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## 24/7 Legend

For Del Ackerman and his wife Nancy, it's about more than minding the store

BY BILL CORNWELL

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**D**el Ackerman never thought the place would close, not for a minute or even a second, and for more than 40 years it didn't. I mean, why would Del entertain such a thought? That was part of the mystique of Del's 24-Hour Food Store ("A Lot More Than 24!"), an East Naples landmark since 1964.

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## Florida Weekly named best in state

Newspaper wins 19 Florida Press Association awards

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Florida Weekly swept the annual Florida Press Association's Better Weekly Newspaper Contest award ceremony last week with 18 individual awards culminating in being named the best weekly newspaper in Florida.

Weekly newspapers from across the state are judged annually in about 40 categories such as writing, page design and overall excellence. This year, Florida Weekly won 11 first place awards, more than its nearest competitor, the Miami New Times, a

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"We're very honored to be named the best in Florida by our peers," said Jeffrey Cull, Florida Weekly co-founder and executive editor. "This is a tribute to our writers, managing editors and page designers who all have the goal of connecting with our more than 120,000 readers each week."

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# COMMENTARY

## Topo map, Independence Day 2010



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In the hilly topography of American life, history hardly lends itself to the chatter of jingoists — the love-is-blind fatherland flag wavers and chest thumpers.

That's because our national story creates deceptively rough terrain. As a people, we aren't clansmen or tribesmen. We don't come from the same blood or geography. We don't look alike. We don't all hold the same notion of god or gods. You can't take us to a prayer meeting or a party, either one, and expect all of us to know the manners or the music.

Too commonly, we actively dislike each other.

In 234 years, we've proven to be a nation neither wholly right nor wholly wrong. We've done greater good than ill, occasionally in spectacular fashion. But sometimes the split is iffy.

We were once the most racist large nation on earth. Now we're the least racist large nation on earth — which still isn't good enough.

Now, our nation is the most varied in its people, the most ambitious in its hope for everyman and everywoman and by far the boldest, socially.

We can fight, too, as our enemies periodically misunderstand. But no nation has ever designed more formidable weapons, and once in possession of them, no nation has ever practiced such restraint.



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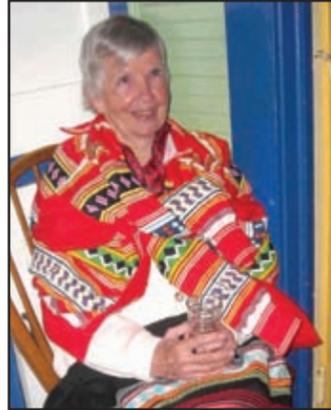
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**Lloyd Marsh, farmer, gardener**



**Chester Scheneman, citrus grower**



**Ellen Nash Williams, Coloradoan, visitor**

Nor has any other ever produced more honest critics of itself, or more fearless introspection from its own people.

At our worst, we're greedy, callous and arrogant. But at our best, we display courage, grace, humility, humor, tolerance, endurance, generosity, empathy and the raw desire to make it over the next hill and

see what's there.

That's what I hope you will recognize in these simple photos.

Every countenance here is a map of our entire history — in this case, the best of it. In each lined face the hills and valleys of an American lifetime reveal the topography of our peerless and sometimes difficult

country.

I know these individuals. I photographed them because I admire them. Since he is often with me, my youngest son, Nash, appears in a couple of pictures, too.

With any luck, he'll be the one looking into a lens 80 years from now, joined by an invisible wire — the enduring notion of independence wrapped in the long muscle of memory — to the men and women you see on this page.

In one photo, the little boy had slammed his thumb in a car door only seconds before, flattening it, as we went to buy tomatoes. But Nash was determined to suffer as stoically as Mr. Lee has, both in peace and war, across 90 years or so. He refused to shed tears.

Simply by his presence, Mr. Lee offered my son an unspoken gift, but also an imperative: Stand up and take it, whatever it is and whoever you are.

Each of these people offers that gift to all of us. They've starved, fought, suffered wounds in battle, tolerated dire mistreatment from fellow citizens, endured privation, raised children, lost children to war, cared for neighbors unasked, raised cows, raised crops and insisted on good cheer.

There is little complaint or bitterness in any of them.

None would fail to give you food if you were hungry, or defense if you were besieged, or solace if you were sad.

You will know others like them, breathing or not — but each still a living part of us.

So help me offer them each a grand thanks, and a glorious Independence Day to all. ■

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# OPINION

## The Great Disenchantment

BY RICH LOWRY

The BP spill won't destroy Barack Obama's presidency. It won't even significantly dent his standing in polls, if current trends hold. But it should mark the end of a period of unbridled liberal presumption that began with his rise in 2007.

In his new book, "The Icarus Syndrome," author Peter Beinart writes of "hubris bubbles" that infect American foreign policy after successes. In the domestic arena, liberalism has been riding its most expansive hubris bubble since Lyndon Johnson modestly declared on the cusp of the Great Society, "These are the most hopeful times since Christ was born."

Those millennial expectations returned with the honeyed words of President Obama. He promised to heal the planet and turn back the tide of rising oceans, and liberals believed him. So when a mere 35,000-60,000 barrels of oil a day gushing from the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico produced a crisis beyond his control, they lashed out in frustration.

President Obama had to get angry! He had to declare war — and without U.N. authorization — on the spill! He

had to use the crisis to push through cap-and-trade! And when President Obama followed all the stage directions set out for him by his formerly worshipful journalistic boosters, they still felt empty and unsatisfied because, well, there are really no presidential words or emotions that can make up for miles of soiled coastline.

President Obama's much-touted Oval Office address on the Gulf got instantly panned by MSNBC's analysts in a shocker equivalent to Pravda's best pundits dismissing a Brezhnev five-year plan. They complained that the speech was trite and vague, as if that made it any different from most of President Obama's gaseous oeuvre. His call to arms on behalf of a new green economy was particularly tinny for two reasons.

One, Democrats have tapped out the public's appetite for expensive, impossibly complex new government programs. They forced their will on health-care reform, but it remains unpopular. No one believes President Obama has the votes for a far-reaching plan to remake the energy economy, so he stuck to the same bromides repeated by every president since Jimmy Carter.

Two, the Gulf Coast is not a reassuring backdrop for a stirring summons to more government action. President Obama cited the production of planes and tanks during World War II and the Apollo mission to the moon as evidence of government's awesome proficiency. But those were relatively straightforward feats in manufacturing and rocketry from 70 and 40 years ago, respectively.

The largest spill in U.S. history was going to be a chaotic mess regardless of who was president, because it was unprecedented, vast and complex. The liberal chest-pumping about declaring "war," or even a "holy crusade," on the spill speaks to an impatience with the inevitable delays and inefficiencies of a government operating — in league with a hated company — in confusing circumstances.

Welcome to soggy reality. The great liberal disenchantment is the realization that it's beyond President Obama's powers to turn back an oil spill, let alone the tides. He's just a president, and not even a particularly good one. ■

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

## GUEST OPINION

### Another world is possible; another Detroit is happening



"I have a dream." Ask anyone where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. first proclaimed those words, and the response will most likely be at the March on Washington in August 1963. In fact, he delivered them two months earlier, on June 23, in Detroit, leading a march down Woodward Avenue.

Dr. King said:

"I have a dream that one day, right down in Georgia and Mississippi and Alabama, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to live together as brothers. ...

"I have a dream this afternoon that my four little children ... will be judged on the basis of the content of their character, not the color of their skin.

"I have a dream this afternoon that one day right here in Detroit, Negroes will be able to buy a house or rent a house anywhere that their money will carry them and they will be able to get a job."

Forty-seven years later, thousands of people, of every hue, religion, class and age, might not have used those words exactly, but they marched down that same avenue here in Detroit in the same spirit, opening the U.S. Social Forum. More than 10,000 citizens, activists and organizers have come from around the world for four days of workshops, meetings and marches to strengthen social movements and advance a progressive agenda. Far larger than any tea party convention, it has gotten very

little mainstream-media coverage. Not a tightly scripted, staged political convention, nor a multiday music festival, the U.S. Social Forum defines itself as "an open meeting place for reflective thinking, democratic debate of ideas, formulation of proposals, free exchange of experiences." It is appropriate that the U.S. Social Forum should be held here, in this city that has endured the collapse of the auto industry and the worst of the foreclosure crisis. In Detroit, one is surrounded, simultaneously, by stark failures of capitalism and by a populace building an alternative, just and greener future.

Environmental writer Rebecca Solnit says of the decay of Detroit, "the continent has not seen a transformation like Detroit's since the last days of the Maya." The core of modern Detroit, the automobile industry, helped facilitate the creation of suburbs that ultimately spelled doom for vibrant inner cities. Detroit, which had 2 million residents in the mid-1950s, now has dwindled to around 800,000. Poverty, joblessness, depopulation and decay have created an almost post-apocalyptic scene here.

Carried within this dystopic, urban disaster, though, are the seeds of Detroit's potential rebirth. Legendary Detroit organizer/philosopher Grace Lee Boggs helped organize the 1963 King march in Detroit. She turns 95 this week, and will be celebrated here at the U.S. Social Forum. We visited her at her home, which might well become a Detroit historic site because of the many organizations that were born there. She has lived in that same house for more than half a century, much of that time with her husband, the

late political activist and autoworker Jimmy Boggs. Smiling, she says, "It's really wonderful that the Social Forum decided to come to Detroit, because Detroit, which was once the symbol of miracles of industrialization and then became the symbol of the devastation of deindustrialization, is now the symbol of a new kind of society, of people who grow their own food, of people who try and help each other, to how we begin to think, not so much of getting jobs and advancing our own fortunes, but how we depend on each other. I mean, it's another world that we're creating here in Detroit."

She reflects on the two delegations of young people attending the USSF with whom she has already met: "I hope they understand from Detroit that all of us, each of us, can become a cultural creative. ... We are creating a new culture. And we're not doing it because we are such wonderful people. We're doing it because we had to, not only to survive materially, but to survive as human beings."

From urban gardens to collective businesses to electric cars, Detroit is beginning to chart an alternative path. As the great Indian writer Arundhati Roy has said, "Another world is not only possible, she's on the way, and, on a quiet day, if you listen very carefully, you can hear her breathe." ■

— Amy Goodman is the host of "Democracy Now!," a daily international TV/radio news hour airing on more than 800 stations in North America. She is the author of "Breaking the Sound Barrier," recently released in paperback and now a *New York Times* best-seller.

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## 15 MINUTES

## The pursuit of a dream begins by putting toes in the sand

BY SUSAN POWELL BROWN  
Special to Florida Weekly

Southwest Florida is a great place to put your toes in the sand. Just ask watercolor artist Patty Kane. When she moved to Southwest Florida in 2005, she spent her days painting on Fort Myers Beach, a long way from her native Philadelphia.

Ms. Kane grew up one of eight children born to hard-working, pragmatic parents who encouraged prudent career choices, such as nursing or education. Certainly not art. Consequently, Ms. Kane squelched her desire to paint and draw until 15 years ago.

She met her husband Tom while they were both in college and working at Sears, and they've been together ever since. Married 33 years, they came to Florida in 1985 for Tom's job as an executive in the automotive industry. For the next 20 years, they lived in Orlando.

It was there that Ms. Kane decided to enroll in her first art class. With their three children in school, she contemplated whether to return to school herself. While considering her options, she discovered the Crealde School of Art in nearby Winter Park. "One step at a time," she told herself.

One class turned into many, and at the Crealde School she learned a multitude of skills from a variety of professional artists. She mastered not only the creative aspect of her craft, but also the business side of the art world: matting, framing, showing her art, entering contests, teach-

ing and painting in public places — practical skills inherent to making a viable living as an artist.

Some of her instructors urged Ms. Kane to enter her work in contests before she felt it was "competition-ready." In hindsight, she says, it forced her to follow through on a particular piece from the initial idea to the finished, framed work. (Ms. Kane now does the same thing with the students she teaches.)

In 2005, one of her paintings took the cover of Orlando Magazine's "Paint the Town," issue. That's when things really began to roll for Ms. Kane and her art. That's also the time Tom was offered a position in Southwest Florida. Knowing they eventually wanted to retire to the area, the job offer seemed like a good opportunity to kick start their plans to move south, so the couple left Orlando and moved to Fort Myers Beach.

"We were living the dream," Ms. Kane says. But as is often the case, dreams change once they become reality. As much as they treasured living on the beach, they found themselves making the trek to the mainland every day, which prompted their eventual move to North Naples.

Since then, Ms. Kane's art has risen to a new level. She paints, she teaches and she loves it all.

Not long after the move, Tom decided



Patty Kane

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to retire to follow his own dream: coaching basketball. He now coaches the girls' basketball team at Estero High School and couldn't be happier.

Perhaps the biggest catalyst in the Kanes' personal and professional transition can be attributed to the cancer diagnosis doctors delivered to their 23-year-old son, Justin, in 2004. He defeated the disease and is doing well, but the health scare came the same year three hurricanes ravaged Florida in rapid succession.

"It flipped our world upside down. It brought us all closer," Ms. Kane says

about her son's former illness. "Our priorities completely changed. We will never look at things the same." For example, their family doesn't exchange gifts anymore. Their gift is time spent together.

Then when she began teaching art (which she does regularly at various locations throughout the year), Ms. Kane understood for the first time what it meant to have "passion." She works with the novice holding a brush for the first time to the accomplished artist seeking to improve a particular technique.

She has grown particularly fond of Naples' seasonal flux, teaching eight classes a week during peak season, fewer at other times of the year. One of the primary benefits of the off-season? Time afforded for her own painting.

She makes the most of each day, from walking at sunrise, her favorite part of the day, to biking nine miles from her home to The Rosen Gallery, where she turns on her tunes and immerses herself in her art.

Although art and teaching have brought her many accolades and much joy, Ms. Kane says two achievements stand out among the rest: She received the Florida Watercolor Society's Mary Woodburn Davis Memorial Award in 2008 for "Red Toes," a painting inspired by her plein-air activities on Fort Myers Beach. And she was named Art Educator of the Year for 2010 by the Art League of Bonita Springs.

Who knew putting your toes in the sand could be so rewarding? ■

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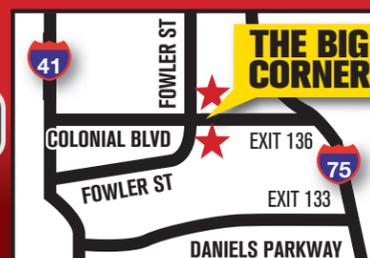
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# 24-HOUR

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Hurricane? No problem. Del and Nancy, his wife of more than 50 years, would crank up a generator and hunker down. If you needed bread or milk or batteries or anything else, you could brave the storm and troop on down, because...

Del's stayed open.

Run out of cranberry sauce on Thanksgiving? You knew where to go. You went to Del's, because...

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Robbery? Had one of those, too. A clerk was pistol-whipped, but the store kept chugging right along while cops swarmed the place, because...

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Family emergencies, illnesses, unexpected crises and just general bone-weary tiredness? Yep, Del and Nancy and their employees have gone through more than their share, but somebody always was behind the counter, because...

Del's stayed open.

Then, in May 2007, the worst thing imaginable took place. The fear that had dogged Del and Nancy for more than four decades came to pass. Their 46-year-old daughter, Tanya, who was born with hydrocephaly, died. Despite her painful and persistent afflictions, Tanya had worked at the store in various capacities since she was 10. That's the way Del's always has been — a family enterprise.

And then, finally, for four hours, after nearly 44 years of constant operation, Del's 24-Hour shut down, because...

Del's didn't stay open on the day they buried Tanya.

"By closing, we honored Tanya," Del says, recalling that mournful occasion. "You could not believe the memorials we found around the store when we returned. People had left wreaths, candles, candies — everything you could imagine. It was all around the store. People loved (Tanya) that much."

There was a logistical problem in closing a store that no one had ever contemplated closing. There were no keys to the doors — which was just as well, since there were no locks, either.

"At first, we didn't know what to do," Del says. "But eventually, they sent some Collier County sheriff's deputies to stand guard from nine in the morning until one in the afternoon so we could attend the funeral."

Since the day of Tanya's funeral, it has been business as usual at Del's, with 24/7 operations continuing uninterrupted.

To put Del's streak of continuous operation in perspective, consider that by staying open fulltime from 1964 until 2007, the store earned a spot in the Guinness Book of Records.

And while this streak might be the most eye-catching factoid about this throw-back provisioner at 2802 Thomasson Drive, the real story goes deeper than that.

■ ■ ■

Del and Nancy Ackerman have fashioned a good life for themselves. Both 73, they live in a tasteful home, set back like a farm-style compound off County Barn Road. The American flag flies and patriotic symbolism abounds. Del walks with a limp, the result of an automobile accident in the 1960s, but he moves quicker than most men without any impairment. Two strokes have slowed Nancy, but she is friendly, alert, actively engaged in the business and the possessor of a wry, cutting wit.

Asked what it's like to be married to a dynamo like Del, she shakes her head



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The Ackermans in front of their store

and says: "It's been a circus. An absolute circus. I thought it would be a circus when I married him, and he hasn't disappointed me."

Del (somehow calling him "Mr. Ackerman," the normal style for this publication, seems way too formal, so we're bending the rules a bit) is one of those guys from whom words and ideas flow unimpeded and uncensored.

He's an enthusiastic pitchman, with a tongue as silvered as his hair. One of his favored means of advertising is a 60-second spot that airs on a local radio station most afternoons. It's an ad-libbed deal, and Del just wings it. One day, the radioman asked Del why people should frequent his store. "Because we speak English!" Del blurted.

That wasn't the politically correct thing to say, of course, and some of Del's pals wanted to know why the hell he had said it in the first place. Didn't he know when to keep his yap shut?

"I told 'em that I don't know why I said it; it just came out," he explains. "But, hell, it's the truth. We do speak English in our store, and a lot of other stores don't. Or at least they speak the kind of English that you really can't understand."

Del and Nancy came to Florida in 1964, after the dreadful automobile accident that was caused by a drunken driver. Del had been working in Toledo, Ohio, his hometown, promoting Florida citrus products in that neck of the woods. Nancy's parents lived in Naples, which made Florida a draw.

"After the accident, everybody thought I was through, washed up," Del says. "The doctors weren't sure I'd walk again. It looked like the end of Del, but it wasn't. Hell, I knew it wasn't."

As Del tells it, Naples back then was a wide-open place where a man could pursue his dreams without running into snarls of governmental red tape and regulation. It was the sort of place tailored for someone like Del Ackerman.

He eventually had three stores, but now he's down to just the flagship. He lost his store on Manatee Road to eminent domain 20 years ago.

If you want to get an earful, just broach the subject of eminent domain in Del's presence.

"They stole that store, pure and simple," he says, among other things. "You can call it what you want, but when you get right down to it, they stole it and that's that."

Later, 50 feet of the Ackermans' property off County Barn Road fell to eminent domain, and, well, let's just say Del was not a happy camper that time, either.

His contrarian nature seems to get him sideways with those in authority from time to time, as when he painted one of his stores black, and the county's

enforcement people went ballistic. There were fierce debates over what constituted an "earth tone," and Del really let those government boys have it. Eventually, he switched to dark green paint and paid a fine of \$572, but he went down swinging.

The remaining 3,600-square-foot store near the Naples Botanical Garden rests on slightly less than 2 acres and, to be blunt, is worth a bundle, if Del were interested in selling — which is an option he neither pursues nor dismisses out of hand.

"Let's be honest, everything in this world is for sale, really," he points out. "If the price is right, anything can be bought."

They came close to selling the place a few years back and even put it up for auction. Although they probably could netted a hefty price, the Ackermans eventually decided against selling, principally because they knew how much the store meant to their daughter.

Not long after they shelved plans for the sale, Tanya died. Still, they feel they made the right decision by keeping it while she was alive.

"It would have made her so sad if we had sold the place," Del says.

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The question most asked about Del's 24-Hour Food Store is this: What has made it so successful?

It's been estimated that annual sales approach \$3 million. Why has it made Del a wealthy man (although he does have other business interests in real estate and the like), while other store-owners struggle to eke out a subsistence living, at best?

Del is not the least bit shy about letting others in on the secret.

Here's the deal: "First, I carry what the people in the community want, not what I think they want or what I want to stock. Let's say there's a strong need for diapers. I'm going to carry diapers, even if I have to sell them at cost. You've got to provide what people want and need, not what you want to sell."

"Second, everyone who works for us is told to treat the customers with respect, to say hello and make them feel welcomed."

"What a lot of people don't understand is how I can do all this and not sell gasoline. I don't sell gas, never have, never will. But let me tell you something, I've got something better than gas, something no one else has. I sell live bait shrimp. I sell thousands and thousands of bait shrimp, and I do it 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Down here, my friend, fishing rules. I am the only place that sells bait shrimp 24 hours every day without a break. The only place. Real complicated, huh?"

These days, Del says, the store sells up to 20,000 shrimp weekly at a charge of \$3.77 per dozen.

If you don't believe him, just ask a customer.

Johnny Mines has been buying his bait shrimp and beer at Del's for more than 10 years.

"I work late nights," Mr. Mines explains on a blistering afternoon outside the store, "and when I get off, I drop by here, load up on shrimp, and I'm ready to go when I wake up the next day. I can get my fishing in before work. Also, you can find anything you need in that damn place. Anything. I just had me a taco. And a damn fine one at that."

"The people are very nice," chimes in Saul Alvera, another longtime patron. "I like that. I mean, I get tired of going places where people act like they don't care if you do business with them or not. At some places, they act like they're doing you a favor by waiting on you. Screw that. People like to be

respected at places they shop."

The emphasis on people manifests itself in a number of ways.

Del posted a \$3,000 reward in the case of Adji Desir, the 6-year-old boy from Immokalee who went missing last year — and remains so.

"I've got a thing about kids," Del says. "They just strike me. They always have. Maybe it's because of the struggles Tanya went through, I don't know. But I just wanted to do something to help get that little boy back, if I could."

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Even when they were younger and their health was better, Del (who also had a stroke three years back but shows no ill effects) and Nancy did not keep the operation running on their own. Del readily concedes he's been lucky to have good help through the years. And he's always been inclined to give people a break when it comes to hiring. Often times, he's taken on geezers ranging in age from 60 to 85 (yes, 85) to work odd hours.

"These guys would come to me and tell me they needed something to do, and they needed some money and they had flexible hours," he says. "They'd say nobody would hire them because of their age. I'd hire 'em. I know how it feels to have people think you're washed-up when you aren't. I've been there, and it's not fun."

But still, he and Nancy and Tanya bore the brunt for a long time. Del, for example, spent years working 17-hour days and driving weekly to Miami to buy produce and other items for the store.

Now, with the years advancing and Tanya gone, Del can see a day when the store is not part of the life he and Nancy share. Maybe no time soon, but someday, for sure, Del's will no longer be Del's.

"I will promise you one thing," he says. "I will not sell that place to just anybody. I don't care how much money is offered. (The next owner) is going to be someone who cares about this area and its community. It will be someone who has the interests of the people at heart."

The Ackermans have no interest in coasting through a listless retirement, though, whenever that time arrives.

The next act in their lives, he believes, will be advocating for children with hydrocephaly and pursuing other charitable causes. He's commissioned a book on his daughter's life, and he hopes it will be completed and published around the end of the year.

"I don't care if it sells a lot of copies or not," he says. "That's not the point. The point is to honor Tanya by telling her story and to help other people. I see these folks who retire and then do nothing but sit around waiting for the end. That's not for us."

"The store's been good. Very good. We love it, and we love what it has meant to our family. But there's probably something else waiting out there for us to do."

A quick reminder to the next of owner of Del's 24-Hour Food Store ("A Lot More Than 24!"), whoever that might be: Don't forget the locks and the keys. ■

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# UNDERCOVER HISTORIAN

## Swamp walk is first step toward orchidelirium

BY LOIS BOLIN  
Special To Florida Weekly

Is that it?" I wondered out loud to my Fakahatchee Strand swamp mates who in turn noted, in a collective gleeful chorus, "Yes!"

So this is what all the fuss is about, I said to myself as my mind's song for the morning shifted from the snappy beat of "Ghostbusters" and "I ain't afraid of no ghost" to Peggy Lee's mournful existentialist song from 1969, "Is That All There Is?"

This was my first swamp walk, and I was trying my best to blend in with my companions, environmental fine art photographer Brian Call, Broward County educator Dawn Burke and Don Finefrock, executive director of the South Florida Parks Foundation. Yet Ms. Lee's lyrics lingered like the haze over the bogs and I began to wonder if I Googled the song, would a picture of a ghost orchid show up?

So I tried it, out there in the swamp, on my iPhone.

Google didn't give me a photo of a ghost orchid, but it did let me know that the lyrics for "Is That All There Is?" were inspired by a story Thomas Mann wrote in 1896. He titled it "Disillusionment." Both the story and the song refer to the feelings of disillusionment when something that's supposed to be spectacular just doesn't live up to the expectations, and the solution is to "take out the booze and have a ball" (a bit of an overreaction in the case of the ghost orchid at hand, I noted).

Expectations are fueled by passion. In "The Orchid Thief," writer Susan Orlean told



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**Dawn Burke, Don Finefrock and photographer Brian Call focus on a ghost orchid in the Fakahatchee swamp.**

the true story of John Laroche, a man who was so fueled by his passion for the beautiful plants — and for the elusive ghost orchid in particular — that he became an "orchidelirium," a term coined in Victorian times for seemingly normal people who, once smitten with orchids, became less like normal people and more like, well, my swamp mates.

### Right in our own backyard

Ms. Orlean came to know Mr. Laroche — whom the Seminoles in the swamp referred to as "Crazy White Man" and "The Troublemaker" — in July 1994 at the Collier County Courthouse, after his arrest for illegally taking endangered wild orchids



BRIAN CALL / COURTESY PHOTO

### A ghost orchid in the Fakahatchee Strand

from the Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park (a charge of which he was never found guilty).

Ms. Orlean's interview with one of only six people in the entire country (at that time) who knew how to propagate the ghost orchid in a plant laboratory led to details of his plan to take and sell some of the wild orchids, cultivate the rest and in a few years have thousands to sell.

Ultimately, as Mr. Laroche saw it, he would saturate the black market and loosen its grip on these rare and delicate commodities. He said, "I researched the law and realized that it was really vague about the Indians taking things out of state preserves. This law ought to be changed, but in the meantime, someone's going to get the benefit of the law being the way it is now, and I figure it might as well be me."

Mr. Laroche paid a fine, and his two Seminole accomplices (who were actually his employers) pleaded no contest and were released as the government wanted to end the trail sooner rather than later, as issues involving the Seminole Indians and

the Everglades tended to be quite sensitive. The worst penalty Mr. Laroche had to pay, however, was the probation that prohibited him from visiting his beloved Fakahatchee Strand for six months.

Ms. Orlean said that Mr. Laroche had both won and lost: He had found a loophole in the law, but lost the case; found the orchids, but lost the right to keep them; and found himself famous but slightly disgraced.

### The Amazon of North America

The Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park, called "the Amazon of North America," is approximately 20 miles long by five miles wide and is the orchid and bromeliad capital of the continent, with 44 native orchids and 14 native bromeliad species.

The ghost orchid, rarest flower in the world, is scattered across the Fakahatchee's 85,000 acres, and your odds of actually seeing one are nil to none unless you're slogging through the swamp with someone who knows where the orchids are and when they bloom.

When a clap of thunder hastened the end of our ghost orchid hunting expedition, I was somewhat relieved, as my initial disappointment regarding the mysterious plant had transformed into wonder, complete with giggles of swamp glee every time we spotted that brownish, dental floss-like root on the bark of a tree that signals a baby ghost orchid is on its way.

While I ain't afraid of no apparition — or of any clap of thunder, for that matter — I was getting concerned about turning into an orchidelirium. ■

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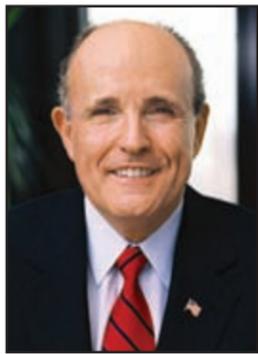
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## Town Hall series announces final speaker for 2011

Rudy Giuliani joins Abagnale, Cooper, Palin in lineup

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Naples Town Hall Distinguished Speaker Series announces former mayor of New York City Rudy Giuliani as the fourth and final speaker in its series for the 2011 season. Mr. Giuliani is scheduled to speak April 12, 2011, at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples. He will discuss the events of 9/11, what America has learned in the decade since 9/11 and what we need to know looking to the future.



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“Rudy Giuliani is synonymous with strength and character that marks a true leader in the face of a horrific crisis. His ability to lead and galvanize a city in its darkest hour will be forever etched in the memories of all Americans,” says Rick Borman, president and producer of the Town Hall series. “His actions and his words helped inspire all of us to strengthen our resolve to stand up against the fear of terrorism and unite to become an even stronger country than before the attacks.”

The 2011 Town Hall series will also feature Frank Abagnale on Jan. 18; Anderson Cooper, Feb. 13; and Sarah Palin, March 23.

Subscriptions to the series are \$600 per person for the lectures or \$1,350 per person for the dinner series, which includes a private cocktail reception, dinner and 45-minute Q&A with the guest speakers. For \$5,000, Town Hall benefactors enjoy priority seating for two, a private cocktail reception, dinner and Q&A, plus entry to special events and an invitation to dine with one guest speaker.

The Town Hall series is entering its 28th year of bringing the world's most influential leaders and speakers in Naples. With its mission to present ideas and issues that stimulate thought, promote dialogue and enhance understanding, the nonprofit organization is continually working to create opportunities for teachers and administrators and their students, from grade school through college, to participate in this forum of ideas.

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

### in the know

>>What: The 2011 Naples Town Hall Distinguished Speaker Series

>>Who & When:

Frank Abagnale, Jan. 18  
Anderson Cooper, Feb. 13  
Sarah Palin, March 23  
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>>Where: The Ritz-Carlton, Naples

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## C'mon issues casting call for kids

The Golisano Children's Museum of Naples, C'mon, is scouting for young talent to host a video introducing the museum's summer 2011 exhibit.

