

A WGCU documentary airing this month reveals a massive, often unnoticed, drug problem

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COLLIER COUNTY'S DEADLIEST DRUGS COME WITH PRESCRIPTIONS



BY EVAN WILLIAMS

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Southwest Florida's most notorious drugs might still be cocaine from the hills of Colombia or marijuana nurtured in a suburban grow house, but law enforcement and addiction specialists say they are most concerned now with medications prescribed to treat pain and anxiety: drugs that are synthesized by scientists, manufactured legally under federal guidelines and prescribed by doctors with years of training.

A report by The Florida Medical Examiners Commission released June 30 shows that prescription medications caused the deaths of 235 people in the Naples, Fort Myers and Port Charlotte area last year. That includes narcotic-based painkillers as well as medications usually used to treat anxiety. By comparison, heroin and cocaine combined caused 25 deaths.

Statewide, prescription drugs caused about three times the number of deaths (3,601) as all other drugs combined, legal or illegal, the Medical Examiners report showed.

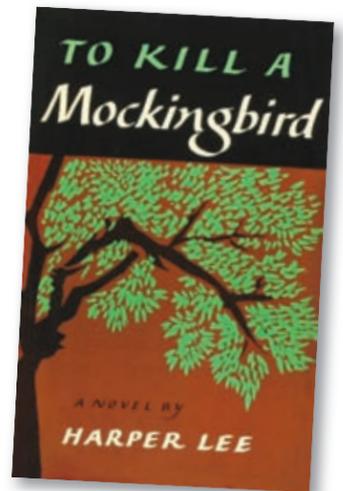
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The bald eagle being released back into the wild.

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Just in time for Independence Day, the Conservancy of Southwest Florida Wildlife Clinic released a rehabilitated bald eagle back into its native environment.

Clinic volunteer Tim Healy and his wife, Norma, brought the injured bird to the clinic on May 3. They had found the juvenile bald eagle in North Naples near Immokalee Road and U.S. 41, suffering from severe wounds to its right leg, right wing and tail. The cause of the injuries is unknown.

The wounds were treated with a therapeutic low-level laser for several weeks to help them heal.

"It's always a great feeling when one of our patients is fully rehabilitated and able to be released back into the wild, especially an animal with such extensive injuries," says Joanna Fitzgerald, director of the wildlife clinic. "This case was truly unique because it was a bald eagle regaining its 'independence' just as we headed into the Fourth of July weekend."

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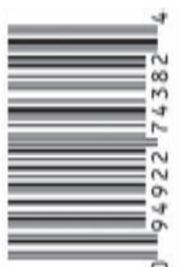
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COMMENTARY

'I lift my lamp beside the golden door'

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Once upon a time long ago and far away across the Nolichucky River in eastern Tennessee, there lived a man named Davy Crockett.

Word for word, that's how my oldest son's maternal grandfather used to start his stories.

He came from New York, where his own father and seven uncles were Russian immigrants. The family story was that once upon a time, long ago and far away across the Nolichucky River in eastern Tennessee, they'd arrived in New York Harbor illegally, then jumped off the boat and swam ashore. All eight of them.

I've swum in New York Harbor myself. It was sharply, strikingly cold, and I smelled like the water for a couple of days after, which made me feel like an oil-soaked bird.

Maybe that's how the Tarnowers felt. Their original name had been a little longer, but Tarnower is what they settled on, in part to wash the oil of another culture off their shiny new American feathers.

Once in New York, in addition to speaking no English, understanding nothing about the culture and having few or no friends, they made a living. And survived to produce Evan's grandfather, Bill Tarnower, who became a doctor. Not only an M.D., but a widely respected psychiatrist at the famous Menninger Foundation in

Topeka, Kansas.

Imagine the immense energy and effort it must have taken to move from illegal Russian immigrant to medical doctor and full-blooded American in a single generation.

Bill used to wear cowboy boots along with silver-and-turquoise bolo ties when he attended barbecues or fished for bass in a lake at a place called the Roundup Club — the only club he ever joined. It was a "country" club actually located in the country, where his son and three daughters could grow up with horses.

For a New York Jew, country clubbing in the Midwest in the 1950s or '60s was probably fraught with hazards. But the Roundup Club was about horses — not about exclusion. Bill loved horses, along with cows and cowboys and the Western culture. His son later became a long-time rodeo cowboy, riding both broncs and bulls.

As a child and the son of immigrants, though, Bill's life was entirely different from that of his children. He used to skip school and sneak into Radio City Music Hall to catch the shows. He also contracted rheumatic fever, which almost killed him. When he was 10 or 12, his parents sent him from New York to the other end of the universe: Texas.

There, he spent part of his youth convalescing and later went back to attend medical school at the University of Texas. After that, he married a bright, capable woman who had been raised in Wisconsin and had become a psychiatric nurse at Menninger's. That's where they met — a small-town Catholic girl named Doris Sheen and a big-city Russian Jew named William Tarnower. The love between them sparked

and snapped like an exposed wire.

From my vantage, everything that happened to all of them was star struck with good fortune, because out of it came my oldest son, who writes for this newspaper. Although my marriage to his mother didn't last, in the end that was the least of it.

Evan is here. Without an immigrant experience — the Tarnowers' — he wouldn't be.

And that's only one immigrant experience. Others happened on both sides of that family, and in my own family back a couple of generations, too.

Apparently, somebody had believed the famous words offered by Lady Liberty, standing tall in the middle of New York Harbor: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door."

Many somebodies were willing to face massive discrimination and extended periods of poverty just to prove those words true. Although most arguably had it easier than African Americans, it was never easy for any of them: the Irish or Italians, the Germans or Poles or Russians, the Norwegians or Swedes. Or for the many Chinese, and later the Japanese and Vietnamese. They got equal rights handed to them on the toe of a boot by established Americans: They were all equally ill-treated with a proverbial kick in the ass, right through the middle of World War II and the waning years of the 20th century.

And the beat goes on.

Since the 1960s, people have complained about Cuban immigrants. Since the 1970s,

people have complained about Vietnamese immigrants. And since the 1980s and '90s, they've complained about — and in some cases gone out of their ways to mistreat — the newest Americans who arrive from south of the border. Once again, immigrants take the heat while the rest of us sit in the air conditioning, whining about them.

I know one boy, a high school student here in Southwest Florida, who epitomizes the kind of immigrant American we want. Although his parents can't speak the language, his English is so clear and clean you could see through it, if words were glass.

He's enrolled in the accelerated program at his school, where he earns A's. He's tough, he's kind, and since his father often travels to agricultural fields nationwide, he stands in to take care of four little brothers and sisters, with his mom.

But at almost 16, he's the only one of the five children who remains illegal himself. That's because he arrived here from Mexico when he was 1. When his father was arrested and imprisoned as part of a new crackdown on illegal aliens a few weeks ago, the boy was left in charge. His mom, also without the proper papers, can't drive and doesn't work.

Welcome to America, pal. It can suck, I know.

My only hope is that someday, that boy will be an old man sitting in a comfortable home somewhere in the country of my children and grandchildren, telling his own grandchildren an American story. And it will start something like this: Once upon a time, long ago and far away across the Nolichucky River in eastern Tennessee, there lived a man named Davy Crockett. ■



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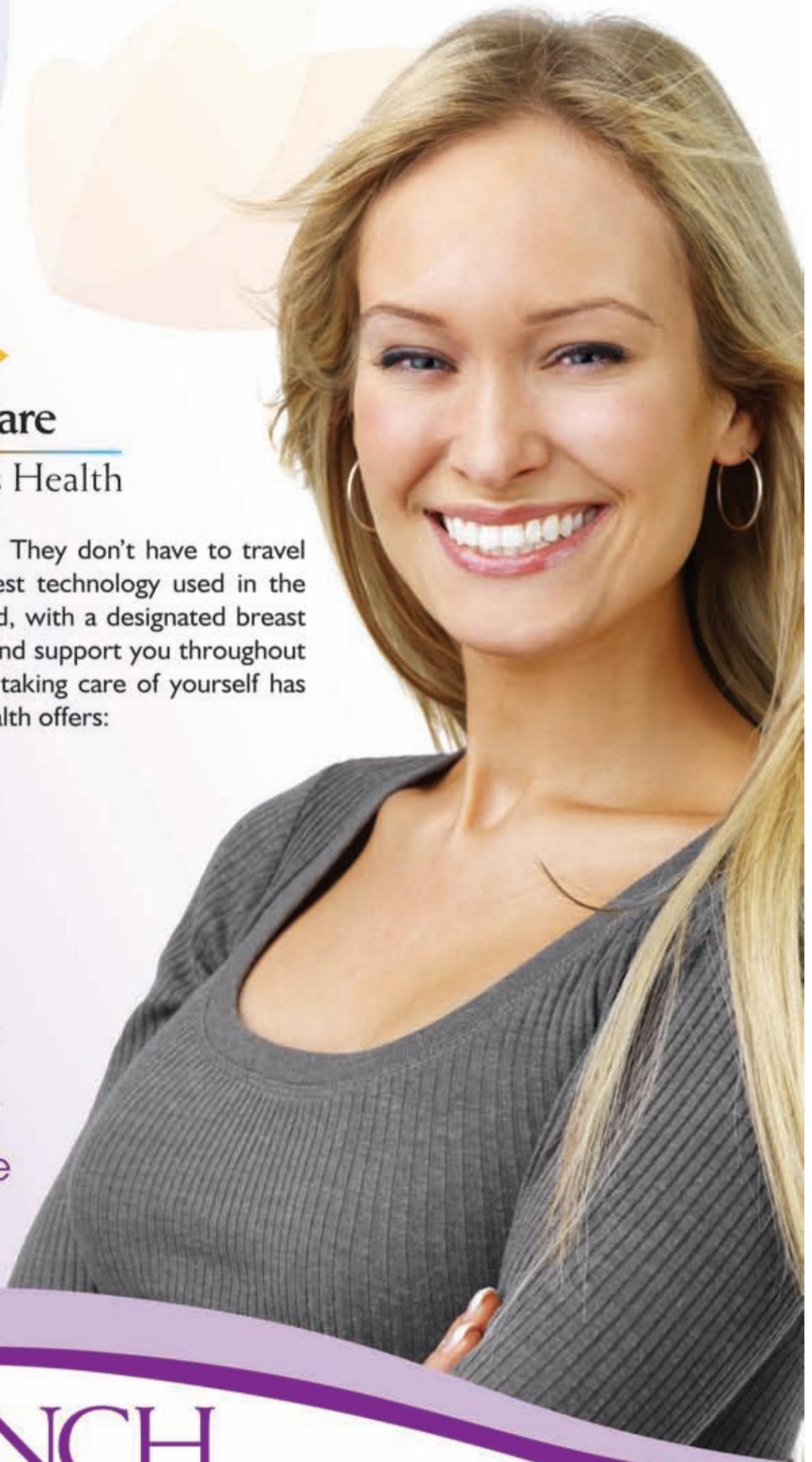
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OPINION

Revolt against the blob

BY RICH LOWRY

Eva Moskowitz has become an expert at being hated.

It started a few years ago when the “bleeding-heart liberal,” as she describes herself, served on the New York City Council as chairwoman of the education committee. In an excess of public spiritedness, she subjected the contract of the United Federation of Teachers, as well as the contracts of the principals and custodians, to critical scrutiny at public hearings. Her life would never be the same.

She still talks of those contracts with outraged astonishment. When she visited schools, she would ask what sounds like a setup for a joke: “Does your custodian change your light bulbs?” The answer: Not quite. They would change the bulbs, but not the ballast — which starts the current in a fluorescent bulb — because that’s not in their contract.

Custodians can paint the walls of a classroom only up to 10 feet high, after which the official painters must take over.

A teacher can be fired only after an elaborate arbitration procedure. Since the union approves the arbitrators, it will nix

anyone who has been notably unforgiving of teacher malfeasance in the past. Only 10 teachers were fired out of 55,000 tenured teachers in 2008.

The UFT took its revenge by defeating Ms. Moskowitz in a race for Manhattan borough president in 2005. But it is not yet rid of this meddlesome woman. As the hard-charging CEO of the Harlem Success Academy, a network of four — soon to be seven — charter schools, she is on a mission to demonstrate how education can work unencumbered by the insane constraints of the established system.

It’s amazing what you can accomplish, she says, when you design your schools “around teaching and learning and don’t think of yourself as an employment program for grown-ups.”

Almost all of Harlem Success’ students are black or Latino, and three-quarters qualify for free or reduced lunch. Last year, 100 percent of its third-graders passed the standardized state math exam, and 95 percent passed the English test, far outpacing the local school districts and ranking the academy 32nd in all of New York state’s 3,500 public schools.

For her critics, it’s another reason to hate Ms. Moskowitz. The union imports activists to protest her schools. Last year, a charming mob greeted Harlem Success children arriving for the first day of school with chants of “Don’t be fooled, abort charter schools.”

Ms. Moskowitz didn’t set out to be a union target. “I’m not a Milton Friedman,” she says. “I just think kids are getting screwed by a system that’s horrible.” She is part of a nationwide revolt against the union-dominated education blob, running the gamut from liberal reformers like her on the left to fiscal conservatives like Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey on the right. For the unions, it should be a worrisome sign that you can engage in a conspiracy against the public interest for only so long before creating a backlash.

As a Harlem Success parent said over and over in a rejoinder to protesters outside one of the schools: “My baby is learning.” Courtesy of the education establishment’s Public Enemy Number One. ■

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

We can’t afford war



amyGOODMAN

Special to Florida Weekly

“General Petraeus is a military man constantly at war with the facts,” began the MoveOn.org attack ad against Gen. David Petraeus back in 2007. George W. Bush was president, and MoveOn was accusing Gen. Petraeus of “cooking the books for the White House.” The campaign asked “General Petraeus or General Betray Us?” on a full-page ad in *The Washington Post*. MoveOn took tremendous heat for the campaign, but stood its ground.

Three years later, Barack Obama is president, Gen. Petraeus has become his man in Afghanistan and MoveOn pulls the critical Web content. Why? Because President Bush’s first war, Afghanistan, has become Obama’s war, a quagmire. The U.S. will eventually negotiate its withdrawal from Afghanistan. The only difference between now and then will be the number of dead, on all sides, and the amount of (borrowed) money that will be spent.

As commander in Afghanistan, Gen.

Petraeus replaces Gen. Stanley McChrystal, who resigned shortly after his macho criticisms of his civilian leadership became public in Rolling Stone article.

