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## who is the biggest star living here?

**BY EVAN WILLIAMS**  
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Courtesy of *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *The New Yorker* magazine, all of which have done major pieces looking at Southwest Florida in the last year, we're all famous. Or really, infamous, for having some of the highest rates of foreclosure in the nation. But it's all the same to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, which defines fame simply as "public reputation." Late pop artist and long-

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## Holocaust survivors encourage tolerance, say never forget

**BY E.I. ROTTERSMAN**  
Special to Florida Weekly

*Until after a long time  
I'd be well again  
Then I'd like to live and go back home  
again*

— Poem written by a child in the Theresienstadt ghetto in Czechoslovakia (now the Czech Republic)

Anneliese Salamon spent part of her youth in a camp.

But there were no games, weenie roasts or songs sung around the campfire where she was.

Disease, hunger, foul stench and death



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**Prison garb from the Holocaust on display at the Holocaust Museum of Southwest Florida**

filled Ms. Salamon's days in a concentration camp during the Holocaust in Europe during World War II.

With Holocaust Remembrance Day on

Sunday, April 11, Ms. Salamon and many other survivors feel a need to educate and enlighten the community and world about what happened during the mass genocide.

In observance of the Remembrance Day, or "Yom Hashoah" in Hebrew, the Holocaust Museum of Southwest Florida is offering free admission Saturday and Sunday, April 10-11, according to Alex Vance, the museum's executive director.

The Holocaust was considered the systematic, bureaucratic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of approximately

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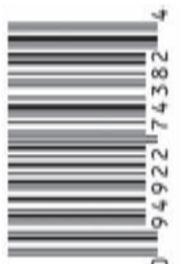
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## Looking is a good thing



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Look at all the famous people we have here in Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties, the regional home of the unofficial Retired CIA Officers of America, Post 101, that hell-bent-on-non-fame famous band of snoops. (They don't really have a post, at least not that I know of. I just made that up.)

I've been told by a few people — they all looked over their shoulders or lowered their voices imperceptibly when they told me, and I'm not making that up — that the region is chock full of former CIA officers. Lots of them settle in for the golden years here, apparently. They create their own Black-Hole Fame, according to the legend.

Besides, we used to have former CIA Director Porter Goss wandering around the neighborhood — he started his famous public life as a Sanibel city councilman, before moving on to seats as a Lee County commissioner and a U.S. Congressman. For a short time, he was the third most famous CIA agent in the world, behind hero Bill Donovan and traitor Aldrich Ames. Under President George W. Bush, he became fired Porter Goss. But, of course, Mr. Goss was a Princeton man; Mr. Bush, sadly, was only a Yalee. That probably accounts in part for the abrupt halt to Mr. Goss' otherwise stellar career.

But the CIA has nothing on the rest — a whole flock of the famous, living right here in River City. Some of them actually seek notoriety, if you can believe it. And for that money, wouldn't you?

So here are my questions du jour: How closely should you look at famous people, especially when they don't seek notoriety outside the parameters of their fame? Is it rude? Is it even (gasp) unethical?

Maybe the answer lies in the preferences of famous people. Some of them don't want to be looked at, ever, in their private lives — at least that's what they say. And we really should respect their privacy, shouldn't we? I mean, really? Shouldn't we? Their "privacy?"

I define privacy like this: Thinking consciously without speaking, writing or signaling.

In nothing else is privacy possible, because there is always evidence, somewhere, of everything else, except your unspoken thoughts. And sometimes evidence even exists that points to those.

Which leads me to believe that our basic notions about privacy, and the right to it, are skewed. I'm talking about fundamental human rights, defined in the classic American style. As an American, do you have a fundamental right to privacy in:

A. The bathroom? No. In boot camp, there is no privacy for any American. Why should there be anywhere else? In this nation, we're all supposed to be treated equally.

B. The bedroom? Please. Anybody with dogs or kids will tell you...well, if

you don't have dogs or kids, I'm sorry for you. But ask someone with dogs or kids. Also, see boot camp.

C. The woods? Get real. Every bird, chipmunk, snake, fly and mosquito in the world along with who-knows-what human being or runaway dog is looking at you in the woods — or will if you let them. The woods are home to the world. The world gets to look, but if your woodcraft is good enough, and you don't talk or write what you think, you get to earn some privacy in the woods.

D. The privacy of your own home? See the answers to bathroom and bedroom and woods, especially if your house is in the woods, like mine, and filled with both dogs and children. Like mine.

So, in fact, privacy is a matter of degree and chance and circumstance. It's not a right except in your own mind, which the English poet John Milton described this way, in the long poem, "Paradise Lost:"

"The mind is its own place, and in itself can make a heaven of hell or a hell of heaven."

But privacy is one thing, and looking is another. People, famous people for example, may not have an absolute right to privacy, but does that mean we should violate their privacy just because they don't have a right to it?

Here's another way of putting the question. Should we look at everything — an accident with blood and casualties when medics are already on the scene, say?

Or a couple kissing passionately in a public park when love is on the scene? Or an old person suffering an embarrassing moment of forgetfulness or weakness,

which might also be comic, when decline is on the scene?

And why is our instinct, sometimes, to turn away, even though we're compelled to stare hard at the scene? Good-hearted people who aren't afraid of looking at anything — I've known a few and you probably have, too — have no desire to look at someone's embarrassment, for example.

The implication of my questions is a hypothesis: Perhaps there are things and people we should avoid looking at, especially if we have good manners and respect for the privacy of others.

But our lead story this week suggests a different answer. Look at our front page to find a light-hearted take on the famous in Southwest Florida, from Marco Island in the south to Sarasota in the north. And read between the lines. *Looking is a good thing.*

I think we should look at everything and anything we want to in any public place or space at anytime, under any conditions. Looking is better than not looking, because we have been given eyes.

So I say never apologize for looking — not on the street, not in the woods, not on the airwaves or the cables. Not anywhere. And especially not to people who make their livings performing for a public who pays. And good livings they are, for the most part.

Famous people earn the right to be looked at by the rest of us as much as we want to look at them. Enjoy this brief glance at the local people who famously help shape our world, then — and look a little farther if you feel so inclined. ■

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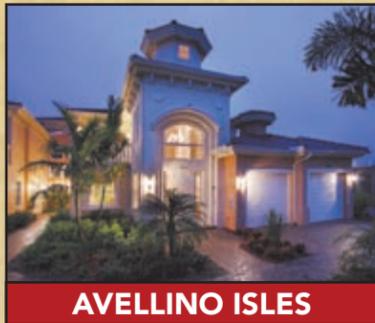
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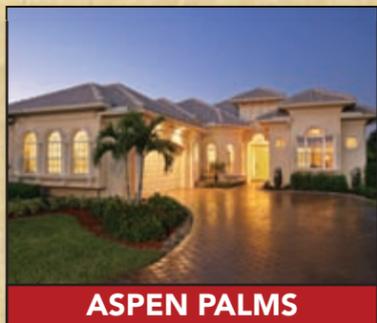
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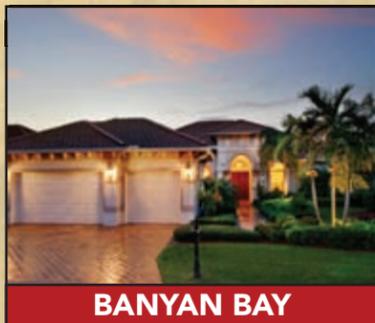
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# OPINION

## A referendum on repeal

BY RICH LOWRY

Barack Obama rose to prominence after his thunderously unifying message at the 2004 Democratic Convention. The theme of effacing the political and cultural differences between red and blue states carried him through the 2008 election.

It turned out to be as unrepresentative a campaign as FDR running on balancing the budget in 1932 or George W. Bush touting a humble foreign policy in 2000. President Obama, the erstwhile unifier, has set up a fierce ideological struggle over the direction of the country that will rage through 2010 and 2012: Will America make its peace with European-style social democracy, or will it continue to stand out among other advanced Western nations in its relatively robust economic freedom?

Health-care reform is a proxy war in this larger conflict of visions. Obama could have finessed the difference, with incremental steps toward greater government involvement in a health-care sector that is already only half-private. The short-term bragging points for Obama's reform — keeping children on their parents' policies until age 26, minimizing the doughnut

hole in the Medicare prescription-drug program, etc. — would have passed the Senate with 65 or 70 votes.

But Obama wanted more. Liberals believe the history of progress is written with the extension of the social-welfare state. Bringing more people within its ambit fulfills the promise of America, just like the civil-rights laws of the 1960s. They would have betrayed themselves had they failed to pass a skein of new regulations and an entitlement program achieving universal coverage.

House Democrats acted in the spirit of a self-sacrificing revolutionary vanguard. Isolated within the country, opposed by a bipartisan coalition, likely to sustain deep losses from their vote, Nancy Pelosi's 219 gambled that their audacious act would change the country irrevocably.

Their bet is that American history is unidirectional — once a system of government benefits is established, it can never be revoked. There are two problems with this otherwise-sensible wager: 1) The important benefits in ObamaCare won't be established until 2014, and Democrats have stirred up an intense, broad-based opposition well in advance; 2) Historic

inevitability often goes awry.

Obama doesn't yet seem to realize that reality matters, and sets the standard by which his bill will be judged. "It makes Medicare stronger and more solvent," Obama said, in a typical offering of rhetorical sugar pills. "It will reduce our deficit by more than \$100 billion over the next decade, and more than \$1 trillion in the decade after that."

The fact is that it takes \$500 billion out of Medicare and applies it to the new program. The deficit figures are built on fairytale assumptions. The rest of the assurances made about the bill — it will reduce premiums, cut costs and create jobs — were desperate campaign-style promises made to get it over the finish line.

Obama said passage of the bill "proved that we are still a people capable of doing big things." He defines our greatness by how much we are willing to tax ourselves and to spend. Whether the country accepts that view, and the dreary future it suggests, will be adjudicated in November and beyond. ■

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

## She had a good life



**helenTHOMAS**

Special to Florida Weekly

Liz Carpenter was one of the greatest Texans who ever hit Washington.

We who knew Liz will never forget all that she did in the course of a life well-lived. She died last week in Austin, Texas, at age 89.

Liz fulfilled her ambition to become a Washington newswoman when there were few of us around.

She later worked as an executive assistant to Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson. She was on Air Force One in Dallas when LBJ was hurriedly sworn in as president following the 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy. She wrote the statement that Johnson read on his return to Washington. It ended with the words: "I ask God's help and yours."

She also served as staff director and press secretary to Lady Bird Johnson.

Mary Elizabeth Sutherland became "Liz" to all. She got her first job in Washington working as a reporter covering Eleanor Roosevelt for a group of Michigan newspapers.

Born in Salado, Texas, a sixth-generation Texan, Liz grew up a devout Democrat. Her mother was a bookworm, who prized learning. Her father, a highway contractor, was often away from home.

"We were Methodists and Baptists and Democrats," she recalled. "I was 17 before I saw my first Roman Catholic, and 21 before I saw my first Republican. Both were terrifying experiences."

Her family moved to Austin, where she got the journalistic bug while working at school newspapers at Austin High and the University of Texas.

She married her college sweetheart, Leslie Carpenter, and they set up a news bureau in Washington at the National Press Building. She later persuaded the male-only National Press Club to allow newswomen to sit in the balcony to cover luncheon meetings with VIP guests. Some of the women brown-bagged it. Women were not taken in as NPC members until 1971.

A close friend of the Johnsons, she became their speechwriter, humorist and political adviser. She was invaluable to them.

LBJ was a complicated man, to put it mildly. He inspired his staff, but also was hard on them, depending on his mood. But Liz never lost her sense of humor when it came to politicians.

She was noted for her talents as a speechwriter, a public speaker, an author and a political pro. She was addicted to Washington news but proved "you can go home again" when she returned to her beloved Austin.

Liz and I arrived in Washington at about the same time during the early 1940s. Most news organizations had only a few women on their staffs. Few covered the big news beats in town. That picture changed during World War II, when all young men with a pulse were drafted. Women at last had their chance.

Both of us went job hunting at the National Press Building at about the same time.

Liz, who was always on the plump side, ran out of money a couple of days before

I did. She wired her brother Tom to send her \$200 or "I'm going to have to sell my body."

He wired back: "Sell it by the pound." But he also sent the money.

Later, in her government career, Liz helped Lady Bird Johnson's historic whistle-stop campaign tour through the South to support her husband's 1964 presidential campaign. Liz also helped plan Lady Bird's national beautification project, which spotlighted the beauty of American historic landmarks.

In those years, it seemed we reporters climbed every mountain and visited most of the national parks, even riding the Snake River in a rubber raft to promote Lady Bird's "See America" campaign.

At the end of the trail, Liz also would make sure there was a picnic lunch and champagne.

She also helped the first lady highlight LBJ's Great Society programs, including Head Start and anti-poverty efforts in Appalachia.

Liz won many awards and wrote many books.

Toward the end of her days, she had a raft of illnesses, but kept her sense of humor.

Outside her nursing-room door, she had a sign posted: "Parking for Democrats only. All others will be towed."

She leaves behind her daughter, Christie of New York, an executive at the Paley Center for Media, and a son, Scott of Vashon, Wash., a retired broadcaster.

"I've always lived as outrageously as my family, friends and the law would allow," she often said.

She knew how to live life. ■

## Freedom died today

BY JOE PACHECO

Social Security passed in '35,  
Pensions created from worker pay  
But for Alf Landon and the GOP  
"Freedom died that day."

Medicare passed in 1965,  
Health care for seniors all the way,  
Ronald Reagan was the first to predict,  
"Freedom would die this day."

Obamacare passed in 2010,  
Health care for all now on its way,

But Congressman Mack could only shout,  
"Freedom died today."

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# 15 MINUTES

## When marketing goes to the dogs, people and pooches love the results

BY SUSAN POWELL BROWN  
Special to Florida Weekly

Bob Hooper, founder of the Cider House Society at the Humane Society Naples, knows a thing or two about marketing, creating pizzazz and embracing an unexpected approach in order to make things shine.

Consider, for example, the challenges of raising a family while being relocated to different positions throughout the world. No problem. Mr. Hooper and wife Cindi never focused on their lack of a home-stead. Their children filled their passport pages with stamps from around the globe, while they speculated about where "Dad's next assignment" might take them.

"Home was wherever we celebrated Christmas," says Mr. Hooper.

Or what about the interviewing advice he gave sons Jeffrey and Justin when they graduated from college into a difficult and highly competitive job market? He suggested they tell recruiters: "I'll do any job you've got, anywhere in the world, any hours you need." Both sons were hired on the spot.

Mr. Hooper's hard work and can-do approach resulted in a rewarding career in the pharmaceutical industry. A biology major, he began his career in quality assurance. "I never sold product," he says, adding he advanced through the years from testing to production to operations, first domestically and then internationally.

At age 50, he shifted gears and joined IMS, a company he describes as a "score-keeper for the pharmaceutical industry."

He helped design marketing plans for new product launches, determine international pricing and navigate the challenges of dealing with regulating agencies across the globe. "Every developed county has its version of the FDA, some more strict than the FDA," he says.

This is a man who sees every challenge as an opportunity rather than an obstacle.

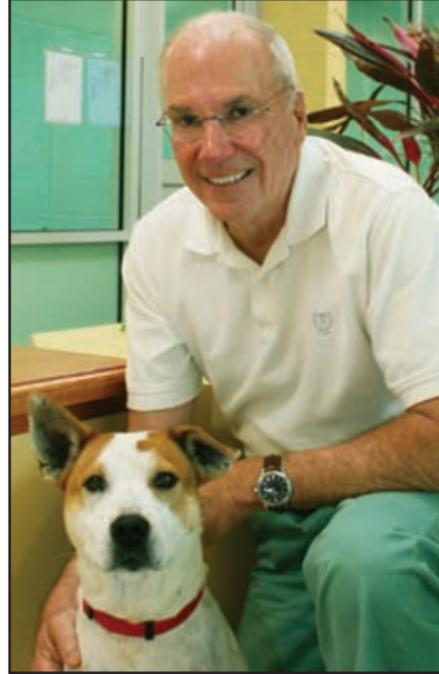
How fortunate for the Humane Society Naples.

An animal lover all his life, Mr. Hooper went to HSN and bought a dog after settling in here as a retiree. He returned to the facility looking for a way to contribute his time and talents. There were plenty of volunteer dog-walkers and adoption consultants, and Mr. Hooper wanted to do something different. After visiting three weeks in a row and seeing some of the same dogs week after week, he recognized an area at HSN not being addressed.

It was the age-old theme: the young, cute ones were in demand and adopted right away, while older, less attractive and/or deformed dogs remained ignored.

Mr. Hooper cultivated a plan to apply the fundamentals of marketing to the dogs that were going, well, nowhere. He approached Andy Reed, HSN director of development, and the Cider House Society was born. They selected six dogs — one with three legs — and dubbed them the All-Star Pooches. They emblazoned each of their cages with a gold star and the message: "This dog chosen by the Cider House Society" — "which," Mr. Hooper chuckles, "was me."

Incentives were established to encour-



COURTESY PHOTO  
Bob Hooper and Leah, a Cider House All Star Pooch

age patrons to take a chance. Specifically, the adoption fee for any All-Star Pooch is refundable after 30 days. Some of these dogs also come with a voucher worth up to \$200 redeemable for pet health supplies, clinic services or professional training.

They started the program in February 2008 and allotted the remainder of that year for the six dogs to be adopted.

The All-Stars were all gone — adopted to loving homes — in 10 weeks. The first dog adopted — a black Lab with a

leg deformity that caused a limp — he hobbled out alongside his new owner, a woman on crutches.

The original All-Stars were replaced with older, less-attractive dogs with personality issues. By the end of the Cider House Society's second year, more than 100 dogs had been adopted through the program.

Mr. Hooper says the marketing — not the money — is the key. Only 50 percent of the new owners ever request to be reimbursed the adoption fee, he says.

HSN takes pictures of the All-Star Pooches and keeps a photo book at the adoption center. Kathy Gumph, adoption counselor and volunteer coordinator, says one of the strengths of the Cider House Society is its ability to spotlight a previously "invisible dog."

Mr. Hooper likens the All-Star Pooch program to taking a rusty car in for a new paint job, calling it "This Month's Special" and tying it up with a big red bow.

He also credits several others for the success of the Cider House Society, including Michael Simonik, executive director of HSN; Karen Sesso, director of adoptions, who "never met a dog she didn't like"; and Nancy Peterson, operations manager of the Cider House Society, whom Mr. Hooper describes as the All-Star Pooches "matchmaker." He quotes Ms. Peterson as saying, "It's the best job I've ever had."

Reflecting on his own career, Mr. Hooper says, "Going to work every day was great, trying to improve people's lives."

Seems he's still at it. Only now it's people and pooches. ■



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# STAR

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time fame commentator Andy Warhol would agree.

"Don't pay attention to what they write about you," goes one of his famous sound bites. "Just measure it in inches."

He also suggested that fame is a commodity everyone will enjoy "for 15 minutes" at some point in the future. We are moving toward that vision with reality television, celebrity "news," and "American Idol." Fort Myers' own **Vonzell Solomon** was briefly a shining star on the latter program. Yet there are still a lot of people hungry for fame who aren't getting theirs.

The University of Florida estimates there are 1,112, 073 people living in Southwest Florida — Lee County (614,833), Charlotte County (164,326) and Collier County (332,914). Yet there probably aren't more than a few hundred celebrities living in the area, counting the confirmed ones and myriad rumors.

"Talk of celebrities may be ubiquitous, but fame itself is still the rarest of commodities," wrote Jake Halpern, who explored fame in an article for *The New Yorker*, and later to a fuller extent in his book "Fame Junkies," published in 2007.

In any case, our vote for the most famous person in Southwest Florida goes to jazz great **Dave Brubeck**, a "living legend," according to the Library of Congress. At 89, he was right here in Lee County this winter as usual, still composing music that floats across generations, capturing both popular



BRUBECK

taste (although not to the extent of rock stars) and critical acclaim.

He spends the winter here instead of at his New England home.

"The ice is a problem for him in Connecticut," said George Moore, who manages Mr. Brubeck's inclement venue over the winter. When Mr. Brubeck is in Florida, "he's working."

Here are other stars of Southwest Florida, part of the shifting chimera that is fame in America.

## Music

There are a handful of best-selling authors in Southwest Florida. But they're generally less renowned in popular culture (although perhaps get more respect) than singers or actors. Just by virtue of being in the pop music profession, **Rob Grad** might be considered more famous than, say, best-selling author **Randy Wayne White** (a Sanibel resident). In the 1990s, Mr. Grad sold nearly 150,000 albums with his L.A.-based band Kik Tracee.



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"I was so young when it happened I had all these ideas about fame and what it would mean to my life," he said. "It was an amazing experience, but it is what it is."

The band fell apart, but in more recent years he's come to Fort Myers to record music and play golf.

**Dave Ellefson** of the 1980s metal band Megadeth is rumored to have a home in Southwest Florida. Drummer **Steve Luongo**, now head of the John

Entwistle Foundation, lives in the area.

**Jose Feliciano**, famous for singing "I want to wish you a merry Christmas, from the bottom of my heart," lives in Lehigh Acres. **Alex Lifeson**, guitarist for Rush, had a home in Naples at Pelican Bay, at least until a few years ago. **J.C. Chasez** of the band NSync,



FELICIANO

is rumored to have a home in Naples. **John Mooney**, a renowned slide blues guitarist, lives on Pine Island. **Cliff Williams**, bassist for AC/DC, has a home in Southwest Florida. **Ricky Medlocke**, lead guitarist for Lynyrd Skynyrd,



MOONEY

lives in Fort Myers sometimes.

"I really like fishing for snook, reds and bass," Mr. Medlocke told *Florida Weekly* recently. "One day I caught five 10-pound bass somewhere between the Panhandle and

Marco Island."

## Charlotte County

There are celebrities in this small county, according to Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce President John Wright, but they don't want to be recognized. Mr. Wright might as well be considered a celebrity. He speaks 10 languages and is also a Scottish Laird (meaning he comes from a land-owning family, not that he's royalty). Home improvement icon **Bob Vila** once had a home north of Charlotte County. Natural health guru Dr. Robert Morse, based in Port Charlotte, claims country music star **Shania Twain** as a client. She is rumored to have a home on Marco Island. Baseball star **Cal Ripken Jr.** owns the Charlotte Stone Crabs minor league baseball franchise.



CHASEZ



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## Books

**Janet Evanovich's** long-running Stephanie Plum series has been at the top of the *New York Times* best-seller list plenty of times. She has a home in Naples.

"I'm always working but I take time out for dinner dates on Third Street or Fifth Avenue with my husband and friends and occasionally a movie at the Mercato," Ms. Evanovich wrote in an e-mail.

She likes living in Southwest Florida, but couldn't decide exactly why.

"Hard to pick one reason," she wrote. "I love the sun (as opposed to gloomy New England), I love the people (they look happy and they're friendly!), I love eating outdoors year round (OK, so sometimes it's under a propane heater but it's still outdoors)."

**Stephen King** has a house north of Port Charlotte in the Osprey/Nokomis area; novelist **Michael Connelly** has a residence in Sarasota; novelist **Tim Dorsey** has a place on Pine Island; best-selling novelists **Ben Bova** and **Robin Cook** have Naples homes.

## Movies, TV and extended family

The comedian **Steve Martin** is rumored to have a "beachfront sanctu-

ary" in the Naples area but his publicist couldn't confirm that. Actor **Kevin Nealon**, a former "Saturday Night Live" regular, is said to live in Fort Myers.

Former Playboy Playmate of the month, **Suzanne Lee Stokes** was born in Naples in 1979, according to her bio on the Inter-



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net Movie Database. Her parents "own an alligator farm and wildlife refuge in the Everglades."

NBC Today show's **Willard Scott** has broadcast from his home on Captiva Island. Former ABC Nightline anchor **Ted Koppel** also had a place there,

although he hasn't been spotted around town recently.

The mother of Tom Cruise was rumored to have, at one time, lived on Captiva Island, as were the parents of actor Christopher Walken and novelist Dan Brown.

## The legendary departed

**Robert Rauschenberg** lived and produced art on Captiva Island for years before he died. His name is so recognizable and his influence so broad, in art, music, movies — practically everything — that his death hasn't diminished his fame. Film director **Gerard Damiano** made "Deep Throat," maybe the first movie considered pornographic to go mainstream. He spent his final years in Fort Myers near his family.

Artists who die young may have a better chance of being catapulted into a higher echelon of fame than artists who die old. But Mr. Rauschenberg and Mr. Damiano, who were legends in their own fields, have a fame that may linger for years and flare up in the future. For example, Caravaggio, a 17th century painter known for his dirty realism and flamboyant lifestyle, was dismissed by the art world as a passing fad after his death in 1610 at age 38. But an art historian at the University of Toronto told *The New York Times* this year that the painter is experiencing a rebirth of popularity worldwide. He calls it "Caravaggiomania."

## Business, politics

FOX network political commentator and radio personality **Sean Hannity** is rumored to have purchased the top floor of a beachfront resort in Naples. Mr. Hannity has broadcast television segments from Naples.

The world's most famous investor, **Warren Buffett**, was rumored to appear at Mel's Diner in Naples. His secretary didn't confirm that he has ties to the Southwest Florida area. The manager at Mel's Diner in Naples, Kostika Terezi, said he hadn't seen him. But the tough-peppy **Judith Sheindlin** — Judge Judy from the popular television court show — is a regular at Mel's. And so is 2000 presidential candidate **Steve Forbes**. He usually orders the hot turkey sandwich.

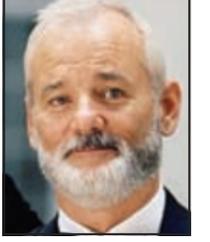
"Steve Forbes is very, very quiet and very, very family oriented," Mr. Terezi said. "He's a down-to-earth guy. What a nice family."

He added that former Boston Celtics basketball star **Larry Bird** used to come in and order the foot-long hot dog. It's been more than a year since he's seen

Mr. Bird. Mr. Terezi, after working at Mel's for 15 years, has his own measure of "public reputation." Those are the two words the Merriam-Webster Dictionary uses to define fame.

## Sports

Comedian **Bill Murray** is a partner in the Fort Myers Miracle minor league baseball franchise. Atlanta Braves pitcher Derek Lowe is rumored to have a residence in Southwest Florida. Same with **Peter Jacobson**, the 2004 senior U.S. Open Champion; and former NFL quarterback **Jim Kelly**. Sports caster **Chris Berman** can often be seen dining at the Sanibel Steakhouse when he's not on ESPN's Sunday NFL Countdown.



MURRAY

**Patty Berg**, founder of the LPGA Tour, died in Fort Myers in 2006 at age 88. Former Boston Red Sox left fielder **Mike Greenwell** lives in Alva and owns Mike Greenwell's Family Fun Park in North Fort Myers.

## Fame in any era

"Fame Junkies" author Mr. Halpern traces celebrity culture back to the Stone Age. Anthropologists believe there were "top hunters who enjoyed a special celebrity-like status."

American fame as it appears now took shape during the Industrial Revolution. Fame spread far and wide along with communications technology. The internet and mobile devices let us keep track of stars more easily than ever, and act on impulses we've always had, Mr. Halpern concludes. "Namely, the impulses to admire others and to be admired ourselves."

Robert Thompson, director of the Center for the Study of Popular Television at Syracuse University, is quoted as an expert on celebrity culture: "(The popular 1980s television program) *Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous* marked the beginning of the television obsession with celebrity lifestyle... the formula worked, because it allowed us to imagine ourselves in their shoes."

Fame is touching more and more people with seeming randomness.

"To be famous, you need not write well, or act well or sing well," wrote blogger Floyd Elliot. "You need, in fact, do none of these things at all. The collective attention is like lightning, and strikes where it will... Megan Fox's face has launched a thousand blog posts; Emma Thompson's has not. And just by the way, I think Thompson's face eminently more attractive."

There will always be room for someone more famous.

"You have to find someone who does it all, I suppose, or who is really, really big in one area," said actress and South Fort Myers resident **Deborah Smith Ford**. She gained some measure of "public reputation" for her look alike role as Trinity from "The Matrix." She also played the mother in a film called "Bully" directed by Larry Clark. Mr. Clark is most well known for directing "Kids," one of the most disturbing, poetic American movies ever made. The film is fiction, but it portrays an urban New York City wasteland with documentary reality, one filled with teenagers whose lust and greed is literally making them sick. Mr. Clark paints that landscape in even starker terms than the well-crafted news stories that documented Southwest Florida after the housing bust — another landscape riddled by variations on greed. In either case, it's not the type of thing anyone hopes to be famous for. But we are — for that and a lot of other reasons. And we have the column inches to prove it. ■



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# Construction begins on U.S. 41 in Miami-Dade

Long-awaited Everglades restoration construction has been started on the western section of the Tamiami Trail in Miami-Dade County. Contractors will work three shifts, 24 hours a day to help expedite work and relieve traffic.

The public is asked to use caution and expect delays while driving in the eastern trail area as workers and heavy equipment begin the Tamiami Trail roadway and bridge project. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officials recommend drivers slow to 40 mph when they begin seeing safety signs that have been posted near the construction sites.

"People are used to moving quickly along the trail, but heavy equipment and hauling vehicles travel more slowly, especially as they enter and exit the roadway," cautions Donna George, project manager. "There are workers directing traffic and also workers all along the side of Tamiami Trail. There isn't much room at all for driver error."



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Everglades restoration leaders use symbolic shovels to "break ground" on the Tamiami Trail project. Left to right: Mike Sole, Florida Department of Environmental Protection secretary; Rick Cummings, Kiewit Southern Company vice president; Dan Kimball, superintendent of Everglades National Park; Gary Guzy, Council on Environmental Quality deputy chair; and Eric Buermann, South Florida Water Management District chairman.

Beginning at about one mile west of the Krome Avenue and Tamiami Trail intersection, lanes will be closed throughout the day at various times and places along the road to the Miccosukee Tribe's Osceola Camp and Gator Park.

"It will look like workers are repaving the road, but they're actually reinforcing it," Ms George says. "Flagmen will guide traffic around the construction areas. During the day, travelers will also see the bridge under construction to the south of the existing road."

The Tamiami Trail project includes constructing a one-mile bridge and raising and reinforcing an additional 9.7 miles of road. The bridge will allow water to flow without obstruction into Everglades National Park. Because sheet flow is essential to the health and viability of the Everglades, initiation of this project represents an enormous advancement for the multi-agency south Florida ecosystem restoration program.

The bridge project and road-raising construction is projected for completion in 2013. The \$81 million project will help create more natural water flow velocities and patterns. These changes will lead to improved hydrologic conditions, a more naturally functioning ridge and slough landscape, and more favorable conditions for wildlife and native vegetation in more than 63,000 acres of Everglades National Park.

For more Tamiami Trail project details, visit [www.saj.usace.army.mil](http://www.saj.usace.army.mil). ■

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Identical twins, Richard and John, are among the most acclaimed piano-duos in the world. They graduated in the top 1% of their class at Yale summa cum laude, followed by Masters degrees from the Yale Graduate School of Music. Since their London debut in 1962, they've popularized the great music for two pianists including Schubert Piano Duets, Duos of Franz Liszt, Music of Gershwin-Grainger, and Beethoven and Liszt 9th Symphony. Tickets \$35, call 454-2067.



### Jazz by David Maxwell

Friday, April 16, 7 p.m. • The Island at Shell Point

Grammy winner David Maxwell has a reputation as one of the finest blues pianists alive and has played piano with great musicians such as Muddy Waters, Bonnie Raitt, Otis Rush, and Eric Clapton. Tickets are \$20, call 454-2067.

### FREE! Annual Quilt Show

Saturday, April 17, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. • Sunday, April 18, Noon to 4 p.m.  
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# UNDERCOVER HISTORIAN

## Naples Waterfront Association makes history with Pinta, Nina replicas

BY LOIS BOLIN  
Special to Florida Weekly

At press time this week, Naples Backyard History and everyone along the waterfront at Tin City was anticipating the arrival of the Pinta and the Niña, replicas of the three-masted, highly maneuverable Portuguese caravel ships Columbus sailed across the ocean blue. The two seaworthy museums were bound for the dock at Cruise Naples on Wednesday afternoon, where they will remain until early Tuesday morning, April 6.

While in port, the Pinta and the Niña will be open for tours from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Their arrival was sure to make for a most exciting Wednesday on the Waterfront, Naples Backyard History's weekly walking tour of the historic area around Tin City. It also launched the new Naples Waterfront Association.