With the help of NBC-2 and ABC-7, aspiring TV news anchors and meteorologists ages 8-12 will be able to have a professional audition at two Robb & Stucky Interiors locations:

• **Friday, July 9**, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Fort Myers showroom, 13170 S. Cleveland Ave. (across from The Bell Tower Shops)

• **Friday, July 16**, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Naples showroom, 2777 Tamiami Trail N. (just north of Coastland Center)

The audition script is available for downloading at [www.robbstucky.com](http://www.robbstucky.com). The website also has instructions for submitting a videotaped audition in case the times above for live auditions are not amenable.

The final video will premier as part of Children's Day at the 2010 Naples International Film Festival in November. C'mon is slated to open in 2011. ■

## Comcast grant will help C'mon outreach efforts

C'mon has received a two-year, \$50,000 grant from The Comcast Foundation to help bring the museum's educational programs to children in Collier and Lee counties.

"As a result of this generous grant, we've been able to work with the Boys & Girls Club, Redlands Christian Migrant Association, Youth Haven and the Shelter for Abused Women & Children by offering free outreach education programs," says Joe Cox, the new museum's executive director.

"The excitement surrounding C'mon comes even before its completion," says

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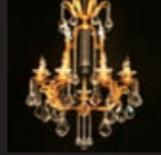
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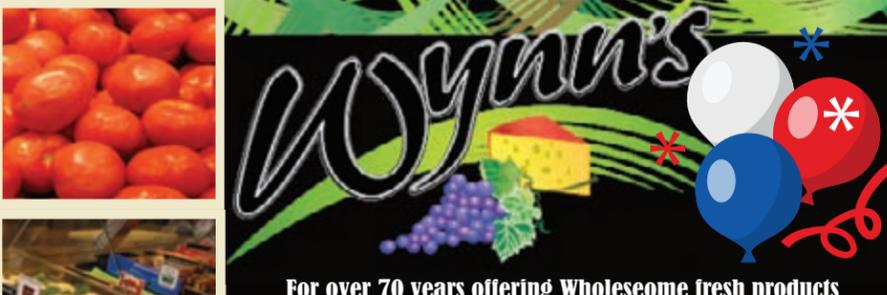
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The learning center features aquariums, interactive exhibits, an art gallery and science labs used by researchers working in the Rookery Bay Reserve. For more information about the volunteer position, contact volunteer coordinator Donna Young at 417-6310, ext. 412.

The center hosts Free Friday for Kids beginning at 10 a.m. Friday, July 2. Fish Frenzy activities for the day will include

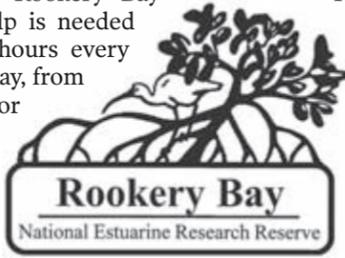
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Lighthouse of Collier Inc., Center for Blindness and Vision Loss is collaborating with the Division of Blind Services to offer classes from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Monday and Thursday from July 8 to Aug. 30. Participants will gain skills that will help them navigate in the community, live independently at home and use assistive technology. Instruction will include tactile medication labeling, cooking, money identification, daily living tasks, using large-print displays and Braille, and accessing e-mail and the Internet with talking PCs.

Lighthouse of Collier is the only Center for Blindness and Vision Loss in Collier County. Its mission is to promote the development, implementation and ongoing evaluation of programs and services that foster independence and enhance the quality of life for the blind, visually impaired and their caregivers. To make a donation or learn more about Lighthouse of Collier, visit [www.lighthouseofcollier.org](http://www.lighthouseofcollier.org) or call 430-EYE4 (3934).

The center has recently moved to new, larger, donated headquarters at 424 Bayfront Place. ■

## Have a slice for the clinic

California Pizza Kitchen at Waterside Shops will donate 20 percent of each customer's check to the Neighborhood Health Clinic on Friday, July 2. Diners must present a flyer to their server when ordering. Download a flyer at [www.neighborhoodhealthclinic.org](http://www.neighborhoodhealthclinic.org), or call 261-6600, ext. 16, for details. The Neighborhood Health Clinic provides quality health care to low income, working but uninsured adults in Collier County. ■

## 'In the Round' brings info, testing to Marco Island

Iberia Bank/Marco and Physicians Regional Healthcare System will bring medical tests and information to Marco Island for the next "In the Round" program at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 7, at the bank at 605 Bald Eagle Drive. For reservations, call 403-5169.

Among those on hand: Cardiologist Roland Werres; podiatrists Loan Lam and Gregory Spain; audiologist Sara Rickelmann; Pam Eichler, R.N., with information about diabetes; dermatologist Craig Eichler; Vitas Hospice representatives; glaucoma/vision screening with Dr. Robert Guda; a urologist/prostate/kidney specialist; information about asthma and allergies; blood pressure checks; information about wound care from Dr. Philip Organ.

There will be a brief presentation about preventive medicine by Mike Hyde, vice president for advancement with Jackson Laboratory, followed by a Q&A session about medical issues. ■

## The household clutter hazard

## Seniors put at risk when things pile up

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

June is National Home Safety Month, and local senior care experts are encouraging families to take the opportunity to help aging loved ones clear potentially dangerous clutter from their homes.

"A lifetime accumulation of possessions combined with an influx of daily junk mail, bills, newspapers and magazines can quickly overwhelm seniors who are struggling physically, mentally or emotionally," says Sue Bidwell, owner of the Home Instead Senior Care franchise office serving Collier and Lee counties.

Experts say even seniors who simply don't know how to part with their possessions are vulnerable. The risks are many, from slipping on loose papers to the threat of fire to the health effects of mold and mildew. Clutter can also interfere with family relationships and leave adult children wondering if the only inheritance awaiting them is a big mess.

"National Home Safety Month presents a great opportunity for family caregivers to help seniors de-clutter for their own health and well-being," Ms. Bidwell says.

The Home Instead Senior Care network alerts family caregivers to watch for the signs in a senior's home that indicate "clutter creep" could become



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a problem, including piles of mail and unpaid bills, difficulty walking safely through a home and frustration on the part of a senior trying to organize.

"Family caregivers can become just as overwhelmed as seniors," Ms. Bidwell says.

## If your senior won't let go

Getting rid of stuff is actually a two-step process: sorting and deciding, on the one hand, and disposing on the other. That's according to Dr. David Ekerdt, a University of Kansas professor who is coordinating a "household moves" project to determine the role that possessions play in older people's housing decisions.

Following are strategies if your loved one doesn't want to let go from Katherine Anderson, president of the National Study Group on Chronic Disorganization, and Vickie Dellaquila, certified professional organizer

and author of "Don't Toss My Memories in the Trash."

**1. Arrange and cheer small victories.** Suppose you spend a short time helping your loved one clear off a table. Celebrate the accomplishment together.

**2. Conduct an "experiment."** If your loved one has 150 empty margarine tub containers, suggest donating 15 of those to a school for a painting project. Allow some time to go by and ask how she felt giving those up. Chances are she won't feel as awful as suspected.

**3. Gently approach the idea of health and safety.** Remind your loved ones that too much clutter can keep them from being safe in their homes, which could jeopardize their ability to stay at home. They could trip over papers on the floor or lose bills and medications.

**4. Draft an agreement.** Agree to box up unused clothing or tools. Carefully list what's in the box and track that for six months. If your loved one does not use the items in that time, suggest they donate them to a charity.

**5. Consider the control issue.** Clutter is all about control, but so is being the one to decide where stuff goes. Remind your loved ones if they don't decide where something will go, someone else will. ■

— For more information, contact the National Study Group on Chronic Disorganization at [www.nsgcd.org](http://www.nsgcd.org), or visit [www.homeinstead.com](http://www.homeinstead.com).

## STRAIGHT TALK

## Wellness Centers aren't the only places in great shape



Our NCH Wellness Centers have done it again, earning Champion awards from the Naples Daily News as Best Fitness Centers and also being included in Gulfshore Life's "Best of the Gulfshore" list.

Our philosophy about the importance of staying in shape extends beyond our Wellness Centers, however. It's imperative for each of us as individuals and for all of us as an organization. We learned that again last week when NCH received a visit from two Joint Commission surveyors for four days of Periodic Performance Review.

"Joint Commission surveyors were very complimentary of our staff's engagement and participation," said Rodney Judd, our survey liaison. "Our staff's friendliness, competence, pride in providing quality patient care, and customer service skills were evident throughout this past week. For example, case manager Valerie Bress — who had no idea who the surveyors were — voluntarily walked them under an umbrella to their car in the middle of an afternoon rainstorm."

That's just one example of how excellent customer service has become embedded within our organization.

Some of the NCH "best practices" areas/departments singled out by the surveyors were:

- **Medical Staff Services**, for the E-Priv system, in which staff can easily look up and identify a practitioner's privileges. Congratulations to Susan Sherwood and her team.

- **Operating Rooms**, for the process of tissue storage and sending tissues to the lab, and for the quality and adherence to standards in the operating rooms. Kudos to Bill Diamond and his great OR team.

- **NCH Downtown ED**, about which surveyors concluded, "Your staff has got it" in assessing the understanding and correct use of behavioral vs. medical restraints. Congratulations to Todd Haner, Maureen Powers and their entire staff.

- **Radiology**. Interventional Radiology was cited as a "very tight ship," run by an outstanding captain, Karen Lyster. Surveyors were also impressed with the practice of radiologists and nursing staff in providing collaborative consultative visits with patients. Congratulations to Jim Bates and his team.

- **Environmental Services**. Judy Walker and Jisele Bayard Valcin from 5N and Labor and Delivery flawlessly answered questions about safety and daily processes to maintain a safe environment.

- **Physical Therapy**. Surveyors singled out physical therapist Sean Wells and commended his knowledge and

enthusiasm about fall-prevention protocols.

- **4E Med/Surg**. While touring with the surveyor, Nurse Manager Erica Szczepkowski stopped and responded to a patient who was moaning in discomfort. The surveyor was impressed with the compassion and skills she demonstrated.

- **Volunteer services**. The surveyor was impressed with the knowledge of ED volunteer Elizabeth Wardein. "She had all of the right answers; it was obvious how well she was trained," said the surveyor.

Joint Commission surveyors also scored 13 standards as being partially or non-compliant. On these areas, we will develop and submit improvement plans to the Joint Commission as part of the health-care system's endeavor of being continuously compliant with all of the standards. But all in all, this survey, just like our top ratings for the Wellness Centers, was most promising as we continue our journey.

"I just sent an e-mail to our entire staff thanking them profusely for all their hard work," said Beth Jameson, director of wellness. "In a time when our competition is heavily knocking on our doors, it's nice to know that we continue to win awards. We must be doing something right."

I couldn't agree more. Thanks again to all. ■

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

# AWARDS

From page 1

Besides the overall award as best newspaper, *Florida Weekly* won first-place awards for general excellence, community service, feature story, outdoor writing, criticism, education, health writing and city/county government writing.

Presentation Editor Eric Raddatz won first place for front-page makeup while the *Florida Weekly* staff won for overall graphic design.

"We strive to give readers the best possible product — through this shared vision it is great to be recognized by winning these awards," said Jim Dickerson, *Florida Weekly* co-founder and creative director. "Our staff of designers and writers are at the top of their individual fields and it only validates their talents with these awards."

*Florida Weekly's* writers were represented in various categories. Bill Cornwell won in the feature category for his story "Evil," a haunting account of one of Southwest Florida's most disturbing criminals. Arts writer Nancy Stetson was named top critic for her introspective look at area theater productions. Writer Evan Williams won for community service, business and education writing, while Roger Williams took awards for best news story and outdoor writing. The *Florida Weekly*/NBC-2 Hurricane Guide won second place for special sections.

The Florida Press Association's Better Weekly Newspaper Awards are open to monthly, semi-monthly, weekly, semi-weekly and tri-weekly newspaper members.

The work was published between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2009.

*Florida Weekly* publishes weekly newspapers in Greater Fort Myers, Greater Naples and Punta Gorda/southern Char-

lotte County. Other local winners included the Fort Myers Beach Observer and the Island Reporter on Sanibel, each with one award.

## Florida Weekly winners:

### Overall Winners

**Division A - circulation over 15,000**

Florida Weekly

**Division B - circulation 7,000 - 15,000**

Venice Gondolier Sun, Lang Capasso, Publisher

**Division C - circulation under 7,000**

The North Florida Herald, Ronald Dupont Jr., Publisher

### Category: General Excellence

**Division A - circulation over 15,000**

**First**, Florida Weekly

**Second**, The East County Observer

**Third**, Osceola News-Gazette

### Category: Overall Graphic Design

**Division A - circulation over 15,000**

**First**, Florida Weekly

**Second**, Miami New Times, Pam Shavaler

**Third**, The East County Observer, Jessica Eng

### Category: Front-Page Makeup

**Division A - circulation over 15,000**

**First**, Florida Weekly, Eric Raddatz

**Second**, The East County Observer

**Third**, Florida Courier

### Category: Community Service

**Division AB - circulation 7,000 and over**

**First**, Florida Weekly, Evan Williams, Roger Williams

**Second**, The Orlando Business Journal

**Third**, The Islander

### Category: Humorous Column

**Division A - circulation over 15,000**

**First**, Miami New Times, Elyse Wanshel

**Second**, Florida Weekly, Artis Henderson

**Third**, The Largo Leader, Tom Germond

### Category: News Story

**Division A - circulation over 15,000**

**First**, Florida Courier, Charles Cherry II

**Second**, Florida Weekly, Roger Williams

**Third**, Osceola News-Gazette, Juliana Torres

### Category: In-Depth News Reporting (Non-Investigative)

**Division A - circulation over 15,000**

**First**, Miami New Times, Natalie

O'Neill **Second**, Florida Weekly, Bill

Cornwell **Third**, The Sarasota Observer, Robin Roy

**Honorable Mention**, The East County Observer, Pam McTeer

### Category: Feature Story

**Division A - circulation over 15,000**

**First**, Florida Weekly, Bill Cornwell

**Second**, Florida Courier, Starla Vaughns Cherin

**Third**, Clearwater Beacon, Alexandra Caldwell

### Category: Photo Series in One Issue

**Division A - circulation over 15,000**

**First**, Osceola News-Gazette, Andrew Sullivan

**Second**, Florida Weekly, Brynn Bruijn

**Third**, The East County Observer, Michael Eng

### Category: Outdoor Writing

**Division A - circulation over 15,000**

**First**, Florida Weekly, Roger Williams

**Second**, Miami New Times, Tim Elfrink

**Third**, Osceola News-Gazette, Juliana A. Torres

### Category: Environmental or Conservation

**Division AB - circulation 7,000 and over**

**First**, Orlando Business Journal

**Second**, The Islander, Lisa Neff

**Third**, Florida Weekly, Evan Williams

### Category: Business Writing

**Division A - circulation over 15,000**

**First**, Miami New Times, Tim Elfrink

**Second**, Florida Weekly, Evan Williams

**Third**, The Suncoast News, Klint Lowry

### Category: Special Issue, Section or Supplements

**Division A - circulation over 15,000**

**First**, The Seminole Beach-Beacon

**Second**, Florida Weekly

**Third**, The Independent Florida Alligator

### Category: Community History

**Division AB - circulation 7,000 and over**

**First**, Orlando Business Journal

**Second**, Florida Weekly, Bill Cornwell

**Third**, Miami New Times, Francisco Alvacado

**Honorable Mention**, Anna Maria Island Sun, Cindy Lane

### Category: Criticism

#### Open Circulation

**First**, Florida Weekly, Nancy Stetson

**Second**, The Islander, Lisa Neff

**Third**, Largo Leader, Lee Clark Zumpe

#### Category: Education

**Division A - circulation over 15,000**

**First**, Florida Weekly, Evan Williams

**Second**, The Bay Beacon, Stacie Morgan

**Third**, East Orlando Sun, Megan Stokes

#### Category: Health

**Division A - circulation over 15,000**

**First**, Florida Weekly, Roger Williams

**Second**, Miami New Times, Natalie

O'Neill **Third**, East Orlando Sun, Megan Stokes

**Honorable Mention**, The Independent Florida Alligator, Chelsea Keenan

#### Category: City and/or County Government

**Division A - circulation over 15,000**

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**Second**, Largo Leader, Suzette Porter

**Third**, Miami New Times, Tim Elfrink ■



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# PET TALES

## No-scratch zone

Work with your vet to stop canine allergy misery

BY DR. MARTY BECKER & DAVID S. GREENE  
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As anyone who has ever tried to sleep in the same room with an itchy dog can tell you, canine allergies can be miserable for both pets and people.

People get runny noses, itchy eyes, sneezing or wheezing when allergies flair. For dogs, the problems are mostly skin-related: They scratch, chew their skin, rub against stationary objects or shake their heads in frustration from itchy ears.

Allergies typically show up within the first three years of a pet's life, worsen with age and can't be cured, only controlled. Knowing what causes allergies is an important first step toward treating them, and that means getting your veterinarian's help. Flea bites are a top cause of these allergies, but food and environmental issues are a problem for many dogs. Dust, pollen and spores in the home and yard gather in the pet's fur, and the allergens then trigger reactions.

Your veterinarian will have suggestions specific to your dog, your region and your season, but in general, you can help your pet a great deal with an allergy-prevention regimen in the home. Dedicated parasite control is the first step, and that will mean veterinary-recommended flea-control products along with frequent vacuuming of pet areas and washing of pet bedding.



Concurrently, you can limit the amount of dust and other irritants pets sweep up by keeping floors, furniture and other surfaces where dogs and dust connect clean, as well as by using air filtration systems. In addition, if you smoke, quit. Second-hand smoke bothers pets, too.

And while you may have heard that frequent shampooing strips the skin of essential oils, veterinary dermatologists now recommend bathing pets at least every week (up to every day for extremely at-risk, allergic pets) during the spring and summer to help wash allergens off the coat and skin before they can trigger an allergic reaction.

While regular flea-control, a clean house and frequent bathing may dramatically decrease your pet's allergic response,

more powerful treatments are often needed to help a pet ditch the itch. Fortunately, veterinarians have new treatment options that may make a world of difference.

You probably know someone who takes shots to manage their own allergy symptoms. Known as immunotherapy, or hypsensitization, these small injections of allergens under the skin can also be effective for most dogs with atopic dermatitis, which is the medical term for what pet owners would call "constantly itchy skin." Pet owners can administer the injections at home with guidance from their veterinarians, and many dogs respond well to this treatment.

To fight the skin reactions to allergens that trigger scratching and chewing, Atopica is another option. This medication calms the cells that trigger an allergic response, rather than treating the symptoms after a reaction — and without the side effects of steroid shots. Ask your veterinarian if this treatment is right for your pet.

But it's not just about airborne allergens or parasites: Pets suffer from food allergies as well. Allergy reactions to pet food are usually caused by proteins and can include beef, egg, milk or cheese products, soy, or even fish. If food allergies are suspected, your veterinarian will guide you through food-elimination trials to find the culprit, and then recommend a diet that won't trigger an allergic response.

With modern veterinary options and a world of new products to help, the allergies of dogs can be managed better than ever before. And that means you and your pet will both sleep better, since neither of you will have to be bothered by your dog's noisy scratching. ■

### Pets of the Week



>> **Sparkler** is a 1-year-old schnauzer mix who's neutered and weighs about 30 pounds. He is happy and outgoing.



>> **Indy** is a 3-month-old hound mix. He's been neutered and is very friendly with other dogs and children.



>> **Trident** is a 3-year-old, neutered blue Persian. Although he's missing part of one of his back legs, it doesn't bother him a bit. He likes other cats and is very playful with people.



>> **Dinzel** is a 1-year-old neutered Yorkshire terrier mix. A sweet little guy in an 8-pound package, he'd love to be your lap buddy.

### To adopt a pet

This week's adoptable pets are in foster homes with volunteers for Brooke's Legacy Animal Rescue. For more information, call 434-7480, e-mail [brookeslegacy@brookeslegacynimalrescue.org](mailto:brookeslegacy@brookeslegacynimalrescue.org) or visit [www.brookeslegacynimalrescue.org](http://www.brookeslegacynimalrescue.org).

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# MUSINGS

## Festoon



The ideal imaginary country created by Thomas Moore in 1516 C.E. was not the first Utopia. Perhaps the genesis, the original utopia, was that garden oriented toward the East, rising up among four rivers.

This Eden's Garden was primordial paradise: land of beauty in which soul mate rises out of rib and animals are named into being in creative co-creator partnership.

What a feast it must have been, fete incredible, ground sprinkled with perfume and spread with flowers.

For a moment.

And for that moment, the feast must be festooned. See: Hanging strands adorn, lovely beyond thought, word and expression.

But now look more closely at the nature of festoon. Each strand is stranded, suspended curve hanging between two points. And pertinent points they are, sharp and conspicuous. (Soon they will function to re-member our unoriginal pointed proposition.)

Do you know that "utopia" comes from the Greek meaning "no place?" There is no place like home.

But even if we have no place, we

do have a point. Two points, it seems. That's the proposition. Like the music of counterpoint, we have different names of different songs moving independently. Point: Eutopia; the good land, fertile wet crescent. Counterpoint: Dystopia; the badlands, dead with intricate erosional sculpturing.

The point is we're not in Kansas anymore. Because we have, it seems, eaten of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Those are the points.

And out of this pointed assumption Uriel rises, archangel with flaming sword who prohibits entry to all who proclaim duality.

The original naming was fine. We can call creatures into being with names, all the species and subspecies. They can come and go with our labels.

But the pointed labels are of a different order. More like a Depp disconcerting Alice's Won-



derland than Paradise, the pointing at duality is chaos naming that bumps and grinds into gestations that end in painful delivery sans deliverance.

That's the point: Getting out. Perhaps we need pointing out instructions.

In Tibetan Buddhism, a pointing out instruction is said to be a direct introduction to the nature of mind given by teacher to student. The mind that is pointed out has been there from the very beginning, totally pure and free from all the pointed points, from all the dualities. Just like the original garden, even though we have eaten from the forbidden tree, there is a fundamental goodness that endures.

The point is that this fundamental goodness of mind lies under, next to, beyond and through the serpents and naked shame and flaming swords and painful births and siblings in murder/victim embrace.

Locus amoenus is everywhere, festooned. That's the point. This is truly good news, right from the beginning, clearly in mind, wonderful to behold.

No problem. Home free. ■

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Ryan West is the general manager at MarineMax in Fort Myers

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## Boat dealers coming up from bottom

BY EVAN WILLIAMS  
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As any financial expert or anyone who ever struggled financially will attest, luxury items are one of the first things to get cut from budgets in tough times. To Southwest Florida boat dealers, that's generally meant a steep decline in sales the last few years.

A report by Info-Link Technologies shows that sales of new powerboats 15 feet or more dropped by nearly half in Lee, Charlotte and Collier counties from March 2008 to March 2010.

Many boat dealers, such as Tom Nichols, owner of Bonita Boat Center, think of themselves as survivors of lean years. Mr. Nichols and industry experts, including those with an eye to the broader area of luxury purchases in general, are seeing renewed interest from consumers.

"I think in good times people have a lot of toys or luxury items and in bad times those are some of the first things to go, and those are catching back up on the market," said Bruce Shultz, president of Southwest Capital Bank.

Local boat dealers say they are see-

ing an uptick in sales, especially in used and smaller or less expensive models. A significant portion of boat sales recently have also been due to buyers snapping up repo'd and bank-owned bargains.

"It's a buyer's market," said Mike Anderson, director of the American Boating Association. "The market's flooded with used boats that are for sale or repossessed."

At one time, there were so many bank-owned and repossessed boats on the market, that "the joke," Mr. Anderson said, was that banks were the largest boat dealers around. Much of that inventory in Southwest Florida was absorbed by the end of 2009, dealers say.

"It's just so expensive to keep those boats around, the dealers have basically sold off what they can to eliminate that debt," said Bob Allen, vice president of Trident Funding Corp., which helps broker boat sales for Southwest Florida dealers.

"(In) '08 and '09, the bank repos and auction sales kind of cleared most everything out and we're just about back to even," said Pete Peterson, owner of Naples Yacht Brokerage.

## Sales activity up

In Punta Gorda, Pier One Yacht Sales owner Len Garofoli reported selling five boats in 2008, 25 in 2009, and being on pace to beat that number this year. "In general, from what I hear talking to different dealers around the country, sales are up," Mr. Garofoli said.

Ryan West, general manager of MarineMax in Fort Myers, says that while a greater percentage of customers might be inquiring about used boats versus new boats, new sales still make up 65 to 70 percent of profits.

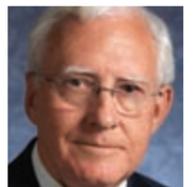
"The past couple years have kind of been a cleansing in the industry," Mr. West said. "The amount of repossessed and bank-owned and stressed inventory has been absorbed. With those boats out of the market, it's certainly more conducive to traditional retail sales. We're getting new people in the market again."

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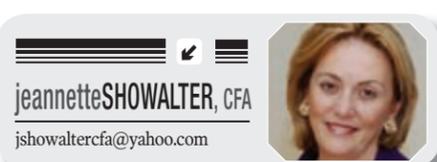
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## Phosphates' future worth considering

For many Floridians, the words "Florida Phosphates" brings nothing to mind. However, this is not so for those in Central Florida and, increasingly, the words are topical in Charlotte County conversation. Most recently, Florida Phosphates is being frequently advertised on local cable TV.

Some watch the ad, which shows fields of crops, agricultural workers and produce and wonder, "What was that all about?" Certainly it is about something sufficiently important to warrant a PR cable advertisement. Maybe it is PR prep as Florida draws closer to issues involving expansion of phos-



phate mining from Central Florida into our Southwest area.

Without a doubt, there are environmental issues associated with this mining: river and ground water pollution as well as phosphogypsum and acidic waste water issues. Further complicating the issue is the fact that phosphate is mildly radioactive. Since Florida has

some 1 billion tons of waste, there are very real possibilities for extraction and creation of uranium. This provides another job creation opportunity to be balanced with environmental issues.

In 2001, Tampa Bay residents felt the negative side of this industry when a local company, Mulberry Phosphates, filed for bankruptcy and left residents with a \$160 million cleanup bill at the company's Piney Point processing plant.

Without a doubt, there are critical employment issues associated with this mining. What most Floridians don't know is that phosphate mining comes in third, right after construction and

tourism, as the largest employer in our state. Yes, as in non-cyclical J-O-B-S.

Looking into the horizon, the employment picture in this industry is bleak absent expansion into new mining areas. As it stands, mining of phosphates is to expire around 2040, which is the estimated time of mine depletion.

Some think, "Let them go mine phosphate some place else." But such is really not an option. Florida's production accounts for more than 75 percent of the U.S. usage of phosphate and 25-30 percent of the world's current supply —

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# BUSINESS BRIEFS

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The DryLanai system includes a wall controller, one or more rain sensors and an optional remote. The wall controller replaces switches that operate shutters. The wall controller receives wireless signals from the rain sensors and lowers the shutters at the first sign of rain. The rain sensors sit on floor of the outdoor room or lanai. One rain sensor is required for each exposure to rain. The hand-held remote enables the homeowner to adjust the shutters wirelessly from any location in the home.

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## Law firm selects Naples ad agency

J. Jeffrey Rice, managing partner for the Southwest Florida law firm Goldstein, Buckley, Cechman, Rice

& Purtz, P.A., announces the firm has selected Naples-based Wilson Creative Group as its agency of record. The agency now handles all creative development and placement for print and broadcast advertising for the law firm, as well as manages the firm's Internet presence, collateral materials and other marketing strategies. Peggy Wilson is president and creative director; James Schnars, director of account services.

Fort Myers-based Gravina, Smith, Matte & Arnold Marketing and Public Relations manages the law firm's public relations program.

Goldstein, Buckley, Cechman, Rice & Purtz, P.A. was established in 1962 and provides a full complement of legal services to clients in its Fort Myers, Cape Coral, Naples, Lehigh Acres and Port Charlotte offices. ■

## Parker Hannifin Corp. named Business of the Month

The Economic Development Council of Collier County, in partnership with the Collier County Commission, has recognized Parker Hannifin Corp. as Business of the Month for June. The award recognizes businesses for their innovation and entrepreneurship and honors the contributions those businesses make toward a more diversi-

fied economy in Collier County.

The Parker Hannifin Corp. is an operational site of the Fluid Systems Division of Parker Aerospace. Formerly known as Shaw Aero Devices, it was acquired by Parker in 2007 and employs approximately 190 people.

Founded in 1957, the company invented patented safety-lock, flush-mounted, lightning-safe fuel caps for aircraft applications. Today, it produces a variety of components for aerospace and high-technology markets including caps and adapters, fuel system components, lubrication and hydraulic system equipment, and water and waste components.

Parker Hannifin joins 4What Interactive, Arthrex, Pelican Wire Company, INgage Networks (formerly known as Neighborhood America) and Thomas Riley Artisans' Guild as the sixth business to be recognized in the Business of the Month program, which highlights an individual CEO and his or her company on the fourth Tuesday of each month at a regular meeting of the Collier County Commission. Companies receive a certificate of achievement and an opportunity to provide a brief presentation on their innovative technologies, growth of the organization, potential future growth, and how their company or organization has helped to advance their industry and the community.

For more information, call the EDC at 263-8989 or visit [www.eNaplesFlorida.com](http://www.eNaplesFlorida.com).



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Fifth Third Bank employees and customers donated more than 4 tons of nonperishable food — nearly 5,000 meals' worth — as part of the "Fight Hunger. Feed Dreams" collection drive in partnership with The Salvation Army. More than 130 collection boxes were set up across the bank's seven-county South Florida footprint in financial centers, offices and other corporate locations. In Collier County, more than 3,600 pounds of food was donated.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon-cutting for the new location of Camp Bow Wow at 3382 Mercantile Ave. in Naples. Owner Dominic Tiziano is holding the scissors in the photo above. Camp Bow Wow is a home away from home for doggy day care as well as for overnight boarders. For more information, call 352-2275.

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# ON THE MOVE

## Awards



SUMMERS

Architect **Daniel Summers** has been honored by the University of South Florida with two alumni awards: the inaugural Distinguished Alumnus Award established by the USF School of Architecture and Community Design, and the 2010 Distinguished Alumnus Achievement Award presented to a graduate of the College of The Arts. Mr. Summers graduated from the SACD master's program in 1993 and is a vice president and principal of BSSWArchitects Inc., serving as director of the firm's Naples office. Examples of his work include the Naples Beach Hotel and Conference Center, the Golden Gate Community Center Wheels Annex and the Collier County Headquarters Library.