The statistics for Afghanistan, Obama’s Vietnam, are surging. June, with at least 102 U.S. and NATO deaths, is the highest number reported since the invasion in 2001. U.S. troops, expected to rise to 98,000 this year, far outnumber those from other nations. Public and political support in many of those countries is waning.

Journalist Michael Hastings, who wrote the Rolling Stone piece, was in Paris with Gen. McChrystal to profile him. What didn’t get as much attention was Mr. Hastings’ description of why Gen. McChrystal was there:

“He’s in France to sell his new war strategy to our NATO allies — to keep up the fiction, in essence, that we actually have allies...”

I just returned from Toronto, covering the G-20 summit and the protests. The gathered leaders pledged, among other things, to reduce government deficits by 50 percent by 2013. In the U.S., that means cutting \$800 billion, or about 20 percent of the budget. Two Nobel Prize-winning economists have weighed in with grave predictions. Joseph Stiglitz said, “There

are many cases where these kinds of austerity measures have led to ... recessions into depressions.” And Paul Krugman wrote: “Who will pay the price for this triumph of orthodoxy? The answer is, tens of millions of unemployed workers, many of whom will go jobless for years, and some of whom will never work again.”

In order to make the cuts promised, Mr. Obama would have to raise taxes and cut social programs like Social Security and Medicare. Or he could cut the war budget. I say “war budget” because it is not to be confused with a defense budget. Cities and states across the country are facing devastating budget crises. Pensions are being wiped out. Foreclosures are continuing at record levels. A true defense budget would shore up our schools, our roads, our towns, our social safety net. The U.S. House of Representatives is under pressure to pass a \$33 billion Afghan War supplemental this week.

We can’t afford war. ■

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GUEST OPINION

Defending our national anthem

To the Editor:

Please allow me to respond to an article written by Ms. Peg Goldberg Longstreth in your July 1 edition.

I am outraged by her suggestion to change this country’s national anthem, which she alleges is a “song about war.” This couldn’t be further from the truth.

“The Star Spangled Banner” was written by an American patriot, Francis Scott Key, who was sent on a mission to negotiate differences between Great Britain and the fledgling United States of America, and who witnessed the attack on Fort McHenry in Baltimore Harbor. The inspi-

ration comes from witnessing the awe of our American flag flying high over a beleaguered U.S. military installation as representing the courage and heroic fortitude of the defenders of our American liberty. It is about our nation’s flag and all it stands for, not the war.

Ms. Goldberg Longstreth also alleges “the tune is essentially unsingable.” I’m certain all of us have heard more than one beautiful, moving rendition of our national anthem, perfectly executed. I am also certain there are many of us, myself included, who cannot sing “The Star Spangled Banner” in perfect tune. But to

suggest changing our national anthem to empower even non-professionals to sing it in perfect key is a silly rationale.

To participate with everyman singing the national anthem in unison, filled with pride and emotion, each uninhibited and in their own comfortable key, is its own beauty.

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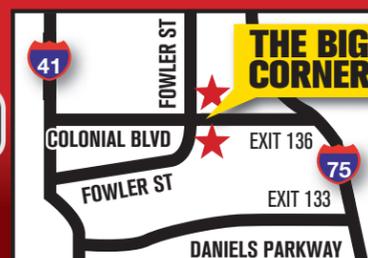
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Wellness guru hopes to change the world, 'one joy at a time'

BY KELLY MERRITT
Special to Florida Weekly

For Jenny Craig, every day is the beginning of a new life. As a licensed clinical social worker with a background in psychology, neurology and sociology, Ms. Craig spends most of her time as a ray of light piercing through other people's dark spots. Her mantra: "Changing the world, one joy at a time."

Ms. Craig is a national educator, consultant, published author, personal coach and CEO of Insite Strategist. She may specialize in wellness from the neck up, but at the end of the day, she's only human, just like the rest of us. With so many hours logged helping others, how does this emotional intelligence powerhouse stay motivated?

From her private outpatient psychotherapy practice to her work with educators and families on topics ranging from bully prevention to basic psychology, she's has picked up a few tips that keep her inspired. But she says it's per personal commitment to joy and positive thinking that keeps her going.

"I stay motivated by choosing to think positive," she says, allowing that her background in neurology and psychology helps her understand the importance of each and every thought. "After we think a thought, within 20 seconds our bodies are flooded with chemicals that correspond to that thought," she says. The resulting feeling, she

explains, either inspires action toward a goal or causes one to become fearful and do nothing.

She uses awareness tools to train her brain toward positive thought. She wears an "I AM" wristband to remind herself that she is everything she thinks she can be and to help keep her focus on taking action. She also maintains relationships with what she calls "accountability buddies" — people with whom she has shared her biggest dreams.

"Staying in contact with my support system forces me to face my fears, ask for help, be accountable and celebrate my progress," she says.

She also wears a ring that's inscribed: "I am grateful for." She says feeling grateful "can quickly remind my brain how truly beautiful life really is and what really matters."

Craig says over time she has finally learned to listen to her instincts and follow her passion of helping people find authentic joy in their lives. Her journey has been one of challenges, difficult circumstances and people who have helped her understand that journey. She says her life has been shaped by arduous, formidable people and experiences combined with "amazing, beautiful, inspirational people and experiences."

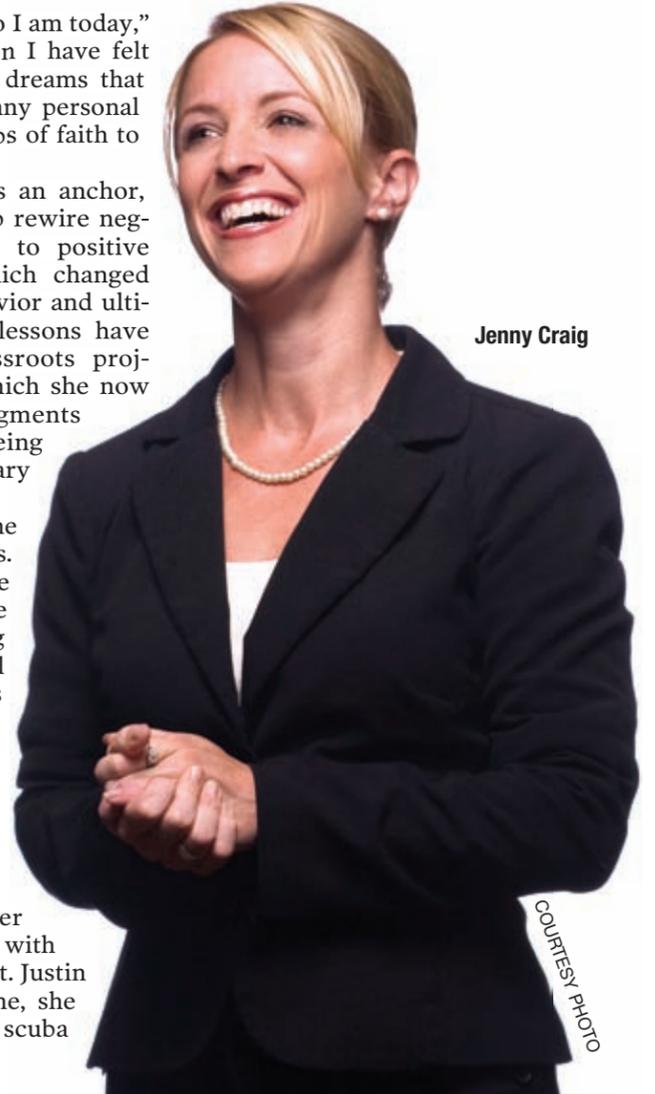
"I appreciate difficulties just as much as the amazing times in my life, as it has been in my darkest moments that some of my biggest growth spurts have

occurred, making me who I am today," she says. "And it is when I have felt supported to follow my dreams that I have worked through any personal fears and taken huge leaps of faith to fulfill them."

With her education as an anchor, she created tools to help rewire negative, limiting thoughts to positive expansive thoughts, which changed her mood, choices, behavior and ultimately her life. Those lessons have culminated into a grassroots project called "Enjoy It." which she now teaches to others. Segments of the program are being filmed for a documentary and research project.

Naples has provided the perfect platform for Ms. Craig's latest project. She says her best ideas come to her when she is feeling joyful, and that her soul is happiest when she is in or around the water. "I love watching a sunset over the water, eating delicious cuisine and laughing with friends, all of which are very easy to find in Naples," she says.

A perfect day for her includes deep sea fishing with her significant other, Capt. Justin Finch. In their down time, she adds, the two are avid scuba divers and travelers. ■



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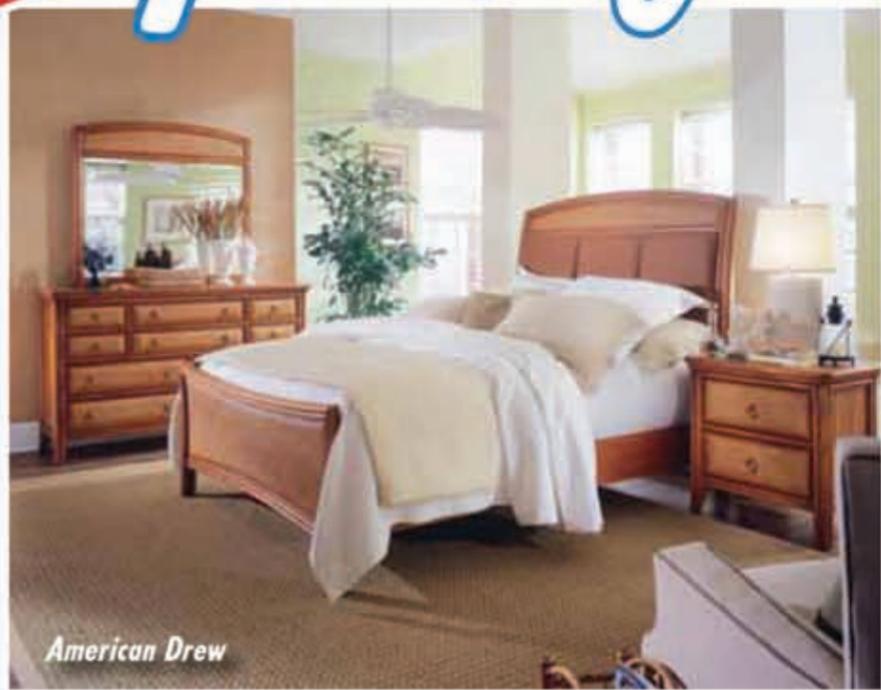
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“(Prescription medication) is the number one issue for my business right now,” says Kevin Lewis, CEO of Southwest Florida Addiction Services. “If it’s not a crisis, it certainly feels like one.” Mr. Lewis says 70 percent of patients at the SWFAS detox unit are there to fight addictions to narcotic prescription medications. Ten years ago, the majority of the center’s patients were alcoholics, he adds.

These issues are at the heart of WGCU Public Media’s latest “Your Voice” program, a quarterly exploration of one topic through public television, radio and Expressions magazine. The topic this time is addiction. (See below.)

During nearly three months investigating the topic of addiction, veteran reporter and “Your Voice” creator Rachelle Grossman heard a common theme.

“As soon as we started looking into the prescription medications issue, we saw the enormity of it,” Ms. Grossman says. “They’ve kind of eclipsed any other drug that’s out there.”

“Pain, Pills & Profit” takes viewers on a fascinating and sometimes unsettling ride as reporters travel along with law enforcement on a sting operation and also delve into the personal lives and homes of painkiller addicts.

“John,” whose identity is protected, talks adamantly about the perils and horrors of addiction before crushing up his last OxyCodone tablet (a narcotic painkiller) and snorting it for the camera. Track marks are visible on his wrists — normally, he prefers to cook the crushed-up pills in a spoon and inject them.

The Medical Examiners Commission report shows the type of medication “John” is addicted to, a brand of Oxy-codone, caused more 1,185 deaths in Florida last year — that’s more any other type of drug.

“These (medications) all originate legally in the beginning,” says Rod Clarke, a writer and reporter who worked with Ms. Grossman on the documentary. “It’s unlike the old street drugs — although they turn out that way in the long run.”

Pill mills abound

Many blame a lack of regulation in Florida for breeding pain clinics known as “pill mills” that profit from prescrib-



COURTESY PHOTO

A freeze frame from the WGCU “Your Voice” television program and documentary on addiction. A Lee County sheriff’s officer arrests a person who allegedly tried to obtain prescription meds with fake MRIs.

ing painkillers or anti-anxiety meds indiscriminately. The pills can then be sold on the street.

One dealer told reporter Mr. Clarke he could sell the prescription meds on the street for about 10 times the cost of making an office visit and paying for the prescription.

“I think that the prescription drug threat is underestimated because there’s an assumption that because it’s prescribed by a doctor, it’s somehow safe,” says Deborah Comella, executive director of Drug-Free Southwest Florida. But she adds, “You can’t paint all pain medication clinics with the same brush. It’s a really complicated issue because you’ve got a lot of people who use the drugs recreationally, and a lot of people who use the drugs in a very appropriate way to get through the day.”

Mr. Lewis of SWFAS suggests the problem also stems from living in a society in which people feel entitled to medicate away pain or anxiety. “Anxiety is part of life,” he says. “Pain is something you can learn from.”

Narcotic pain medication works in the brain similarly to heroin, morphine or other opiates, but is synthetic based. Generally, the drugs change the brain chemistry to allow patients to experience more pleasure or feel less anxiety. As deeply satisfying as that may be for a time, addiction specialists say, it also dulls the healthy, larger palette of life, which includes some pain and anxiety.

One patient at SWFAS, a man in his late 20s, was prescribed a narcotic painkiller for a broken ankle nine years ago and became addicted to the feeling it gave him.

“In his case, it lit up his brain chemistry in certain ways,” Mr. Lewis says. “He’s not really sure that life includes anxiety and pain. He was legitimately frightened of all the things he’d experience once he was off his medication.”

In the majority of cases, autopsies showed that at least a few different drugs had been taken and contributed to a death, even if a narcotic prescription medication was deemed the primary cause.

Persistent problem

Reports from 2008 show prescription pain and anti-anxiety meds were already causing more deaths than other drugs in Florida — a rate that continues to climb. Until last year, 38 other states, but not Florida, had passed legislation allowing doctors and pharmacies access to general records showing if a patient had tried before to purchase pain medication.

The laws were aimed at stopping “doctor shopping” by pain pill addicts or street dealers who try to get numerous doctors in a community to write a prescription.

Florida passed similar legislation in 2009, called the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. Mr. Lewis and others believe that could be a large step toward alleviating the abuse of prescription medication. But not all of the

\$1 million needed to put it into practice has been raised.