"The character and identity of the city came from the waterfront, and we hope to help bring back and build appreciation for its lore," says Harry Julian, president of Cruise Naples (whose Double Sunshine tour boat was displaced from its slip to make room for the Pinta and the Nina). In addition to Mr. Julian and myself, the founding members of the NWS are: John Callis, Vin DePasquale, Kelly Ellis, Lance Julian, Kyle Langbelhn, Clark Morton, Grant Phelan, Tony Phelan, Frank Perrucci, Randy Smith, Kevin Stoneburner and Trisha Youngquist.

On Monday this week, Naples Backyard History was inquiring about booking the replica ships for a visit in 2011 when we learned the boats were in St. Petersburg,



Morgan Sanger, captain and project manager

Fla., and had some open days before their next scheduled stop at the City Marina in Fort Myers, where they'll be from April 8-11. Right then and there, we invited them to come on down to Tin City.

Mr. Stoneburner has offered parking at Bayfront for anyone who wants to see the ships. City parking garages on Eighth Avenue South are also convenient for those who might enjoy the stroll down Sixth Avenue South to Tin City.

"It's a great way to use the Gordon River underpass and see an important part of local history at the waterfront," Mr. Stoneburner says.

The Columbus Foundation, with Morgan Sanger as captain and project manager, owns the Pinta and the Niña.

Archaeology magazine has called the

Niña — which was built completely by hand and without the use of power tools, and which was used in the Ridley Scott film "1492" starring Gerard Depardieu — "the most historically correct Columbus replica ever built." While the modern ship does have an engine and generator for safety and to adhere to maritime regulations, whenever practical, the Niña utilizes wind power. When that happens, the crew's duties include hoisting and lowering 1,900 square feet of sails.

The Niña has visited more than 425 ports since 1991. She has sailed the Gulf of Mexico and the Great Lakes, and has also toured inland rivers including the Missouri, Ohio, Tennessee, Illinois and Mississippi.

The Pinta was built in Brazil to accom-

pany the Niña on all of her travels. She is a larger version of the archetypal caravel and offers larger deck space for walk-aboard tours and has a 900-square-foot main salon down below, where visitors can view slide shows of the ships' construction.

After their Naples and Fort Myers stops, the Pinta and the Niña will head north. Their summer itinerary includes stays in Philadelphia, Rochester, N.Y., Cheboygan, Mich., and Winona, Minn.

Self-guided tours of the Pinta and the Niña are \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors and \$5 for children (free for ages 4 and younger). No reservations are necessary. For more information, call (787) 672-2152, e-mail columfnd@surfbvi.com or visit [www.thenina.com](http://www.thenina.com). ■



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# Donation drive on for new Naples dog park

The Friends of the Naples Dog Park, a citizens committee working to bring a dog park to central Naples, has launched its fundraising campaign with a lead contribution by Joan Fleischmann Tobin of Neapolitan Enterprises/Third Street South.

"I am delighted to add to the amazing work already done by the Friends of the Naples Dog Park committee, which has brought this project such a long way," Ms. Tobin says. "I see this as a much-needed complement to life in Naples and part of the spirit of a community which I hope will add happiness for many, many people and their companions."

"My parents had a long tradition of contribution in this community starting in the 1940s, and I hope this will be a small part of that continuum."

Ms. Tobin has pledged a \$25,000 donation, together with administrative and support services for the Friends of the Naples Dog Park committee, on behalf of Neapolitan Enterprises and Third Street South, which is already a dog-friendly area.

Additional sponsors of the Naples Dog Park include Cheffy Passidomo Attorneys, Grady Minor Engineers, Leed Signs and MHK Architects, who have been joined by the individual efforts of a host of people.

Collier County currently has only two off-leash dog facilities, one at the north end and one at the south end of the county. The proposed new park site, which is owned by the city of Naples, is on the northeast corner of Goodlette-Frank Road and Central Avenue, affording accessibility not only for city residents, but also for central county residents. The surrounding lands are part of the city's Government Services Complex, so no residen-

tial properties will be impacted. This location also will connect to the future \$9 million Gordon River Greenway system, which will stretch from the dog park to Golden Gate Parkway.

The Naples City Council has given preliminary approval to use the site for a community dog park, and a conditional use petition will be heard at an April 14 Planning Advisory Board hearing. The proposal goes before City Council for final approval on Wednesday, May 19. The city has indicated that the organizers must demonstrate they can raise the funds to build the park in order for the city to grant the necessary approvals. If fundraising is successful and the city approvals are given, construction could start by early summer.

The Naples Dog Park will include two separate off-leash areas. The south section, composed of approximately 1 acre of fenced area, will be for large dogs, while the north section, composed of .35 acres, will be dedicated to small dogs. Located centrally in the park will be a shade structure that will include benches, drinking fountains for dogs and their people, as well as a picnic area. There will be approximately 43 parking spaces to the north, a sidewalk connection to the greenway and place for public art. The fencing will



be adorned with landscaping, while the off-leash areas will be a combination of dog-friendly mulch and a grassy circumference for running.

Costs for construction of the dog park are estimated at \$215,000, with annual maintenance estimated at \$25,000. The current campaign is geared to generate funding both for construction and the first year's maintenance. Future fundraising efforts will be undertaken to create an endowment to fund the annual maintenance costs.

The committee believes that the Naples Dog Park should be available to all city

and county residents, as well as visitors, without charge. However, as the owner of the Naples Dog Park, the city of Naples will make the final decision regarding any annual registration charge or user fees.

Contributions to the campaign can be made with checks payable to the Naples Dog Park Fund and sent in care of the city's Community Services Division, 280 Riverside Circle, Naples, FL 34102. Credit card donation forms, as well as additional information, are available at [www.naplesdogpark.com](http://www.naplesdogpark.com) or by calling 261-5516 or e-mailing [DogsNaples@gmail.com](mailto:DogsNaples@gmail.com) ■

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## Botanical Garden celebrates 50,000 visitors since November reopening

Naples Botanical Garden welcomed its 50,000th visitor on March 6. Attendance numbers since the facility's reopening in November are nearly double the attraction's pre-expansion annual attendance.

"We knew before opening that the Garden holds something truly unique and hoped for a positive reaction. However, this attendance has surpassed our initial projections by over 20 percent," says Brian Holley, executive director at the Garden.

Despite abnormally chilly temperatures in January and February, a consistent flow of visitors experienced the sights, sounds and events of Naples Botanical Garden. Thanks to a variety of events, including family activity days, concerts, cooking demos, dog walks, tours and Lifelong Learning seminars, the Garden has quickly developed into a



Naples Botanical Garden

community destination.

The Garden includes cultivated gardens of Brazil and the Caribbean, plus a hands-on interactive Children's Garden along with 90 acres of restored natural habitats. Founded in 1993, the Garden reopened to the public on Nov. 14, 2009, after an extensive expansion. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day. Admission is \$9.95 for adults and \$4.95 for children (free for Garden members).

For more information, visit [www.naplesgarden.org](http://www.naplesgarden.org) or call 643-7275. ■

## Museum friends plan excursion to Mound Key

Friends of the Collier County Museums are hosting a boat trip to Mound Key, the legendary capitol city of the Calusa Indians, on Sunday, April 18. Pontoon boats will depart from Bonita Beach at 1 p.m., rain or shine, and will return by 5 p.m.

Once on the island, participants will walk on shell paths and up moderate hills. Sturdy footwear, bug spray and sunscreen are recommended. Museum staff will explain the history of the Calusa

and subsequent island inhabitants as well as identify native and historically introduced trees and shrubs.

Cost is \$50 for Friends of the Collier County Museums members and \$65 for non-members. Participation is limited to the first 20 people to sign up.

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# Garden celebration includes wine festival grant awards

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

On the heels of the 10th anniversary of the Naples Winter Wine Festival, a community celebration and charitable grant presentation has been set for 1-5 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at the Naples Botanical Garden. This special, first-time event celebrates the Naples Children & Education Foundation's 10 years of transforming children's lives in Collier County — made possible through the generosity of festival patrons, sponsors, celebrity chefs and vintners and widespread community support.

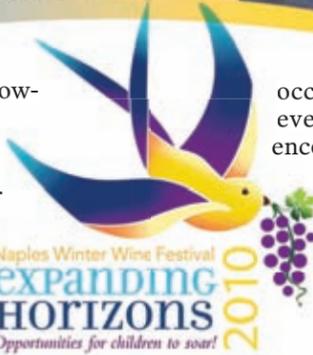
In 10 years, the festival has raised \$82.6 million; proceeds have benefitted nearly 100,000 underprivileged and at-risk children in Collier County.

The Ten Years of Transforming Children's Lives check presentation and com-



munity celebration will showcase three of Naples' most successful homegrown organizations: NCEF, the founding organization of the Naples Winter Wine Festival; Naples Originals, the independent restaurants group; and the world-class, newly expanded Naples Botanical Garden. At the event, representatives from 20 local children's charities will be awarded NCEF grants, and funding allocations will be announced for the foundation's newest strategic initiative: children's behavioral health.

In addition to check presentations



occurring throughout the event, the Garden will encompass a festival atmosphere with games for children and adults as well as entertainment, wine tastings and a buffet of the culinary specialties of Naples Originals restaurants, which will also be celebrating its first food festival in honor of NCEF's record-setting 10 years of giving.

"This event brings together three entities that began as grassroots organizations and that all have grown into significant forces for our community," says Anne Welsh McNulty, NCEF trustee and

the foundation's grant chair for 2010.

Naples Originals is among the strongest groups of independent restaurateurs in the country as measured by Flavor Technology's Nathan Schmidt. The 170-acre Garden has broken the traditional boundaries of how gardens are experienced by the public. And the NWWF has been ranked as the most successful charity wine auction in the nation by Wine Spectator since 2004.

Tickets to the celebration are \$50 per person, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting NCEF. Children 16 and younger will be admitted free. Tickets can be purchased at [www.NaplesWineFestival.com](http://www.NaplesWineFestival.com). ■

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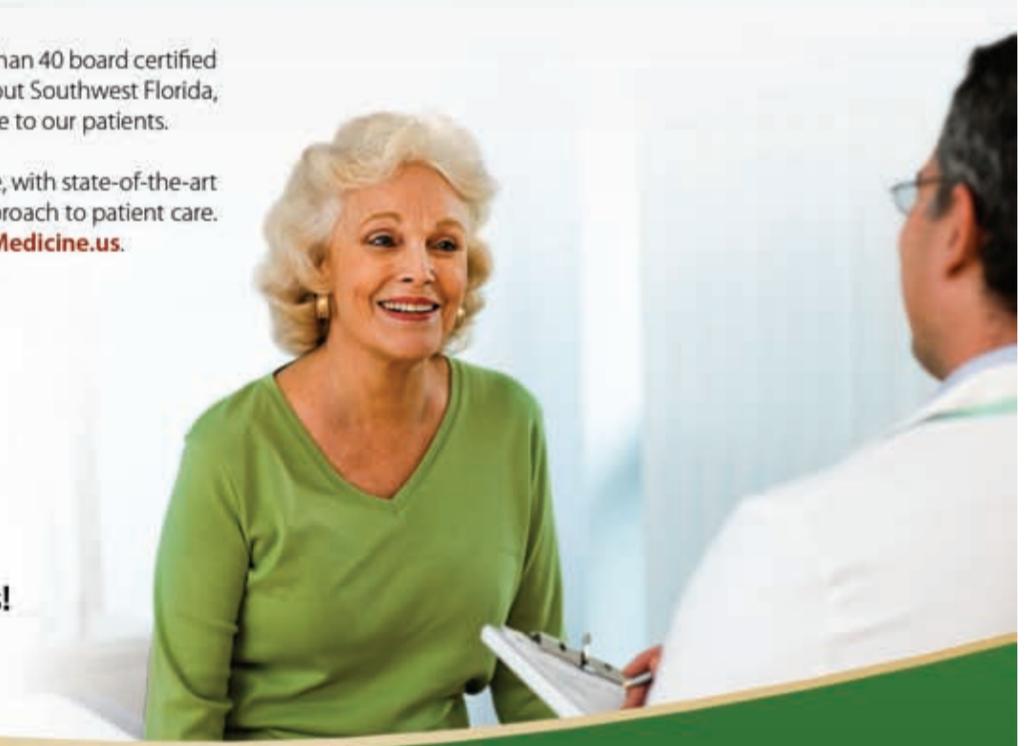
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# New guild welcomes opera and arts aficionados

Opera Naples has announced the formation of the Opera Naples Guild, an organization committed to community outreach and to fostering cooperative interaction among arts organizations throughout Southwest Florida. Guild membership is open to all.

Founding officers are: president, Dr. Suzi Martin; vice-president, Bronwen Adams, ASID, Opera Naples founding patron and interior designer from Washington, D.C., and Naples; secretary, Naida Rodman, who works with volunteers in Naples and the Boston Center for the Arts; and treasurer, Moira Fennessey, who also serves on the Friends of the Arts Committee of Ave Maria University.

"The Opera Naples Guild welcomes opera and performing arts lovers from the entire Southwest Florida region," Dr. Martin says. "Members will become involved with Opera Naples in a wide variety of ways," she adds, among them: volunteering in numerous capacities during the performance season and throughout the year; participating in Educational Outreach Programs; attending dress rehearsals; participating in opera study groups, lectures and demonstrations; assisting with fundraising events; and traveling to performances by other opera companies.

The guild will also sponsor and/or assist with activities such as luncheons in



Bronwen Adams and Suzi Martin

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advance of each new production, opening-night cast parties and end-of-season events.

The founding officers have assembled a group of Honorary Guild Members who influence arts organizations throughout the region. They are: Dr. Ron Bowman, president and program director of the Naples Opera Society; Robert Withey, president of Friends of the Opera; Hyonja Lee Abrons of the New York City Opera; John and Delores Sorey, recipients of the United Arts Council of Collier County's Stars in the Arts Award; William Noll, artistic director of Classic Chamber Concerts; Jane Healy, one of the founders of Friends of the Arts at Ave Maria University; Helen Bovbjerg Niedung, first vice president of Calusa Musicale and National Federation of Music Clubs; and Barbara B. Mann and Berne Davis, long-

time patrons of the arts in Southwest Florida.

"Opera Naples is embedded in the Southwest Florida community," Dr. Martin says. "It reinvests its revenues in Community Outreach and Educational Outreach Programs that have impacted more than 10,000 students in more than 30 area schools. It engages the most talented performers, musicians and technical support people in the region and provides them opportunities to perform with national and international opera stars. No traveling company can do that."

Organizing support alliances is nothing new for Dr. Martin. She has served as founder of FGCU's Town & Gown and as president of the Lee County School Board and the Southwest Florida Symphony Alliance.

"I believe that it is vitally important for people in our community to have a means for establishing a connection and a sense of belonging with arts organizations in the area," she says. "The guild provides a way for people to establish that connection with Opera Naples and to generate the grassroots support that is the backbone of any successful arts organization."

Annual membership in the Opera Naples Guild is \$35 per person or \$50 per couple. To become a member or for more information, call 541-SING or visit [www.operanaples.org](http://www.operanaples.org). ■

# An update on Opera Naples' building plans

Opera Naples has received two major commitments totaling \$450,000 and additional gifts totaling nearly \$50,000 in support of its campaign to raise funds to transform a 20,000-square-foot building on Linwood Avenue into the ON Center for the Performing Arts.

The building was purchased in July 2009. The preliminary estimate for renovations is \$5 million. Sandi Moran, chairman of the building campaign, said refinements to design development drawings that were released in February continue to be made.

The project includes administrative office space for Opera Naples and additional executive office space that could be made available to other arts organizations; a set construction and storage shop; costume design and storage space; an educational wing with a recital/rehearsal room, two studios for private practice and individual instruction, and a listening library; a rehearsal room that can accommodate up to 100 musicians; two chorus dressing rooms; a catering kitchen; and a performance venue with an orchestra pit and seating for 400.

The center will set the standard for the redevelopment of the Davis Triangle area and serve as a cultural gateway to the Collier County Community Redevelopment Agency's Arts and Cultural District.

Those interested in contributing to the Opera Naples building campaign or learning about naming opportunities should call 514-SING. To learn more about Opera Naples, visit [www.operanaples.org](http://www.operanaples.org). ■

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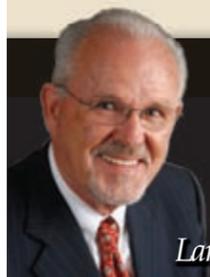
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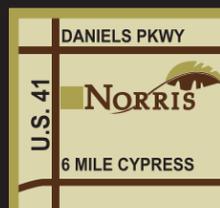
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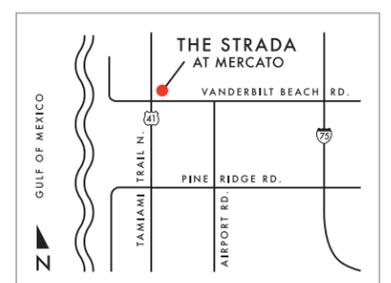


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# Moorings Presbyterian helps fund ECHO project

A \$5,000 contribution from Moorings Presbyterian Church will enable the Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization to build a gazebo for the ECHO Tropical Fruit Nursery in North Fort Myers.

The retail nursery operation, with its diverse selection of tropical and subtropical fruits, edible plants and tropical clumping bamboo, gives tourists and visitors the opportunity to view and purchase nutritious plants that are saving lives all over the world.

"We appreciate the partnership with Moorings Presbyterian Church," says Bill Hooth, ECHO's church relations coordinator. "It's gifts like these that have enabled us to continue to provide agricultural options to the poor in over 180 countries around the world."

Moorings Presbyterian has supported ECHO's efforts to reduce hunger and improve the lives of the poor since 1989. ECHO works with more than 3,000 organizations to equip them with agricultural resources and skills to grow food in some of the most difficult areas of the world.

ECHO provides sustainable solutions to world hunger through agricultural train-



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**Bill Hooth, David Granfield, Mary Moore and Robin Doyle at ECHO**

ing, innovative ideas and networking. By networking with community leaders and missionaries in 180 developing countries, ECHO seeks to find agricultural solutions for families growing food under difficult conditions.

The ECHO Tropical Fruit Nursery at ECHO international headquarters in North Fort Myers is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday. For more information about the ECHO Tropical Fruit Nursery, call 567-1900 or e-mail nursery@echonet.org. For information about ECHO, visit [www.echonet.org](http://www.echonet.org). ■

# Garage sale promises big bargains

The annual Gigantic Garage Sale sponsored by the Handbell Ringers of Moorings Presbyterian Church takes place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at the church at 791 Harbour Drive. At 11:30 a.m., all items are marked half-price; the dollar-per-bag sale begins at 12:30 p.m.

Numerous church families and individuals, as well as others in the community, donate clothing, books, toys, furniture and household goods for the annual sale. All proceeds help support the church's music ministry. For more information, call the church at 261-1487. ■

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# Easter treats await zoo animals and guests

Hunting for Easter eggs is fun for everyone, even the wild residents at Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens. From Friday, April 2, to Sunday, April 4, zoo visitors will be able to watch lions, leopards, primates, alligators, bears and more claw and gnaw into treat-filled eggs.

Zookeepers, along with residents from 12 Brookdale Senior Living communities from Naples to Sarasota, are assisting the Easter Bunny by preparing large, colorful papier-mâché eggs stuffed with special snacks for the zoo's rare animals. The feeding schedule for Easter treats is as follows:

- 10 a.m. . . . . Madagascar fosas
- 11:30 a.m. . . . . Alligators
- Noon . . . . . Red river hogs
- 12:30 p.m. . . . . Apes
- 1:30 p.m. . . . . Black bears
- 3 p.m. . . . . Lions
- 3:30 p.m. . . . . Alligators
- 4 p.m. . . . . Leopards

Throughout the weekend, the Easter Bunny will make the rounds at zoo shows and exhibits, and all visitors will be able to take part in a spring scavenger hunt.

**Coming up later this month:**

April 24: Party for the Planet - The Naples Zoo joins more than 100 accredited zoos and aquariums across the country in a national Earth Day celebration. Kids will receive free gifts related to conservation, and adults will learn about ways to make wildlife friendly yards. Conservation groups from around Southwest Florida as well as local businesses with a green focus will share ways to be more Earth-friendly. All guests will be encouraged to participate in a conservation-focused scavenger hunt throughout the zoo and gardens.

Zoo hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, with the last ticket sold at 4 p.m. Entrance is at 1590 Goodlette-Frank Road, across from Coastland Center. For more information, call 262-5409 or visit [www.napleszoo.org](http://www.napleszoo.org). ■

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**Lions prepare to dig into their treats at The Naples Zoo on Easter weekend 2009.**



# Botanical garden sprouts eggs for Easter

The Naples Botanical Garden invites youngsters to bring their baskets to the Children's Garden and hunt for eggs Saturday and Sunday mornings, April 3-4. Beginning at 9:30 a.m., hunts will be set up for groups of no more than 100 children each in two ages groups — 6

and younger, and 7 and older. The last hunt will begin at approximately 11 a.m.

Regular garden admission of \$9.95 for adults and \$4.95 for ages 4-14 applies. NBG members are admitted free. For more information, call 643-7275 or visit [www.naplesgarden.org](http://www.naplesgarden.org). ■

# Waterpark open for spring break sun and fun

Collier County Parks and Recreation's Sun-N-Fun Lagoon waterpark is open for spring break from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through Monday, April 5. The park has a waterslide that drops into the 1,200-foot-long Lazy River, a heated family pool and special wading and play areas for toddlers and children up to 12 years old.

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a driver's license with a Collier County address, everyone 48 inches or taller is admitted for \$10 each, a \$2 discount on the regular price of admission. Children up to 3 years old are admitted free, and admission for those under 48 inches tall is \$5.50. Group rates, seasonal passes and party packages are also available. For more information, call 252-4021. ■

# Here's a chance to get dolled up

Footsteps to the Future, a nonprofit mentoring and transitional-living program for young women in and aging out of foster care in Lee and Collier counties, is teaming up with My Angels' Attic and Angels' Activities for a "Mommy, Dolly and Me" luncheon and fashion show beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 10, at the Naples campus of Hodges University.

The highlight of the afternoon will be a fashion show featuring several local girls and their beloved dolls in look-alike outfits. There will be a raffle for an American Girl doll dressed as a bride.

Celebrity emcee Tina Dame-Zawisza of the TV reality show "The Ex-Wives Club" will also serve as auctioneer for three live auction items; a silent auction will be part of the afternoon as well.

Judi Woods of Footsteps to the Future will discuss how the organization assists young women in the foster care system. Emolee Barrett will tell the audience about Angels' Activities, which is associated with My Angels' Attic, a Naples retail store for doll fanciers of all ages.

Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$20 for children; tables of 10 are \$275. For more information and tickets, contact either Ms. Woods at 281-7378 or judiwoods2@earthlink.net, or Ms. Barrett at 597-4437 or ESBCanes@aol.com.

Visit [www.footstepstothefuture.org](http://www.footstepstothefuture.org) to find out more about foster youth and the mentoring and transitional-living program and [www.myangelsattic.com](http://www.myangelsattic.com) for more information about Angels' Activities. ■

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## ESU plans a birthday party for the queen



Members of the English Speaking Union, Naples Branch, invite friends and neighbors to a celebration of the birthday of HRH Queen Elizabeth II from 4-6 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, at a private home at 723 Mooring Live Drive. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served, and Naples' own Peter Thomas, narrator of numerous television and film documentaries and a veteran of the Normandy landings, will discuss wartime England leading up to D-Day.

Tickets are \$50 per person. For more information, call Lloyd Dixon at 597-2844 or e-mail lloydixon@gmail.com. ■

## GPS is topic of Marco historical society program

The Marco Island Historical Society invites the public to hear Islander and retired United States Air Force Col. Scott Henderson discuss the history of GPS technology, which he and his father, Gen. Don Henderson, helped develop, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, at Mackle Park. The program is free.



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Annual membership in the MIHS is \$25 per person and \$40 for families. For more information about the society's programs and its soon-to-open museum, visit [www.themihs.org](http://www.themihs.org). ■

## Needlepointers set for spring luncheon

The Gulf Coast Chapter of the American Needlepoint Guild will hold its spring luncheon beginning at noon Friday, April 9, at McCormick and Schmick's in Mercato. For more information, contact Jeanne Fehrenbaker and 949-0887. ■

## Illinois alumni will hear from novelist

The Greater Naples Illini Club will meet for a buffet lunch at 11:30 a.m. Friday, April 9, at Stonebridge Country Club. Guest speaker will be political thriller author Karna Bodman, who was senior director and spokesperson for the National Security Council during the Ronald Reagan administration.

Cost is \$15. Members and guests are welcome. For more information, call 591-3771 or e-mail rhammer226@yahoo.com. ■

## Learn dance steps from the doctor

Soroptimists International of Naples is planning a Heart-to-Heart luncheon and dance featuring a therapeutic salsa and Argentinian tango workshop from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at Noodles Italian Café and Sushi Bar.

Tango therapy is gaining popularity as a form of treatment for patients suffering from neurological diseases such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's as well as psychiatric diseases like depression and schizophrenia, according to Dr. Anton Coleman

of the Cognitive & Behavioral Neurologic Center at Naples Medical Center.

Dr. Coleman is also an avid dancer, and the Soroptimists have engaged him to instruct Heart-to-Heart guests in the salsa and tango as well as to discuss medical benefits of dancing.

Tickets are \$20 per person and include a full Italian buffet created by Chef Seth Berman. Proceeds will benefit the Alzheimer's Support Network, PACE Center for Girls Soroptimist/PACE Butterfly Project and the Soroptimist Prevent Domestic Violence Project.

For tickets or more information, call Rita Albaugh at 821-5562 or Jeannie Upton at 269-6320. ■

## Ohio State grads strike up the band for annual meeting

The Ohio State Alumni Club of Naples holds its annual meeting from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, April 15, at Pelican Isle Yacht Club. Guest speaker will be Jon R. Woods,



director of the Pride of the Buckeyes, the Ohio State University Marching Band.

Tickets for \$50 per person can be purchased by visiting [www.naplesbuckeyes.com](http://www.naplesbuckeyes.com) or by mailing a check and names of attendees to the Ohio State Alumni Club of Naples, P.O. Box 111835, Naples, FL 34108. Registration deadline is April 12.

For more information, contact either Sandy Ritchie at 287-4936 or Sara Ann Mousa at 593-9196. ■

## Sailing club welcomes Neapolitan Olympic hopeful



MOORE

The Gulf Coast Sailing Club will hear from Community School of Naples graduate and Olympic hopeful Trevor Moore on Wednesday, April 14, at Hamilton Harbor Yacht Club. The skipper/crew mixer begins at 6 p.m. and the program is at 7 p.m.

Mr. Moore and Erik Storck, his US Sailing Team AlphaGraphics partner, are the top U.S. sailors headed for the 2012 summer games in London.

For more information about the Gulf Coast Sailing Club, call 263-8511 or visit [www.gulfcoastsailingclub.org](http://www.gulfcoastsailingclub.org). ■

## Get acquainted with the Newcomers Club

The Naples Newcomers Club welcomes women who have been permanent residents of Naples for no more than five years and who want to meet others who are new to the area.

Members meet for luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month, year 'round. Coming up April 8 at Wyndmere County Club is the club's spring fashion show. In addition to the monthly meeting, groups within the club plan outings and dates to share varied interests, such as mah-jongg and Duplicate Bridge, gourmet cooking and discussions about philosophy.

For more information, call 298-4083 or visit [www.naplesnewcomers.com](http://www.naplesnewcomers.com). ■

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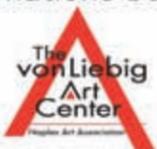
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## It's Tulip Tuesday for Parkinson Association

April is Parkinson Awareness Month, and Tuesday, April 6, is Tulip Tuesday in honor of Dr. James Parkinson, who described the symptoms of the disease in 1817. The Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida is taking orders for tulips — the flower of hope — to be delivered or picked up in Naples and Bonita Springs.

Cost is \$20 per bouquet, with an additional \$5 for delivery. Tulips can be picked up on Tulip Tuesday between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. at The Flower Spot, 1807 Tamiami Trail N. in Bonita, or between 1 and 4 p.m. at Tuscany Villa, 8901 Tamiami Trail E. in Naples.

For orders or more information, call the Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida at 417-3465. ■

## Free seminars about knee, hip replacement

Arthritis affects one out of every five Americans in one form or another and is a 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 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, at Physicians Regional Medical Center-Pine Ridge and again at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 10, at the North Collier Hospital Café.

The public is invited to this free seminar to learn more about this life-altering disease and the demand for hip and knee replacement. Dr. Zehr will discuss preventative measures as well as the range of treatment options up to and including total joint replacement.

Dr. Zehr is one of the few orthopedic surgeons in the country using the anterior approach to total hip replacement utilizing the hana Hip and Knee Arthroplasty Table, which is available in Southwest Florida exclusively at NCH North Naples.

"Traditional hip replacement surgery is performed from the back side of the hip whereas the anterior approach is from the front and requires a much less invasive and muscle-sparing incision. Specifically, it can be accomplished without surgically splitting or detaching the muscles or tendons about the hip joint," he explains.

Although the seminar is free, reservations are requested. Call The Zehr Center at 596-0100 or register online at [www.zehrcenter.com](http://www.zehrcenter.com). ■

## Annual update on Parkinson's

The Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida presents its annual update by medical director Dr. John Campbell from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, April 8, at the Moorings Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Drive. Two hours of continuing education for mental health professionals, nurses, nursing home administrators and public guardians will be provided at no cost. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. RSVP by calling 417-3465. ■

## April is Alcohol Awareness Month

David Lawrence Center offers educational programs and free, confidential screenings

In honor of National Alcohol Awareness Month in April, the David Lawrence Center, Collier County's community mental health and substance abuse treatment center, is offering educational opportunities and free, anonymous alcohol screenings.

For most adults, moderate alcohol use causes few, if any, problems. But for some, any alcohol use may lead to significant health problems. Trying to figure out the risks associated with alcohol use is not easy, because each person's body reacts differently at different times.

To protect yourself, it is important to figure out where you should draw the line when consuming alcohol — where do you draw the line as you get older, if you are trying to get pregnant, if you have a family history of alcohol abuse, if you develop a medical condition, or if you take certain medications?

For children, any use of alcohol is illegal. In addition to legal problems, school suspension and revocation of school privileges such as participating in sporting and social events, alcohol experimentation and abuse can lead to risky behaviors such as sexual promiscuity, poor decision making and driving under the influence. Alcohol poisoning is another serious risk for teens who don't yet understand the effects alcohol can have on them.

The long-term medical complications from abusing alcohol can include gastrointestinal problems, liver disorders, heart disease and reproduction and pregnancy problems. Heavy drinkers develop a tolerance for alcohol, which means that larger amounts are needed to get the desired effect. People who are physically dependent experience withdrawal symptoms such as

delirium tremors, cramps, vomiting, elevated blood pressure, sweating, dilated pupils, sleep problems, irritability and convulsions when they try to stop drinking. Short-term memory loss and blackouts are common among heavy drinkers.

From an emotional perspective, drinkers can lose self-respect, dignity and emotional control. This downward spiral can lead to depressions and, in the worst cases, suicide.

It has been widely documented that another devastating fact of alcoholism is the impact it can have on children of alcoholics. Due to their parents' emotional state and lack of supervision, they are at risk of physical illness and injury, neglect, emotional disturbances, educational deficits and behavior problems. Perhaps most troubling is the fact that children of alcoholics are two to four times more likely to become problem drinkers and continue the addictive practices of their parents.

## Alcohol Awareness Month activities

The David Lawrence Center offers the following:

- **Prevention education presentation about signs and symptoms of alcoholism** – Schools, community groups, churches and businesses can request a free, customized presentation about substance abuse targeted toward children, adults or seniors.

- **Free and confidential screenings** – Talk privately with a health professional and receive information about local resources. Those who need further evaluation receive treatment referrals and recommendations.

For more information or to schedule a screening or an educational presentation, call 455-8500, ext. 2209. ■

## Lawford will share his story



LAWFORD

Actor, author, mental health and substance abuse activist and member of the famed Kennedy family, Christopher Kennedy Lawford will be the keynote speaker at a luncheon to benefit the David Lawrence

Foundation on Thursday, April 29, at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples.