## Banking & Finance

**Jack Van Veen** has joined Northern Trust as vice president and senior investment consultant for Northern Trust Securities in the Naples Park Shore office. Mr. Van Veen previously served as vice president and senior financial advisor for Fifth Third Securities for four years. He holds a bachelor's degree in business from Western Illinois University and achieved his Certified Financial Planner designation from the College for Financial Planning in Colorado. He also holds the FINRA Series 7 and 66 licenses and a Florida insurance license. He is active in the Financial Planning Association of Southwest Florida.

## Board Appointments

Officers and new boards members for the Florida Gulf Coast University Foundation for 2010-11 are as follows: **Donald Lesch** of The Sanibel-Captiva Trust Company, chairman; **James Knupp** of Ennis, Knupp & Associates, vice chair; **John Fumagalli**, president and CEO for the Southwest Florida region of Northern Trust, treasurer; **Joseph Shepard**, vice president for administration and finance at FGCU, assistant treasurer; **Charles Winton**, owner of Estero Bay Chevrolet, secretary. **Jaynie Whitcomb** and **Paul Woods** have been elected to serve on the board for four-year terms. **Fay Biles** has been designated an FGCU Foundation Fellow.

**Bill McKinney** has been elected to the board of directors of the Naples Orchestra and Chorus and will serve as development

director. One of his first jobs is to help find more male singers for the volunteer chorus. A retired scientist and product manager with DuPont Inc., Mr. McKinney is a Realtor with Downing-Frye Realty.

Newly elected officers and board members for The Leadership Collier Foundation are: **Jeffrey Fridkin**, chairman; **CJ Hueston**, chair-elect; **Edward Morton**, past chair; **Sallie Williams**, vice chair; and **Tom McCann**, **Gary Pickel**, **Janet Vasey**, **Patrick Utter**, **Jim Hoppensteadt**, **Michelle Gleeson**, **Constance Byrne** and **Josephine Haines**, board members.

The following officers have been appointed to the Youth Haven board of trustees for 2010-11: **Bradford Marshall** of Stifel Nicolaus, president; **Cathi Johnson** of TIB Bank, vice president and treasurer; attorney **Jay Cook**, vice president; **Carol Boyd**, secretary; **Joyce Fitch** of Beasley Broadcast Group, executive member; and **Sandra Karaganis**, executive member. The following are serving as board members: **Mike Assaad** of Waterside Builders; **Capt. Timothy Guerrette** of the Collier County Sheriff's Office; **Curtis Gunther** of Imperial Homes of Southwest Florida; **Starling Hendriks** of Northern Trust Bank; **Ann Horton**; **Rusty Hubbell**; **Susan Jones**; **David Long**; **Thomas Moran** of The Moran Asset Management Group; Collier County Sheriff **Kevin Rambosk**; **Patricia Read** of Naples Community Hospital; and **Terri White**.



CALORE

**Pamela Calore** has been appointed to the executive committee of The Lighthouse of Collier to serve as secretary. Mrs. Calore has previously served on the advisory board for the Pittsburgh Vision Center and has worked for a staffing company that assisted in helping the visually impaired with career development and employment.

## Food & Beverage



SCHROTT

**Tonya Thomas-Schrott** has joined Jason's Deli of Southwest Florida as director of marketing and community relations for the five-county area.

## Law

The law firm of Grant, Fridkin, Pearson, Athan & Crown, P.A. congratulates **Richard Grant**, **Jeffrey Fridkin**, **William Pearson** and **Gregory Woods** for having been selected for inclusion in the 2010 edition of Florida Super Lawyers. The firm also congratulates **Rachael Loukonen**, **Michael Traficante** and **Jacqueline Gadberr** for having been named to the Rising Stars list as top up-and-coming lawyers in Florida for 2010.



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## Marketing & Public Relations



TAYLOR

**Kathleen Taylor** has joined pearl, a brand communications firm with offices in Bonita Springs and Cape Coral, as its brand communications manager. She brings eight years of business communications experience, most recently as an independent public relations consultant. She was a reporter for WGPU-FM and has also worked in public relations for the Lee County Alliance for the Arts and the Lee County Electric Cooperative. She holds a bachelor's

degree from Florida Gulf Coast University and currently serves as president of the Southwest Florida Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association.

## Nonprofit Organizations

**Joseph Binder** has joined SCORE Naples as director of marketing. He replaces George Ahearn, who has been appointed vice chairman of the local chapter. Mr. Binder will oversee media relations, website content and the promotion of SCORE workshops and its speakers bureau. A key part of his responsibility is developing alliances with community groups to expand the services of SCORE Naples to small and start-up businesses. Mr. Binder has more than 20 years of leadership experience in marketing, business development, sales and project management with Fortune 100 companies. Since 2006, he has headed All American Franchises of Clearwater, Fla., a consulting firm matching franchise business models with clients' strengths and financial expectations to ensure maximum success probability for first-time entrepreneurs. He also provides consulting and mentoring services to business owners. He holds a bachelor's degree in applied mathematics from Case Institute of Technology.



TORRES

**Raquel Torres** has joined Eden Autism Services Florida as a development specialist to assist with managing and coordinating special events and fundraising efforts, contact database and records control. Ms. Torres previously worked as a business development manager for marketing company. She has also worked as a land acquisitions and sales manager for a post-secondary education company and as the director of public relations for a commercial real estate brokerage firm in Fort Myers.

## Spa Services



MEDRANO

**Holly Medrano** has been named salon coordinator at The Spa at The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. She is responsible for overseeing the operations of the full-service salon as well as for providing hair-styling and coloring services. For the past 10 years, Ms. Medrano has owned a salon in Michigan that specialized in bridal and formal hair styling. She is a master colorist. ■

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# BOAT

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Henry Lowe, owner of Lowe's Marine Sales on Marco Island, said "sales since January have been fairly brisk." He sells only used boats. "The bulk of our sales have been below \$20,000," Mr. Lowe said.

For some boat dealers, the renewed interest by consumers hasn't meant higher profits.

"We've had our first two up-quarters in three years, but what's driving sales is the price," said Scott Rush, owner of San Carlos Marine in Fort Myers. They sell only saltwater outboard fishing boats. "These aren't profitable sales, this is inventory clearance."

Those dealers who are seeing sales numbers begin to climb say consumers have begun to come out of their shells after a few years of recessionary belt tightening.

"There's no question there's a lot of pent up demand," said Phil Osborne Sr., owner of Naples Boat Mart.

But he adds that sales on his larger 25-foot to 40-foot boats are "virtually nonexistent," and feels business should be more brisk considering the deals consumers have been able to command.

"I can't help but think whether it's the oil spill or the debt crisis or the economy in general, or lack of confidence in the current governmental administration, there's so much negativity out there, people aren't taking advantage of the greater opportunities that are afforded them to buying a boat in this (economic climate)," he said.

There are other factors that would also seem to put a damper on sales. A chilly winter didn't inspire boaters to upgrade to a bigger boat this year, for example. And banks and consumers are still being tighter with their cash than they were during boom years, making financing a challenge at times.

"It's difficult getting money because



Tom Nichols, owner of Bonita Boat Center

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in the know

**Florida Power Boat Sales (15-plus feet in length)**

12 Months Ending:	Lee	Collier	Charlotte
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March 2009	737	409	334
March 2010	651	367	231

Source: Info-Link Technologies, a company that gathers statistics for The American Boating Association

the banks are not lending any money," said Mr. Lowe of Lowe's Marine Sales. "Having cash is dictating the lower purchase prices."

### To boat or not to boat

No matter the economic climate, industry wisdom says boats are a luxury item people can't seem to stay away from for long.

"Any economic situation like we've seen affects people, shakes people up, makes them reevaluate their priorities, but bottom line: boating is a natural affinity," said Leif Lustig, dockmaster at the City of Fort Myers Yacht Club. "They want to enjoy that time spent on the water with friends and family. Whatever economic situation happens is transitory."

Mr. Nichols of Bonita Boat Center

described the recent transitions in the boating industry this way:

"Good clean late model pre-owned boats are good business for us right now. There's a similar amount of business being done but it's just switched from new boats which are a little bit more expensive for people, to pre-owned boats. They still want to be on the water, go out to lunch, be in the sunshine and experience our little piece of paradise out here, and they're going to do it one way or the other.

"Those bargains and those repos — those portions of the market are starting to go away. The marketplace is starting to financially recover, slowly.

"Dealers like me who had been reducing their inventories and reducing their liabilities to put ourselves in a more stable business environment, we are not to the point — we're beyond the point — that we are so financially strapped and financially weak because of over-inventories that we'll sell anything for anything.

"The survivors like myself and several other dealers in the area, we've brought our businesses into a manageable area, reduced inventory, and now we're operating our businesses on either an even profitability situation or a (modest) profit.

"It's our job to communicate to our customers: the bottom happened. The bottom is done and we're starting to slowly climb out the other side." ■



Pier One Yacht Sales

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# MONEY

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a critical element in making fertilizers and therefore a critical element in crop production.

Phosphates are a non-renewable resource. They can't be created from other substances and, so far, there are no alternatives to them. (Though expensive, at least oil has alternatives — solar, nuclear, battery, wind, etc.)

Phosphate mining in Florida dates back to 1885 when it was mined and transported to ports by rail. The mining pits are so unattractive that Floridians scarcely see the pictures but, for sure, some 130,000 acres of West Central Florida land have been mined.

Be assured the issues surrounding it are complex and the implications for the state are enormous. It seems to be akin to the offshore drilling issue. At least Floridians have learned through the BP disaster that a failsafe back-up plan is needed, that the firms need to be well capitalized to fix their messes, that corporate culture of profit at any cost often supersedes stated corporate policy or intent and that government regulation can not be reduced to rubber stamping corporate requests.

On the investment side, what does all this mean? It could mean opportunity. The grain markets have been quiet for a long time; record crops have kept pricing flat. It used to be that U.S. crop production was the only big player but Brazil and Russia have changed all that — and that is partly due to fertilizers.

When crop production falls (and some think that all the good news for crops is already priced into these grain markets), then everyone wants to buy more fertilizers to increase yield.

Some technical analysts, and certainly one of the best technical/cycle analysts retained by the biggest hedge funds, sees price appreciation on the horizon for the fertilizer common stocks (Mosaic Company MOS; Potash Corp. of Saskatche POT; and Agrium Inc. and agricultural equipment stocks (Deere & Co. DE and Caterpillar Inc. CAT).

You might want to research them and add them to your stock screen. In what has certainly been a meaningful year-to-date U.S. equity market correction (and what some predict is a resumption of the market bear), you don't have to race to buy. When these stocks start to outperform the market in a meaningful way or when grain markets show price improvement, you might want to take a closer look.

As always, ask your own adviser for counsel that is appropriate for your situation. ■

— Jeannette Rohn Showalter is a Southwest Florida-based chartered financial analyst, considered to be the highest designation for investment professionals.

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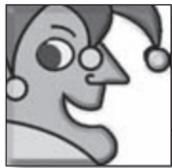


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### A Mini-Glossary

Savvy investors need to have some financial terms under their belts — like these:

**Bear market:** when the overall market loses value over an extended period of time. There's no official definition of it, but many analysts feel a drop of at least 10 percent is needed. A smaller drop is often called a "correction" (though that term is never used when the market moves up 10 percent!).

**Book value:** a company's assets, minus any liabilities and intangible assets. Book value is the value of a company that can be found via its balance sheet. It's often represented as a per-share value by taking the company's shareholder equity and dividing it by the current number of shares outstanding.

**Capital appreciation:** One of the two components of total return (along with dividend yield), capital appreciation reflects how much the underlying value of a security has increased. If you bought a stock at \$10 per share and it has risen to \$13, you have enjoyed a 30

percent return or appreciation on your invested capital.

**Capital gain/loss:** the difference between the price at which an asset is sold and its original purchase price (or "basis").

**Doer:** a deer, a female deer.

**Liquidity:** a measure of how quickly a security can be sold at a fair price and converted to cash. Illiquid stocks are those that don't trade in high volume — so having too many shares of them would make for a position that cannot necessarily be sold.

**Market timing:** an investment strategy based on predicting short-term price changes in securities, which is virtually impossible to do.

**Standard & Poor's 500 Index:** an index of 500 of America's biggest publicly traded companies. The S&P 500 is considered a good measurement of the overall U.S. stock market, and indeed, it represents about 75 percent of the market.

**Treasury bill (T-bill):** a short-term discounted security issued by the U.S. government, with a maturity of one year or less.

Learn more at [www.investorwords.com](http://www.investorwords.com) and <http://wiki.fool.com>. ■

## My Dumbest Investment

### Waited Too Long

My dumbest mistake was waiting until my late 40s to even think much about my financial future.

My first IRA was spent keeping my spouse and me afloat while we had only one income. My current Roth took a big hit in 2008, but recovered well in 2009. Thanks to my cleaning business going well, I'm starting to have extra money to invest.

I hope and plan to be debt-free in four or five years and am now engrossed in learning everything I can about investing. I'm invested in about a dozen stocks now.

— G.B., online

**The Fool Responds:** The earlier we start saving and investing, the better. A 30-year-old has around 35 years to build wealth until retirement, while a 45-year-old has just 20. (Those with insufficient savings should consider working a few more years — it can do wonders for your nest egg.)

Many people don't get their financial wake-up call until their 50s or later, so it's good that you're on the ball now. Pay off any high-interest-rate debt first, though, before investing. ■



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

## Last week's trivia answer

Based in Houston, I'm the largest waste company in North America, with 273 active landfill disposal sites, 16 waste-to-energy plants, 134 recycling plants and 111 beneficial-use landfill gas projects. As the continent's largest recycler, I recycled enough waste to fill the Empire State Building 12.5 times or fill more than 111,500 Boeing 737s. I use waste to create energy, too: My landfill gas and waste-to-energy projects produce energy equivalent to 14 million barrels of oil, enough to power more than 1 million homes. I operate one of the largest fleets of heavy-duty trucks powered exclusively by natural gas. Who am I? ■

(Answer: Waste Management)



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

## Ask the Fool

### A Big Average

**Q** How is "the Dow" calculated? — L.M., Walnut Creek, Calif

**A** The 114-year-old Dow Jones industrial average (DJIA) is one of the oldest U.S. market indexes. It's essentially the average stock price of 30 companies, such as Walt Disney, General Electric, Microsoft, Boeing, McDonald's, Coca-Cola, ExxonMobil, IBM, Pfizer, AT&T and American Express.

It probably seems like an unlikely average, though, hovering around 10,000, since none of the stocks is selling for anywhere near \$10,000 per share.

But the shares, on average, actually would trade in the neighborhood of \$10,000 — if they'd never been split, issued dividends, or undergone major changes such as spin-offs or mergers during their tenure in the index.

To arrive at the index number, the stock prices of the 30 component stocks are added together, and then divided by the "divisor" (which is adjusted frequently and was 0.132319125, last time we checked).

To understand how each stock affects the average, know that if, say, IBM falls by 2 points, you can just divide 2 by the divisor and learn that the DJIA will fall by 15.11 points (2 divided by 0.132319125 equals 15.11). Thus, stocks with higher prices have a bigger influence on the Dow.

**Q** When a stock falls, I lose money. Where does it go?

— N.P., Grand Rapids, Mich

**A** When a company's stock price declines, nobody necessarily directly benefits. Imagine you own shares of the Free Range Onion Co. (Ticker: BULBZ). If shares drop 20 percent one day, you haven't technically lost any money — unless you sell the stock.

The shares are less valuable, though. When a stock tumbles, its value isn't redistributed: It merely shrinks. Think of how a car or baseball card will see its value change over time. ■

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## Name That Company

Founded in 1996 by a former University of Maryland football player, I make performance apparel, footwear and accessories. My synthetic fabrics wick moisture from the body and are worn by athletes and others around the world. My prescription is simple: Wear my HeatGear when it's hot, ColdGear when it's cold, and AllSeasonGear between the extremes. I'm the official outfitter of many sports teams, and my mar-



keting campaigns have used the "Protect This House," "Click-Clack" and "New Prototype" phrases. My revenue has grown by an annual average of 32 percent over the past five years. Who am I? ■

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## The Motley Fool Take

### Healthy Dividend Hike

UnitedHealth Group (NYSE: UNH) upped its dividend more than 16-fold recently, from a token \$0.03 once a year to \$0.50 split into quarterly payments. The new yield should woo some investors who might be nervous about the health of the industry after the passage of health-care reform.

Customers who balk, though, may not realize the company is generating the same profit and free cash flow no matter what its dividend is. Returning money to investors may actually be the best use of UnitedHealth's cash. The company had previously used the cash it generated to grow externally through acquisitions, but further consolidation in the insurance industry is

likely to be frowned upon. Justified or not, areas with just a few insurers — and therefore a lack of competition — were associated with high health-care costs during the reform movement.

Besides, it's not like UnitedHealth is giving up all its cash; the current dividend is expected to take up only about an eighth of UnitedHealth's cash flow. That will still leave plenty of money to repurchase shares or expand externally, potentially in its Health Services businesses, which is in the business of lowering health-care costs — a popular notion these days.

(UnitedHealth Group is a "Motley Fool Inside Value" and "Motley Fool Stock Advisor" selection, and the Fool owns shares of it.) ■

# BUSINESS MEETINGS

► A weekly **Job Search Support Group** meets at 10:30 a.m. Mondays at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. Contact Karen Klukiewicz at [kluk77@comcast.net](mailto:kluk77@comcast.net) or visit [www.napleschamber.org](http://www.napleschamber.org).

► **Zonta Club of Naples** meets at noon Tuesday, July 6, at the Hilton Naples. RSVP to Sally Sitta at 262-1283. For more information, visit [www.zonta-naples.org](http://www.zonta-naples.org).

► "Beyond Bonds: Creating & Repairing Retirement Income Portfolios," a free seminar, starts at 9 a.m. Wednesday, July 7, at Merrill Lynch in Mercato. For reservations, call Dale Kirk at 649-2915.

► **The Council of Hispanic Busi-**

**ness Professionals** holds a luncheon meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 7, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, 2600 Tiburon Dr. Cost is \$18 for members and \$23 for guests. For more information, visit [www.chbnaples.org](http://www.chbnaples.org).

► **The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce Executive Club** holds a members-only summer beach party from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 8, at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples. Free. Register at [www.napleschamber.org/events](http://www.napleschamber.org/events).

► **The Young Professionals of Naples** meet from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, July 8, for networking, steel drum music, hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar aboard the Naples Princess. Boarding

is at 550 Port O Call Way. Cost is free for members, \$5 for guests.

► **Business After Hours** with the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce takes place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 8, at Bay Water Boat Rentals, 5126 Bonita Beach Road. Registration is \$10 for members (\$15 after July 6) and \$30 for non-members. Call 992-2943 or e-mail [Julie@BonitaSpringsChamber.com](mailto:Julie@BonitaSpringsChamber.com).

► **The Jewish Business Network of Southwest Florida** meets for breakfast and business from 7:30-9 a.m. Friday, July 12, 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).

► **The Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce** holds its next After 5 networking meeting for members and prospective members from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, July 21, at the offices of Dr. Robert Payne. For more information, visit [www.marcoislandchamber.org](http://www.marcoislandchamber.org).

► **Business Before Business**, a mini-trade show and continental breakfast presented by the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, takes place from 8-9:15 a.m. Thursday, July 22, at Costco at Gulf Coast Town Center. Cost for a display table is \$50. Admission is \$5 for chamber members and \$30 for non-members. Call 992-2943 or e-mail [Julie@BonitaSpringsChamber.com](mailto:Julie@BonitaSpringsChamber.com). ■

# NETWORKING

## Visitor Center volunteers see Everglades City Chamber of Commerce organizes tour



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2. Tina Tyler, Gene Wooten, Carol Pribble and Spencer Traub
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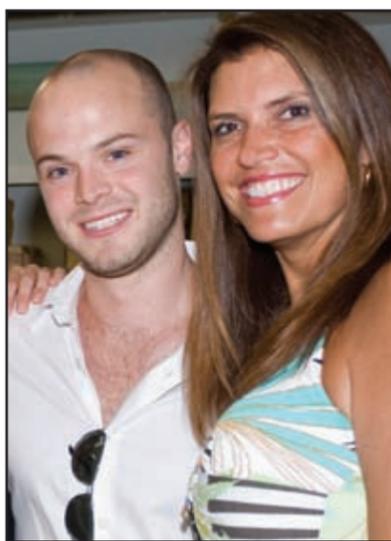
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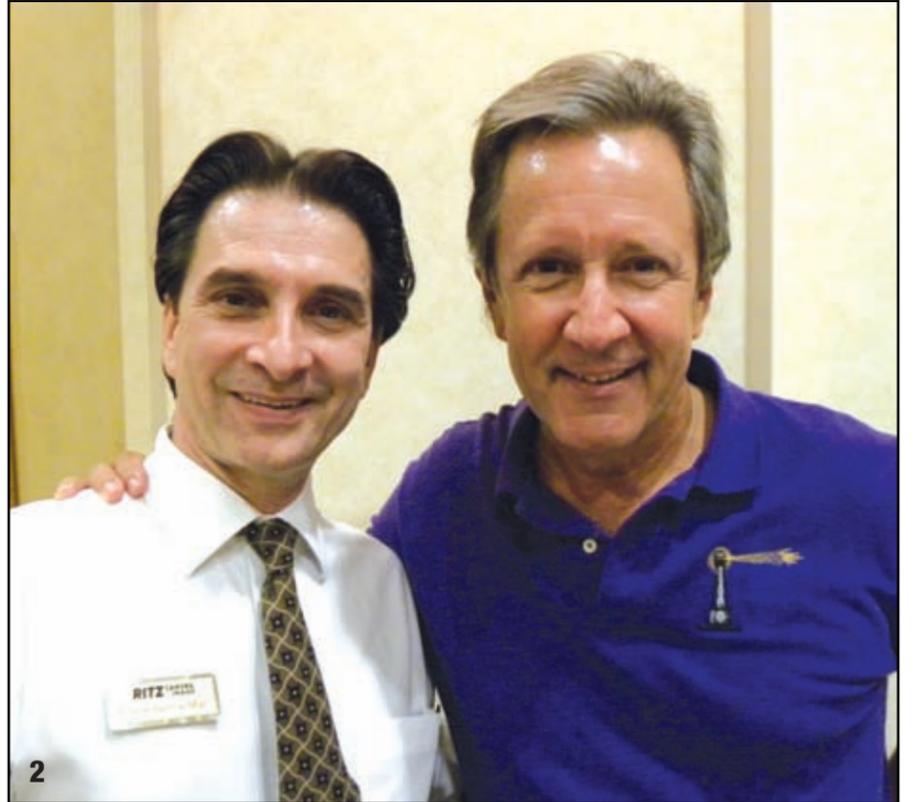
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# NETWORKING

## Public Relations Society of America-Gulf Coast Chapter Members meet at the Hilton Naples



1. Mary Ann Green and Angela Aline
2. Frank Berna and Mark Strong
3. Jennifer Medeiros and Kathy Saenz
4. Jama Dock and Judy Bricker
5. Amy Donaldson and Blase Ciabaton

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## Commercial Real Estate Women tour C'mon



1. Back row: Juls Chambers, Ellen Goldman, Michelle Arrondo, Kaci Carter, Joe Cox and Valerie Childs. Front row: Michelle Hoffmann, Mary Gentile, Kristin Conroy, Myra Williams and Barbara Monahan
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# REAL ESTATE

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A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES REAL ESTATE INDUSTRY

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The great room in the Ravenna has dual seating areas that are ideal for entertaining.

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## Gulfshore Homes opens model in Ravenna at Miromar Lakes



The master bath and two en suite baths have custom marble countertops.

### SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

**G**ulfshore Homes has opened its newest model in Miromar Lakes. The second-floor residence is on a private peninsula in Ravenna, a Venetian-inspired neighborhood of cobblestone streets, lush landscaping and 60 luxury waterfront residences, each with a covered boathouse and panoramic views of Miromar's freshwater lakes.

Decorated in a calming color palette of aqua, taupe and sand, the model has three bedrooms and 3½ baths, a library, private

elevator, formal and casual dining areas and a wrap-around covered lanai. The residence encompasses 3,630 air-conditioned square feet; its 4,917 total square feet includes a two-car garage. Easily accessible from the residence, the boathouse can accommodate a craft up to 23 feet long. Ravenna's private peninsula is just a short cruise to the Miromar Lakes Beach Club.

Interior details include crown molding throughout the home and raised panel maple cabinetry in the kitchen and baths. The gourmet kitchen

SEE RAVENNA, B10 ►

## Closings surpass \$65 million at Moraya Bay luxury tower

### SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Closings have surpassed \$65 million at Moraya Bay. The announcement is made by Inga Wilson, vice president of sales and marketing for the beachfront high-rise. She adds 19 closings have been conducted at the 11-story tower that consists of 72 luxury residences.

Eight Moraya Bay floor plans offer from 3,900 square feet to 4,500 square feet of air-conditioned space, and 5,400 square feet of total living area. Prices start from \$2.4 million.

SEE MORAYA, B17 ►

The lobby on the amenity level at Moraya Bay has walls of glass that afford expansive views of the beach and gulf beyond.



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# RAVENNA

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features granite countertops, a generous island and a refrigerator, five-burner gas cook top, microwave and wall ovens, all in stainless steel by Viking. A full-size washer and dryer in the laundry room are by Asko. Wood case windows throughout are by Andersen.

Gulfshore Homes has designed and constructed award-winning homes for decades and has a portfolio of more than 1,000 luxury residences in Southeast and Southwest Florida's most prestigious communities.

The centerpiece of Miromar Lakes is the 39,000-square-foot Beach Club. Directly on the water's edge, the Beach

Clubhouse offers gourmet evening dining indoors or under the stars with seating for 200 people in the main dining room, beachside terrace dining for 80 guests and courtyard seating for 60. A private beachside dining room provides intimate seating around a fireplace; French doors open up to the beach and Lake Como. The Beach Clubhouse also has an indoor/outdoor bar lounge with wine room, a library, billiard room, card room, 50-seat theater and business center. The Blue Water Beach Grill features contemporary fare in an open-air setting with panoramic lake and beach views and boat docks.

The European-style spa has a full-service beauty salon and a fitness center with a pilates studio and aerobics room. Other Beach Club amenities include a 10,000-square-foot infinity pool, volley-

ball and basketball courts, a playground and concierge and marine services. The Miromar Tennis Club has seven lighted courts.

Miromar Lakes has the only Arthur Hills "Signature" championship golf course in Southwest Florida. Future plans are for the only Robert Trent Jones II "Signature" course in the world.

Miromar Lakes has won 73 awards since 2003, including the 2010 National Association of Home Builders Gold Award for Best Clubhouse. The community has also garnered the Community of the Year and Best Clubhouse awards from both the Lee Building Industry Association and Collier Building Industry Association for eight consecutive years.

For more information, contact the sales center at 425-2340 or visit [www.MiromarLakes.com](http://www.MiromarLakes.com). ■

## Renovations complete at medical office

Stevens Construction Inc. has completed renovations at Vascular Access and Intervention Center for Spectra Contracting Inc. The facility has been retrofitted to accommodate the addition of innovative diagnostic health-care technology from General Electric, Advanta, Welch Allyn and Stryker Medical.

Designed by Sheeley Architects Inc., the facility at 2450 Goodlette Frank Road remained in operation during construction. It also serves as the offices of Dr. Hiranya Rajasinghe and Dr. Santiago Chahwan. ■



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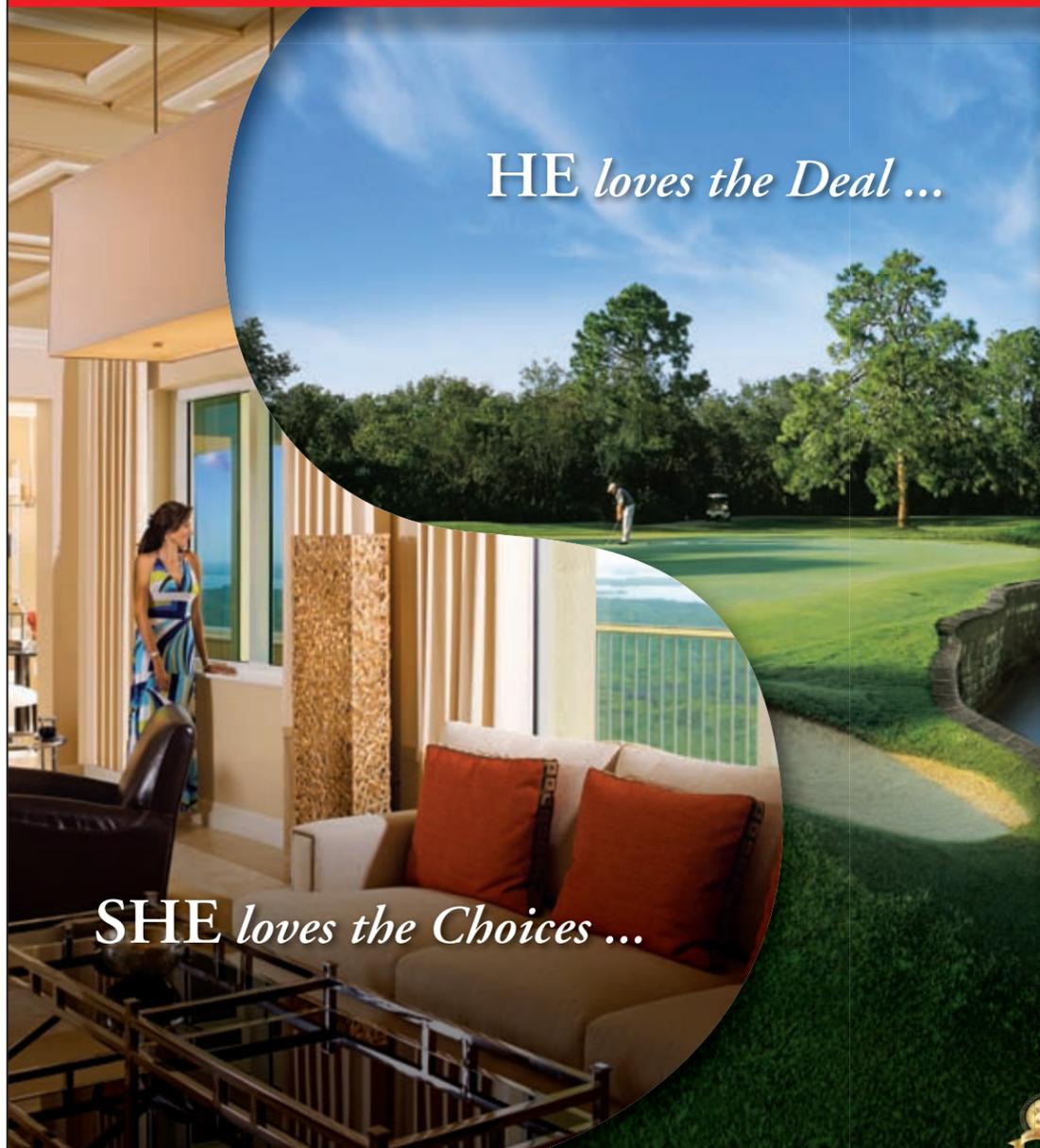
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► **Bradley D. Bryant Attorney at Law, P.L.**, has leased 1,400 square feet of office space at 370 12th Ave. S. from S.V.M. Building LLC. Paige Eber of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction.

