - 5000m Relay Semi(L) 1000 Comp(L) Women's Alpine Skiing - Downhill Gold Medal Final			NBC2 News in HD	Women's Short Trk - Semi/Gold Medal Final DBL's Luge Medals Plaza	Primetime Replay (1:30 a.m. - 5:00 a.m.)			
THU 2/18	NBC2 News in HD			Women's Snowboard - Halfpipe Competition (LIVE) Women's Biathlon - 15km Indv, Gold Medal Final			NBC Nightly News in HD	Wheel Of Fortune in HD	Men's Figure Skating - Free Skate Gold Medal Final (LIVE) Women's Snowboard - Halfpipe Gold Medal Final (LIVE) Women's Halfpipe Semifinals Women's Speed Skating - 1000m Gold Medal Final				NBC2 News in HD	Men's & Women's Skeleton - Comp. Men's Biathlon Medals Plaza	Primetime Replay (2:00 a.m. - 5:00 a.m.)		
FRI 2/19	NBC2 News in HD			Women's Cross Country - 15km Pursuit Gold Medal Final (LIVE) Men's Figure Skating - Gold Medal Final Analysis			NBC Nightly News in HD	Jeopardy in HD	Figure Skating - Compulsory (LIVE) Men's & Women's Skeleton - Gold Medal Final (LIVE) Men's Alpine Skiing - Super G Gold Medal Final Ski Jumping - Indv, K-120 Large Hill Competition				NBC2 News in HD	Medals Plaza - Award Ceremonies	Primetime Replay (2:00 a.m. - 5:00 a.m.)		
SAT 2/20				Women's Freestyle Skiing - Aerials Competition (LIVE) Ski Jumping - Indv.: K-120 Large Hill Gold Medal Final (LIVE) Men's Cross Country - 30km Pursuit Gold Medal Final (LIVE)			NBC2 News in HD	Wheel Of Fortune in HD	Men's Short Track - Otrr, Semi & Gold Medal Final (LIVE) Men's Speed Skating - 1500m Gold Medal Final (LIVE) 2 Man Bobsled - Competition (LIVE) Women's Alpine Skiing - Super G Gold Medal Final				NBC2 News in HD	Women's Short Trk - 1500m Comp, Semifinal, & Gold Medal Final Medals Plaza - Award Ceremonies	Primetime Replay (1:00 a.m. - 4:30 a.m.)		
SUN 2/21				Men's Ice Hockey - Russia vs. Czech Republic (LIVE), Men's Freestyle Skiing - Ski Cross Competition (LIVE) Men's Biathlon - 15km Mass Start Gold Medal Final (LIVE) 2 Man Bobsled - Gold Medal Final			NBC2 News in HD	Jeopardy in HD	Figure Skating - Orig. Dance (L), 2 Man Bobsled - Gld Medal Final Women's Speed Skating - 1500m Gold Medal Final (LIVE) Men's Freestyle Skiing - Ski Cross Gold Medal Final Men's Alpine Skiing - Giant Slalom Gold Medal Final				NBC2 News in HD	Women's Biathlon - 12.5km Mass Start Gold Medal Final Medals Plaza - Award Ceremonies	Primetime Replay (12:35 a.m. - 4:35 a.m.)		
MON 2/22	NBC2 News in HD			Men's & Women's Cross Country - Team Sprints Semifinals & Gold Medal Final (LIVE)			NBC Nightly News in HD	Wheel Of Fortune in HD	Figure Skating - Dance Gold Medal Final (LIVE) Men's Freestyle Skiing - Aerials Competition (LIVE) Ski Jumping - Team K-120 Large Hill Gold Medal Final				NBC2 News in HD	Medals Plaza - Award Ceremonies	Primetime Replay (2:00 a.m. - 5:00 a.m.)		
TUE 2/23	NBC2 News in HD			Men's Speed Skating - 10,000m Gold Medal Final (LIVE) Women's Biathlon - 4x6km Relay Gold Medal Final (LIVE)			NBC Nightly News in HD	Jeopardy in HD	Ladies Figure Skating - Short Program (LIVE) Women's Bobsled - Competition (LIVE) Women's Freestyle Skiing - Ski Cross Comp. & Gold Medal Final Nordic Combined - Team Gold Medal Final: Jump/Relay				NBC2 News in HD	Ladies Figure Skating - Post Game Medal Plaza - Award Ceremonies	Primetime Replay (2:00 a.m. - 5:00 a.m.)		
WED 2/24	NBC2 News in HD			Men's Ice Hockey - Quarterfinal (LIVE)			NBC Nightly News in HD	Wheel Of Fortune in HD	Women's Freestyle Skiing - Aerials Gold Medal Final (L) Women's Bobsled - Gold Medal Final (LIVE) Men's Sht Trk - 5000m Comp (L), Men's Crs Cnty - Women's Alpine Skiing - BAKX Gold Medal Finals (LIVE)				NBC2 News in HD	Women's Spd Skating Women's Short Trk Medals Plaza - Award Ceremonies	Primetime Replay (1:30 a.m. - 5:00 a.m.)		
THU 2/25	NBC2 News in HD			Women's Cross Country - 4x5km Relay Gold Medal Final Ladies Figure Skating - Gold Medal Final Preview			NBC Nightly News in HD	Wheel Of Fortune in HD	Ladies Figure Skating - Gold Medal Final (LIVE) Women's Ice Hockey - Gold Medal Final (LIVE) Men's Freestyle Skiing - Aerials Gold Medal Final (LIVE) Nordic Combined - Indv, Gold Medal Final: K-120 Jump/Crs Cnty				NBC2 News in HD	Ladies Figure Skating - Gold Medal Final (L) Medals Plaza - Award Ceremonies	Primetime Replay (2:00 a.m. - 5:00 a.m.)		
FRI 2/26	NBC2 News in HD			Men's Ice Hockey - Semifinal (LIVE) Women's Snowboard - Parallel Giant Slalom Comp.			NBC Nightly News in HD	Jeopardy in HD	Men's Short Track - Otr, Semi & Gold Medal Final (LIVE) Women's Snowboard - Par. Giant Slalom Gold Medal Fnl Women's Alpine Skiing - Slalom Gold Medal Final 4 Man Bobsled - Competition				NBC2 News in HD	Women's Short Trk Men's Biathlon Medals Plaza - Award Ceremonies	Primetime Replay (1:30 a.m. - 5:00 a.m.)		
SAT 2/27				Women's Cross Country - 30km Mass Start Gold Medal Final (LIVE) Men's & Women's Speed Skating - Pursuit Gold Medal Finals (LIVE) Men's Snowboard - Quarterfinals & Parallel Giant Slalom Qualifying Comp. (LIVE) 4 Man Bobsled - Gold Medal Final			NBC2 News in HD	Wheel Of Fortune in HD	Figure Skating - Champions Gold Men's Snowboard - Par. Giant Gold Medal Final Men's Alpine Skiing - Slalom Gold Medal Final 4 Man Bobsled - Gold Medal Final				NBC2 News in HD	Saturday Night Live	Primetime Replay (1:00 a.m. - 4:00 a.m.)		
SUN 2/28				Men's Ice Hockey - Gold Medal Final (LIVE) Men's Cross Country - 50km Gold Medal Final (LIVE)			NBC2 News in HD	Jeopardy in HD	Closing Ceremony - (LIVE)				NBC2 News in HD	Vancouver Closing Party	Primetime Replay (12:35 a.m. - 3:30 a.m.)		

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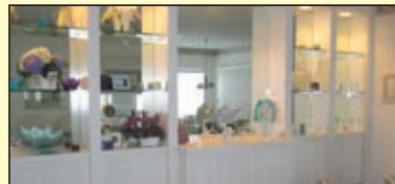
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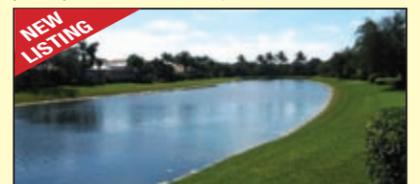
Virtual Tour
Windsor, 4 BR, 3 BA, Plus Den. Lovely former model located on **private cul-de-sac** offers large gracious rooms and an array of designer features, formal living and dining rooms, screened lanai with private pool, **electric hurricane shutters**, and much more! **\$490,000**



Virtual Tour
Family living with style and value in one package! Spacious appealing floor plan offers 4 BR, 3 BA, plus home office, 20" tile in living areas, granite, newer appliances, and over sized screen lanai with private heated **POOL** creating perfect place to entertain! **\$485,000 Visual Tour Available!**



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Rarely Available! EXTENDED OAKMONT 3 BR, 2.5 BA plus Den single family. Light & Bright home in great location features open extended floor plan increasing interior living space to over 2100sf., also offers a large screen lanai with lake views! **\$389,000 Visual Tour Available!**



NEW LISTING
Location! Oakmont 3 BR, 2.5 BA + den. Ready for immediate occupancy! Upgraded home with **new A/C unit**, **Accordion Hurricane Shutters** for entire home, Large screen lanai w/ long lake views. Situated in **fabulous Cul-de-sac!** This one won't last! Hurry **\$389,000 Visual Tour Available!**

ISLANDWALK OF NAPLES



Virtual Tour
MAGNIFICENT CARLYLE! Words can not describe this **EXQUISITE** 4 BR, 3.5 BA home offering an array of designer features! A totally renovated /enlarged kitchen offers **WOLF** appliance, **SUB ZERO** refrigerator, **GRANITE** counters, double ovens, **CUSTOM** cabinetry, center island and more! The home also boast renovated master bath with marble shower/floors, granite and new cabinetry, genuine hardwood floors, private **POOL**, **HURRICANE SHUTTERS** and MUCH MUCH MORE! **Visual Tour Available! \$649,000**

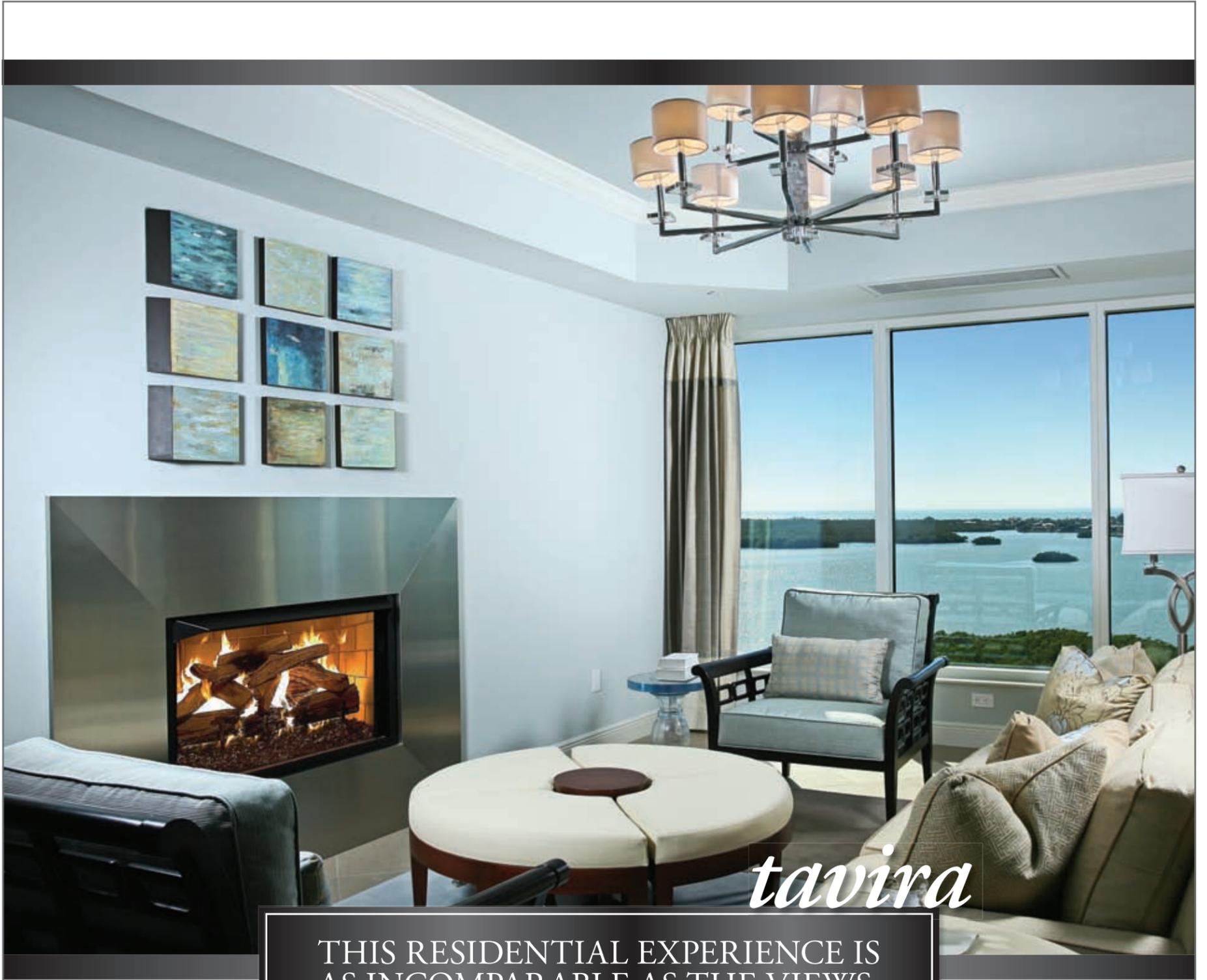


ISLANDWALK OF NAPLES



Virtual Tour
EXCEPTIONAL LOCATION! This 3 BR, 2.5 BA, plus den, home and its exceptional location will dazzle you! Featuring a gracious open floor plan with **TILE** in living areas and master bedroom, **GRANITE** counters, **FRESHLY PAINTED** interior, built-in entertainment center, **PLANTATION** shutters, crown moldings, built-in desk/office in den, large screen lanai with **ROCK WATER FEATURE**, accordion and manual **HURRICANE** shutters, and so much more! **Visual Tour Available! \$439,000**





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4 • VILLAGE WALK • Illustrated Properties Real Estate located just east of Livingston on Vanderbilt Beach Road • \$200s • Call 239-596-2520 • Mon. - Fri. 10-4 and Sat. Sun. 11-3

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6 • IMPERIAL GOLF ESTATES • 2229 Imperial Golf Course Blvd. • \$349,777 • Premier Properties of Southwest Florida, Inc., REALTORS • Esther Van Lare 404-3045

7 • BONITA BAY - HARBOR LAKES • 27031 Lake Harbor Court #203 • \$369,000 • Premier Properties • Judy Stead 273-3438 • NEW LISTING

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10 • THE STRADA AT MERCATO • Located just North of Vanderbilt Beach Rd on US 41 • Priced from \$400s • Premier Properties • Call 239.594.9400 • Mon. - Sat. 10-8 and Sun. 12-8

11 • PELICAN BAY - L'AMBIANCE • 500 L'Ambiance Circle #108 • \$449,000 • Premier Properties • Jeannie McGearty 248-4333

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12 • OLD NAPLES - THE PIERRE CLUB • 1222 Gordon Drive #11 • \$549,900 • Premier Properties • Randy Wilson 450-9091

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13 • BONITA BAY - ESPERIA & TAVIRA • 26951 Country Club Drive • New construction priced from the \$700s. • Premier Properties • Call 239.495.1105 • Mon. - Sat. 10-5 and Sun. 12-5

14 • THE DUNES - GRANDE DOMINICA • 295 Grande Way, Unit 706 • \$799,000 • South Bay Realty, Love The Dunes Sales Team, 239-289-1351 www.lovetthedunes.com • Sat. - Sun.