Mr. Lawford will share intimate details about his deep and long descent into near-fatal drug and alcohol addiction, and his path back to the sobriety he has preserved for the past 20 years.

Tickets are \$250 per person and \$1,000 per VIP guest.

The David Lawrence Foundation raises funds to support the programs and services of the nonprofit David Lawrence Center. In addition to helping children with behavioral, emotional and substance abuse challenges, the center provides counseling and rehabilitative services to adults in crisis and individuals with persistent mental illness.

The center has eight locations in Collier County and touches the lives of more than 20,000 clients a year. For luncheon tickets or more information, call 354-1434 or visit [www.davidlawrencecenter.org](http://www.davidlawrencecenter.org). ■

## STRAIGHT TALK

## Extraordinary dedication defines outgoing, incoming chairmen



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At the annual NCH board meeting, we experienced an extraordinary recognition for our board chairman and a momentous passing of the torch.

Carl Westman, chairman of the board for the past five years and a board member for 18 years, is stepping down and was recognized at the meeting for a record of accomplishment, dedication and service that will be difficult to surpass.

During Mr. Westman's tenure and leadership, NCH has undergone a metamorphosis from a sole community provider to a major destination for patients. We have achieved statewide and national recognition. More than 90 quality awards from independent rating organizations, such as HealthGrades and Thomson Reuters, along with becoming an economic bellwether for Southwest Florida, are all testimony to Mr. Westman's guidance and leadership.

Mr. Westman has been chairman of the Executive, Professional Capabilities and Nominating committees. His nearly two decades of NCH involvement have been marked by an unwavering focus on improving NCH quality. He has

embodied the expression "truly committed." I know I speak not only for the board but for all of us at NCH when I say how sincerely grateful we are for his service to our cause.

Our new NCH chairman is another extraordinarily dedicated individual: Joe Perkovich, president and CEO of the Collier Family Office. Mr. Perkovich, a board member since 1999, was previously first vice chairman. Mariann MacDonald will succeed Mr. Perkovich as first vice chairwoman. Mrs. MacDonald was vice president at DuPont before starting her own highly successful pharmaceutical company, Endo Pharmaceuticals.

Ambassador Francis Rooney will become the second vice chairman. He was the seventh ambassador of the United States to the Holy See since 1984 and is CEO of Rooney Holdings Inc., an investment and holding company based in Naples.

We couldn't have asked for three more competent leaders with strong ties to Southwest Florida and extensive legal, financial, organizational, corporate and governance experience, not to mention stellar judgment, common sense, integrity and strong communication skills. We congratulate them all.

We also welcome registered nurse Amy Jewell and clinical dietician Karli Sander as new employee board members.

Mrs. Jewell has literally spent her entire life at NCH — having been born at the downtown campus. A graduate of Edison State College, she has returned to school and is pursuing her bachelor's of science in nursing, while she and her husband, Chris, raise two toddlers.

Mrs. Sander also has extensive involvement with NCH. She began her career as a dietitian at NCH after earning her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Florida. She has added greatly to our new Cerner projects and helped develop the charting forms for total parental nutrition. Her husband, Jeff, is an ICU nurse.

We also owe great thanks to several board members whose terms have expired. Paul Adrianzen, Dianne Garrison, Ellin Goetz, Arnold Lerner, Rabbi James Perman and Stephen Schwartz have all represented our community and our hospital with dedication and distinction.

Great boards, composed of wise and committed community volunteers, help drive robust and effective hospital systems. We are so fortunate at NCH to have such wonderful individuals serving on our board. They, as much as anyone, have helped lead our community to being recognized as the healthiest county in the state of Florida. ■

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

# TOLERANCE

From page 1

6 million Jews by the Nazi regime and its collaborators.

During the era of the Holocaust, German authorities also targeted other groups because of their perceived "racial inferiority," according to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Web site. These included Gypsies, the disabled and some of the Slavic peoples (Poles, Russians and others). Other groups — Communists, Socialists, Jehovah's Witnesses and homosexuals among them — were persecuted on political, ideological and behavioral grounds.

In 1933, the Jewish population of Europe stood at more than 9 million. Most European Jews lived in countries that Nazi Germany would occupy or influence during World War II. By 1945, the Germans and their collaborators killed nearly two out of every three European Jews as part of the "Final Solution," according to the USHMM Web site.

Holocaust survivors like Ms. Salamon often feel it is their duty to recount their stories and experiences in order to help promote tolerance and understanding for existing and future generations.

Ms. Salamon was 12 years old when she and her Czechoslovakian family were forced in boxcars and transported to the Theresienstadt concentration/transit camp in Czechoslovakia.

During her three years at the holding camp, Ms. Salamon lived in overcrowded, foul conditions.

"It was scary," she said. "You were in constant fear. You didn't know what was going to happen."

Ms. Salamon said she lost her entire family when she left the camp.

She later married another survivor who also had lost his whole family. They had children.

"We made our own family together," she said.

Now, at nearly 80, Ms. Salamon acts as a docent at the Southwest Florida Holocaust Museum. She leads tours and describes her own personal experience to wide-eyed visitors.

"It's important for the young people," she said.

Renee Beddouk's green eyes seem to cast a faraway glow to another time as she recalls her experience during the Holocaust. Ms. Beddouk, 76, was a child living in Paris with her parents Bernard and Guela Krasnobroda when the hunt for Jews was spreading in Europe.

She said that in May of 1940, her parents decided to leave with her and head to the free zone in France after the Blitzkrieg or lightning war in Germany began. They traveled at night by foot and with drawn oxen. Ms. Beddouk was 7½ years old when she left with her parents. She recalls sitting atop a French soldier's shoulders as they left Paris at night.

"I was told not to cry or nothing," she said.

Her parents carried false papers to slip by.

Ms. Beddouk said her parents placed her with people on a farm — her Jewish faith concealed. She never heard from her parents again.

It was not until she was 12 years old and an aunt and uncle brought her to New York that she realized what happened.

"I knew that I was an orphan," Ms. Beddouk said.

Now the survivor volunteers her time at the Holocaust Museum of Southwest Florida and shares what she can with



FLORIDA WEEKLY PHOTO

Survivor Renee Beddouk and Alex Vance, director of the Holocaust Museum in Naples

others in hopes of preventing another Holocaust.

"I think people should not forget that this happened and it happened because other people let it happen," she said. "I think a lack of tolerance still exists all around us. I feel that there's too many genocides."

She does have joy in working with school children during education outreach programs.

"I have hope for the children now," Ms. Beddouk said.

The Southwest Florida Holocaust Museum holds a variety of Holocaust-related artifacts and World War II photos. Staff and volunteers work throughout the year leading tours and conducting outreach programs to encourage tolerance.

Among the displays — which encompass pre-World War II to the Nuremberg trials — are the canary yellow Stars of David worn by many European Jews during the Holocaust. There are pictures of smiling, rosy-cheeked children, including Anne Frank, whose diary of her experience in hiding is printed around the globe.

Gray ash and charred skeletal remains are also seen in pictures of crematoriums used in concentration camps. Drab striped prison garb and even some torturous weapons hang along the walls.

But there are also stories of liberation and life-endangering rescues.

The museum gets up to 5,000 visitors a year. The organization reaches out to thousands more at schools and other organizations.

The museum at 4760 Tamiami Trail N., in Sandalwood Square, Naples, is open Tuesday through Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is \$8 per person. The sensitive material is not recommended for children under 12 unless approved and accompanied by their parents or a supervising adult.

Those touched by the Holocaust hope to inspire others through their words and in some cases their art to better understand the loss, remember the dead and stop present and future genocides such as Darfur, a civil war happening in Sudan, Africa.

Sanibel artist Myra Roberts, whose father's parents were killed in the Holocaust, is creating a series of 20 portraits depicting the life of Miss Frank. Her images of the dark-eyed girl include butterflies to evoke tolerance and understanding.

"I feel it is my duty to keep this alive, especially with all of the Holocaust deniers that are out today," she said. "My father always said this should not be forgotten. Genocides are still happening all over the world."

Her first piece can be seen after April 8 at the Sanibel Art and Frame gallery on Sanibel. Ms. Roberts plans to take her Anne Frank pieces on a traveling show to help people understand the need for tolerance. ■

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# ABOARD THE CONSERVANCY'S GOOD FORTUNE

## For some wild entertainment, step aboard the Good Fortune

BY ART RITAS  
Special to Florida Weekly

The Conservancy of Southwest Florida's Good Fortune pontoon boat has braved some chilly lunchtime and sunset cruises this season, but the hardy passengers have been richly rewarded.

Pods of bottlenose dolphins have regularly been sighted surfing in the boat's wake, performing their acrobatics for the passengers. Aside from delightful entertainment, these dolphins are a good sign that their food supply in the estuarine bays

and channels is sufficient to keep them full and happy. As long as their fish dinners hold out, they will gladly work cooperatively in the mangrove-surrounded habitat, herding and consuming fish.

Conservancy naturalists on board, many of whom are certified master naturalists, get all kinds of questions. On a recent chilly night a passenger asked how birds can stand the cold. The answer: Feathers have better insulating quality than fur, and birds can constrict warm blood flow to extremities, thus maintaining their core temperature. And to think we call them birdbrains.

On a recent sunset cruise chartered for a 40th birthday celebration, the guest of honor and his guests were treated to an avian extravaganza. Among the species sighted early on the cruise were black crowned night herons, snowy and great egrets (once nearly hunted to extinction for their plumes), white ibis, laughing gulls, royal terns and a little green heron (this little bird has been spotted capturing a dragon fly, clipping off its wings and throwing the body into the water as a fishing lure).

Many passengers are most impressed by our charismatic large birds — the eagles and osprey. The captain maneuvers the Good Fortune into position to view the eagle nest up close. If we're lucky, we see the two parents in nearby slash pines or on the nest, and the two juveniles somewhere nearby, too. They take their first flight at age 10-12 weeks. Strangely, the 1-year-old juvenile can be larger than his/her parents, with broader wings and longer tails. These kids are bigger than their parents and refuse to leave home. Sound familiar?



COURTESY PHOTO

Osprey in their nest atop a channel marker

Osprey sightings are another treat. The boat passes close to numerous osprey nests on channel markers. The osprey can hover in the air, nearly stationary, until they spot a fish. Then they do a steep dive and grab the fish with razor-sharp talons. When the bird rises in the air, it turns the fish so that it's pointing straight ahead. What a sense of aerodynamics.

For most people, the highlight of all south Florida nature experiences is observing thousands of birds coming in to the rookery islands at sunset. Imagine a flock of 50 white ibis skimming inches above the water and headed for a small island already packed with multiple species of birds. These newcomers find enough real estate on the crowded island to stake a claim and settle down for the night. Watching the close collaboration of so many diverse species — there's safety in numbers — gives me hope.

By all means, join us for a spring cruise on the Good Fortune. The season ends April 30. ■

— Art Ritas is a volunteer naturalist at The Conservancy of Southwest Florida.

## Paddling festival set for April 11 at Isles of Capri

When shivering kayakers elsewhere are just starting to put their boats back into chilly Northern waters, Southwest Florida celebrates the end of its winter kayaking season with the fifth annual Paradise Coast Kayak Festival, which makes a splash from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 11, on the Isles of Capri, near the Rookery Bay Research National Estuarine Research Reserve and the Ten Thousand Islands of the Everglades.

Activities are free of charge and include guided tours to remote beaches, mangroves and winding channels, fishing and camping presentations, rolling and rescue demonstrations and an informal closed-circuit race.



MARIA METZGER / COURTESY PHOTO

Kayaks lined up for the 2009 festival

The Paradise Coast Paddlers' Club invites paddlers of all abilities and interests to participate. Representatives of local conservation and environmental organizations will be on hand, and information about the newly opened first phase of the Paradise Coast Blueway will be available.

Rental kayaks will be available. For directions and additional information, call 262-6149 or visit [www.paradisecoast-paddlers.com](http://www.paradisecoast-paddlers.com). ■

### About the Good Fortune

Coast Guard-certified captains guide the quiet pontoon boat through the mangrove-lined channels of Rookery Bay. As a volunteer guide narrates the trip, passengers discover how the Conservancy of Southwest Florida was formed in 1964 to protect this breathtaking setting.

A ride on the Good Fortune presents many opportunities for nature photography, from pelicans and wading birds to dolphins, alligators and more. Through April 30, the cruise schedule is:

- Lunchtime, departing 10 a.m. and returning 1 p.m. daily, with a stop at two waterfront restaurants (lunch not included in price)
- Sunset, a two-hour trip departing two hours before sunset every day (call for times)

The boat dock is tucked away in a rustic, secluded setting off Route 950 on the way to Marco Island. For reservations and directions, call 403-4236 or e-mail [info@conservancy.org](mailto:info@conservancy.org).

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# PET TALES

## Kitty be calm

BY NARDA ROBINSON  
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If your cat's stressed out, there's a pretty good likelihood that you soon will be, too. That's because stress is a key factor in the development of health problems that lead to litter-box misses.

While that's not the only thing feline stress can cause or make worse, one can argue that what veterinarians call "inappropriate elimination" can be deadly. That's because many a frustrated cat-owner will give up on a cat who cannot be relied on to hit the box. These cats often end up at the shelter, where their past puts a pall on their future.

Because behavioral problems are often really medical problems, such a cat needs the attention of a veterinarian. But reducing stress will help, even if there is a medical problem to be treated — and especially if there isn't. Here are some possible stresses and solutions for cats:

- **Too many cats, too few boxes, not a clean restroom for miles.** Tension and aggression can be a big factor in multiple animal households. It's important to ask if one cat is hogging the litter box, and ambushing the others. The litter boxes also must be clean, must be in private, quiet places and should be filled with an unscented product, which is what most cats prefer. Litter boxes need to be accessible, especially to older cats who may not move very well, or to cats who may be put off by lidded boxes, too little litter or litter

that isn't to a cat's liking in any way. Back to multiples: at least one box per cat to avoid problems potentially caused by sharing.

- **Filling the dishes with more than good intentions.** Cats don't like change, which is why abrupt changes in food, dish location or even feeding schedules can be stressful. Problems with food, such as allergies, can also cause stress, as can a diet with too little water in it. And here, too, privacy is an issue: As solitary hunters, cats prefer to eat more frequent, smaller meals in privacy. Even bowls can cause problems for some cats who won't drink water from a bowl used by other cats, one that's not full of clean, very fresh water or even one that's made of plastic, which may not smell right to some pets.

Talk to your veterinarian about the right food for your cat, and consider getting a pet water fountain for a constant supply of recirculated, filtered water.

- **Bored cats are stressed cats.** Environmental enrichment is very important considering that many cats these days live completely indoors. Since cats love to be outside, consider adding a screened porch or cat-fencing to keep them in your yard safely. Your home can also be made more interesting with increased vertical space to explore, using cat towers. Cats also need places to be by themselves — hiding spots to give them some space where they cannot be bothered by other members



of the family, either pets or people. And don't forget toys and play time. Also offer greens: both grass shoots for eating, and catnip or dried valerian for rolling in and relaxing with after play.

- **Noisy homes aren't feline-friendly.** Take a "sonic inventory" and reduce the noise levels. Loud TVs, video games or noisy family members can be too much for many cats. Plan some quiet time or give cats the ability to get away from the racket.

- **Massage is good for you both.** Petting a cat lowers your stress levels as well as your cat's. Increase the two-way pleasure by indulging in massage and gentle brushing of your cat's lovely coat. For cats with pain, acupuncture and laser therapy may additionally help ease stress caused by discomfort.

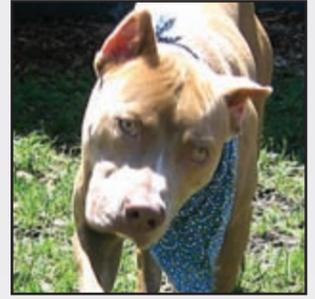
- **For any kind of stress, see if the product Feliway will help.** Feliway offers the comfort of feline facial pheromones, a smell cats naturally find reassuring and relaxing.

Your cat doesn't have to be sick or "misbehaving" to benefit from stress reduction, either. Consider it an investment in a higher quality of life for you both. ■

### Pets of the Week



>>Tawny is a 2-year-old Labrador mix. Always sweet and gentle, she loves to go on walks and be outdoors.



>>Hunter is a 1-year-old terrier mix with great eyes. He loves to hang out with people, indoors and out.



>>Penny is a 1-year-old brindle Labrador mix who has the most unusual markings. She always enjoys company.

### To adopt a pet

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



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# MUSINGS

## Death, be proud not



Like petals used to scry love possibility, our many named and nameless faces fly on the winds, abandoned after careless use in a mere moment. Like orphans falling off vicious crack-the-whip games, unable to hang on to durability or destiny, we spin. Like bubbles fragrant with their iridescent impermanence, Hayflick dementia dominates. Organismal senescence capitulates, last breath letting go, gone beyond. No when: even bradycardia ceases, cold, submerged, hardened heart, beyond blue.

We are all victims of progeria, it seems: Babies in bodies prematurely passing away.

I find myself thinking of others, not sure if these manifestations remain or are not. Does it matter?

Does it spirit me away, leaving me to imagine how it will feel to awaken to infinite faces of namelessness, then to a new name?

Perhaps I will refuse to remember my new designation. Perhaps I will rebel and die before beginning. Perhaps I will live in the charnel grounds, body parts fallen askew, not proud nor pretty.

With this bit of luck I would meet myself coming. With this bit of luck I would meet myself, going, eye-less, bones

only and light enough for flight. Lovers without flesh: Kinkara of grinding bones.

De rigneur mortis, hollowed and hallowed, the teeth of the rider and the ridden are one. The food that is prey prays, passes on one Styx, and all faces are same, in sync, enhanced.

Please bury me in the sky, in breasts and gizzards of birds gone on migratory travel. Find me oozing from the clitellum of worms, in the protoplasmic soup inside cocoons, in the dung balls of immortal beetles.

How can such a common event be so serious? After all, the time moments dance on, each one dying into the next, utterly replaced, forgotten before memory. We merely infer more, filling in the blanks, connecting the disconnected dots, lusting after flesh already rotting on the hoof.

But not even flesh, really. Not enough time for even that. Not enough coalescence. Not enough memory or mammary or glandular gladiators. Only the spaces of breezes in non-existent grasses blown, tumble weeds of disconnection.



nearly enlightened one. In the power of his fury in this untimely death, the man took the bull's head as his own, killed the two thieves, and drank their blood from cups fashioned from their skulls. Anger unabated, this new god of death, Yama, decided to take the lives of all beings.

Determined to stop him, Manjushri, the god of wisdom, arose as Yama-Antaka, meaning Yama's death, the Death of Death. Yamantaka was 10 times more horrific than Yama, magnifying Yama's essence. So everywhere Yama turned he saw infinite versions of himself that he could not finish defeating. In this way, Yamantaka won the battle, and changed Yama into a protector eternally in embrace with his consort, Yami.

Not mighty, not dreadful, Donne and I have seen you slain.

Then we find ourselves as sheep and as goats, on the left and on the righteous. We are Yama and Yama's Yama. And we are Yami, loving it all desperately, ceaselessly, not. Going beyond in our comings, coming and going, mesmerized, mortified, mundane and super-mundane we be and not. Thus we die into stronger love. ■

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

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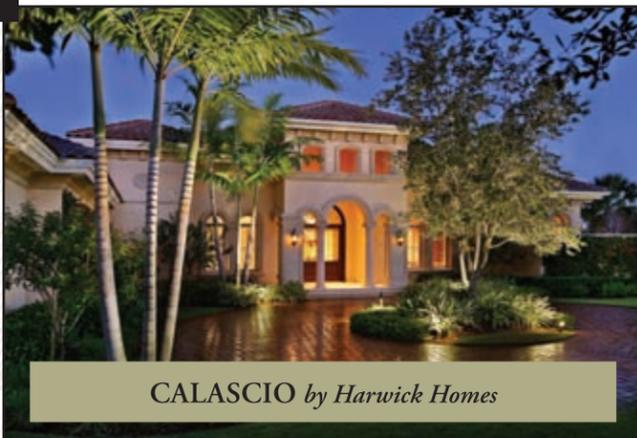
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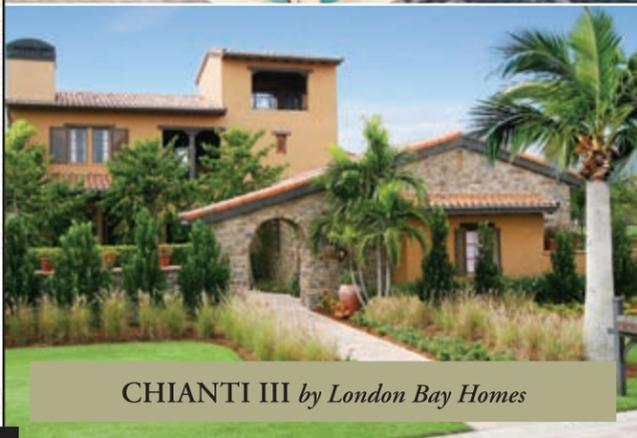
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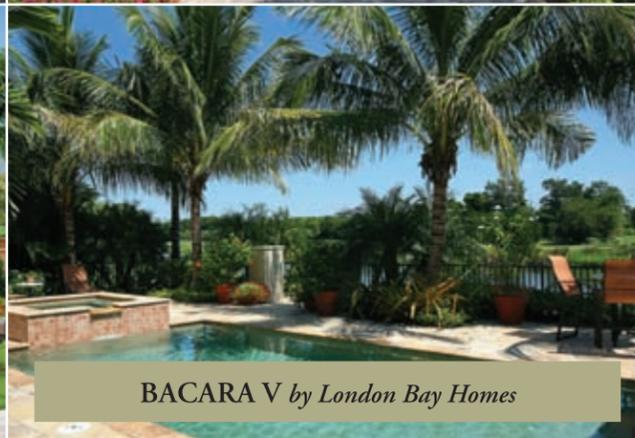
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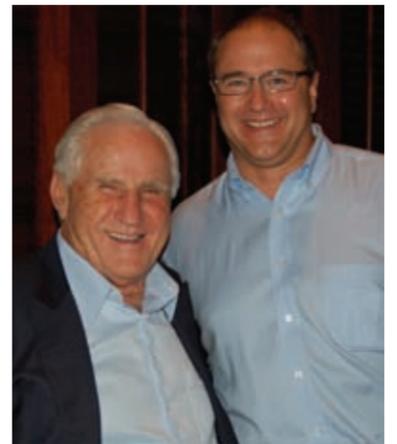
A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES BUSINESS INDUSTRY



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Michelle Hamilton gives Mimi, a Yorkie, a haircut at Groomingdales. Dogs with long coats, like Mimi, require frequent grooming.

## WEEK at-a-glance



### Meet the coach

Don Shula greets friends, and more important faces on the local business scene. **B9, 10 & 11** ▶



### The Fool's take

Read why the Motley Fool thinks Crocs is in hot water. **B6** ▶



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The Biscayne III is 8,000 square feet of living large, inside and out. **B11** ▶

## Pet pampering industry going strong

BY E.I. ROTTERSMAN  
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The pet service industry is going to the dogs and some local business owners couldn't be happier. Despite a weak economy, pet spas and bakeries are doing considerably well.

The dog-doting industry counts on pet owners who often cut back on personal luxuries in order to take care of their pets.

"I think they'll go without something for themselves. It makes them happy knowing their pets will be happy," said Pam Borrosove. She and her husband opened Woof Gang Bakery Estero three months ago. The pet-loving couple researched different types of businesses and after seeing good numbers in the billion dollar pet industry, decided to go for it.

"We're doing fantastic," Ms. Borrosove said. "The pet industry, instead of decreasing, is increasing like crazy."

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— Pam Borrosove,  
Woof Gang Bakery, Estero

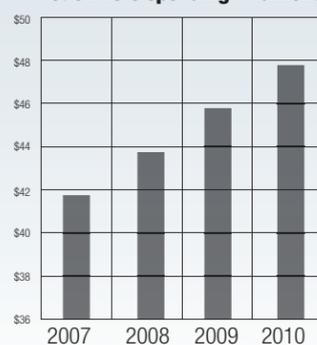
chise has undergone "lots of growth" during its short existence. About 20 customers a day come to the pastel-hued store located in the Grande Oak Shoppes in Estero.

The bakery specializes in healthy, natural pet foods and treats, including hypoallergenic, wheat-free and grain-free products, food, treats and supplements created for hip and joint issues. The shop also features a variety of novelty toys, pet fashions, collars and leads, and a wide range of pet grooming supplies.

Well-established pet service businesses in the area are also experiencing growth while maintaining their clienteles.

in the know

Pet owners spending in billions



Gourmet pet bakeries — or barkeries as they are known — are sprinkled along the Tamiami Trail throughout Naples. Recently, one dog bakery had an employee dressed in a kitschy chef outfit holding

SEE PAMPERING, B5 ▶

## The new investment lingo

New vocabulary is born all the time. An event, a disaster or something that never before happened produces a plethora of words and phrases to describe it. This is especially true in the financial world.

How so?

Picture this: A sea of traders at mega-financial firms had front-row seats to the financial debacle of the past three years. For traders, the frenzy of these days were punctuated by jokes, quips, and invented anachronisms... repeated, reworked and finessed until the expression is slick and potent. And, then,

these terms spread throughout the financially wired community. The newspapers pick them up and new terms are incorporated into their stories. Soon it is normal and customary parlance, from corporate boardrooms to local coffee shops.

Here are some of these new financial expressions, described within the context of the crisis:

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It is well known that the financial markets crashed in 2008-09. The Federal Reserve Bank's response to the markets' melt-

down was to get as much money into the banking system to thaw the frozen credit markets and reverse the (self-inflicted) misfortunes of the banks. Since the money found its way into the financial markets and these markets substantively

recovered, we had a melt up for the past year. The Federal Reserve's aggressive monetary policy was self-described as Quantitative Easing and, after some 18 months of constant use, the term was shortened to Q.E.

In 2008, the Federal Reserve argued to Congress for bailout funds and for special treatment for the banks and financial institutions that were too big to fail. Those too big to fail banks merged with others too big to fail, the result was

SEE MONEY, B7 ▶

# BUSINESS PROFILE

## The fine art of feeding a crowd that keeps coming back for more

BY MARY LOU SMART  
Special to Florida Weekly

Managing the logistics of 10,000 students for breakfast and 24,000 for lunch (in addition to teachers and administration) at 50 schools five days a week for nine months a year is a skill. Making money at it takes talent.

Dawn Houser, director of Nutrition Services for Collier County Public Schools, likes a challenge.

When she was promoted to director of food service for Brevard County schools, where she'd been a supervisor since 1984, the district was losing \$250,000 a year and ranked dead last, 67th, by the Florida Department of Education. Within two years, she turned that around, without increasing meal prices, by fine-tuning everything from costs to work flow and marketing. Over time, steps such as setting up attractive food courts in high schools increased student participation. Equipment was replaced and work stations remodeled for higher efficiency. She started with a budget of \$15 million. By the time she left 10 years later, that figure had increased to \$27 million.

Different from the rest of a school district, which operates from a set budget, food service programs operate under the United States Department of Agriculture's National School Lunch Program guidelines and must earn their way. A federally assisted meal program, NSLP provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free lunches to children each school day. The program was established under

the National School Lunch Act, signed by President Harry Truman in 1946.

Whereas public school funding is based on student enrollment, food service operations start each year with a budget based on projections. Ms. Houser's department is reimbursed for sold meals and free and reduced meals. It receives some commodity foods based on the number of meals sold. Instead of getting a fixed budget from the state, Nutrition Services builds participation and manages food and labor cost.

Since starting at Collier County in June, Ms. Houser has overseen an initiative to provide more free lunches to students. Subsidized lunches previously cost 40 cents per student. As she explains, when the percentage of students qualifying for subsidized lunches increased from 54 to 57, management decided to act quickly.

"That's a huge increase, and there's a real need out there," she says. "The thing is that when they don't have the 40 cents, they just don't eat. They stay away."

"We've contacted those parents and told them that their children can eat lunch at no charge if they qualify for reduced meals. We felt that if we could increase our participation and not lose any money doing it, we could offer that service to the students."

Collier County Public Schools' Department of Nutrition Services is a well-oiled machine. Food service personnel provide all of the meals, order food and work closely with students, teachers and even parents. A registered dietician creates the menu.



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Dawn Houser

Working with managers, Ms. Houser is watching over the largest multi-unit food service operation in Collier County — and it operates in the black.

Ms. Houser has a bachelor's degree in hotel and restaurant management from Penn State University and a master's of public administration from the University of Central Florida. After Penn State,

she went to work for the Department of the Army as a civilian club management intern. She was food and beverage manager at the Sanno Hotel in Tokyo for four years. She's had more than 25 years experience in managing the logistics of large crowds in busy environments.

"I'm good at increasing participation and managing costs," she says. "This year we've increased our revenue on a daily basis by \$2,266.31."

After 20 years at Brevard, and after winning coveted FAME food service awards — Gold Star Director of the Year in 2001 and Silver Leadership in 2002 — Ms. Houser decided to try consulting. Over the next five years, her food service consulting business took her all over the United States as she advised individual school districts, state associations, the USDA and the Department of Education.

Crisscrossing the country took a toll. "I'm over the travel," she says. If all goes well, Collier County's large school district, with its wide territory and diverse cultural mix with a variety of food preferences, should keep her challenged for a long time to come.

"There's never a dull moment in this job," she says. "It's a challenge and it's interesting. We've got to put food out there that the students enjoy and make sure it's a pleasant dining experience."

Ms. Houser was born in St. Petersburg and is happy to be back on Florida's west coast. "I feel like I've come home," she says. "There's no place I'd rather be than Collier." ■

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**Rick Armalavage**, a 1976 graduate of Indiana University who has consulted on every aspect of development, including programming, sales and construction, with leading developers in Southwest Florida.

**Mark DiSabato**, a 1978 graduate of Ohio State University who has been

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**Larry Canini**, who for more than 30 years has led Canini & Associates in residential home building, land development and retail, office and medical construction.

**Dwight Penn**, who has more than 30 years of experience in commercial, residential, industrial and club management for individual, corporate and institutional owners.

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## PR firm now Gravina, Smith, Matte & Arnold

One of Southwest Florida's most established public relations firms has added partner Sharon Arnold's name to the masthead; the firm, now Gravina, Smith, Matte & Arnold Marketing and Public Relations, has introduced a new branding package, designed by Wilson Creative Group of Naples.

Amy Gravina launched the firm in 1983 and was joined by Laurel Smith in 1984 and Tina McCain Matte in 1999. Ms. Arnold joined the firm in 2001 and was named partner in 2005. Prior to that, she served as director of public relations for MeriStar Hotels & Resorts, formerly South Seas Resorts; was director of marketing for the Santa Rosa Island Authority, handled Pensacola Beach's overall marketing program and tourism development; served

as director of public relations for the San Francisco Fairmont Hotel; and directed the international advertising and public relations program at the Hilton International Guam. She serves on the boards of Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida, the Water Enhancement & Restoration Coalition and the Southwest Florida Watershed Council.

Gravina, Smith, Matte & Arnold clients include BB&T-Oswald Trippe and Company, Bell Tower Shops, Bonita Bay Group, Bonita Springs Utilities, Celebration of Reading, Hope HealthCare Services, McCaw Wealth Management Group, the Naples Winter Wine Festival, Southwest Florida Transportation Initiative and The Immokalee Foundation. ■

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## Local experts will discuss Business financing options

The Economic Development Council of Collier County presents a seminar titled "Financing Your Business in Today's Economy" from 2-4 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, in the Community Room at the *Naples Daily News*.

Local experts will discuss financing options and ways to determine whether your company qualifies for them. Tim Cartwright of Gulf Coast Venture Forum will discuss venture capital; J.J. Miranda of Fifth Third Bank will discuss loans available through the Small Business Administration; Don Pickworth, P.A.,

will deliver a synopsis of the Recovery Zone Bonds program and revenue bond financing available through the Industrial Development Authority; and Duane Lewis will explain the Economic Gardening Loan program for second stage growth companies.

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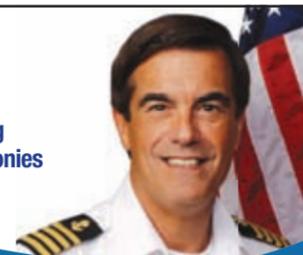
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# PAMPERING

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a tray of treats and greeting drivers along the road.

Punta Gorda has about eight pet-related businesses.