“It’s still unoperational,” says Paul Sloan, owner of First Choice Pain Clinic in Venice and Fort Myers. “This problem started years ago, and the legislature never would pass the PDMP bill. And then they do and they don’t fund it. This is a program that could have been up and running in a matter of weeks. It’s in effect in 38 other states. We’re not reinventing the wheel here.”

This year, Florida passed an “anti-Pill Mill” law, or Senate Bill 2272, aimed at putting illegally operating pain clinics out of business.

“A very small minority of unscrupulous people have made a cottage industry out of prescription drugs,” says Lt. Gov. Jeff Kottkamp. “It’s certainly not an aim to put valid (pain clinics and doctors) out of business. But we have an epidemic on our hands. Seven deaths every day is not something we can ignore. We’ve got to put these unscrupulous pill mills out of business.”

“We’re trying to squeeze (pill mills) from both a law enforcement side and a regulatory side.”

The new law requires that doctors who accept cash can only dispense enough pain medication for 72 hours. It allows the Department of Health to share information with law enforcement about doctor shoppers and the potential violation of laws by health-care providers.

The Department of Health can now also revoke a pain clinic’s registration.

A press release stated that the new law “strengthens the existing Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to assist in preventing pill mills from operating in Florida as well as deterring patients from the practice of doctor shopping.”

And non-physician owners of pain clinics must now undergo background checks to register with the state.

But some say loopholes in the bill won’t be hard for addicts or street dealers to find.

“People are creative souls,” says Mr. Lewis. “They’ll find a way around it.”

The ‘wild, wild west’

In 2006 when Mr. Sloan opened First Choice Pain Clinic, there was little regulation of pain clinics. Although he isn’t a doctor, Mr. Sloan was not required by law to register his clinic or to run background checks on the doctors he employs — those things he did voluntarily.

To curb illegal activity, his clinics do not accept walk-in patients, and Mr. Sloan works with police to catch doctor shoppers. Before running his clinics, he designed house-arrest bracelets for law enforcement.

“I wanted to meet those requirements that made you better and prove to the powers that be that we weren’t ‘one of them,’” he says.

He was surprised that opening up a pain clinic was, for him, even an option. “I said, ‘Are you kidding me? I can open up a doctor’s office tomorrow and I don’t need a license or anything?’” he says. “I went home and read the statutes that night and said, ‘This is insane.’ And I did it.

“You could go open up a pain clinic in a bathroom in a bar, and a patient could sit in one stall and a doctor could sit in one stall and write prescriptions, and there (was) nothing in this state that (said) that can’t happen. That’s what’s happened in this state from day one, and that’s why it’s become the wild, wild west.”

But not everyone in the wild west of Florida pain clinics is a drug dealer, he suggests.

“There is also the mentality that if you take away the medication, the problem goes away, with one big blow,” Mr. Sloan says. “But the problem is, we’re not dealing with heroin or cocaine.

We’re dealing with a medication that is a legitimate medical treatment.”

But the line between what is necessary to prescribe and what is excessive has been crossed, says Mr. Lewis of SWFAS.

“The amount of prescriptions going out there is just huge,” he says. “It’s not even close (to what patients actually need).” ■

by the numbers

Deaths caused by drugs, January-December 2009

Illicit drugs total:	
Naples	3
Fort Myers	20
Port Charlotte	2
Florida	624
Cocaine:	
Naples	3
Fort Myers	12
Port Charlotte	1
Florida	529
Heroin:	
Naples	0
Fort Myers	8
Port Charlotte	1
Florida	95
Marijuana:	
Naples	0
Fort Myers	0
Port Charlotte	0
Florida	0
Prescription medication total:	
Naples	96
Fort Myers	134
Port Charlotte	5
Florida	3,601
Alprazolam (brand name: Xanax)	
Naples	7
Fort Myers	27
Port Charlotte	0
Florida	822
Diazepam (brand name: Valium)	
Naples	3
Fort Myers	13
Port Charlotte	0
Florida	248
Oxycodone (brand names: OxyContin, Oxydose and Roxicodone)	
Naples	31
Fort Myers	41
Port Charlotte	3
Florida	1,185
Hydrocodone (brand name: Vicoden)	
Naples	5
Fort Myers	11
Port Charlotte	0
Florida	265
Methadone	
Naples	21
Fort Myers	24
Port Charlotte	2
Florida	720
Morphine	
Naples	7
Fort Myers	14
Port Charlotte	0
Florida	302
Propoxyphene (brand names include Darvon or Darvocet)	
Naples	2
Fort Myers	4
Port Charlotte	0
Florida	59
Ethyl alcohol	
Local statistics not available	
Florida	559

Source: Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Florida Medical Examiner’s Report

in the know

Tune in to WGCU

>> Television

- **8 p.m. Thursday, July 15: “Addicted!”**
Simulcast on WGCU-FM
A panel of experts and people struggling with addiction will discuss the problem. Calls will be taken from viewers. Re-airs at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, July 17; 10:30 p.m. Sunday, July 18; and 6 p.m. Sunday, July 25.
- **8:30 p.m. Friday, July 16: “Pain, Pills & Profit”**
A documentary on the distribution, sale and exportation of prescription drugs in Southwest Florida. Re-airs at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, July 17; 11:30 p.m. Sunday, July 18; and 5:30 p.m. Sunday, July 25.

>> Radio

- **“Your Voice” on Gulf Coast Live!**
Airs at noon Monday-Friday, July 12-16.
- **July 12:** Legal Addictions — A live studio audience will talk about smoking, gambling, drinking and sex addictions. To join or reserve a seat, call 590-2525 or go to wgculive@gmail.com.
- **July 13:** Understanding the 12-step Program
- **July 14:** The Pharmacological Treatment of Addiction
- **July 15:** The Lois Wilson Story of Al-Anon
- **July 16:** A National Look at Addiction



COURTESY PHOTO

The bald eagle being treated with a therapeutic low-level laser at the Conservancy Wildlife Clinic.

EAGLE

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The Conservancy Wildlife Clinic used a Multi Radiance TQ Solo laser to produce deep-tissue stimulation, which was vital to restoring and proliferating healthy cells at the wound site. On May 30, the eagle was placed in an outdoor recovery area to complete its healing process.

"When we found the eagle, it was in really bad shape; we honestly weren't sure if it would make it," Mr. Healy says. "It was wonderful to see it fully recuperated and going home." On June 30, he did the honors of releasing the eagle back into the wild at the general area where it had been found.

Although reluctant to fly at first, the raptor eventually returned to the woods behind Wiggins Pass Road. Prior to its release, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission banded the eagle with identification for possible future research. If the eagle is found injured in the future, the banding allows for information to be tracked back to FWC. ■

Construction begins for Conservancy's von Arx Wildlife Clinic

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

A ceremonial wildlife release celebrated the start of construction on the Conservancy's new von Arx Wildlife Clinic, the latest phase of its multi-million-dollar sustainable campus initiative and part of its "Saving Southwest Florida" capital campaign.

Namesakes Sharon and Dolph von Arx, Conservancy staff, board members, donors and Capital Campaign Committee members were on hand when a rehabilitated mourning dove was returned to the wild, symbolizing the mission of the new clinic: to treat and release injured wildlife back into its native habitat.

Mr. and Mrs. von Arx made a \$1.5 million gift to the capital campaign to fund a large portion of the new wildlife clinic. When complete, it will have the essential room, tools and resources to treat and save diverse native wildlife species. The couple also pledged \$50,000 to fund the Sharon von Arx Flight Recovery Aviary.

Other major donors helping to fund the clinic include Barbara W. Moore, Sidney and Nancy Sapakie, Fred and Sue Schulte, Deki Stephenson, Edward and Susan Yawney and one anonymous donor. Additional support was provided by Dr. Robert Schultheis and Chuck and Jean Zboril. The total cost of the new Wildlife Clinic is \$2.6 million.

The Conservancy's wildlife current clinic was built to handle approximately 600-800 cases per year, but is now treating more than 2,500 injured, sick and orphaned wildlife annually in outdated, cramped quarters. The

von Arx Wildlife Clinic will have the capacity to treat more than double that number. Its 4,500 square feet will include larger medical facilities and an upgraded interpretive area to educate visitors about the Conservancy's wildlife rehabilitation work.

"The Wildlife Clinic will be a significant enhancement to our Nature Center, enabling us to treat animals in a less stressful environment and increase their chances to be released into the wild," says Andrew McElwaine, president and CEO of the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. The new facility will be one of the largest wildlife rehabilitation facilities in this part of the country, he adds.

The space will include separate recovery areas for mammals, reptiles and birds, an animal nursery and new operating and X-ray rooms. The clinic will also serve as an education center where the public can learn about rehabilitation efforts without disturbing the wildlife or their treatments. While almost half of the "patients" are released back into the wild, native wildlife that are either recovering or not able to care for themselves will be placed in an outdoor viewing area.

Completion of the von Arx Wildlife Clinic is estimated for second quarter of 2011. In the interim, the original clinic remains operational.

That's not all

The von Arx Wildlife Clinic is part of a campus-wide renovation that will turn the 21-acre Conservancy Nature Center into a model for sustainable design and environmental responsibility. Work was started in April 2009

on various aspects of the project that include:

- A total remodel of the Discovery Center.
- A new Environmental Planning Center with updated research laboratories.
- A new Conservation Hall and theater created from the existing auditorium to be used for increased environmental education programming, meetings and events.
- A new Interactive Learning Lab for hands-on learning about environmental topics and sustainability.
- Two constructed wetlands areas serving as natural filter marshes to cleanse storm water before being released into the Gordon River and Naples Bay.
- New trails, gardens and walkways with native landscaping.
- New environmental education programs.

The project also includes Smith Preserve Way, a new entrance to the Conservancy Nature Center from Goodlette-Frank Road that will bring the vision of a "Naples Central Park" closer to reality. The new entrance will potentially provide access to the Gordon River Greenway Park and the Naples Zoo.

Green building practices, sustainability features and best management practices are being incorporated into all aspects of the project. Completion is expected sometime in the first quarter of 2012.

For more information about the Conservancy's campus renovation and additional naming opportunities, visit www.conservancy.org. ■

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It's time to check your political party affiliation

Planning to vote in the Aug. 24 primary election? Then make sure you are a registered voter and remember to check your political party affiliation.

Florida is a closed primary state and the District 2 race for the Collier County Commission is a closed race. Accordingly, only registered Republicans in District 2 will be eligible to vote in this primary election. The winning Republican will face a write-in candidate in the November general election.

The District 4 County Commission race is open, and all registered District 4 voters are eligible to participate regardless of party affiliation. The Florida Constitution provides that if all candidates have the same party affiliation, and the winner will not face opposition in the general election, all qualified voters, regardless of party affiliation, may vote in the primary for that office. In this race, the winner will be determined in the primary election.

Those who wish to register to vote or change their party affiliation in order to vote in the Aug. 24 election must do so by the Monday, July 26, deadline. To verify registration and party affiliation, visit the Supervisor of Elections office website at www.CollierVotes.com. Under the voter information tab, select "review my registration status" from the pull-down menu and follow the online instructions.

Voters without a party affiliation, or those registered with a minor political party, are always eligible to vote for non-partisan judicial and school board race candidates, issues and referendums in a primary election.

In the general election, all registered voters, regardless of party affiliation, receive the same district ballot and may vote for any candidate or issue on that ballot.

For more information, call 252-8450 or visit www.CollierVotes.com. ■

City council meetings coming up

The Naples City Council has set the following workshops and special meetings:

• **2 p.m. Monday, July 19:** Workshop about the Community Redevelopment Area and Tax Increment Financing District Financing.

• **9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, July 26:** Budget workshop.

• **9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 27:** Budget workshop (if necessary).

• **2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 2:** Workshop about the land and building development process.

• **5:15 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13:** Preliminary budget hearing.

• **5:15 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27:** Final budget hearing. ■

Zoo will hold straw vote on land purchase

The Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens is holding a straw vote to gauge citizen interest in Collier County's purchase of 22 acres of land north of the Zoo. Votes can be cast between 6:30 and 9 p.m. Monday, July 12, during the Golden Gate Candidates and Issues Forum at the Golden Gate Community Center.

The acreage would increase the size of the Zoo by 50 percent. Zoo representatives and county officials are awaiting an appraisal of the property being conducted by the Trust For Public Land and expect to have the figures this week, according to David Tetzlaff, the Zoo's executive director, and Ray Carroll, president of the board of directors.

"While there are many intangible ben-

efits from expanding the Zoo — from educating children to wildlife conservation — we also know this is about hard dollars," the Zoo officials wrote in an e-mail. "Using the county's economic impact calculator, the Zoo generates more than \$25 million a year in economic impact to local businesses. That will only increase as more guests come to explore all that's new."

For more information, visit www.caribbeangardens.com. ■

Bonita meetings will cover BP loss claims

Alvarez Sambol & Winthrop, P.A. and Briers CPA, together with the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, are holding general information sessions about BP loss claims. Sessions are set for 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 14, and 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 20, at the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, 25071 Chamber of Commerce Drive, Bonita Springs.

There is no charge to attend, but space is limited. To reserve a seat, call 390-8882. ■

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Workshop focuses on healthy eating

Beyond Motion founders Amy and Rick Lademann will present their third "What Should I Eat?" workshop from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Saturday, July 10. The program covers all the basics for healthy living without dieting. Participants will develop the skills for cooking and entertaining at home, eating out, traveling and more without sacrifice.

The two-hour workshop takes place in two segments: First, learn tips and tricks the pros know for keeping your body lean and strong. Next, sample the foods that will be part of your personal meal plan.

Cost is \$30 per person, \$50 for two, and includes a workbook by Ms. Lademann, nutrition coach and founder of Beyond Motion. For registration, call 254-9300 to register. Beyond Motion is at 11985 Tamiami Trail North, Suite A. The company's website is www.go2beyondmotion.com. ■

Heart Walks raise money to fight illness

More than 8,000 pairs of feet will hit the pavement in Collier and Lee counties this fall to take steps toward fighting heart disease and stroke, the nation's number one and number three killers. People of all ages are encouraged to lace up their shoes and participate in the Southwest Florida American Heart Association's Start! Heart Walks. Last year, the local walks raised \$555,000 for cardiovascular disease research, education and prevention initiatives.

This year the 17th annual Collier County Start! Heart Walk, which is locally sponsored by an anonymous donor in memory of Kyle Fernstrom, Arthrex and Physicians Regional Healthcare System, will take place Saturday, Nov. 6, at Cambier Park. For details, contact Teresa McInnis at 287-4981 or teresa.mcinnis@heart.org.