► **The Collier County Democratic Executive Committee** has leased 1,693 square feet of office space at 13040 Livingston Road, #6 (Marquesa Plaza), from Livingston and Pine Ridge LLC. Paige Eber of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction.

► **Network F.O.B.** has leased 2,059 square feet of office space at 837 Fifth

Ave. S., #202, from Fifth Avenue South, Ltd. Patrick Fraley of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction.

► **Omicron Supplies LLC** has leased 10,000 square feet of wholesale space at 3811 Enterprise Ave. from David Rogers. Christine McManus of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction.

► **The Rick Scott for Governor Campaign** has leased 1,600 square feet of office space at 13040 Livingston Road, #15 (Marquesa Plaza), from Livingston and Pine Ridge LLC. Paige Eber of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction. ■



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**Virtual Tour**

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**Port Royal**, 2580 Half Moon Walk - Integrated indoor / outdoor living Grand veranda, fireplace and outdoor kitchen, pool and spa. His and hers master baths with connecting shower. 4+Den/4.5 (H3862) James Elson, 860-0009 **\$3,900,000**



**Barefoot Beach**, 224 Malibu Cv - Premium location for estate home that was rebuilt in 2007 w/sweeping views of the Bay. WALK TO BEACH, 2 boat docks w/lifts, chef's kitchen, Jerusalem Stone flrs. 4+Den/4.5 (H4981) Claire Licciardi, 250-4564, Carol McElroy, 659-6395 **\$3,750,000**



**Old Naples**, 790 9th Street S - Rare opportunity to own on historical family compound in Village Center of Old Naples Beach. 2500 sf main home is new & an exact replica of a 1930's beach home. 6 or more/7.5 (H4821) James Elson, 860-0009 **\$3,599,000**



**Pelican Bay**, 6604 George Washington Way - Georgetown in Pelican Bay! Pvt gated enclave of 35 homes! Facing East over tranquil lake. Built in 2009. Guest house w/lake & pool views. 2-car attached w/lift. 4+Den/4+2half (H4549) Karen Champion, 450-3676 **\$2,799,000**



**Old Naples**, 1060 4th Street S - Now under construction! Designed to blend w/"Cottage Row—11th Ave South", extreme attn to historic cottage detail unlike any bldg in The Village of Old Naples. 3+Den/3.5 (V1413) James Elson, 860-0009 **\$2,350,000**



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**Pelican Marsh**, 8639 Blue Flag Way - Luxurious lifestyle begins in this Bay Laurel Est home. Offers striking architectural details, lavish finishes, top of the line features & fixtures. Golf views. 5+Den/5+2half (H4752) Claire Licciardi, 250-4564, Carol McElroy, 659-6395 **\$2,295,000**



**Old Naples**, 1070 4th Ave S - Now under construction! Designed to blend w/"Cottage Row—11th Ave South", extreme attn to historic cottage detail unlike any bldg in The Village of Old Naples. 3+Den/3.5 (V1414) James Elson, 860-0009 **\$2,250,000**



**Old Naples**, 1080 4th Street S - Now under construction! Designed to blend w/"Cottage Row—11th Ave South", extreme attn to historic cottage detail unlike any bldg in The Village of Old Naples. 3/3.5 (V1415) James Elson, 860-0009 **\$2,250,000**



**Old Naples**, 780 9th St S - 1930's vintage Beach Cottage-- newly constructed and ready for move-in. "Old Naples Beach" close to Village center. 5+Den/4.5 (H3914) James Elson, 860-0009 **\$2,099,000**



**Coquina Sands**, 780 Banyan Blvd - Overlooking the 15th fairway of the Naples Beach & Golf Hotel. Built in 2005 offers all the amenities one can desire. 5-car garage. Three blocks to the beach. 4+Den/4.5 (H4478) Karen Champion, 450-3676 **\$1,594,000**



**Old Naples**, 859 8th Ave S - Restored Historic "beach Cottage" courtyard setting, pool, legal 2bdrm Guesthouse & prime S of 5th Ave. Unbelievable charm and detail. www.pinkpearlcottage.com. 5+Den/3 (H3483) James Elson, 860-0009 **\$1,500,000**



**Quail Creek**, 13123 Bald Cypress Ln - Incredible 180-degree views on golf course and lake. Estate home on quiet cul-de-sac lot. Largely remodeled. New roof 2008. Huge patio. Extensive marble floors. 4+Den/4.5 (H4748) Dominick Tascher, 839-5688 **\$1,124,000**



**Park Shore**, 525 Turtle Hatch Ln - Built in '95, on oversized landscaped lot located on 1 of Park Shores most sought after streets. Off-white tile thru out, flat high ceilings & granite in kit. 4/3 (H4570) Karen Champion, 450-3676, Tripp Champion, 404-3271 **\$1,095,000**



**Old Naples**, 729 10th Ave S - Solid value- low price. 1947 vintage restored cottage with legal, detached Guest House. Nestled between palms in prime historic district of Old Naples. 2/2 (H4099) James Elson, 860-0009 **\$890,000**



**Golden Gate Estates**, 769 21st St SW - Over 5 acres canal property, a well maintained home with tile & wood floors, crowned molding, spacious rooms, gas fireplace, koi pond, attached guest quarters. 3+Den/4 (H5021) James Roessle, 860-9444 **\$849,000**



**West Bay Club**, 22236 Natures Cove Ct - Relax by enjoying our private Beach Club, Boating, Pete Dye Golf Course, Tennis Center, resort-style Fitness Center and Pool, or 500 preserve acres. Call today! 3/3 (H5089) Diana Coyle, 220-4534 **\$749,000**



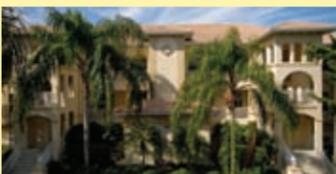
**Moorings**, 2200 Gulf Shore Blvd N, #14 - Situated at the entrance of Doctors Pass, this updated, turnkey furnished unit offers view of Gulf, Pass & Bay. Steps from beach, 2nd fl unit offers a 1-car gar. 2/2 (C6163) Dustin Beard, ABR, CRS, GRI, 289-2650 **\$729,999**



**Moorings**, 540 Rudder Rd - Private beach access! Spacious split flr plan pool home on lg lot w/SW exposure, mature trees, indoor/outdoor entertaining. Walk to beaches, shops & restaurants. 3/3 (H4901) Kelly Kent, 250-5480 **\$695,000**



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



**Pelican Bay**, 820 Bentwater Cir, #102 - Priced to sell! Lg tile thru out, updated kitchen w/granite, raised panel cabinetry, spacious mstr & tranquil views & soothing sounds of the Aquascape. 2car gar. 2+Den/2 (C6017) Mimy von Schreiner, 250-4349, Kate Del Gatto, 285-2100 **\$534,900**



**Lely Resort**, 8860 Lely Island Cir - Luxurious residence with private preserve view, 2803 Sq Ft, Spa, gorgeous tile work in kitchen and bathrooms, hurricane shutters, circular driveway. 3+Den/2.5 (H5071) Cynthia Miles, 273-3449 **\$479,000**



**Imperial Golf Estates**, 1937 Countess Ct - Fabulous 3/2 home on over half an acre. Built in 1998, this home has all of today's standards, high ceilings, 8' sliders, upgraded appliances, granite.... 3/2.5 (H5118) Debbie Frost, 250-8701 **\$479,000**



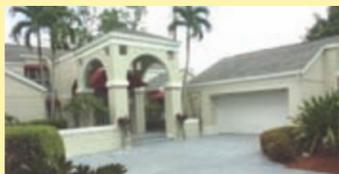
**Saturnia Lakes**, 1524 Pacaya Cv - Paradise Found! One of the finest lots, PRIVATE lake views, southern exp. & lush landscaping, LARGE heated pool, Sunny high windows, tile throughout. 3/2.5 (H5056) Diana McCoy, 404-0793 **\$469,900**



**Lely Resort**, 8884 Mustang Island Cir - Beautiful Centex pool home with family room, 2-car garage and paved driveway. Built in 2005, 2038 sq ft. Hurricane shutters-short sale bargain ready for offer. 3/2 (H5098) Cynthia Miles, 273-3449 **\$397,000**



**Imperial Golf Estates**, 2206 Imperial Golf Course Blvd - Lovingly maintained and updated 3/2 pool home on quiet cul-de-sac. SS appliances, granite, large pool. 3/2 (H5127) Debbie Frost, 250-8701 **\$370,000**



**Kings Lake**, 2265 Royal LN - One of a kind former parade of homes model. Unbelievable architecture. Lg rms, lots of sq footage, huge multi-purpose FL rm. Granite cntr in kit w/walk-in pantry. 3+Den/2 (H5123) Kim Ellis, 269-7025 **\$364,900**



**Vineyards**, 156 Spring Lake Cir - Oak Colony; picturesque hamlet of 14 homes. Villa w/many features including plantation shutters, 2car garage, hurricane protection and private back yard. 3/2 (H4367) Bobbie Dusek, 659-6132 **\$359,000**



**Glen Eden**, 14612 Glen Eden Dr - Beautiful Lake Views!! W of US41. Near bches, public boat ramp, shops & dining! Gated comm., walk to pool/spa, clubhouse & fitness. Arch detail, crown molding. 2+Den/2.5 (V1273) Kelly Kent, 250-5480 **\$349,900**



**Naples Imp Co Little Farms**, 1171 26th Ave N - Location in the heart of Naples on Lake! Beautifully updated 3 bedroom, 2 bath pool home with long lake views. Spacious & private fenced in yard. 3/2 (H2497) Kelly Kent, 250-5480 **\$349,000**



**Golden Gate Estates**, 140 20th St Se - Beautiful 2-story Olde Florida Style home. Four bedrooms and four baths including a mother-in-law suite with its own kitchen and large living room!! 4/4 (H4962) Kim Ellis, 269-7025 **\$340,000**



**Stonebridge**, 1635 Winding Oaks Way, #103 - Gated country club & bundled golf comm\*End unit coach home\*Great rm plan\*10 ft ceilings\*Neutral tile flrs\*Turnkey furnished\*Elec storm shutters\*Golf view. 2+Den/2 (C6629) Sharon Worley Team, 860-6873 **\$319,000**



**Golden Gate Estates**, 2911 8th Ave Ne - Gorgeous Waterways Dover Model on quiet street close to everything. 4+Den/3 (H5075) Kim Ellis, 269-7025 **\$298,000**



**Naples Park**, 561 108th Ave N - Walk to the Beach! This updated beach home offers vaulted ceilings, heated pool and a new roof. Large open plan. You will love it! 3/2 (H5109) Diana McCoy, 404-0793 **\$294,900**



**Laurel Lakes**, 8392 Laurel Lakes Blvd - Immaculate home in an all A-rated School District! Ready to move into...no work needed! Fenced yard, bright & beautiful kitchen w/lots of cabinet & counter space. 3+Den/2 (H5025) Krista Goede, 298-1500 **\$289,900**



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**MOORINGS** ▲ Rare opportunity for no bridge access to Gulf & S. exposure property with 122 ft. on the water, 4BR plus den, pool/spa. **\$4,295,000**  
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**MOORINGS** ▲ Exceptional Bay views, 131 feet on the water, 2 docks and boat lift, 3BR/4.5BAs, office, covered lanai, pool and spa. **\$3,995,000**  
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**PARK SHORE** ▲ Fountains grace entry of this 4BR+den, 2-level home. Overlooks bay. Leisure room, office, studio, pool/spa, dock. **\$3,995,000**  
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**MOORINGS** ▲ Spectacular wide open bay views! Sparkling clean 5BR/5.5BA pool home. Smart house electronics/wiring. Dock with lift. **\$3,695,000**  
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**MOORINGS - VISTA ROYALE** ▲ Sensational Bay view! Unique waterfront 4BR+den villa, over 3900 SF. Private pool, spa & dock in a gated village! **\$3,200,000**  
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**MOORINGS** ▲ Double lot waterfront residence with 100 ft. on the water, 4BR/3.5BA, solar heated pool & spa, boat dock with lift. **\$2,999,500**  
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**MOORINGS** ▲ 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**  
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**MOORINGS** ▲ Luxury at every turn. Four BRs, island kitchen, six-burner gas stove, lanai, outdoor fireplace, pool. **\$2,495,000**  
Carolyn Weinand | 269-5678



**MOORINGS** ▲ 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



**COQUINA SANDS** ▲ Approximately 146' of water frontage with SW exposure. Spacious, updated 4BR/3BA pool home. Boat dock with lift. **\$1,890,000**  
Andrea Jeppesen | 289-4004



**COQUINA SANDS** ▲ Fabulous opportunity to build your dream home. Lot size is 113'x197'x110'x195' Close to beaches, shopping & dining. **\$1,640,000**  
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**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**  
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**COQUINA SANDS** ▲ Two blocks to the beach from this beautiful setting. This 3 bedroom, 2 bath is in move-in condition. Furnished. **\$988,500**  
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**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



**PARK SHORE** ▲ Walk to beach, shops and dining! Quality remodeling, family room, 4BR/3.5BA + office. Southern exposure pool, spa + hot tub. **\$875,000**  
Mitch/Sandra Williams | 370-8879



**PARK SHORE - COLONADE** ▲ Beautifully remodeled 2BR+den "Delphi" villa. Glassed-in lanai, private elevator. Clubhouse, pool, spa, near beach. **\$799,000** Mimi Straub | 434-2424



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



**PARK SHORE** ▲ Lovely 3BR/2BA pool home. Walk to beach and shops. Very private, spacious screened pool area with large side yard. **\$695,000**  
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**PARK SHORE LANDINGS** ▲ Completely remodeled 2BR plus den. Spectacular Bay views, boat docks can be purchased or leased. Walk to beach. **\$695,000** Larry Roorda | 860-2534



**PARK SHORE - COLONADE** ▲ Gated entry, beautiful 3BR/2.5BA, screened lanai with electric shutters, private elevator and garage. Walk to beach. **\$695,000** Linda Ohler | 404-6460



**PARK SHORE - COLONADE** ▲ "Athena" model with 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths. Marble floors, new kitchen cabinets, plantation shutters and 10' ceilings. **\$685,000** Linda Ohler | 404-6460



**MOORINGS** ▲ Meticulously maintained 3BR/2BA home, large, elevated corner lot. Heated pool, convenient to beach, shops and dining. **\$645,000**  
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**PARK SHORE** ▲ Desirable southern exposure 3BR home. Floor plan offers easy expansion & remodeling opportunities. Screened pool. **\$629,500** Michael Lawler | 571-3939



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



**PARK SHORE - PIEDMONT CLUB** ▲ Wonderful 3BR, 3BA direct bayfront location. Enjoy Naples famous sunsets and 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. **\$539,900**  
Paula Sims/Julie Rembos | 262-6600



**PARK SHORE** ▲ Build your dream home here. Quiet neighborhood. Property is eligible for private Park Shore Beach access. **\$539,000**  
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Superior contemporary interior design features 3BRs+media/den. Sunset views. **\$1,395,000**  
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**OLDE CYPRESS** ▲ Brand new construction - 2010 quality custom pool home with .32 acres of true privacy at the end of a cul-de-sac. **\$989,000**  
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**OLDE CYPRESS - SANTORINI VILLAS** ▲ An exceptional villa home where golf membership is optional. Move-in condition 2BR+den, glassed-in A/C lanai. **\$334,900**  
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**RIVERWALK 3371 Myrtle Oak Court** - Gracious traditional custom 4BR+den/3.5BA home on a 1/2 acre+ lot. Three-car garage and oversized heated pool. **\$1,199,000** | Cathy Lieberman/Cindy Reiff | 777-2441

**WOODLAKE 3696 Woodlake Drive** - Rarely available cul-de-sac location 3BR/2.5BA + den home! S. exposure, lake view, continually upgraded. Pool/spa. **\$998,000** | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210

**AZURE 4931 Bonita Bay Blvd. #702** - A perfect setting with Gulf, Estero Bay & golf surrounding you. Exquisite detail & comfort in this 3BR+den, 3.5BA. **\$1,825,000** | Brian Nelson | 572-2903

**ANCHORAGE 27599 Riverbank Drive** - Spectacular waterfront villa! Courtyard pool and protected inlet views. Beautifully appointed 3 BR+den, great room. **\$1,175,000** | Cathy Lieberman/Cindy Reiff | 777-2441

**CREEKSIDE 3320 Oak Hammock Court** - Masterfully designed living space overlooks 6th fairway! Study, 4BR/3.5BA, family room. Heated pool/spa, Aqualink. **\$899,000** | Carol Wood/Claire McMahon | 822-3709

**VISTAS 4751 Bonita Bay Blvd. #1002** - Perfect Gulf, bay & golf views, 3BR/3BA high-rise. Private, five 18-hole courses, marina, beach facilities & more. **\$695,000** | Gary L. Jaarda/Jeff Jaarda | 248-7474

**AZURE 4931 Bonita Bay Blvd. #CH-104** - An exquisitely appointed 3,075 sq. ft. A/C carriage home residence that lives & feels like a high-end Tuscan villa. **\$1,175,000** | Peter Lent | 273-1122

**ANCHORAGE 27500 Riverbank Drive** - Spectacular, updated 3BR/4BA+den villa. S. lake views, W. preserve views. Impeccable pool & spa area, guest cabana. **\$895,000** | Gary L. Jaarda/Jeff Jaarda | 248-7474

**BAY HARBOR 27099 Shell Ridge Circle** - Rarely available 2-story 3BR/4BA+loft detached villa overlooks lake. Oversized lanai, large community pool and spa. **\$629,900** | Connie Lummis | 289-3543

## MEDITERRA



**BELLO LAGO** ▲ An 5BR+den estate of incomparable opulence! Wine cellar, 150' geothermal pool, theater, 5-car garage. **\$7,299,000**  
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**VERONA** ▲ Magnificent Mediterranean inspired estate home with 18,175 total sq. ft. Private lakefront with golf view beyond. **\$6,399,900**  
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**PADOVA** ▲ Outstanding estate home, 9,072 total SF overlooking lake & golf course. Pool, spa, summer kitchen, .72 acre lot. **\$4,995,000**  
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**PADOVA** ▲ An extraordinary custom home featuring 9,171 total SF, panoramic golf views & is also a cert. Florida Green Home. **\$4,450,000**  
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**RAVELLO** ▲ Luxury living, 4BR/5.5BA+study/library. Covered loggia, summer kitchen, pool, spa & fireplace. Private guest cabana. **\$3,175,000**  
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**IL TREBBIO** ▲ Tuscan-style 4BR home with stone flooring, loft & stone fireplace. Pool/spa overlooking the golf course. Furnished. **\$2,995,000**  
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**IL TREBBIO** ▲ Mediterranean elegance with outstanding golf/lake views, 6,752 total SF custom built pool home on a .58 acre lot. **\$2,899,750**  
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**PADOVA** ▲ 15184 Brolio Way  
Luxury living & privacy, exquisite 2-story, 4BR/4.5BA+den overlooks lake & preserve. Pool, loggia, summer kitchen. **\$1,999,000**  
Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



**AMARONE** ▲ Small enclave of 12 homes. Custom 4BR+study, expanded outdoor living room, pool, spa. Owner will consider a trade. **\$1,850,000**  
Milton Collins/Dru Martinovich | 565-2139



**MILAN** ▲ Panoramic fairway views of Tom Fazio designed course. Stunning 3BR/4.5BA+den, 5,006 total SF. Pool/spa. Furnished. **\$1,395,000**  
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**VILLALAGO** ▲ Understated elegance and style, 3BR/3.5BA+den lakefront villa. Pool, private Beach Club, world-class golf courses. **\$1,195,000**  
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**VILLALAGO** ▲ One of the lowest priced villas in Mediterra. Three bedroom features a 3-car side entry garage. Pool/spa. **\$749,000** | Judy Stead | 273-3438



**MONTEROSSO II** ▲ Views of glistening lake. Open plan, neutral color palate, Mediterranean architecture. First level coach home. **\$695,000**  
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**MARCELLO** ▲ Build the home of your dreams in this beautiful Marcello neighborhood. This lot features preserve and lake views. **\$595,000** | Angie White | 821-6722



**PORTA VECCHIO** ▲ SW fairway views of Tom Fazio course. Elegant interiors. Member owned club, 2 courses, beach club, tennis & more! **\$497,000** | Dru/Greg Martinovich | 564-1266

**VERONA 17018 Verona Way** - New 4BR McGarvey custom built home, no detail has been overlooked. Fabulous outside area, 2-yr. builder warranty. **\$2,995,000** | Dru Martinovich/Milton Collins | 564-1266

**MEDICI 15201 Medici Way** - Meticulously maintained 3BR/3.5BA + den villa home on oversized homesite with private lake view. Lush landscaping. **\$1,525,000** | Dru/Greg Martinovich | 564-1266

**17003 Verona Way** - Oversized homesite lake/preserve views. Approx. lot size: 96'x220'x216'x200'. Championship golf/private beach club. **\$679,000** | Greg/Dru Martinovich | 564-5717

**SAVONA 15805 Savona Way** - An elegant custom-built residence on a private .57 acre lot overlooking the lush fairway. Exquisite architecture. **\$2,895,000** | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420

**VILLORESI - 15631 Villaresi Way** - Mediterranean 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath villa. Paved courtyard w/ Corinthian columns. Family room open pool/spa. **\$1,075,000** | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420

**CALABRIA 28531 Calabria Court #101** - Exceptional brand new 3BR/3BA coach home with lake view. Builder Warranty. Beach Club, 2 Fazio golf & more! **\$519,876** | Milton Collins/Greg Martinovich | 565-2139

**AMARONE 29011 Amarone Court** - Long lake views. Brand new custom built 4BR+study pool home. Golf courses, beach club. Owner will consider a trade. **\$2,285,000** | Milton Collins/Dru Martinovich | 565-2139

**VILLORESI 15746 Villaresi Way** - Tropical setting w/screened pool, summer kitchen & outdoor bar. Three BRs, 3 BAs and over 2,400 SF of living area. **\$950,000** | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420

**IL TREBBIO 16044 Trebbio Way** - This estate size site sits at the end of a cul-de-sac with golf course views. 156'x 200' x 125' x 252'. **\$499,000** | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420

**VILLORESI 15683 Villaresi Way** - Captivating lake/golf course views! Designer decorated, custom renovated 3BR/3.5BA home. Beautiful lanai, pool/spa. **\$1,295,000** | Greg Martinovich | 564-5717

**BRENDISI 29111 Brendisi Way #201** - Upstairs, FURNISHED 3BR+den fairway to preserve view. Private elevator, 10' sliding glass doors & custom cabinetry. **\$695,000** | Greg/Dru Martinovich | 564-5717

**SERATA 28090 Castellano Way** - Lake/preserve view homesite. Ten approved custom builders. Beach club, 25,000 SF clubhouse, championship golf. **\$409,900** | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420

**FELICITA 16487 Felicita Court** - This 5,000 total sq. ft. designer decorated residence has expansive lake views! Summer kitchen, custom pool & spa. **\$1,249,000** | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420

**VERONA 16947 Verona Lane** - Private lot located at the end of a cul-de-sac in a neighborhood with 36 estate sites/homes. Golf, tennis and more! **\$690,000** | Terri Moellers/Sharon Kaltenborn | 404-7887

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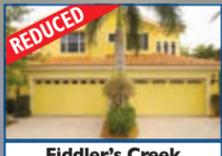
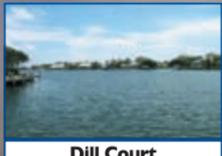
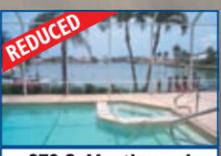
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 <p><b>Villa De Mar Condo</b>                  2Bd/2Bath condo, completely updated, deeded boat dock. Rental income history available.  <b>\$299,000</b></p>	 <p><b>Saratoga at Lely Resort</b>                  3 Bed, 3 Bath coach home, 2-car garage, bamboo flooring.  <b>\$395,000</b></p>	 <p><b>825 Elm Court</b>                  Water direct, Southern exposure, boat dock and lift. Rental income history available.  <b>\$395,000</b></p>
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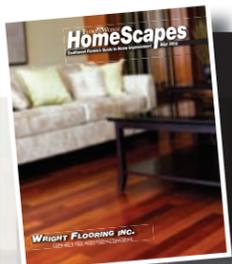


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 Magnolia Cottage- recently & perfectly remodeled 3BR+den main house, 1BR guest house. Beach access across street.  
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**272 - 11TH AVENUE SOUTH** ▲  
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**1ST AVENUE NORTH** ▲  
 Two-story, 4BR/4BA home built in 1999. Solid oak floors, plank tile flooring, 4 covered porches. Walk to beach.  
**\$1,350,000**  
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**RIDGE LAKE** ▲ Open, airy, updated 3BR/2BA + den home. Wood floors, fireplace, private back yard with pool. Old Naples charm. **\$1,245,000**  
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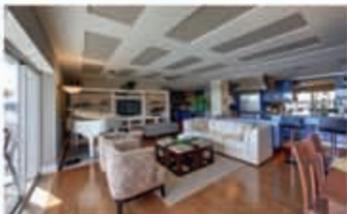
**TUSCAN** ▲  
 An intimate building (5 residences), 3 blocks to the beach. Pool views from balcony, private garage, 3BRs.  
**\$1,100,000** | Larry Roorda | 860-2534



**OPEN SUN. 1-4**  
**456 - 9TH AVENUE SOUTH** ▲  
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**OPEN SUN. 1-4**  
**CATELENA** ▲ 306 - 6th Ave. South Lush tropical landscaping wraps corner condominium built in 2004 in privacy. Two bedrooms plus den. Well-appointed.  
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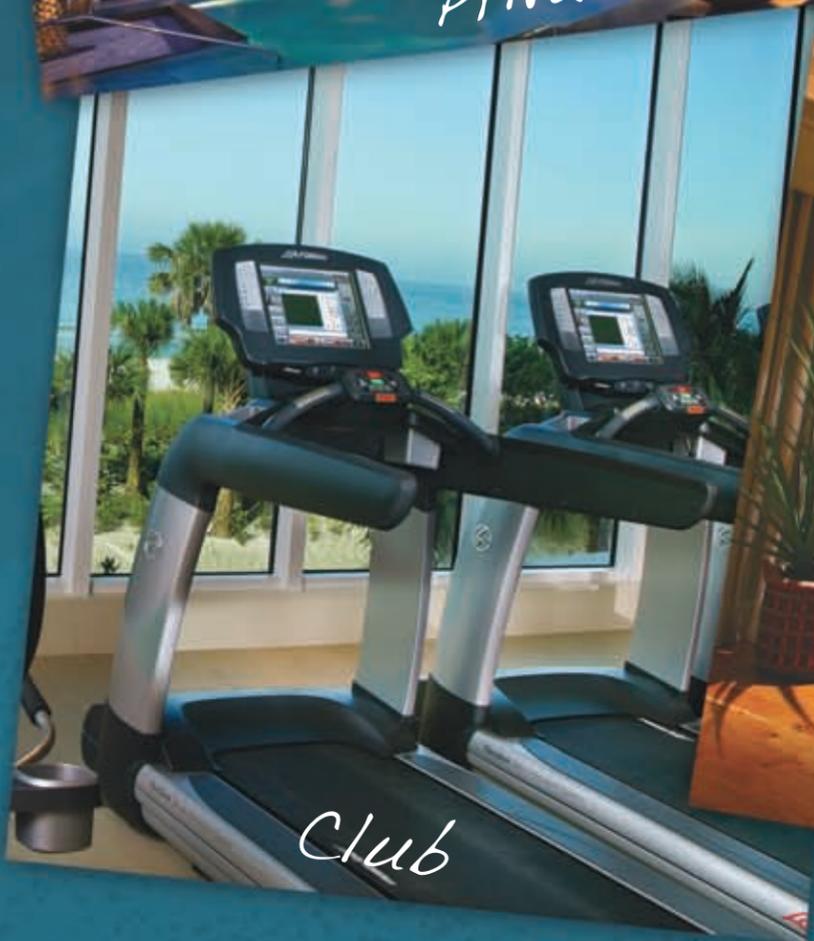
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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

WEEK OF JULY 1-7, 2010

A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE



## THE 4TH OF JULY

BY ROGER WILLIAMS  
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**F**OR THE EPHEMERAL and the spectacular in art, not to mention the noisy, you can't beat painting the night sky with fireworks.

The Chinese, we're told, invented fireworks about 1,600 years ago — which means in some sense they should get credit for the spectacle over Southwest Florida every July 4, when just after dark, the skies traditionally burst into all-American displays of color.

Fireworks have been popping up in India for more than a millennium, too, and sporadically in Europe since the 13th century, when Marco Polo returned

SEE 4TH, C4 ►



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— John Adams, second president of the United States

**>>inside:**

Find the parades and fireworks. Pack a holiday picnic.