"My feel is that they are doing well, given the hard economic situation since Punta Gorda is so pet-friendly with dog-friendly parks, doggie dining and a monthly 'It's a Dog Walk Night,'" said John Wright, president of the Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce.

Caroline Damask, owner of Adorable Dogs, a grooming and boarding facility in Punta Gorda, is seeing more dogs come through her door.

"In spite of the economy, grooming has increased," she said.

Ms. Damask, a nationally certified master groomer, tends to about 100 pets a week. "We're growing," she said. "You have to always be growing your client base."

Although Ms. Damask notes kennel use is down at her facility, people are still bringing their dogs in for grooming and care.

She and other folks in the pet business sector say that people consider their pets' needs more than ever before.

"Pets have become a very central part of the family," Ms. Damask said.

Tricia Fox, who owns Groomingdales in Fort Myers, said the more than two-decades-old business is doing well and has not experienced much client loss — except for a few people who worked in real estate and left the area.

"The season's really busy," she said. Groomingdales customer Dave Copham said he and his wife dote on their two Skye terriers, Edison and Ford.



FLORIDA WEEKLY PHOTOS  
Above: Ford and Edison, a pair of Skye terriers, await their weekly session at Groomingdales in Fort Myers.

Right: Tracie DelBrocco brushes Dino, a schnauzer, at Groomingdales. The family-run business grooms about 90 dogs every week.



The terriers go to the salon weekly to have their lush coats cared for.

"They're good dogs for us," Mr. Copham said. "They travel with us everywhere."

The sentiment of dogs being part of the family seems to represent a shift in society regarding the value placed on pets, according to local pet-related business owners.

At the Naples Dog Center, people will pay to have their pets indulge in spa and salon services. J.C. Nall, co-owner of the business, said the store sees about 100

dogs a week.

"It seems to be getting busier," he said above the din of hairdryers and woofs. He said many of his clients are widows, widowers or empty nesters with grown children. They replace the void with a pet that often becomes the baby and center of their world.

"They live to see their pets pam-

pered," Mr. Nall said.

Carissa Dillow, owner of Salty Paws pet boutique in Punta Gorda, said she has seen the pampering and indulgence of pets become more mainstream in the past five years. Where several years ago it might have seemed a bit bizarre to dress up a pet in pricey chic fashion, now it has become commonplace.

Ms. Dillow attributes her business success to staying involved in the community. She supports local shelter fundraisers and draws pet lovers to her boutique with the monthly Muttini Mingle social and Yappy Hour. "We try to stay public," she said of the more than 15-year-old boutique.

The company also markets via a Web site and is present on social networking sites such as Facebook.

Mary Hermes has spent 38 years working at the Poodle Boutique & Bakery in Fort Myers.

"I haven't slowed down," she said. "If anything, I'm busier than ever."

Ms. Hermes noted that more people are home now due to the economy and getting puppies to keep them company. This shift also helps bring work to local pet businesses.

"These dogs have to be professionally groomed," she said.

Ms. Hermes said that 99 percent of people who own a pet consider it part of the family and therefore should be treated to baths, haircuts and all of the other grooming needs people consider important.

The shift in people's values about pets has created a market that is relatively recession-proof. "They bring us so much joy," Ms. Fox said as she groomed a bouncy schnauzer in her Groomingdales salon. The animals also unwittingly bring in cash, another cause for joy in itself. ■



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**The quarter-life crisis:** Beware the dominant company whose once-sky-high growth has stalled. Its price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio may be just half of its five-year average, and its earnings may have doubled over the past years, but that doesn't mean it will return to former lofty levels. It may have dug itself into a hole by expanding too quickly and paying too much for acquisitions and stock buybacks. Technology may have evolved and competitors may have emerged, stealing some of its thunder (and profits).

**The soaring cyclical:** Cyclical companies such as semiconductor makers and oilfield services companies, whose fortunes rise and fall with the economy, have counterintuitive valuations. They look the cheapest when they've reached their priciest, and vice versa. A time of high profits means a time of low profits is ahead. So consider these companies when their P/Es are rising,

not shrinking.

**The small-cap Methuselah:** Here you have century-old small-caps you've never heard of that occasionally grow at rapid rates for a few years. When this happens, Wall Street analysts sometimes expect those growth rates to continue. But you won't find long-run compounding machines among small-caps. Companies with long histories of creating serious shareholder value become mid-cap or large-cap companies.

**The rule taker:** These companies don't have the power to make or break rules — they just take them. Their business is standing on the tracks as a technological freight train is about to pull through. Save for a Hail Mary or two, rule takers are out of options. Examples would be newspaper companies getting bowled over by the Internet, or video rental companies, which now find themselves in a new age of digital content distribution.

Instead of considering value traps, seek great, simple-to-understand businesses at good prices. ■

## My Dumbest Investment

### No Eye Frying

Several years ago a friend told me about a company with a revolutionary treatment for farsightedness that involved heating the eye with a laser. It was noninvasive and they were getting good results. FDA approval was imminent, so I bought at \$4 per share. After approval, the stock shot up to \$17. My buddy assured me this was a \$20 stock, so that's where I set my sights (big mistake). Shortly after this meteoric rise, pessimists were shorting the stock and it started to fall. It turns out the orders never materialized (people shied away from frying their eyes versus cutting them open — go figure). Soon the stock wasn't worth the paper it was printed on, a court order seized all assets of the company, and I wrote off the entire investment.

— Matt McGlothlin, San Antonio

**The Fool Responds:** First off, never bank on FDA approval — sometimes it never comes, or it takes years. Also, companies without track records of growing sales and earnings are risky bets. Companies trading for less than \$5 per share are often on shaky ground. ■



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(Answer: General Motors)



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**Q** In the IRA accounts belonging to my husband and myself, I've invested our money mostly in individual stocks, along with an international index fund. My in-laws, though, think we should invest only in funds, not in individual stocks. Who's right?

— O.P., online

**A** Different investments can be right for different people. Mutual funds (ideally ones with low fees and talented managers, or low-fee index funds) offer convenience and instant diversification. They can also give you exposure to industries or regions you don't know very well, such as the international arena.

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My home base is in my name. Tracing my roots back to 1930, today I'm a global semiconductor giant, with annual revenue topping \$10 billion. I began as a geophysical exploration company that used seismic signal processing technology to search for oil. I adopted my current name in 1951 and introduced the first commercial silicon transistor in 1954. In 1958, I invented the integrated circuit that would revo-



lutionize electronics, and in 1967, I introduced the first handheld electronic calculator. I've acquired and sold off many companies over the years. I hold more than 37,000 patents worldwide. Who am I? ■

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## The Motley Fool Take

### Crocs Is in Hot Water

Plastic shoemaker Crocs (Nasdaq: CROX) recently reported modestly improved fourth-quarter results — along with news that its CEO is departing. Revenue was up 8 percent over year-ago levels, but the company still lost \$11 million (which was better than last year's loss of \$35 million). That's not nearly the heady revenue growth Crocs delivered back before its fall from trendy grace, but it's still admirable in a rough economy.

John Duerden, who has been CEO for only about a year, deserves credit for helping the company pay down debt and lifting this battered business out of its previous precarious position. He'll be replaced by the company's current chief operating officer and

six-year veteran, John McCarvel, but many shareholders don't have warm-and-fuzzy feelings for management veterans; insiders dumped shares at their highs (remember when it traded at about \$75 a share?) before the company started choking and the stock began its gut-wrenching, precipitous drops into penny-stock territory.

Investors should step away from Crocs. While the company does predict that it will break even in the current quarter, it will probably never return to the kind of growth it delivered at the height of its faddish heyday.

CEO departures are rarely ever great news. At the very least, they can distract management. And for companies trying to turn around, like Crocs, they're especially troubling. ■

# BUSINESS MEETINGS

► **Gulf Coast Venture Forum** meets for the final time this season from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, April 8, at the Tiburon Golf Course Members Club Room. TIB Bank is the sponsor. Six Florida entrepreneurs will make presentations about their new businesses. For reservations and more information, call 262-6300.

► **The Christian Chamber of Southwest Florida** holds its next Collier County lunch meeting at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 21, at Naples Church of God, 1074 10th Ave. N. The Arlington of Naples is the sponsor. Cost is \$11 for members and \$13 for non-members (includes a box lunch). For more information, call 481-1411 or visit [www.hischamber.org](http://www.hischamber.org).

► **Professional Writing Services** holds a social networking and business

consultation class from 6 to 8 p.m. Mondays and from 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays at Borders, 10600 U.S. 41 (no class April 5). The class focuses on how to increase sales volume using Facebook and LinkedIn. Cost is \$25 per person. Attendance is limited to 15. For reservations, call (407) 738-8445 or e-mail [profwritingservices@yahoo.com](mailto:profwritingservices@yahoo.com).

► **Young Professionals of Naples** members meet for networking, socializing, sports and charity work at various locations and events around town. Typical members are 21-40 years old, but the "young at heart" are always welcome. For membership information and a calendar of events, visit [www.yppnaples.com](http://www.yppnaples.com).

► **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](http://www.naplesspeakeasy.org). Next meeting: April 12.

► **Coffee and Social Media** members and guests meet from 8-9 a.m. the second Tuesday of every month at INgage Networks, 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](mailto:cyndee@c2-com.com). Next meeting: April 13.

► **The Chartered Financial Analysts Society of Naples** meets for lunch and a program at noon every second Tuesday in the Chokoloskee Room at

the Naples Beach Hotel, 851 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. Members, \$30; Guests, \$40. RSVP [www.cfnaples.org](http://www.cfnaples.org). Next meeting: April 13.

► **WNOCC Women's Networking of Collier County** meets at 11:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the Collier Athletic Club. For more information, call Nancy Dalaskey at 280-3803. Next meeting: April 13.

► **The Jewish Business Network of Southwest Florida** meets for breakfast and business on the second Friday of the month from 7:30-9 a.m. in the conference room at Robb & Stucky, 13170 Cleveland Ave., Fort Myers. To RSVP and for more information, call 433-7708 or e-mail [yourjbn@chabadswf.org](mailto:yourjbn@chabadswf.org). Next meeting: April 9. ■

# MONEY

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gargantuan-sized firms that are also too big to fail.

■ What was the genesis of the economic downward spiral? The mortgage/real estate/foreclosure crisis. The loan defaults were largely attributed to lending practices gone awry; conventional banking had been replaced by lending unfettered by risk; somehow utility lending had morphed into casino underwriting. Many mortgages were NINJA loans, those loans made to borrowers having "No Income, No Job or Assets." Unqualified borrowers were clearly a problem with most of the sub prime mortgages. In foreclosure (or sometimes in anticipation of such), mortgagees terminated their responsibilities for the mortgagors by mail — mortgagee would send jingle mail (mail containing the house keys) to the mortgagor.

■ For long time, maybe some 30 years, mortgages have been sold in collateralized mortgage pools. Not stopping there, in recent years, more financial innovation came to the mortgage markets. The next invention was, after pooling mortgages from all over the country, to slice and dice these pools by degree of risk; thus, another new instrument was the mortgage pool tranche. Somehow, the public was assured that even the worst mortgage credit risks were not such bad risks after all. Borrowers were diverse geographically and systematic risk (non-diversifiable financial systemwide risk) was deemed statistically insignificant. All this and more quantitative reasoning allowed the creation of economic models showing even the worst of the tranches to have acceptable credit ratings. The issuers of the pools and tranches wanted to insulate themselves from their underwriting risks so they created special purpose vehicles to issue the securities. They wanted no long-tail liability following them or their firms.

■ The problems with mortgages became widespread and spilled over to the larger credit markets. This bigger problem warranted new, broader terminology. Enter FUNT loans: the Financially UNTouchable loans. As problems worsened, untouchable was replaced with the term toxic, the broad language used to describe not only mortgages, but also any loan or other debt instrument of questionable or greatly depreciated value. The term toxic is first attributed, correctly or not, to Warren Buffett.

Were the borrowers solely to blame?

Not necessarily. Often, the loan defaults were attributed to lending practices gone awry; conventional banking had been replaced by lending unfettered by risk; somehow utility lending had morphed into casino underwriting.

To address concerns about all credit risks (mortgage, country, corporate), banksters (bankers/gangsters) innovated once again and presented the end-all solution: the credit default swaps. It was insurance that, if a principal or interest payment was missed, the debt holder could, through a variety of ways, be made whole. Case closed... credit quality was a non-issue... at least until the firms selling the CDS were closing their doors.

■ Some crisis events exposed of outright fraud. After many decades of use, the Ponzi scheme was replaced by the term being Madoffed. If the Ponzi scheme was small, then it was a mini-Madoff.

■ The Wall Street problem was disease-like and had spread to the coasts, major cities and retirement spots. Affluenza (affluence/influenza) struck. Symptoms include: overspending, consumerism, excessive wealth seeking. Most of these folks have crashed and burned. No longer are they in limos and taking extravagant vacations. For the couple suffering from cashstration (financial impotency) all that's left is a staycation, a frugal vacation spent close to home.

'Tis true. It all happened and our lives and vocabulary are forever changed. ■

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## Collier County Women's Bar Association honors local pioneers A program with Naples Backyard History



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## Florida Realtors plan statewide open house

Meet the neighbors and find your Florida dream home at the same time by taking part in Florida Open House Weekend April 10-11. Realtors will host open houses on behalf of sellers in neighborhoods and communities across the Sunshine State, giving buyers the chance to visit many homes for sale in just one weekend. This first-ever statewide open house weekend is sponsored by the 115,000-member Florida Realtors.

Locally, the South Bay Realty Short Sale Rescue Team will conduct open houses at an estimated 30 homes in Naples and Bonita Springs with short sale opportunities. The Marco Island Area Association of Realtors also is participating.

Blue and white signs and balloons featuring the Realtor "R" logo will be on display simultaneously at open houses from the Panhandle to Key West as part of the Florida Open House Weekend.

"It's a home shopper's dream," says 2010 Florida Realtors President Wendell Davis, a broker and regional vice president with Watson Realty Corp. in Jacksonville. "For the serious buyer, the opportunity to tour dozens of homes in one weekend is a real time saver. Others who didn't think they could afford a home may be drawn into the market by affordable prices and low interest rates. It's a win-win."

The Florida Open House Weekend takes place just ahead of the deadline for the federal homebuyer tax credit. Homes need to be under contract by April 30, and the purchase closed by June 30, to take advantage of up to \$8,000 in the tax credit for eligible first-time buyers and up to \$6,500 for eligible repeat buyers.

For more information, visit [www.floridarealtors.org](http://www.floridarealtors.org). ■

## Marco Island Association has seminars



In conjunction with the statewide open house April 10-11, the Marco Island Area Association of Realtors is holding two free sessions of a panel discussion with attorneys and mortgage experts who are affiliate members of the MIAAR. They will discuss the process of purchasing real estate, including short sales, and will answer questions from the audience. Everyone is welcome.

Sessions are set for 10-11:30 a.m. and 1-2:30 p.m. Friday, April 9, at 140 Waterway Drive, Marco Island. ■



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The Biscayne III is accented with columns and iron detailing.

## Biscayne III model in TwinEagles has golf and lake views

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The Biscayne III is the newest model by Arthur Rutenberg Homes/A.R.B.C. Corp. in The Estates at TwinEagles. The five-bedroom, six-bath home in the Strathmore neighborhood of Grand Arbors has a southern exposure and preserve views.

The 8,000-square-foot floor plan celebrates openness and a connection to the outdoors. Large radius-glass windows and sliding glass doors showcase the pool, decks and covered al fresco gathering areas and a fairway view of the 15th hole of The Talon, one of The Club at TwinEagles' two championship golf courses. The picturesque view is amplified from the home's second-floor wrap-around balcony.

Other than two master suites, three guest rooms and a total of six full baths and two half-baths, practically the only thing hidden away inside the 5,693-square-foot home are kitchen appliances and several large walk-in closets. The model has stone flooring, granite countertops, detailed ceilings and custom paneled



Right: Floor-to-ceiling windows in the formal living room bring the outdoors in.

Above: Sliding glass doors disappear between the family room and the outdoor living area.

wood cabinetry in a variety of stains.

The soft Mediterranean exterior architecture is accented with stone balustrades and columns and iron detailing, a two-story entry with clerestory windows and barrel-tile roof.

Interior design of the Biscayne III is by Arthur Rutenberg Homes' in-house team. The furnished model is offered at \$2,195,000; unfurnished, the home is \$1,995,900.

Grand Arbors at TwinEagles features 648 coach homes, villas and single-family homes overlooking lakes, nature preserves

and the Gary Player-designed Aerie, TwinEagles' second golf course. The neighborhoods are linked by nature trails, green spaces and parks. Grand Arbors homes are priced from the \$300,000s to more than \$2 million.

Among the preferred builders in TwinEagles are: A.R.B.C. Corp./Arthur Rutenberg Homes, Bordeaux Homes, Centex, Divco Construction Corp., Harborside Custom Homes, Kingon Homes, London Bay Homes, Pulte Homes and Southern Bay Homes. ■

## REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

### Industry panel will look to the future

The Collier Building Industry Association hosts the 2010 Industry Panel: "What Does the Future Look Like?" on Wednesday, April 14, at the Hilton Naples. The program takes a look at all aspects of the building industry.

Keynote speaker is Jerry Howard, president of the National Association of Home Builders; panelists include Stephann Cotton of the Stuart, Fla.-based Cotton & Company; Mike Rosen from Collier Enterprises; Pason Gaddis from *Florida Weekly*; and Brenda Fioretti, president of the Naples Area Board of Realtors. Al Zichella, vice president of construction and development services for KD Merick and Company, will serve as moderator.

Networking begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner and the program at 6:30 p.m.

Cost ranges from \$50 to \$65 per person. For reservations and more information, call the CBIA office at 436-6100 or visit [www.cbia.net](http://www.cbia.net).

### Northside Medical Plaza under construction

Construction of Northside Medical Plaza is under way on Veterans Park Drive off Immokalee Road near North Collier Hospital. The first of two

19,000-square-foot buildings is on schedule to be completed by September 2010.

The office condominiums are being offered for sale to medical, dental and other health care professionals who wish to start, expand or relocate their practices to North Naples. Thus far, an established Naples medical practice has committed to occupy the second floor of Building One.

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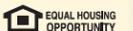
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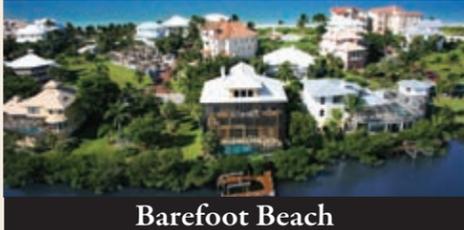
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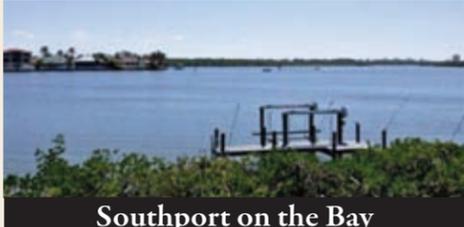
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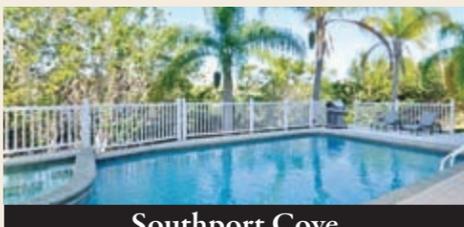


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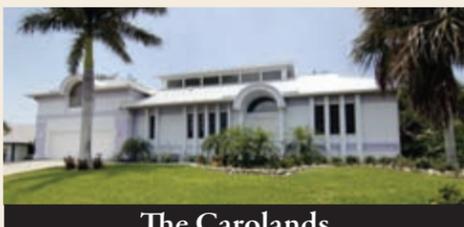


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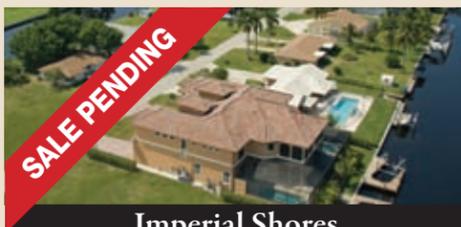


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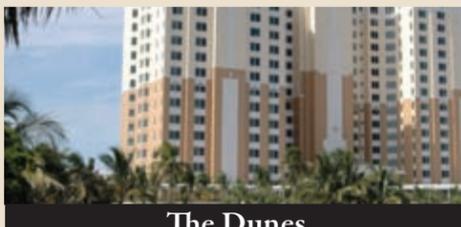
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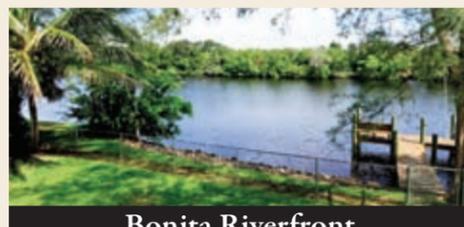
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**20TH AVENUE SOUTH** ▲  
One block to beach! Built in 2008. Over 5,300 A/C SF, 4BRs plus den and bonus lounge. Heated pool/spa. Furnished.  
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**11TH AVENUE SOUTH** ▲  
Just 3 blocks from the Gulf, 4BR main house, 1BR/1BA poolside cabana. Adjacent lot (included) is deeded separately.  
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**14TH AVENUE SOUTH** ▲  
Exquisite 2-story, 4 bedroom with den/office boasts 4,110 SF A/C. Quality craftsmanship throughout. Summer kitchen.  
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**11TH AVENUE SOUTH** ▲  
Fabulous new construction! A distinctive Florida style with maple wood floors & 10' ceilings. Lanai; pool.  
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**BEACH BUNGALOWS** ▲  
This 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath plus den villa has over 2,500 sq. ft. of living, private heated pool. Ceramic/wood floors.  
**\$1,990,000**  
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**CHATHAM PLACE** ▲ Charming enclave of 3 level townhomes. Courtyard pool, 4,000+ total sq. ft., 4BR/4.5BA + den offers luxury living.  
**\$1,892,000**  
Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



**CASA BELLA** ▲  
Updates include faux paint, hand rubbed finishes & built-ins. Elevator. Plunge pool, outdoor kitchen & fireplace.  
**\$1,825,000**  
Beth Hayhoe McNichols | 821-3304



**625 FIFTH AVENUE SOUTH CONDOMINIUM** ▲ Beautifully appointed with wood and marble flooring, marble baths, volume ceilings. No shared walls.  
**\$1,595,000**  
Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894



**4TH STREET SOUTH** ▲  
Florida cottage offers 3BRs plus den and a separate living area in a peaceful, tropical setting. Close to beach.  
**\$1,450,000**  
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**3RD AVENUE SOUTH** ▲  
This home is actually 3 rental units. Main house is a duplex, each unit is a 1BR/1BA. Guest house is a 1BR/2BA.  
**\$1,290,000**  
Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231



**3RD STREET NORTH** ▲  
On Alligator Lake. Relax by private pool. Wide lake views. Neutral decor, detached 1BR/1BA guest house. Near beach.  
**\$1,275,000**  
Virginia/Randy Wilson | 450-9090



**TUSCAN** ▲  
An intimate building (5 residences). 3 blocks to the beach. Pool views from balcony, private garage, 3BRs.  
**\$1,250,000** | Larry Roorda | 860-2534



**CATELENA** ▲  
Lush tropical landscaping wraps corner condominium built in 2004 in privacy. Two bedrooms plus den. Well-appointed.  
**\$1,090,000**  
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**VILLA D'ANNA** ▲  
Bright, cheerful 3BR/3BA townhouse. End residence has large windows, 3 skylights, S. exposure. Private plunge pool.  
**\$995,000**  
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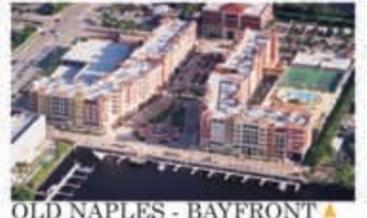
**COLONNADE ON 5TH** ▲  
Beautifully appointed & decorated 3BR/2.5BA condominium. Secured parking. Walk to dining, shopping, park & beach.  
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**THE PIERRE CLUB** ▲  
Walk to 3rd Street shops, restaurants, Naples Pier, and white-sand beaches. Furnished and ready to enjoy.  
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**TOWN MANOR CLUB** ▲  
Beautifully renovated, turnkey furnished 2 BR. New appliances, tile, kitchen and bathroom cabinetry! Walk to beach.  
**\$369,000** | Mary Yon | 572-3274



**OLD NAPLES - BAYFRONT** ▲  
Upscale waterfront community. Walk to shops, dining and galleries on 5th Ave. S! Secured garage, clubhouse with pool/ spa. Docks available.  
**From \$399,000** | Call 434-2424

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**CAXAMBAS COURT** ▲  
Slocum-Christian waterfront with 243 ft. of direct access water frontage. Great docking facility. Quality built.  
**\$9,500,000**  
Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133



**HIDEAWAY BEACH** ▲  
Premier beachfront home with guest suite. Luxurious appointments, 6BR+, 8,800 A/C SF. Beautiful beach, Gulf views.  
**\$8,900,000**  
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**MADEIRA #PH202** ▲  
Beachfront 4 BR+den, 7,414 total SF. Rookery Ambassador Membership included, up to 100' boat slip lease included.  
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**HIDEAWAY BEACH** ▲  
Custom-built modern architectural masterpiece with 152' on pristine beach. Luxury appointments abound. FURNISHED.  
**\$5,000,000**  
Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133



**COPELAND DRIVE** ▲  
Gated, dramatic negative edge pool/spa. Family room, 3BR/4.5BA, den, 125 ft. of water frontage, direct access dock.  
**\$4,175,000**  
Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133



**SOLANA COURT** ▲  
Majestic custom home with spectacular panoramic views of Smokehouse Bay. Featuring 5 bedroom suites plus a study.  
**\$2,995,000**  
Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983



**BUTTERFIELD COURT** ▲  
Breathtaking views of Marco River from eye-catching spacious home. Alarmed, 4-car garage. Dock with lift.  
**\$2,499,000**  
Natalie Kirstein | 784-0491



**CAPE MARCO - VERACRUZ** ▲  
#801 - Exquisite beachfront 8th floor 4BR/4.5BA estate condominium with 4,709 SF A/C. Fabulous views, five-star amenities.  
**\$2,300,000**  
Richard Marquardt | 289-4158



**CAPE MARCO - BELIZE** ▲  
#2105 - Beautiful dream home in the sky. Over 3,600 SF of living area, 11'4" high ceilings, 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths.  
**\$1,975,000** | Chris Adams | 404-5130



**CAPE MARCO - BELIZE** ▲  
#1803 - Spectacular views of 10,000 islands & the Gulf! Many amenities, 3BR/3BA with Venetian plaster and faux painting.  
**\$1,600,000** | Darlene Roddy | 404-0685



**OLD NAPLES** ▲ Gulf front building site. Just south of Naples Pier & walking distance to 3rd Street. Lot Size 100'x400'x230'x100'. **\$6,950,000**  
Michael D. Browne | 272-3331



**AQUALANE SHORES** ▲ New construction waterfront home! Spacious rooms, 6 BRs, intricate ceiling detail, formal and casual living areas. **\$5,195,000**  
Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741



**OLD NAPLES** ▲ Prime Beach Block property - 47 and 67-8th Ave. S. Three meticulously renovated cottages. Furnished with exceptions. **\$4,995,000**  
Cindy Thompson | 860-6513



**AQUALANE SHORES** ▲ Four bedroom + den luxury residence built in 2006. Designed by Herscoe Hajjar Architects. Serene water vistas. **\$3,495,000**  
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**OLD NAPLES** ▲ Custom-built in 2006, fully furnished, 2 blocks to beach. Over 4,700 SF of living area, 5BR+den, heated pool/spa. **\$3,295,000**  
Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231



**AQUALANE SHORES** ▲ Southern exposure 5BR/4.5BA, 70' dock, boat house with 20,000 lb. boat lift on deep-water canal. No bridge Gulf access. **\$2,890,000**  
Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894



**AQUALANE SHORES** ▲ Approx. 167' of waterfront! 58'x195'x167'x136' site with cut-in boat slip. Direct Gulf access. Older home on property. **\$2,795,000**  
Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231



**OLD NAPLES - ORCHID PLACE** ▲ Luxury villa just 2 blocks to 5th Ave. S., 3 blocks to beach. Privacy, large patio/pool, turnkey convenience. **\$2,295,000**  
Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894



**ROYAL HARBOR** ▲ Bermuda-style 4 bedroom + den, 4.5 bath home. Coral stone fireplace, hazelnut wood floors, & elevator. Heated pool. **\$2,195,000**  
Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231



**OLD NAPLES - VILLAS ESCALANTE** ▲ Priced below original purchase price, 4 terraces, 3BR/3.5BA, 3881 SF total, 2 blocks to beach, 1 block to 5th Ave. S. **\$1,999,999**  
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**OLD NAPLES - SANDY CAY** ▲ Blocks from beach. Five bedroom, 5.5 bath, family room, private elevator, French doors, fireplace, tray ceiling. **\$1,997,000** | Lodge McKee | 592-3358



**OLD NAPLES** ▲ Inspired by Addison Mizner design, 3 bedroom plus den, 4 bath homes being built. Cypress ceiling, stone, pool/spa. **From \$1,995,000**  
Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741



**OLD NAPLES - AMALFI VILLAS** ▲ Two-story 3BR/4BA+den luxury villa with private pool & 2-car garage. Just blocks to beach, shops & restaurants. **\$1,695,000** | Mary Morris | 784-8599



**ROYAL HARBOR** ▲ No bridges to Gulf. Immaculate updated home. Granite kitchen counters, vaulted ceiling, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. **\$1,299,000**  
Isabelle Edwards | 564-4080



**OLD NAPLES** ▲ Charming 3BR/2BA cottage. Family room, updated appliances, tile floors. S. exposure pool, near beach, shops/dining. **\$1,295,000**  
Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231



**ROYAL HARBOR** ▲ Over 4,600 total SF and 4 BRs, 142' of seawall, large dock & 2-boat lifts. Direct access to the Gulf (no bridges). **\$1,200,000**  
Isabelle Edwards | 564-4080



**OLD NAPLES** ▲ Custom home, pool, spa & screened lanai. Large lot allows for expansion. Near beach, shops, dining, golf & tennis. **\$1,150,000**  
Isabelle Edwards | 564-4080



**AQUALANE SHORES** ▲ An opportunity to build a custom home with southwestern orientation. Close to beach access. Being sold "As-Is". **\$995,000** | Michael Lawler | 571-3939



**OLD NAPLES - PERGOLA VILLAS** ▲ A charming 3 bedroom plus den, 3 bath townhouse built by Burt Binder. Plunge pool, near beach. **\$745,000**  
Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894



**OLD NAPLES - VICTOR DEL REY** ▲ Over 2,900 sq. ft. of living area, 3BR+den, 3.5BA. Additional living space with pool cabana. Three-car garage. **\$729,000**  
Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231



**AQUALANE SHORES AQUALANE MANOR** ▲ Carefree 2BR, 2BA. Walk to Gulf beaches and shopping. Deeded covered boat slip with lift. Turnkey furnished. **\$725,000** | Ruth Trettis | 403-4529



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



**OLD NAPLES BELLASERA RESORT** ▲ Boutique hotel condominium w/full home amenities. Elegantly decorated, professionally managed, pool, near beach. **\$429,000** | Pat Callis | 250-0562



**WINDSTAR - SOMERSET** ▲ Spacious 3BR/2BA villa, screened-in pool, attached 2-car garage. An active social, golfing and boating community. **\$425,000**  
Terri Moellers/Sharon Kallenborn | 404-7887



**WINDSTAR - MARINA COVE** ▲ Model condition 2BR+den w/2-car garage. End location, lake view, near pool. Guard-gated golf & boating community. **\$385,000**  
Patrick O'Donnell/Phyllis O'Donnell | 250-3360

**OLD NAPLES**

2000 Gordon Drive - Well-maintained 4BR/4.5BA home in an exclusive, private gated enclave of 9 residences. Private gate to beach path. **\$1,750,000** | Phyllis O'Donnell & Patrick O'Donnell | 269-6161

575 - 1st Avenue North - Two-story, 4BR/4BA home built in 1999. Solid oak floors, plank tile flooring, 4 covered porches. Walk to beach. **\$1,495,000** | Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894

689 - 13th Avenue South - An enchanting home on a nice size corner lot. Warm wood walls, large family/dining room. Close to dining/shopping. **\$1,350,000** | Ruth Trettis | 403-4529

RIDGE LAKE 620 Bougainvillea Road - Open, airy, updated 3BR/2BA + den home. Wood floors, fireplace, private back yard with pool. Old Naples charm. **\$1,325,000** | Beth Hayhoe McNichols | 821-3304

364 - 2nd Avenue South - Spanish-inspired Mizner West Palm Beach-style standout! European stone area with pool, spa, summer kitchen. **\$2,795,000** | Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741

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

780 FIFTH AVENUE SOUTH CONDOMINIUM  
780 5th Avenue South #307 - This 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath has high ceilings, 2 skylights, and beautifully detailed moldings. Completely furnished. **\$975,000** | Judy Perry/Penny Lyle | 261-6161

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

GLOUCESTER BAY 880 - 8th Avenue South #102 - Updated, spacious 3BR end residence. Large screened porch overlooks pool & courtyard. New A/C, near shops & dining. **\$595,000** | Mary Morris | 784-8599

**OLD NAPLES**

THE PIERRE CLUB 1222 Gordon Drive #11 - Carefree living near beach, shops & dining. Extensive renovations, overlooks pool, \$10,000 decorator allowance. **\$499,999** | Virginia/Randy Wilson | 450-9090

WHARFSIDE 830 River Point Drive #4 - Situated on Naples Bay! Sunsets and long water views! Recently updated 3 bedroom townhouse, 30' boat dock included. **\$490,000** | Julie Rembos/Paula Sims | 262-6600

TOWN MANOR CLUB 1021 - 3rd Street South #102 - Updated getaway, 2 bedroom, 2 bath only 2.5 blocks to beach, steps to 3rd St. shops and dining; blocks to 5th Ave. **\$389,000** | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231

BEAUMER 803 River Point Drive #307-B - Totally and beautifully updated two bedroom furnished residence. Awesome kitchen, tile floors AND updated bathroom. **\$278,000** | Jeri Richey | 269-2203

PARK TERRACE 72 - 7th Street South #312 - Priced to sell, recently updated 2BR/2BA condominium. Walk to beach, shops and dining. Pool, low monthly fees. **\$248,000** | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231

**LOTS**

PAR LA VILLE 355 - 4th Avenue South - Multi-family site zoned for six villas, each being 3,000 SF. This lot is located three blocks to Naples beaches. **\$3,650,000** | Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741

115 - 5th Avenue South - Oversized (120' x 150') home site in a prime corner location. Steps to beach, restaurants & shops. Survey on file. **\$1,950,000** | Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894

195 Central Avenue - Only 1.5 blocks to beach & a short stroll to 5th Ave. shopping & dining. Lot is 76' X 150' with a total of 11,500 SF. **\$1,295,000** | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231

**AQUALANE SHORES**

**LOTS**

848 - 21st Court South - Lot offers 265' of water frontage, 110' on Naples Bay and 155' deep into Egret Channel. Boathouse and cut-in slip. **\$4,900,000** | Michael D. Browne | 272-3331

815 - 21st Avenue South - Direct Gulf access. Building site 1 lot from Naples Bay. Deep canal, approx. 80' dock, covered slip & boat house. **\$2,795,000** | Beth Hayhoe McNichols | 821-3304

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

**ROYAL HARBOR**

**LOTS**

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

**ROYAL HARBOR AREA**

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

**WINDSTAR**

WINDWARD CAY 4450 Yacht Harbor Drive #212 - Expansive condominium "lives" like a single family home. Guarded entry, clubhouse, deep-water marina, beach club. **\$299,000** | Andrea Jeppesen | 289-4004

# Florida's existing home, condo sales rise in February

The latest housing data released by Florida Realtors show existing home sales statewide increased 21 percent in February with a total of 11,890 homes sold compared to 9,867 homes sold in February 2009. The increase statewide was 13.6 percent over January's sales activity.