The 2010 Lee County Start! Heart Walk, sponsored by Lee Memorial Health System, will take place Dec. 11 at Centennial Park in Fort Myers. For details, contact Leslie Amick at 273-9223 or leslie.amick@heart.org.

At both events, participants have the option of walking or running a 3.1- or 1-mile route.

The AHA Start! initiative is sponsored nationally by Subway Restaurants. For more information, including custom walking plans, visit www.startwalkingnow.org. ■

Vision aids available

The Lighthouse of Collier Inc. has acquired more technology to help the blind and visually impaired gain independence. The magnifiers and optical character readers are available to the public for evaluation at 424 Bayfront Place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For more information, call 430-3934 or visit www.lighthouseofcollier.org. ■

Middle age might be best time for anti-aging supplements

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Anti-aging supplements made up of mixtures might be better than single compounds at preventing decline in physical function, according to researchers at the University of Florida's Institute on Aging. In addition, it appears that such so-called nutraceuticals should be taken before very old age for benefits such as improvement in physical function.

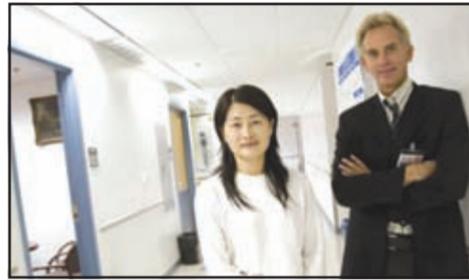
The findings from rat studies, published in the journal *PLoS One*, have implications for how dietary supplementation can be used effectively in humans.

"I think it is important for people to focus on good nutrition, but for those of advanced age who are running out of energy and not moving much, we're trying to find a supplement mixture that can help improve their quality of life," said Christiaan Leeuwenburgh, senior author of the paper and chief of the biology of aging division in the UF College of Medicine.

Scientists do not fully understand all the processes that lead to loss of function as people age. But more and more research points to the mitochondrial free radical theory of aging, that as people age, oxidative damage piles up in individual cells such that the energy-generation system inside some cells stops working properly.

To address that problem, many anti-aging studies and supplements are geared toward reducing the effects of free radicals.

The UF researchers investigated the potential anti-aging benefits of a commercially available mixture mar-



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Jinze Xu and Christiaan Leeuwenburgh

keted for relieving chronic fatigue and protecting against muscle aging. The supplement contains the antioxidant coenzyme Q10, creatine — a compound that aids muscle performance — and ginseng, which also has been shown to have antioxidant properties.

The study gauged the effects of the mixture on physical performance as well as on two mechanisms that underlie the aging process and many age-related disorders: dysfunction of the cells' energy-producing powerhouses, known as mitochondria, and oxidative stress.

The researchers fed the supplement to middle-aged 21-month-old and late-middle-aged 29-month-old rats — corresponding to 50- to 65-year-old and 65- to 80-year-old humans, respectively — for six weeks, and measured how strongly their paws could grip. Grip strength in rats is analogous to physical performance in humans, and deterioration in grip strength can provide useful information about muscle weakness or loss seen in older adults.

Grip strength improved 12 percent in the middle-aged rats compared with controls, but no improvement was

found in the older group.

Measurements of the function of mitochondria corresponded with the grip strength findings. Stress tests showed that mitochondrial function improved 66 percent compared with controls in middle-aged rats but not in the older ones. That suggests that supplementation might be of greater effect before major age-related functional and other declines have set in, the researchers said.

"It is possible that there is a window during which these compounds will work, and if the intervention is given after that time it won't work," said Jinze Xu, first author of the paper and a postdoctoral researcher at UF.

The researchers are working to identify the optimal age at which various interventions can enhance behavioral or physical performance. Very few studies have been done to show the effect of interventions on the very old.

Interestingly, although the older rats had no improvement in physical performance or mitochondrial function, they had lowered levels of oxidative damage.

That shows that reduction of oxidative stress damage is not always matched by functional changes such as improvement in muscle strength.

As a result, research must focus on compounds that promote proper functioning of the mitochondria, since mitochondrial health is essential in older animals for reducing oxidative stress, the researchers said. And clinical trials need to be performed to test the effectiveness of the supplements in humans. ■

STRAIGHT TALK

Eyeing opportunities for growth and development



There has been a great deal of discussion about the idea of investing more than a quarter billion dollars of taxpayer money in a local operation of Jackson Labs, a leading genetics research laboratory.

I've been asked what NCH's position is relative to Jackson Labs. Here is the essence of what I told the *Naples Daily News*:

The real question is: What is the value, measured by benefit (jobs, economic benefit, community benefit, individual benefit, etc.) divided by the cost (\$360 million, with \$130 million from the state, \$130 million from Collier County, and \$100 million from philanthropy)?"

Stated another way: Is Jackson Labs the best use of \$360 million in eastern Collier County, or are there better ways to add value for the county?

In any health-care initiative, we must think first of what will bring about the greatest good for the greatest number

— present and future patients, county government, local business, land owners, business organizations (e.g., chamber of commerce and Economic Development Council), potential new/different businesses and taxpayers.

Such thinking has helped guide NCH in its evolution as a large community hospital. One major evolving initiative is evaluating whether to bring graduate medical education (interns and residents) to our system. In this context, I recently visited the University of South Florida. With me were CMO Dr. Aurora Estevez, Chief of Staff Kevin Cooper and Harvard summer intern Brandon Perkovich. Also visiting USF the same day to discuss, among other things, the Jackson Lab initiative were Dolph von Arx, esteemed former chairman of the board of NCH, and Dick Bothof, a loyal friend of the hospital.

Our group met with USF Dean Dr. Stephen Klasko; director of the university's Graduate Medical Education program, Dr. Chuck Paida; COO of the physician practice group, Dr. Robert Belsole, chief administrative liaison John Ekarius; and Associate Director Sue Ann Middleton. They shared their success directing 87 programs and training 701 physicians in nearby and

distant hospital systems.

The advantages of embracing GME include cost-effective coverage/access for patients, improved quality outcomes and operational improvements, access to graduates who have a tendency to remain in the area for their careers, and financial diversification for both the hospital system and community. We will keep you posted on developments in this area.

We live in times of unprecedented health-care change and challenge. How we as a community and a hospital system plan, manage and lead with our limited resources will determine our future success. Jackson Labs and GME are just two opportunities we are studying to ensure responsible growth and development.

Finally this week, I am proud to recognize our White Elephant volunteers, who received their first-ever nomination for Best Thrift Store from Gulfshore Life. The team earned second place, and at last week's volunteer appreciation dinner, supervisor Cameron Johnson declared they're aiming for first place next year. ■

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

MUSEUM NEWS

Free history lessons presented at the Collier County Museum

The Collier County Museum in Naples presents a series of free lectures at 2 p.m. every Wednesday. The museum is in the Collier County Government Complex at U.S. 41 and Airport Pulling Road. Here's what's coming up:

- **July 14:** Comets: Strange Visitors from Outer Space — Learn about the different classes of comets and their highly elliptical orbits.
- **July 21:** The Second Spanish Colonial Period: 1763 to 1819 — Great Britain relinquished the colonies of East and West Florida to Spain in 1783. Spain had little interest, and soon Florida became a refuge for displaced Indian tribes, renegades, pirates and soldiers of fortune.
- **July 28:** Plume Hunting and its Effects on Florida's Wading Birds — When fashion-conscious consumers ushered in an era of feather trade that developed to ornament ladies' hats, plume hunting grew from a small scale interest to wholesale slaughter.
- **Aug. 4:** Epiphytes of Florida — Learn about native orchids, bromeliads, ferns and other "air plants."
- **Aug. 11:** The Pine Flat Woods —



Contrary to first impressions, Florida's pine flat woods are diverse in both plant and animal life.

- **Aug. 16:** Florida's Indigenous Tribes — When Ponce de Leon set foot on the Florida peninsula in 1513, more than 30 Native American cultures, both agriculturalists and hunter-gatherers, made their home there.
 - **Aug. 25:** The French and Indian War: 1755 to 1763 — Known as the "Seven Years War" in Europe, the French and Indian War was the first real "world war," as it was fought on every major continent (except Antarctica) and every major ocean throughout the world.
- For more information about the free lecture series at the Collier County Museum, call 252-8476. ■

Company will add drama to local history

Discover Florida history infused with a little dramatic stage presence when the Collier County Museums' theater company debuts in the fall. The Historically Speaking Theatre Company will present "Killing Mister Watson" as its inaugural production in October. Celebrating its 100th anniversary, the story recounts how Edgar Watson, a sly yet reserved

sugarcane farmer in the mosquito-infested Ten Thousand Islands, was murdered by residents of Chokoloskee.

This summer, the fledgling company is scouting for members to join in the fun of bringing history to life on the stage. Anyone interested in learning more is encouraged to call Mary Margaret Gruszka at the Collier County Museum, 252-8287. ■

Kids can audition for museum video

The Golisano Children's Museum of Naples and Waterman Broadcasting are searching for a child anchor and meteorologist to be featured in a museum video. Sponsored by NBC2 and ABC7, the summer portion of "Mother Nature's House: The Four Seasons" exhibit will provide children the opportunity to interact with a green screen and prepare news and meteorologist reports.

Children ages 8-12 can upload their meteorologist and/or anchor video auditions to the NBC2 and ABC7 websites through July 31. Live casting calls are also scheduled at Robb & Stucky showrooms in Fort Myers on Friday, July 9, and in Naples on Friday, July 16. A 30-second script is available at www.nbc-2.com and www.abc-7.com and will

be handed out at the live auditions. Winners will be selected in August by a panel of judges including NBC2/ABC7 anchors and meteorologists and C'mon Executive Director Joe Cox. The announcements will take place during hurricane seminars at the winning children's schools in September.

The "Mother Nature's House" video will be produced on the NBC2 and ABC7 news sets in October, with the final video unveiled at the Naples International Film Festival in November.

The casting calls at Robb & Stucky showrooms will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the above dates. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information, visit the websites above or call C'mon at 514-0084. ■



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PET TALES

Pet preparedness

Disaster planning must include your pet

BY DR. MARTY BECKER & GINA SPADAFORI
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Hurricanes, earthquakes, floods, tornadoes, wildfires and even man-made disasters have brought home to us all in recent years that a crisis can happen at any time, in any community.

Just as you can't leave preparing for your human family members to chance, you need a plan to ensure the safety of your pets. Here are some steps to get you started:

Make a plan. Prepare for all possibilities, including that you may be away from home when disaster strikes. Get to know your neighbors, and be prepared to help each other out. Find out from local emergency operation agencies, shelters, veterinary organizations and your own veterinarian what the local emergency response plans are and what help they can provide for you and your pet.

Keep ID on your pets. Most animals survive a disaster, but too many never see their families again. That's because many pets aren't equipped with a way to determine which pet belongs to which family. Pets should always wear a collar and identification tags. Better still is a permanent identification that can't slip off, such as an imbedded microchip. Make sure one of the numbers on your pet's ID and chip records is your cell



COURTESY PHOTO

Crates and carriers are essential to keeping pets and people safe in a crisis.

phone, as well as a friend or relative living out of the area. That way, if you can't get to your home phone, you can still be reached and reunited with your pet.

Put your pet's records in one easy-to-grab spot. Make a simple file with updated records of your pet's vaccinations and other health records, as well as

his license and microchip information, and details on his pet-health insurance provider. Include some good pictures of your pet with simple, uncluttered backgrounds, so if you need to make "lost pet" posters, you can. Put this material with the rest of your important papers in a place safe from fire or flood.

Have carriers and restraints at hand. You're not going to get advance warning of some disasters, such as earthquakes. But if you know a storm is on the way or a wildfire may turn your way, make sure you get your pet inside. Sturdy crates and carriers belong on the list of "must-haves," along with restraints, including comfortable box muzzles for dogs and soft face-shield muzzles and restraint bags for cats. While you may trust your pet to remain calm, it's better to be prepared: An injured or scared pet may lash out in self-defense.

Include your pet's needs in your emergency kit. Always keep ample supplies on hand of your pet's food, medications, litter and enough water to cover your pet as well as your human family members. (And rotate all supplies regularly.) A first-aid kit should cover your pet's needs as well as your own — and should include a compact first-aid guide geared to pets. If your pet eats canned food, don't forget to throw in a spare can opener and a spoon. Disposable dishes and litter boxes can be useful as well.

One of the best investments you can make when it comes to preparation is to know basic first aid for pets and people alike. For a directory of instructors in your area, check PetTech.net or ask your veterinarian for information. ■

Pets of the Week



>> **Peyton** is a gray domestic shorthair who's about 3 months old. He loves to play with other cats and has a blast with his toys.



>> **Jade** is a beautiful boxer who's about 2 years old. She's very playful.



>> **Lance** is about 18 months old. He likes long walks.



>> **Sandi** is a cream and white shorthair. She's about 5 years old and has had her front paws declawed.

To adopt a pet

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

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Don't get touchy when I ask. I don't mean to get under your skin. I just want the skinny about your response to the word "super-organism." Do you imagine a ripped sexy bionic body? Or does your fancy go to a genetic engineer's laboratory? Maybe you simply see red capes and spandex with logos.

As I see it, a super-organism is an organism consisting of many organisms. The technical Wiki definition is: "a collection of agents which can act in concert to produce phenomena governed by the collective."

Anthills and bee hives are examples of super-organisms. Each individual is clearly a part of an enterprise larger than itself. Each creature has its own job to do to benefit the greater community.

Some examples of these phenomena are uncanny. Consider the deluded singularity of the sponge.

If a living sponge is passed through a sieve into water, the individual cells will float about, flailing it seems, until they reconstitute themselves, good as new as if nothing has happened, into another sponge.

Even uncannier is the naked mole rat. These creatures live underground in

the tough, dry conditions of East Africa. They cleverly cope with dire lack of environmental resources. A single tuber can be a food source over many years because only the inside of the tuber is eaten. This allows the tuber to regenerate, creating a kind of underground feeding of the multitudes miracle. Naked mole rats are also amazing in other ways: They have the longest rodent life span: 28 years. They are cancer resistant. And due to the absence of a neurotransmitter, they do not receive pain signals from their skin.

If this were not enough to make a claim to fame, there is more. The naked mole rat community is a mammalian super-organism. Like bees and ants, each colony has one queen mother, from one to three studs, and many workers. The workers are larger, sterile and more reactive to the environment.