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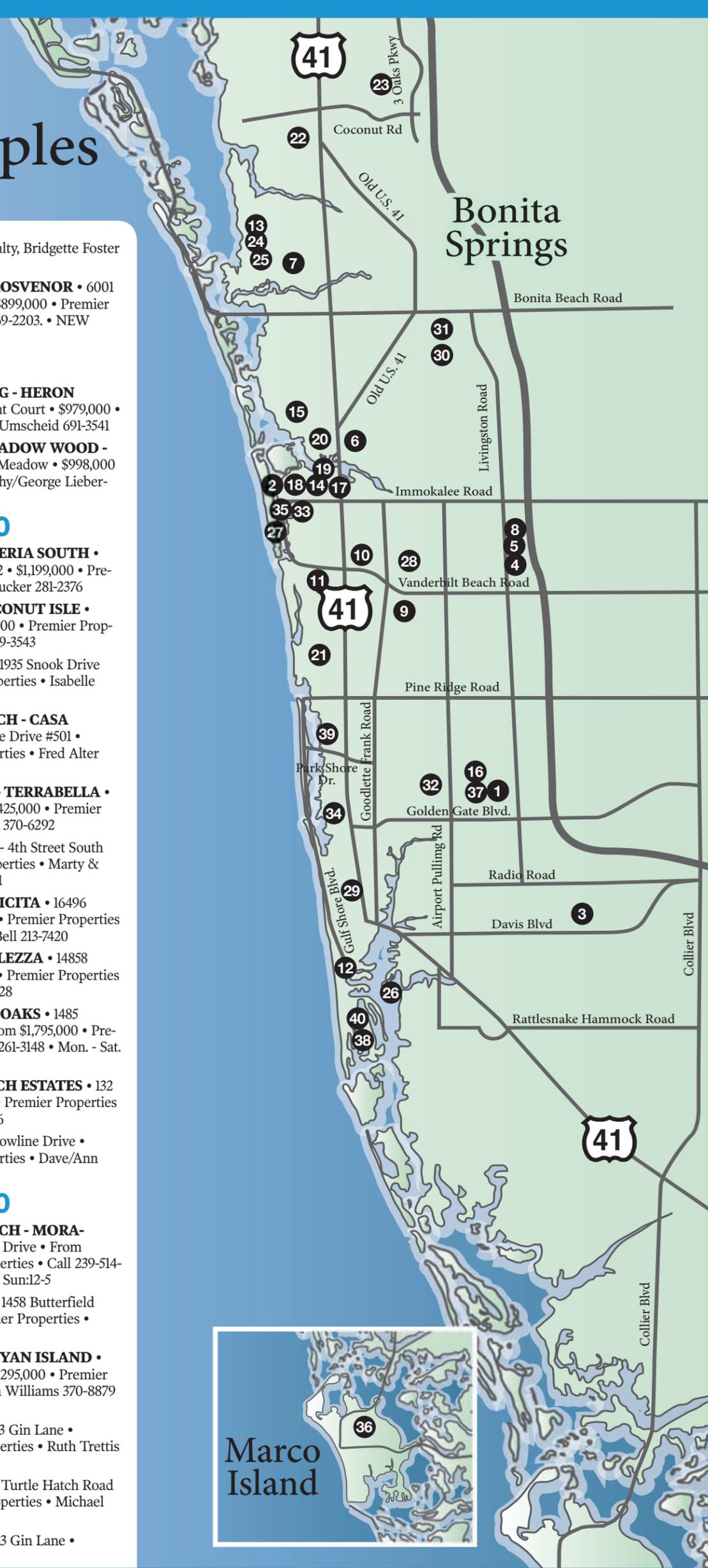
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Quiet location overlooking golf course. Southern exposure, 2BR+den, many upgrades. Clubhouse with pool & spa.
\$499,000 | Janet Rathbun | 860-0012



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Condominiums/Villas

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ISLE VERDE 7100 Verde Way - This villa is absolutely stunning and offers 4,000+ SF under air. Over \$300,000 in recent improvements. **\$2,195,000 | Jane Darling | 290-3112**

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CARLTON PLACE 310 Caravelle Court - S. exposure over golf course. Private end 3BR/4.5BA+den. Pool, 2-car attached garage. Pet friendly, tram to beach. **\$1,625,000 | Linda Piatt | 269-2322**

ST. RAPHAEL 7117 Pelican Bay Blvd. #207 - Peaceful, tropical setting with sunsets galore. Bamboo flooring, 3 bedrooms, hurricane shutters & 2,200+ total SF. **\$995,000 | Jean Tarkenton | 595-0544** **OPEN SUN. 1-4**

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Condominiums/Villas

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CALAIS 7040 Pelican Bay Blvd. #D-401 - Fabulous "WOW" view of lake & golf course. Updated 3BR + separate office, enclosed lanai (glassed & screened). **\$719,000 | Jane Darling | 290-3112**

ST. MARISSA 6573 Marissa Loop #1703 - Beautifully maintained 2BR/2BA tower residence, expanded living area & spectacular Gulf views! Fabulous amenities. **NOW \$695,000 | Jean Tarkenton | 595-0544** **REDUCED**

DORCHESTER 6075 Pelican Bay Blvd. #401 - End residence, SW exposure & ribbon Gulf views! Wraparound lanai, 3 bedroom suites, attractively priced per sq. ft. **\$675,000 | Jane Darling | 290-3112**

ST. NICOLE 5550 Heron Point Drive #1202 - Sunsets from balcony! Pristine 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom residence. Gorgeous Gulf views, beautiful furnishings. **\$645,000 | Pat Duggan | 216-1980**

ST. MARISSA 6573 Marissa Loop #1002 - Endless Gulf of Mexico views from this 2BR plus den condominium. Beautifully updated building with great amenities. **\$639,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731**

INTERLACHEN 6760 Pelican Bay Blvd. #333 - Lovely 3BR/2BA condominium is all about location & space. Tram to beach facilities. Beautiful golf course views! **\$525,000 | Carol Loder | 860-4326**

ST. MAARTEN 6101 Pelican Bay Blvd. #602 - WOW Gulf/beach view, great building, excellent location! Den, 2BR/2BA. Private beach tram. Near shops/restaurants. **\$499,900 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210**

SANCTUARY 5950 Pelican Bay Blvd. #125 - Wonderful 3BR/2BA condominium, Terrific views of lake & landscape. Spacious wraparound covered balconies to enjoy! **\$450,000 | Polly Himmel | 290-3910** **NEW LISTING**

L'AMBIANCE 500 L'Ambiance Circle #108 - Beautifully renovated & model perfect! Open & bright corner 2BR, lovely water view. One-car garage, turnkey. **\$449,000 | Adrienne Young/Anne Killilea | 261-6200** **OPEN SUN. 1-4**

PELICAN BAY

Condominiums/Villas

ST. SIMONE 5637 Turtle Bay Drive #24 - Completely renovated in 2009, 2BR+den bright end residence. Upgraded kitchen & bathrooms, new carpet, fresh paint. **\$440,000 | Bernie Garabed | 571-2466** **NEW LISTING**

HYDE PARK 6300 Pelican Bay Blvd. #A-402 - Fantastic lake and golf course views from the terrace of this 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath condominium. Convenient to all. **\$430,000 | Pat Biernat | 269-6264**

SERENDIPITY 611 Serendipity Drive - Well-priced, well-maintained 2BR 1st floor condominium in a tropical setting. Two pools & clubhouses, beach tram. **NOW \$329,000 | Patrick O'Connor | 293-9411** **REDUCED**

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9392 Sweetgrass Way - Golf course backdrop. Four bedroom, 4.5 bath home. Master with office, heated pool/spa, fireplace in family room. **\$1,525,000 | Terri Moellers/Sharon Kaltenborn | 404-7887**

GABLES 1004 Spanish Moss Trail - Four bedrooms, 4 BAs, 3-car garage, pool, lake view. Granite counters, fireplace, tray ceilings, 2 new A/C systems. **\$1,145,000 | Ray Couret/Leah Ritchey | 293-5899**

ISLAND COVE 2267 Island Cove Circle - Beautiful, light 3BR/2.5BA lake front home. Many community amenities, optional social and golf club memberships. **\$595,000 | Terri Moellers & Sharon Kaltenborn | 404-7887**

VENTURA 8816 Ventura Way - Expansive great room & kitchen. "Spinnaker" floor plan, 3 BR plus loft/den, lanai with pool. Attached 2-car garage. **\$525,000 | Pat Duggan | 216-1980**

TIMARRON 1908 Timarron Way - Airy, exquisite 3BR/3BA + loft villa on a corner lot. Private pool with southern exposure. Golf, tennis, clubhouse. **\$499,000 | Pam Hartman | 216-7949**

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WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11-17, 2010

A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE

Surely you jest

Playwright **James Sherman** talks about his comedic play

beau | bō | noun |

- 1) the boyfriend of a woman or girl.
- 2) a man who escorts, or pays attentions to, a lady; a lover.

Etymology: French, from beau, bel, handsome

jest | jĕst | noun |

- 1) a mischievous trick; a playful or amusing act.
- 2) a ludicrous circumstance or incident.

Etymology: Middle English, geste, a verse romance or tale

>>inside:
Talkbacks, workshop on tap while playwright is in town.
C4

BY NANCY STETSON

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PLAYWRIGHT JAMES SHERMAN DESCRIBES "BEAU JEST" AS "a harmonic convergence of a few ideas coming together." It always takes more than one idea to build a play, he adds.

At the time "Beau Jest" percolated into being more than 20 years ago, Mr. Sherman was in New York, pursuing his career as an actor. A fellow student in acting class told Mr. Sherman he worked for an escort service, acting as a companion to older women. The scenario became the inspiration for Mr. Sherman's character of Bob, an actor who works for a legitimate escort service. "His clientele are elderly women who need an arm to hold onto when they go to the opera," he says.

At the same time, Mr. Sherman says, he was trying to resolve his relationship with his parents. "I had a playwright professor who once said every playwright writes a play, one



SHERMAN

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Zolan Henderson, Sarah Baskin, Lori Wilner and Stephen Berger star in "Beau Jest," opening Feb. 18 at The Norris Center.

WEEK at-a-glance



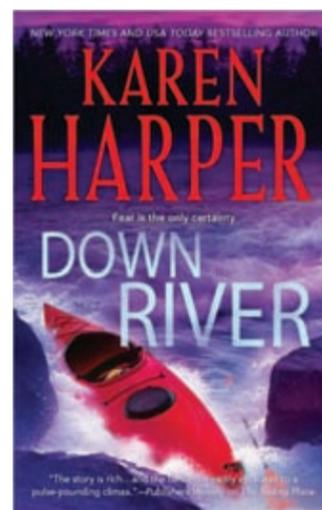
Spring styles

A fashion show at Ave Maria, and more events around town. **C35, 36 & 37 ►**



Dear John...

Florida Weekly's film critic delivers the bad news about a new tearjerker. **C11 ►**



The perfect setting

A romantic thriller unfolds "Down River" in the Alaska wilds. **C21 ►**

Third Street South area becomes a plein air studio for dozens of artists

BY KELLY MERRITT

Special to Florida Weekly

Dozens of local and visiting artists will apply paint to canvas on and around Third Street South during the annual Third on Canvas plein air painting event Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 15-16. Throngs of onlookers meandering through the historic shopping area will be able to watch the artwork develop over the two days and talk with the more than 40 artists about their techniques and processes. A few artists will also give scheduled demonstrations on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Feb. 17-19 (see box, C4).

The finished works will be sold to the highest bidders during a gala at The von Liebig Art Center on Wednesday, Feb. 24.

Naples Art Association board member Jody Rosenbaum originated the popular event. "This area is so beautiful and has so many talented artists," she says. "And Third Street South, the birthplace of Old Naples, was a natural location because it gives the public a truly wonderful venue in which to view the artists at work."

Known since as far back as the 1930s for its glamorous ambiance, the district overflows with colorful flowers, quaint



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Popo Flannigan takes a break from painting to chat with a passerby during Third on Canvas last year.

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Jolly good

Pub brings a taste of Britain to Fifth Avenue South. **C39 ►**

SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

When some people don't get the memo



Last spring, I spent four weeks in Central America on a Spanish immersion program that was more about rum saturation than actual language skills. I was loosely tethered to a love interest in the States, but when an attractive man cast an appreciative eye in my direction one evening, it was hard to resist his advances.

I sat at a swanky bar with several girl friends, and we sipped cocktails and gossiped about our language school. Next to us, a group of young professional men also chatted. Mostly, it would seem, about us. I stood to find the restroom, and as I queued outside the locked door, one of the men came to stand behind me.

He introduced himself as Luis. He had dark wavy hair, and he wore squared-framed glasses. Latin geek-chic. He worked in marketing for the Central American subsidiary of a major television network, spoke French and German as well as English, and had read many of my favorite books. He asked if I'd like to explore the city with him in the morning, and I happily agreed.

The next day, we met in the park at the center of the village. Luis led me on a tour of the old churches and crumbling colonial ruins until, at noon, I had to

leave to meet friends.

"Perhaps I can take you to dinner tomorrow night?" Luis asked.

"Sure," I said.

But the truth is, I worried it was too much. I'd met him on Saturday, spent Sunday morning with him, and now he wanted to hang out again on Monday? As much as a woman wants to be chased, sometimes a man can chase too hard.

With hesitation heavy in my heart, I met him for dinner Monday evening. Luis quickly shelved our conversations about good novels and world politics and opted instead for a running monologue on his travels, his future plans, and his failed relationships. By the time the date limped to its lame close, I had decided not to see him again.

Which did not prevent Luis from giving it his best go. The next morn-

ing he sent me a graphically designed memo, complete with elaborate fonts and color schemes. "To: Miss Artis Henderson" it began. "Subject: Future Activities." He proposed a list of activities numbered in increasing order of creepiness.

"1. Thursday evening: The management would like to invite you to dinner at the place you prefer, then we could do some activity like dancing and finally a walk (not that long)."

For Friday, Luis suggested I visit Guatemala City. Under the subheading "Accommodations," he listed his own apartment.

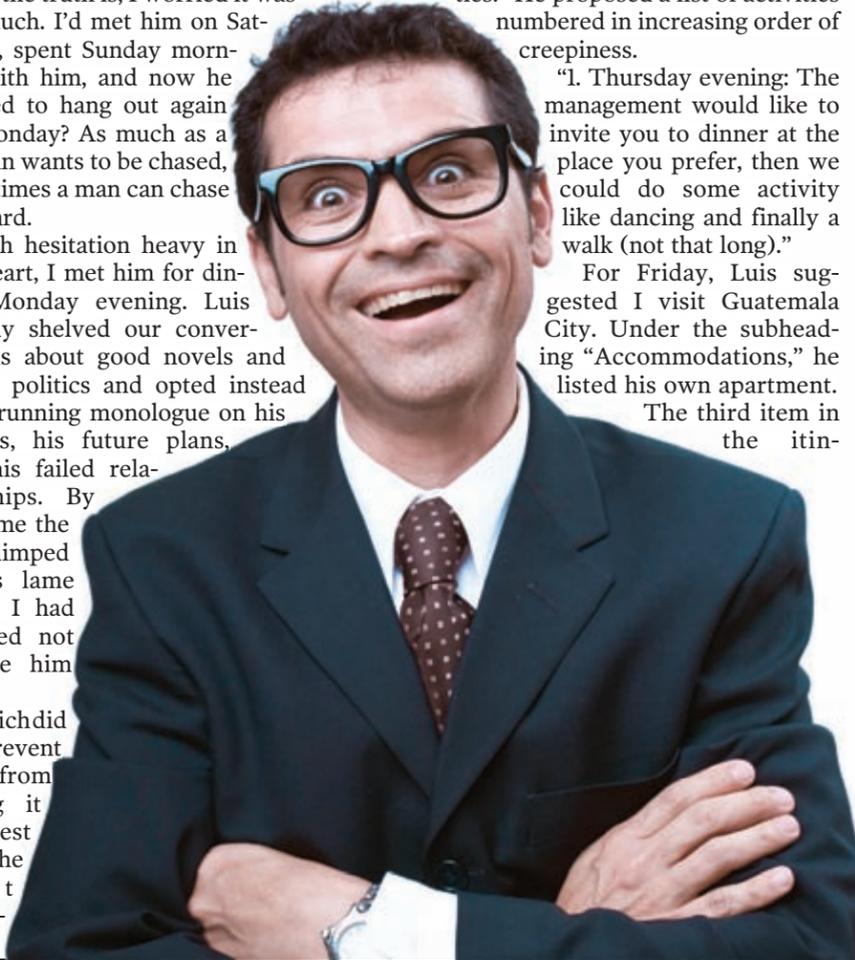
The third item in the itin-

"He had dark wavy hair, and he wore squared-framed glasses. Latin geek-chic..."

erary: "What about a little change in your flight?" Luis recommended that I reschedule my flight out of the country to Sunday morning and, presumably, stay at his accommodations another night.