**C4**

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The Naples Pier is a grand spot for fireworks every year.

## It's a hard knock life for the orphans of 'Annie'

BY ELIZABETH MARCANTONIA  
Special to Florida Weekly

The music and lyrics of “It's a Hard Knock Life” ring through the third floor corridor and green room of the Sugden Community Theatre, but one look at the faces of the young thespians singing makes it clear that hard work can be fun, too.

“Annie,” the beloved Broadway classic



that follows the adventures of a spunky, red-haired orphan as she spends the Christmas holiday at the home of Oliver Warbucks, the richest man in the

world, runs July 2 through Aug. 1 at the Sugden.

The Naples Players production has a cast of 49 adult and young performers. Some of the most memorable musical numbers showcase the talents of KidzAct performers who are ages 8-14. The 24 orphans in the show are double cast, which means two young performers play each orphan role. In teams of 11,

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## WEEK at-a-glance



### Dining like royalty

See who supped with a palace chef at Shula's, and more fun to-dos around town. **C28-29** ►



### Why won't he call?

Artis Henderson knows what the sound of silence signals. **C2** ►



### Who's got talent?

Nancy Stetson finds mindless TV has some entertainment value. **C8** ►



### Time for change?

Peg Longstreth makes the case for a new national anthem. **C14** ►

# SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

## In his silence, an answer loud and clear

**ArtisHENDERSON**  
sandydays@floridaweekly.com



Heather is a roving soul, restless in love and in life. When she was offered the chance to work in Thailand recently, she seized the opportunity. She packed up her apartment, put her boxes in storage and prepared to set out on a grand adventure.

While all this was happening — the packing, the preparations for a new life — she was also falling in love.

Brandon was the kind of man Heather had been searching for her whole life. Warm, kind, generous, handsome in a beefy, bearded sort of way. He went to church on Sundays and talked early about marriage and family. He swore he could hold tight while Heather traveled to Thailand, and he mapped out dates when he would come visit during her yearlong stay.

But less than a month into Heather's journey, Brandon blocked her from his Facebook page. He stopped responding to her e-mails and never called.

Heather, lonely and heartsick, pursued him from the damp jungles of rural Thailand, where mosquitoes whined over the drumming rain. She left pleading messages on his voicemail, her voice cracking over the international line, asking him to at least explain why he wouldn't

speak to her. But there was no response. She turned to her girlfriends for advice. Although their responses were mixed, they did have a common theme: "He's a dirt bag," one friend after the next said. "Cut him loose."

By the time she reached me, Heather was already tired of this refrain. But still she asked my opinion, so this is what I told her: I, too, have been there.

My last year in college, a shockingly handsome boy courted me in a way I had never experienced. He was old-fashioned, bringing gifts before our dates, holding doors and speaking politely. He cooked dinner for us at his place and suggested church on Sunday. When school ended, he flew to Florida to visit me, and we held hands as we walked along the

white curve of sand that borders the gulf. I was young and, like

Heather, steeped in my own wanderlust, with plans to move to France in the fall. For me, the

ideas of marriage and family were vague and hazy, like fog that hovers at the distant horizon.

Still, when this boy spoke of a future together, of the kind of life we might share, it was intoxicating.

When he stopped calling, abruptly and without explanation, I wallowed in self-doubt. I called him repeatedly, convinced of some disaster — a death in the family, perhaps. But he refused to call me back. His silence was the gravest betrayal, made worse by its cowardly ambiguity. Without a definitive ending, I clung to hope long after the

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relationship had expired. I told Heather all of this, so that she might find her own grain of truth. But it was not what she wanted to hear. Not really. She wanted reassurance that Brandon still cared for her, that his lack of response could be interpreted as something other than a lack of interest. But it is not my place to lie to her. In his silence, Brandon has made his feelings deafeningly clear. ■



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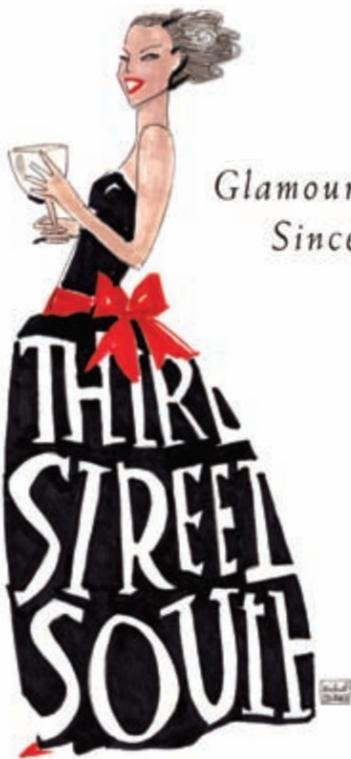


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# A July Fourth picnic: as American as apple pie

BY KELLY MERRITT  
Special to Florida Weekly

Almost as all-American as sparklers and parades, picnics are part of the Fourth of July from east to west and north to south. In Southwest Florida, culinary choices for appeasing your patriotic appetite abound. We suggest leaving the hot dogs and chips behind and trying these suggestions from some of our favorite chefs and suppliers.

## All Ashore Picnic

Nothing speaks to the fun of July Fourth like a day on the water, and with all that boating, you're sure to build up an appetite. Capt. Brien Spina of Captain Brien's Seafood House on Marco Island is originally from Boston, where clambakes on the beach are frequent and festive. Here in Florida, the captain's favorite way to treat his guests on the water is with his signature tropical shore picnic of a chilled seafood platter. You can assemble your own by arranging cooked (previously cracked) stone or snow crab and jumbo shrimp alongside cold fruit skewers of watermelon and pineapple. Be sure to bring plenty of mustard sauce, drawn butter and cocktail sauce. Place covered platter on a bed of ice in a cooler and top it with another layer of ice.

## Sushi One To Go

Sushi is practically picnic-perfect: Sushi One in Naples is known for preparing feasts of sushi and other seafood dishes for beach-bound customers and those who want a tasty treat to take along to an outdoor concert. Chefs Norio and Seto recommend their special California rolls, which can be customized to your liking. There's also the "Sexy Mama" roll with spicy tuna, crab, asparagus and tempura. And sushi connoisseurs know that at Sushi One's sushi tacos are worth celebrating all by themselves. Don't forget an order of edamame and a bottle of cold sake to create your own fireworks.

## Doc Ford's Feast

The legendary character of Randy Wayne White's Doc Ford series is alive and well in the spirit of the Doc Ford restaurants. Take a cue from Chef Kristopher Zook of Doc Ford's on Sanibel Island for a great picnic island picnic

(there's a Doc Ford's on Fort Myers Beach, too). His chilled shrimp and tomato relish is spiked with spring onions lime juice and chopped cilantro. Chef Zook instructs picnickers to serve this uber-fresh Caribbean concoction on crispy water crackers and garnish with a dash of salt, pepper and red pepper flakes. A bottle of nice champagne is always a good idea, too.

## DIY from Wynn's

Hometown friendly Wynn's Market has everything you need for a homemade picnic. The deli has all the fixin's for a fabulous antipasto platter. Grab a can of cannellini beans and mix with your favorite peppers, garlic and olive oil to serve with a side of olives from the olive cart. Top it all off with a sharing plate of aged cheeses from France, Italy or Germany, and wash it all down with a chilled sauvignon blanc. For a light salad, consider adding a handful of arugula drizzled in lemon and olive oil and topped with a dollop of fig preserves. Ciao bella!

## Central Park Picnic

Picnics in the park don't get any better than in New York's Central Park. City dwellers just love to stop by their favorite deli for sandwiches and accoutrements before heading to Strawberry Fields or the Great Lawn. Stage 62 Deli in Mercato in North Naples is the closest thing we have in Southwest Florida to a New York deli. It's known for its mile-high classic reuben, but because a hot sandwich will get soggy on the way to a July Fourth celebration, we suggest you opt for Stage 62's Jersey Boys sandwich. Don't forget the side of German mustard.

## Picnic Essentials

No matter what foods you choose, the ingredients for a perfect picnic also include sunscreen, bug spray, lots of water and, of course, a picnic basket. Opt for a ready-made picnic basket that comes fully loaded (the compact dishes and hardware are made to fit the basket.) The best place to get a picnic basket with all the trimmings for under \$100 is the Wal-Mart website, which features nearly 20 tricked-out baskets for all kinds of picnic occasions. Here's what we like:

- **Sutherland Baskets' Hexcited Picnic Basket** - This six-sided basket is made of willow and has a cool cotton quilted lining. It comes with ceramic plates, stainless steel cutlery, cotton napkins, a corkscrew and its own salt-and-pepper shakers.

- **Sutherland Baskets' Westbury Gardens Picnic Basket** - This one comes with service for four people and a cotton tablecloth. It's roomy enough for a plate of piled high sandwiches or a tasty tossed salad.

Find both of these baskets, and more, at [www.WalMart.com](http://www.WalMart.com). ■



## 4TH

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from the Far East.

The British have enjoyed an on-again, off-again love affair with fireworks, but they prefer burning the Guy on Nov. 5, Guy Fawkes Day. That celebrates the end of the unfortunate Mr. Fawkes, point man in a plot to blow up Parliament, in London. His pals talked him into hiding all night with a match and 36 barrels of gunpowder they'd hidden in the basement under the House of Lords.

Although Mr. Fawkes intended a mighty send-up come morning — blowing the King, the Prince of Wales and other bigwigs to kingdom come — somebody tipped off the guards. They found him and tortured him to death, which is why his effigy is thrown on top of burn piles in villages and towns all over Britain every year, while everybody celebrates yet another vic-

tory for the aristocracy.

But that doesn't hold a candle to a good American fireworks show.

The French also like fireworks — often for use on Bastille Day, July 14, which first occurred in 1789, only 13 years after our own Independence Day on July 4, 1776.

Theirs, of course, was nothing like ours. On their freedom day a lot of prisoners were executed without trial — the innocent, the guilty (of royal blood, riches and a callous disregard for the starving mass of citizens), and anybody else who got in the way. What they did in the name of freedom makes tyranny look like a mild twin brother.

Which brings us to the sunny Southwest coast. Since people here come from all over, as we Americans like to say, the roots of our annual fireworks spectacles reach back to every community in the United States that funneled its snow-weary, its travel-crazed, its sun-yearning masses way down south into Lee County

And every one of us brings memories

of fireworks here and in other places that seem to burst again above us each Independence Day, as part of this marvelous, magnificent American custom.

Should anyone question the value of spending tens of thousands of dollars on the ephemeral and magnificent merely in the name of freedom, John Adams will rise from his grave and speak to the matter.

A signer of the Declaration and a European ambassador, Mr. Adams was a politician so committed to the American cause that he once grabbed a rifle and climbed into the rigging of a ship transporting him and his son across the Atlantic, joining the Marines there and opening fire on a hostile British Navy vessel. He was also our second president.

Mr. Adams will address the skeptics by ignoring the the constitution of fireworks: a variety of metals including strontium and lithium for reds, calcium (orange), sodium (yellow), barium (green), copper with halides (blue), cesium (indigo), potassium and rubidium (violet), along with some other stuff — charcoal, iron or lampback for gold,

and a variety of powders for white.

He will ignore the nomenclature of design: the peony, a burst of colored stars with no tails; the chrysanthemum, the dahlia, the willow, the palm — that's a burst at the top of a trunk of smoke or light, with several large fronds exploding off the main, and sometimes even little coconut explosions of color inside the palm effect; the ring, the spider, the Roman candle, the horsetail, the salute, and many more.

But Mr. Adams will not ignore the American need for a brash, bold, booming July 4.

Instead, he will use the words he once employed after our very first celebration, on July 4, 1777 — at a moment when our independence was far from certain.

He said this: "(July 4) ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forevermore."

And we say amen. ■



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## Fourth of July events

### >> City of Naples Fourth of July Parade

10 a.m. Saturday, July 3  
Starts on Broad Avenue South and proceeds through downtown, winding up at Eighth Street South and Eighth Avenue South. For more information, visit [www.naplesgov.com](http://www.naplesgov.com).

### >> Star Spangled Bonita Parade

9 a.m. Saturday, July 3  
The parade presented by Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue will kick off the celebration of the holiday weekend. For more information, contact Arleen Sheehan at 949-6262 or e-mail Arleen Sheehan@cityofbonitasprings.org.

### >> Independence Day in Everglades City

Saturday, July 3  
• 9:30 a.m., opening ceremony and flag-raising at City Hall  
• 10 a.m., patriotic parade winds its way through town, finishing up at McLeod Park, where everyone is invited to enjoy a hot-dog lunch and arts and crafts sale. Prizes will be awarded for best-decorated parade entries, from swamp buggies to golf carts. Kids in patriotic dress will compete to be crowned Little Miss Firecracker and Little Mister Firecracker.  
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### Fireworks on the Field

Hammond Field, Fort Myers  
10 p.m. Saturday, July 3  
TIB Bank presents a fireworks show to end the Fort Myers Miracle vs. St. Lucie Mets baseball game with a bang. Tickets for the game can be purchased at [www.minorleaguebaseball.com](http://www.minorleaguebaseball.com).

### A Garden Celebration

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 4  
Naples Botanical Garden  
Come to the Naples Botanical Garden wearing red, white and blue and enjoy \$5 off the regular price of admission. For more information, visit [www.naples-garden.org](http://www.naples-garden.org).

### >> The Declaration of Independence

1 p.m. Sunday, July 4  
Estero Community Park  
The Estero Historical Society invites the public to take part in a reading of the Declaration of Independence. Participants will form a circle and take turns reading small sections of the document (copies will be handed out). Bring a lawn chair. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 498-5296 or 495-9761, or visit [www.esterohistorical-society.com](http://www.esterohistorical-society.com).

### >> Star Spangled Bonita Party in the Park

6-9 p.m. Sunday, July 4  
Riverside Park on Old 41  
Music and games lead up to a laser light show and a fireworks finale. For more information, call 949-6262 or e-mail Arleen.Sheehan@cityofbonitasprings.org.

### >> Fourth of July Fireworks Extravaganza

9 p.m. Sunday, July 4  
The Naples Pier  
The city of Naples celebrates the Fourth of July with fireworks that can be seen from any Naples area beach. For more information, visit [www.naplesgov.com](http://www.naplesgov.com).

### >> Fourth of July on the Water

7 p.m. Sunday, July 4  
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## WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

## This week's theater

■ **Annie** - By The Naples Players July 2-Aug. 1 at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or [www.naplesplayers.org](http://www.naplesplayers.org).

■ **101 Dalmatians Musical** - By KidzAct of The Naples Players July 9-11 at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or [www.naplesplayers.org](http://www.naplesplayers.org).

■ **Cinderella** - Through July 31 at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Fort Myers. 278-4422.

■ **Ad Lib** - Dinner and show by Naples City Improv at Fred's Diner July 10 and 24 and Aug. 7 and 21. 2700 Immokalee Road. Reservations: 431-7928.

■ **Footloose** - At Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre through July 25. 278-4422 or [www.BroadwayPalm.com](http://www.BroadwayPalm.com).

■ **New Play** - The Laboratory Theater of Florida presents the one-act play "Picnic on the Battlefield," set on the battlefields of World War I. Show times are 7 and 8:30 p.m. July 2 in the Grand Atrium at the Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center, Fort Myers. 333-1933 or [info@fl-arts.org](mailto:info@fl-arts.org).

## Thursday, July 1

■ **Just Curious** - Germain Arena welcomes the world premiere tour of "Curious George Live" tonight through Saturday, with performances at varying times. [www.germainarena.com](http://www.germainarena.com) or (800) 745-3000.

■ **Christian Music** - A Christian Night of Music starts at 6 p.m. at Bayshore Landing Café. 417-2218.

■ **Village Nights** - The Village at Venetian Bay hosts Village Nights, with food and entertainment, from 6-9 p.m. 403-2204.

■ **Open Mic** - Naples Flatbread & Wine Bar in Miromar Outlets and on Naples Boulevard host open mic night from 6:30-9:30 p.m. every Thursday. [www.naplesflatbread.com](http://www.naplesflatbread.com).

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

## Friday, July 2

■ **Art Walk Fort Myers** - Enjoy art, music and food from 6-10 p.m. in downtown Fort Myers. The evening culminates with an after party at 10 p.m. at Spirits of Bacchus on Hendry Street.

■ **Live Music** - The Wholtones Americana perform from 7-10 p.m. at Bayshore Landing Café. 417-2218.

■ **TGIFF** - Enjoy live music and more from 6-10 p.m. as part of Mercato's monthly First Friday party. 403-2204.

## Saturday, July 3

■ **Free Festival** - Whole Foods Market at Mercato hosts a free festival with live music and a cookout in honor of Independence Day from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. 552-5100.

■ **Benefit Concert** - The King



Jim Witter returns to the Philharmonic Center for the Arts with a tribute to Simon and Garfunkel at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 10.

Richards Concert Series kicks off at 4 p.m. at the family fun park, 6780 Airport Rd., benefiting benefit the American Cancer Society. \$5. 330-0521 or [swflmusicscene@hotmail.com](mailto:swflmusicscene@hotmail.com).

■ **Karaoke** - D.J. Hollie Brooks emcees karaoke from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the main stage at Big Cypress Marketplace. 774-1690 or [www.bigcypressmarketplace.com](http://www.bigcypressmarketplace.com).

■ **Classic Thriller** - Collier County Museums present "The House on Haunted Hill," the 1958 film starring Vincent Price, at 1 p.m. at the museum in the Collier County Government Complex. Coming July 10: "Sherlock Holmes Faces Death," from 1943. Free. 252-8476.



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

■ **All That Jazz** - The Naples Jazzmasters perform from 2-4 p.m. every Saturday through the summer at the Norris Community Center. 213-3058.

■ **Benefit Concert** - A concert for The Surf Mission starts at 8 p.m. at Bayshore Landing Café with performances by Chaefin and Little Eddie and the Fat Fingers. \$5 at the door. 417-2218.

■ **Free Music** - Gulf Coast Town Center present Riverside Blues from 8-10 p.m. in Market Plaza. 267-0783 or [gulfcoasttowncenter.com](http://gulfcoasttowncenter.com).

## Monday, July 5

■ **Sweat The Small Stuff** - The Pub at Mercato holds Trivia Night every Monday at 7:30 p.m. 594-9400.

## Tuesday, July 6

■ **Free Movie** - "Trumpet of the Swan" starts at 10 a.m. at Hollywood Stadium 20-Naples. Seating is first-come, first-served. 597-4252.

■ **Party With Your Pooch** - Every Tuesday from 5-6:30 p.m. is Yappy Hour at The Dock at Crayton Cove. Pups and their people can get acquainted, have a drink and a snack, with contributions accepted for the Naples Dog Park.

■ **Blues Tunes** - Listen to Ronni's Rockbottom Blues from 7:30-10:30 p.m. at Bayshore Landing Café, 2727 Bayshore Dr. 417-2218.

■ **Free Film** - Gulf Coast Town Center presents "Surf's Up" as part of its free Cinema Under the Stars at 8:30 p.m. in the courtyard at Market Plaza.

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

## Wednesday, July 7

■ **Walk It Off** - A walking tour of the historic Third Street South district sets out at 9 a.m. from Palm Cottage. Requested donations: \$15 adults, \$5 children, Naples Historical Society members \$10. Reservations required: 261-8164.

■ **Free Film** - "Hotel for Dogs" begins at 10 a.m. at Hollywood Stadium 20-Naples. Seating is first-come, first-served. 597-4252.

■ **History Lesson** - The Collier County Museum presents a free lecture, "The War of 1812," at 2 p.m. in the main museum at the Collier County Government Complex.

■ **Jazz Duo** - Hear Stu Shelton and Patricia Dean from 6-9 p.m. at Bayshore Landing Café, 2727 Bayshore Drive. 417-2218.

■ **Dance Nights** - Vergina hosts a "Dancing under the Stars" summer dance contest at 8 p.m. every Wednesday. Final competition is set for Nov. 17. 659-7008 or [www.verginarestaurant.com](http://www.verginarestaurant.com).

■ **Open Mic** - A Late-Night Open Mic takes place from 9-11 p.m. at Bayshore Landing Café. 417-2218.

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

## Upcoming events

■ **A Night Out** - Evening on Fifth is set for 6-9 p.m. Thursday, July 8. Stroll the avenue, shop, dine or enjoy a cocktail while listening to live bands. 435-3742 or [lisa@napleschamber.org](mailto:lisa@napleschamber.org).

■ **Bluegrass Tunes** - Highway 41 South performs at Bayshore Landing Café from 7-10 p.m. Friday, July 9. 417-2218.

■ **Feelin' Groovy** - Jim Witter returns to the Philharmonic Center for the Arts with a tribute to Simon and Garfunkel at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 10. \$49. 597-1900 or [www.thephil.org](http://www.thephil.org).

■ **Music Fest** - Germain Arena hosts the Home Grown 2010 Music Fest from 2-11:30 p.m. Saturday, July 10, featuring 15 of the top unsigned bands in Florida. \$10. [www.germain-arena.com](http://www.germain-arena.com).

■ **Summer Films** - FGCU's Renaissance Academy presents summer foreign films from 1-4 p.m. on occasional Sundays at the Naples Center, 1011 Fifth Ave. S. Admission is \$4 for RA members and \$5 for others. July 11: "Spirited Away." July 18: "Bus 174." July 25: "Rashomon." 425-3272 or e-mail [jguerra@fgcu.edu](mailto:jguerra@fgcu.edu).

■ **Hot Stuff** - The Hyatt Place Coconut Point hosts a preview party to celebrate Estero Fire Rescue's first firefighter calendar from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, July 11. Enjoy barbecue, entertainment and raffles to benefit Partners

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in Breast Cancer and the Estero Safety Fund. \$20. 390-8000 or [www.shopcoconutpoint.com](http://www.shopcoconutpoint.com).

■ **Island Tunes** - The Art League of Bonita Springs' "Live at the Promenade!" presents island sounds with John Frinzi and John Patti from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, July 15, at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. \$15 members/\$20 non-members. 495-8989.

■ **Music and More** - Third Thursday on Third is set for 6-9 p.m. Thursday, July 15, on Third Street South, with music and entertainment. 434-6533.

■ **Solid Gold** - Barry Newman performs "Memories of Gold," celebrating hits from the '50s and '60s, at noon Saturday, July 17, at the Big Cypress Dinner Theater in the Big Cypress Marketplace. \$25 in advance for lunch and the show. 774-1690 or [www.bigcypressmarketplace.com](http://www.bigcypressmarketplace.com).

■ **Time Warp** - The Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium in Fort Myers present "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" at 12:01 a.m. and at 8 and 11 p.m. July 17 and Aug. 14. \$8 for members, \$10 for others. Reservations recommended. 275-3435 or [www.calusanature.org](http://www.calusanature.org).

■ **The Cove** - Collier County Friends of the Library present a free screening of the Academy Award-win-



Germain Arena presents Carnival of Madness, featuring Shinedown, Chevelle, Puddle of Mudd, Sevendust and 10 Years, at 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 21. COURTESY PHOTO

ning documentary, "The Cove," at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 21, at Headquarters Library and at 2 p.m. July 22 at Naples Regional Library. 593-0177 or 263-7768.

■ **Carnival of Madness** - Germain Arena presents Carnival of Madness, featuring Shinedown, Chevelle, Puddle of Mudd, Sevendust and 10 Years, at 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 21. [www.germainarena.com](http://www.germainarena.com).

■ **Photo Show** - The FGCU

Renaissance Academy presents "Pictures at an Exhibition by Mussorgsky" from 10-11:30 a.m. Friday, July 23, at the Naples Center. 425-3272.

■ **More Bluegrass** - Valerie Smith and Liberty Pike perform bluegrass and Americana music from 7-10 p.m. Friday, July 23, at Bayshore Landing Café, 2727 Bayshore Drive. \$15. 417-2218.

■ **Free SummerJazz** - The Naples Beach Hotel presents Late Night Brass in a free concert from 7-10 p.m. Saturday, July 24. The Mike MacArthur Band performs Aug. 28, and Denise Moore and Then Some wind up the series on Sept. 18. 261-2222.

■ **Kitties Galore** - The 19th annual Cat Show is set for 9 a.m.-4 p.m. July 24-25 at the Araba Shriners Hall, 2010 Hanson St., Fort Myers. 772-5399 or [Jcampb4244@aol.com](mailto:Jcampb4244@aol.com).

■ **Ol' Blue Eyes** - Ray Livosi performs his tribute to Frank Sinatra at noon Saturday, July 31, at the Big Cypress Dinner Theatre at Big Cypress Marketplace. \$25 in advance for lunch and the show. 774-1690 or [www.bigcypressmarketplace.com](http://www.bigcypressmarketplace.com).

■ **Two of Three** - Three Dog Night founding members and lead vocalists Danny Hutton and Cory Wells are part of the show at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 31, at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. Tickets are \$60. 597-1900 or [www.thephil.org](http://www.thephil.org).

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## ARTS COMMENTARY

# America's got talent... except when it doesn't

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It's been a while since I attended college and grad school, but I'm finding myself doing exactly what I would do back then, around this time of year: veg out.

After end-of-term papers, all-nighters and finals, I'd just want to sit in front of the television and watch something senseless. I'd taxed my brain enough, and now I wanted to do something that didn't require much effort or thought.

This year, after the demands of season, I'm feeling much the same way. The synapses aren't sparking like they usually do, maybe because I don't have two brain cells left to rub together. The unbearably humid weather only adds to the languid feeling.

So — and I'm surprised I'm even putting this in print — I've been watching "America's Got Talent" on TV and online. In it, performers compete for \$1 million and the opportunity to headline a show in Las Vegas.

From what I've seen so far, it's a combination of "The Gong Show," "American Idol" and an old-fashioned variety show, the kind Ed Sullivan used to host.

Well, it's not half as classy as what I remember "The Ed Sullivan Show" being. But "America's Got Talent" has singers, dancers, jugglers, magicians, impressionists, comedians, contortionists, sword swallows, knife throwers, fire jugglers, gymnasts, aerialists and even a dog act.

I haven't seen anyone spinning plates yet. (But there was a teen who flew a kite indoors. It was oddly beautiful and Zen-like, like watching the plastic bag in "American Beauty.")

"America's Got Talent" is a big freak show, the great melting pot of America, highlighting our greed, our quirks, our self-deception, our desperation, our ingenuity and, sometimes, our talent.

The contestants have 90 seconds to impress judges Piers Morgan, Sharon Osbourne and Howie Mandel, who sit with big red buttons in front of them, as if they're going to nuke an offending country.

If the performer manages to make it through his or her act without all three judges hitting their buttons, then the judges render their verdict as to whether

the person goes on to compete in Las Vegas — or not.

Like "American Idol," the judges travel to different cities to audition people: Dallas, Texas; Los Angeles, Calif.; Orlando, Fla.; New York City. At every stop, thousands of hopefuls turn out.

Like "The Gong Show," some performers deliver very strange acts that are devoid of any talent whatsoever; for example, the guy who attempted to play "The William Tell Overture" on turkey basters. The guy who tried to set fire to his genitals. The guy who thought wiggling his eyebrows was worthy of a million dollars. The woman who spun flaming swords and batons — who, oh, by the way, was blind in one eye and admitted to having no depth perception.

Guys who think they can dance. But can't. With or without their shirts on.

People who think they can sing. But can't.

Women who wear layers and layers of clothing and attempt to do a strip tease. (Yes, contestants, there's a reason why professional strip tease artists don't wear sweat pants and sneakers. There's just no way to remove them in a sexy, graceful way.)

The potential of winning a million dollars can make people do very strange things.

Some people, you can tell, have an act and have been performing for a while. Others, it seems, woke up that morning and said to themselves, "Gee, a million

dollars. A Vegas show of my own! What can I throw together to try to win?"

And some people, I guess, just want to be on television, even if it means looking like a fool.



Then there are the acts that are intentionally quirky: a deadpan magician who can't do magic, whose every trick fails or is obvious. A man from India who does impressions and sounds the same, no matter who he's impersonating: Marlon Brando, Clint Eastwood, Sean Connery, Arnold Schwarzenegger.

I loved Mary Ellen, the 74-year-old retired machine operator with the beehive red hair, black eyebrows and bright red lipstick. She performed Patsy Cline's "Crazy," playing an electric piano as if it were the first time she'd ever seen one. Two judges had already hit their red buttons, and half the audience was booing while the other half cheered her on. The flustered contestant hit a button her piano and the tempo speeded up. She sang faster and faster. And then she started yodeling.

When it was over, Mr. Morgan told her graciously, "There might have been one or two missed notes there." Mrs. Osbourne declared, "You're absolutely barking mad, but I love you!" And Mr. Mandel confessed, "I got you... I love it. I don't know why I love it. I love looking at you. I love listening to you. And I love the yodeling... I think I'm in love!"

And she was on her way to Vegas. Some of the contestants obviously think they're too sexy for words. One young woman sauntered out in a too-short, too-tight purple dress and declared that she was a model, actress and singer.

Her singing and dancing were horrible, and one of the judges told her, "All that was missing was the pole."

But some people actually do have sex appeal, such as the woman wearing a slinky, form-fitting black cat suit and mask and wielding a whip. Looking like a dominatrix, she told the judges she was going to paint.

"And what are you going to paint?" Mr. Morgan wanted to know.

"Does it matter?" a grinning Mr. Mandel asked.

The woman could've stood there for a minute and a half and done nothing, and I bet those two judges still would've sent her on to Vegas.

And then there are the acts that really surprise you, the ones you've been hoping for but didn't know who they'd be. The American versions of Susan Boyle, if you will, who was discovered on "Britain's Got Talent."

There have been a few. Michael Grimm, a humble, 30-year-old musician from Mississippi, performed "You Don't Know Me," accompanying himself on acoustic guitar. I wanted to hear more of his gritty, soulful voice. So did the judges.

And 58-year-old Alice Tan Ridley knocked everyone out with her version of "At Last," Etta James' signature song. After the first two notes, you could tell Ms. Ridley was fabulous singer. After the first two lines, many in the audience were on their feet.

Ms. Ridley, who's been singing in the subway for the past 20 years, happens to be the mother of Gabourey Sidibe, the Oscar-nominated actress who starred in "Precious."