Each individual naked mole rat can also be seen as a kind of super-organism. Each one is, after all, made up of cells. Cells are the basic functional units of life, the smallest unit that is classified as a living thing.

So we could view all multi-cellular life forms as super-organisms.

The goal of the NIH Human Microbiome Project is identifying and characterizing the microbial flora of humans. The number of non-human cells found in a body outnumbers the human body cells ten to one. The non-human genes outnumber body genes by a hundred to one. Human cells are minorities in their own super-organism.

Of the five body sites of focus in this project, the one of most interest to me is the skin. In the two square meters of skin covering each human, there are over a thousand species of bacteria from 19 different phyla. Each alien skin squatter brings to the skin its own unique contribution. I particularly enjoy the ones who create the uniquely lovely softness of the inside of the arm in front of the elbow. Just feel right there right now.

The common enterprises of the human skin cells and of the majority skin aliens include protection, temperature regulation and evaporation functions. But the usual view is that all these skin aliens and their human skin cellular minority neighbors work together to create the frame of the human body, the barrier that both defines and separates that body from the world surround.

But I do not want to grasp at this conceptualization.

For me, the beauty of skin is not the separating, but the possible interfacing. Intertriginous areas, skin areas within a body that can touch or rub, like armpits or cleavage or buttocks, compel. But more compelling is the possibility of contact with the skin of the other. The movement from wall and frame and barrier to emergent haptic communication



interface is the touchstone of compassion and shared project. And ecstasy.

In the Gaia hypothesis, earth itself and its surrounding biosphere are also super-organism. In this view our complexly skinned singularity, touching and untouched, is mere component, not entire universe.

No one is left behind by the primordial Earth goddess who reveals the earth as a single organism. This gets under my skin. This touches me. ■

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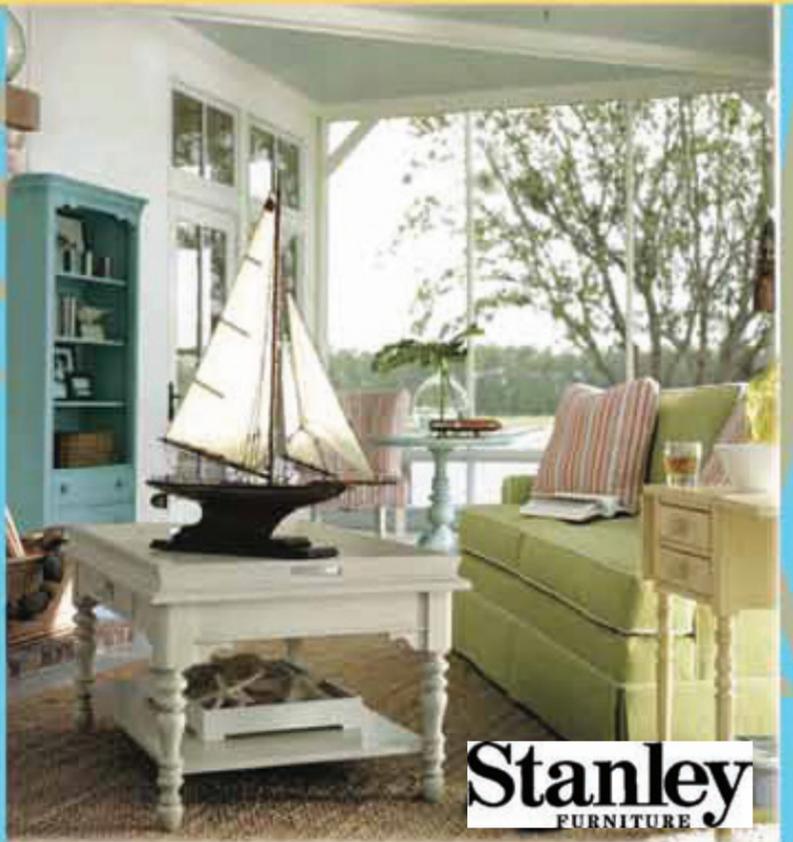
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“I think like everybody else, (businesses) have probably become a little complacent ...”

— Gerald Campbell, chief of planning at Lee County Emergency Management



COURTESY PHOTO

Is your business ready for the next big one?

Don't let a hurricane sneak up on you

BY EVAN WILLIAMS

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It's been five years since the last hurricane hit Southwest Florida in the form of Hurricane Wilma's Category 3 wind. Couple that with an economy struggling to break free of two years of weak sales, and area businesses could be unprepared for a major storm.

This hurricane season, which runs through Nov. 30, is forecast to be more active than most, with as many as seven major hurricanes predicted by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

“I think like everybody else, (businesses) have probably become a little com-

placent,” said Gerald Campbell, chief of planning at Lee County Emergency Management. “And with the economic times, they are having to make some really hard decisions, particularly regarding preparing and planning. If they're short sighted, they may not see any immediate payback with that stuff.”

U.S. Department of Labor statistics suggest that many companies are unprepared for disasters. More than 40 percent of small businesses that experience one never reopen and another 25 percent close down in two years, the federal government says.

Investing a little extra time and money in a business continuity plan, on the other hand, could pay off in the wake of an event that is cataclysmic to competitors.

“We figured out a long time ago, if you're the only popcorn stand going after the storm you're going to sell a lot

of popcorn,” said Brian Rist, president of Storm Smart Industries, a hurricane shutter manufacturer.

Purchasing disaster insurance can be a significant cost. So can supplies such as a generator or professional data backup services. But there are also plenty of lower-cost options, especially for small businesses.

“With businesses trying to conserve costs, spending money on items they may or may not need is harder to justify,” said Katie Wynn-Traina, a spokesperson for Ace Hardware. “(But) there are little things that at the very least businesses need to keep up to date on so they can prepare themselves to get back up and running after a storm. A preparedness plan that employees are aware of is the first step.”

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Campaign seeks to cultivate success for Collier businesses



Volunteers still welcome to conduct EDC surveys

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The Economic Development Council of Collier County has launched “Grow Collier: Celebrating Collier's Existing Businesses,” a campaign to show appreciation to businesses for the contributions they make to the economy and further identify programs and services that will help them succeed.

“The EDC has always devoted sig-

nificant time and resources to serving existing businesses through Economic Gardening and other programs, and this summer we want to reach out to more of those businesses and celebrate their success,” says Tammie Nemecek, EDC president and CEO.

The third major outreach effort of the EDC over the past year.

Grow Collier is the evolution of the Southwest Florida JOBS! program that started in April 2009. The goal of the campaign is to reach out to 300 businesses in 60 days.

“The EDC is setting its sights very

high for this campaign, but we have a dedicated group of volunteers who are willing to go the distance,” says Tim Cartwright, EDC board member and vice president of the Economic Gardening initiative. “By using members of the Business Outreach Committee and Economic Gardening Task Force who are already involved, and asking each of them to bring a friend or colleague to assist in this effort, we feel confident we will be able to reach our goal.”

SEE EDC, B4 ►

MONEY & INVESTING

Searching for the equity market bottom



well-known technicians are paraded on investment cable TV. In declines, no one is asking portfolio managers at what P/E multiple the market will bottom.

There are many tools that technicians use, but some measures are considered mainstays. In declines, technical analysts frequently calculate specific percentages of retracement when determining how far a market will recede. One formula is: the gain from the bottom (March 2009) to the nearest top (April 2010) which is then multiplied by certain well-established percentages: 38 percent, 50 percent and 62 percent. These are called Fibonacci levels, which is an article in and of itself.

For the U.S. equity market, the corresponding levels in the S&P500 would be 1010 (a 38 percent retracement of the gain); 944 (a 50 percent retracement) and 876 (a 62 percent retracement). It is thought that any market correction exceeding 62 percent might not be just a correction within a bull; it might be resumption of a bear, with the market dropping to previous lows (in this case March 2009 lows) or lower. Ouch!

So, as of July 2, with the S&P500 at 1022, many technical analysts would consider the last several months' decline to be well within the ranges of normal retracements and further substantive losses could still be within the range of a normal correction.

Besides wanting to know "how low will it go," investors want to know when it has bottomed. Again, while the answer is best known in hindsight, technicians are looking for price action and con-

firmed volume. Frequently, the market bottom will not be marked by good news or any specific event. The market just gets to a point where the sideline cash says "this is cheap" and they provide the floor. They often provide huge volume on an "up" day. A thrust up and big volume is often a significant signal of a reversal of a downtrend.

Look at the resumption of the upward trend in February 2010. It was marked by big "up" volume on Feb. 5 and 9. Feb. 5 marked a halt to the decline on big volume (a strong hammer in Japanese candlestick charting — a large thrust down in price, but price closes at the day's high) and Feb. 9's big volume on a rising day after several days of uptrend. Take a look at the decline since April. It has been marked by larger than average volume on down days. The decline is characterized by several days of thrusts down throughout May.

Another characteristic of a market bottoming is the performance of the market leaders. The idea is that these stocks were leading the market before the decline and these same "story stocks" can lead the market out of the decline. They bottom earlier than the market, unless the parameters for investing have totally shifted.

Leaders in 2010 include: Apple; VMware; Dollar General; NetFlix; Baidu band SanDisk. Goldman Sachs; Amazon and Google have faded in recent months from this leadership. Take a look at these charts and you will see that most of

them were bottoming one to four months before the March 2009 official bottom in U.S. equities. In fact many were bottoming in November and December.

Another way to look at leadership is in the foreign markets/indices. Hong Kong's Seng, the India's Bombay Stock Exchange; the Brazil's Bovespa's Stock Index and the German DAX have been relatively strong in the past four to six months and you might expect them to lead on the way up in worldwide equities. Yes, China did lead the world market in the fall of 2008 when it bottomed, but China has been relatively weak in recent months, as have the U.S. and Great Britain.

In declines, many people just want to forget about their portfolio. They think it is just best to sit with what they have. In rising markets, they do not feel that way. They are more willing to switch from a non-performer to a performer and improve relative performance. The opportunities still exist but the psyche freezes.

Working with a financial adviser can be helpful in addressing portfolio issues in volatile markets. These professionals have weathered many declines and they still can frequently see opportunities that some investors find too painful or too fearful to address. ■

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Holding company will invest \$175 million in TIB

TIB Financial Corp., the parent company of TIB Bank and Naples Capital Advisors, has announced that the bank holding company North American Financial Holdings Inc. has agreed to invest approximately \$175 million in TIB through the purchase of newly issued shares of TIB common stock and convertible preferred stock. In addition, during the 18-month period following the closing of its initial investment in TIB, NAFH will have the right to invest up to an additional \$175 million.

"The more we studied TIB, the more

impressed we were with its management team and their commitment to their customers and to the excellent service that has long been a hallmark of the company," says Eugene Taylor, NAFH chairman and CEO. "TIB has a solid foundation in its current markets. We intend to build on this platform by expanding the bank's product line and also through our continued investment in Florida and the greater Southeast."

CFO Christopher Marhsall says NAFH's investment is expected to immediately reestablish TIB as a profitable bank. "With

one of the strongest capital bases of any community bank in Florida, we will be able to expand our lending activity into communities that are clearly in need of credit," he says.

The investment is subject to satisfaction or waiver of certain closing conditions.

UBS Investment Bank served as financial advisor and Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz served as legal advisor to NAFH. Sandler O'Neill + Partners served as financial advisor, and Smith Mackinnon served as legal advisor to TIB.

Naples-headquartered TIB Financial

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Companies gain when employees volunteer

BY CATHY KEEN

University of Florida

Employees who leave the office to volunteer in the community may actually boost the company's bottom line by performing better on the job, a new University of Florida study finds.

Jessica Rodell, who performed research for her UF doctoral dissertation in management and who will begin as a management professor at the University of Georgia this fall, learned that workers given permission to engage in public service tend to work harder, apply themselves on the job and support their employers in the workplace and in the community.

Ms. Rodell's research "takes a critical step toward understanding how involvement in corporate volunteering influences employees' behaviors on the job," says Adam Grant, management professor at the University of Pennsylvania. "Corporate volunteering can help employees develop skills, build connections with coworkers and experience gratitude and pride toward their employers for facilitating their efforts to contribute to a meaningful cause."

Despite the growing popularity of volunteering in the United States and in corpora-

tions, there was little research available on how volunteering affects productivity, Ms. Rodell says, adding most studies focus on how volunteering boosts a person's self-esteem rather than the company's economic growth. "We have this idea that if employees volunteer, it distracts them from their work. They take longer lunches, leave work early for fundraising events or — in the case of the proverbial parent soccer coach — spend much of their time on the phone coordinating kids' games."

On the contrary, however, her research found that employees who volunteer feel more connected to their companies and are more likely to work harder on tasks. "(Employees) spoke positively about their



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Rodell

employer in public and were less likely to daydream, cyber loaf or take extra time off work."

About 27 percent of Americans donate time to a non-profit organization, and nearly 35 percent of U.S. companies have a volunteer program, Ms. Rodell says. Her study showed that employees perform better at work when companies have a formal volunteer program in place — even if they don't take advantage of it. "If I was running one of those programs at a company and nobody used it, I would start to think that maybe we shouldn't have it anymore," she says. "But it seems to be a signal to employees that there is good in the company — and they respond by being better employees." ■

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EDC

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Through business and personal relationships as well as a list of businesses provided by the EDC, Grow Collier volunteers contact Collier businesses and

ask them to complete a one-page survey. The questionnaire is designed to help the EDC identify second-stage growth companies eligible for significant resources available at no charge through the Economic Gardening program.

Economic Gardening is a long-term economic development practice that focuses on helping second-stage entrepreneurs make quicker, more informed decisions about the growth of their companies. Second-stage companies have grown out of the start-up phase but have not yet reached maturity. The entrepreneurs of these high-growth potential companies tend to face similar growth challenges regardless of industry. A typical second-stage company has between 10 and 99 employees and generates gross annual revenues between \$1 million and \$50 million.

Although not all Grow Collier respondents will be eligible to participate in

Economic Gardening, the business assessment will help the EDC recognize other needs identify other EDC programs — International Trade, Business Retention & Expansion for example, as well as referrals to partner organizations — for which those businesses do qualify.

Grow Collier is sponsored by BanyanBrown, Lutgert Insurance, BB&T and GrowFL. At the recent launch of the campaign, volunteers received all the information and materials needed to begin speaking with businesses. They also received an overview of programs and services as well as an introduction to the evolution of economic development doctrine.