Seventeen of Florida's metropolitan statistical areas reported increased existing home sales in January, while all but one MSA had higher condo sales. A majority of the state's MSAs have reported increased sales for 20 consecutive months.

Florida's median sales price for exist-

ing homes last month was \$131,300, a 7 percent decrease from \$141,800 a year ago.

Analysts with the National Association of Realtors note that sales of foreclosures and other distressed properties continue to downwardly distort the median price because they generally sell at a discount relative to traditional homes. The median is the midpoint; half the homes sold for more, half for less.

The national median sales price for existing single-family homes in January 2010 was \$163,600, down 0.4 percent from a year earlier, according to NAR. In Massachusetts, the statewide median

resales price was \$300,000 in January; in California, it was \$287,440; in New York, it was \$242,750; and in Maryland, it was \$234,894.

NAR's latest outlook predicts a surge in home sales late this spring.

"Activity should pick up as buyers take advantage of the tax credit, which is critical to absorb distressed properties and to continually chip away at inventory levels," said NAR chief economist Lawrence Yun. "If there is sufficient job creation, housing can become self-sustaining with stable to modestly rising home prices."

Interest rates for a 30-year fixed-rate

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— NAR chief economist Lawrence Yun

mortgage averaged 4.99 percent last month, even lower than the average rate of 5.13 percent in February 2009, according to Freddie Mac. Florida Realtors' sales figures reflect closings, which typically occur 30 to 90 days after sales contracts are written. ■



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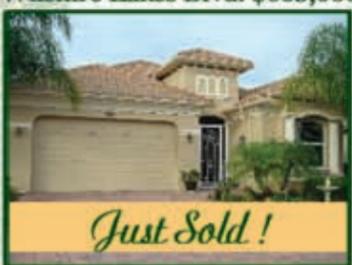
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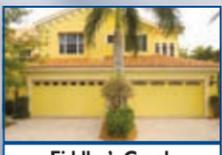
**Saratoga at Lely Resort**  
3 Bed, 3 Bath coach home, 2 car garage, bamboo flooring.  
**\$395,000**



**Huron Cove**  
Water direct with boat docks, great complex. Seller pays 1 year of monthly condo fees.  
**\$420,000**



**South End of Marco**  
So. Exp., new tile roof, granite counters, porcelain tile, high impact glass, lg. lanai, pool, spa, 2 boat lifts.  
**\$480,000**



**Fiddler's Creek**  
Golf course views from spacious 1st floor end unit coach home.  
**\$488,000**



**825 Elm Court**  
Water Direct- southern exposure. Priced at  
**\$495,000**



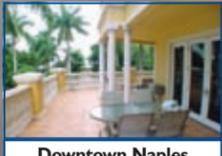
**1362 Bayport**  
Fabulous Golf Course View. 3bed/3bath renovated home.  
**\$550,000**



**Dill Court**  
Southern exposure lot with newer seawall. Wide water view, on city sewer.  
**\$629,000**



**Hideaway Beach Cottage**  
2 Bed + Den, 3 Bath. Fabulous Gulf Views, updates galore!  
**\$1,339,000**



**Downtown Naples**  
Location! Location! Location! Magnificent 3rd Floor Condo just off 5th Ave.  
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Water Direct Estate Area. Updated 2007-2009. Priced at  
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# REAL ESTATE NEWSMAKERS

► Top agents from **Weichert, Realtors-On The Gulf** took bows at the annual banquet hosted by the Weichert Florida South Broker Council. Paul Fonseca was inducted into the 2009 Presidents Club, the topmost of three agent honors presented annually. Janet Scarpello was inducted into the 2009 Ambassadors Club, followed by 2009 Executive Club inductees Bruce Dilego, Linda and Jeff Schmidt and Art Nowakowski. Greg Manchester was named to the Certificate Club and received a sales achievement award. In addition, Weichert, Realtors-On The Gulf was recognized as a 2009 Ambassadors Club office, based on meeting gross commission income or units sold during the year.

► **Clyde C. Quinby Realty Inc.** has expanded and relocated to 3785 Airport Pulling Road. Clint Holland and Tani Hurley have joined the firm as broker/associates, joining associates Barbara Berry, Bill Barton, Jeep Quinby and Mike Manco. Mr. Holland has been in real estate since 1999. He earned an MBA in accounting from Auburn University and was previously licensed as a CPA. His real estate



experience includes evaluating and identifying commercial, industrial and investments properties as well as providing property management services. Ms. Hurley has been a licensed real estate professional in Florida for more than 10 years and a Florida licensed broker since 2003. She was initially licensed in Oklahoma, where she worked with Century 21 Realty. Her professional career includes editing and writing positions in the publishing industry. She is president/owner of Tani Hurley Public Relations Inc. Mr. Holland and Ms. Hurley both belong to the Naples Area Board of Realtors, the

Florida Association of Realtors and the National Association of Realtors.

► **Ashley Bourn** and **Stan Winters** have been named Sales Managers of the Year for 2009 for the Florida West Division of Toll Brothers. Ms. Bourn is sales manager at Firano at Naples. She joined the company in June 2006 as a sales associate and was promoted to sales manager in July 2008. Prior to joining Toll Brothers, she was a sales and marketing associate with Prestige Homes in Hudson, Ohio. A graduate of Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, with a bachelor's degree in marketing, she belongs to the Naples Area Board of Realtors, the Florida Association of Realtors and the National Association of Realtors. Mr. Winters is a sales manager at The Reserve at Estero. Estero. He joined Toll Brothers in February 2007 and has worked in new home sales for eight years, and worked in the construction industry before that. He belongs to the National and Florida associations of Realtors and holds the CSP certification and Graduate, Real Estate Institute designation. ■

# RECENT TRANSACTIONS



► **Royal Realty Investment Group Inc.** has renewed its lease of 740 square feet in Third Street Plaza, 1170 Third St. S., from Orix Capital Markets LLC. Bill Young of CB Richard Ellis, Fort Myers/Naples brokered the transaction.

► **Tamderek Films Inc.** has leased 700 square feet of office space at 660 Ninth St. N., Suite 36, from Remark Investments LLC. Patrick Fraley of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction.

► **Titanium Insurance Inc.** has leased 423 square feet of office space at 4280 Tamiami Trail E. from New Solutions Collier LLC. Clint Sherwood and Christine McManus of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction. ■



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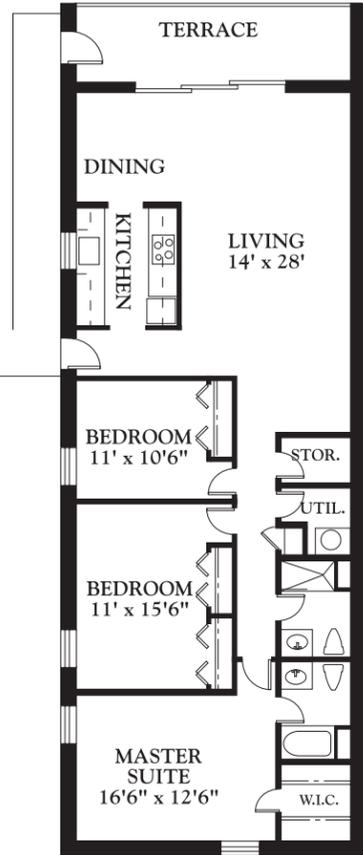
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Scott Whiteleather of Heatherwood Construction is the senior project manager and Pete Estrada is the job superintendent. Hill Design Associates Architects of Dawsonville, Ga., provided architectural design services.

**Lennar unveils new Bella Terra plans**

Lennar has opened three new model homes at Bella Terra, the country club community three miles east of I-75 on Corkscrew Road in Estero. The builder has also introduced eight new floor plans priced from the \$160,000s to more than \$500,000. New single-family homes and twin villas at Bella Terra range from 1,400 square feet of living space to more than 3,800 square feet.

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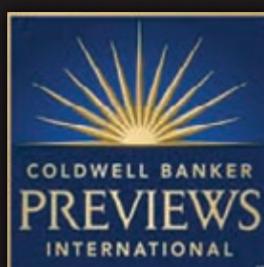
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# Report shows Florida construction backlog below the national average

Associated Builders and Contractors reports Florida's Construction Backlog Indicator for January stood at 5.1 months, down from 6.7 months in November 2009. The statewide CBI is marginally shorter than the national average, which stands at 5.5 months. Florida's CBI also remains below the Southern region's average of just over six months.

CBI is a forward-looking indicator that measures the amount of construction work currently under contract to be completed in the future.

"The data continue to reflect tight credit and generally sluggish economic conditions in Florida," said Anirban Basu, chief economist for Associated Builders and Contractors. "There are a number of reasons to believe the construction backlog will continue to subsist at low levels in the months ahead, including the fact that a number of office projects in the Miami area are winding to a close and that a growing amount of stimulus-financed work is being completed with every passing month."

### Florida economic data points

Construction employment between January 2009 and January 2010 fell by 90,700 jobs statewide, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics ([www.labor-marketinfo.com](http://www.labor-marketinfo.com)). During this period:

- Building equipment contractors shed 18,100 jobs, a 14.4 percent decline.
- Specialty trade construction shed 47,100 jobs, a 16.6 percent decline.
- Heavy and civil engineering construction lost 7,800 jobs, a 13.4 percent decline.

"The data continue to reflect tight credit and generally sluggish economic conditions in Florida."

— Anirban Basu, chief economist for Associated Builders and Contractors

- Building construction lost 10,500 jobs, a 10.7 percent decline.

Federal stimulus funds sent to Florida exceeded \$8.2 billion as of March 22, according to the Office of Management and Budget.

Office vacancy rates for the fourth quarter of 2009 stood at 25.1 percent in the Palm Beach County area; 22 percent in the Jacksonville area; 21.4 percent in the Tampa area; 19.6 percent in the Orlando metro area; 19 percent in the Broward County area; and 17 percent in the Miami-Dade area, according to CB Richard Ellis ([www.cbre.com](http://www.cbre.com)).

Retail vacancy rates for the fourth quarter of 2009 were 11.2 percent in the Palm Beach County area; 10.5 percent in the Jacksonville area; 10.5 percent in the Broward County area; and 5.8 percent in Miami-Dade area, according to CB Richard Ellis. ■

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**>\$300,000**  
**3 • PELICAN BAY - INTERLACHEN** • 6770 Pelican Bay Blvd. #225 • \$364,500 • Jeannie McGearty 248-4333

**>\$500,000**  
**4 • MARCO ISLAND** • 1554 Jamaica Court • \$575,000 • Roe Tamagni 398-1222. • FRIDAY OPEN HOUSE 1-4

**>\$600,000**  
**5 • PARK SHORE - PARK SHORE LANDINGS** • 305 Park Shore Drive #232 • \$695,000 • Larry Roorda 860-2534

**>\$700,000**  
**6 • PELICAN MARSH - IVY POINTE** • 1837 Ivy Pointe Court • \$799,000 • Mitch/Sandra Williams 370-8879

**>\$800,000**  
**7 • MOORINGS** • 675 Harbour Drive • \$862,500 • Larry Roorda 860-2534

**8 • VANDERBILT BEACH - LA SCALA** • 9700 Gulfshore Drive #305 • \$890,000 • Larry/Mary Catherine White 287-2818

**>\$1,000,000**  
**9 • FIDDLER'S CREEK - MAHOGANY BEND** • 3848 Mahogany Bend Drive • \$1,650,000 • Michelle L. Thomas 860-7176

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**10 • BAREFOOT BEACH - BAYFRONT GARDENS** • 209 Bayfront Drive • \$2,595,000 • Cynthia Joannou 273-0666. • CALL AGENT FOR ACCESS

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**11 • PORT ROYAL** • 3243 Gin Lane • \$8,900,000 • Michael D. Browne 272-3331. •

**12 • PORT ROYAL** • 963 Galleon Drive • \$8,900,000 • Jerry Wachowicz 777-0741

**>\$10,000,000**  
**13 • PORT ROYAL** • 3045 Fort Charles Drive • \$12,950,000 • Michael Lawler 571-3939



**PARK SHORE** ▲ New construction home on Venetian Bay. Four bedrooms, library, game room, study, heated pool/spa, dock/hoist. **\$4,995,000**  
Michael Lawler | 571-3939



**PARK SHORE** ▲ Wide water views from recently updated, 2-story luxurious waterfront property offering 5 bedrooms, den and 6 baths. **\$4,495,000**  
Paula Sims/Julie Rembos | 262-6600



**PARK SHORE** ▲ Unobstructed Bay views! Graceful and expansive 2-story waterfront residence. Boat dock, 5BR/6BA plus den, pool. **\$4,295,000**  
Michael Lawler | 571-3939



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



**PARK SHORE** ▲ Ultimate waterfront, contemporary masterpiece with the highest quality finishes. Approx. 165 ft. on Venetian Bay. **\$3,995,000**  
Michael Lawler | 571-3939



**MOORINGS** ▲ Spectacular wide open bay views! Sparkling clean 5BR/5.5BA pool home. Smart house electronics/wiring. Dock with lift. **\$3,895,000**  
Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



**PARK SHORE** ▲ Architectural dream 4BR+den waterfront home! Expansive Bay views, totally refurbished in 2009, 40,000# boat lift. **\$3,850,000**  
Mark/Laura Maran | 777-3301



**MOORINGS - VISTA ROYALE** ▲ Unique waterfront villa with exquisite views. Private pool/spa. Balconies on every floor, Deeded boat slip with access to the Gulf. **\$3,495,000** Michael Lawler | 571-3939



**PARK SHORE - CASA MAR** ▲ Stunning villa, beautiful Gulf views, beachfront living, 4BR+den/loft with almost 5,000 SF living area. **\$2,675,000**  
Judy Perry/Linda Perry | 261-6161



**MOORINGS** ▲ Completely renovated! Western sunsets over Bowline Bay. Travertine marble, stainless appliances, granite counters. **\$2,250,000** Trey Wilson | 595-4444



**MOORINGS** ▲ Outstanding! Over 4,400 A/C SF, panoramic golf views, 5 bedrooms and gourmet kitchen. Three-car garage. **\$1,995,000**  
Michael Lawler | 571-3939



**MOORINGS - VILLAS OF FAIRWAY TERRACE** ▲ Old World Tuscan-styled 1 & 2-story homes by BCB Homes. Four different floor plans designed by Stofft Cooney Architects. From **\$1,695,000**  
Mark/Laura Maran/Jerry Wachowicz | 777-3301



**PARK SHORE** ▲ Waterfront property on Venetian Bay with 116' of water frontage with only 1 bridge to the Gulf. Close to the beach. **\$1,695,000**  
Michael Lawler | 571-3939



**COQUINA SANDS** ▲ Fabulous opportunity to build your dream home. Lot size is 113'x197'x110'x195' Close to beaches, shopping & dining. **\$1,640,000**  
Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



**SEAGATE** ▲ Waterfront living, walk to beach. Custom-designed 5BR/3.5BA + den 2-story pool home, 5,015 total sq. ft. Boat dock. **\$1,499,900**  
Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



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



**COQUINA SANDS** ▲ Two blocks to the beach from this beautiful setting. This 3 bedroom, 2 bath is in move-in condition. Furnished. **\$988,500**  
Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



**PARK SHORE - PELICAN POINT WEST** ▲ Overlooking Venetian Bay. Granite, wood cabinets, stainless appliances, 3BRs, 2BAs, balcony from master. **\$895,000**  
Paula Sims/Julie Rembos | 262-6600



**MOORINGS** ▲ 675 Harbour Drive Total renovation! Open plan 4BR has endless new features throughout. Outdoor area for entertaining, beach nearby. **\$862,500** Larry Roorda | 860-2534



**MOORINGS** ▲ Updated 4 BR, 2.5 BA home. Wood floors, mouldings, granite, SS appliances. Cast stone pool deck. Stunning views. **\$795,000** Mary Smallwood | 293-0349



**MOORINGS** ▲ Meticulously maintained 3BR/2BA home, large, elevated corner lot. Heated pool, convenient to beach, shops & dining. **\$765,000**  
Judy Perry/Linda Perry | 261-6161



**MOORINGS** ▲ Walk to private beach/park! Three bedroom professionally decorated & furnished. Oversized lot (98'x170') with pool. **\$749,000**  
Virginia/Randy Wilson | 450-9090



**PARK SHORE** ▲ Wonderfully maintained & renovated home with an elevation of 12.4'. Cozy family room, 3BR/2BA, walk to beach. **\$745,000**  
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**PARK SHORE** ▲ Lovely 3BR/2BA pool home. Walk to beach & shops. Very private, spacious screened pool area with large side yard. **\$725,000**  
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**PARK SHORE - PARK SHORE LANDINGS** ▲ 305 Park Shore Dr. #232 Completely remodeled 2BR+den. Bay views, boat docks for purchase/lease. Walk to beach. **\$695,000** Larry Roorda | 860-2534



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**PARK SHORE - PIEDMONT CLUB** ▲ Wonderful 3BR, 3BA direct bayfront location. Enjoy Naples famous sunsets & city night lights. Only 19 residences. **\$565,000** Patrick O'Connor | 293-9411



**PARK SHORE - PELICAN POINT I** ▲ Fabulous location! Three bedrooms, incredible views of Venetian Bay. Steps to beach, fine dining & shopping. **\$555,000**  
Paula Sims/Julie Rembos | 262-6600

### PARK SHORE

#### Single Family Homes

350 Neptunes Bight - Fountains grace entry of this 4BR+den two-level home. Overlooks bay. Leisure room, office, studio, pool/spa, dock. **\$3,995,000** Michael Lawler | 571-3939  
530 Neapolitan Way - Walk to beach, shops & dining! Quality remodeling, family room, 4BR/3.5BA+office. S. exposure pool, spa + hot tub. **\$875,000** Mitch/Sandra Williams | 370-8879  
626 Fountainhead Way - Beautifully kept 3 bedroom offers 2,500+ total SF & is completely renovated! Covered outside dining and large pool. **\$650,000** Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741

#### Condominiums/Villas

COLONADE 215 Colonade Circle - Beautifully remodeled 2BR+den "Delphi" villa. Glassed-in lanai, private elevator. Clubhouse, pool, spa, near beach. **\$825,000** Mimi Straub | 434-2424  
COLONADE 147 Colonade Circle - Gorgeous Delphi 3BR villa in private community. 2-car garage, private elevator, clubhouse, pool, spa, fitness ctr. **\$715,000** Judy Perry/Linda Perry | 261-6161  
COLONADE 137 Colonade Circle - "Athena" model with 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths. Marble floors, new kitchen cabinets, plantation shutters and 10' ceilings. **\$695,000** Linda Ohler | 404-6460  
COLONADE 235 Colonade Circle - Gated entry, beautiful 3BR/2.5BA, screened lanai with electric shutters, private elevator & garage. Walk to beach. **\$695,000** Linda Ohler | 404-6460 **NEW LISTING**  
PARK SHORE LANDINGS 355 Park Shore Drive #134 - Long Venetian Bay views, new carpet/paint. Corner 2 bedroom with windows on 3 sides for a light, bright interior. **\$549,000** Larry Roorda | 860-2534  
PELICAN POINT I 300 Park Shore Drive #2A - Serene views of Venetian Bay from recently updated 3 bedroom, 2 bath residence. Granite countertops, wood flooring. **\$545,000** Paula Sims/Julie Rembos | 262-6600

### PARK SHORE

#### Condominiums/Villas

PELICAN POINTE 300 Park Shore Drive #4C - Great price on this 2BR with Southern exposure, Bay views. Many updates. Turnkey furnished. **\$475,000** Sharon Kaltenborn/Terri Moellers | 404-7887  
PELICAN POINT 1 300 Park Shore Drive #3D - Lovely 2 bedroom, 2 bath turnkey furnished residence has wonderful bay views. Stroll to Venetian Village. **\$450,000** Paula Sims/Julie Rembos | 262-6600  
HARBORSIDE TERRACE 4280 Belair Lane - Just around the corner from shops & restaurants. Stand alone 3BR/2BA condominium, 3 exposures + sunny tiled lanai. **\$295,000** Judy Perry/Linda Perry | 261-6161  
BELAIR CLUB 3930 Belair Lane #104 - Truly stunning! Completely renovated, bright 2BR/2BA has garden view. Park Shore beach access membership available. **\$295,000** Keith Alexander | 250-5156  
JACARANDA 4082 Belair Lane #10 - This 3 bedroom plus glassed-in porch used as den is updated and in excellent condition. Wood and tile flooring. **\$274,500** Judy Perry/Penny Lyle | 261-6161  
PARK SHORE RESORT 600 Neapolitan Way #141 - Great location! Close to the beaches, Waterside, Mercato & downtown. Rental policy **\$174,900** Philip Mareschal | 269-6033  
PARK SHORE AREA - PARK WEST VILLAS 4708 West Blvd. Lovely 4 BR/2.5 BA villa. Updated bathrooms and kitchen. Pets upon approval. Minutes to beaches and shops. **\$359,000** Jeri Richey | 269-2203  
PARK SHORE AREA - PARK WEST VILLAS 4704 Park West Blvd. Lovely two-story villa with 2BRs, loft & 3rd bedroom on 2nd floor. Kitchen and bathrooms updated. Pets OK. **\$299,000** Jeri Richey | 269-2203  
**Lots**  
676 Fountainhead Way - Build your dream home here. Quiet neighborhood. Property is eligible for private Park Shore Beach access. **\$579,000** Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420

### COQUINA SANDS

670 Murex Drive - Exceptional property located close to beach shopping and more on a lovely street. Build your dream home here. **\$599,000** Steve Smiley | 298-4327

### MOORINGS

300 Bowline Drive - Rare opportunity for no bridge access to Gulf & S. exposure property with 122 ft. on the water, 4BR+den, pool/spa. **\$4,295,000** Michael Lawler | 571-3939  
373 Cuddy Court - Double lot waterfront residence with 100 ft. on the water, 4BR/3.5BA, solar heated pool & spa, boat dock with lift. **\$2,999,500** Michael Lawler | 571-3939  
265 Springline Drive - Attractively priced new waterfront home, 1/2 mile to private beach, boat lift with easy Gulf access. Pool & spa. **\$2,995,000** Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741  
298 Mooringline Drive - Exquisite waterfront home with S. exposure, 3BR/4BA's + office/den. Expansive lanai, dock with quick Gulf access. **\$2,695,000** Michael Lawler | 571-3939  
710 Starboard Drive - Luxury at every turn. Four BRs, island kitchen, six-burner gas stove, lanai, outdoor fireplace, pool. **\$2,495,000** Carolyn Weinand | 269-5678  
649 Bowline Drive - Huge lot, 5BR+den, 5 full and 2 half-baths. Home theatre with full bar. Guest suite/game room over 3-car garage. **\$1,997,000** Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552  
614 Bowline Drive - Extensive upgrades in this 4 BR, 5.5BA pool home. Interior repainted in fresh, lively colors. Marble/wood floors. **\$1,995,000** Angela R. Allen | 825-8494



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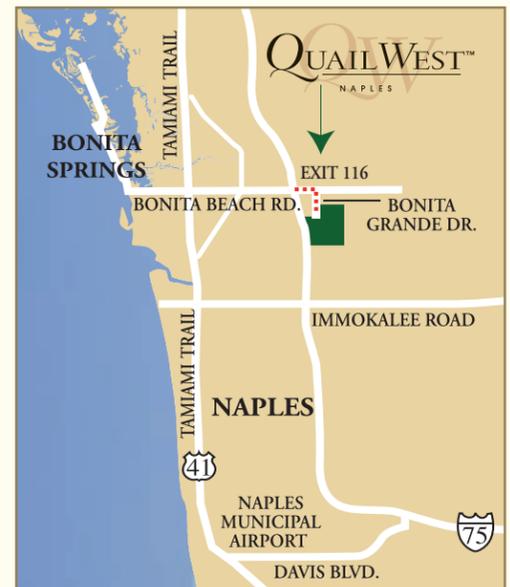
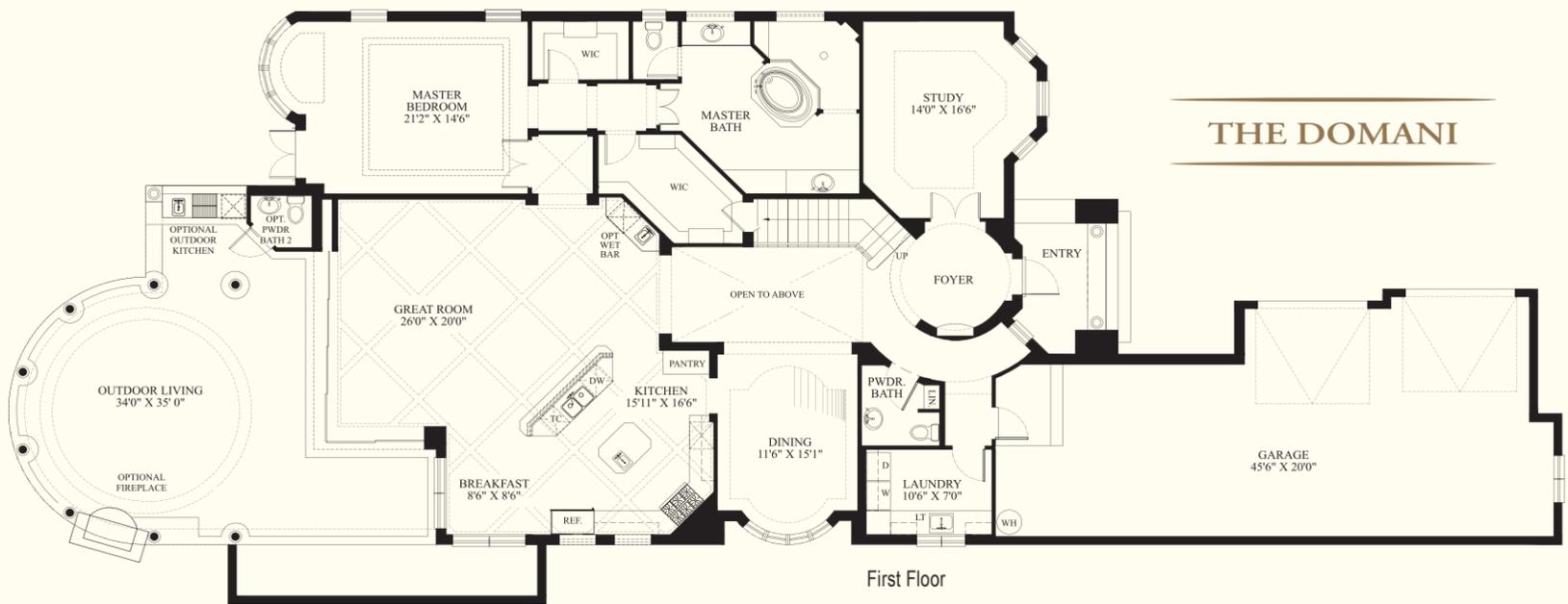


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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

WEEK OF APRIL 1-7, 2010

A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE



COURTESY IMAGE

Ringling Museum, Nic Provenzo

## Photo club goes 'underground' for first show

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The Naples Digital Photography Club, aka DPI-SIG, will have its first gallery show as part of Underground Art Wednesday coming up April 7. JuJo Gallery & Studio, one of more than a dozen stops on the monthly Underground Art Wednesday circuit, is hosting the exhibit of photos by DPI-SIG members. The public is invited to the opening reception from 5-9 p.m. in the gallery at 6088 Taylor Road.

Included in the show are nature photographs by Len Messineo, bodyscapes by RL Caron and works by Chuck McKinney using the new HDR concept. DPI-SIG members exploring new methods of printing their works will also have metallic prints and giclees on display. Many of the works will be for sale.

DPI-SIG members meet on the second Thursday of the month and also hold photo-opp outings on the third Saturday of every month. The next regular meeting is from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, April 8, in Building J on the Collier Campus of Edison State College. The topic for the evening is architecture/buildings; members are encouraged to e-mail photos for discussion no later than midnight Tuesday, April 6. For more information about DPI-SIG call Sonny Saunders at 777-0053, e-mail photo@naples.net or visit www.dpi-sig.org.

### About Underground Art Wednesday

The North Naples Arts Alliance invites art aficionados and novices as well as decorators and designers to explore the neighborhood of artists' studios and galleries during Underground Art Wednesday on the first Wednesday evening of each month, October through June.

Studios and galleries north of Pine Ridge Road and south of Trade Center Way between Taylor and Airport Pulling roads stay open until 9 p.m. for

SEE UNDERGROUND, C28 ▶

# girlyman



COURTESY PHOTO

The original Girlyman trio, left to right: Tylan Greenstein, Doris Muramatsu and Nate Borofsky

## ... just wanna have fun

BY NANCY THEORET

Special to Florida Weekly

IT'S RARE THESE DAYS WHEN BOB Goldman and his son agree on music. The boy is, after all, 15 years old, and like most teenagers, his musical tendencies have a harder edge than Dad, who prefers the likes of James Taylor, Jackson Brown and Jimmy Buffett.