"How come nobody signed you?" Ms. Osbourne asked.

Maybe someone will now. As for me, I'll keep watching "America's Got Talent."

Hey, it's summer. "War and Peace" and Proust can sit on the shelf for a few more weeks, until my brain cells grow back. ■

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"What has The Immokalee Foundation done for our Johnnie?" Lisa asked. "Where do I begin without crying?"

The Immokalee residents have watched their son grow from a shy and awkward adolescent to a confident young man adept at public speaking. Johnnie graduated last month from Immokalee High School, where he was president of FBA.

houses in the community. They also work closely with the CBIA to learn the appropriate skills.

Their community service has been recognized nationally. Seven FBA students, including Johnnie, won the Presidential Volunteer Service Award for logging more than 100 community service hours each.

"This program has completely changed the way Johnnie thinks about life and where he wants to go," Lisa Gonzales said. Both Lisa, 37, and David, 41, were born and raised in Immokalee and struggled during the recession after David lost his job as a site developer. He recently found employment. Lisa works as an office manager to help support their four children.

"The pressure that Johnnie's scholarship takes off our shoulders is immense," Lisa said. And her son has his sights set on the future. "The Immokalee Foundation has helped raise his goals."

Johnnie has set high goals for himself, indeed. This summer he has a paid internship at Salazar Machine & Steel in Immokalee.

"When I am successful, my parents are going to travel all over the world," he said. "They'll have at least three houses."

And he's not going to forget about all the people who helped him get there. "My most important plan is to make sure I am a sponsor of The Immokalee Foundation to help people in the same way I was helped," Johnnie noted.

Future Builders of America is just one of many successful programs generated by The Immokalee Foundation. "We're proud of all of our students," said Liz Allbritten, the foundation's executive director. "We can offer opportunities and help talented students like Johnnie change the course of their lives."

Since 1991, The Immokalee Foundation has been building pathways to success for many of the children in Immokalee through a variety of programs that focus on college scholarships, the development of vocational skills, mentorship, reading proficiency and after-school activities.

A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, the foundation offers a road map toward a brighter future by providing the children of Immokalee educational opportunities from early childhood through the start of their professional careers. It helps manage 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. ■

— For more information about The Immokalee Foundation, call 430-9122 or visit [www.immokaleefoundation.org](http://www.immokaleefoundation.org).



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The Gonzales family, left to right, Charity, Michael, Lisa, Johnnie, David and Faith.

"He's blossomed into a very strong leader," his mother said. In a few months, they will watch him enter Edison State College on a full scholarship provided by The Immokalee Foundation. It's the first year the foundation has offered scholarships for its FBA students.

In 2006, The Immokalee Foundation — working in partnership with Collier County Public Schools, the Collier Building Industry Association and the Florida Home Builders Association — brought the FBA program to Immokalee. Student participants get vocational and on-the-job training and have the opportunity for summer internships with area businesses. Students have held internship positions at Tri-City Electric, Made in Rio, D. Garrett Construction, Salazar Machine & Steel, Kraft Construction, Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board and the Immokalee Technical Center, among others.

Johnnie Gonzales plans to become a civil engineer. That dream was born out of his experience with FBA, which emphasizes leadership, skill development, community service and preparation for post-secondary training and vocational success.

It also allowed Johnnie and his fellow FBA members a chance to give back to the community. Since last year, the group has racked up more than 1,600 volunteer hours. They spend 10 weeks every summer working for Habitat for Humanity, building

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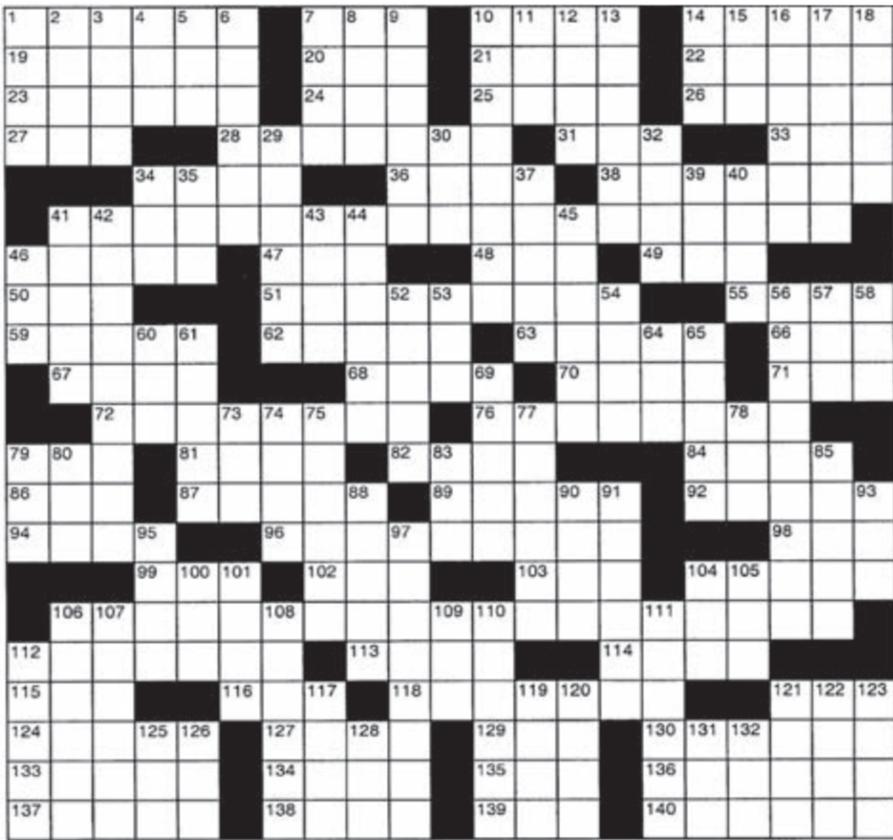
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# FLORIDA WEEKLY PUZZLES

## UPLIFTING STORY



- ACROSS**
- 1 Yacht spot
  - 7 Label
  - 10 Country singer Hank
  - 14 Hopeless case
  - 19 Mistreated
  - 20 — Simbel
  - 21 "I could — horse!"
  - 22 Madrid museum
  - 23 Start of a remark by Gene Perret
  - 24 Makes one's mark
  - 25 Fragment
  - 26 High points
  - 27 Ben, to Hoss
  - 28 Sparkle
  - 31 Tend a tot
  - 33 Actress Meyers
  - 34 — gras
  - 36 One of the Waughs
  - 38 Prickly plant
  - 41 Part 2 of remark
  - 46 Managed
  - 47 Burton or Curry
  - 48 Doe in "Bambi"
  - 49 Comic Charlotte
  - 50 "Alley —"
  - 51 Rash
  - 55 Unrestrained
  - 59 Handbag part
  - 62 "— Be Me" ('60 hit)
  - 63 Designer Simpson
  - 66 Baseball's Berg
  - 67 "— Is for Heroes" ('62 film)
  - 68 Crude cartel
  - 70 Gray or Moran
  - 71 Comics' noise
  - 72 Wedding gift, perhaps
  - 76 Electrician's device
  - 79 "You bet!"
  - 81 Conductor Karl
  - 82 Puerto —
  - 84 Piccadilly figure
  - 86 Mellow
  - 87 Athenian arcades
  - 89 French impressionist
  - 92 Inclines
  - 94 Playwright Hart
  - 96 Fusilli's predecessor
  - 98 "— favor"
  - 99 Curious
  - 102 Quisenberry or Quayle
  - 103 "I've — it!"
  - 104 Texas athlete
  - 106 Part 3 of remark
  - 112 Rudy Vallee, for one
  - 113 Show-stopper
  - 114 Tibetan monk
  - 115 Word on a pump
  - 116 Cotton clump
  - 118 Bit
  - 121 Davis' dom.
  - 124 See 5 Down
  - 127 Prepare to be shot
  - 129 "— whiz!"
  - 130 End of remark
  - 133 Martini garnish
  - 134 Depraved
  - 135 April initials
  - 136 Paganini's instrument
  - 137 Olympic award
  - 138 Medieval menial
  - 139 Squirrel's snack
  - 140 Graceland, e.g.
  - DOWN**
  - 1 A sweeping success?
  - 2 "— -Ca-Dabra" ('74 song)
  - 3 Wished undone
  - 4 "It — far, far better . . ."
  - 5 With 124 Across, "Air Music" composer
  - 6 Leisurely, to Liszt
  - 7 Judd Hirsch sitcom
  - 8 Help a hood
  - 9 Holst or Mahler
  - 10 Hid
  - 11 Slangy negative
  - 12 Publisher Chandler
  - 13 Elk
  - 14 Scholastic abbr.
  - 15 Mythical monster
  - 16 Jet of yore
  - 17 Swimmer Gertrude
  - 18 Riveting woman?
  - 29 Soup type
  - 30 Yalie
  - 32 Heavenly hammerer
  - 34 Adversary
  - 35 Approved
  - 37 Cretan port
  - 39 One — million
  - 40 Prepare prunes
  - 41 Diner feature
  - 42 Acts the tyrant
  - 43 Lifesaver flavor
  - 44 Caveat —
  - 45 One following another
  - 46 — Cob, CT
  - 52 More mature
  - 53 Multipurpose vehicle
  - 54 Semester
  - 56 Musical composition
  - 57 Card game
  - 58 Morning moisture
  - 60 PC key
  - 61 Commoners
  - 64 Speak with a forked tongue
  - 65 Record
  - 69 Winter warmer-upper
  - 73 Bon —
  - 74 "Hold your horses!"
  - 75 Blake or Plummer
  - 77 Neighbor of Hokkaido
  - 78 Distinctive period
  - 79 Tasty tuber
  - 80 Self-esteem
  - 83 Mischief-maker
  - 85 Hurling or curling
  - 88 Corset parts
  - 90 List ender
  - 91 Learn to walk
  - 93 Theater sign
  - 95 London district
  - 97 Per se
  - 100 Bear's lair
  - 101 Comic Carey
  - 104 Bk. convenience
  - 105 Health club
  - 106 Baltimore bird
  - 107 Steamy
  - 108 Long curtains
  - 109 Fire
  - 110 Starting point
  - 111 Homegrown
  - 112 Pool shot
  - 117 Mourning —
  - 119 Callao's country
  - 120 Nuisance
  - 121 Fountain order
  - 122 Loretta of "M\*A\*S\*H"
  - 123 Melodious Murray
  - 125 "Die Meister-singer" heroine
  - 126 Gibson or Blanc
  - 128 Tynemouth title
  - 131 "Whether — nobler in the mind . . ."
  - 132 Decimal point

SEE ANSWERS, C9

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## HOROSCOPES

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** A difficult personal situation seems to defy efforts to resolve it. Perhaps you're too close to it. Take some time to reassess what went wrong, and then see where things can be set right.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Leonine pride could be piqued a bit when someone else appears to be standing in your light. Be patient and resist the urge to growl at the interloper. You'll soon be the "mane" attraction again.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** A professional situation benefits from your clear assessment of the circumstances involved. On the personal side, that new relationship looks as if it will continue to grow.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** More good news about a loved one helps reassure others who could not share your more-optimistic view before. Continue to help everyone in need of your comforting presence.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Creating new friendships could turn out to be the unexpected but welcome result of reconnecting with old friends. The weekend is a good time for fun and games. Enjoy!

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** The more you learn about what you plan to do, the more likely you are to consider making some changes in your plans. This is good; don't resist it. Instead, go with it.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** A career change

is still in your aspect, but a potential workplace change could be what you've been looking for. See what develops before making any drastic moves.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Your energy levels are high this week, which should help you get all your workaday tasks done and still leave you with enough breath to handle some domestic challenges.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** An unexpected fluke could cause problems with your travel plans. If so, use the time to troll for other available options, and you might be pleasantly surprised at what turns up.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** A perplexing situation needs to be dealt with in order to avoid problems later on. Rely on both your own sense of what's right and the advice of someone you trust to help work it out.

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Let your sharp Taurean business insight guide you when considering a "dream deal." Without all the facts, it could turn into a nightmare. Remember: Investigate before investing.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Sharing so much of your time and your gifts with others is what you do so well, and this week, don't be surprised if others want to share with you. Enjoy the experience. You've earned it.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You enjoy the company of lots of people, but you also can treasure the moments shared with just one special person.

By Linda Thistle

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## LATEST FILMS

### 'Grown Ups'

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If you want to see five comedians try to top one another with one-liners, "Grown Ups" is the movie for you. It would be a movie for everyone else, too, if it were consistently funny and had a story.

After their old middle school basketball coach dies, five friends and their families reunite at a beautiful lake house. Even though none of these guys grew up to become a professional athlete, the premise is that the coach somehow made a big impact on all of their lives. Actually, that's just an excuse to get the guys together for some fun. If only we could have fun with them.

Lenny (Adam Sandler) is a successful Hollywood agent with a fashionista wife (Salma Hayek) and three kids who text their nanny (Di Quon) to bring them hot chocolate. Eric (Kevin James) is a scruffy, likeable family man whose wife (Maria Bello) continues to breast feed their 4-year-old son. Kurt (Chris Rock) is a househusband whose wife (Maya Rudolph) supports him and their kids while his mother-in-law (Ebony Jo-Ann) hates his guts. Rob (Rob Schneider) is a new-age holistic type whose wife (Joyce Van Patten) is much older than he, and Marcus (David Spade) is an aging ladies man.

Mr. Sandler and Fred Wolf wrote the script — but you have to wonder how much improv happened on the set, especially as the guys razz one another with one-liners as only old friends can do. Some of these quips are funny, but most feel desperate, as do most of the movie's set pieces. It's as if ideas that were amusing on the page failed to translate when performed.

For example, there's an excursion to a water park, and you can see everyone having a great time. But the comedy in this sequence — the women ogling a hunk from afar, macho guy talk, cutting lines and basic stupidity with middle school rivals led by a guy named Dickie (Colin Quinn) — doesn't feel natural, and none of it is very funny (exception:



Sportscaster Dan Patrick has a humorous cameo as a ride guy who gets abused).

When a good idea is well executed but still doesn't play as funny on screen, the blame goes to the director. In this case, however, Dennis Dugan cannot be blamed for the fact that there's absolutely no story here, and the faint family values he tries to shove down our throats barely register.

Mr. Sandler's comedy troupe has certainly seen better days. Maybe he should go back out on his own, Mr. James and Mr. Spade should go back to TV, Mr. Rock should go back to standup and Mr. Schneider should just go away. One thing is for sure: "Grown Ups" isn't going to help any of their careers, and each needs all the help he can get. ■

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**Did you know?**

>> "Grown Ups" is Adam Sandler's fifth collaboration with director Dennis Dugan. The others were "Happy Gilmore," "Big Daddy," "I Now Pronounce You Chuck & Larry" and "You Don't Mess with the Zohan."

## CAPSULES

REVIEWED BY DAN HUDAK  
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### The A-Team ★★★

(Liam Neeson, Bradley Cooper, Quinton "Rampage" Jackson) When an elite team of Army Rangers is framed for a crime it didn't commit, the soldiers go rogue to get to the bottom of the conspiracy. This is how you adapt a TV series for the big screen. Co-writer/director Joe Carnahan ("Smokin' Aces") very nicely captures the spirit of the classic '80s television show while updating the story with some splendid action sequences. Rated PG-13.

### The Karate Kid ★★

(Jaden Smith, Jackie Chan, Taraji P. Henson) A cranky old building super (Mr. Chan) teaches a young kid (Jaden) kung

fu after he moves to China with his single mother (Ms. Henson). That's right: kung fu. There's no karate at all, actually. I tried to judge this movie on its own merits, really I did. But I couldn't get the original film out of my head, probably because the two movies are so similar. So if you've never seen the original, you might find this enjoyable. If you have, don't bother. Rated PG.

### Solitary Man ★★½

(Michael Douglas, Susan Sarandon, Danny DeVito) Down-on-his-luck car salesman Ben (Mr. Douglas) tries to put his life back together by sleeping around and talking his way back into business. Although it's interesting to watch Ben freefall, and Mr. Douglas plays him well, you never feel sorry for Ben because he doesn't do much to help himself. From dark comedy to serious too often, leaving an imbalance. Rated R. ■

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# FLORIDA WEEKLY FICTION CHALLENGE

## Pounce

BY NANCY HEBERLY, CAPE CORAL

I see them. They don't see me.  
I can smell them. They can't smell me.  
So innocent and naïve, looking through the storefront windows, admiring the paintings and the early evening balmy breezes. They have no idea how vulnerable they are. They laugh and whisper on the downtown streets while I watch, hidden in the bushes of the shadowy park. Inconspicuous — waiting to pounce.  
I can hear them but they can't hear my stealthy lithe body energized with pulsating thoughts of tonight's endless possibilities. I can't understand what they're saying but I can sense that they're happy. And ignorant, oh, so ignorant.  
I feel like I've been waiting for hours. I'm hungry and confused; tired and achy from being tense. If I relax a single muscle, I won't be ready, and I am always ready.

I spot others walking quickly. No time for them to enjoy the colorful displays and early twilight sky. No, not them. They look like they're all business. I'll stay back and make no eye contact. Eye contact could make them curious and bring them closer.

I hear a rustling in the nearby palm tree and the breeze lifts the hair from my pounding head but my ability to stay focused on the two ladies keeps my attention where it belongs; ready for the opportunity that's always available if you have the patience, and I have plenty. My mother taught me to be very patient.

As the night grows darker, more activity seems to stir. Voices, footsteps, insects buzzing, birds making their way to their final evening destinations. Lights come on in some windows and fades behind curtains in others. Doors open and close. Cars speed by and in the distance a baby cries.

Oh, it looks like the ladies are ready to move on. They turn in my direction, still talking in their hushed voices, gig-

gling, walking slowly and ever closer. I can see their eyes glow from the overhead street light. Can they see mine? Can they see me watching them; stalking them; waiting for my chance to do the thing I came here to do?

I crouch lower trying to look less conspicuous and I hear the crackle of the fallen drying leaves. They're close; just a few more steps. I'm ready; my

haunches taut; ready to spring. I lunge away from the bushes.

"Meow!"  
"Will you look at that, Ruthie. Just look at that sweet kitty cat. Hey pretty kitty. Come here baby."

I roll over on my back, helpless to their touch and soothing voices. I'll attack next time. Tonight, I'll just enjoy some loving. ■

## Staff favorites



Florida Weekly staff members chose the two stories on this page as their overall favorites for the second round of the fiction challenge. Readers were asked to submit stories based on the photo seen here. We received nearly 50 submissions that showed an impressive array of talent throughout the community. If you didn't see your work in print, there's always round three...

## Round three



Now, it's time for round three. Based on the image above, send us a fictional narrative of 600 words or less. Florida Weekly will accept your original stories in Word format or pasted into the body of an e-mail until Friday, July 23. E-mail them to [opadilla@floridaweekly.com](mailto:opadilla@floridaweekly.com) and we will print the best stories in the weeks to come.

## Prognosis

BY GEORGE COOK, FORT MYERS

He left the doctor's office at 4:30 that evening and phoned home. He said he'd been called in to a late meeting and would be turning his phone off. He said the report from the doctor was fine and he was going back to the office. He'd be working late. The phone display said it was June 3, 2010.

He drove west on the highway. He turned on the radio and then pushed the CD in and then pressed eject. He turned the radio off. The digital display said the outside temperature was 91.

He turned off the highway and drove into town. He parked on a side street and walked to the town center. He went into the Palm City Pub on the corner and sat up at the bar. He ordered a Dewar's on the rocks. He looked at his face in the mirror.

He left the pub and walked back to his car. He drove through the town center and circled back to the highway. The light turned green. The car behind him beeped the horn. The light turned red. The car behind flashed its high beams. The light turned green. There was a rap on the window. He lowered

the window and a man asked if he was all right. Yes, he said, he was fine. The man asked if he was crazy.

He drove out onto the highway, crossed the median between palm trees, drove back to the intersection and crossed under the red light. Car horns blared. It was raining. He drove into town and parked on a side street. He went into the Palm City Pub and ordered a Dewar's on the rocks. He looked at his face in the mirror. He looked down into his glass and swirled the ice cubes. He ordered another.

He left the pub and crossed the street. The rain had already stopped. The street lamps were on. The road was still damp. He stepped up onto the walk and headed east. He put one hand in his pocket. He put his other hand in his other pocket. He took his hands out. He put them back in his pockets again.

He stopped at the corner. A few people were standing in front of the display window of an art gallery. He stood in the back and looked at the pictures. He was dressed in slacks and a button-down shirt. Most of the other people were wearing sandals

and shorts.

The largest picture stood on a wooden frame. Some of the people were talking about it. They said the picture had been used as the cover of a magazine in the late '50s. It was a large illustration of small boys dressed as cowboys. They were acting out a back

yard gunfight. One boy was shooting from behind a porch rail. Another boy was shooting from behind a tree. One boy in the foreground was lying dead in the grass and another boy was hit and falling down the porch steps. The boy on the grass had one eye open and he was smiling at the artist. ■

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## FLORIDA WRITERS

# Learning to find the upside in down times

**“Upside: How to Zig When Life Zags,”** by Bonnie Michaels and Allison Blankenship. Collage Books. 214 pages. \$15.95

BY PHILIP K. JASON  
Special to Florida Weekly

Bonnie Michaels, a Naples part-timer who founded the consulting firm Managing Work & Family in 1987, has put her expertise to work to help people navigate the special challenges of today’s depressed and unstable economy. For this new book, her third, she has partnered with another Naples part-timer, Allison Blankenship, a communications specialist and corporate entrepreneur whose background and skills compliment those of Ms. Michaels. Together, they’ve fashioned a timely self-help book that is responsive to several new challenges in lifestyle and career dynamics.

One of these is that the conventional notion of career building, one that includes a vision of two-way loyalties cementing decades of employer-employee bonds, is no longer operative. Old habits of expectation and entitlement in the workplace are mind-set handicaps that have to be eliminated. Imagining that you are owed something (for your skills, your past performance or your credentials) doesn’t get you anywhere when the future is essentially not known. It’s also a path to bitterness and stasis.

Dealing with the “not known” is one concern of “Upside” to which the authors give extended attention. People adjusting to meet new — yet not predictable — financial, personal and professional conditions need to develop resilience and the ability to transform their patterns of thought and action. They must learn how to flourish in an epoch for which the traditional American Dream is a not a healthy goal.

They must also learn how to find the potentially positive outcome lurking beneath each upheaval of expectation. Through numerous instructive cases and exercises, readers are encouraged to discover the “Upside” of disappointing and disorienting situations.

“Upside” is essentially a new kind of 10-step program for life-path rejuvenation in chaotic times. Readers are encouraged to inventory and assess their experiences, values and goals. After interpreting these inventories, they are



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Blankenship and Michaels

encouraged to design new and highly personal paths to viable, sustainable satisfaction.

For Ms. Michaels and Ms. Blankenship, change begins with an attitudinal transformation that eventually triggers new perceptions and actions. The topics they cover in this lively manual include developing cash consciousness, fostering spiritual growth, simplifying one’s life at every level and learning how to form productive networks and partnerships.

The key points in “Upside” are

repeated in almost every chapter. While this repetition might disturb to some readers, it is the way effective education works: reinforcing, elaborating, connecting and exemplifying central concepts.

At once inspiring and realistic, “Upside” features 29 tips for sustainable success, a useful bibliography and resources section, engaging use of graphics and valuable interactive challenges.

“Upside” can be ordered from [www.collagebooks.com](http://www.collagebooks.com) and from major online and traditional book-sellers. ■

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# THE MUSIC GOURMET

## God Bless America: A plea for a new national anthem



anthem before thousands of sports fans and then proceeded to moon the crowd like the whole thing was a joke).

We're talking about millions of ordinary people like you and me, people whose voices, once we reach 50 years old or so, simply cannot climb up and down the scale to high E or F or G without cracking.

It's interesting to note that our leaders in Washington weren't certain "The Star Spangled Banner" should be our national anthem, either. After all, it had been around since the War of 1812 (against the British, for years one of our staunchest allies). We remained without an official national anthem until finally, reluctantly, it was afforded national anthem status in 1931.

In the meanwhile, two other eminently easier to sing, more appropriately worded, patriotic songs were becoming much loved throughout the country.

"America the Beautiful" was composed in 1895 by Katharine Lee Bates, a professor and poet who was so overwhelmed by the beauty she saw everywhere as she traveled westward to a conference in Colorado, she penned the immortal words, which were shortly thereafter set to music by a prominent organist and choirmaster, Samuel Ward. It soon became the unofficial national anthem for the Boy Scouts of America, and has often been recommended to become our next national anthem.

I love the song. It never fails to send chills down my spine when I hear:

*O beautiful, for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain.  
For purple mountain majesty,  
Above the fruited plain.*

*America! America!  
God shed His grace on thee.  
And crown thy good  
with brotherhood,  
From sea to shining sea.*

In my unscientific research over the past 10 years, however, "God Bless America" has been the unanimous song of choice among conductors and performers I have queried about a new national anthem.

"God Bless America" was written in 1918 (and revised in 1938) by Irving Berlin, a Russian Jewish immigrant and a true patriot. Mr. Berlin, donated every penny he made from "God Bless America" to the Boy and Girl Scouts of America. Not only that, but his family chose not to auction this song. Although they knew it would have garnered a fortune from eager bidders, Mr. Berlin's three daughters recently donated the score to the Library of Congress.

Part of the credit for the success of "God Bless America" must go to Kate Smith, who had Americans everywhere singing along with her as she performed it thousands of times on radio and stage. As World War II loomed on the horizon, Ms. Smith donated the proceeds of her every performance to the war effort. Her promotion of war bonds raised millions of dollars for our government.

If our congressmen in Washington can be honest, "God Bless America" is clearly their choice, too. Remember the terrifying, dark day of 9/11, when people jumped and fell from the Twin Towers as first one and then the second collapsed? Remember our congressmen, in a show of strength, standing on the steps of the Capitol? Remember the song they sang?

*God bless America!  
Land that I love.  
Stand beside her, and guide her,  
Through the night with  
a light from above.  
From the mountains, to the prairies,  
To the oceans, white with foam.  
God bless America,  
our home sweet home.  
God bless America,  
our home sweet home.*

Lest you think "once a national anthem, always a national anthem" is the rule of law for countries around the world, let me assure you that any number of countries have, or are debating, changing their national anthem.

It's time for a change. It's time to give Americans a song they can embrace with pride and — most importantly — a song they can sing. ■

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

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# Spend a summer evening with The Met at the movies

Opera aficionados can enjoy encore performances of productions by The Metropolitan Opera at three cinemas in Southwest Florida this summer. The high-definition programs, all recorded live at The Met in New York City, begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person. Here's the lineup:

• **July 7: "Eugene Onegin"**

Valery Gergiev conducts Tchaikovsky's romantic operatic masterpiece, with Renée Fleming as Tatiana, Ramón Vargas as Lenski and Dmitri Hvorostovsky in the title role. Running time: 2 hours, 40 minutes.

• **July 14: "La Boheme"**

Franco Zeffirelli's classic production of Puccini's "La Bohème" features Angela Gheorghiu as Mimì, Ramón Vargas as Rodolfo, Ainhoa Arteta as Musetta

and Ludovic Tézier as Marcello. Nicola Luisotti conducts. Running time: 2 hours, 10 minutes.

• **July 21: "Turandot"**

Director Franco Zeffirelli's production of Puccini's last opera is a favorite of the Met repertoire. It stars Maria Guleghina

as the ruthless Chinese princess of the title, whose hatred of men is so strong that she has all suitors who can't solve her riddles beheaded.

Andris Nelsons conducts. Running time: 2 hours, 5 minutes.

• **July 28: "Carmen"**

Director Richard Eyre's acclaimed new production of Georges Bizet's classic features Elina Garanca in the title role as the seductive gypsy and Roberto Alagna as the obsessed Don José. Rising maestro Yannick Nézet-Séguin conducts. Running time: 2 hours, 50 minutes. ■



COURTESY PHOTO

Renee Fleming as Tatiana in "Eugene Onegin"

in the know

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## Museum presents classic movies

Take a step back in time with Collier County Museum's classic movie matinees every Saturday throughout the summer.

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Movies are free and begin at 1 p.m. every Saturday in the Collier Government Complex at U.S. 41 and Airport Road.

The July 3 show is "The House on Haunted Hill," the 1958 thriller in which Vincent Price delivers one of his most sinister performances as a man who invites five seemingly random strangers to a macabre party in a haunted mansion. Running time is an hour and 15 minutes.

- Coming up:
- ▶ **July 10:** "Sherlock Holmes Faces Death" (1943)
  - ▶ **July 17:** "My Favorite Brunette" (1947)

- ▶ **July 24:** "Meet John Doe" (1941)
- ▶ **July 31:** "Ghosts on the Loose" (1943)
- ▶ **Aug. 7:** "You Can't Take It With You" (1938)
- ▶ **Aug. 14:** "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" (1939)
- ▶ **Aug. 21:** "It Happened One Night" (1934)
- ▶ **Aug. 28:** "Cross Creek" (1983)

The main Collier County Museum is just five minutes east of downtown Naples at 3301 Tamiami Trail E., on a 5-acre plot that includes a native plant garden, orchid house, two early Naples cottages, a logging locomotive, swamp buggies and a WWII Sherman tank. The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Admission is always free.

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Also on tap for the evening: great food on the outdoor grills from rtichoke & Company and Villagio Café. Visit [www.venetianvillage.com](http://www.venetianvillage.com) for additional information.

Come Friday, July 2, start the patriotic holiday weekend at First Friday at Mercato from 6-9 p.m. Sparking the evening's entertainment on the main stage across from The Pub will be The Manipulators, with a rock 'n' roll song list that includes classics from The Beatles to ZZ Top. Brendon McDonnell (a member of Pub Mustard) will perform high-energy modern rock next to Swim 'n' Sport.

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# Check out 'summer school' at FGCU's Renaissance Academy

The Renaissance Academy of Florida Gulf Coast University has the following programs coming up in Naples and Bonita Springs:

- 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays, July 7, 14, 21 and 28, at the Naples Center: **"Survey of Selected Poems by Garrison Keillor,"** with instructor Jeffrie Jinian. Requires a copy of Mr. Keillor's "Good Poems." \$85/\$100.