All volunteers will be entered into a raffle for a prize, and the three volunteers who collect the most surveys also will win prizes. Additional volunteers are welcome, and anyone interested is encouraged to call 263-8989 or e-mail edc@eNaplesFlorida.com. ■

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HURRICANE

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The store is hosting a free Hurricane Preparedness Seminar with Florida Gulf Coast University's Small Business Development Center at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 17, at Sunshine Ace Hardware in Bonita Springs.

Ounce of prevention

Encouraging employees to be prepared is a key first step.

"You need to be sensitive to the needs of the employees' families and help them make that effort first," said Wayne P. Sallade, director of Charlotte County Emergency Management. "You stand a lot better chance in having those employees protect your critical inventory and equipment and batten down to make sure you're ready for whatever may come."

Rich Smolucha, business development manager for Golden Technologies, agrees.

"There is no larger consideration than how clients, partners and staff can be kept informed in the event and aftermath of a catastrophe," he wrote in a business continuity plan.

Storm Smart's Mr. Rist prepares in a number of ways. For example, the company established "phone trees" to keep employees in contact. In the event of a storm, they can find out the answers to questions like "Am I getting paid?" and "Should I come to work?"

He also has an agreement with a competitor in Venice. If his location is put out of business because of a hurricane, his business can set up shop there for a while, and vice versa.

Mr. Rist also recommends being aware of your building's elevation, and getting all computers up on top of desks if there should be a flood.

"Another great idea is water-resistant storage for documents and office equipment," suggests Ms. Wynn-Traina of Ace Hardware. "A few plastic totes with tight-fitting lids can make transporting easier (and) protect business records and pricey office gear."

There are many plans available online that lay out basic planning points for businesses. The Florida Department of Emergency Management's website, for example, walks you through the process and allows you to create a personalized plan you can save to your desktop. It includes an alternate location to do business, contacts such as employees and suppliers, back-ups for goods and services you depend on to operate, data and records that are crucial, and what to do after a disaster.

"For businesses, there are so many examples and references on the web of business continuity planning that it's mind boggling," Mr. Sallade said. "All you have to do is Google search 'business continuity planning.'"

Data backup

Mr. Smolucha of Golden Technologies helps businesses keep their data safe. Backing up crucial documents twice and keeping one copy in an off-premise location is recommended.

And don't just back up your data, also have a backup of your computer operating system and applications that allow you to run that data.

"If you've got the data but lose the application you've got, basically nothing," he said.

Depending on how much data you need to back up, purchasing professional

services like his could be needed. Flash drives wear out eventually and are relatively small in size. Backing up on tapes is less expensive, but the technology is outdated and accessing information on them takes longer.

Backing up data on a disc drive at least twice, and storing the second backup at an alternate location, is the most reliable plan. Prioritizing what to backup is also recommended. For example, there are some papers a business might be mandated to keep. Then there's information that is critical, like contracts with customers or inventory systems. Losing it could put you out of business. Then there's less critical but still important data, like the new employee handbook. Even lower on the totem pole are works in progress, like the rough draft of a news story.

"Above all, plans must be feasible and economically realistic," Mr. Smolucha said.

After the storm

Businesses may have a few extra hours to put response plans into action this year. Following NOAA's lead, weathercasters will be issuing warnings about approaching storms 12 hours earlier than normal, or 36 hours before a storm arrives.

But cleaning up after a storm is always a fact. If a region like Southwest Florida is declared a disaster area, business owners can apply for a low-interest loan of up to \$2 million through the U.S. Small Business Administration. The loans help with repairs on buildings or other losses.

Some insurance plans cover damage specific to a hurricane, like flooding. "Interruption insurance" might help pay back a business for three or four days of lost profits.

in the know

- >>The Florida Department of Emergency Management lets you create and save a general checklist of what your business needs to be prepared. Go to www.floridadisaster.org/business.
- >>For businesses and links to other sites that provide tips for businesses, such as FEMA and the American Red Cross, go to www.businessdisasterplan.com.
- >>FEMA's plan for businesses can be found at www.ready.gov/business.

if you go

- >>**What:** Sunshine Ace Hardware of Bonita Springs hosts a Hurricane Preparedness Seminar & Expo with Florida Gulf Coast University's Small Business Development Center.
- >>**When:** 10 a.m. Saturday, July 17
- >>**Where:** 9100 Bonita Beach Road
- >>**Cost:** Free
- >>**Info:** 992-0169

John M. Pollock, an agency manager with the insurance company BB&T-Oswald Trippe and Company, reminds businesses to document what they could lose. The more detailed the better.

"Pull out the video camera, pull out the yellow note pad, and start making lists of what you've got," he said. "The insurance process really is a replacement cost process. If you can't document what you lost, they're not going to pay you."

Whatever havoc a hurricane wreaks, planning ahead of time will soften the blow for everyone. "The faster stores get opened the sooner businesses can assist the community with repairs and keep their livelihood flowing as well," says Ms. Wynn-Traina. "To make that possible, preparedness is key." ■

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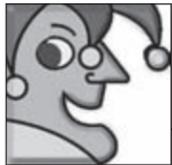
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- The manager has departed. There's nothing inherently magical about a mutual fund, after all. It's only as strong as the person who's calling the shots. If you don't have confidence in the new manager, you should consider moving on, too.

- The strategy has changed. If your fund's investment style seems to be drifting over time, consider cutting it loose. Some small-cap funds may stray into bigger companies, for example, or a conservative, value-oriented fund might start chasing some high-fliers.

- Prolonged period of underperforming its benchmark. Anything over three years is worth looking at, but only if you determine that the reasons you bought the fund are no longer valid. Market trends, for which no manager is to blame, can affect

many funds.

- Expenses are high or on the rise. You want fees to be low to begin with and to stay that way. Creeping expenses demand a watchful eye. Ideally, a fund's price tag should actually fall as its assets grow.

- Getting too darn big. If a small-cap fund is permitted to grow to the point where it's no longer nimble, that can really hamper performance. When funds have too much money, they run out of good places to invest it.

- Lack of shareholder friendliness. If shareholder letters turn evasive or terse, or the fund replaces its managers' names with "Management Team," take a hard look. Be especially on guard when small shops are absorbed by bigger players.

- Scandal. If your fund is implicated in a scandal, and it wouldn't cost a great deal to do so, consider moving on.

Learn more about funds at www.fool.com/mutualfunds/mutualfunds.htm, or read "Common Sense on Mutual Funds" by John C. Bogle (Wiley, \$30). ■

My Dumbest Investment

Look Forward, Not Back

Back in July of 2008, when the market was tanking, I sold some of my stocks. I didn't have the patience to see what would happen. When I saw them bounce, I got nervous and re-bought the same stocks. The market then dropped even more, along with my stocks. Sad thing is, I eventually sold those stocks at a loss.

Fortunately, I purchased other stocks, some recommended by the Fool, and am happy I unloaded the ones I did. All in all, it was an expensive lesson about learning to wait, but one I'm glad I got out of the way. The experience helped me remain calm throughout the more recent turmoil. One more thing: I don't look back to see how the stocks I sold are doing. I'm just moving forward.

— M.H., Maryville, Tenn.

The Fool Responds: That's smart, to just look forward. Sometimes investors get too caught up with thinking about how much they've made or lost. What really matters to your portfolio today is how you expect your stocks to perform in the future. ■



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](mailto:TheMotleFool@fool.com). Got one that worked? Submit to [My Smartest Investment](mailto:MySmartestInvestment@fool.com). If we print yours, you'll win a Fool's cap!

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(Answer: Under Armour)



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Ask the Fool

Inflation's Upside

Q Is there any upside to inflation?

— S.K., Ocala, Fla.

A There is indeed — if, for example, you have a fixed-rate mortgage. Imagine locking in a 30-year, 5-percent loan with \$1,000-a-month payments. As inflation makes the dollar worth less over time, your payment will essentially be lower and lower. You might be earning \$50,000 now, and paying that \$1,000 monthly, but in 15 years, if you're earning \$80,000, that \$1,000 payment will represent a much smaller chunk of your wealth.

Q If I invest in a penny stock, I can buy more shares of it than more expensive stocks. So when the shares go up, I'll make more money, right?

— E.M., Salisbury, Md.

A No, no, no. Don't assume that penny stocks are a bargain because you can buy so many for so little. Remember that a \$1 stock and a \$60 one can both go up (or down!) by the same percentage in one day. With a 5-percent rise, the \$1 stock will increase in value by 5 cents, to \$1.05. For the \$60 stock, it's a \$3 jump, to \$63.

Penny stocks (those trading for \$5 or less per share) are often more likely to eventually plummet than to skyrocket. They're risky, often hyped and manipulated by those with dastardly designs.

Steer clear and look instead of healthy, growing companies you understand. In the last decade, you could have quadrupled your money in shares of Caterpillar and more than doubled your money in McDonald's. You'd have lost 60 percent of your money on Xerox stock, but even that beats many penny stocks, which might have left you with nothing. It's fun to own 5,000 shares of something, but not when it crashes. ■

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The Motley Fool Take

Texas Instruments Shouldn't Be Cheap

Texas Instruments (NYSE: TXN) recently raised its quarterly projections for the quarter in progress — for the third time.

It pointed to increased orders in the industrial sector as a driver of its strong business. Its book-to-bill ratio has recently been above 1.0, meaning that it's getting orders faster than it can fill and bill for them.

Moreover, the chip slinger is expanding its internal manufacturing capacity while chief competitors Broadcom and Qualcomm all depend on the same group of outsourcing plants. This gives Texas Instruments a strong competitive edge.

Texas Instruments is reshaping its busi-

ness to get out of the commoditized, low-margin market for mobile phone radio chips. Its new focus is on high-end mobile processors, where its current OMAP3 series mainly competes against the Qualcomm Snapdragon and scores of other designs based on architectures from ARM Holdings. The upcoming OMAP4 chips should find their way into plenty of smartphones and tablets, thus keeping the momentum alive.

Several analysts believe Texas Instruments is undervalued at today's prices, and its recent minuscule forward-looking P/E ratio of around 10 supports that. (Its five-year average P/E is 18.) ■

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 or visit www.napleschamber.org.

➤ **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.

➤ **The Women's Network of Collier County** meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the Collier Athletic Club. For more information, call 434-5119. Next meeting: July 13.

➤ **CBIA** holds its monthly mixer from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 14, at My Blueprinter, 971 Airport Road N. Registration and payment required by July 12. Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. For more information, visit www.cbia.net.

➤ **Southwest Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce** holds its next Business After Hours from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 14, at the Inn at Pelican Bay. Free. For more information, visit www.hispanicchamberflorida.org.

➤ **The Naples Area Professional League of Executive Services**, N.A.P.L.E.S., meets from 7-9 a.m. on the



first and third Thursdays of the month at the Naples Princess, 550 Port O'Call Way. Guest speaker July 15 is Dr. Allen Weiss, CEO of NCH. For more information, visit www.naplesgroup.net.

➤ **The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** holds its next Business After 5 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 15, at The Design Studio by Raymond, 3455 Beck Blvd. Register at www.napleschamber.org.

➤ **The Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce** holds its next After 5 networking meeting from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, July 21, at the offices of Dr. Robert Payne. For more information,

visit www.marcoislandchamber.org.

➤ **The Southwest Florida Attractions Association** holds a mixer aboard the Naples Princess on Wednesday, July 21. Boarding begins at 6:15 p.m. and departure is at 7 p.m. from the dock at Tin City. Cost is \$18 for association members and \$21 for others. Reservations required and can be made at www.swflattractions.com.

➤ **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. Admission is \$5 for chamber members and \$30 for others. Call 992-2943 or e-mail Julie@BonitaSpringsChamber.com. ■

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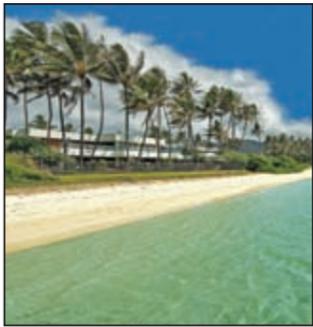
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From www.toptenrealestatedeals.com comes a list of 11 beachfront properties on the market from coast to coast. Number four on the list is a Marco Island beauty, and number eight is across the state in Stuart. Even if you're already happily ensconced in your dream home on the Gulf of Mexico, we think you'll enjoy seeing where else you might be able to kick off your flip-flops at the end of the day. — *Florida Weekly*

Coastal living

Top 10, plus one, great homes by the shore

#1



**Kahala Avenue,
Honolulu**
\$29 million

Minutes from the famed Waialae Country Club, home of the PGA Sony Open, this 1.4-acre property has 125 feet of beach frontage and includes a main house with six bedrooms and three staff rooms, plus two separate guest cottages with four bedrooms each.

#2



**The Strand
Manhattan
Beach, Calif.**
\$13.5 million

On the market for the first time, this 5,000-square-foot-plus, concrete and stone home was designed by Ray Kappe and built in 1985. It has a rooftop pool and panoramic views from Palos Verdes to Malibu.

#3



**Hideaway
Beach
Montauk, N.Y.**
\$14.5 million

Boundaries between interior and exterior dissolve in this modern marvel. Stairs lead down to a private beach and some of the best surfing and fishing around.

#4



**Hideaway
Beach
Marco Island**
\$8.9 million

In a gated community with two miles of beach and a challenging executive golf course, this Italianate masterpiece has nearly 9,000 square feet under air and a total of more than 17,000 square feet.

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REAL ESTATE NEWSMAKERS

■ Brokers **Mark DiSabato** and **Rick Armalavage** have opened Encore Realty in Naples. The company is a member of a vertically integrated group of companies that includes Encore Realty, Encore Development, Encore Asset Management of Florida/Ohio and Gateway-Encore Resort Management Services.

Mr. DiSabato began his career in real estate while attending The Ohio State University. Upon graduation in 1978, he became a broker and worked the next eight years in real estate sales, building and management. Over the next two decades, he was directly involved

in the land acquisition, zoning, financing, development and sales for apartments, town homes and four-plex condominiums in the Columbus, Ohio, area. He moved to



ARMALAVAGE

Mr. Armalavage is a 1976 graduate of Indiana University. He has worked with hundreds of banks, attorneys and private owners, consulting on every aspect of development, including program-

ming, sales and construction with leading developers in Southwest Florida. The Naples office of Encore Realty is at 2240 Venetian Court. For more information, call 566-2350 or visit www.Encore-Realty.com.

■ **Victor Cuccia** has joined Florida Home Realty of Collier County as sales person. Formerly of DiVosta Homes' Veronawalk in Naples, Mr. Cuccia has earned the Sand Dollar and Pinnacle awards for top-producing on-site salesperson for five consecutive years. He is a member of the Naples Area

Naples in mid-2006.