But when father and son heard Girlyman perform aboard a singer/songwriter cruise last year, they were in perfect harmony: They knew the indie folk band would be the perfect fit for the Eden Florida annual benefit concert.

"My son is quite the musician, and it said a lot to me about the band that we could agree on this," Mr. Goldman recalls. "I had not heard three-part harmonies like that in a long, long time."

Mr. Goldman sought out the band's manager and soon had his headliner for the April 10 concert, which benefits Eden Autism Services Florida, a Naples-based nonprofit organization that provides consultation, early intervention and outreach to children and adults with autism and their families.

But Gig for Good also benefits local autism organization

### Playing for fun

Since forming nine years ago in their Brooklyn apartment, the trio—recently-turned-quartet has attracted legions of multi-generational "Girlyfans" like the Goldmans who love those three-part harmonies, on-stage improvisation and a sound hailed by critics as a boho blend of folk, country, pop and rock. The name and the music, says singer-songwriter-musician Nate Borofsky, symbolize the band's simple mission: having fun.

Mr. Borofsky met fellow band mates Tylan Greenstein and Doris Muramatsu at Sarah Lawrence College, but it wasn't until after graduation and a move to New York City the threesome entertained the idea of performing together.

"Our first rehearsal was Sept. 11, 2001," says Mr. Borofsky. "The events

SEE GIRLYMAN, C4 ▶

>>inside:  
What is Eden Autism Services?  
C4

## WEEK at-a-glance



### Go Red for Women

An afternoon with heart, and more for a good cause. C34-37 ▶



### Perfectly 'Crazy'

Theater critic Nancy Stetson says The Naples Players get everything just right in "Crazy Mary." C8 ▶



### Opening on Marco

One-woman show features colorful collages, encaustics inspired by travels to Asia and Africa. C23 ▶

**HOT TUB TIME MACHINE**  
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### Kick some past

Film critic Dan Hudak says "Hot Tub Time Machine" is worth the \$\$\$\$. C11 ▶

# SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

## An officer and a Southerner

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In Patricia O'Toole's brilliantly written work of non-fiction, "When Trumpets Call," the author takes a look at the life of Theodore Roosevelt after his presidency. TR, as Ms. O'Toole calls him, ventures to Africa to escape the American press core and so that his successor, William Howard Taft, might claim the spotlight. Ms. O'Toole writes that we know much about Mr. Taft's presidency from a military aide, Capt. Archibald Willingham Butt, who recorded his experiences at the White House in letters sent home to his family. Ms. O'Toole says the captain was "twice a gentleman," for he was both an officer and a Southerner.

She's captured it just right. When we think of a modern gentleman, the image often involves a uniform or a soft-spoken drawl. When Mr. Taft's Captain dressed in full regalia, he wore "epaulets, two columns of brass buttons, and a lasso's worth of gold braid slung over one shoulder." Sometimes he added a sword. Our military gentlemen do the same, with their pressed uniforms and burnished accessories. They also have the bonus of being clean-cut in a world of men with drooping bangs and tubs of styling wax by their bathroom sinks.

There is also a code to the behavior of

military and southern men, a refreshing chivalry that is surprising in our current era. These gentlemen open car doors and pick up the check; they curb their foul language and offer their seats. Despite all their upstanding behavior, they're still willing to brawl to defend a woman's honor.

Which is to say, they make a woman feel like a lady. Southern and military men have a keen understanding of their role in the world, and they have a fixed idea of how a woman should behave. If that includes making cornbread and pouring iced tea, all the better. If this is restrictive, it is also reassuring. These men come with a code, a fixed set of parameters, and a defined way of behaving that applies to themselves and to their women. It's tough to be a lady all the time, in the same way that being a gentleman is hard. Both demand a certain mindfulness — of behaviors, of mannerisms, of affectations. But all relationships take work, and I'd rather know the role I have to play than try to negotiate undefined terrain.

Of course, the mystique of officers and Southerners is often that — an illusion, the kind steeped in history and tradition but rarely lived in actuality. After all, men in the military still get divorced. An old

truism about Army aviators says that every pilot has two of three things: a pickup, a boat and an ex-wife. Last time I checked, Southern states still led the way in the nation's divorce rates, outdistancing our northern neighbors when it comes to severing the knot.



"An old truism about Army aviators says that every pilot has two of three things: a pickup, a boat and an ex-wife...."

But there is no denying the appeal of a man in uniform, especially one who knows the heat of a southern summer, the thick weight of southern humidity and the sweetness of life in the South. I'll take a soldier reared below the Mason-Dixon any day, preferably one with a pickup or a boat. ■

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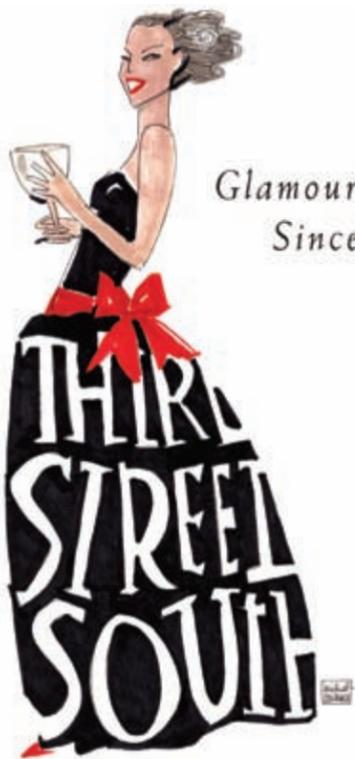


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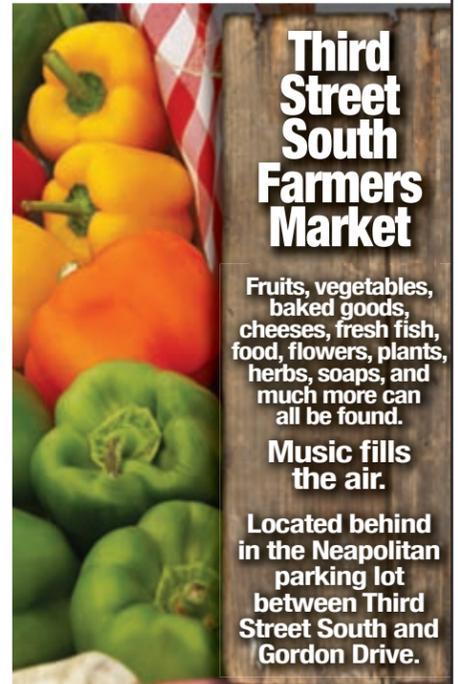
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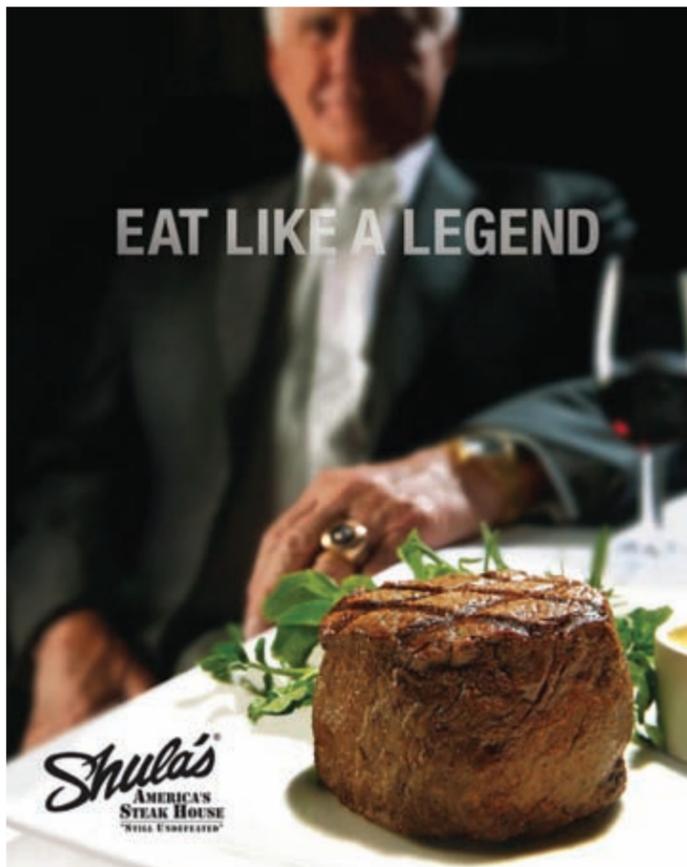
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## This week's theater

■ **In the Heights** - At the Philharmonic Center for the Arts at 8 p.m. through April 3. 597-1900.

■ **The Fourth Wall** - By The Marco Players April 7-25. [www.TheMarcoPlayers.com](http://www.TheMarcoPlayers.com).

■ **Sweet Charity** - By the Cypress Lake Center for the Arts at 7:30 p.m. March 31 at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. 481-4849.

■ **A Doll's House** - By the Gulfshore Playhouse at the Norris Center through April 11. 1-866-811-4111.

■ **Crazy Mary** - By the Naples Players at Sugden Community Theatre through April 17. 263-7990.

■ **Wooden Mouth** - By FGCU TheatreLab, written and directed by Barry Cavin, April 7-18. [www.theatrelab.fgcu.edu](http://www.theatrelab.fgcu.edu).

■ **Fiddler on the Roof** - By the Naples Players at the Sugden Community Theatre through April 3. 263-7990.

## This week's symphony

■ **Mozart & Mendelssohn** - The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra performs its Reaching Out Chamber No. 2 concert, Mozart & Mendelssohn, with Ashley Ragle Leigh, at 8 p.m. April 8 at Temple Shalom-Naples. 597-1900.

## Thursday, April 1

■ **Stars on Ice** - The Smuckers Stars on Ice tour performs at Germain Arena at 7:30 p.m. (800) 745-3000 or [www.starsonice.com](http://www.starsonice.com).



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**Pub Mustard** — an eclectic rock band with Steve Peterman and Brendon McDonnell on guitar and vocals, TJ Jones on bass and Marc Shapiro and Penn Outlaw on drums — will perform on stage across from the Pub at Mercato First Friday from 6-10 p.m. Friday, April 2. The lively monthly street party brings out the locals and visitors alike with live entertainment, food and drink specials, and dancing under the stars. Mercato First Friday is open to the public free of charge.

■ **Frankie Valli** - The original Jersey boy, Frankie Valli, performs with The Four Seasons at 8 p.m. at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. 481-4949.

■ **Funny Guy** - Ralphie May performs today through April 3 at the Off the Hook Comedy Club. 389-6900.

■ **Art Show** - The FGCU Art Gallery opens the 2010 annual Juried Art Student Exhibition with a reception with the artists from 5-7 p.m. The show runs through April 9. 590-7199.

■ **Piano Concert** - FGCU's Bower School of Music presents a free "Two-Piano Concert" at 7 p.m. at the Steinway Gallery, 28751 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs. 590-7209.

■ **Thursdays on Third** - Enjoy live music and free entertainment along with shopping and dining every Thursday evening between November and May on Third Street South. [www.thirdstreetsouth.com](http://www.thirdstreetsouth.com).

■ **Quiz Night** - The English Pub hosts Quiz Night at 8:30 p.m. 775-3727, 2408 Linwood Ave. East Naples. [www.naplesenglishpub.com](http://www.naplesenglishpub.com).

## Friday, April 2

■ **Friday Music** - Mercato hosts its First Friday Concert from 6-10 p.m. 403-2204.

■ **Garden Party** - Naples Botanical Garden hosts a Spring Series Event, First Call Friday, from 5-7 p.m. Enjoy happy hour garden-style as the William Noll Quartet takes the "stage" to perform live for listeners. Food and beverages are available for purchase at

the Café. Regular admission charged; free for members.

■ **Easter Music** - The Naples Orchestra and Chorus, conducted by Robert Herrema, presents "The Seven Last Words of Christ" at Moorings Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. Free admission. 348-0938.

■ **The Beach Boys** - The popular musical group performs at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. 481-4849.

■ **Weekend Concerts** - Gulf Coast Town Center offers its free Weekend Concert Series in Market Plaza from 7-9 p.m. Tonight: Classic hits by the Rob & Tommy Duo. 267-0783 or [gulfcoasttowncenter.com](http://gulfcoasttowncenter.com).

## Saturday, April 3

■ **Stand-up Show** - Comedian Ron "Tater Salad" White performs at 7 and 10 p.m. at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. 481-4849.

■ **Bunny Breakfast** - Miromar Outlets hosts Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at 10 a.m. in the Restaurant Piazza. \$4 per child. Seating is limited. RSVP is required by April 2 to the Mall Office, 948-3766.

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■ **Chess Anyone?** - The Southwest Florida Chess Club invites players of all ages and abilities to gather at Books-A-Million at Mercato from 1:30-5 p.m. 898-0458 or e-mail [swflchess@yahoo.com](mailto:swflchess@yahoo.com).



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Actress Beth Hylton is fitted for her costume by designer Cheryl McCarron for "A Doll's House" presented by the Gulfshore Playhouse through April 11.

# WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

## Sunday, April 4

■ **Water Ski Show** - A free water ski show by the Southern Extreme Water-Ski Team starts at 4 p.m. every Sunday at Miromar Outlets near the Restaurant Piazza.

## Monday, April 5

■ **It's Hollywood** - Neil Berg's "100 Years of Hollywood" starts at 8 p.m. at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900.

■ **Love Trivia?** - The Pub at Mercato has Trivia Night every Monday at 7:30 p.m. 594-9400.

## Tuesday, April 6

■ **Book Signing** - Author Tracy Trivas has a book signing for new children's book "The Wish Stealers" at 7 p.m. at Barnes & Noble in Waterside Shops. 598-5200.

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

## Wednesday, April 7

■ **Comedy Show** - The Art League of Bonita Springs hosts "Live at the Promenade!... Naples City Improv" at 7:30 p.m. at the Promenade at Bonita Bay, 26811 S Bay Dr. \$20 members, \$25 non-members, \$30 at the door. Enjoy theater games and routines. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ **Acrobats Aplenty** - The Peking Acrobats perform at 8 p.m. at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900.

■ **Photo Show** - The Naples Digital Photography Club hosts a reception for its first gallery show at the Ju-Jo gallery, 6088 Taylor Rd., Naples, from 5-9 p.m. The club meets on the second Thursday of the month. www.dpi-sig.org, or 777-0053.

■ **Pirate Night** - Join The English Pub every Wednesday for Pirate Night and Hermit Crab Races as well as live entertainment at 6:30 p.m. 775-3727 or www.naplesenglishpub.com.

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

■ **Song Night** - Wednesdays are Singer/Songwriter Night from 7-10 p.m. at Fred's Diner, 2700 Immokalee Road, Naples. 431-7928 or www.fredsiner.com.

## Upcoming events

■ **Freight Train Tour** - Alan Jackson performs with Josh Turner and Chris Young at 7 p.m. April 8 at Germain Arena. www.germainarena.com.

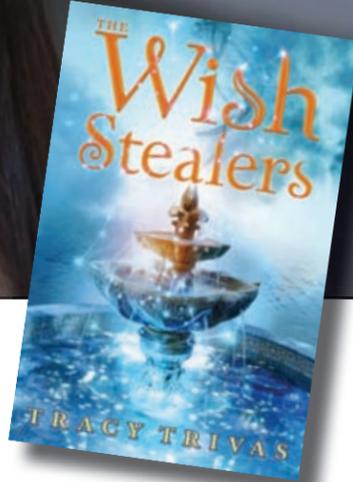
■ **Doo Wop Tunes** - Little Anthony & the Imperials and Jay & the Americans perform at 8 p.m. April 8 at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900.

■ **Singer & Dancer** - Chita Rivera performs at 8 p.m. April 9 at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900.



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First-time children's author Tracy Trivas will discuss and sign copies of "The Wish Stealers" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, at Barnes & Noble in Waterside Shops. Ms. Trivas' first adult non-fiction book, "A Princess Found," was named by School Library Journal as a 2009 Best Adult Book for High School Students.



■ **Adams Exhibit** - The Art League of Bonita Springs opens "Ansel Adams: Early Works" from 6-8 p.m. April 9 at the Center for the Arts, 26100 Old 41 Road. The campus of the Center for the Arts is open to visitors with faculty and students displaying and selling their artwork. The exhibit runs through May 1. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ **Artist Cottages** - Artists greet visitors from 5-8 p.m. April 9 at Bonita's Riverside Park in the scenic riverside cottages on Old 41.

■ **Outdoor Concert** - The Claire Lynch Band, with opening act Frontline Bluegrass, performs April 10 at Cambier Park. Music starts at 7 p.m. 287-2035. Suggestion donation \$10 to help bring the new giraffe exhibit to the Zoo.

■ **Dancing Horses** - The Southwest Florida Dressage Association has its final show of the 2009-2010 season from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 10 at the Lee Civic Center on Old Bayshore Road in North Fort Myers. www.swfda.org.

■ **Museum Event** - Enjoy coffee with the Curator at 10 a.m. April 10 at the Patty & Jay Baker Naples Museum of Art with Michael Culver, who will be your guide through the exhibitions

marking the museum's 10th anniversary season. Afterward, adjourn to the Dome for coffee and conversation. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

■ **Chorus Fundraiser** - The Barron Collier High School Chorus holds a fundraiser with an Austrian flair to raise funds for a trip to Austria this summer at 5 and 7 p.m. April 11 at Skillet's restaurant, 4170 Tamiami Trail N. Cost is \$25 per person. 377-1360 or 514-8764.

■ **Outdoor Concert** - The Bonita Springs Concert Band performs at 2 p.m. April 11 at Bonita's Riverside Park on Old 41. www.bonitaspringsconcertband.com

■ **Bach Ensemble** - The Naples Opera Society presents the Bach Ensemble with a chamber orchestra in J.S. Bach's Coffee Cantata at 7:30 p.m. April 13 at the Norris Center, 775 8th Ave. South. Free to the public; donation appreciated. 598-6110.

■ **Disney Show** - "Beauty and the Beast" is performed April 13-18 at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. 481-4849.

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The Claire Lynch Band will perform from 7-10 p.m. Saturday, April 10, in the bandshell at Cambier Park. Naples' own Frontline Bluegrass will be the opening act. Although admission is free, donations will be welcome to benefit the giraffe habitat project at The Naples Zoo. The concert is partially underwritten by Wynn's Catering, Flamingo Island Flea Market and Rembrandt Painting. Food and beverages from Fred's Diner will be for sale.

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## THEATER REVIEW

## Crazy about 'Crazy Mary'

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Randomly assemble a group of people together, and odds are you'll gather individuals who — if they're honest enough to admit it — have been hurt in life and want to be loved.

It's the human condition.

And playwright A.R. Gurney is a pro at dissecting the human condition, commenting on it by examining the lives of affluent WASPs from the Northeast.

"Crazy Mary," playing at the Sugden Community Theatre, is one of Mr. Gurney's more recent forays into the minefields of money and family.

The titular character, movingly played by Naples Players veteran Ann Hoover, has been living in an upscale psychiatric institution for three decades, with an extremely generous trust fund ensuring that she's very well provided for.

But then there's a death in the family, and Lydia (Diane Davis), a second cousin once removed, becomes Mary's legal guardian. She and her son Skip (Chris Valente), a Harvard student, make a visit to see how Mary is faring.

Though they played together as girls, you get the distinct impression that Lydia is more interested in the money than her cousin's welfare; after all, her husband has left her and she's selling real estate in Buffalo. She longs for a Lexus and "to fly to Europe first class every other year, like my parents did."

Ms. Davis plays Lydia with equal parts bitchiness and anxiety. She possesses an irritating sense of entitlement, but the chinks in her armor reveal a writhing insecurity.

"Money helps," she declares at one point. "It helps you live. It helps you breathe." In another scene, she tells her son that "money helps you get friends," though she doesn't elaborate on the dependability of a friendship that can be bought.

Ms. Davis's portrayal is highly entertaining, whether she's knocking back a pill to calm her nerves or nagging her son about becoming a doctor or lawyer.

Though the play's called "Crazy Mary," the psychiatrist, Jerome (Vic Caroli), and nurse, Pearl (Erin Laughlin), affectionately refer to the title character as "our Mary" and "our girl." They appear to have a closer relationship to her than her family does.



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Ann Hoover, a veteran of productions by The Naples Players, stars as the title character in "Crazy Mary."

Mr. Caroli, always a pleasure to see on stage, plays a laid-back therapist in Birkenstocks, earring and a small silver braid. (Hats off to Ulla Dooze for such on-target costume design.) While Jerome's concern appears genuine, he also seems to want to use Mary for gain. Mary has so much money that some of it is regularly diverted for other purposes.

Further muddying already murky ethical waters, Jerome wants to write a book about Mary.

Director Paul Graffy has Jerome sit on the sidelines at times, watching and taking notes while Mary and her family interact. He's so genial, he seems harmless, yet you can't help but wonder if he's using Mary for his own benefit.

Ms. Laughlin plays nurse Pearl as a woman with fierce determination. Very protective of Mary, she looks after her almost as if the patient is her child. And Ms. Laughlin has some golden comedic moments, such as when she's pressured into putting on an Irish accent. (In the original production, Pearl was played

by a woman of color, which most likely made those scenes even more hilarious.)

With his perfectly coiffed and high-lighted hair, Mr. Valente competently plays the privileged son who doesn't even recognize how good he has it. He wants to abandon his studies at Harvard and become a farmer. I wasn't sure if this is a genuine desire, or if Mr. Gurney is trying to show us how self-deceived the young man is. It's difficult to imagine Skip working the land; he doesn't seem the type willing to do hard manual labor or get dirt under his nails, let alone allow a lock of hair to stray out of place.

(When Skip falls in love, I would have liked to be more convinced of that too. But Mr. Valente's character is very earnest, and his tiffs with his mother ring true.)

Ms. Hoover as Mary is simply astounding. In a powerful portrayal that has to be one of her best performances, she displays a breathtaking emotional nakedness.

When we first meet her, Mary is eerily uncommunicative, almost catatonic, though we can see a glimpse of something inside, something that doesn't quite swim to the surface. As the play progresses, she blossoms — sometimes with unexpectedly humorous results.

As Mary becomes much more engaged with those around her, they refer to Charles Dickens's phrase, "recalled to life." Her psychiatrist thinks her new meds could be responsible, but it seems that the playwright is simply showing us the simple power of positive attention and love. Perhaps it's easier to be recalled to life if there's someone doing the recalling.

Director Mr. Graffy has done an excellent job with this play, beginning with casting; these are the perfect actors for their roles. He's drawn nuanced performances out of them, providing us with both pathos and humor. The actors play their roles seriously, not going for an easy laugh. They get the tone exactly right.

Pat Ashton's set is also perfect: a lovely sitting room that betrays its institutional purposes. There's elegant yet nondescript wallpaper on the walls, but also a bulletin board with notices and a lit "EXIT" sign over the door. Mr. Aston has paid careful attention to detail; when doors are opened, we can see painted hallways with artwork on the walls, and there's even a water sprinkler system in the ceiling in case of fire.

You believe that these characters have a life that continues on even after they leave the Tobye's small stage.

Not only does Mr. Gurney's unusual little play make us laugh and cry, it also leaves us with plenty of food for thought.

In one dramatic scene, one character accuses another of being "eager for love."

Aren't we all?

That's what Mr. Gurney seems to be saying.

That, and look at how life changes when we're loved for who we are. ■

## in the know

- >> **What:** "Crazy Mary"
- >> **When:** through April 17
- >> **Where:** The Tobye Studio at the Sugden Community Theatre, 701 Fifth Ave. S., Naples
- >> **Tickets:** \$20 (\$10 for students 18 and younger)
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## GIVING

### Immokalee Readers pairs youngsters with high schoolers for tutoring

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Tim Wright never imagined that he would enjoy reading to kids. But this year, the 18-year-old Immokalee High School senior began tutoring second-grade students through Immokalee Readers, and he enjoys every minute of it.

The after-school program sponsored by The Immokalee Foundation matches 37 high school-aged tutors with more than 130 children from kindergarten through second grade for intensive reading lessons that complement instruction the young students receive during their regular school day. It is one of many programs offered by The Immokalee Foundation to foster educational success.

Mr. Wright's tutorial efforts have paid off in many ways.

"I wasn't the type of person to sit and read," he says. "But since I've been reading with the kids, it makes me want to read and share what I've read and talk about the books we want to read. These kids don't really read at home, so they can brush up on their reading skills here."

Patricia Nunez manages the Immokalee Readers program for the foundation and believes it's ideal for the children being tutored as well as for those doing the tutoring.

The average reading level of a ninth grader is approximately fourth or fifth grade, Ms. Nunez says. When the first significant test of reading is conducted in third grade, she adds, results show that Immokalee students are far behind the average reading level.

"This program changes that," she says about Immokalee Readers. "They read at grade level and many read one grade higher. They are so proud."

There are academic benefits for the high school tutors as well. The tutors have to maintain a 2.5 grade point average to participate. "They have also shown improvements in overall reading proficiency and gain professional experience in the classroom," Ms. Nunez says.

The reading program helps put all of the elementary students on the right academic path as well. Aligned with Sunshine State Standards, it helps ensure that all students are reading at grade level by the third grade. Because many Immokalee students use other languages at home, the additional training in English-language usage is especially important.

"If they can't read, they can't excel in life," Mr. Wright says. "Watching their reading scores increase is thrilling. They are comprehending what we are teaching."

The young children also celebrate their success. During the holidays, tutors hosted parties at three Immokalee elementary schools and gave each participant two books for their home libraries.

"At any other place, it's just a book," Ms. Nunez said. "But for these kids it's not just a gift, it's changing their future."

Mr. Wright is also appreciative of his experience. His affiliation with the tutoring program and The Immokalee Foundation has increased his own confidence. He plans to pursue a degree in Web design at the University of South Florida.

"I feel encouraged," he says. "They've helped me a lot. The Immokalee Foundation points me in the right direction. Being around these kids gives me a clear idea of what I want to do in life."

The success of the program is established twice a year when Collier County Public Schools administers the FAIR reading test, a state-recognized test for younger students that evaluates reading readiness, comprehension and word recognition. Every year, the children gain proficiency in all areas.

Immokalee Readers isn't the only successful program sponsored by The Immokalee Foundation. Since 1991, the foundation has been creating pathways to success for Immokalee's children through a variety of programs that focus on mentorship, after-school activities, college scholarships, the development of vocational skills and incentives for educational growth.

In 2009, The Immokalee Foundation served 2,700 children through its seven core programs: Take Stock in Children, Vocational Success, College Success, Direct Scholarships, The First Tee of Naples/Collier Program in Immokalee, Immokalee Readers and Community Grants.

Volunteers help mentor the high-school tutors and assist in the day-to-day operation of the program. Individuals can also get involved by supporting a student for \$500 per year.

*For more information about becoming involved in the Immokalee Readers program, call 430-9122, e-mail [info@immokaleefoundation.org](mailto:info@immokaleefoundation.org) or visit [www.immokaleefoundation.org](http://www.immokaleefoundation.org).* ■



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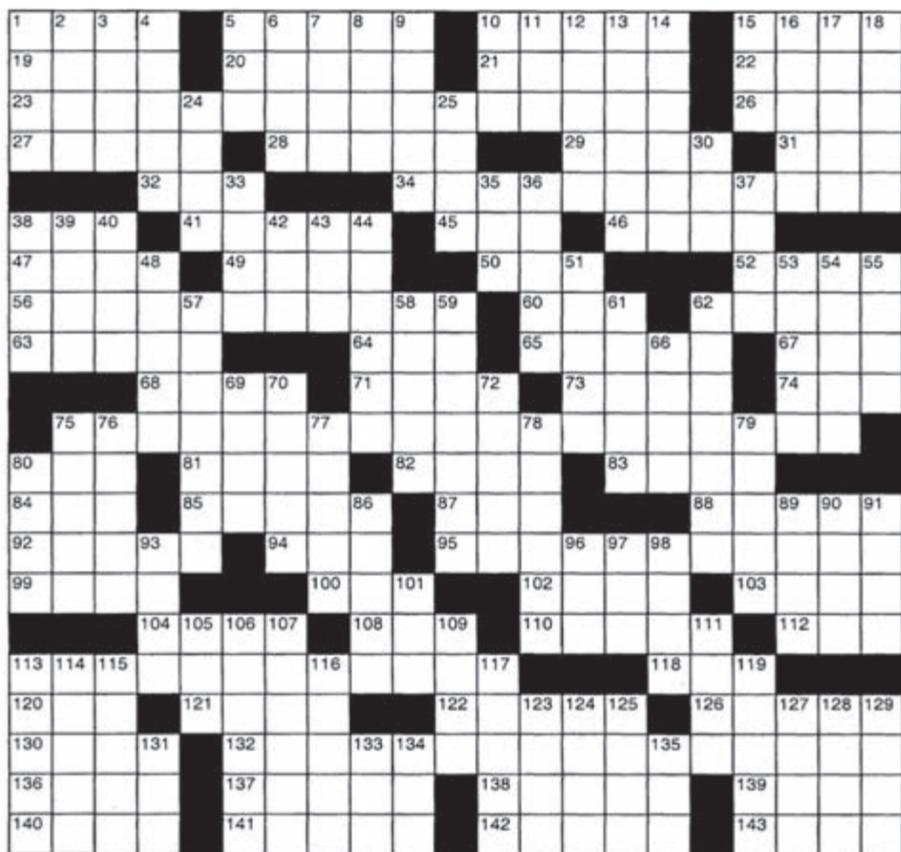
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  - 19 "Carmen" highlight
  - 20 Absinthe ingredient
  - 21 Parcel out
  - 22 Oklahoma city
  - 23 Romance?
  - 26 Stubbs or Strauss
  - 27 Sound from 1 Down
  - 28 Dutch artist
  - 29 Scheme
  - 31 Cavity
  - 32 Eggy beverage
  - 34 Count the fish?
  - 38 Make believe
  - 41 Scandinavian
  - 45 Novelist Radcliffe
  - 46 Prepare prunes
  - 47 Some underwear
  - 49 Coat material
  - 50 Comic DeLuise
  - 52 Marion of "Happy Days"
  - 56 Stifle Dad?
  - 60 Steak trimmings
  - 62 Graceful girl
  - 63 Clean the sink
  - 64 GI's address
  - 65 Straight from the garden
  - 67 Historical period
  - 68 Khartoum's river
  - 71 Likable Lee
  - 73 "Dies —"
  - 74 Prepare to shoot
  - 75 Write a novel?
  - 80 Pantry item
  - 81 Talbot or Naldi
  - 82 Part of MIT
  - 83 Concerning
  - 84 Furrow
  - 85 Statistical focus
  - 87 Long or Peeples
  - 88 Chew the scenery
  - 92 Monroe's successor
  - 94 Go downhill fast
  - 95 Recess?
  - 99 Lurid Lugosi
  - 100 Congeal
  - 102 Cheeseboard choice
  - 103 Munich mister
  - 104 Incites Rover
  - 108 Vapor
  - 110 Cavalry weapon
  - 112 "Well, I'll be!"
  - 113 Hire a caterer?
  - 118 Wordless greeting
  - 120 Literary collection
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  - 122 Metrical feet
  - 126 Declaim
  - 130 Actor Arnaz
  - 132 Improve?
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  - 137 Mountain nymph
  - 138 "— Gay" ("83 film)
  - 139 Puppeteer Tony
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  - 141 Mitigated words
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  - 143 Collar feature
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- 1 It becomes ewe?
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  - 10 "Fie!"
  - 11 Ginger —
  - 12 Murdered
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  - 77 "Big" star
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  - 97 Super, for short
  - 98 Harbinger
  - 101 Eastern "Way"
  - 105 Common contraction
  - 106 Sand flea
  - 107 Lady of Spain
  - 109 — milk
  - 111 Carrot or parsnip
  - 113 Scout's honor?
  - 114 Ryan of "Barry Lyndon"
  - 115 "Wonder-wall" rockers
  - 116 Java joints
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## HOROSCOPES

### ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

A problem in getting a workplace project up and moving might upset the Lamb, who likes things done on time. But be patient. The delay could turn out to be a blessing in disguise.

### TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

Your instincts are usually on the mark, so if you feel uneasy about being asked for advice on a certain matter, it's probably a good idea that you opt not to comply with the request.

### GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

You might have two minds about a proposed change (which often happens with the Twins), but once all the facts are in, you'll be able to make a definitive decision. Good luck.

### CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

The Crab's frugal aspect dominates, so while you might be reluctant to pay for technical repairs, the time you save in getting things back on track could be well worth the expense.

### LEO (July 23 to August 22)

While you Leos and Leonas continue to concentrate on doing well in your work-related ventures this week, consider reserving the weekend for sharing good times with family and friends.

### VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)

This is a good week to take stock of the important personal, professional or familial relationships in your life and see where you might need to do some intense shoring up.

### LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)

Your sense of justice makes you the likely person to help deal

with a work- or family-related grievance. But you need to have any doubts about anyone's true agenda resolved first.

### SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)

The Scorpio passion for getting things done right and on time might rankle some folks. Never mind them. Others will be impressed, and they're the ones you want in your corner.

### SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)

Finances could be a mite tight this week. And, while things will ease up soon enough, you savvy Sagittarians will want to keep a prudent eye on your expenses at this time.

### CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)

Although a technical malfunction could cause a temporary delay in getting things up and running, you could use the time to recheck your operation and make changes where necessary.

### AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)

You might find it difficult to resist making a snap judgment about a colleague's behavior. But stick with your usual way of assessing situations and wait for the facts to come out.

### PISCES (February 19 to March 20)

Asking for help with a family situation might be the wisest course to take right now. Just be sure you turn to someone you can trust to do and say the right thing for the right reasons.

### BORN THIS WEEK:

People see in you a born leader whom they can follow and put their trust in.

By Linda Thistle

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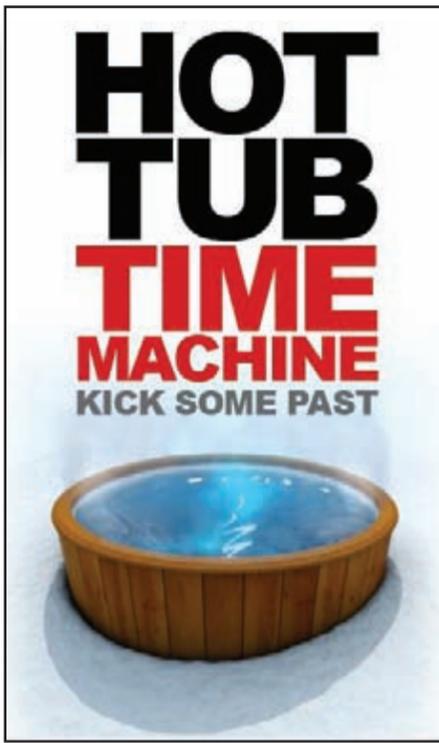
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# LATEST FILMS

## 'Hot Tub Time Machine'



★ ★ ★  
Is it worth \$10? Yes



"Hot Tub Time Machine."  
What a great title. You know with a title this ridiculous, this suggestively sophomoric and juvenile, that a comedy with epic potential awaits. And while it's not "epic" in any regard, it does satisfy the desire for crude guy humor and solid laughs. If you're expecting anything else, you're dumber than the movie.

Adam (John Cusack), Nick (Craig Robinson) and Lou (Rob Corddry) were great friends in the '80s, but have since drifted apart. Put another way, their lives now suck. So in an effort to cope with Adam's latest breakup, Nick's bossy wife and Lou's suicide attempt, the men drive with Adam's nephew Jacob (Clark Duke) to the ski resort at which they shared their best moments in the '80s.

They party. They get drunk and ingest a variety of substances. And they have fun in their hot tub, which magically goes from run-down and gross to pristine. When they wake up, it's 1986. How do they know? "Alf" is on television. Ronald Reagan is president. Michael Jackson is black. There are "Where's the beef?" T-shirts and walkmans with cassette players everywhere.

For reasons only drunken idiots could deduce, the guys, who are seen by others as teenagers, believe they have to do things exactly the same way they did 20 years earlier or the "butterfly effect" will change the future. Thought: If the future/present is so awful for them, shouldn't they want to change everything? They of course come to this realization eventually, and the story plays out in fairly predictable ways.

Director Steve Pink keeps the laughs coming at a steady pace, but the laugh-out-loud moments could/should come more often than they do. Whenever Mr. Corddry is on screen the movie is funnier thanks to his frenzied energy. Watch the way Lou (nicknamed "Violator" by Adam) intensely observes the bellhop (Crispin Glover) as he anticipates a grotesque severing of the bellhop's arm — it's bloodthirsty and hilarious.

The movie runs into trouble when the guys aren't on screen together, and each experiences personal drama: Adam likes talking to a journalist (Lizzy Caplan), Nick deals with his wife's (Kellee Stewart) infidelity with an ill-advised drunk dial, Lou gets beaten up and Jacob tries to keep the attention of an ominous custodian (Chevy Chase). Each of these moments has potential, but none are as funny as they should be, which causes lapses in laughter.

Four friends, one hot tub, plenty of sex/nudity, '80s jokes, crass guy humor. For some men, this will be one of the greatest movies of all-time, ranked closely behind "The Hangover." I'm here to tell you "Hot Tub Time Machine" isn't "The Hangover" funny, but it is funny enough for a good time. ■

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**Did you know?**  
»»Craig Robinson reminisces about the '80s: "I really wanted a Jheri Curl, and my parents wouldn't let me get one. A lot of my friends had 'em. I remember the day my cousin came over and his curl was just glowing and glistening and dripping. Oh, it was fantastic!"

## CAPSULES

REVIEWED BY DAN HUDAK  
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### Greenberg ★★

(Ben Stiller, Greta Gerwig, Rhys Ifans) Mentally unstable New Yorker Roger Greenberg (Stiller) visits Los Angeles to housesit for his vacationing brother (Chris Messina) and begins a relationship with his brother's personal assistant (Gerwig). This drama from writer/director Noah Baumbach ("Margot at the Wedding") is a welcome departure from comedy for Mr. Stiller, and his naturally awkward screen presence is perfect for his performance here. But like the rest of the characters, Roger isn't very likeable, and the story

goes nowhere for 107 aimless minutes. Rated R.

### City Island ★★★½

(Andy Garcia, Julianna Margulies, Steven Strait) Everyone in the Rizzo household has secrets, especially patriarch Vince (Garcia), who brings an ex-con (Strait) home to live with his family and is taking acting classes. It's not a bad movie, but the premise is difficult to believe and writer/director Raymond De Felitta can never decide whether it's a comedy or drama. Whatever it's supposed to be, it doesn't work as either. Still, good performances from Mr. Garcia and Ms. Margulies allow the movie to get better as it goes. Rated PG-13.

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## BEACH READING

## Dorothy Mills throws strikes in book on baseball history

**"Chasing Baseball,"** by Dorothy Seymour Mills. McFarland. 258 pages. \$39.95.

BY PHILIP K. JASON  
Special to Florida Weekly

Naples resident Dorothy Mills has had a distinguished career as a writer of children's books and historical novels. Until recently, her career as a trailblazer in the field of baseball history was relatively unknown. Her biography, "A Woman's Work: Writing Baseball History with Harold Seymour" (2004), allowed her to step out of the shadows and gain recognition as her first husband's partner in the momentous three-volume history of baseball published by Oxford University Press.

Her new book, "Chasing Baseball: Our Obsession with Its History, Numbers, People, and Places," presents not only a wide array of information about the national pastime, but also the author's views on the relationship between baseball and American values.

"Chasing Baseball" is two books in one. Part one, "A Manly Pursuit," examines the values of the game as a reflection of national character understood as manly traits. Also in this section, Mrs. Mills details the contrast between what she

labels "The Amateur Spirit," in which participation derives from a true love of the sport, and the business of professional baseball, in which those essential values have been compromised, if not obliterated, over many decades of growth. When the dollar rules, fair play often does not. For the amateur, the joy of competing is everything; for the professional and certainly for the team owner, the bottom line — winning and its cash rewards — is what it's all about.

Throughout her discussion, Mrs. Mills draws upon her vast learning and her story-telling skills, allowing readers to see and feel the broader, more abstract issues. Her book is at once friendly and philosophical, colorful and educational. Many myths about baseball are undermined, including the one about the sport being invented by Abner Doubleday in Cooperstown, N.Y.

#### A reflection on the whole

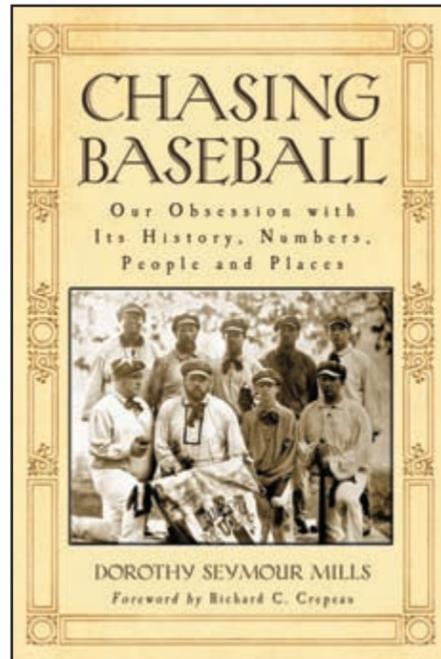
In part two, "A Womanly Pursuit," Mrs. Mills blends new information with passionate concern. Here, she examines in detail the relatively unknown history of women's participation in baseball, both as amateurs

and as professionals. As one might expect, the story of women in baseball is the story of a woman's place in American life writ small. Mrs. Mills inspires us with the



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Dorothy Mills



women who wished to play, there have always been plenty of female athletes who could run, bat, pitch and field with great skill.

She also covers much more ground, including the world of baseball fandom as reflected in artifact collecting, fantasy games and related pursuits. She includes overviews of major books, films and other representations of baseball's history and place since its beginnings in the mid-19th century.

"Chasing Baseball"— at once scholarly and accessible, erudite and ram-bunctious — is a delight. As the national sport and the manly pursuit, baseball has reflected the strong connection between national character and manly virtues. For so long a game reserved for men, baseball's history, as Mrs. Mills relates it, is a useful lens through which to view the larger history of gender discrimination in American life — a history that includes authorship credit as well.

The book is available at [www.mcfarlandpub.com](http://www.mcfarlandpub.com) and at conventional and online book dealers.

For more about the author, for whom the Naples chapter of the Society for American Baseball Research is named, see [www.dorothyjanemills.com](http://www.dorothyjanemills.com).

— Neapolitans will be able to meet author Dorothy Mills on Saturday, April 10, when she joins the many authors exhibiting along Fifth Avenue South during the Naples Authors and Books Festival. For more information, visit [www.authorsandbooksfestival.org](http://www.authorsandbooksfestival.org).

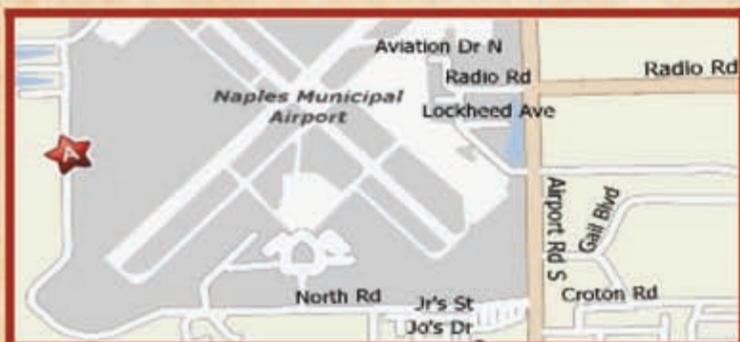


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## President Clinton headlines the Phil's 2011 Speaker Series

James Earl Jones to appear with orchestra for opening-night gala

William Jefferson Clinton, founder of the William J. Clinton Foundation and the 42nd president of the United States, will headline the Philharmonic Center for the Arts' 2011 Speaker Series. Also appearing will be Steve Forbes, editor-in-chief of Forbes magazine, and Jane Goodall, pioneering anthropologist and founder of the Jane Goodall Institute.



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March 8, 2011. His speech will be fol-

lowed by questions and answers with the audience.

The 2011 Speaker Series and other events scheduled for the 2010-11 season were announced recently by Myra Janco Daniels, founder and CEO of the Phil. Other highlights of the coming season include:

- James Earl Jones will join the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra for the season's opening-night gala on Saturday, Nov. 6, narrating "Lincoln Portrait" and other selections

- The orchestra will also perform special concerts with violin master Itzhak Perlman and baritone Dmitri Hvorostovsky.

- "9 to 5 The Musical" will highlight the Best of Broadway series, and other headliners will include flutist James Galway, blues legend B.B. King, comedian Bill Cosby, pop star Michael Bolton and crooner Julio Iglesias.

Mrs. Daniels also announced that beginning next season, Sarasota Opera will become the Resident Opera Com-



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pany of the Philharmonic Center, performing a series of programs accompanied by the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra. Sarasota Opera Artistic Director Victor DeRenzi will conduct "La Cenerentola" and "La Bohème" and part of the season.

Mrs. Daniels also reviewed the fiscal health of the Philharmonic Center. "Despite the economic downturn, we are having a good year, which demonstrates this community's commitment to the arts," she said, adding the Phil's endowment has increased by \$7.7 million since last June, she said. She also announced a new fundraising drive called "Together We Can Do It!"

In addition, she said the Naples Museum of Art is in the process of acquiring a major art collection from "one of the pre-eminent women artists of the 20th century." Details will be announced soon.

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- April 29: The Royal Male: A look at the historical influences on men's fashion by notable royal gentlemen
- May 13: Royal Fashions & Faux Pas: The royal fashions we followed — and those we didn't
- May 27: Elizabethan Style: Royal style from Queen Elizabeth I to the current monarch, Queen Elizabeth II
- June 10: Royal Jewels: A look at the fashions and styles of royal rocks
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Here's some of what's coming up at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. For more information or to order tickets, call 597-1900 or visit [www.thephil.org](http://www.thephil.org).

### '100 Years of Hollywood'

Neil Berg's "100 Years of Hollywood," a musical revue that features a cast of five of Broadway's greatest singers, takes the stage at 8 p.m. Monday, April 5. Following the fantastic response to last season's "101 Years of Broadway," creator Neil Berg brings Tinseltown to Naples in a show that will delight audiences of all ages. The cast will perform favorite songs from classic films and movie musicals including "Breakfast at Tiffany's," "Casablanca," "The Wizard of Oz," "Goldfinger," "Titanic," "New York, New York," "Moulin Rouge" and "Dreamgirls."

Tickets are \$45.



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"100 Years of Hollywood"

### 'Caveman' looks at gender gap

The longest-running solo play in Broadway history comes to the Phil for one show only on Tuesday, April 6. With hilarious insight on contemporary feminism, masculine sensitivity and the erogenous zones, "Defending the Caveman" mines the common themes in relationships that go straight to the funny bone while warming the heart.

Written by comedian Rob Becker over a three-year period that included an informal study of psychology, sociology and prehistory, "Defending the Caveman" is full of scenarios that celebrate the differences between men and women.

Tickets are \$49.

### Peking Acrobats thrill audiences

The Peking Acrobats bring their 2,000-year-old tradition of acrobatics to the Phil for one performance at 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 7. The troupe thrills audiences with a show that, the Los Angeles Times raved, "regularly passed from the seemingly impossible to the virtually unbelievable."

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The Peking Acrobats

instruments, creating the excitement and festive pageantry of a Chinese carnival.

Tickets are \$39.

### Rock legends come together

Little Anthony & The Imperials and Jay & The Americans perform together at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 8. Fresh from

their 2009 induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Little Anthony & The Imperials are back on the road, delighting audiences with such memorable hits as "Tears on My Pillow," "Goin' Out of My Head" and "Hurt So Bad." Also on the bill: Jay & The Americans, one of rock's greatest vocal groups, whose dozen Top 10 records include Only in America, Come a Little Bit Closer and This Magic Moment.

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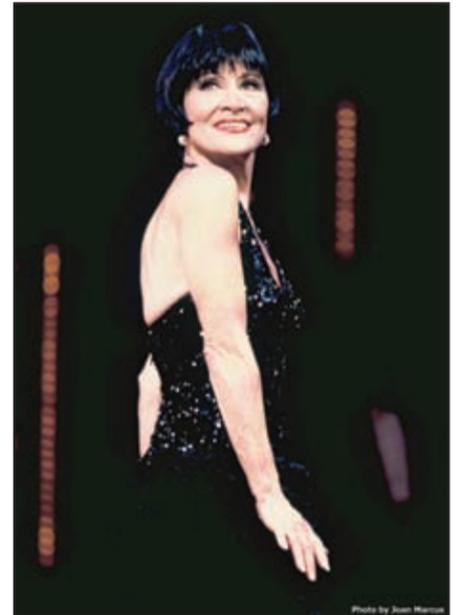
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## Chita Rivera's Broadway

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Tickets are \$49.



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Chita Rivera

## Critics Choice closes the book on another season

Elaine Newton, professor emeritus of Humanities, York University, Toronto, presents "Cutting for Stone" by Abraham Verghese, the final event in the Critic's Choice series in this season's Lifelong Learning program, at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 10, in Hayes Hall.

An epic tale of love, betrayal, redemption, suffering and healing, "Cutting for Stone" involves twin brothers, three continents, five decades and the practice of medicine. Tickets are \$30.

## Singer/songwriter Roberta Flack

Soulful singer/songwriter Roberta Flack takes the stage at 8 p.m. Sunday, April 11. Ms. Flack's chart-toppers include "Killing Me Softly With His Song," "The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face," "Feel Like Makin' Love" and "Where Is the Love." Her unique style blends jazz, gospel, blues and pop music with her distinctive, heartfelt singing voice.

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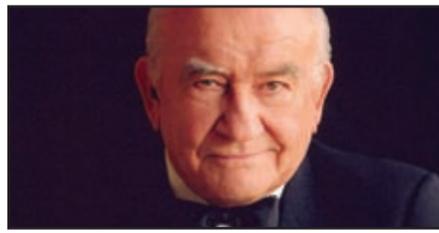
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Ed Asner

lus has forged a new vision of modern dance, stretching the boundaries of human movement through a mix of humor, intelligence, physical invention and raw athleticism. Pilobolus calls itself "the dance company for those who don't like dance... and for those who do." Tickets are \$42.

## Oscar-winner Marvin Hamlisch

Concert hall favorite Marvin Hamlisch returns to the Phil at 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 13. He has composed more than 40 motion picture scores, including the Oscar-winning "The Way We Were" and Scott Joplin's music for "The Sting." His groundbreaking musical "A Chorus Line" earned the Pulitzer Prize. One of the most honored of all musician/composers, Mr. Hamlisch has won three Oscars, four Grammys, four Emmys, a Tony and three Golden Globes. Tickets are \$60.

## Orchestra takes a musical tour

The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra presents "Musical Landscapes," the sixth program in its Classical Series, under the baton of Music Director/Conductor Jorge Mester at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 15-17, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 18. The Conductor's Prelude begins one hour before each concert.

This tour of musical landscapes begins in Italy with Berlioz's symphony-concerto "Harold in Italy," featuring principal violist Jessie Goebel. A very different sort of musical landscape is conjured up in Gershwin's "An American in Paris," a tone poem evoking the energy of the French capital in the 1920s.

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## KOVELS: ANTIQUES & COLLECTING

# Collectibles that give you the giggles

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It's April Fool's weekend, and collectors know you can find jokes and riddles in collectibles of all ages. There are puzzle mugs made with holes in the sides so if you try to drink, the ale inside will dribble down the front of your shirt. There are comic figurines of drunks and lithographed pictures with forgotten meanings that poke fun at political figures. Even the names for antiques can be jokes; the silhouette was named for Etienne de Silhouette, the stingy finance minister of France in the 1700s. Silhouettes cost less than portraits, so the cheap picture was given his name.

Potteries in Torquay, England, in Pennsylvania Dutch country and in many other places made dishes with thoughtful or comic sayings as part of the design. A small ashtray might say "Don't burn the tablecloth," and a pottery dish proclaims "A woman's face may be a chemist's fortune."

Collectors like all types of pottery jokes and often will pay extra if the joke has a personal meaning of some kind.

**Ms. Kovel answers your questions:**

**Q:** I need some advice. I paid \$140 at an estate sale for a figure that was identified as a "jade sculpture." When I took it to a gallery for an appraisal, I was told it was soapstone, not jade, and that it was worth \$40. I contacted the estate sale company,

and the owner more or less said "tough luck." Is it really? Or is the estate sale company responsible?

**A:** Look at it this way. If you had paid \$40 for a figure marked "soapstone," then found out it was jade, would you give \$100 back to the estate sale company? Lawsuits have been filed in both types of situations, but your legal costs would amount to more than \$100. An established auction house would have had an expert look at your figure before it was offered for sale, but an estate sale company might claim that the family whose sale it handled made the error. A legitimate auction house probably would return your money. But with an estate or house sale, you face a case of "buyer beware" (in other words, "tough luck"). The only thing that might have helped was asking for a receipt that included a written guarantee. Then the estate sale company might have been willing to return your money. You have learned a difficult lesson, but take some heart. Soapstone figures are popular with collectors — someone might pay more than \$40 for your sculpture if you decide to sell it.

**Q:** I have a small silver match holder. Part of it is covered with a pale green collection of little dots that look almost like small tiles. Someone told me it is something called "chagreen," but I never understood what that is.

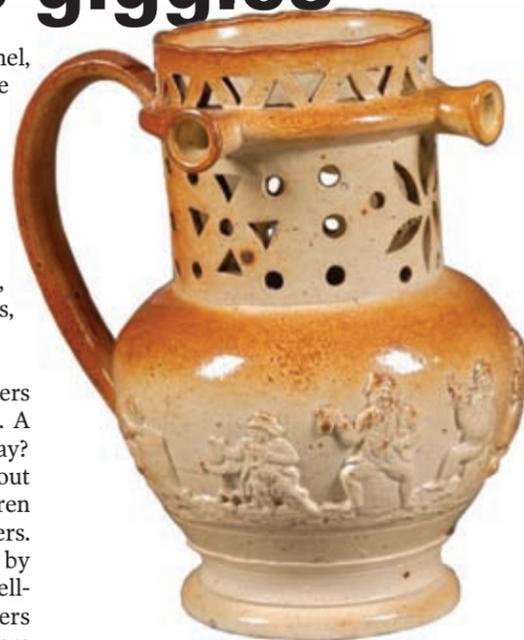
**A:** Shagreen (not chagreen) is a grainy, untanned leather that was originally made from the hide of a Turkish wild ass called a shagri. The hide was soaked in lime water, then dyed green, red, black or

blue. Shagreen was also made from camel, horse or goat skin. Small seeds were pressed into the leather to give an artificial graining. Shark skin was used in the 19th and 20th centuries. It was dried and dyed. The surface does look like small polished pebbles or textured enamel. It was popular with Art Deco designers and was used for small boxes, cigarette boxes and cases, wastebaskets, eyeglass cases and even trunks.

**Q:** I just found a box of old lead soldiers that belonged to my great-grandfather. A few are marked. Are they collected today?

**A:** Yes. In the 1700s, toy soldiers about 2 inches high were bought for the children of the rich and sometimes for their fathers. The earliest toy soldiers were flat, but by the 1790s French manufacturers were selling French Revolutionary toy soldiers that were three-dimensional. There were many different makers, and soldiers from many parts of the world were made. Staging old battles with the toys was a popular pastime. Collectors today pay premium prices for soldiers made by William Brittain. In 1893 he introduced a line of toy soldiers that was less expensive than existing toys because they were hollow-cast rather than solid. Look for pieces marked Britains, BMC or Johillco, the best-known English makers.

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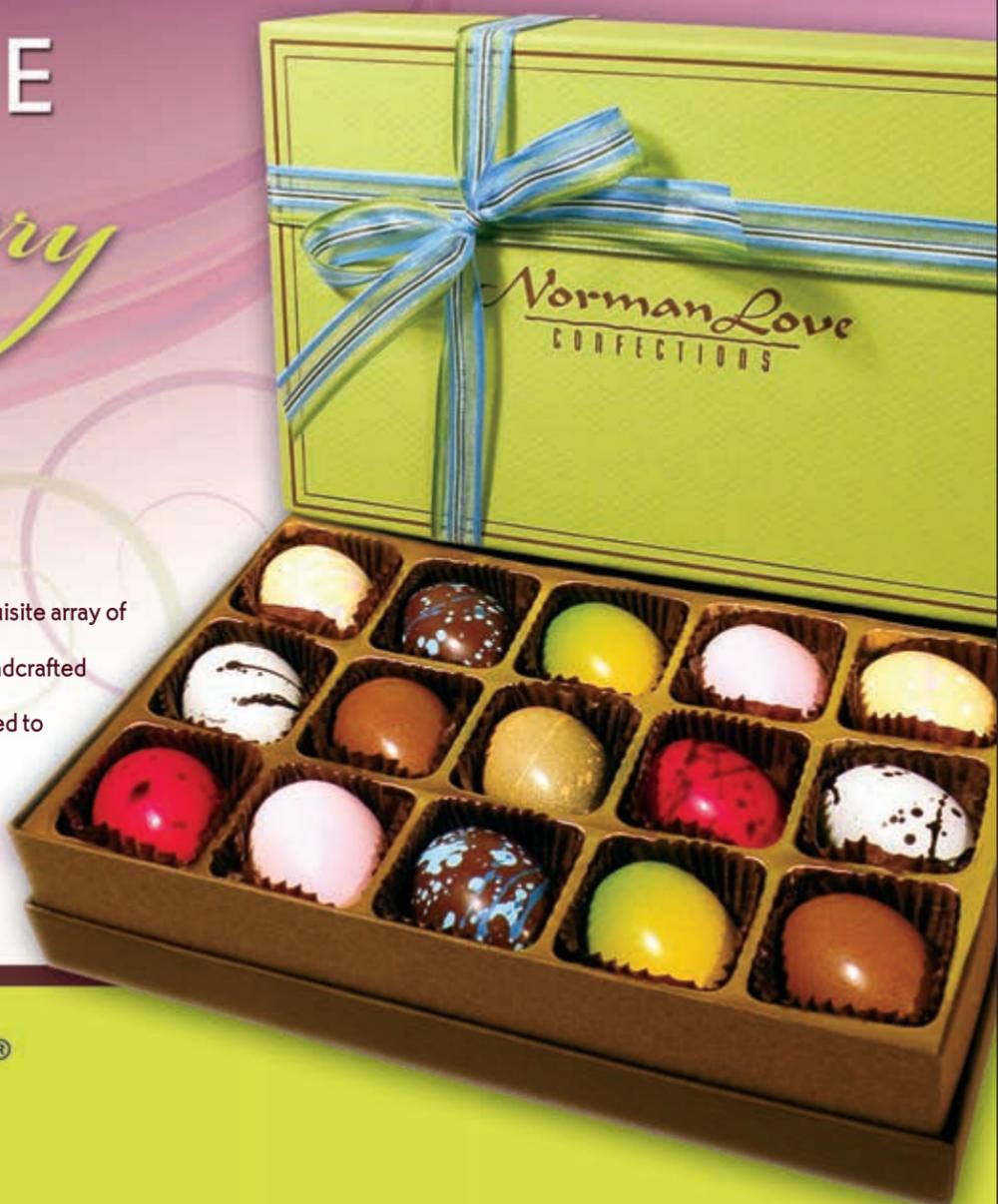
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## Art in the Park season's finale features wildlife woodcarver

Naples' oldest outdoor art festival closes its 53rd season with the final Art in the Park show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 3, on Park Street alongside The von Liebig Art Center. Showcasing work by members of the Naples Art Association, Art in the Park is a great way to meet the artists and enjoy their original work. Admission is free.

April's Featured Artist is woodcarver Roger Shoemaker.

Raised on a farm in Michigan, Mr. Shoemaker developed an early interest in wildlife, yet his scholastic interest was in the scientific field. After he earned a bachelor's degree from Calvin College, a master's from Central Michigan University and a doctorate from Western Michigan University, he worked for 31 years in the pharmaceutical industry.

After retirement, he returned to his interest in wildlife through the medium

of woodcarving. His scientific background has carried over into this medium by his extensive reference research and the anatomical accuracy of each one of the animals, birds and fishes that he carves.

Mr. Shoemaker is a member of the National Woodcarvers Association, the Michigan Woodcarvers Association, the Chief Noonday Woodcarvers, the Bonita Springs Woodcarvers, the Golden Gate Woodcarvers and the Naples Artcrafters. His carvings are on display at the Whistling Moose Gallery in Mackinaw City, Mich.

April Art in the Park is sponsored by Steve Stolz/Edward Jones Financial Advisor and Happenings A&E magazine. Art in the Park will return the first Saturday in November.

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## Find out about the art market

The von Liebig Art Center hosts the last of its four-part art lecture series this season at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, at The Norris Center.

In "What You Should Know About the Art Market," art advisor, gallerist and publisher of The Baer Faxt weekly contemporary arts newsletter, Josh Baer, will share his 20-point list about the insides of

the art market for both the novice and the professional. "We are both over-informed but under-educated about many things, especially the art market," says Mr. Baer.

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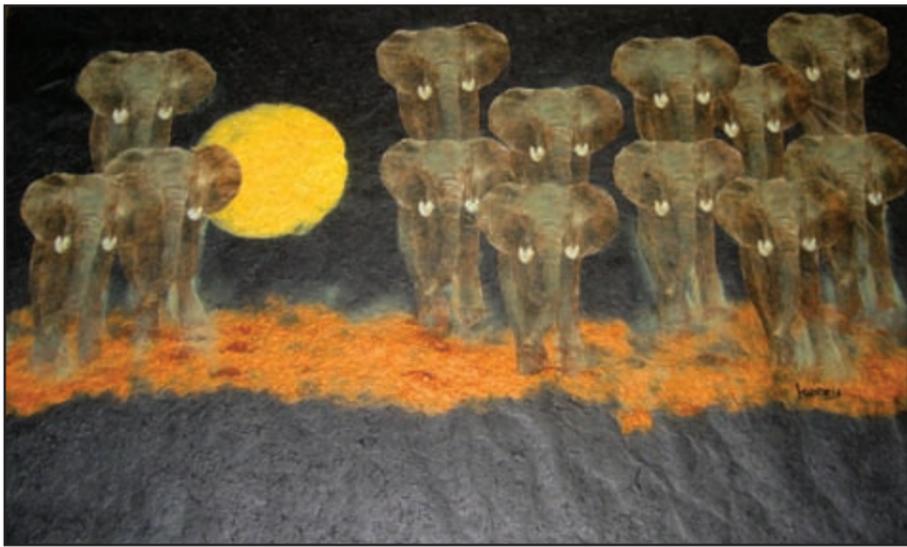
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## One-woman exhibition on Marco will benefit Project Rescue

Marco Island resident and award-winning artist Claire Keery presents a one-woman exhibition at the Waterfront Gallery in the Artist Colony at the Esplanade. The public is invited to the opening reception from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, April 8.

Ms. Keery specializes in collages, assemblage and encaustics, mixing materials to achieve vivid colors and textures that illustrate her visions of life and times, particularly of Asia and Africa. Her unusual art is inspired in part by her extensive travels and often contains artifacts collected during visits to those faraway lands. She makes her own paper, including silk fibers that often serve as the canvas on which she

paints, glues or inserts the objects d'art that complement her presentation.

She has had a lifelong interest in arts and crafts and also holds a certificate in interior design, all of which have influenced the development of her talent and passion for multimedia art. Well-known for her dedication to the community for more than 15 years, she has been influential in all phases of the Marco Island Art League and is a founding member of the Marco Island Foundation of the Arts.

Her latest endeavor is assisting with the art league's Project Rescue. She plans to donate a portion of sales from her one-woman show to the cause.

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Francis Biddle, the former attorney general under FDR and judge at the Nuremberg Trials. An enthralling character study set against the backdrop of 1960s political unrest in Washington, D.C., "Trying" finds two very different

generations struggling to find common ground in the midst of very uncertain times.

The Florida Rep production stars Broadway and screen veteran David Howard as the judge and Florida Rep Associate Director Rachel Burttram as the secretary. Florida Rep Associate Artistic Director Chris Clavelli ("Alone Together," "Glass Menagerie" and "Rounding Third") directs.

"Trying" plays at Florida Rep April 9-25, with discounted previews April 6 and 8 at 8 p.m. and April 7 at 2 p.m. Regular performances are Tuesday through Saturday at 8 p.m., with 2 p.m. matinees on Wednesdays, Sundays and select Saturdays. There will also be a performance at 7 p.m. on April 11.