- 10 a.m. to noon Thursdays, July 8, 15, 22 and 29 at the Naples Center: **"Creative Writing,"** a workshop with instructor James Robison for those who pen short stories, poems or novels. \$85/\$100.

- 9:30 a.m. to noon Friday, July 9, at Bentley Village: **"Join the Fraud Squad."**

- 10:30 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, July 13, 20 and 27, at the Steinway Piano Gallery in Bonita Springs: **"Unlocking Your Creativity,"** based on the teachings of G. Altshuller, a rogue Russian inventor. Instructor Alex Crandall will discuss the psychological secrets of creative thinking and problem solving, as well as ways to help children and adults develop their creative talents. \$50/\$65.

- 1-4 p.m. Sunday, July 11, at the Naples Center: Screening and discussion of **"Spirited Away."** This 2002 animated film from Japan follows the fanciful adventures of 10-year-old girl named Chihiro, who discovers a secret world when she and her family get lost and venture through a hillside tunnel. \$4/\$5.

- 1-3 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, July 12, 14, 19 and 21, at the Naples Center: **"Editing Photos with Picasa 3."**

- 10 a.m. to noon Mondays and Wednesdays, July 12, 14, 19 and 21, at the Naples



Center: **"PCs for Beginners."**

- 1-3 p.m. Mondays, July 12, 19 and 26, at Bentley Village: **"War, Native American Genocide, the Holocaust and Armenian Genocide."**

- 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays, July 14, 21 and 28, at Bentley Village: **"Digital Photography Boot Camp."**

- 6-9 p.m. Wednesdays, July 14 and 21, at the Naples Center: **"eBay: Beyond the Basics."**

- 10 a.m. to noon Friday, July 16, at Bentley Village: **"Understanding Classical Music."**

- 1-4 p.m. Sunday, July 18, at the Naples Center: Screening and discussion of **"Bus**

174," a documentary about what happened in Rio de Janeiro the day a disillusioned slum-dweller hijacked a bus and threatened to kill all of the passengers. Jose Padilha's 2003 film was voted "one of the 10 best films of the year" by The New York Times. \$4/\$5.

- 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, July 22, at the Naples Center: **"Pictures At An Exhibition by Mussorgsky."**

- 10-11:30 a.m. Friday, July 23, at Bentley Village: **"The 'Bad War,' World War II's Pacific Theatre"**

- 1-4 p.m. Sunday, July 25, at the Naples Center: Screening and discussion of **"Rashomon."** Set in feudal Japan, Akira Kurosawa's highly acclaimed film presents a tale of violent crime in the woods, told from the perspectives of a bandit, a woman, her husband and a woodcutter. A landmark of international cinema, this 1950 film is a stunning examination of truth and human nature. \$4/\$5. ■

— For registration or more information about the Renaissance Academy at FGCU, call 425-3272 or e-mail John Guerra at [jguerra@fcgu.edu](mailto:jguerra@fcgu.edu).

## Christian women plan summer luncheons

The Naples Christian Women's Connection meets for a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Friday, July 9, at the Naples Sailing & Yacht Club. Carol and Gordon Bleich will entertain, and Carol Erb will be the inspirational speaker.

The August luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 6, at Quail Creek Country Club. Lee Behrhorst of Sundance Orchids

will discuss orchids that require little care but that deliver lovely rewards. One orchid will be given away. Painter and quilting instructor Kay Tobelman Doran will discuss how quilted pieces "stitch life together."

Cost for each luncheon meeting is \$23. For reservations and directions or more information, call 596-6376 or e-mail [napleschristianwomen@comcast.net](mailto:napleschristianwomen@comcast.net). ■

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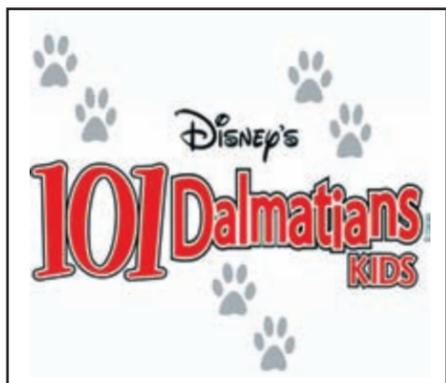
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## KidzAct is going to the dogs

More than three dozen local youngsters promise to be spot-on when KidzAct of The Naples Players presents "The 101 Dalmatians Musical." The musical takes over the Tobye Studio at the Sugden Community Theatre for four performances July 9-11.

The cast of lovable, rambunctious canines and their human friends (and foes, including Cruella de Ville) are all enrolled in the four-week-long KidzAct summer camp, learning skills they need for their big debut in the classic tale of bravery, villainy, loyalty and fun.

Director Jessica Walck has some help from acting and improv instructor Craig Price, music director Lisa Federico and choreographer Meg Pryor teaches her performers to dance in character.

Show time for "The 101 Dalmatians Musical" is 7 p.m. July 9-10 and 2 and 7 p.m. July 11. Tickets are \$6 for those under 18 and \$12 for adults. Visit the box office at 701 Fifth Ave. S. or call 263-7990. ■



A scene from an early rehearsal for "Annie"

COURTESY PHOTOS



KidzAct's Kylie Campbell is one of two youngsters cast as Molly, the littlest orphan.



Elysa Yun also plays Molly.

## ANNIE

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the girls have rehearsed for weeks and will rotate on a weekly basis once performances begin. Each team also has its own Annie.

In preparation for opening, both teams have had to attend every rehearsal, working under the direction of Dallas Dunnagan. While Team One practices choreography and blocking, Team Two watches carefully and takes notes.

Beginning in early May, the kids rehearsed on Fridays and Saturdays. Starting in mid-June, the orphans and the adult cast rehearsed on stage five nights a week, sometimes more often.

Being part of an adult production is definitely a growing experience and one of the most enlightening experiences a KidzAct kid can have. For many, this is their first time working side-by-side with adults and performing on the main stage with lights, scenery and orchestra. The "rising stars" learn what makes their performances believable, or as choreographer Dawn Lebrecht Fornara puts it, "being Broadway" versus "not being Broadway."

— Elizabeth Marcantonio, a summer intern with The Naples Players, is a junior at Florida Gulf Coast University.

### in the know

- >>What: Annie"
- >>Who: The Naples Players
- >>When: Friday, July 2, through Sunday, Aug. 1
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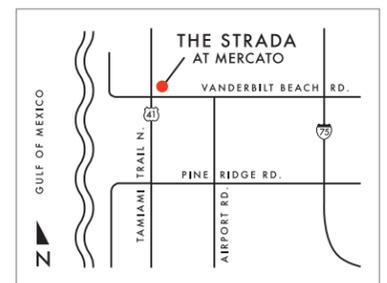
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 The transcontinental railroad opens a new era in the West.

party celebrates 30 years on air, live from the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol. Jack Everly, principal pops conductor of the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, conducts. Actor Jimmy Smits hosts. (Repeats at 9:30 p.m.)

► **FRIDAY, JULY 2, 8:30 P.M.**  
**Connect! Feeding Our Neighbors**  
 At the third annual Hunger Summit in Fort Myers, regional food pantry leaders learned about a program that closed the food gap in a western Michigan county within four months. Has Feeding America found the solution to hunger in the world's richest country? This special edition of Connect! looks at how the Harry Chapin Food Bank is considering Feeding America's model to eradicate the 2.5 million pound monthly food gap in Southwest Florida, as well as other hunger initiatives.

► **MONDAY, JULY 5, 8 P.M.**  
**Antiques Roadshow**  
**Salt Lake City - Hour 1**  
 A Mormon folk art quilt; a rare Utah landscape painting; and an archive of Philip Margetts' career.

► **SATURDAY, JULY 3, 8 P.M.**  
**Antiques Roadshow**  
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 A collection of 20th-century Remington ammunition-themed calendars; a set of Rembrandt and Albrecht Durer prints; and a 1923 bronze automobile hood ornament.

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# KOVELS: ANTIQUES & COLLECTING

## Arcade novelty offers firm shake for the fourth



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Uncle Sam has been an important symbol in the United States since the War of 1812. The name was first seen in print in a book written in 1816. Today's Uncle Sam, with top hat, striped jacket and beard, was drawn for a 1917 recruiting poster. The image was soon copied in books, games and toys.

One famous Uncle Sam machine was a strength tester. For a penny, you could grab his hand and squeeze as hard as you could. The arrow on the dial told how firm your grip was. If you scored 300, a bell rang. The Uncle Sam grip test, 76 inches tall, is made of enameled iron and has an oak cabinet base.

The first machines were made by Caille Brothers Co. in about 1908. It was copied by the International Mutoscope Co. in the 1920s and again in 1978 by a private company that sells the machines today. An old machine was sold by Showtime Auction Services in April 2010 for \$26,400.

**Q:** I have a replica of the Liberty Bell that swings and rings. The bell is attached to a wooden block. Inside the bell it says, "J.I. Houck, Pottstown, Pa." Under the wooden block is a label that says "Bailey Banks & Biddle, Philadelphia." It's dated "1832 U.S. Pat. No. 2444611." I'm curious about those companies.

**A:** Your Liberty Bell is a bank, but it

wasn't made in the 1800s. Jonathan I. Houck of Pottstown received a patent for his bell-shaped bank in 1948. Coins were inserted in the slot in the wooden hanger and dropped into the bell, which could be opened at the bottom. Bailey Banks & Biddle was a famous jewelry store with branches in several cities. It traced its history back to 1832 (the date on your bank), when Joseph T. Bailey began working as a silversmith. Joseph T. Bailey II went into partnership with George W. Banks and Samuel Biddle to form Bailey, Banks & Biddle in 1878. The company was bought by Zales in 1961, but the brand name was kept. Following other corporate changes, all Bailey, Banks & Biddle stores closed in 2009. Your Liberty Bell bank sells for about \$25 today.

**Q:** My mother gave me her small jug in the shape of Uncle Sam's head. I remember it from my childhood in the 1940s and '50s. The bottom is marked "Uncle Sam, Royal Winton, Grimwades, Made in England." The jug is about 3 inches tall. Can you tell me its history and value?

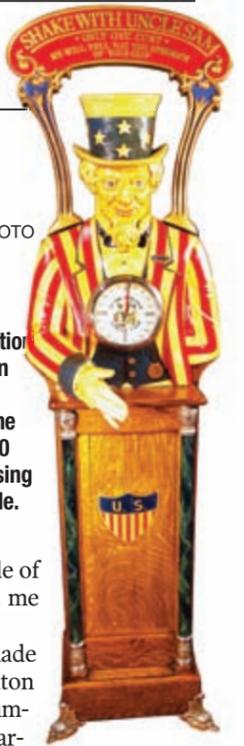
**A:** Brothers Leonard and Sidney Grimwade founded their ceramics company at the Winton Pottery in Stoke-on-Trent, England, in 1885. Known as Grimwades Bros., then Grimwades Ltd., the company eventually specialized in making chintz dishes. Most are marked "Royal Winton," the trade name Grimwades adopted in 1929. Royal Winton character jugs were made from the 1920s until the 1940s. Uncle Sam was made in two sizes, 3 and 4 inches tall. Your smaller jug sells for about \$40 to \$50.

**Q:** I have a historical newspaper dated Aug. 15, 1945. The top story is "PEACE, Shooting Ends in the Pacific. President Truman Announcing End of War." Can you tell me what this newspaper is worth?

**A:** The value of an old newspaper is based on the historical importance of the news on the front page and the newspaper's rarity. News of the end of World War II was published in virtually every newspaper in the United States and around the world. Because it was such an important event, many people saved their newspaper from that day. A complete newspaper is worth more than just one page. If the main story on the front page is continued to back pages, you need to have those pages. To preserve your newspaper in the best condition, store it flat with the pages unfolded. If folded, it may discolor or fall apart along the fold. The paper can be wrapped in acid-free tissue paper and laid flat in a box with a lid on it. You can buy acid-free paper and boxes from several different companies. The box should be stored in a dry, cool place, not in a hot attic or damp basement. You can even buy an archival scrapbook that is large enough to hold a full-size newspaper. If you are just keeping the front page, you might want to frame it. The value depends on which newspaper you have. Copies range from a framed Washington, D.C., newspaper at \$395 to copies from small cities at less than \$100.

**Q:** I have been handed down a 4½-inch green carnival glass basket. An elk head and a clock are embossed on the inside, along with 10 stars around the edge and "1914, Parkersburg, B.P.O.E." The name

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"Taylor" is on the outside of the basket. Can you tell me something about it?

**A:** Your basket was made in the early 1980s by Fenton Art Glass Co. of Williamstown, W.Va. Original carnival glass souvenir pieces made by Fenton for the 1914 Parkersburg, W.Va., convention of the BPOE (Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks) included only a plate, bowl and bell. An original plate in green can sell for more than \$2,000. Dorothy Taylor (the "Taylor" on your basket) asked Fenton to make new Elks pieces like your basket for her Encore Glass Club. Your basket sells today for about \$30. ■

— Terry Kovel answers as many questions as possible through the column. By sending a letter with a question, you give full permission for use. Names, addresses or e-mail addresses will not be published. We cannot guarantee the return of any photograph, but if a stamped envelope is included, we will try. Write to Kovels, Florida Weekly, King Features Syndicate, 300 W. 57th St., New York, NY 10019.

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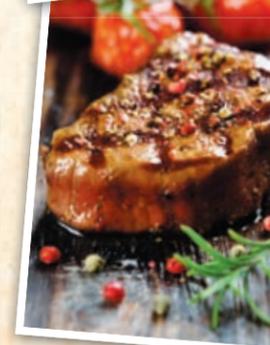
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### Eagle Lakes Extreme 5K

The Eagle Lakes Extreme 5K Run and Walk steps out at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, July 31, at Eagle Lakes Community Park. This is the second in a series of three races planned along the scenic pathways in three Naples parks; the Sugden Stride took place in June, and the North Collier Regional Rampage 5K is set for Saturday, Aug. 28.



Awards will be given to the first five people in each age division. For more information or to register, visit [www.EliteEvents.org](http://www.EliteEvents.org).

will finish no later than 8:30 a.m. The course is set along the interior roads of Tiburon residential development.

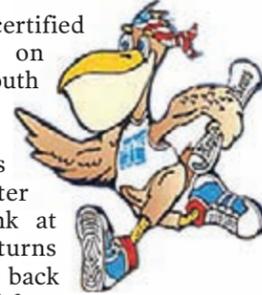
Registration is \$25 in advance and \$30 on race day (\$10 for ages 18 and under). Registration includes one daily grounds ticket to the Shootout.

Proceeds will benefit Cure-Search National Childhood Cancer Foundation. For more information, visit [www.thesharkshootout.com/5K.php](http://www.thesharkshootout.com/5K.php).

### The 2011 Naples Half Marathon

The Naples Half Marathon 2011 will begin at 7 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, 2011, at Cambier Park. Registration opens on Sept. 1.

The USATF-certified course begins on Fifth Avenue South and returns to Cambier Park. Mile markers each mile; water and sports drink at seven stops; turns marked; out and back course is flat and fast.



Pursuant to USATF rules, no in-line skates, baby joggers or strollers, or bicycle support allowed on course. There is a time limit of two hours and 45 minutes, due to course closure restrictions.

For more information, call 262-5653 or 434-9786 or e-mail [questions@napleshalfmarathon.net](mailto:questions@napleshalfmarathon.net).

### 2nd annual Shark Shootout 5K Race

The Shark Shootout Charities will hold its 5K race on Saturday, Dec. 11, at Tiburon Golf Club at The Ritz-Carlton



Golf Resort. Registration will begin at 6 a.m. and the race will start at 7 a.m. and

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# GOLFING NEWS

## Ricky King Fund tourney all set

Custom Catering Company is sponsoring a golf tournament to benefit The Ricky King Children's Fund on Sunday, July 11, at Olde Cypress Golf Club. Registration for the four-person scramble begins at 7:30 a.m. and the shotgun start is at 8:30 a.m. Lunch and an awards presentation will follow the competition.

Participation is limited to 31 foursomes. Cost is \$100 per player.

The Ricky King Children's Fund enriches the lives of children with disabilities in Southwest Florida by providing essential medical equipment in times of need.

For more information or to sign up, call Tom Rossetti at 216-7363 or e-mail [customcateringcompany@yahoo.com](mailto:customcateringcompany@yahoo.com). ■

## Experience St. Andrews at PGA Superstore

Tee off The first of its kind in Southwest Florida, a virtual golf tournament to benefit Keep Collier Beautiful is under way through July 31 at the PGA Tour Superstore. Competition is on the superstore's high-tech simulators. Golfers schedule a tee time at their convenience to experience The Olde Course at St. Andrews in Scotland, site of the British Open.

The course simulators are open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Saturday. A weekly e-mail with the leader board standings is sent to all participants. The grand prizewinner will receive a trip for two to the Waste Management Phoenix Open in



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Readers of Condé Nast Traveler have ranked The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples, as the Best Overall Golf Resort in Florida based on a range of factors including overall golf experience, resort, amenities, staff, restaurant quality and customer service. Tiburón Golf Club, a joint venture between Host Hotels and Resorts and WCI Communities, is at The Ritz-Carlton property on Airport Pulling Road in North Naples. Call 254-3340 or visit [www.ritzcarlton.com](http://www.ritzcarlton.com) for tee times and golf lessons.

February 2011. Second place is a VIP pass for two for a day at the Shark Shootout. Third place is a VIP pass for two for the Ace Group Classic.

Bring your own clubs, or test-drive a complimentary set of demonstration clubs. Soda, water, snacks and player bag provided. Golfing options are nine holes (play time approximately 60-90 minutes) for \$25 per golfer or 18 holes (play time 3-3½ hours) for \$40 per golfer.

For more information, call Cher Compton at 580-8319 or e-mail [litternot@earthlink.net](mailto:litternot@earthlink.net). ■

## Bonita Bay adds discounted rounds to golf book

Bonita Bay has added 12 discounted

rounds at its Cypress and Sabal golf courses to the 2010 Ultimate Experience Golf Book, which is sold by the ACE Group Classic. The book costs \$130 and has 178 discounted rounds at 22 golf courses. It is available at the PGA TOUR SuperStore or by calling 593-3900 or visiting [www.theACEGroupClassic.com](http://www.theACEGroupClassic.com). ■

## Shark Shootout booklet on sale

The newest edition of the Shark Shootout's Player Pass is now available in Southwest Florida. The premier golf booklet costs \$110 and features one weekly grounds pass to the Shark Shootout and 52 rounds of golf at 13 championship courses throughout Naples. To order, call 254-9770. ■

## Golf Channel tour hits Olde Corkscrew

The Golf Channel holds its amateur tour at Olde Corkscrew Golf Club in Estero on Saturday, July 17. Tee time for the stroke play event is 11:15 a.m. Registration is \$120 and must be completed by Tuesday, July 13.

For more information, call James Stockman at 593-3485 or 404-8692, or e-mail [jstockman@GCamTour.com](mailto:jstockman@GCamTour.com). ■

## Date set for FGCU Founders Cup

The 19th annual Florida Gulf Coast University Founders Cup is set for Friday, Oct. 15, at Grey Oaks Country Club. A buffet lunch beginning at 11:30 a.m. will be followed by tournament play with a shotgun start at 1:15 p.m. An awards reception and dinner will follow the game.

Registration is \$2,000 per foursome and \$500 for individuals. A championship sponsor level for \$2,500 includes a four-player team and logo on a sponsors' golf towel. New this year, golf towel sponsorships for \$750 include all sponsors' logos on a towel that will be given to every tournament player.

All proceeds benefit the FGCU Foundation, which provides funds to enhance scientific, educational and athletic programs at the university.

For registration or more information, contact Michelle Kroffke at 590-1074, e-mail [mkroffke@fgcu.edu](mailto:mkroffke@fgcu.edu) or visit [www.fgcu.edu/foundation](http://www.fgcu.edu/foundation). ■

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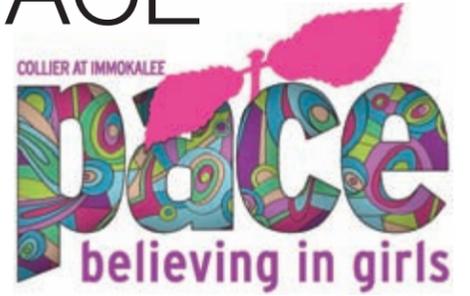
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# Sock it to summer for PACE



PACE Center for Girls-Collier, a prevention, counseling and academic program for at-risk teens, presents "Sock It To Me" on Saturday, July 24, at The Collection at Vanderbilt.

PACE has called on New York City event producer Michael Biondo of Michael Biondo Lifestyle Design to orchestrate what promises to be a groovy trip back through the 1960s. Eight-thousand square feet of space will be fashioned into a Warhol-esque factory for the fun.

Guests will be greeted by a Pan-Am flight crew and escorted into a "time machine" for transport to a retro boutique stocked with '60s-style clothing, wigs, jewelry and accessories. The main lounge will feature the evening's signature cocktail, the "Sock-It-Tini," and other premium cocktails.

VIP guests will have entree to a number of exclusive theme rooms, including the Jacqueline Kennedy White House Suite; the Beatnik Café, featuring an artist creating a work of art that will be auctioned at the evening's end; the Valley of the Dolls Lounge; and the Flower Power Garden, filled with work by local artists.

Guests in each of the theme rooms will be treated to concierge service throughout the evening.

Reserved dance floor tables also are available for a front row seat to the action with tableside service. The iconic "Laugh-In" joke wall has been recreated center stage as a backdrop for the night's entertainment.

"Sock It To Me" is Mr. Biondo's first-ever Naples charity event. He has 20

years of experience in the fields of fashion, event planning and interior ambiance. He has worked with celebrity and private clientele and has been featured in a number of national and international publications and television.

Other event contributors and sponsors include Bank of Naples, Toe'ds, daas Gallery, The Collection at Vanderbilt, Artistic Science, R&R Construction, Brochure Factory, CaterMasters, Lowes, Emack & Bolios, Merle Norman Cosmetic Studios, Masquerade, Vox Now Studios, Auctions Neapolitan & Gallery, Habitat for Humanity, Expression of Art, Fauxtastic Dreamscapes LLC, Alfa Media, Lifestyle Family Fitness, Matthew Duignan Paperhanging, Inc., United Rentals, Taylor Rentals, Avow Hospice and Jennifer Ziegelmaier Photography.

Additional sponsorship opportunities are available and are listed on the event website, [www.pacesockittome.com](http://www.pacesockittome.com).

Tickets are \$150 per person. Pricing for VIP rooms and tables is also listed on the website.

For more information, call Jacqueline Buyze at 404-6926, Martha Bibby at 293-4518 or Danielle Taylor-Fagan at 377-9864. ■

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# SAVE THE DATE

## Cancer alliance kids organizing fashion show

KIDSCAN, the junior volunteer program of the Cancer Alliance of Naples, is staging "Swing Into Style," a fashion show at the PGA Tour Superstore in Naples Plaza at 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, to raise college scholarship funds for local high school students who are either battling cancer or who have family members who are fighting the disease.



Members of five Collier County high school golf and tennis teams and their friends will model the latest in golf and tennis clothes. Guests will be able to win rounds of golf or tennis lessons at are country clubs, hotel weekends, dinners and other prizes, by playing virtual golf or chipping in sand inside the PGA Tour Superstore. A "Best Model" competition will raise more scholarship dollars for kids with cancer.

Tickets are \$10 for students, \$20 for adults and can be purchased online at [www.cancerallianceofnaples.com](http://www.cancerallianceofnaples.com).

Since it was founded two years ago, KIDSCAN has raised \$11,500 and awarded seven scholarships to graduating seniors from Immokalee, Lely, Gulf Coast and Golden Gate high schools. Scholarship winners are kids who have cancer themselves or who have parents or siblings with cancer, who were accepted to college but could not go without financial help.

KIDSCAN's junior board of directors represent Community School of Naples

and St. John Neumann, Naples, Gulf Coast and Barron Collier high schools. Parker Borelli, 2010 graduate of Community School of Naples, is directing "Swing into Style" with assistance from Gwen Hooley, KIDSCAN president and 2010 graduate of Naples High.

For more information about KIDSCAN, call the Cancer Alliance of Naples at 436-4673. ■

## Doctors showcase their other talents

The Steinway Piano Society presents the sixth annual Physicians Talent Showcase on Tuesday evening, Oct. 19, at Sugden Community Theatre.

Doctors from Lee and Collier counties already are tuning up to sing and play jazz, rock, country and classical numbers in the popular program that benefits the Neighborhood Health Clinic and the Steinway Piano Society Scholarship Fund.

Tickets for \$75 per person will be available at the Sugden Community Theatre box office beginning Aug. 1.

Potential sponsors and volunteers, as well as doctors who would like to perform in the benefit, are encouraged to call 498-9884. ■

## Literacy volunteers getting in step for dance-off

The fourth annual Dancing with the Stars to benefit Literacy Volunteers of Collier County takes place Friday, Nov. 19, at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf

Club. Community leaders will be paired with professional dancers from the Fred Astaire Dance Studio to rehearse for several weeks before the dance-off. Judges will consider the contestants' prowess and finesse on the dance floor as well as their success raising funds for LVCC.

Tickets are \$150 per person. Watch here for details as they become available. ■

## Red Kettle drive starts in November

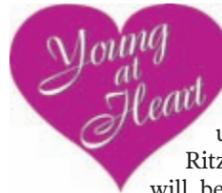


The Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign for the 2010-11 holiday season kicks off with dinner and an auction at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, at the Naples Sailing and Yacht Club on River Point Drive.

Myra Daniels is the honorary chair of the campaign. Chair of the black-tie-optional kick-off event is Jeannette Batten.

Tickets are \$75 per person. For reservations or information about sponsorships, call Ms. Batten at 659-6185. ■

## Have a heart for Hospital Ball



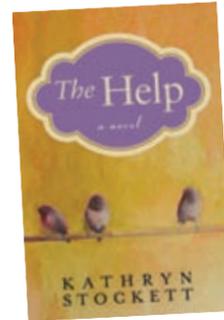
"Young at Heart," the NCH Healthcare System 2010 Hospital Ball, will be held Saturday, Oct. 23, at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples, and will benefit NCH Cardiology Program. The evening will feature silent and live auctions, cocktail reception, formal dinner, NCH Physician and Nurse

of the Year awards and dancing to The Kenny Lehman Band. Tickets are \$475. Sponsorships and underwriting opportunities are available. For information, call 436-4511 or e-mail [foundation@nchmd.org](mailto:foundation@nchmd.org). ■

## Ring in 2011 with Paul Anka and the Philharmonic

It's never too early to make plans for New Year's Eve. Ring in 2011 with Paul Anka and members of the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra at the Phil. Early birds can celebrate with champagne and hors d'oeuvres at 5 p.m. followed by a 6 p.m. performance. Those who like to stay up late can enjoy a 9:30 p.m. performance followed by dessert and champagne. Either way, tickets are \$129 per person, \$200 for limited "guest circle" seating. Reserve your spot now by calling 597-1900. ■

## 'The Help' author will address League Club



The League Club will welcome Kathryn Stockett, author of "The Help," as the guest speaker at its luncheon on Friday, Feb. 11, 2011, at the Naples Grande. Tickets will be available for sale late this calendar year. For more information, call 353-3100. ■

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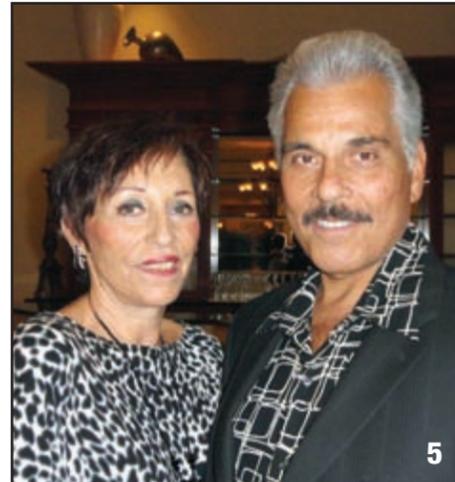
## 'Dine Like Royalty' at Shula's

An evening with Princess Diana's chef and hairdresser to benefit Bosom Buddies, the NCH Mammogram Foundation and The von Liebig Art Center Scholarship Fund



1. Maggie Rogers-Kline, Gloria Bussey, Jess King, Nancy Curran, Ellen Russell, Grant Shields and Preston Ragdale
2. Bernadette La Paglia and Darren McGrady, former Buckingham Palace chef and personal chef to Princess Diana
3. Kathleen Midnet and Stephanie Roster
4. Tammy DeCaro and Dr. Allen Weiss
5. Joetta and Fred Abbazio
6. Maurica Hurley

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## Ritz-Carlton reception for Gulfshore Life's 2010 Top Doctors



Jacob Goldberger, Janice and Michael Danzig and Jeffrey Lewis



Stuart Bergman, Carolyn Langford, William Figlesthaler, Keith Veres, Nicolas Zouain and Michael Smith

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## Nathan Brooks and Friends at Bayshore Landing Café

A sneak 'listen' to a new album, 'Dream in Truths'



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1. Luc, Trudy and Madelyn Kellum
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## Miami Dolphins Day at Mercato



1. From left to right: Troy Drayton, Mariela Campuzano, Yanielle Montero, Jennifer Fernandez, Lilly Robbins, Fabiola Romero, Ashton Landgraf, Natalie Diaz, Brian Hartline and Nate Garner
2. Miami Dolphins mascot

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# PAST REPASTS

Here are some capsule summaries of previous reviews:

► **Bha! Bha! A Persian Bistro**, 847 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 594-5557

The promise of what's to come reveals itself as customers walk in the door and the scents of saffron, cinnamon, ginger and garlic waft over them. Chef/proprietor Michael Mir has created a bastion of fine hospitality and creative cuisine, with many recipes passed on by his Iranian mother. Among the highlights of dinner were haleem bademjune, a creamy concoction of eggplant, lentils, garlic and sour cream; plum lamb, spicy seafood gilani and squash jewel cake with apricots, prunes and mango sauce. On this night a talented belly dancer performed, adding another authentic note to this exotic, sensuous meal. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★★★★★½ Service: ★★★★★ Atmosphere: ★★★★★

► **Escargot 41**, 4339 Tamiami Trail N.; 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 Fevrier 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. Chef 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

► **Food and Thought**, The Gateway of Naples, 2132 Tamiami Trail; 213-2222

Organic fast casual may seem like an oxymoron, but not at Frank Oakes' Food and Thought. Step up to the counter secure in the knowledge that whatever you order will be organic and healthy, whether it's an all-fruit-and-vegetable smoothie (I loved the pina colada, with pineapple, banana and pineapple coconut juice), a freshly made glass of juice (like The Doctor, a tangy blend of carrots, beets, celery, apple, lemon, ginger and parsley) or the solid food. The menu changes daily, but always features

a vegetarian entrée as well as poultry and seafood, lots of side veggies, salads and wraps. The salmon cakes were excellent, as were the smashed yams and pinto bean side dishes. I also liked the dilled potatoes and bright, still-crunchy collards. A large, chewy chocolate chip cookie and a slice of strawberry shortcake proved that food can be healthy and delicious at the same time. Dine at one of the well-shaded outdoor tables if weather permits.