Board of Realtors and the Florida and National associations of Realtors.

■ **Keith Dasbach** has joined Downing-Frye Realty Inc. as a sales associate. Originally from Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. Dasbach is launching his real estate career with Downing-Frye. He holds a bachelor's degree in marketing from the University of Toledo and has been a resident of Florida since 2003. He belongs to the Naples Area Board of Realtors and the Florida and National associations of Realtors.

■ Broker/owner **Jerry Osinski** and sales manager Kathy Paglia of the Naples-headquartered franchise of Weichert, Realtors - On the Gulf recently attended the eighth annual "Weichert Real Estate Associates Homecoming" in New Jersey. More than 120 owners, brokers and managers from Weichert affiliates around the country were in attendance.

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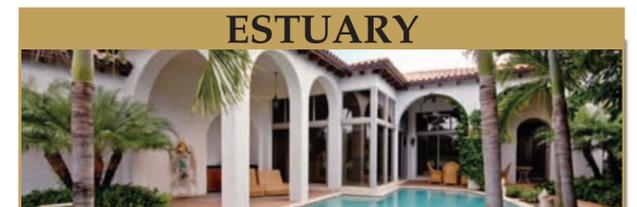
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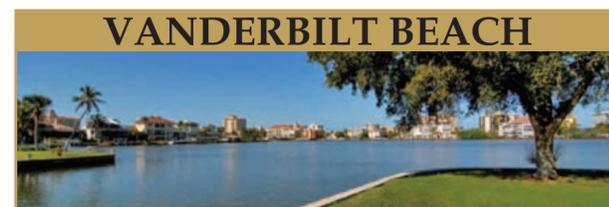
LITTLE HARBOUR
245 Little Harbour Lane \$3,593,000



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1335 Noble Heron Way \$1,495,000



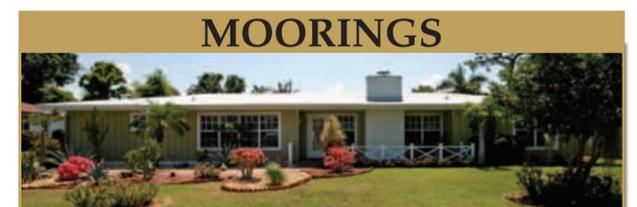
VANDERBILT BEACH
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COURTESY PHOTOS

**5. Kai Ala Drive
Kaanapali, Hawaii
\$23.8 million**

The azure Pacific presents a dramatic backyard of this incredible estate that has two master suites, six guest suites and separate caretaker's quarters. There's also a yoga pavilion and an exercise room.

**6. Ribera Road
Carmel, Calif.
\$13.95 million**

At the southern end of Carmel Bay and with easy access to Carmel and Pebble Beach, this 8,700-square-foot residence has views of the ocean and the rugged Point Lobos coastline.

**7. Riviera Drive
Abalone Point
Laguna Beach, Calif.
\$31.5 million**

On a prestigious point that's "an enclave within an enclave," this home is on more than 1/2 acre adjacent to another 1/2 acre of open beachfront owned by the association. There are five bedrooms and eight

baths. The infinity pool and spa are in a private courtyard. The formal dining room seats 16, and loggias afford seating for 24 more guests.

**8. St. Lucie Boulevard
Stuart, Fla.
\$6.95 million**

This post-Modern mansion sits on 1.25 acres along the shores of the St. Lucie River, considered by sportsmen to be the Sailfish Capital of the World. The main house has five bedrooms and 7 1/2 baths; the guesthouse has two bedrooms. The state-of-the-art dock has a self-propelled tram that moves passengers and equipment to deepwater dockage for a boat up to 150 feet in length.

**9. Oceanfront Walk
Pacific Beach, Calif.
\$6.5 million**

The entrance to this ultimate contemporary beach house is a 30-foot atrium capped by a fully retractable roof. The indoor-outdoor living room has floor-to-ceiling sliding glass walls and an enclosed Jacuzzi.

**10. Loveladies
Long Beach Township, N.J.
\$7.25 million**

"Serenity" is a fitting name for this home that enjoys 125 feet of Atlantic coastline. There are five bedrooms and 4 1/2 baths, plus a three-stop elevator, Swarovski pendant lighting and numerous plasma TVs.

**11. Point Place
Laguna Beach, Calif.
\$11.85 million**

Access to the beach far below this hill-top home is via a secured staircase. Even cooler than that, however, is the garage with subterranean parking accessed via a clever hydraulic lift. ■



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Owner financing avail. **\$248,000**



Laurel Oaks, S. Ft. Myers
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Well maintained, new A/C, carpet, paint,
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 western Gulf views. In perfect condition.
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PELICAN BAY - ST. KITTS ▲
 Sunny corner 3BR+den/2BA with sunset
 Gulf views. 1,889 total SF & electric
 hurricane shutters. Turnkey furnished.
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 beautiful 3BR+den. Pool with spa and lake
 views. Two-car garage. **\$515,000**
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 Rare 4BR villa, lake view and S. exposure.
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 2.5 bath with approx. 2,000 total SF. Full
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BAY LAUREL ESTATES 8703 Purslane Drive - Pool, spa &
 waterfall on preserve. Lovely main home, 2-story 5 room cabana. Large
 outdoor living area. **\$2,000,000** | Mary Catherine/Larry White | 287-2818
TERRABELLA 9033 Terranova Drive - Large, private lake-front
 property. Separate guest cabana, 4BR+den, open-air courtyard, pool, spa
 and 3-car garage. **\$1,690,000** | Rod Soars/Trish Lowe Soars | 290-2448
GRAND ISLE 1020 Grand Isle Drive - Lovely Mediterranean villa,
 spectacular lake/golf views! Huge pool, 2-story guest house, 3BR+family
 room main home. **\$1,599,000** | Jeri Richey | 269-2203
TIMARRON 1979 Dory Court - Model perfect 3BR/3BA+den villa
 overlooking lake. Heated pool/spa, many new features. Golf, tennis & 24 hr.
 guard. **\$675,000** | Pam Hartman | 216-7949 **OPEN SUN. 1-4**
ISLAND COVE 2324 Island Cove Circle - Stunning SE lake view!
 Beautifully maintained 2BR/2.5BA+den detached villa. Tile floors, newer
 A/C, 2-car garage. **\$630,000** | Terri Moellers/Sharon Kaltenborn | 404-7887
TROON LAKES 9247 Troon Lakes Drive - Private & intimate,
 lake views, lush landscaping. Beautifully kept 2BR/2BA + den villa. Near
 beach, shops & dining. **\$649,900** | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420
ISLAND COVE 2271 Island Cove Circle - Elegant 2BR/2.5BA with
 lake views, privacy, optional den/3rd bedroom suite, fine finishes and
 extended lanai. **\$599,000** | Judy Perry/Penny Lyle | 261-6161
ARIELLE 2245 Arielle Drive #2101 - New wood flooring & great
 decor! This corner 3 bedroom plus family room/den residence enjoys a
 peaceful lake view. **\$344,000** | Jean Tarkenton | 595-0544

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PINE RIDGE ▲ Magnificent country estate home on 3.32 acres. Masterfully planned main residence encompasses 15,298 total SF. **\$6,475,000**
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MERCATO - THE STRADA ▲ Encompassing over 2,200 SF, 3BR/3BA. Club room, poolscape, fitness center. Dining, shops, movie theatre. **\$1,370,000**
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THE DUNES - GRANDE PRESERVE GRANDE PHOENICIAN ▲ Magnificent Gulf views! Lovely kitchen, volume ceilings, 3BR/3A, 2-car garage. Beach Club, resort lifestyle. **\$1,299,000**
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VILLAGES OF MONTEREY ▲ Sprawling, stately 5BR home on a quiet cul-de-sac street. Meticulously cared for, lakeside pool and 3-car garage. **\$1,145,000**
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THE DUNES - GRANDE PRESERVE GRANDE PHOENICIAN ▲ Magnificent water & golf course views! Tastefully furnished 3BR/3BA. World-class amenities, private beach club. **\$999,000**
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THE DUNES - GRANDE PRESERVE GRANDE PHOENICIAN ▲ Outstanding value for a true "Florida style lifestyle" in this model-like furnished 3BR with extended terrace. **\$997,000** | Roya Nouhi | 290-9111



BAREFOOT BEACH CLUB II ▲ Fantastic 3BR/2 BA on beach. Great Gulf views! Tiled living areas. New granite & SS appliances. Community pool. **\$985,000** | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210



PELICAN ISLE YACHT CLUB III ▲ Naples ultimate island! Great views, turnkey furnished 3BR/3BA. Equity membership to private Yacht Club included. **\$939,000** | Suzanne Ring | 821-7550



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AQUA ▲ 13675 Vanderbilt Drive A coveted lifestyle with resort-style amenities. Generous 3 & 4 bedroom floor plans with 3,500 SF of living space. Overlook the Yacht Harbor, Gulf & preserves. Direct deep-water access boat slips. **Values beyond belief! From the \$900s**
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OPEN MON-SAT: 10-5 • SUN 12-5

THE DUNES - GRANDE PRESERVE 280 Grande Way - Magnificent views over Gulf, preserve and golf! Very spacious 3BR+family room, 3BA floor plans. Membership to private Floridian Beach Club and the Plantation Club. **Grande Phoenician from \$875,000. Grande Geneva from \$900,000** | Call 239-594-1700



THE DUNES - GRANDE PRESERVE GRANDE PHOENICIAN ▲ Very Motivated Seller! SW views over Bay/Gulf. An open 3BR with granite kitchen. Beach Club & resort amenities. **\$895,000**
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PELICAN ISLE YACHT CLUB III ▲ Broad views to Gulf! Almost touching the water, 3BR/3BA on a private island. Membership to Yacht Club available. **\$749,000** | Suzanne Ring | 821-7550



THE CROSSINGS - MILL RUN ▲ Spectacular complete renovation and addition. Private lake/preserve views. 4BR, 3 miles to beach, gated entry. **\$739,000**
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WILSHIRE LAKES ▲ Unique 5 bedroom plus den, lakefront estate home. Cypress ceilings, wood floors. Two-sided fireplace, pool/spa. **\$699,000** | Bernie Garabed | 571-2466



COVE TOWERS - ARUBA ▲ True bayfront! Fabulous views, 3BR/2BA + den. Beach shuttle, fitness center, tennis, boat docks for lease/purchase. **\$627,777** | Marsha L. Moore | 398-4559



EDEN ON THE BAY ▲ Overlooking lake, 3 bedrooms + den, 3 full baths. Granite countertops in kitchen, heated pool/spa. Outdoor kitchen. **\$615,000**
Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231



PINE RIDGE ▲ Four bedroom with 2,200+ SF. Many updates; new kitchen, wood flooring and new roofing. Screened-in lanai. **\$599,000** | Sue Black | 250-5611



LEMURIA ▲ New, never lived in! Over 3,000 SF open plan with lake views! Quality features, 4BR/3BA and 2-car attached garage. **\$569,000** | Kristin Mikler | 370-6292



COVE TOWERS - ARUBA ▲ Stunning 3BR/2BA condominium. Fabulous views of Pass, club membership included, boat docks for purchase or lease. **\$559,000** | Marsha L. Moore | 398-4559



THE DUNES - BARBADOS ▲ Wonderful, impeccably maintained 3BR floor plan with tranquil preserve view! Across from resort style amenities. **\$599,000**
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EDEN ON THE BAY ▲ Three bedrooms, 3 baths, a den and 2-car garage with pool. Tiled living areas, granite counters & crown moulding. **\$549,000** | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210



VILLAGES OF MONTEREY ▲ Charming, picture perfect pool home on cul-de-sac. Granite kitchen, travertine and wood floors, marble pool deck. **\$525,000**
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THE CROSSINGS - MILL RUN ▲ Charming 3BR/2BA Coleman built home, solar heated pool, large backyard. Gated community, pool, tennis and more! **\$489,000**
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LEMURIA ▲ 7172 Lemuria Circle New luxury community of 3 or 4 bedrooms, 3 bath condominiums with open floor plans, high ceilings and attached 2-car garages. **Prices from the mid \$400s.**
Thomas Gasbarro | 404-4883



VILLAGES OF MONTEREY ▲ S. exposure, beautiful home has screened-in pool/spa. Split-plan 3BR/2.5BA, many recent updates, newer appliances. **\$399,000** | Kathryn Tout | 250-3583



WIGGINS BAY - PRINCETON PLACE ▲ Gorgeous end 2BR/2BA. Tommy Bahama décor & furnishings. Lake/partial Bay views. Yacht and Racquet club membership. **\$325,000** | Marsha L. Moore | 398-4559



WIGGINS BAY - HARBOURSIDE ▲ Totally remodeled 3BR, 3BA is offered furnished with new granite counters, cabinets, appliances and flooring. **\$279,000** | Jack Despart | 273-7931



TARPON COVE - BARBADOS II ▲ First floor 3BR overlooks private, wooded area. Optional transferable Tarpon Cove Yacht & Racquet Club membership. **\$269,500** | Tom McCarthy & Tess McCarthy | 243-5520



TARPON COVE MARTINIQUE III ▲ Gated community with pool! Furnished corner 3BR/2BA. Numerous new upgrades overlooking lake & preserve. **\$229,000**
Mitch/Sandra Williams | 370-8879

LEMURIA 7160 Lemuria Circle #1501 - S. exposure over lake & fountains! Open 3BR/3BA, beautifully appointed, 2-car garage. Tennis, fitness, pool/spa. **\$479,000** | Kristin Mikler | 370-6292

LEMURIA 7132 Lemuria Circle #801 - Brand new, never lived in! Lake views, luxurious 3BR/3BA, attached 2-car garage. Fitness center, tennis & more. **\$449,000** | Kristin Mikler | 370-6292

WIGGINS LAKES & PRESERVES 790 Wiggins Lake Drive #106 - Minutes from beach, beautiful turnkey furnished 3BR/2BA end residence across from pool & clubhouse. Private club. **\$197,777** | Marsha L. Moore | 398-4559



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Linville Ridge Country Club, a Lutgert Companies property in Linville, N.C., has been named by Golf Inc. magazine as the 2009 Renovation of the Year in the \$1.6 million-to-\$4 million category. The winners and finalists are featured in the magazine's summer issue. Naples-based father-and-son developers Raymond and Scott Lutgert started construction of Linville Ridge in 1980. The community's mountaintop golf course (hole number seven shown at left) is the highest course east of the Mississippi. ■

NEWSMAKERS

From page B9

■ **Rex Storter** has joined Keller Williams Elite Realty in Bonita Springs.