I wondered what had happened to the charming, erudite man I met days before. Did he always get this caught up in the pursuit? Was he always such a weirdo?

Whatever the case, I sent a polite decline to his request. In the future, I hope he has sense enough not to combine dating and graphic design software. ■



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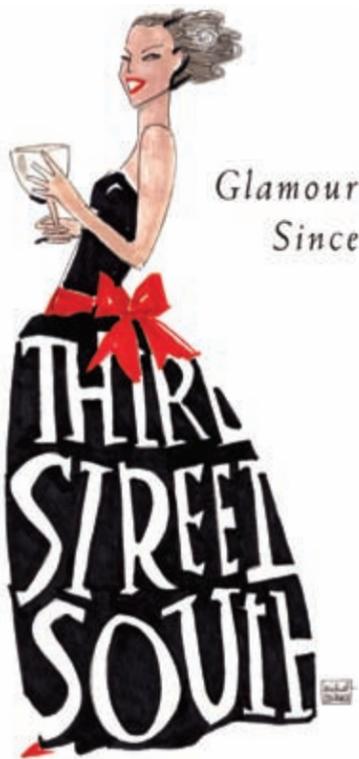


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play, to get back at the parents," he says. "I wanted to write a play where the parents were the good guys. I love my parents. I thought it'd be nice to have the main character not kill the parents."

What resulted was the comedic "Beau Jest," the story of Sarah Goldman, who's dating a nice Gentile boy but who knows her parents want more. So she creates a fictitious boyfriend who's not only Jewish, but a doctor. Of course, the parents want to meet him. So Sarah winds up hiring Bob, an out-of-work actor, to pretend to be her boyfriend. It turns out that Bob isn't even Jewish, but since he once had a part in "Fiddler on the Roof," he figures he can wing it.

When "Beau Jest" premiered at the Victory Gardens Theatre in Chicago 20 years ago, it ran for nearly a year, making it the theater's most popular show. It then opened in New York, playing Off-Broadway for two and a half years.

The romantic comedy had staying power. And it still does.

The Gulfshore Playhouse is staging a production Feb. 18 through March 7. Mr. Sherman will give talkbacks after the Feb. 25 and 26 performances and will also lead a workshop in "How to Build a Play" at The Norris Center on Feb. 27.

A universal theme

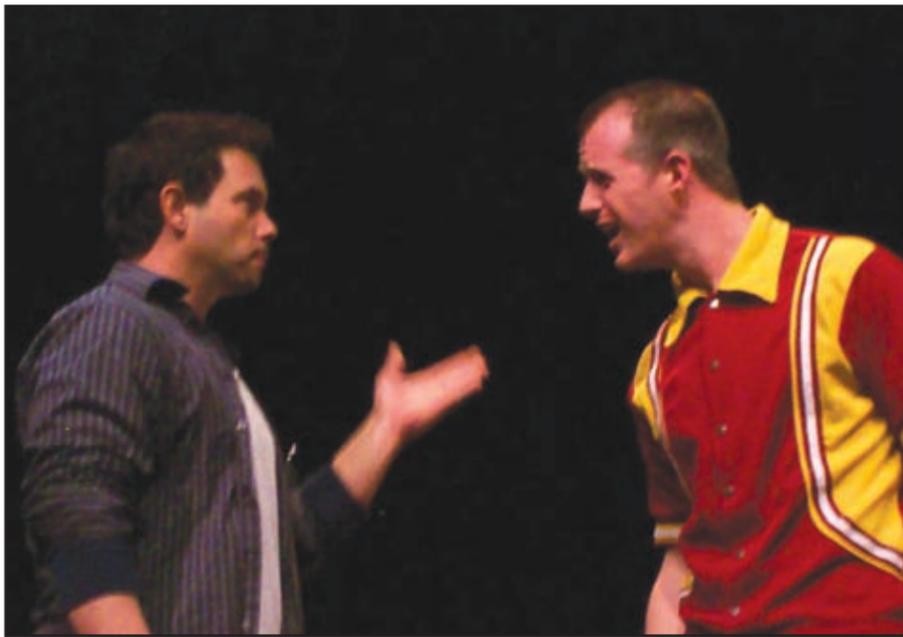
"Beau Jest" has been performed all over the U.S. as well as in several other countries. Mr. Sherman jokes that even if he didn't know the language, he could provide subtitles, as he knows the lines intimately.

"I've seen it done in big theaters, done in high schools, in foreign countries," he says. "The play works very well," he adds, because people can relate to it, even if they're not Jewish.

After all is said and done, "Beau Jest" is about parents and children — not just about Jewish parents and children in Chicago.

"Well, I grew up in Chicago in a Jewish family," he says. "I could write a play about WASPs in New England, but I'll leave that to Pete Gurney," he adds, referring to playwright A.R. Gurney, who writes plays about upper-class New England families. "We all write from our own experience."

The title of his play, he says, is a pun. "The phrase is originally French: (ital)beau geste.(close ital) It's the name of a Gary Cooper movie (about



Todd Bruno and Zolan Henderson in rehearsal for "Beau Jest"

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the French legion.) Rightly translated, it's 'a beautiful gesture.'"

But even though his character Bob does something for Sarah that is a beautiful gesture in the time of need, Mr. Sherman says, "My 'Beau Jest' is different. Beau is a word for boyfriend, and the jest is the joke."

He also wrote a screenplay and directed a movie of "Beau Jest" that starred Lainie Kazan, Seymour Cassel and Willie Garson (known for his role as Stanford on "Sex and the City.") The movie is now available on DVD.

A lifelong love

Mr. Sherman fell in love with theater early in life. Although his parents took him to numerous plays when he was growing up, the thing that really cinched the deal was "The Sound of Music."

"It's embarrassing," he says. "One of my earliest memories was of my parents taking me to see 'The Sound of Music.' I watched the von Trapp family singers on stage... and the boys were wearing blue blazers and shorts and knee socks. My mother had dressed me up in a blue blazer, shorts, and knee socks. I thought, 'I should be up there, singing with those other kids.'"

He was hooked.

From then on, he took part in every talent show and school play. He was even a magician for a while.

He majored in theater in college and graduate school, then began working professionally with Second City in Chicago. Over time, he grew more interested in writing than acting.

For 25 years he's been associated with Victory Gardens Theater as playwright-

in-residence, as part of the Victory Gardens Playwright Ensemble.

"Victory Gardens is unique in that its mission is to develop playwrights and new work; we have an ensemble of playwrights.

"We don't work together," he clarifies. "But there are a dozen of us who have a relationship with the theater. I'm very fortunate as a playwright to have that."

All in the process

"Beau Jest" is one of Mr. Sherman's many comedic plays that the Tony Award-winning theater has staged; others include "The God of Isaac," "This Old Man Came Rolling Home," "Romance in D" and "Affluenza!"

In May, Victory Gardens will premiere his 13th play, "Jacob and Jack," directed by Dennis Zacek. The play takes place in the dressing room of a theater; Jack is an actor whose grandfather, Jacob, was an actor in Yiddish theater.

The same actor plays both roles, and all six actors play dual roles, the playwright reveals. "I call it a time-traveling farce," he says.

One of the great things about being a playwright-in-residence is that it lets Mr. Sherman participate in the theatrical process. He's involved with the casting and attends production meetings.

"During the rehearsal process, I'm there. Actors come up with ideas to make changes. Then the audience shows up, and that inspires more changes. That's the magic of the theater. My favorite time, my favorite part, is being in rehearsals and being part of

if you go

>> "Beau Jest"

>> **When:** Feb. 18 through March 7

>> **Where:** Gulfshore Playhouse at the Norris Center Theater, 755 8th Avenue, Naples

>> **Cost:** tickets start at \$30

>> **Information:** Call (866) 811-4111. Playwright James Sherman will give a talkback after the performances on Feb. 25 and 26. He'll teach a workshop in "How to Build a Play" from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Norris Center. The cost of the workshop is \$40 for adults, \$20 for students. (There is a special educator price of \$30.)

the collaboration."

He also teaches playwriting and improvisation at Columbia College of Chicago and DePaul University.

"Improv training is not about being funny," he says. "Improv actors are like improv jazz musicians: there are rules, there are concepts, there are skills one needs to do it well. It's this idea of creating something out of nothing. In a way, it's playwriting on your feet. It has to do a lot with give and take, with trust, with connection. They're heady concepts, but they have practical applications."

In his Feb. 27 workshop, Mr. Sherman will use improv exercises to illuminate some of his concepts about playwriting.

Playwriting is a unique kind of writing, he says, adding, "Plays are not written to be read. They're created to be performed. I think of it more as building something, rather than just putting words on paper. Structure is important... There's a kind of architecture to a play. (We'll look at) what tools one uses to build a structure that will stand."

He expects everyone from playwrights to actors to subscribers to attend his workshop. "(It adds) to your appreciation of what a playwright does, whenever you go see a play," he says. "What I do is what Tennessee Williams did, what Shakespeare did and what Sophocles did."

And he's curious to see Gulfshore Playhouse's production of "Beau Jest."

"Once you write a play, the words are out there," he says, "and other directors and designers pick it up and put their own interpretation on it. You hope they come up with something close to your intentions. That's not always the case, but usually it is."

About "Beau Jest," he says, "It's Sherman, not Beckett. My work is not known for its complexity... but there are times I've seen an actor come up with something I never thought of myself. And that can be entirely delightful." ■

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courtyards, twinkling lights and soft music wafting from every manner of eatery and boutique.

Third on Canvas is a wonderful opportunity for young and old alike to watch the evolution of artwork and meet the masters behind the paintings.

"Children are fascinated by this process, and the artists love to encourage them to express their own artistic tendencies," Ms. Rosenbaum says. "And how exciting to be able to purchase a piece of artwork they've seen created from start to finish and hang it in the family home."

There are 18 new artists from around the country participating in Third on Canvas this year. Local artists include Paul Arsenault, Suzanne French Luker,

Janine Wesselmann, Robert Gruppe and Donald Mosher.

One newcomer, Hodges Soileau, lives in nearby Venice, Fla. A career illustrator for 25 years, he has provided artwork for more than 300 book covers and most major New York publishing houses.

Another Third on Canvas first-timer, Linda Apriletti, says she does her best painting outdoors. "Whether it's the richly colored tropical plants in my backyard or the subtle hued vastness of the Everglades or perhaps New Mexico's grand vistas, I am inspired by the world around me," she says. "I spend considerable time observing the constantly changing dynamics of the sky, water and plants."

The completed works of Third on Canvas will be on view at The von Liebig Art Center from Feb. 19-24. Tickets to the auction gala are \$95 and include a \$25 purchasing incentive toward the live auction.

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artists at work

>>More than 40 participating artists will set up their easels throughout the historic Third Street South district from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 15-16. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Feb. 17-19, the following artists will be doing special demonstrations:

• Wednesday, Feb. 17

10 a.m. to noon at Gattles Plaza: pastel artist William Mosely

3-5 p.m. in the courtyard at Peter Garon Gallery on 13th Avenue South: contemporary artist Peter Garon

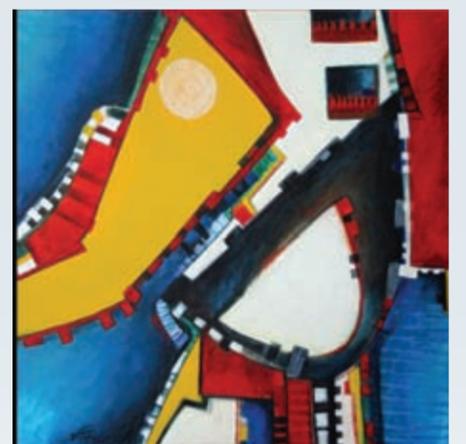
• Thursday, Feb. 18

2-4 p.m. at Gattles Plaza: Janine Wesselmann

• Friday, Feb. 19

10 a.m. to noon at Gattles Plaza: batik artist Muffy Clark Gill

1-4 p.m. at Gattles Plaza: Karol Kintz



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Pinturas, by Colombian-born Elsa Victorios, who will be painting at Second Street South and Broad Avenue during Third on Canvas

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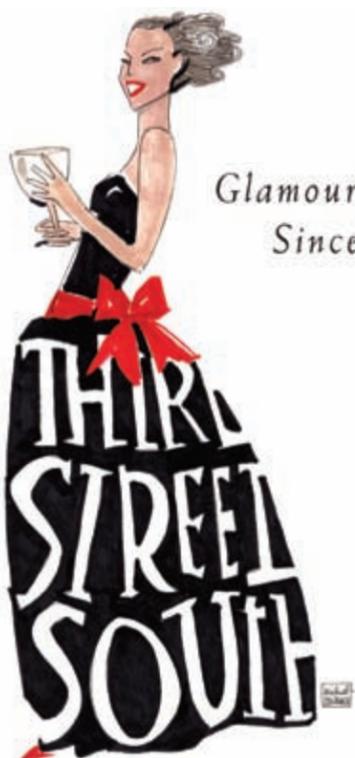


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Gardner Colby Gallery introduces "Interiors," a group show featuring the paintings of Kimberlee Aleman, Kim English, Lindsay Goodwin, Lael Weyenberg, Marc Whitney, Jonathan Ralston and Helen St. Clair, during a reception from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11. The theme of this body of work is the sense of privacy and mystery represented in paintings of interiors of all kinds. The show will hang through Sunday, Feb. 21. The gallery is at 386 and 365 Broad Ave. S. Call 403-7787 or visit www.gardnercolbygallery.com. Above is *Curious Girl*, oil by Kim English

tis. 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.

■ **Ridgway's Bar and Grill** - 7:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday: "Under the Stars". 1300 3rd St. S #101, 262-5500

■ **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.

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■ **Jersey Boys: The story of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons** - At the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall Feb. 17-March 7. 481-4849.

■ **Foot Steps** - By the ETC Readers Theatre at the Sugden Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 14. 263-7990.

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■ **Detroit Symphony Orchestra** - At the Philharmonic Center for the Arts at 8 p.m. Feb. 11. 597-1900.

■ **Valentine: Mancini & Moonlight** - By the Gulf Coast Symphony at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 13. 481-4849 or www.gulfcoastsymphony.org.

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"Nonstop laughter" is what the Chicago Tribune had to say about stand-up comedian Tim Walkoe. A veteran headliner at comedy clubs nationwide, Mr. Walkoe will perform at The Norris Center at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13. Tickets are \$25. Call 213-3049.