Food: ★★★★★½ Service: ★★★★★½ Atmosphere: ★★★★★½

► **Mister Five**, 1716 Airport Road S.; 262-1555

This tiny establishment packs a big diner punch with its down-home menu on which everything — yes, everything — is \$5. This Jersey-style diner is brainchild of 20-something Anthony Chinaglia, whose family hails from the Garden State. Breakfast is served all day, including tuxedo pancake (with dark and white chocolate chips and chocolate sauce). We tried super crisp chicken wings with a just-right hot and sweet sauce; a Cape Cod salad, with lettuce, dried cranberries, apple slices, walnuts, tomato and onions; a creditable Philly cheese steak; and a fried fish sandwich that was surprisingly good given that said fish was inexpensive basa. The accompanying fries were crisp and

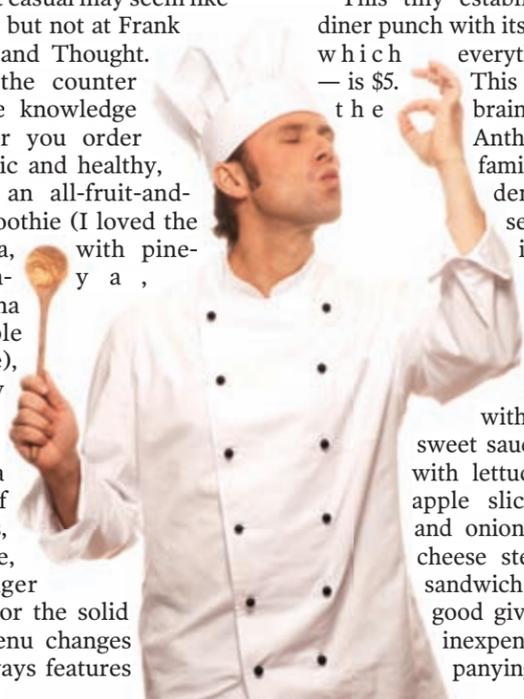
tasty, too. I can't think of a place other than fast-food joints where you get food for this price and none that equal its quality. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★★★★★ Service: ★★★★★ Atmosphere: ★★★★★

► **Sea Salt**, 1186 Third St. S.; 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

## Old 41 serves heaping helpings of diner-style comfort fare



One look at Old 41 Restaurant's menu and I instantly knew I was home. Scrapple. Hoagies. Cheese steaks on Amoroso rolls!

Who'd have thought I'd find a little piece of my birthplace, Philadelphia, in a strip center along Old 41 in Bonita Springs?

For those unfamiliar with the culinary lingo of the City of Brotherly Love, allow me to translate:

- **Scrapple:** A Pennsylvania Dutch concoction that blends pork trimmings, cornmeal, flour, spices and you don't want to ask what else is in there. Just know that it tastes great with eggs.

- **Hoagie:** The Philadelphia version of a sub, hero, po' boy, grinder, torpedo.

- **Philly cheese steak:** Thin-sliced steak (rib eye or eye round), cheese and onions on an Amoroso roll.

You've likely seen some version of the cheese steak in any number of dining establishments. It is a rare restaurant that



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Behold the classic Philadelphia cheese steak, complete with Amoroso roll.

plenty to like about Old 41, the best modern version of a diner I've encountered in the Sunshine State.

A smiling hostess swiftly seated us in a comfortable booth. An equally chipper server appeared shortly thereafter and brought us water and cups of hot coffee.

The dining room is L-shaped with the kitchen at the midpoint. Walls are a rainbow of cheery pastel yellow, green, orange and blue, with just a few well-placed framed prints adding splashes of color.

Beyond the color scheme, what I noticed most was how clean everything was.

available, the choices are many and it will likely be hard to decide on just one dish. At my table, we split the difference, with my companion opting for breakfast as I headed straight for the cheese steak.

While we waited for our food to arrive, I checked out what our neighbors were eating. I saw a well-stuffed tuna and cheese hoagie, a perfectly rendered bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwich on toast and a plate piled high with lovely golden onion rings.

When our dishes came, they were equally appealing.

My companion's spinach, feta and onion omelet (\$8.95) had just the right balance of ingredients so that each was noticeable, but didn't overpower the others. It came with a choice of home fries or grits and toast or an English muffin. He chose the home fries, which had great flavor, with some crisp, browned pieces amidst the softer chunks and not a trace of greasiness. The English muffin was properly toasted, too.

My cheese steak (\$8.95) didn't disappoint. The aforementioned roll was lightly grilled then filled with thinly sliced steak and grilled onions along with melted American cheese. I skipped the optional banana peppers, but they are available should you want them. While there's great debate on whether the sandwich should contain Cheez Whiz or American (some even say Provolone) cheese, I'm from the American camp. It's not as gooey as Cheez Whiz and has a more delicate flavor.

The result was a terrific, authentic

version of this regional classic.

The fries that came with it were golden brown, hot and devoid of grease; the pickle was crisp and tart.

We shared a boardwalk waffle sundae for two (\$5.25) for dessert. Half of a large Carbon's malted waffle came blanketed with two generous mounds of Royal Scoop vanilla ice cream, chocolate syrup, whipped cream and two cherries. The waffle was warm and crisp, the ice cream had rich vanilla flavor with just enough syrup and whipped cream. It was a great dessert to share, but it's also available in a half size for those who can't tempt a dining partner into indulging.

Throughout our meal our server checked on us regularly, refilling our coffee and water and making sure we were happy with our food. We were.

There are so many reasons to like Old 41, but they all boil down to one common element: quality. The management obviously cares about offering great food made with top-notch ingredients. The staff is efficient and hospitable. And the atmosphere is casual but well maintained.

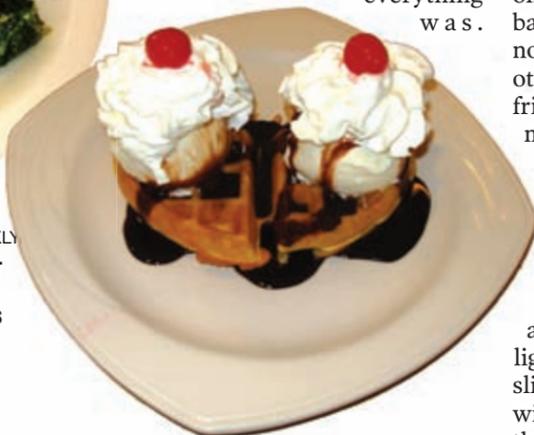
Old 41 is an all-around winner. ■



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Above: A fluffy omelet has just the right balance of feta cheese, onions and spinach.

Right: The boardwalk waffle sundae marries a Carbon's malted waffle with two mounds of Royal Scoop ice cream, chocolate syrup, whipped cream and a cherry.



can conjure up the real thing, complete with the classic Italian roll created by the 106-year-old family-owned Amoroso Baking Co., a Philadelphia treasure.

Even those who've never set foot in Philadelphia and who find scrapple scary and hoagies uninteresting will find

The service station with coffee, iced tea and a computer terminal was immaculate. No table went uncleared for more than moments after a party left. Even the bathroom was spotless, despite the fact that the restaurant had been open for five hours by the time I visited.

Because both breakfast and lunch are

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Old 41 Restaurant,  
25091 Bernwood Drive, Bonita Springs;  
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**Ratings:**  
Food: ★★★★★<sup>1/2</sup>  
Service: ★★★★★  
Atmosphere: ★★★★★

>> **Hours:** 7 a.m.-3 p.m. daily  
>> **Reservations:** No  
>> **Credit cards:** Major cards accepted.  
>> **Price range:** Breakfast, \$3.75-\$9.95; lunch, \$4.50-\$8.95; children's dishes, \$4.50-\$5.95  
>> **Beverages:** Beer and wine served.  
>> **Seating:** Booths and conventional tables and chairs  
>> **Specialties of the house:** Biscuits with homemade sausage gravy, homemade corned beef hash, Carbon's malted Belgian waffles, omelets, Philly cheese steak, hot roast beef sandwich, hoagies, hamburgers, corned beef on rye, rice pudding  
>> **Volume:** Moderate  
>> **Parking:** Free lot

★★★★★ **Superb**  
★★★★ **Noteworthy**  
★★★ **Good**  
★★ **Fair**  
★ **Poor**

### food & wine CALENDAR

> **Thursday, July 1, 5-8 p.m., Decanted:** Sample a variety of wines with proceeds benefitting the City of Naples Dog Park; \$25 (includes wine and appetizers), 1410 Pine Ridge Road; 434-1814. Reservations recommended.

> **Saturday, July 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 7:30-11:30 a.m., Third Street South:** The weekly farmers market features fruit, veggies, cheeses, desserts, breads, flowers and many more items along with music; parking area behind Tommy Bahamas between Third Street and Gordon Drive.

> **Saturday, July 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., The Collection at Vanderbilt:** More than 30 vendors gather for the North Naples Green Market, an air-conditioned indoor farmers

market, featuring fresh produce, jams and salsa, smoked meats and dish, prepared foods and artisanal products; northwest corner of Vanderbilt Beach and Airport roads; 249-9480.

> **Saturday, July 3, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Whole Foods:** The market hosts a festival of organic and all-natural food and fun with live music and a sausage fest cookout (including veggie sausage) or all-natural hamburgers, plus chips and a drink for \$5; register to take part in the team member/customer watermelon-eating contest set for 12:30-1 p.m. with winners receiving \$25 gift cards; Mercato, 9101 Strada Place; 552-5100.

> **Saturday, July 3, noon-2 p.m., Sur la Table:** Attend a cooking demonstration staged by Sur la Table and McCormick & Schmick's; Mercato, 9105 Strada Place; 591-4394.

> **Sunday, July 4, 5-10 p.m., Bamboo Café:** Celebrate France's contribution to America's War of Independence with \$15 entrée specials and a prime view of the city's fireworks from the café's lawn; 755 12th Ave. S.; 643-6177. Reservations recommended.

> **Monday-Friday, July 5-9, Robb & Stucky Culinary Center:** The Flying Pig KIDZ Culinary Camp heads south to Bonita for a week-long camp for children 8 to 14 years where they

will learn safe food handling, knife skills, table service and etiquette and general cooking technique; \$350, 26501 Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 337-3744. Reservations required.

> **Wednesday, July 7, 5:30-8 p.m., Decanted:** Discover the diversity of Sonoma Valley wines; \$10, 1410 Pine Ridge Road; 434-1814.

> **Wednesday, July 7, 6 p.m., The Sauce Lady:** Ela Vivonetto, aka The Sauce Lady, is a second-generation Italian chef who will demonstrate five-minute meals at weekly cooking classes through October; \$20, 1810 J&C Blvd.; 592-5557. Reservations required. ■

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1 bedroom 1 bath Great amenities, 2 pools, tiki bar and tennis. Steps to boat docks and a renter is in place. Ask for 802NA210006817.  
**1-866-657-2300**



**TOWNHOUSE BUILT IN 2007**  
**\$129,900**  
3/2.5/1 attached garage. Granite tops in kitchen priced to sell. Amenities include pool and basketball. Great location Ask for 802NA210003287.  
**1-866-657-2300**



**STUNNING TOWNHOUSE STRATFORD PLACE**  
**\$129,000**  
Sold as is with right to inspect. Stratford Place gated community, close to shopping, restaurants, library and beaches. Ask for 802NA210020576.  
**1-866-657-2300**



**SECOND FLOOR 2/2 CONDO**  
**\$105,000**  
open floor plan,Vaulted ceilings, breakfast bar, walk in closet and laundry Ask for 802NA210019435.  
**1-866-657-2300**



**2 / 2 / 1 WITH GOLF BUNDLE**  
**\$101,898**  
Wow Bundled Golf that has a great course - Par 72 - Clubhouse and dining Ask for 802NA210003374.  
**1-866-657-2300**



**BANK OWNED VICTORIA LAKES CONDO**  
**\$97,000**  
Sold as is with right to inspect. Cute condo in Victoria Lakes community. Two bedroom 2 bath Ask for 802NA210019734.  
**1-866-657-2300**



**4 BED 2 BATH 1 CAR GARAGE**  
**\$79,750**  
4 bed 2 bath on 1.14 acres priced to sell yesterday needs some paint and carpet and a little TLC Ask for 802NA210009867.  
**1-866-657-2300**



**GOLDEN GATE CITY**  
**\$75,000**  
3 Bedroom , 2 bath and 2 car garage Wood Frame home close to shops and schools Ask for 802NA9043806.  
**1-866-657-2300**



**THREE BED TWO BATH ONE CAR GARAGE**  
**\$75,000**  
Foreclosure, sold as is with right to inspect. Only 5 years old, tile and wood floors, well maintained, being painted Ask for 802NA9031964.  
**1-866-657-2300**



**1.14ACRES GOLDEN GATE ESTATES +HOME**  
**\$75,000**  
3/2/2 car garage w/paver drive and fence. breakfast bar, dining-Living,eat in kitchen w/Pantry. Screened lanai Ask for 802NA210005498.  
**1-866-657-2300**



**PRICED TO SELL**  
**\$60,000**  
Nice 3/2/2 in Cape Coral - eat in kitchen nice yard and priced for sell today ! Well kept home ! Ask for 802NA9024760.  
**1-866-657-2300**



**BEAUTIFUL UPDATED CONDO**  
**\$59,000**  
This is a beautiful Key West inspired condominium. Newly renovated fitness center and community pool. Ask for 802NA9044048.  
**1-866-657-2300**



**ENCLAVE AT NAPLES**  
**\$52,000**  
Beautiful 2 bed 1 bath first floor condo . Perfect starter or vacation condo Ask for 802NA210019093.  
**1-866-657-2300**



**HOME IN SAN CARLOS**  
**\$49,900**  
Three bedroom to bath home - priced to sell yesterday- great starter or rental Ask for 802NA210008303.  
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## Continued Strong Pace for Existing-Home Sales

Existing-home sales remained at elevated levels in May on buyer response to the tax credit, characterized by stabilizing home prices and historically low mortgage interest rates, according to the National Association of REALTORS®. Gains in the West and South were offset by a decline in the Northeast; the Midwest was steady.

Existing-home sales, which are completed transactions that include single-family, townhomes, condominiums, and co-ops, were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.66 million units in May, down 2.2 percent from an upwardly revised surge of 5.79 million units in April. May closings are 19.2 percent above the 4.75 million-unit level in May 2009; April sales were revised to show an 8.0 percent monthly gain.

### Buyers Face Purchasing Delays

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, said he expects one more month of elevated home sales. "We are witnessing the ongoing effects of the home buyer tax credit, which we'll also see in June real estate closings," he said. "However, approximately 180,000 home buyers who signed a contract in good faith to receive the tax credit may not be able to finalize by the end of June due to delays in the mortgage process, particularly for short sales.

"In addition, many potential sales are being delayed by an interruption in the National Flood Insurance Program. Florida and Louisiana, also impacted by the oil spill, have the highest percentage of homes that require flood insurance."

As the leading advocate for homeownership issues, NAR is supporting Senate amendments to extend the home buyer tax credit closing deadline through September 30 for contracts written by April 30, and to renew the flood insurance program. "Sales and related local economic activity would have been higher without delays in the closing process or flood insurance issues," Yun noted.

### Housing Still Affordable

According to Freddie Mac, the national average commitment rate for a 30-year, conventional, fixed-rate mortgage fell to 4.89 percent in May from 5.10 percent in April; the rate was 4.86 percent in May 2009.

The national median existing-home price for all housing types was \$179,600 in May, up 2.7 percent from May 2009. Distressed homes slipped to 31 percent of sales last month, compared with 33



percent in April; it was also 33 percent in May 2009.

NAR President Vicki Cox Golder said home prices have been stabilizing all year. "With distressed sales at roughly the same level as a year ago, the gain in home prices is a hopeful sign that the market is in a good position to stand on its own without further government stimulus," she said. "Very affordable mortgage interest rates and stabilizing home prices are encouraging home buyers who were on the sidelines during most of the boom and bust cycle."

Pending home sales are expected to decline notably in May and June from the spring surge, but Yun added that job growth and a manageable level of foreclosures are keys to sales and price performance during the second half of the year.

### Inventory Falling

A parallel NAR practitioner survey shows first-time buyers purchased 46 percent of homes in May, down from 49 percent in April. Investors accounted for 14 percent of transactions in May compared with 15 percent in April; the remaining sales were to repeat buyers. All-cash sales were at 25 percent in May, edging down from a 26 percent share in April.

Total housing inventory at the end of May fell 3.4 percent to 3.89 million existing homes available for sale, which represents an 8.3-month supply at the current sales pace, compared with an 8.4-month supply in April. Raw unsold inventory is 1.1 percent above a year ago, but is still 14.9 percent below the record of 4.58 million in July 2008.

Single-family home sales declined 1.6 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.98 million in May from a pace of 5.06 million in April, but are 17.5 percent

above the 4.24 million level in May 2009. The median existing single-family home price was \$179,400 in May, which is 2.7 percent above a year ago.

Single-family median existing-home prices were higher in 16 out of 20 metropolitan statistical areas reported in May from a year ago. In addition, existing single-family home sales rose in 18 of the 20 areas from May 2009.

Existing condominium and co-op sales fell 6.8 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 680,000 in May from 730,000 in April, but are 32.6 percent above the 513,000-unit pace in May 2009. The median existing condo price was \$181,300 in May, up 3.4 percent from a year ago.

### By Region

- Existing-home sales in the **Northeast** fell 18.3 percent to an annual level of 890,000 in May from a surge in April, but are 12.7 percent higher than a year ago. The median price in the Northeast was \$240,200, down 2.2 percent from May 2009.
- In the **Midwest**, existing-home sales were unchanged in May at a pace of 1.33 million and are 22.0 percent above May 2009. The median price in the Midwest was \$150,700, up 2.2 percent from a year ago.
- In the **South**, sales increased 0.5 percent to an annual level of 2.15 million in May and are 22.9 percent above a year ago. The median price in the South was \$159,000, up 1.0 percent from May 2009.
- Existing-home sales in the **West** rose 4.9 percent to an annual rate of 1.29 million in May and are 15.2 percent higher than May 2009. The median price in the West was \$221,300, up 7.4 percent from a year ago.



## Happy 4th of July!



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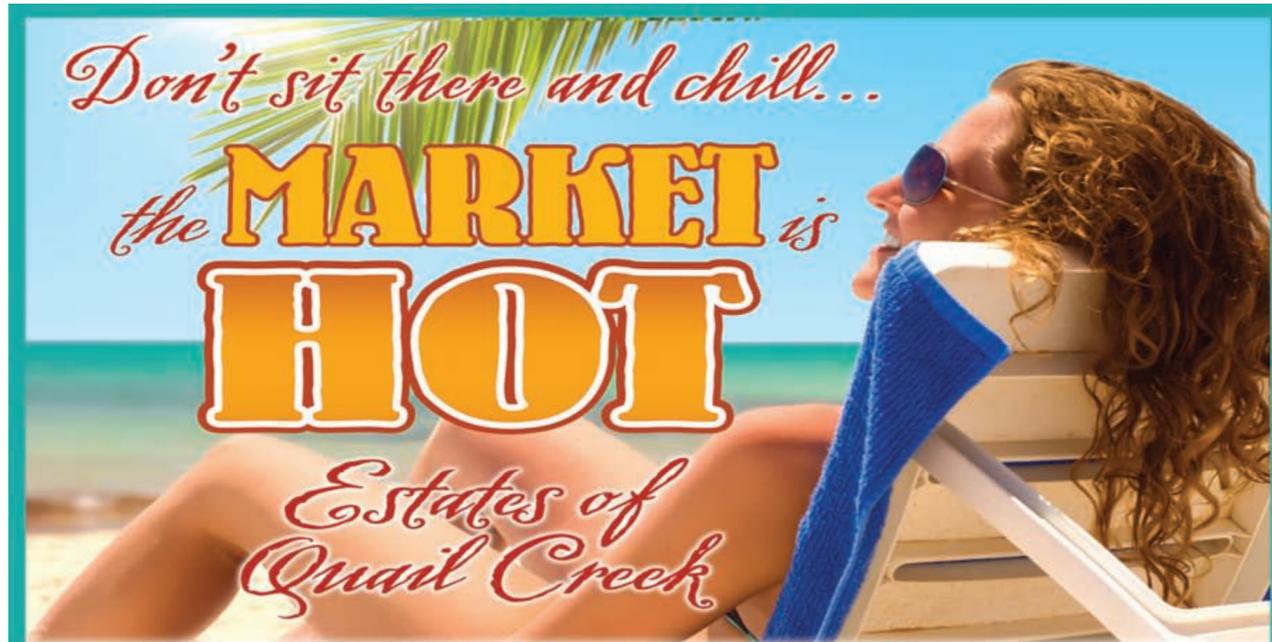
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 13401 Rosewood Lane <del>\$2,900,000</del> \$2,350,000 Knock your Socks off!	 <b>NEW LISTING!</b> 13101 Valewood Drive NOW \$1,799,000 5 Suites + Den, WOW!	 13102 Valewood Drive NOW \$1,775,000 4+ Den, Entertainers Dream!	 <b>UNDER CONTRACT!</b> 12955 White Violet Drive \$1,695,000 5+ Den, Perfect in Every Way!	 <b>SOLD</b> 12824 Pond Apple Drive \$1,575,000 <b>New Listing!</b> 4 BR, Walls of Windows!
 <b>UNDER CONTRACT!</b> 4788 Pond Apple Drive N \$1,400,000 <b>NEW LISTING!</b> 4 BR, 5 BA, PRISTINE!	 4302 Pond Apple Drive N. \$1,395,000 4+ Den, Resort-Style Lanai	 13001 White Violet Drive \$1,395,000 4+ Den, Renovated to Perfection!	 13501 Pond Apple Drive E NOW \$1,350,000 4 BR, LOTS OF STYLE	 4456 Pond Apple Drive N NOW \$1,295,000 4+ Den, Move Right In & Enjoy!
 13388 Rosewood Lane \$1,292,000 3+ Den, Estate Row!	 <b>UNDER CONTRACT!</b> 12955 Pond Apple Drive E \$1,275,000 <b>NEW LISTING!</b> 3+ Den, Water View!	 13324 Pond Apple Drive W. NOW \$1,272,000 4+ Den, New Construction!	 13255 White Violet Drive NOW \$1,197,000! 5+ Den, Knock Your Socks Off VIEW!	 <b>SOLD</b> 13102 Bald Cypress Lane \$1,150,000 4+ Den, One of a KIND LOCATION!
 <b>UNDER CONTRACT!</b> 4255 Pond Apple Drive S NOW \$1,100,000 4 BR, Walls of Windows!	 <b>NEW LISTING!</b> 4287 Silver Fox Drive \$1,100,000 3+ Den and Guest Cabana!	 <b>UNDER CONTRACT!</b> 4388 Silver Fox Drive NOW \$995,000 5 BR Spacious & LOADS of Charm!	 <b>SOLD</b> 13323 Pond Apple Drive E. \$990,000 3+ Den, Palatial Home with View!	 <b>UNDER CONTRACT!</b> 4355 Silver Fox Drive <del>\$1,310,000</del> \$849,000 <b>POTENTIAL SHORT SALE</b>
 <b>UNDER CONTRACT!</b> 4301 Snowberry Lane NOW \$799,000! 3+ Den, OVER AN ACRE!	 13033 Coco Plum Lane NOW \$759,000 4 BR+ Den, Best Buy!	 <b>UNDER CONTRACT!</b> 13002 White Violet Drive \$625,000 3 BR, Spectacular LOT!	Directions: From I-75, take Immokalee Road 1/2 mile east to Valewood Drive, turn left (North) and follow road to the Gatehouse.	



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## Leviton-McQuaid's BEST BUYS!

### LONGSHORE LAKE

\$449,000

Sandy Sims • 595-2969

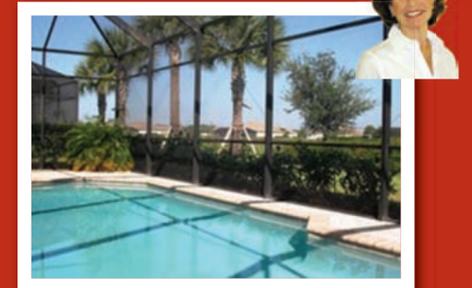


WHAT A GREAT HOME! Located on the lake, this home has its own dock. Built in 2000, featuring gorgeous wood floors and big open kitchen and family room with fireplace. All the main living is on the first floor with an additional suite upstairs with full bath and a bonus loft area, perfect for guests or a private retreat. New Air Conditioning Unit - This house is truly a home...

### HOLLYBROOK

\$399,000

Janet Carter • 821-8067



AMAZING OPPORTUNITY! This magnificent "BELMONT" model offers a HUGE LANAI AREA, and the PRICE is well-below the Sellers' investment YET not a short sale. This incredible home boasts tile in the Great Room 2 bedrooms plus a den and 2 full baths. Granite counters with an amazing amount of cabinets, stainless steel appliances, plantation shutters, built-in safety features such as pool safety & security system.

### SABAL LAKE

\$349,900

Steve Levitan • 269-4700



Beautiful Lake View with Water Display Fountain!! This 3BR/2BA home comes with pergo floors and tile throughout, heated pool, outdoor kitchen with built-in grill. Totally remodeled kitchen with \$40,000 in upgrades, new granite countertops, new plumbing, new electrical new appliances!!! Tennis community, clubhouse and low fees are just some of the features that this fantastic community offers you. Oversized refrigerator in garage included!!

### QUAIL CREEK VILLAGE

\$240,000

Don & Sandy Lasch • 285-6413



Grasp this Opportunity! This home in Quail Creek Village is an exceptionally fine residence with two bedrooms plus den and a 2.5 car garage! Enjoy the birds from your stately trees with a view that you will truly enjoy. This home is spotless and is waiting for you!

### TUSCANY COVE

\$309,900

Kim Boyer • 784-4401



Three bedroom with Den, 2 Full Bath, 2 car garage, lake view, single family home. Home includes hurricane impact windows, vaulted ceilings, and security system. Tuscany Cove 7,000 sq. ft Clubhouse offers many attractions including an Olympic size adult pool with spa, kiddie pool with splash fountain, and kiddie play area.

### ISLAND WALK

\$289,000

Pam Maher • 877-9521



PARADISE is found in this fabulous Aruba home. Upgrades include wood flooring and exceptional tile Granite countertops with tiled backsplash, and deep sink make this kitchen stand out. This townhome is an end unit, provides 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, preferred bay window design, and detached 2-car garage. Screened lanai area offers total privacy, enhanced by lush plants and extra living space.

28870 Cavell Terrace – \$2,995,000



5 BR+Den Furnished Model Home • 5,800 A/C Sq. Ft.  
Western Exposure with Golf Course View  
2 Story Estate Home with Motor Court

**FOR SALE**



4661 Idylwood Lane – \$1,375,000  
3 BR+Den • 3,609 A/C Sq. Ft.



4549 Brynwood Drive – \$1,395,000  
4 BR+Den • 4,335 A/C Sq. Ft.



5927 Burnham Road – \$1,495,000  
5 BR • 5,030 A/C Sq. Ft.



6524 Highcroft Drive – \$1,595,000  
3 BR+Den • 3,917 A/C Sq. Ft.



4436 Brynwood Drive – \$1,795,000  
3 BR+Den • 4,695 A/C Sq. Ft.



28901 Cavell Terrace – \$1,895,000  
4 BR+Den • 4,904 A/C Sq. Ft.



13770 Pondview Circle – \$1,995,000  
5 BR+Den • 4,250 A/C Sq. Ft.



6357 Highcroft Drive – \$1,995,000  
3 BR+Den • 3,821 A/C Sq. Ft.



4484 Brynwood Drive – \$2,395,000  
4 BR+Den • 6,213 A/C Sq. Ft.



13710 Pondview Circle – \$2,595,000  
5 BR+Den, 5.5 BA • 5,435 A/C Sq. Ft.



28780 Blaisdell Drive – \$3,495,000  
4 BR+2 Offices, 4 Full & 2 Half BA • 7,217 A/C Sq. Ft.



4300 Brynwood Drive – \$6,900,000  
6 BR+2 Dens • 11,160 A/C Sq. Ft.



13621 Pondview Circle – \$9,950,000  
6 BR+Den • 11,993 A/C Sq. Ft.

*Sold by Ann & Steve Levitan This Year*



6435 Highcroft Drive – \$1,495,000  
3 BR+Den • 4,074 A/C Sq. Ft.



5000 Groveland Terrace – \$1,795,000  
3 BR+Den • 5,854 A/C Sq. Ft.



4172 Brynwood Drive – \$1,795,000  
5 BR+Den • 5,601 A/C Sq. Ft.



6265 Highcroft Drive – \$1,895,000  
4 BR+Den • 4,850 A/C Sq. Ft.



4484 Wayside Drive – \$2,375,000  
4 BR+Den • 4,730 A/C Sq. Ft.



4430 Wayside Drive – \$2,495,000  
4 BR+Den • 5,616 A/C Sq. Ft.



6241 Highcroft Drive – \$2,795,000  
4 BR+Den • 5,951 A/C Sq. Ft.



28871 Cavell Terrace – \$2,795,000  
4 BR+Den • 6,000 A/C Sq. Ft.



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