Tickets for \$20-\$42 are available through the box office at 332-4488. For more information, visit [www.floridarep.org](http://www.floridarep.org). ■



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## FGCU Theatre Lab presents 'Wooden Mouth'

Florida Gulf Coast University Theatre Lab premieres "Wooden Mouth" at 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, at the Arts Complex. The transmedia production is the newest work by Barry Cavin, chair of the Visual and Performing Arts Department. Performances run through April 18.

In the forest, tucked back into a mountain hollow, live a peculiar people who possess an ancient mask that gives a great gift to the wearer — the ability to strip away all lies spoken by others. An uncertain lover adventures to find the mask, but discovers a secret more

extraordinary than honesty and fidelity.

Combining a mixture of Bunraku, Butoh, Greek chorus, video, shadow play and a healthy dose of Appalachia, "Wooden Mouth" is a cautionary fairy tale for lovers, exposing the absurdity behind the common admonitions to "move on" or "get over it."

Curtain time is 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday matinee. Tickets for \$7 are available at the door prior to each performance. For more information, call 590-7268 or visit [www.theatrelab.fgcu.edu](http://www.theatrelab.fgcu.edu). ■



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"I want to bring this side of life, the life that I live in, to mainstream life," says organizer and local psychic/medium Candyce Strafford. "I want to create a comfortable space for people new to this to test the waters. It's bringing it out of the closet, in a way."

Ms. Strafford says many of the participating psychics are from the surrounding area, but some are coming from as far away as Colorado and Texas. Most will charge around \$20 for a 15-20-minute reading, a Reiki session or a healing services. Appointments are not necessary.

"There will be more than 20 psychics to choose from, so make sure that you

walk around the entire faire before choosing," Ms. Strafford advises. "Go back to the person that you feel drawn to... Have more than one reading if you feel you need it. Many people do this and then compare notes."

Those working the event will give free presentations throughout the day. Ms. Strafford will discuss "Connecting with your Angels, Guides and Loved Ones" at 1 p.m. The last lecture of the day will begin at 5 p.m.

Admission at the door is \$5 per person, with children 12 and under admitted free, and includes one raffle ticket. Additional raffle tickets will be for sale, with proceeds benefitting the Family to Family charity.

Etudes de Ballet is at 3285 Pine Ridge Road. For more information, call Ms. Strafford at 949-3387, e-mail at canbria@aol.com or visit [www.oneworldonelight.org](http://www.oneworldonelight.org). ■

## Extras sought for commercial shoot

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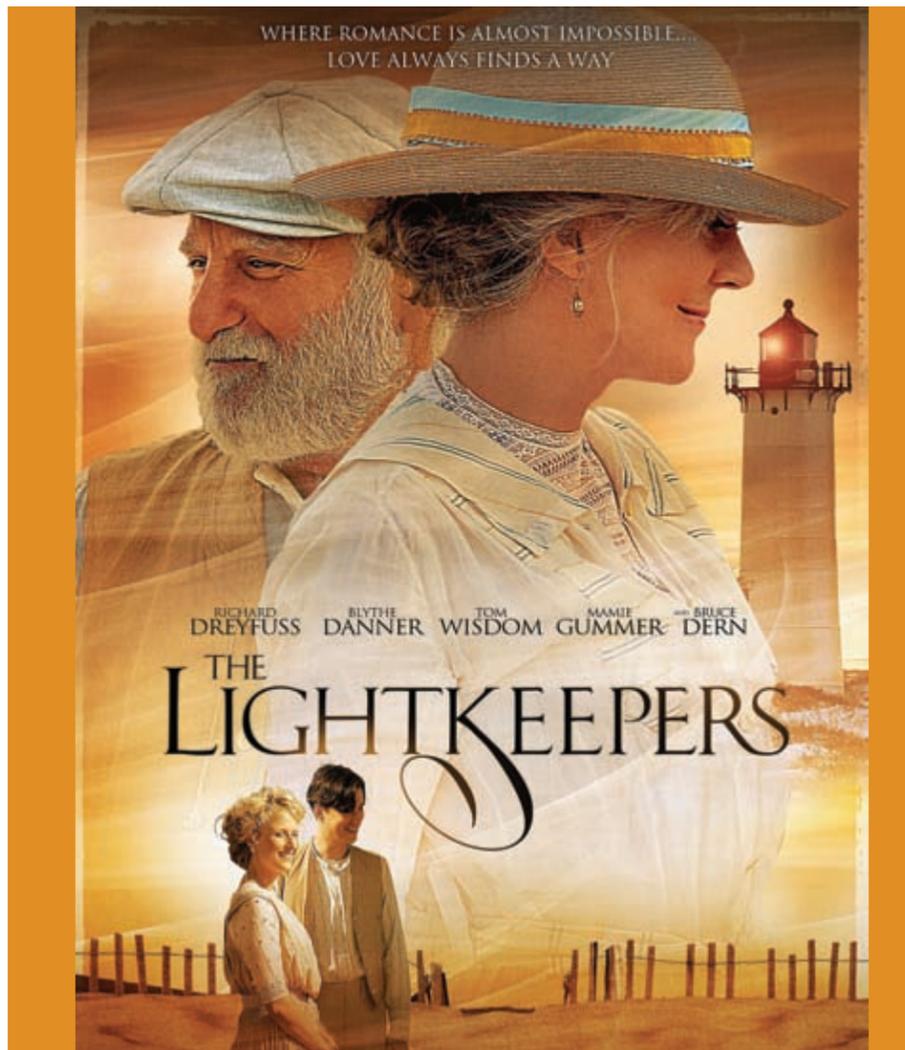
FHM/Maxim supermodel April Florio, who's known for sultry photo shoots and a somewhat infamous rendezvous with Brad Pitt.



FLORIO

The location for the shoot has not yet been released, according to Eric Raddatz of the NIFPA. Anyone interested in finding out more is welcome at the association's next social mixer at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 8, at Media Vista TV & Multimedia Productions, 5405 Taylor Road, Naples.

Following the mixer will be another casting call for a short film titled "The Driskell Defense," which Mr. Raddatz is producing with Footnote Studios and Alan Kenney-Rudolph. For more information about casting calls for the film and commercial, call Southwest Florida Modeling and Talent at 275-3744 or e-mail [nifpas@gmail.com](mailto:nifpas@gmail.com). ■



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Born and raised in New York City, Mr. Kaminsky completed his education at the City College of New York and New York University. His first published photographs appeared in local media outlets; additional affiliations with stock photo agencies, both nationally and internationally, expand-

ed the exposure of his work in newspapers, magazines and television. His photography subjects include vintage autos, fine art, still life, landscapes, abstracts, celebrity athletes and rock stars in concert — Bruce Springsteen, Bob Seger, Warren Zevon, Led Zeppelin and Dire Straits, among them. He has also worked extensively in the public health and education fields. He spends time in both Michigan and Florida.

The artist says the goal of his fine art photography is "to capture the beauty in the world around us."

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Woodstorks on Parade, Len Messineo

## UNDERGROUND

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tours, many offering artist demonstrations and discussions plus refreshments and live entertainment. Brochures and maps leading visitors to the next stop on the tour are available at each participating gallery or studio.

JuJo Gallery & Studio, which is hosting the digital photography club show, is a great place to begin the April tour. It's listed as number one in the North Naples Arts Alliance studio and gallery guide, followed by: Longstreth Goldberg Art; NONA Gallery and Studio; Rosen Gallery & Studios; StarStruck Signatures; Sweet Art Gallery; Alice Jacobs & Carol Lader Studio; Annabelle Johnson Pottery Studio; Barrow Art; Casa Art Studio; Color Plus Studio Gallery; Hampel Art Studio; Kelley Dunkle Studio; Kilns 'n' Clay; Marco Bronzini Art School and Studio; Naples

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**Frontline: From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians - Part 2**

The extraordinary events of the second and third centuries in which Christianity grew from a Jewish sect into the Roman Empire's official religion.

► **FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 8:30 P.M.**  
**Connect! Real Value**

Redefining prosperity in times of economic challenge; reflecting on the value of creativity through a theater class for kids with autism; supporting sustainability through the Naples Farmer's Market and the Alliance of the Arts' Green Market; benefitting from the healing waters of Warm Mineral Springs in North Port. Hosted by Jim McLaughlin.

► **SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 8 P.M.**  
**Antiques Roadshow: Denver - Hour 1**

A poster of the Wright Flyer airplane; a first-edition copy of William Faulkner's Sartoris; and an heirloom collection of jewelry.

► **SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 8 P.M.**  
**Nature: Moment of Impact: Hunters and Herds**

The latest technologies present a revolutionary look at the bioengineering of "how animals work." This episode focuses on savannahs and grasslands, where the planet's largest concentrations of herd animals come up against some of nature's most successful hunters

► **9 P.M.**  
**Masterpiece Classic: Sharpe's Peril**

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► **MONDAY, APRIL 5, 8 P.M.**  
**Antiques Roadshow: Denver - Hour 2**

A Dodger's game jersey, worn by pitching ace Don Drysdale in 1966; an heirloom 17th-century Massachusetts armchair; and an 1817 needlework portrait.

► **TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 8 P.M.**  
**NOVA: Hunting the Edge of Space The Mystery of the Milky Way - Part 1**

NOVA examines how the telescope has fundamentally changed our understanding of our place in the universe.

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The live auction will also include airfare and luxury hotel stays in London and Paris, according to Brian Holly, 2010 Wanderlust chairman and FGCU Resort & Hospitality Management Advisory Board member.

The silent auction lots will range from international stays to getaways at Florida's finest resorts, including The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island, Boca Raton Resort & Club and The Breakers. A cooking class for 10 at Roy's is also in the silent auction. The evening will have a fine-wine raffle; a "balloon pop" with restaurant, retail, local hotel and golf foursomes; and a fishbowl of on-the-spot donations.

New this year will be a "Wanderlust



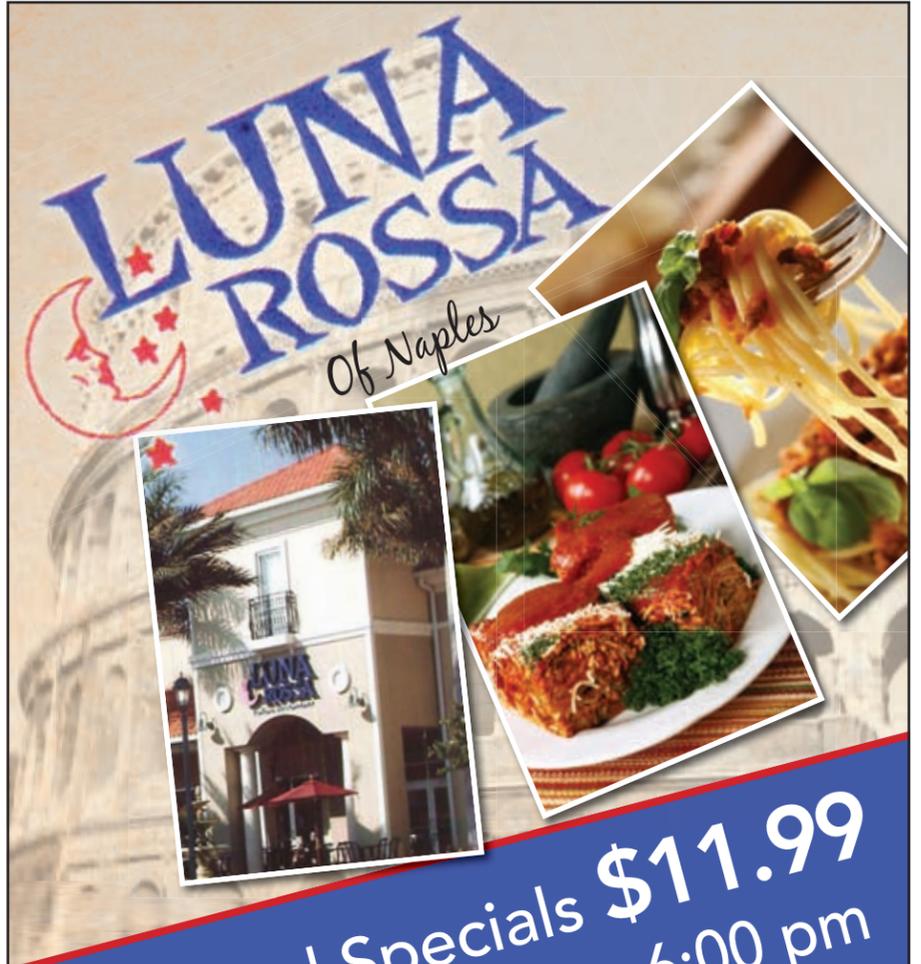
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Top: The Grand Hyatt Kauai.

Above: The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs

Girl's Night Out" sponsored by Saks Fifth Avenue at Bell Tower Shops. For a \$50 donation to the RH&M program, guests will receive a ticket to a private event at Saks on Wednesday, April 28, featuring wine, hors d'oeuvres, fashion models and special offers.

Wanderlust is the major fundraising event for the RH&M program, which is the fastest growing academic program at FGCU. Tickets are \$250 per person. For additional information or to reserve a ticket, contact Karen Royal at 590-7742 or visit <http://cps.fgcu.edu/resort/wanderlust.html>. ■



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### Let's dance for Make-A-Wish

Get ready to dance the night away at the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Florida's Wishmaker's Ball. The fourth annual event, titled "Dancing with the Stars," starts at 6 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point in Bonita Springs. All proceeds benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Florida.

Local celebrities and socialites will perform dances that showcase famous dance moments in cinematic history. The gala will also feature cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner and silent and live auctions.

Individual tickets are \$175 and tables of 10 are \$1,600. Opportunities for sponsorships, auction donations and volunteering are also available. For more information, contact Connie Martin at 992-9474 or [cmartin@sflawish.org](mailto:cmartin@sflawish.org).

The event celebrates the creative, goddess-like aspects of the female mind, body and spirit with an evening devoted entirely to empowering and enriching women. Panels of experts will conduct interactive presentations and roundtable discussions on topics from serious to salacious.

Tickets are \$85 and include a champagne reception, self-guided tour of the "Princess Diana: Dresses of Inspiration" exhibition, two breakout sessions, a tapas-style dinner under the stars, and a drawing for prizes. For tickets and more information, call Jane Davis at 262-6517, ext.115.

### Cancer alliance, Humane Society both benefit

The first-ever PAWS for a Cause to benefit KIDSCAN and Humane Society Naples takes place Saturday, April 17, at Mercato. KIDSCAN, part of Cancer Alliance of Naples, is raising funds for scholarships to send local teens with cancer to college; Humane Society Naples is raising funds for its building expansion.

The afternoon event will include a promenade of pets and prizes for the biggest, smallest, cutest, best-dressed and best-behaved, best "vocalist" and more.

Vendors with pet care products and services will have information available, as will various nonprofits and animal rescue organizations.

### Celebrate your inner goddess

Dianne Durante, therapist, radio show host and author of books including "Everyday Symbols for Joyful Living," will be the keynote speaker at the annual Goddess Night hosted by The von Liebig Art Center at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 1.



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## Have a heart at annual ball

The 2010 Southwest Florida "Heart of Gold" Heart Ball for the American Heart Association takes place Saturday, April 24, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa in Bonita Springs. The formal evening includes a gourmet dinner, dancing, silent auction and music by the Bill Allred Orchestra along with The Malones. For more information, call Jessica Hughes at the American Heart Association, 495-4912.



of The Children's Hospital of SWF, the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile and numerous grants and scholarships.



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## C'mon to the sixth annual Pirate Ball

The Children's Museum of Naples will reap the benefits from Culinary Concepts' sixth annual Yabba Island Pirate Ball. The night of rollicking fun takes place Wednesday, April 28, at the Yabba Island Grill on Fifth Avenue South.

Live auction highlights include: golf at Seminole in Juno Beach, Fla., and National in Southampton, N.Y.; the chance for your child to be featured in the inaugural C'mon calendar, shot by Heather Donlan Photography; a trip to New York City and a behind-the-scenes tour of the Teen Vogue offices; and several VIP wine dinners. Treasure chests will also be sold, with each holding a special bounty and one holding the key to nearly \$15,000 worth of Van Cleef & Arpels jewelry.

Tickets are \$350 per person and can be purchased at [www.KarmaClub.net](http://www.KarmaClub.net). ■

## Ronald McDonald charities ready for a ball

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida will bring "Toy Story" to life at the annual Storybook Ball from 6-10:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point. This year's title sponsors are Home-Tech, Martin Brower, Comcast and Gulfshore Life.

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- 4. Frank and Diane Halas
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- 6. Abigail Rutherford with Brandon and Maura Ross
- 7. Kristin Vaughn and Joan Fleischmann Tobin

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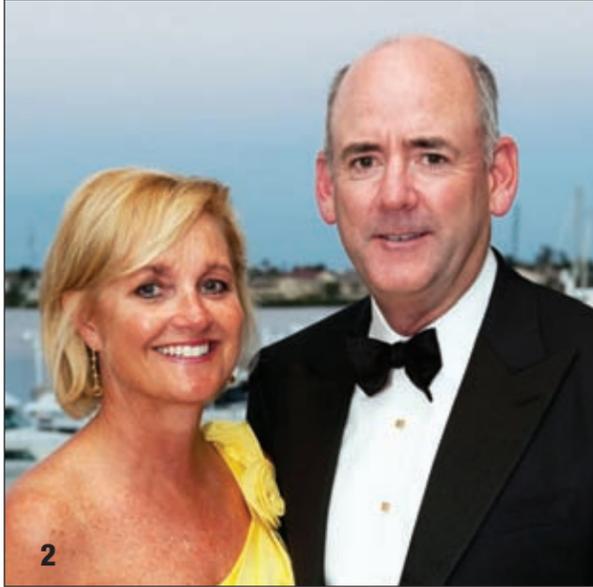
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## The Naples Yacht Club 2010 Commodore's Ball



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2. Casey and Robert O'Brien
3. Linda and John Flatley
4. Janette Engelhardt, Gail Thompson and Majdeh Muller
5. Gene Firmine, Lucy Fields, Edgar and Jo Davis

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6. Cinderella (Caroline Humphreville) and Prince Charming (Corey Todd)
7. Fairy Godmothers Lynne Groth, Mary Susan Clinton and Heidi Farrugia
8. Gaynell Anderson, Jill Ciccarelli Rapps and Joan Ciccarelli
9. Heather Jennings and Christine Antoine
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## A VIP sneak peek at Cinderella's Closet



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## The inaugural Go Red for Women luncheon

An American Heart Association event at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point



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# PAST REPASTS

Here are some capsule summaries of previous reviews:

➤ **Alexander's, 4077 Tamiami Trail N., Naples; 262-4999**

A splendid courtyard and equally lovely dining room afford customers plenty of charm that pairs well with chef/owner Alexander Bernard's food, a mix of European and American fare. There are also several dishes marked as healthier: lower in calories, fat and/or salt. Jumbo lump crabmeat in garlic butter was simple and succulent. Equally good was a wild mushroom and goat cheese strudel served with caramelized apples and sun-dried cherry gastrique. Miso-crusted butterfish was another simple but elegant dish and the duck — with its crisp skin, moist flesh, and tart-sweet lingonberries and port wine reduction — was excellent. Leave room for the house-made desserts, such as apple nut cake with ice cream and Monika's crepe of passion. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★★★★★½ Service: ★★★★★½ Atmosphere: ★★★★★½

➤ **Escargot 41, 4339 Tamiami Trail N., Naples; 793-5000**

Naples is blessed with several excellent French restaurants, but Escargot 41 is one of the best. Never mind that it's tucked into the corner of the nondescript Park Shore Shopping Center. Step inside and it's as if you've traveled to a well-to-do Parisian bistro with food and service to match. Chef Patrick Fevr-

ier is a master of French cuisine, while his wife, Jackie, is a gracious hostess. Choose from several escargot dishes (I liked Peter's Fricassee 41). The salmon cured in sea salt, coated in coffee and smoked, is superb. The lobster bisque was classic and rich. Yellowtail snapper in lemon butter and caper sauce was a nightly special, that was worthy of the designation. No cloyingly sweet duck here. Fevrier's version is rubbed in garlic salt, roasted until the skin is just lightly crisp and the flesh still moist, then finished with a savory plum port wine sauce. For dessert, an ethereal raspberry soufflé was worth every calorie. Beer and wine served. (The wine list is exceptional even for a much larger establishment.)

Food: ★★★★★ Service: ★★★★★ Atmosphere: ★★★★★½

➤ **Patric's, 1485 Pine Ridge Road, Naples; 304-9754**

At some restaurants, breakfast and lunch are afterthoughts. At Patric's Breakfast, Lunch & More, they are the stars. Opening at 6:30 a.m. daily, Patric's cozy café serves made-from-scratch fare that includes omelettes, biscuits and gravy, cornbread, fried green tomatoes, sandwiches and loads of pies and cookies. An added bonus is that breakfast is served all day. A jerk chicken omelette had lots of well-spiced chicken, onions, tomatoes, peppers and jack cheese, served with home fries and toast. My companion enjoyed an ahi tuna melt with flamingo cole slaw (sweet and colorful

served with what the menu called "addictive fries" (crisp fries sprinkled with garlic powder and other seasonings). A side of fried green tomatoes was tasty, too. For dessert, we shared a just-baked Gramma Cathy's Dutch apple pie slathered in whipped cream.

Food: ★★★★★ Service: ★★★★★ Atmosphere: ★★★★★½

➤ **Pelagos Café, 4951 Tamiami Trail N., Naples; 263-2996**

The management calls what's served here "Mediterranean soul food," and that's an excellent description. Primarily Greek, the menu also offers a smattering of other dishes from the region. Portions are large and most dishes are ample for two. I can recommend the fried calamari with its cinnamon-scented marinara, and a vegetable plate that contained roasted peppers, grilled artichoke hearts, beet salad and the best dolmades (stuffed grape leaves) I've had outside of Greece. The avgolemono soup, Greek salad and gyro platter were spot on. Also delicious was a simply grilled mahi fillet topped with asparagus, artichokes, olives and cherry tomatoes. For dessert, one large wedge of baklava more than satisfied two of us. A bonus at Pelagos is its moderate prices. Odds are you'll have enough leftovers for another meal. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★★★★★ Service: ★★★★★ Atmosphere: ★★★★★

➤ **Sea Salt, 1186 Third St. South; 434-7258**

Chef Fabrizio Aielli was the darling of the Washington, D.C., political elite before he and his wife, Ingrid, decided to head south. And so was born Sea Salt. No expense has been spared in the chic, modern décor, the voluminous wine list or the painstakingly prepared food. Curry coconut black mussels and a salad of red and gold beets with mache and pecan-crusted goat cheese were excellent starters, although those with a taste for carpaccio, raw oysters or meats and cheeses will find suitable options as well. The menu changes regularly, so some dishes aren't going to be available; but the limoncello-marinated salmon with green lentil mustard sauce, as well as the wild halibut and veal osso buco ravioli were outstanding. Desserts include house-made gelato and a sushi-style menu of Norman Love chocolates. The pistachio gelato with tomato marmalade was rich and velvety, the tiny almond linzer torte three bites of bliss. Our pair of servers were true professionals, adding polish to an excellent meal. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★★ Service: ★★★★★½ Atmosphere: ★★★★★½

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# FLORIDA WEEKLY CUISINE

## Home Thai Sushi offers wide-ranging, well-done menu

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Straightforward might be the best way to describe Home Thai Sushi.

The name tells customers precisely what to expect, and the Bonita Springs restaurant does a good job of delivering on both cuisines.

The décor is devoid of gimmickry as well. The dining room is soothing, with light wood floors, cream walls and a single red accent wall that matches the shades of the lights suspended over the booths. An attractive wooden sushi bar occupies one corner of the room, its glass cases displaying a rainbow array of seafood.

Even on a dreary rainy night, the dining room had a comforting warmth about it and was close to capacity.

The menu's forthright as well, indicating when a dish contains real crab and when the imitation variety is used.

We settled into a booth and set out to digest the wide-ranging menu. There are Thai appetizers, stir-fries, curries, noodle dishes and a host of specialties. On the Japanese side, diners can choose from hot and cold appetizers, cooked entrees, sushi, sashimi, a load of rolls and combination plates that allow you to mix and match appetizers, cooked entrees and rolls.

We began with a well-chilled bottle of Sho Chiku Bai premium ginjo sake, a relatively ubiquitous brand that's light, floral and serves sushi well.

To ensure a comprehensive sampling of the menu, we ordered soup, rolls and entrees.

In keeping with its philosophy of offering something for all, Home Thai Sushi lists 13 soups, a mix of Thai and Japanese with wonton thrown in for good measure.

The miso soup (\$2.25) had the classic mellow, sea-scented broth with just enough seaweed, tofu and scallions. The tom kha gai (\$4.25) was a large bowl of one of my favorite Thai soups, a coconut milk and lemongrass broth seasoned with cilantro, chili paste, galangal root and lemon juice. The soup has a velvety texture studded with chewy chicken and barely cooked mushrooms and onions that add some crunch. Home Thai Sushi's version was balanced and rich, if a little less lively than what I'd consider medium spice.

Both of the rolls we tried were unusu-



KAREN FELDMAN/FLORIDA WEEKLY  
**Above: The crunchy tuna roll offers a mix of tender raw tuna and scallions with a warm tempura exterior. Left: Panang curry is a classic Thai dish consisting of coconut milk, kaffir lime leaves, vegetables and the protein of your choice. In this case, it was tofu.**

al and well executed. A French roll (\$12.95) contains Alaskan king crab, shrimp, cream cheese, lettuce, avocado, cucumber and masago wrapped in a delicate egg crepe. All the fresh ingredients blended well. There was just a dab of cream cheese, which served mainly to hold the filling together and didn't overwhelm the other ingredients or detract from the texture.

A crunchy tuna roll (\$7.50) contained raw tuna with scallions and rice wrapped in seaweed that was lightly battered and fried. It was a texturally satisfying mix of cool and rare within, warm and crisp on the outside.

Lastly, we sampled two Thai entrées:

salmon volcano (\$19.95) and panang curry with tofu (\$13.95). The volcano consisted of a grilled fillet of salmon on a mound of tender-crisp vegetables, all topped with sweet chili sauce. The curry contained green beans, bell pepper, basil, kaffir lime leaves, coconut milk and panang curry paste. As with the previous courses, both dishes held first-rate ingredients combined in a way that made it clear someone in the kitchen understands how to balance ingredients.

There was only one flaw in our dinner, but it was a major one: There appeared to be no effort to time courses so that we were able to finish one before the next arrived.

We were halfway through our soup when the rolls arrived. Before we could make a serious dent in the rolls, the server delivered our entrees. The result was that we had three courses on the table at once. Considering that the rolls were cold, it would seem they could have waited until we'd finished our soup. Once the rolls had been

served, the kitchen could start on the entrees.

I'd like to say that our experience was an anomaly, but we witnessed the same overabundance at two other tables. In none of the cases did I hear the server apologize for the poor timing. This is a problem that's easily solved by better communication among the kitchen, sushi bar and server and one that needs to be rectified.

Our server appeared to have more tables than she was comfortable with, so perhaps they were shorthanded on this busy night.

With the exception of the timing issues, this was a well-prepared meal served in an enjoyable setting. The management clearly thinks about customer service — there's a 10 percent discount for placing takeout orders online and another discount program for frequent diners, for example. Fixing the timing glitches will go a long way toward making guests feel at home. ■

### in the know

Home Thai Sushi Bar,  
Center of Bonita Springs,

3300 Bonita Beach Road,  
Bonita Springs; 948-4663

**Ratings:**  
**Food:** ★★★★★  
**Service:** ★★½  
**Atmosphere:** ★★★★★

>> **Hours:** 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, 11:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday

>> **Reservations:** Accepted for parties of five or more

>> **Credit cards:** Major cards accepted.

>> **Price range:** Appetizers, \$2.25-\$10.95; entrees, \$11.95-\$24.95; sushi, \$1.75-23.95

>> **Beverages:** Beer and wine served.

>> **Seating:** Booths, conventional tables and chairs and at the sushi bar

>> **Specialties of the house:** Shrimp in the blanket, Thai fresh roll, satay, tuna tataki, seafood sunomono, pad Thai, chicken volcano, curries, yakisoba, King of the Ocean roll, dragon roll, sashimi

>> **Volume:** Moderate

>> **Parking:** Free lot

>> **Web site:** www.homethaisushibar.com

★★★★★ **Superb**  
★★★★ **Noteworthy**  
★★★ **Good**  
★★ **Fair**  
★ **Poor**

### diningCALENDAR

> **Thursday, April 1,** 5:30-8 p.m., Decanted: Test your palate at this blind tasting with fun prizes; \$10, Goodlette Corners, 1410 Pine Ridge Road; 434-1814.

> **Friday, April 2,** 6-9 p.m., Whole Foods Market: The Mercato First Fridays concert series takes place in the café and courtyard, with live music and more than 20 wines; \$10, Mercato, 9101 Strada Place; 552-5100.

> **Friday, April 2,** 7 p.m., Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center: Bring a date or group of friends for a three-course dinner, wines to match and some surprises; \$90 per couple inclusive, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; (866) 206-3840. Reservations required.

> **Friday, April 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30,** 3-7 p.m., Freedom Park: Collier County Parks and Recreation sponsors Market in the Park, with a portion of proceeds benefiting horticultural and health programs for Collier County children; 1515 Golden Gate Parkway; 252-4060 or 438-5682.

> **Saturday, April 3, 10, 17 and 24,** 7:30-11:30 a.m., Third Street South: The weekly farmers market features fresh produce, baked goods, handcrafted items and more; behind Tommy Bahamas; 434-6533.

> **Saturday, April 3,** 7 p.m., Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center: Enjoy a multi-course meal and wine pairings; \$75 per person inclusive, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; (866) 206-3840. Reservations required.

> **Monday, April 5,** 6 p.m., Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center: Learn how to make satisfying meals on a budget; \$30, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; (866) 206-3840. Reservations required.

> **Tuesday, April 6,** 5:30-8 p.m., Decanted: Sample the wines of Pahlmeyer of California, including chardonnay, cabernet, pinot noir and Jayson (a red blend); \$25, Goodlette Corners, 1410 Pine Ridge Road; 434-1814.

> **Wednesday, April 7,** 5:30-8 p.m., Decanted: Celebrate World Health Day with a sampling of heart-healthy red wines; \$10, Goodlette Corners, 1410 Pine Ridge Road; 434-1814.

> **Wednesday, April 7,** 6 p.m., Whole Foods Market: Explore bulk foods such as quinoa, cashews and beans; \$5, Mercato, 9101 Strada Place; 552-5100.

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- Shop around for a mortgage from a variety of sources to determine what's available. Shop mortgage brokers, mortgage lenders, banks and credit unions. Don't forget to examine your local and state mortgage programs as well as community service and housing agency mortgages and mortgage assistance programs.

- Obtain all loan cost information, not just the monthly mortgage payment and annual percentage rate (APR). Check the cost of points (in dollar amounts, not just number of points), broker fees, origination fees, underwriting fees, administrative costs, mortgage insurance, yield spread premiums, commissions, escrow and closing costs -- each and every cost associated with your mortgage. You need these numbers to make a fair comparison.

- Get an explanation for every fee you don't understand. Use the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's (FDIC) "Mortgage Shopping Worksheet" to help keep your costs in check.

- Check the loan terms for a variety of loans. Know what down payment you'll need, the term of the loan, whether the loan is a fixed rate mortgage (FRM) or an adjustable rate mortgage (ARM) and the specific terms of each. For ARMs, ask for the beginning rate, when and how often adjustments occur, how much adjustments could cost, and the ARM's ceiling rate.

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with the information you've gathered on the mortgage worksheet. The more information you have about each loan the more negotiating leverage you'll have. A pristine credit record can also give you an edge. Look particularly to quibble over points, yield spread premiums and other broker's fees or commissions. Don't be afraid to ask the lender or broker to waive or reduce one or more of its fees or to agree to a lower rate or fewer points. Make sure the lender or broker isn't just lowering one fee to raise another or lowering the rate to raise points. There's also no harm in asking lenders or brokers if they can give better terms than the original ones they quoted to you, especially if you've found better

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- Once you are satisfied with the terms you have negotiated, consider a written lock-in from the lender or broker. The lock-in should include the rate that you have agreed upon, the period the lock-in lasts, the number of points to be paid and a lock on as many other costs and terms as possible.

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