■ **Trunk Show** - Marissa Collections hosts the Yossi Harai Spring 2010 Collection trunk show today through Sunday. Reservations: 263-4333.

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■ **Empress of Soul** - The Philharmonic Center for the Arts presents Gladys Knight at 8 p.m. \$79 per person. 597-1900.

■ **Preview Party** - A Trunk Show Preview Party is set for 5-9 p.m. at the Naples Botanical Gardens. Shop the boutiques before they open to the public while enjoying cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and light entertainment. \$75 per person. 325-1919.

■ **Jewelry Designer** - The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Gallery presents jewelry designer Masha Archer today through Sunday at 280 Vanderbilt Beach Rd. 598-3300.

■ **Love Letters** - The Norris Center presents "Love Letters" at 7:30 p.m. Naples. \$12. 213-3058.

■ **Country Rock** - Willie Nelson & Family perform at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall at 8 p.m. 481-4849.

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

■ **Irish Stars** - "From Broadway to Galway," a concert featuring Irish Broadway stars Ciaran Sheehan and Gay Willis, starts at 7 p.m. in St. Finbarr's Catholic Community Center, 13250 Tamiami Trail East, Naples.

Tickets are \$25. 774-1880 or 417-2084.

■ **Weekend Concerts** - Gulf Coast Town Center offers its free Weekend Concert Series in Market Plaza from 7-9 p.m. Tonight: Classic hits by Richie C. 267-0783 or gulfcoast-towncenter.com.

Saturday, Feb. 13

■ **Family Fun** - King Richard's Family Fun Park hosts live music by 8 Up, starting at 3 p.m., followed by a Cruise n Car Show at 5 p.m. and a barbecue. \$10 singles, \$15 sweethearts. The American Red Cross will be collecting donations to benefit The Haitian Earthquake Victims Relief Fund.

■ **Singles Mixer** - Edward Beiner presents "Eyes are the Windows to your Soul Mate: A Valentine's Day Single Mixer" from 6-8 p.m. Join singles in the Naples-area for social gathering at the Waterside Shops. 566-9060.

■ **Boutique Shopping** - The eighth annual Trunk Show takes place from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. today and Sunday at the Naples Botanical Gardens. Vendors come to Naples from across the country to offer unique boutique shopping. \$9.95 per person; Garden members are free. 643-7275.

■ **Boat Parade** - The Goodland Mardi Gras Boat Parade takes place at 2 p.m. with Stan Gober leading the parade through Goodland Harbor and Buzzard Bay, circumnavigating the island and ending at Coon Key Marina. Public viewing is at the Pink House Motel. 642-8356.

■ **Wild Love** - The Conservancy of Southwest Florida presents "A Tweety for Your Sweetie," epic love stories of Southwest Florida's wildlife, at 2 p.m. in the Conservancy auditorium. Register in advance at www.conservancy.org. 262-0304.

■ **Costume Class** - Gulfshore Playhouse presents a class in Costume Design from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Norris Center. Playhouse costume designing Jennifer Murray and learn how costumes help define the characters that live in the world of the play. \$25 for adults and \$15 for students. 213-3058.

■ **Museum Event** - Enjoy coffee with the Curator at 10 a.m. at the Patty & Jay Baker Naples Museum of Art. 597-1900.

■ **Sinatra Project** - World-renowned singer-pianist Michael Fein-



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Naples' own Frontline Bluegrass (aka Ghinko Biloba), along with pickers and grinders from throughout the region, are on the program for the third annual "Jammin' in the Hammock" Bluegrass Festival Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 13-14, at Collier-Seminole State Park. Call 394-3397 or visit www.floridastateparks.org.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

stein brings his new album "The Sinatra Project" to the stage at the Naples Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900.

■ **Bluegrass Jam** - "Jammin' in the Hammock" takes place from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. today and Sunday at Collie Seminole State Park.

■ **Arts & Crafts** - The Naples Artcrafters Fine Art & Craft Show is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in Cambier Park. 352-3036.

■ **Art Fest** - The fourth annual Coconut Point Art Festival takes place from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. today and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday at Coconut Point in Estero. Free and open to the public. www.artfestival.com, info@artfestival.com or (954) 472-3755.

■ **Big Toys** - Germain Arena hosts the Big Boy Expo with all the motor toys guys love today and Sunday. www.germainarena.com.

■ **Celebrate Estero** - Miromar Outlets and the Estero Chamber of Commerce join forces for the sixth annual Celebrate Estero with games, activities, demonstrations, displays and raffle drawings for the entire family from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. lakeside at the mall.

■ **Weekend Concerts** - Gulf Coast Town Center offers its free Weekend Concert Series in Market Plaza from 7-9 p.m. Tonight: Ole Blue Eyes, Frank Sinatra Sounds. 267-0783 or gulfcoasttowncenter.com.

Sunday, Feb. 14

■ **Sleeping Beauty** - The Tchaikovsky Ballet Theatre performs "Sleeping Beauty" at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts at 8 p.m. 597-1900.

■ **Flute & Piano** - A Flute & Piano Masterworks concert starts at 3 p.m. at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900.

■ **Outdoor Tunes** - The City of Naples presents a Gulf Coast Big Band Concert at 2 p.m. at the Cambier Park band shell. 213-3058.

Monday, Feb. 15

■ **Irish Ambassadors** - The Philharmonic Center for the Arts presents The Irish Rovers at 8 p.m. Enjoy these international ambassadors of Irish music as they deliver a rollicking performance full of great music and good cheer: \$42 per person. 597-1900.

■ **Irish Tunes** - The Irish Rovers perform at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts at 8 p.m. 597-1900.

■ **Outdoor Jazz** - The Naples Jazz Orchestra performs at 7 p.m. at the Cambier Park Bandshell. 643-6955 or 213-3058.

■ **Art Event** - Third on Canvas takes place today and Tuesday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Third Street South. 262-6517.

■ **Hair Affair** - The Art League of Bonita Springs hosts "Affairs of the Arts No. 9 - Hair Affair; The Art of Hair" from 1-3 p.m. \$40 per person, advance purchase required. Proceeds benefit the Youth Outreach Program of the Art League. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ **Love Trivia?** - The Pub at Mercato has Trivia Night every Monday at

7:30 p.m. 594-9400.

Tuesday, Feb. 16

■ **Mardi Gras** - It's Mardi Gras time on Fifth Avenue, with live music, beads and costumes from 6:30-9:30 p.m. 435-3742.

■ **Taste of Raku** - Annabelle Johnson and Richard Rusen cook up Raku firings from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Marco Island Center for the Arts. Pots are supplied; glaze them and dine on a meal during the firing. \$43 per person.

■ **Dixieland** - The Barbary Coast Dixieland Show Band performs a benefit concert at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 777 Mooring Line Drive in Naples, at 7 pm. Feb. 16. A free will offering for St. Matthew's House and the Literacy Volunteers of Collier County will be taken. 261-0894 or e-mail elcanaples@embarqmail.com.

■ **Team Trivia** - Boston Beer Garden Team Trivia is played at 9 p.m. every Tuesday at 2396 Immokalee Rd. 596-2337.

Wednesday, Feb. 17

■ **Art Class** - Take a class from a Master Artist, Christopher Leeper, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at The von Liebig Art Center. 262-6517.

■ **A Musical** - The Art League of Bonita Springs presents Live at the Promenade!... Compton and Bennett "Assisted Living the Musical" at 7:30 p.m. at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. 495-8989.

■ **Art Workshops** - Third on Canvas includes free workshops and demonstrations from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. today through Friday on Third Street South. 262-6517.

■ **Comedy** - Chicago City Limits performs at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts today and Thursday at 6 and 8:30 p.m. 597-1900.

■ **Library Film** - "A Night In Havana: Dizzy Gillespie In Cuba" is shown at the Headquarters Library at 5:30 p.m. today and at the Naples Regional Library at 2 p.m. Thursday. Library films are sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Upcoming events

■ **Art Reception** - Art Gallery Old Naples hosts an artist reception from 6-9 p.m. Feb. 18 for "Drawing With Passion," ink and graphite works by Lionel Heddy of Naples. The show runs Feb. 12-March 12. 794 12th Avenue South. 775-5000.

■ **Juried Exhibit** - Florida West Arts hosts an opening reception for digitally enhanced photography by Arthur Gerstein and "The Artist Within," an Artescape Florida West 2010 Juried Exhibition, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Feb. 18. Free admission. 948-4427 or www.floridawestarts.com. Artist in Residence Arthur Gerstein demonstrate his artistic techniques, "Photography in the Digital Age," from 12:30-3 p.m. March 6.

■ **FGCU Art** - The Art Gallery at FGCU presents "Contemporary Art by Caribbean Women," curated by Patricia Fay, with an opening reception from 5-7 p.m. Feb. 18. The exhibit runs through March 19.

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ARTS COMMENTARY

Life is short. Follow your heart.

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A few weeks ago, I talked with a friend's teenage granddaughter. She loves theater and wants to pursue acting as a career, but her parents aren't keen on the idea. They want her to get a degree in something more marketable.

So she's agreed to have a double major in college: theater and chemical engineering. I'm scared she's going to play it safe and will become a chemical engineer who'll say, "You know, I used to want to act."

On the other hand, another woman I know studied acting in college. Since then, she's done some impressive stage work and is starting to get some TV roles. Doors are beginning to open for her now in her career.

She told me once that she purposefully had no Plan B to fall back on, just in case she didn't make it in acting. That way, she figured, she'd *have* to make her acting career work because there was no contingency plan. She's pursuing her passion and has no regrets about it.

I was thinking about these two women after seeing "You Can't Take It With You" at the Florida Repertory Theatre, because this 75-year-old classic is all about following your heart and doing what you enjoy in life.

We only have a limited time on this earth, reasons Martin Vander, the patriarch of the Sycamore family. Why not spend it doing what you love?

To outsiders, the Sycamore family may seem out of step with the rest of the world. But they don't care one bit, much to the consternation of daughter Alice (Christine Perez.) She's fallen for Tony (John West), the boss's son, and she's scared her wildly eccentric family might scare him off.

Her mother, Penny (Carrie Lund), eats candy out of a human skull and spends her days writing plays after a typewriter was accidentally delivered to the house eight years ago. Her father, Paul (Bruce Somerville), makes fireworks in the basement at all hours of the day and night with Mr. DePinna (Chris Clavelli). Her sister, Essie (Jackie Schram), married to Ed (Adam Jones), wants to be a ballerina. She leaps about the house, her face set with fierce determination. In her spare time, she creates candies, which her husband delivers to people. Essie's Russian ballet teacher, Mr. Kolenkhov (Avi Hoff-

man), shows up regularly to give her lessons, even though he confesses privately that she has no talent. And her grandfather, Martin Vanderhof (David S. Howard), walked out on his job 35 years ago. He spends his time raising snakes and attending graduations and circuses for entertainment.

But Tony doesn't mind Alice's family.

Every family has its own quirks, he reasons. After all, his father (Dick Boyd) raises expensive orchids and his mother (Kim Ostrenko) believes in spiritualism.

But the Sycamore family is utterly unpredictable and shockingly unconventional, as the very conservative Kirbys learn when they show up for dinner with the Sycamores a day early.

Written by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart, "You Can't Take It With You" won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1937. It was so popular Frank Capra made it into a movie the following year. (It won the Academy Award for Best Picture.)

And with this endearing production, it's easy to see why.

Putting on a period piece such as this is an endeavor filled with many potential pitfalls. The actors can be too wacky, or overly sentimental. They may express a modern sensibility rather than a 1936 mindset. If not done well, this three-hour long, three-act play can drag.

But this charming production of "You Can't Take It With You" hits the perfect tone. You not only enjoy these people, but you come to care about them. (Afterwards, I discovered in my notes that at one point during the show, I'd jotted down: "I want to live with these people.")

Richard Crowell's realistic set is a living room stuffed with all sorts of interesting things: paintings, a dartboard, a printing press, a xylophone, a big brass drum, a butterfly net... even a stuffed boar's head wearing a wedding veil. It's a comfortable, well lived-in house that reflects the varied interests of its inhabitants.

But the house is just as full of love as it is things. These people so obviously love each other and delight in each other's company. They support each oth-



Jackie Schram, David Howard, Chris Clavelli and Carrie Lund in "You Can't Take it With You" at Florida Repertory Theatre in Fort Myers

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er's interests. They're demonstrative and affectionate with each other. I believed this was truly a family, not a group of actors thrown together.

Director Robert Cacioppo has not only cast this play well, but his loving touches can be seen everywhere, from the staging to the music chosen, to even a clever scene change in the first act. (I think this is the first time I've seen a scene change applauded.)

This is an ensemble piece, with 19 actors, so it's impossible to highlight everyone's performance. Ms. Schram's awkward dancing had the audience in stitches; they often applauded her inept, overwrought moves. She and her husband, played by Mr. Jones, make a winsome couple. Mr. Clavelli again displays his talent of disappearing into a character and creating someone who, though humorous, is realistic.

Ms. Perez and Mr. West are quite wonderful as the young lovers, especially their scene in Act I when they return

home from their first date. Their conversation is a ballet of shy glances, awkward silences, blurted sentences. And when they finally confess their love to each other, your heart cheers. The tenderness between them is quite believable.

Christine Peete, as Rheba, the Sycamore's maid, has a funny scene setting the table, and Leah Thomas strikes comedic gold with a walk-on scene in Act II as a drunk actress who comes to the house to read Penny's plays, only to pass out. Ms. Ostrenko, a last-minute substitution, does excellent double duty as the ice-queen Mrs. Kirby, and the dramatic Grand Duchess Olga Katrina.

And Mr. Howard is, as always, remarkable. His realistic and understated performance as the patriarch of the family is like watching Fred Astaire dance: he makes it look so easy, so effortless, as if he's really not doing much at all. His comments come across as heartfelt statements, not as sappy sentimentality, preachiness, or clichés.

And it's an off-stage character whose career choice speaks volumes. Grandpa

meets a policeman on the corner every night to talk. He studied to be a doctor, but secretly wanted to be a policeman. At Grandpa's urging, he became one, and is very happy.

"You Can't Take It With You" urges us all to reevaluate our lives. Are we spending them doing the things we love?

We each only have a finite time on this earth.

Spending three hours of that time with the Sycamores is highly recommended. ■

If you go

- >> **What:** "You Can't Take It With You"
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The Women's Philanthropic Network of the Community Foundation of Collier County recently announced its 2010 Women of Initiative honorees. Through their strategic charitable or professional activities, these 10 women have made — and continue to make — a lasting contribution to the well-being of our community. Their inner confidence, personal commitment and leadership styles are an inspiration to all women seeking to make a difference through philanthropy and civic engagement.

The honorees are: Jane Berger, Mary Cooper, Lavern Gaynor, Lacey King, Lisa Lefkow, Mitzi Magin, Sharda Spahr, Vicki Tracy, Emily Watt and Joanne Wyss. They will be formally recognized at the 2010 Women of Initiative luncheon Tuesday, April 6, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Tickets are \$125 per person. Proceeds will benefit the work of the



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Standing: Lacey King, Mary Cooper, Vicki Tracy, Lisa Lefkow and Joanne Wyss. **Seated:** Sharda Spahr, Emily Watt, Jane Purdy Berger, Lavern Gaynor and Mitzi Magin

Women's Philanthropic Network, including its Junior Women of Initiative mentoring program, the Leadership Council on Aging and the new Senior Resource Center in Golden Gate. Luncheon sponsors are BNY Mellon Wealth Management, presenting sponsor; eBella Magazine, media sponsor; and silver sponsors Dr. Laura S. Lenholt, The Concierge Medical Practices of Lenholt & Schlossberg and Waterside Shops.

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Fresh Start helps deserving women begin again

Fresh Start for Abused Women provides financial assistance through grants to Collier County women and their children who leave violent homes and seek to become economically independent. Unique throughout the state of Florida, Fresh Start is one of only a handful of similar organizations across the United States.

Most domestic violence agencies provide shelter, food and clothing on a temporary basis to women who leave their abusers. However, when a woman needs permanent shelter to remain away from her abuser; or transportation to get to her job to support herself and her children; or more education to find a sustainable job, Fresh Start is there to help.

Fresh Start grants can pay a first month's rent or make a down payment on a car.

Since its inception, Fresh Start has provided grants totaling more than \$500,000. The organization's story of success can

be told through comments from women who are recipients of Fresh Start, such as this one:

"My children and I can sleep peacefully thanks to your grant for rental and deposit. We feel so normal; that is a word that I have not known in my 40 years of life."

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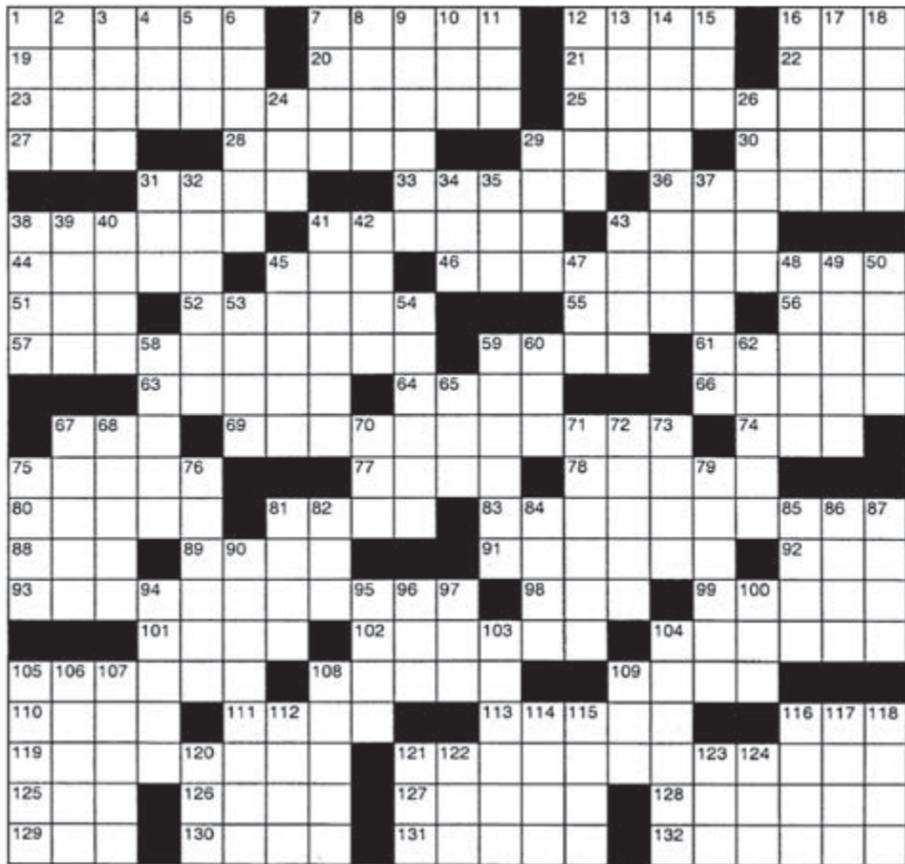
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HOROSCOPES

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Cheer up. That difficult person who appears to be deliberately stalling your project might just need to be reassured of the value she or he brings to it.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Good news! Expect to feel re-energized now that you've gone through that stressful energy-depleting period involving a lot of changes. Now, go out there and show them what you can do.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** There could be some negative reaction to your tough stance when making a recent decision. But overall, your efforts result in well-earned recognition and all that can follow from that.

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Your financial situation seems confusing, even for the fiscally savvy Bovine. Maybe it's the conflicting advice you're getting. Check it out before things get too tangled to unknot.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** A relaxed attitude goes a long way in helping you deal with any of life's irritants that might be popping up this week. You're also a reassuring role model for others in the same situation.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Your aspect favors creativity, which should persuade you to work on your artistic projects. If time is a problem, prioritize your commitments so that your work isn't compromised.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Scrutinize all the job offers that interest

you. Most are honest and worth considering. But a few might not be completely forthcoming about what the job is and what the salary and benefits are.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** An unexpected snafu could delay the completion of a project you're eager to finish. Find out what's causing it, fix it, and if you need help, don't be shy about asking for it. Good luck.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** An idea that could be helpful to you comes from an unlikely source. Listen to it. Discuss it. If necessary, adjust it. If it looks as if it might work out quite well, go ahead and use it.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Be careful about allowing someone to share a very personal secret with you. This could cause problems down the line with others who are involved in that person's private life.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** A cooling down of a relationship could be the result of neglect, unintended or not. To save it from icing over, you need to warm it up with a large dose of hot Sagittarius passion.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** This is a good time to get involved with a number of family matters that involve money and other issues that might jeopardize the closeness between and among family members.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a warm, giving nature that inspires many to follow your example.

By Linda Thistle

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Is it worth \$10? No

Weepy tearjerker movies can be a tough watch, especially for guys who lack the patience or inclination to indulge in melodrama. I do my best to not be one of those guys, and because of that I can say that "Dear John" was viewed with an open mind and an open heart. And it still wasn't very good.

It's not necessarily the depressing nature of director Lasse Hallstrom's ("The Cider House Rules") movie that is its undoing, it's the forced and cluttered story. Screenwriter Jamie Linden crams as much of Nicholas Sparks' ("The Notebook") source material into the movie as possible, and as a result little registers and the heart of the movie is lost.

It starts, as movies of young love are wont to do, on spring break. It's 2000, and Savannah (Amanda Seyfried) is enjoying her time away from college on the Carolina shore. She's a healthy spirit who's conservative and pretty, as pure as a heroine can be. Her beau is John (Channing Tatum), an Army officer on temporary leave to visit his emotionally distant father (Richard Jenkins). Savannah and John fall in love, and after two weeks he swears to marry her when he completes his deployment.

Much of the movie chronicles how Savannah and John's love grows organically via their love letters, which each sends regularly. This part of the movie works. Their relationship evolves from infatuation to genuine love, and as they grow fond of one another we're happy to root for them.

It's when John comes home for a short weekend that complications ensue, namely due to 9/11 putting pressure on John to stay in the Army. If it were just the troubles of their relationship it'd be enough, but there's so much excess drama with John's father, Savannah's friend Tim (Henry Thomas), John at war, etc., that it all feels overwhelming. In short, there's too much going on for the movie's own good.



Perhaps surprisingly, the performances from Ms. Seyfried and Mr. Tatum are effective. Though Ms. Seyfried's wide-eyed innocent and Mr. Tatum's tough guy soldier are variations on roles they've played before (in "Mamma Mia!" and "G.I. Joe," respectively), each reaches a convincing level of yearning that allows the love story to work.

If only they were in a better movie. Adaptations from novels are a difficult task, and the mistake most often made is remaining too loyal to the source material and not cutting out excess in an effort to appeal to the built-in fan base. This is laudable, but not practical; the filmmaker's challenge is to make the best movie possible, as ultimately the film will stand on its own and either work or not. "Dear John" does not work. ■

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Did you know? >> Channing Tatum got to know a number of soldiers while preparing for "G. I. Joe," and he used those interactions to play John. "So many of them are just normal guys," Mr. Tatum said of the soldiers he met. "They have a sort of quietness about them — there's always some stillness in their eyes."

CAPSULES

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When In Rome ★★

(Kristen Bell, Josh Duhamel, Will Arnett) Unlucky in love career girl Beth (Bell) thinks the guy of her dreams (Duhamel) only loves her because he's under a spell. Though it has some amusing moments, such as a dinner date in the dark, most of the painfully predictable inanity is one dull rom-com moment after another. Rated PG-13.

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 Mr.

Crowley's children, who have a terminal disease. Strong performances from Ford and Fraser highlight a very touching and moving story that thankfully avoids getting too melodramatic. Based on a true story. Rated PG.

Leap Year ★½

(Amy Adams, Matthew Goode, John Lithgow) Irish legend says women are allowed to propose to their boyfriends on Leap Year day, so upon the advice of her idiot loon father (Lithgow) headstrong Anna (Adams) flies to Ireland to propose to her boyfriend (Adam Scott) of four years, who's attending a medical conference. After a rough detour she meets a gruff bartender (Goode) and inexplicably falls in love with him. The idiot tradition is dumber than the people who believe in it, and this inane, trite romantic comedy has 2010 off to a terrible start. Rated PG. ■

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Pops program celebrates Irving Berlin: 'From Rags to Ritzes'



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Among the many things Principal Pops Conductor Jack Everly can be counted on to pull out of his seemingly unending bag of musical tricks are his constant new arrangements and "theme specials." He's been doing that now for several years, ever since he masterminded the idea of a Symphonic Pops Consortium. So popular have each of the Pops Specialties been, the remainder of the consortium members basically said to Jack: "You create it; we'll buy it and play it."

Create it he has. "Irving Berlin: From Rags to Ritzes," is the most recent of Everly's super-Pops specials. It had its world premiere in Indianapolis, where Everly also serves as the principal pops conductor. In the week ahead, fortunate Neapolitans have eight opportunities to venture back down memory lane during the two-hour-plus program by the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra and the Philharmonic Chorale.

Back to Berlin

Born Israel Baline and yet another in the legion of Russian Jewish émigrés who became superstars once they reached these shores, Mr. Berlin was the youngest of eight children. As

a boy, he mimicked the street singers in New York to earn money to help put food on his family's table.

Incredibly, even though he quickly became a successful lyricist and went on to compose some of America's most instantly recognizable songs, the young man now known as Irving Berlin was unable to play the piano — the very instrument with which so many of his melodies are associated. But he perfectly heard the music he wanted to create in his head, and quickly overcame this strange quirk by having others help him pen/arrange what he could not perform.

Of the 17 selections Everly has selected for his "Rags to Ritzes" spectacular, half of the arrangements have been created by Everly himself, thus reinforcing my assertion that he is one of today's greatest pops arrangers.

Given that Berlin lived to see 100 and remained incredibly productive throughout his entire life, countless possibilities existed for Everly to choose for this production. What he selected, however, is a series of numbers that anyone who has hit the mid-century mark should recognize immediately. (Don't fret about that; remember, all the "experts" are telling us 50 is the new 30!) I would bet that most of us have danced to or sung along with at least half of the songs on the program.

Who doesn't know "No Business Like Show Business," "I Love A Piano," "Let's Face the Music and Dance,"

"Heat Wave" and "Puttin' on the Ritz"?

Who doesn't smile every time they hear "Happy Holiday?"

And how about

a smile for your first recollection of hearing/singing "Always?" (I'll be loving you, always; say you love me true, always). And then there's "Blue Skies." The list goes on.

And if you love ragtime and honkey tonk, then plan to tap your toes to "Alexander's Ragtime Band."

Aside from the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, the Philharmonic Chorale will also be front and center for part of the selections, as will five hugely talented singers/performers/

dancers selected by Everly for this particular concert. Even if none of their names are familiar to you beforehand, I assure you that you'll be singing their praises by the end of the show.

The program closes with an arrangement Everly has entitled "Irving Berlin's America." I don't know which of Berlin's patriotic songs Maestro Everly has included in this medley, but I expect the most his most famous of all, "God Bless America," will be in the mix. I'm already looking forward to it.

► Performances of Pops No. 2, "Irving Berlin: From Rags to Ritzes" are set for 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, Feb. 14-20, and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday Feb. 20-21, at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. Tickets are still available and can be reserved by calling 597-1900 or by going online to www.thephil.org.

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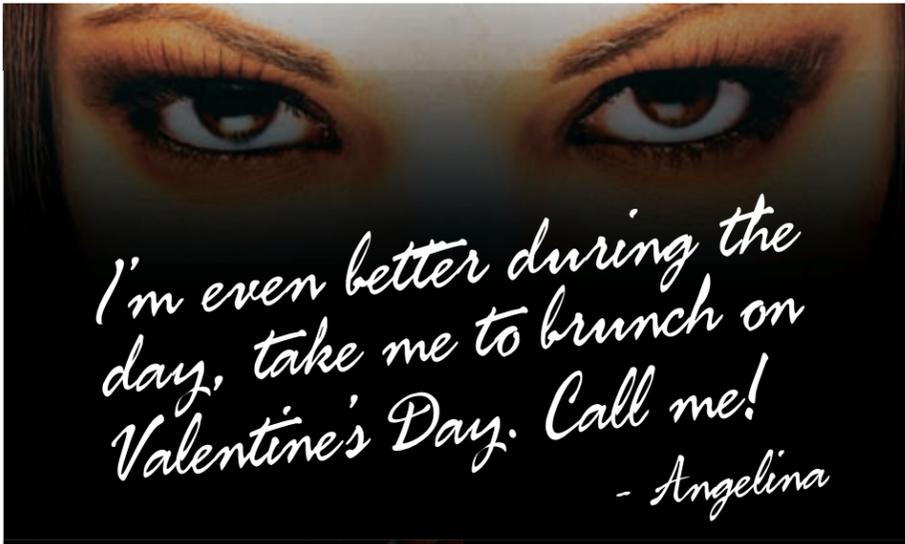
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Florida Weekly is keeping track behind the scenes as The Naples Players' spring production of "Fiddler on the Roof" takes shape. With its memorable score and universal theme of tradition, "Fiddler" has touched audiences around the world with humor, warmth and honesty. The full-scale musical runs March 3-April 3 on the main stage at the Sugden Community Theatre. Tickets are on sale now.

Also at the Sugden

You don't have to wait for "Fiddler" to find entertainment at the Sugden. Here's what else is happening:

- **"Mauritius,"** an R-rated sinister comedy by Theresa Rebeck, is on stage in the Tobye Studio at 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday through Feb. 27. Tickets are \$20.

- **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.

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"Foote Notes" will be presented in the Tobye Studio. Tickets are \$10 per person.

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Take a trip to 'Golden Pond' with Marco Players

The Marco Players present "On Golden Pond," the hit Broadway play and motion picture, Wednesday, Feb. 24, through Sunday, 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 plays 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 Golden Pond, where they are joined by their daughter, her fiancé and his 13-year-old son. The couple is looking to leave Billy in the Thayers' care while they go off to Europe.

"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 for \$23 are available at www.themarcoplayers.com, or at the box office from 4-6 p.m. Wednesdays, or by calling 642-7270. ■



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The Troubadours

Players will honor the late Chuck Daye in an evening of song

The Marco Players present The Troubadours chorale with an evening of Broadway hits to raise funds and to honor the memory of Chuck Daye on Sunday, Feb. 28, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 1101 N. Collier Blvd. A reception at 6 p.m. will precede the 7 p.m. concert and includes a 10-items-only silent auction of Broadway and music memorabilia.

Mr. Daye was for many years a selfless stalwart of The Marco Players. He and his wife, Judy, were the glue that kept the 36-year-old theater group together.

The Troubadours, all members of The Bach Ensemble, sing lighter fare that includes toe-tapping Broadway hits and favorites from The Great American Songbook.

Seating is limited. Tickets are \$25 each and are available only by calling 588-0288. ■

Vaudeville survives, at least temporarily, in 'Razzle Dazzle' at the Inn of Naples

Neapolitans have just two more chances to catch a glimpse of the vanished world of vaudeville — the bygone era when Harry Houdini astonished the public, the motion-picture industry was in its infancy and all other entertainment, including radio, was live.

"Razzle Dazzle" fills the Tuscan Showroom at the Inn of Naples with magic and laughter for its final performances at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 12-13.

Eddy Lester, who has a long history as a performer and producer in the New York tri-state area, opens as master of ceremonies and performs comedy-magic. Dan Tong, "The Mentalist," amazes with magic of the mind. And Donato



Donato Colucci as himself, left, and as The Great Gorgonzola, right

Colucci stars the "The Great Gorgonzola and his New Assistant."

The founder of the 40-year-old Pub-

lick Theatre in Boston, Mr. Colucci is an actor, director of more than 60 productions, playwright and lecturer on Shakespeare at the Renaissance Academy of Florida Gulf Coast University. He describes "Gorgonzola" as "a unique play-with-magic, a combination of everything that I do, which includes making the props."

The actor says he always wanted to be "The Great" somebody. "But that's hard to get away with that nowadays," he adds. "I thought if the name was funny, maybe ridiculous, I could use it. Then I recalled a discussion of language and words in an acting book I'd read many years ago. It said that words in themselves could be funny and gave some examples, one of

which was 'gorgonzola.' There, I had it: The Great Gorgonzola.

"I felt very comfortable with that, having a 100 percent Italian heritage," Mr. Colucci says. "It also gave me the idea of using an Italian dialect." He adopted the traditional magician's garb of tail suit, cape and top hat — the image of a magician many people still have.

During the show, Gorgonzola is beside himself with antics of his headstrong new helper, who gets revenge in a big surprise ending.

Tickets for "Razzle Dazzle" are \$30 for adults, \$20 for children and students. Purchase them at the front desk at the Inn of Naples, or go online to www.ticketweb.com. ■

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BOOKS

The Alaska wilds give prolific Karen Harper her next perfect setting

"Down River," by Karen Harper. Mira Books. 388 pages. \$7.99.

BY PHILIP K. JASON
Special to Florida Weekly

Part-time Neapolitan Karen Harper has published 50 novels (several as Caryn Cameron) since in 1982. Many of her titles are historical romances, although she also pens contemporary suspense novels and historical mysteries.

Her most significant achievement may well be the nine-part Queen Elizabeth I Mystery Series, which concluded a few years back with the "The Hooded Hawke." Ms. Harper continues to explore the Tudor world with the brand-new "The Queen's Governess." And for those who missed it in hardback, her well-received "Mistress Shakespeare" was just released in trade paperback.



HARPER

Whatever the genre, this nonstop writer provides perfectly crafted settings that allow readers to trust in the worlds she creates. "If I have setting," she asserts, "everything else seems to follow."

Such is the case with her latest contemporary romantic thriller, "Down River."

Lisa Vaughn does not understand how her husband-to-be, Fort Lauderdale law

partner Mitch Braxton, could have abandoned his career for a new life running a lodge in the wilds of Alaska. Mitch seems to have made the decision without considering Lisa's needs; in effect, he abandoned her as well. Of course, he sees things differently.

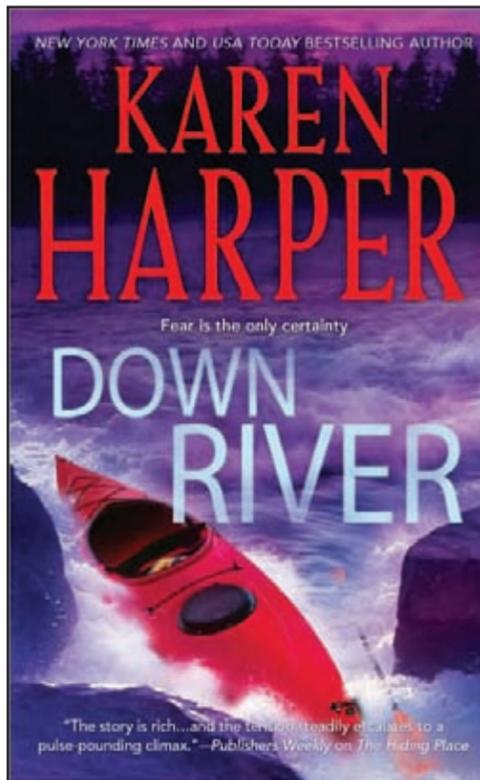
And now the law firm they both have worked for has chosen that lodge as the site of a retreat designed to assess three candidates, one of whom will be elevated to senior partner. Which one will prevail? How will Lisa and Mitch deal with the unfinished business of their failed relationship?

When Lisa, victim of a childhood tragedy that left her petrified of water, falls into a raging torrent, new questions emerge about her mental stability. Was she drawn to death by water like her mother was? However, if — as she suspects — she was pushed into the rapids, then the questions are: Who pushed Lisa, and why?

Mitch, concerned about her absence for a private meeting, is the one who searched for her and performed an astoundingly heroic rescue. Although Lisa's memory is unreliable and she's not completely sure that she was pushed, she won't accept attempted suicide as an explanation.

Lisa's gratitude to Mitch further complicates her feelings, and their physical contact during the rescue effort reignites the sparks of passion between them.

The senior partner competition provides Lisa's two rivals with motives for



there. One of those independent people is a woman named Ginger who meets the fate that Lisa escapes: she is found dead in the water. This discovery lends support to Lisa's growing assurance that she had been pushed. Now, local law enforcement becomes involved in both cases, which seem related.

As the law firm's principle partners continue observing and interviewing the three candidates, Mitch and Lisa are thrown together more and more as partners in their own investigation. Each has a stubborn streak, and each continues to suffer from wounded pride, but it's clear that some adjustments in their relationship are underway.

When Lisa escapes two more near-fatal occurrences, it seems evident that she has been targeted for death by someone connected with the lodge. Along with the central characters, readers must process the clues that lead to the final revelations about motive and perpetrator.

Drawing upon her plentiful experience and skill, Ms. Harper provides one more high-tension romance filled with abundant action and deftly drawn characters in an evocative setting. ■

— Readers and aspiring writers can enjoy Karen Harper's workshop on "Setting as Character," the lead-off session of the Naples Authors and Books Festival, on Saturday, April 10, at the Naples Center, Florida Gulf Coast University. For more information about the festival, visit www.authorsandbooksfestival.org.

wanting her gone. And the Inuit woman Christine, Mitch's second in command at the lodge, seems strongly attracted to him. Perhaps she sees Lisa as a danger to him or as a rival for his affection. Suspects abound.

Ms. Harper masterfully knits her plot, setting the action against the fierce beauty of Alaska and the equally fierce independence of those who choose to live

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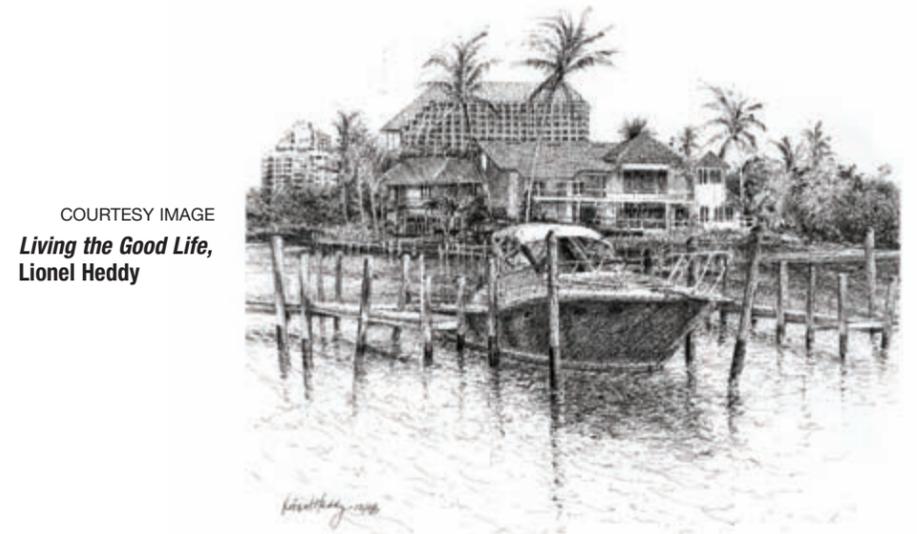
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Thursday, Feb. 18, at Art Gallery Old Naples, where it will hang through March 12. Mr. Heddy also teaches two classes at the gallery.

A product of parochial elementary school, he presented his drawings of religious statuary to the nuns. He copied photos from magazines, studied Rembrandt, Albrecht Durer and Michelangelo. After dropping out of high school in Kingston, N.Y., at age 18, he headed for Manhattan's art scene but was promptly drafted and went to Vietnam instead. Throughout his years in the service, he continued to sketch and draw: his feet and hands and fellow soldiers, any subject available.

Encouraged to get his GED in the military, he hoped to attend Queen's College in Queens, N.Y., as an art major but discovered after discharge that a GED wasn't going to get him there. He had to attend Queen's Community College for two years to prove himself. But he never lost his focus.

He completed community college

and went on to Queen's College, where he majored in drawing, painting and art history and studied under a faculty that also taught at the cutting-edge Art Students League in New York.

Mr. Heddy moved to Southwest Florida in the late '90s and has never looked back. A familiar figure on the streets of Naples, he creates his thought-filled, intuitive pen and ink "paintings" primarily en plein air. "My subjects grab me and pull me in so I'm saturated in special relationships, surfaces, materials and reflected light," he says. "This is also true of my works in still life; the only light source being daylight with its transitory and illusive qualities."

Karen Stone, artist and gallery owner says, "Anyone who has met Lionel Heddy is impressed with his vision and passion. He is simply infectious. It's impossible not to feel moved by his gentle and creative soul."

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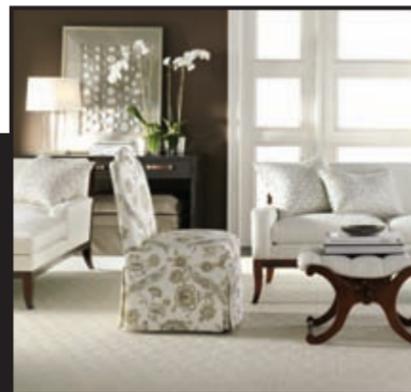


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Anthony Kearns and Heather Buck star in "Romeo & Juliet: Then & Now."

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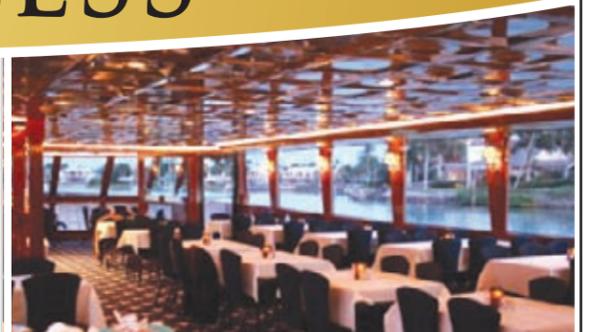
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An art lecture on Édouard Manet

Art educator and lecturer Joan Jacobs presents "Édouard Manet: The First of the 'Moderns,'" the third class in the ArtTalk series of art lectures in the Phil's Lifelong Learning arts education program, at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12.

Mr. Manet caused a scandal with his new style of painting in 19th-century Paris. Ms. Jacobs will show how Mr. Manet's art encouraged French Impressionism. Her presentations reflect her extensive travel throughout the United States and Europe and are complemented by her wealth of museum-quality images. Each program includes a question- and-answer session.

Tickets are \$38. The series includes additional lectures: "The Story of French Impressionism Part 1" on Feb. 26; "The Story of French Impressionism Part 2" on March 12; and "The Story of French Impressionism Part 3" on March 26.

Tommy Tune and the Rhythm Kings

Nine-time Tony Award-winner Tommy Tune teams up with the Manhattan Rhythm Kings for "Steps in Time, a Broadway-style revue, at 8 p.m. Thurs-

day, Feb. 25.

Mr. Tune has enchanted audiences for five decades with his charisma, vision and innovation, as an actor, director and choreographer. The Manhattan Rhythm Kings are much loved for their combination of close harmony singing, virtuosic instrumental work and dynamic tap-dancing. Together, they have commanded standing ovations from Carnegie Hall to Russia.

Tickets are \$59.

An evening of American standards

Steve Tyrell, known for his rich voice and unique phrasings, performs at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26. Mr. Tyrell has reinvented and re-popularized classic pop standards for a modern audience. All five of his American standards recordings reached Billboard's Top 5, and his album "A New Standard" was among the top-selling jazz albums for more than five years. During this 40-year career, Mr. Tyrell has collaborated with such legendary artists as Rod Stewart, Ray Charles, LL Cool J, Dave Koz and Dolly Parton.

Tickets are \$42.

Comedic ballet extraordinaire

Moscow Festival Ballet performs the full-length production of "Coppélia," one of the greatest of all comedic ballets, at 8 p.m. Monday, March 1. Under the

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Chubby Checker and The Wildcats perform
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Twist and shout with Chubby

Get ready to twist again when the legendary Chubby Checker and The Wildcats, along with Lou Christie, perform together at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 2. Mr. Checker's "The Twist" spent nine months on the charts and is the only record to reach the No. 1 spot twice. In 2008, Billboard ranked it the No. 1 chart single of the past 50 years. Other Checker hits include "Pony Time," "Let's Twist Again" and "Limbo Rock." Mr. Christie, one of rock 'n' roll's first great songwriters, topped the charts with "Lightning Strikes" and "Rhapsody in the Rain."

Tickets are \$55.

Wit and wisdom from Dave Barry

Pulitzer Prize-winning humorist and bestselling author Dave Barry presents "The Wit and Wisdom of Dave Barry" at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 3.

direction of former Bolshoi Ballet legend Sergei Radchenko. The company of 50 brings together the highest classical elements of the great Bolshoi and Kirov ballet companies in new productions of timeless classics. A 19th-century classic filled with beauty, irony, humor and tantalizing choreography, "Coppelia" is the story of a mystical toymaker who attempts to bring his doll to life.

Tickets are \$59.

Dubbed "the funniest man in America" by *The New York Times*, Mr. Barry returns to the Phil by popular demand with some hilarious new stories about the absurdities of everyday life. His droll commentary about politics and trivial idiosyncrasies makes his syndicated column one of the most read in America. His more than 30 books include "Dave Barry Talks Back," "Dave Barry is From Mars and Venus," "Dave Barry's Money Secrets" and "Dave Barry's Book of Bad Songs." Tickets are \$39. ■



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Misidentified furniture names are often the norm



Furniture names often are confusing. A Martha Washington sewing table was made in the 1930s, more than 120 years after Mrs. Washington died, and in a style with no resemblance to the sewing tables of the 18th century. A Governor Winthrop desk had nothing to do with the Massachusetts Bay Colony governor who lived in the 17th century. It's a drop-front desk designed by Chippendale in the 18th century but named Winthrop by a furniture company in the 20th century. The Savonarola chair is another misnamed piece of furniture. The design comes from the ancient Roman X-shaped chair that was very popular in medieval Italy. It can be plain or carved, solid or made to fold. Some are inlaid with ivory or metal, and some have a cushioned seat. The chair was given the name Savonarola in the 19th century, after Girolamo Savonarola, an Italian priest in Florence from 1494 to 1498. He preached against the excesses of the people, predicted the Last Days and organized the Bonfire of the Vanities in 1497. Mirrors, cosmetics, immoral sculptures, gaming tables, musical instruments, fine clothes and artwork were burned in a huge fire in the main square. When the Last Days didn't come, his followers revolted, he was excommunicated and then, in 1498, he was executed. None of this has anything to do with the X-shaped chair that was given his name. But even stranger, the chair is called a Dante chair in Italy and a Luther chair in Germany.

The form is still popular. An example from the late-19th century could sell for \$1,000; a chair made in the 1980s might bring \$150.

Ms. Kovel answers your questions:

Q: I have a ceramic figural head that's wearing a World War II soldier's hat and has grooves like a Chia Pet. It has a "Robinson-Ransbottom" mark on the bottom. Can you tell me anything about it?

A: Robinson-Ransbottom Pottery Co. made two grass-growing heads in 1941. "Elmer the Doughboy" wore a soldier's hat, and "Barnacle Bill," a sailor's cap. Robinson-Ransbottom was in business in Roseville, Ohio, from 1900 to 2005. Its pottery was marked "R.R.P. Co., Roseville, O." The heads were sold with seeds for 59 cents each. Chia Pets were first made in San Francisco in 1982. The "grass" is chia (*Salvia hispanica*), which grows in Mexico. Elmer the Doughboy is worth about \$35.

Q: I'm a retired elementary-school teacher. I used to spend time in the spring teaching about bird migration, so through the years I picked up four old Audubon



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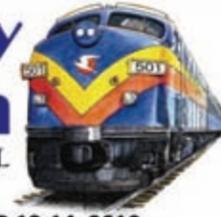
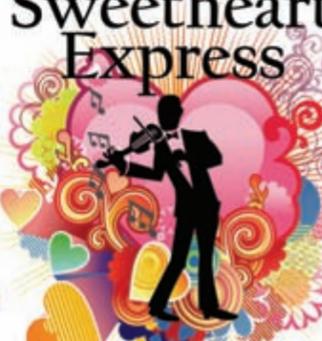
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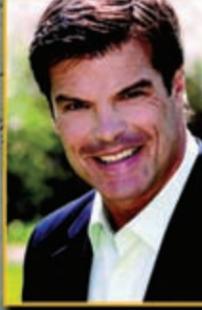


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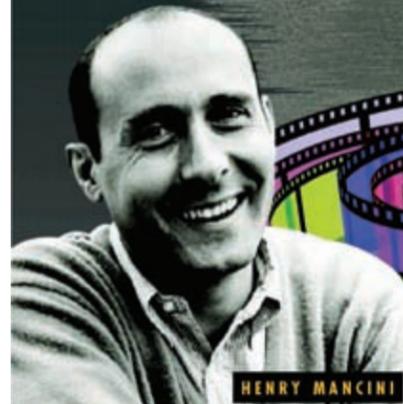
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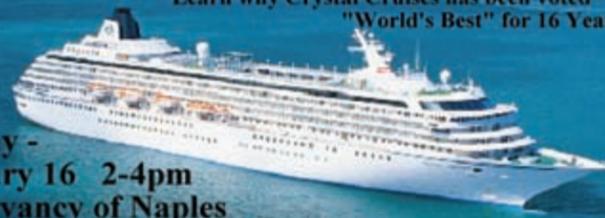


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bird charts. They were originally painted in watercolors by Louis Agassiz Fuertes for the Massachusetts Audubon Society. They're in very good condition because I laminated them years ago to protect them from the students' handling. Each one is 27 by 42 inches. What can you tell me about the artist and the charts?

A: Louis Agassiz Fuertes (1874-1927) was an ornithologist and an artist who specialized in painting birds. Your charts were originally published in 1898, 1900, 1912 and 1924. The first two were published by the Massachusetts Audubon Society, and the last two by Milton Bradley Co. Original 19th-century prints of John James Audubon's portraits of single birds can sell for hundreds and even thousands of dollars. Your charts are not as valuable, but the fact that you laminated them decreased their value even further. Still, a museum in your area might be interested in them.

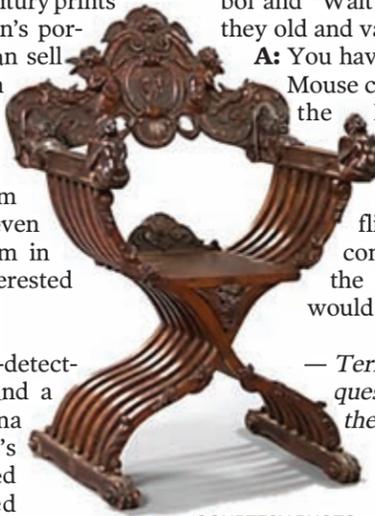
Q: When I was metal-detecting a while ago, I found a 1934 North Carolina chauffeur's badge. It's metal with the embossed wording, "Licensed Motor Vehicle Driver Badge, Expires June 30, 1934." What do you think it's worth?

A: Starting around 1900, chauffeurs were specially licensed. Until the 1930s, a chauffeur was issued a paper certificate that was displayed in his car or a metal badge that he wore on his hat or jacket. Today, North Carolina does not require special licensing for chauffeurs. There

are collectors who hunt for chauffeur badges. Most badges sell for about \$20.

Q: My mother-in-law died unexpectedly, and I ended up with the job of cleaning out the house where she lived for 50 years. During that process, I found a pair of Mickey Mouse cufflinks about 2 inches long and 1 3/8 inches high. They're cast in a silver-tone metal with an enameled Mickey in a running pose. His gloves and shoes are yellow, his shorts are red with yellow buttons, his face is silver and his eyes, ears, arms and legs are black. The back is marked with the copyright symbol and "Walt Disney Productions." Are they old and valuable?

A: You have a pair of vintage Mickey Mouse cufflinks, probably made by the Dexter Manufacturing Co. of Providence, R.I. Dexter made Disney character jewelry, including cufflinks, starting in 1953 and continuing off and on into the mid-1980s. Your cufflinks would sell for about \$10. ■



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This is a carved walnut Savon-rola chair made in Italy about 1875. It sold at New Orleans Auction Galleries for \$1,100.

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FGCU brings documentary about modern food production

Drummer/documentary filmmaker Eleni Vlachos will screen and discuss "Seeing Through the Fence," at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, in Academic Building 5 at Florida Gulf Coast University.

Described as "a documentary with bite," the film is a DIY project for which Ms. Vlachos used a handheld digital recorder as she traveled the United States and Greece interviewing random people about vegans, vegetarians and the ethics of modern food production.

"As a new activist, I saw the need to infuse humor into a topic that is often humorless: veganism," she says. Much to

her surprise, she adds, the film received "very positive feedback" at its world premiere in Durham, N.C., prompting Ms. Vlachos to take the movie on tour with her husband, their dog and her band, Beloved Binge.

The Yale Herald wrote that "Seeing Through the Fence" has "a humble and personal spirit that constantly seeks to engage all audiences, including omnivores, in a frank discussion about the state of food sustainability and production in America." For more information, visit Ms. Vlachos' Web site at www.porchlife productions.com. ■

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For more information, call 248-1120. ■

Spring fashions for Immokalee kids

The Immokalee Foundation invites grandparents, parents and children to see the latest boys and girls fashions while supporting the youth of Immokalee at the Beth Moné Children's Shoppe Easter

parade fashion show luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 15, at Bay Colony Golf Club. The fashion show will feature boys and girls fashions from leading designers modeled by the children of Immokalee.

Tickets are \$100 for adults and \$35 for children. All proceeds will fund The Immokalee Foundation's efforts to empower the youth of Immokalee through education. For tickets or more information, call 430-9122 or visit www.immokaleefoundation.org. ■

Yellow brick road leads to Fun Time

Fun Time Early Childhood Academy's third annual "play date fundraiser" takes place Thursday, Feb. 18, at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club. This year's theme is "Follow the Yellow Brick Road." 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.

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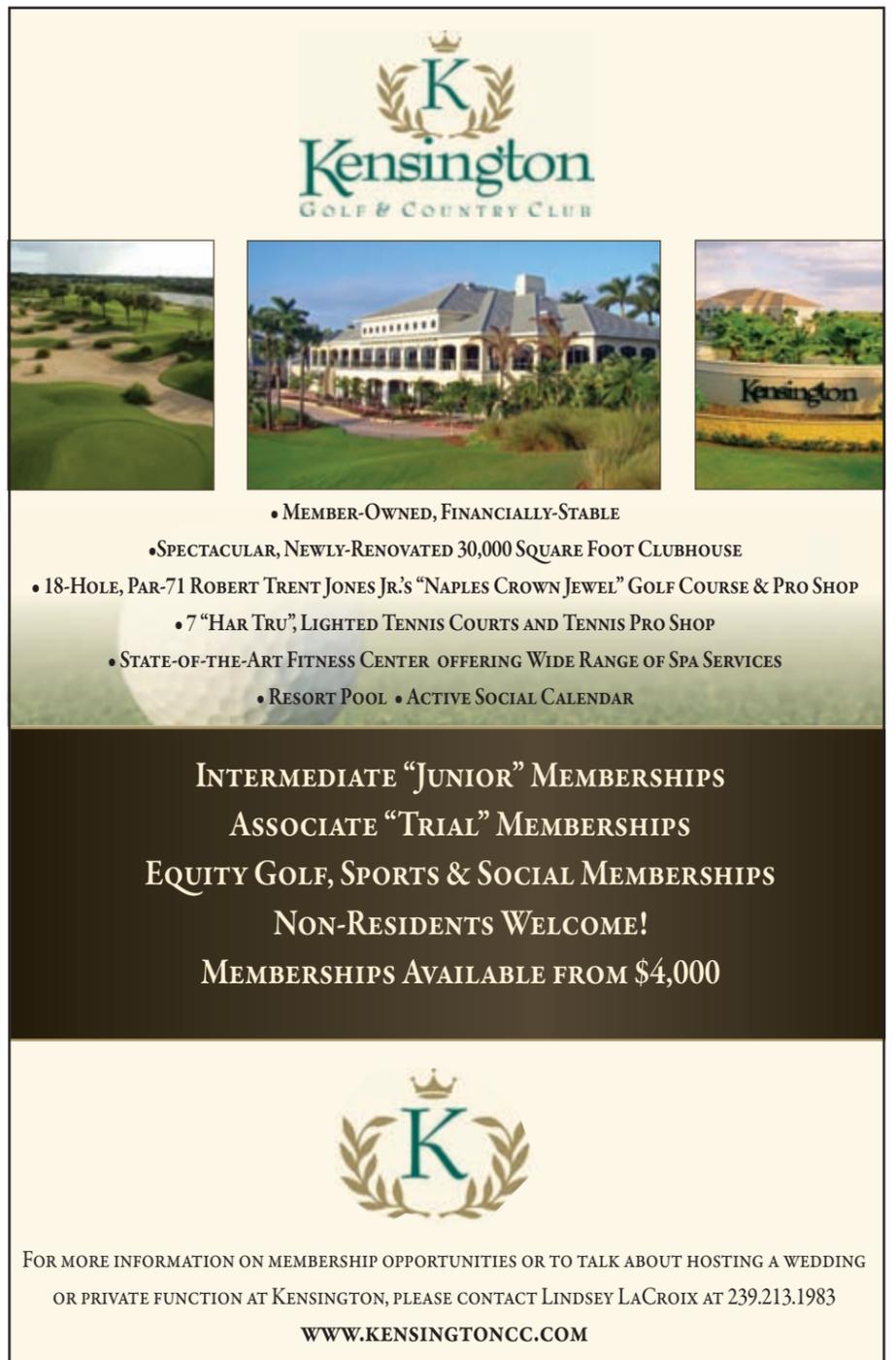
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League Club brings Broadway

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. Tickets are \$200 each. Call 353-3100. ■

Humane Society has annual 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." The highlight of the evening will be presentation of the Walter Turken, Animalarian 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. The evening includes cocktails at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner, dancing, auctions and a recognition ceremony.

The foundation advocates for citizens of Collier County who are developmentally disabled, with emphasis on 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: the Mandalay, Palm Villa (the old DuPont Estate) and Martha's Cottage. 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. ■

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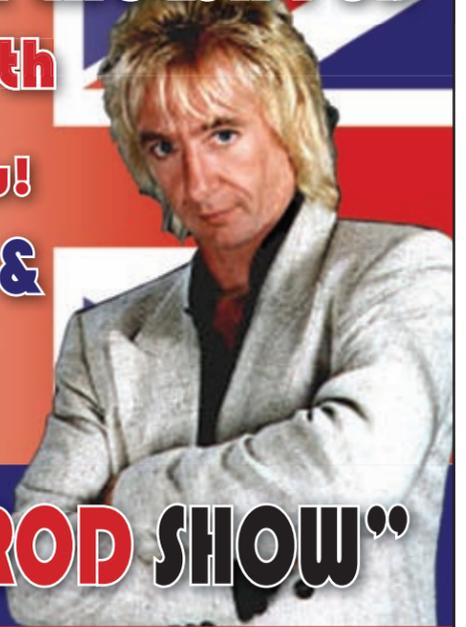
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Football legend will help mend hearts

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.

Tickets are \$300 per person. Call 775-3862. ■

Shop 'til you drop for The Shelter

Shop The Shelter for Abused Women & Children's annual Designer Boutique from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 26-27, at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples, and support adult and child victims of family violence.

Chaired by Cindy Halle, the boutique will have fashions and accessories from more than a dozen exclusive vendors; 15 percent of all sales will benefit the life-transforming programs and services offered by The Shelter. Admission to the Designer Boutique is free. For more information, call 775-3862. ■

Car dealer hosts NHC block party

The Neighborhood Health Clinic is gearing up for its seventh 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." Capt. Jim Lovell, Apollo 13 commander, will be the honored guest.

Come and meet the man behind the famous Apollo 13 mission, later made into a blockbuster movie starring Tom Hanks. Among his many accomplishments, Captain Lovell holds the record for the most time spent in space and is one of only three men to travel to the moon twice.

The Neighborhood Health Clinic provides health care for low-income, working, uninsured Collier County adults. Block party 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, Saturday, Feb. 27, on Watkins Lawn at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club. In addition to dining beneath the stars, live and silent auctions and music from Clint Wiley's None Other, the evening will feature a sunset cocktail reception, crab races and a variety of beach-style games.

Tickets are \$250 per person. For reservations or more information, call Karen Virdinlia at the CAC, 263-8383. ■

An 'extra' touch for classic concerts

Lagniappe, or "a little something extra," — is in store for guests 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.

Tickets are \$150 per person. For reservations, call Delores Sorey at 263-2673 for an invitation or e-mail soreysan@aol.com. ■

It's magic for The Conservancy

The Conservancy of Southwest Florida hosts its sixth annual Magic Under the Mangroves gala on Thursday, March 4, 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.

Mr. Nix plays a seven-string "banjar" — an instrument of his design that crosses a five-string banjo and the classical guitar.



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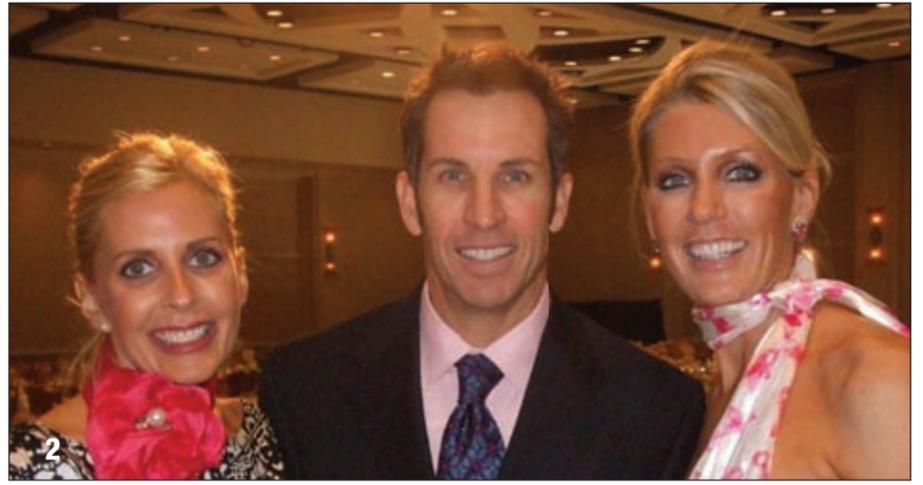
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Jack Hanna and friends at The Naples Zoo annual gala

4. Sharon Kraft and Jack Hanna
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6. Tony Marino, Chris and Bill Barnett
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8. Jennifer Collins and Rick Craft
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11. Jack Hanna, left, and Zoo staff

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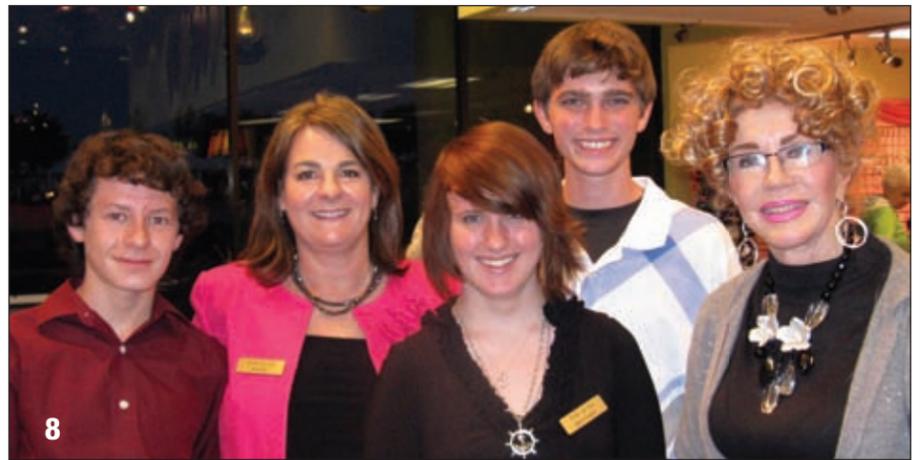
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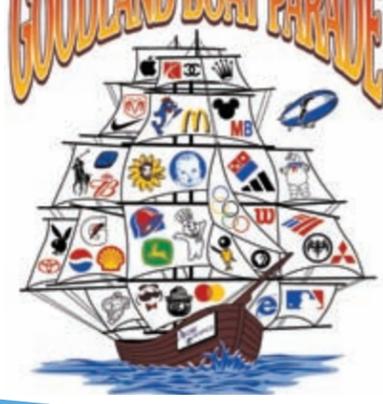
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To get to the heart of the matter, I consulted some local experts.

"This wine is like sex in a glass," says Cindie Barker, manager at Bistro 41 Restaurant in Fort Myers. "Terra Valentine Cabernet Sauvignon is elegant, silky, and has everything you want in a Napa wine," including a label bearing a heart with Cupid.

Customers who purchase a bottle of Terra Valentine at Bistro 41 become eligible to win a special Valentine Cuvee 3-liter double magnum in a drawing held on Valentine's Day (which happens to be Sunday, in case you've lost track).

For pure romance, Jessica Palmer of Decanted in Naples says it's hard to beat Soave.

"This is the wine of Romeo and Juliet," she says. "They lived in Verona, and drank wine from the vineyards around the town of Soave."

From Argentina with love is the theme of Frank Pulice, owner of Austin's Wine Cellar in Fort Myers.

"She is feminine and as pretty as can be," he says. He is not talking about his

girlfriend, but Crios Torrontes 2008, a seductive white from Argentina.

"Floral, fruitful, and she'll leave a lasting impression," says the obviously smitten Mr. Pulice.

For red wine lovers, he has an Argentinean selection as well.

"The Nieto Senetiner Malbec Reserva 2008 has big fruit, like stewed black cherries, and a deep heart to it," he says. "I would serve this with seared Argentinean beef or lamb."

Don't forget to save a little bit for after dinner chocolates.

Wine maven Jerry Greenfield is fond of Chateau Calon-Ségur, a fine Bordeaux.

"In the 18th century, the Marquis de Ségur already owned Chateau Lafite and Chateau Latour," says Mr. Greenfield. "When he took over Calon, he was quoted as saying, 'I make wine at Lafite and Latour, but my heart belongs to Calon.' To this day there is a heart on the label, indicating that his heart would always be in Bordeaux.

The rich cabernet and dark chocolate would be a match made in heaven.

"I think another good choice for a red would be something like a reciotto or an amarone, extracted and concentrated but



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Ben Sandstrom of Haskell's with a bottle of Oudinot Champagne Rose

not as much tannin," he says.

Instead of roses, consider rosés.

"Whispering Angel is a real nice grenache rosé from the famous Lichine wine-making family," says Mr. Greenfield. "This wine is from the Cote de Provence, with aroma and flavors of strawberries and lavender, with a touch of rosemary and thyme, and a nice minerality on the finish."

Ms. Palmer also is enamored of rosé.

"I like the Van Duzer Pinot Noir

Rosé from Oregon," she says. "It's a nice dry rosé with balance and crispness, strawberry and spice flavors and a touch of earthiness."

Drink Pink is the theme at The Wine Merchant in Naples.

"I think that sparkling rosé wines are the best for this day," says sommelier Thom McKay. "They are fun to drink as well as romantic."

He recommends Ruinart Rosé Champagne because "it's a grower's champagne. They only use their own grapes to ensure they are picked at the right time to make the best wine."

He's not alone in his passion for rosé sparklers.

"Oudinot Champagne Brut Rosé has big flavors of sweet cranberry and spice," says Ben Sandstrom, manager at Haskell's The Wine People in Naples. "The champagne rosés are very good, because they have more pinot noir in them to give great color and flavor."

Haskell's offers a 15 percent discount on all pink sparkling wines for Valentine's Day.

Whatever your favorite shade of wine, stock up and be sure to pour on the romance this Valentine's Day. ■

Wine picks of the week

>>Terra Valentine Cabernet Sauvignon 2006:

Nice balance, currant and black cherry flavor with a hint of tobacco and spice on the finish. About \$60 in restaurants.

>> Crios Torrontes 2008: Aromatic and flavorful with flowers, pears and peach, and a lasting crisp finish. About \$20.

>> Ponzi Vineyards Rosato Pinot Noir Rosé 2008: Bright fruit, light fragrance of white cherries, easy to drink, with nice finish. About \$18.

>> Chateau Calon-Segur 2004: Wine Spectator awarded it 90 points and reported: "Intense aromas of currant bush and berries that turn to roses. Full-bodied, with silky tannins and a floral, leafy and fruity aftertaste. Builds on the palate." About \$50.

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It's fascinating to see how a fresh pair of eyes can reinvent a room. In this case, I'm referring to the transformation into what is now The Jolly Cricket gastro pub, which occupies the space that once was the genteel, club-like Trilogy and, before that, the funky-chic Zoe's.

The Jolly Cricket opened last fall with an upscale British ambience and wide-ranging menu that encompasses pub grub, tropical flavors and locally grown organic produce. With Brazilian cherry paneling, hardwood floors, tin ceiling, massive wood bar (a remnant from its previous incarnation) and woven rattan chairs, the room provides an inviting space in which to toss back a brew, have a bite to eat and enjoy friends and family. On a recent Thursday, the expansive dining room was just about filled, and although it was somewhat chilly, some of the outdoor tables were occupied, too.

The beer menu is extensive, full of intriguing domestic and imported varieties and a collection of ciders. The Ace apple cider, with an essence of pear, intrigued me. It turned out to be crisp and lightly sweet, with fresh pear notes in both the bouquet and flavor that went well with the meal.

We began with a classic pub treat: the ploughman's board (\$15) with smoked ham and Brie, mango chutney, crusty bread and pickles. In place of the ham and Brie, you can order English banger and aged cheddar or magic grapes, celery and Stilton crumbles.

The ham was indeed smoky, relatively lean and sliced thin, providing a pleasant contrast to the mild, silky Brie. There was but a single pickle on the plate and the chutney was thin and overly sweet, but the bold, grainy mustard proved a splendid match for the ham. It also gave my companion's Scottish salmon and potato cakes (\$10) some zip, which they needed.

We eyed the fish and chips (\$17) warily, having had some disappointing — and a couple downright disturbing — encounters with this dish of late. But once we read the menu description — "Yes, real cod...Yes, real fries...Yes, we make the tartar sauce! Would you like some malt vinegar with that?" — we felt reassured enough to try again.

The dish, as it turned out, was a lovely rendition of this British classic,



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The Jolly Cricket boasts about its fish and chips and with good reason: the cod, fries and tartar sauce are first rate.

complete with tartar sauce so good we used some of it on the chips (aka fries), although we managed to sprinkle some malt vinegar on a few of the crisp little devils. The fish was just what it was supposed to be: tender cod enveloped in crunchy golden breading, just right for dipping into that tangy tartar sauce. The fries were equally well cooked and all of it came to the table piping hot.

Our other entrees were the chicken hot pot (\$15) and chicken Cricket curry (\$17). Both arrived in lovely vessels, the hot pot in a white ceramic bowl topped with a thick layer of white cheddar cheese, and the curry in a beautiful red and black bento box, each compartment filled with a component of curry.

The menu described the hot pot as "baked layers of chicken, potatoes, butternut squash and seasonal vegetables topped with grated white cheddar cheese." I hadn't anticipated the heavy, bland cream sauce that blanketed the chicken and vegetables. As was the case with the salmon and potato cakes, the dish was in need of seasoning.

We found that the curry suffered from the same problem, although it looked beautiful. The chicken stew itself had

only the vaguest hint of curry and was somewhat sweet. Add in the mango chutney, raisins and coconut that were served as condiments along with jasmine rice, cucumbers and tomatoes, and the dish was in dire need of a more assertive hand wielding the curry seasonings.

As she took away our dishes, our server asked how everything was. When we told her our opinion about the curry seasoning, she told us that we could request a zestier version when ordering. We appreciated the advice, but it would be a customer service to state that on the menu.

We finished with an apple tart with ice cream,



Chicken cricket curry is beautifully presented in a red and black lacquered bento box.

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oatmeal cookie and caramel sauce. It was as attractively presented as the previous dishes had been, and both the tart and cookie were tasty.

Our server was busy but managed to take good care of us, pacing courses nicely and replenishing drinks as needed. She was friendly and helpful, as was the rest of the staff with which we spoke, including the hostess and an efficient server attendant.

If the prices are a bit steep for a pub, I'd chalk that up to the Cricket's tony address. When compared to its neighbors, it falls in the moderate range. Overall, it's a hospitable spot in which to spend an hour or two with convivial companions. If the kitchen starts to spice up the menu a bit, it will go a long way toward making the food measure up to the Jolly Cricket's warm hospitality and appealing ambience. ■

diningCALENDAR

> **Friday, Feb. 12, 19, 26, 3-7 p.m., Freedom Park:** Collier County Parks and Recreation sponsors Market in the Park, with a portion of proceeds benefitting horticultural and health programs for Collier County children; 1515 Golden Gate Pkwy. Call 252-4060 or 438-5682.

> **Saturday, Feb. 13, 20, 27, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Coconut Point Mall:** The Coconut Point Farmers Market takes places weekly through April, featuring produce and other goods; U.S. 41 adjacent to Panera Bread, Estero; 249-9480.

> **Saturday, Feb. 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.

> **Friday, Feb. 12, noon,** Robb & Stucky Culinary Center: Executive Chef Martin Murphy demonstrates entrée salads featuring local ingredients; \$30, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; (866) 206-3840. Reservations required.

> **Friday, Feb 12, 5:30-8 p.m., Decanted:** Sample a variety of pinot

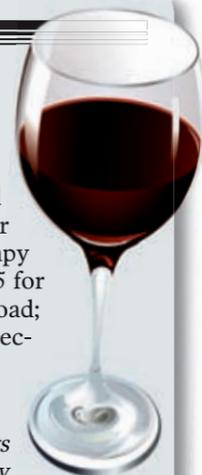
noirs from Oregon, California and Burgundy, along with appetizers and receive recipes for pairing; \$15, 1410 Pine Ridge Road; 434-1814. Reservations required.

> **Saturday, Feb. 13, 3-7 p.m., Naples Winemaking:** The American Cancer Society and Naples Winemaking team up for a barrel tasting, wine competition and auction to benefit the cancer society's work; \$15 Naples Winemaking members, \$20 for non-members; 1061 Collier Center Way; 514-3300. Reservations required.

> **Saturday, Feb. 13, 5-9 p.m.,**

Fred's Diner: Enjoy a three-course Italian dinner with an Italian Kiss martini shooter, Italian music, silent auction and raffle to benefit PAWS for Love Assistance & Therapy Dogs; \$24.95 adults, \$8.95 for kids, 2700 Immokalee Road; 431-7928. Reservations recommended.

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Feds Giving Mortgage Modifications Additional Boost

It's not easy turning a potential foreclosure into a successful affordable mortgage modification -- from either side of the table.

Homeowners, facing confusing documentation requirements and conflicting advice from both honest and dishonest corners, become intimidated and drag their heels or bury their heads.

Lenders, grappling with voluntary provisions in ever-evolving regulatory adjustments, skilled worker shortages and disoriented homeowners, not surprisingly develop an edge of ambivalence.

To help clear some of the sludge out of the Obama Administration's Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP) the U.S. Treasury Department and Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recently announced plans to speed up trial mortgage modification conversions to help homeowners obtain a permanent mortgage modification.

A more recent addition to the plan also calls for ban on mortgage lenders canceling trial modifications that are due to expire before Jan. 31, 2010, giving homeowners more time to convert.

A mortgage modification occurs when the lender reworks the terms of your existing home loan, typically to lower payments and make the home more affordable for you. Lower payments can result from a lower interest rate, extended loan term, reduced principal or any combination of those approaches.

Under the HAMP plan, borrowers who sign up for mortgage modifications be-

gin with a trial modification of up to five months. That gives them time to submit a stack of paperwork, including proof of income, assets, debts, hardship affidavit and other documents, to make the modification stick. The trial period also gives them time to determine if the modified monthly payment is sustainable.

Approximately 60 percent of the 375,000

mission process.

- Ordered federal officials to meet regularly with servicers (banks and lenders) to identify necessary improvements to borrower outreach. Servicers failing to meet certain obligations could be subject to monetary penalties and sanctions.

- Developed operational metrics to hold servicers accountable for their performance,



which will soon be reported publicly.

- Enhanced borrower resources on the MakingHomeAffordable.gov website and the Homeowner's HOPE Hotline (888-995-HOPE) to provide direct access to mortgage modification tools and housing counselors.

New resources on MakingHomeAffordable.gov include:

- Links to all of the required documents and an income verification checklist to help borrowers request a modification in four easy steps.

- Information about how the trial phase works, what borrower responsibilities are to convert to a permanent modification, and new instructional videos which provide step-by-step instructions.

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borrowers

who have begun trial modifications are scheduled to convert to permanent modifications by the end of the year, but have not completed the paperwork, according to the Feds.

The mortgage modification conversion effort includes provisions that have already:

- Extended the period for trial modifications started on or before September 1, 2009 to give homeowners more time to submit the required information.

- Streamlined the application process to minimize paperwork and simplify the sub-

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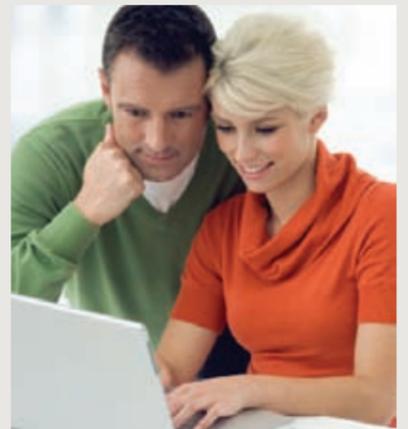


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