■ Downing-Frye Realty Inc. announces its sales and listing leaders for May. In the Naples office, **Lauren Fowlkes** was sales leader and **Andrew Schechinger** was the listing leader. In Bonita Springs, **Nancy Woodbury** was sales leader and **Marie Kitsberg** was the listing leader.

■ **CB Richard Ellis Group Inc.** is the first recipient of Frost & Sullivan's Global Excellence in Outsourcing Award in the commercial real estate services sector. Frost & Sullivan, a research and consulting firm, evaluated five leading outsourcing firms based on market intelligence, cost optimization, impact of outsourcing on the firm's growth, value creation and innovation. CB Richard Ellis achieved an overall weighted average score of 8.2 (on a 1 to 10 scale). The second-place firm scored 7.4. This is the first time Frost & Sullivan has given a Global Excellence Award in commercial real estate services. ■

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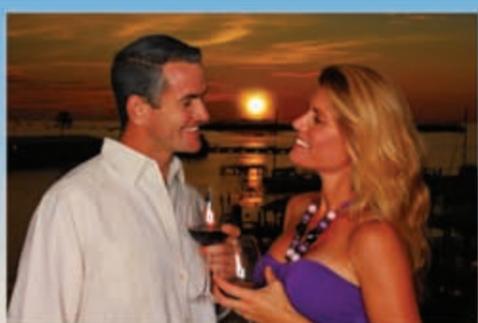
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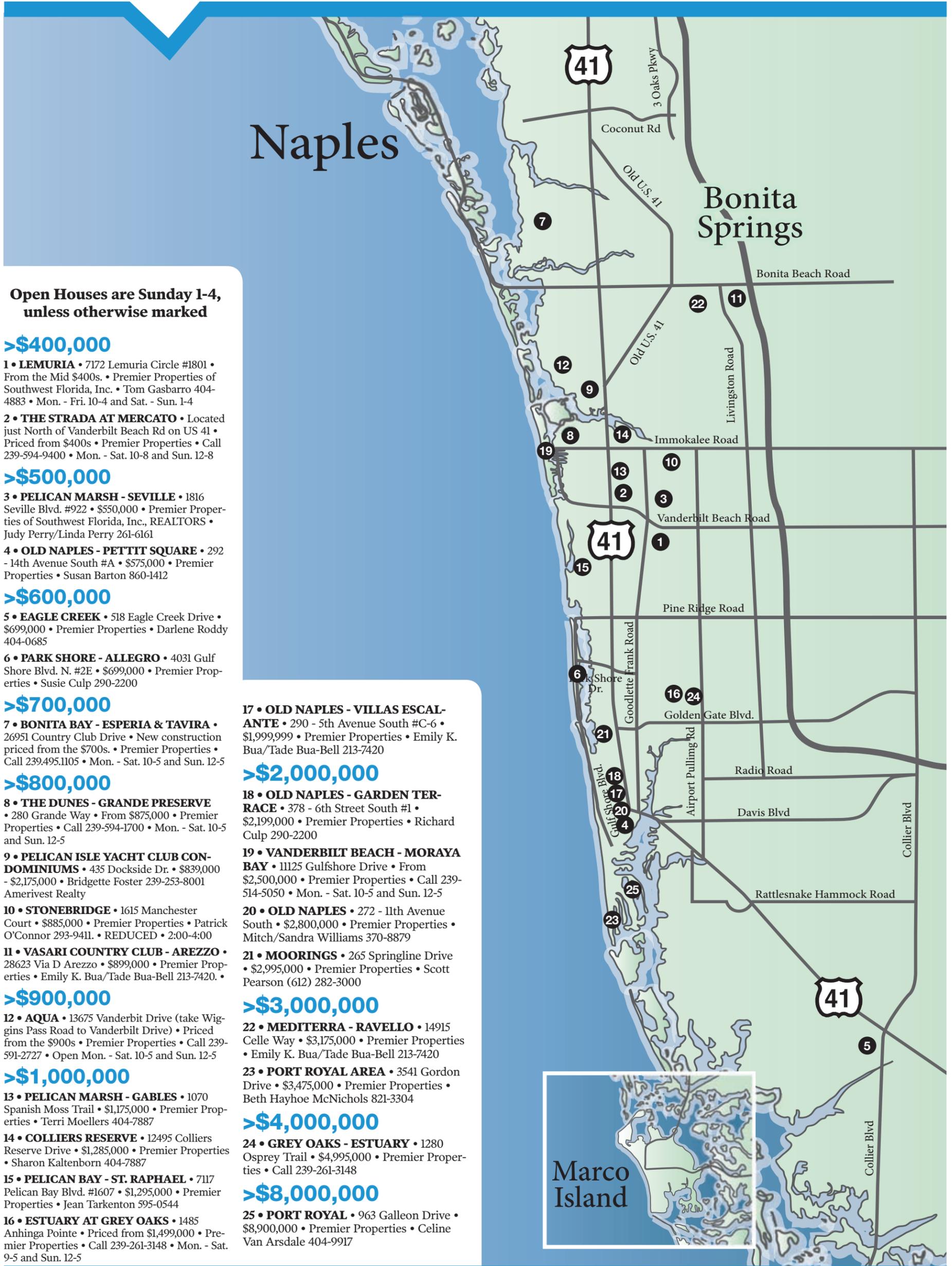
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- 3 • PELICAN MARSH - SEVILLE** • 1816 Seville Blvd. #922 • \$550,000 • Premier Properties of Southwest Florida, Inc., REALTORS • Judy Perry/Linda Perry 261-6161
- 4 • OLD NAPLES - PETTIT SQUARE** • 292 - 14th Avenue South #A • \$575,000 • Premier Properties • Susan Barton 860-1412

>\$600,000

- 5 • EAGLE CREEK** • 518 Eagle Creek Drive • \$699,000 • Premier Properties • Darlene Roddy 404-0685
- 6 • PARK SHORE - ALLEGRO** • 4031 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. #2E • \$699,000 • Premier Properties • Susie Culp 290-2200

>\$700,000

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

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- 8 • THE DUNES - GRANDE PRESERVE** • 280 Grande Way • From \$875,000 • Premier Properties • Call 239-594-1700 • Mon. - Sat. 10-5 and Sun. 12-5
- 9 • PELICAN ISLE YACHT CLUB CONDOMINIUMS** • 435 Dockside Dr. • \$839,000 - \$2,175,000 • Bridgette Foster 239-253-8001 Amerivest Realty
- 10 • STONEBRIDGE** • 1615 Manchester Court • \$885,000 • Premier Properties • Patrick O'Connor 293-9411. • REDUCED • 2:00-4:00
- 11 • VASARI COUNTRY CLUB - AREZZO** • 28623 Via D Arezzo • \$899,000 • Premier Properties • Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell 213-7420. •

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- 12 • AQUA** • 13675 Vanderbilt Drive (take Wiggins Pass Road to Vanderbilt Drive) • Priced from the \$900s • Premier Properties • Call 239-591-2727 • Open Mon. - Sat. 10-5 and Sun. 12-5

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- 13 • PELICAN MARSH - GABLES** • 1070 Spanish Moss Trail • \$1,175,000 • Premier Properties • Terri Moellers 404-7887
- 14 • COLLIERS RESERVE** • 12495 Colliers Reserve Drive • \$1,285,000 • Premier Properties • Sharon Kaltenborn 404-7887
- 15 • PELICAN BAY - ST. RAPHAEL** • 7117 Pelican Bay Blvd. #1607 • \$1,295,000 • Premier Properties • Jean Tarkenton 595-0544
- 16 • ESTUARY AT GREY OAKS** • 1485 Anhinga Pointe • Priced from \$1,499,000 • Premier Properties • Call 239-261-3148 • Mon. - Sat. 9-5 and Sun. 12-5

- 17 • OLD NAPLES - VILLAS ESCALANTE** • 290 - 5th Avenue South #C-6 • \$1,999,999 • Premier Properties • Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell 213-7420

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- 18 • OLD NAPLES - GARDEN TERRACE** • 378 - 6th Street South #1 • \$2,199,000 • Premier Properties • Richard Culp 290-2200

- 19 • VANDERBILT BEACH - MORAYA BAY** • 11125 Gulfshore Drive • From \$2,500,000 • Premier Properties • Call 239-514-5050 • Mon. - Sat. 10-5 and Sun. 12-5

- 20 • OLD NAPLES** • 272 - 11th Avenue South • \$2,800,000 • Premier Properties • Mitch/Sandra Williams 370-8879

- 21 • MOORINGS** • 265 Springline Drive • \$2,995,000 • Premier Properties • Scott Pearson (612) 282-3000

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- 22 • MEDITERRA - RAVELLO** • 14915 Celle Way • \$3,175,000 • Premier Properties • Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell 213-7420

- 23 • PORT ROYAL AREA** • 3541 Gordon Drive • \$3,475,000 • Premier Properties • Beth Hayhoe McNichols 821-3304

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- 24 • GREY OAKS - ESTUARY** • 1280 Osprey Trail • \$4,995,000 • Premier Properties • Call 239-261-3148

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- 25 • PORT ROYAL** • 963 Galleon Drive • \$8,900,000 • Premier Properties • Celine Van Arsdale 404-9917



THE BROOKS - SHADOW WOOD - WOODSEdge ▲
Custom-built 3BR/4BA + den home blends sophistication with casual elegance. Expansive lake views. Heated pool/spa. **\$1,350,000 | Doug Davlin | 272-5060**



PELICAN LANDING - THE COLONY - FLORENCIA ▲
Turnkey furnished, end 3BR/3BA+den overlooking Bay/Gulf. Many amenities, 34-acre beach island and private Club. **\$925,000 | Jill Kushner | 691-5505**



THE COLONY AT PELICAN LANDING - TUSCANY ISLE ▲
Build your dream home on this scenic choice lot. Southern exposure, spectacular Bay Club overlooking the Gulf. **\$925,000 | Mary Catherine/Larry White | 287-2818**



TIBURON - BOLERO ▲
Gated, stroll to the Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort & Tiburon Golf Club. Top floor penthouse with views of golf/lake. **\$744,000 | Linda Piatt/Jeri Richey | 269-2322**



THE BROOKS - SHADOW WOOD - TAMARIND PLACE ▲
Waterway & preserve views from this 2BR+den (expanded master & guest bedroom). Three-car garage. Oversized lot. **\$649,900 | Cathy Lieberman | 777-2441**



PELICAN LANDING NAVONA ▲ Reduced price! Brand new 3BR/3.5BA corner residence. Expansive views over Gulf & golf course! Wonderful amenities. **\$648,900 | Jill Kushner | 691-5505**



THE BROOKS - SHADOW WOOD - INDIGO ISLE ▲ S. exposure, lake/golf course views, great neighborhood. Elegantly decorated 3BR/3BA+den & bonus room coach home. **\$599,000 | Cathy Lieberman/Cindy Reiff | 777-2441**



THE BROOKS - SHADOW WOOD - LONGLEAF ▲
Oversized Kingfisher model has 3 bedrooms plus den, 3.5 baths, over 4,300 total SF and is furnished. Many upgrades. **\$599,000 | Jack Despart | 273-7931**



PELICAN LANDING - LONGLAKE LAKEVIEW! Perfectly kept 3BR/2.5BA home with many special features throughout. Covered lanai area, heated pool/spa. **\$599,000 | Pam Umscheid & Stephanie /John Coburn | 6948-4000**



THE BROOKS - SHADOW WOOD - LONGLEAF ▲
Water to preserve views! Over 2,400 SF A/C, 4BR+den, 2-story great room, heated pool & spa. Club, 3 golf courses. **\$559,500 | Trudy Saylor | 398-8901**



THE BROOKS - SHADOW WOOD - LAUREL MEADOW ▲
Sunny SW exposure overlooking fairway! Pool, spa, 3BR/2.5BA + loft. Golf, tennis, beach club. Turnkey furnished. **\$549,000 | Susan Barton | 860-1412**



TIBURON - BOLERO ▲ Incredible golf views, charming 1st floor carriage home, decorated by Robb & Stucky. Social membership included. **\$489,000 | Sharon Kaltenborn & Terri Moellers | 404-7887**



PELICAN LANDING - THE COLONY - MERANO ▲ Across from pool. Pretty golf view, light and bright upgraded 3BR/3BA + media/family room end residence. **\$480,000 | Pam Umscheid & Stephanie /John Coburn | 948-4000**



THE BROOKS - COPPERLEAF JASMINE LAKE ▲
Bundled golf community. Turnkey furnished 3BR/3BA + loft home. Many upgrades. Clubhouse, tennis, social activities. **\$479,000 | Susan DeShong | 253-3434**



PELICAN LANDING BAY CEDAR ▲
Updated, fresh, newer pool, open 3BR/2BA plan! New appliances, fresh paint, wood floors, decorator details & more! **\$454,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210**

FIDDLER'S CREEK



ISLA DEL SOL ▲
Designer decorated & furnished custom 4BR/5.5BA (includes casita with separate guest quarters) overlooks golf course. **\$2,799,000 | ML Meade | 293-4851**



MAHOGANY BEND ▲ Exquisitely decorated 4BR/4BA, study+family room, custom home overlooks golf course. Award-winning resort amenities. **\$1,650,000 | Michelle Thomas | 860-7176**



CRANBERRY CROSSING ▲
Turnkey furnished former model features decorator touches throughout, 3 bedrooms + den. Pool/spa overlooking lake. **\$990,000 | ML Meade | 293-4851**



BELLAGIO ▲
Infinity pool overlooks lake. Three bedrooms, 3.5 baths includes casita (1 bedroom/1 bath) plus den & family room. **\$975,000 | ML Meade | 293-4851**



SERENA ▲ Lovely 3BR plus office. 3,000+ SF A/C, oversized tile, custom cabinets, private elevator & many upgrades! **\$790,000 | Maureen/Mike Joyce | 784-1288**



CASCADA ▲ Panoramic golf/water views! Three bedroom plus study with coffered ceilings and expanded kitchen. **\$689,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983**



MALLARDS LANDING ▲
Beautiful lake views! Immaculate home. Spacious bedrooms, negative-edge pool/spa. GE Profile kitchen appliances. **\$600,000 | Michelle Thomas | 860-7176**



PEPPER TREE ▲
Beautiful lake views, private lanai with pool & spa. Attractively furnished 3BR/2BA with many special features. **\$399,000 | ML Meade | 293-4851**



DEER CROSSING ▲ Gorgeous S. exposure golf course views! Spacious 3BR/2BA coach home. Golf, beach, tennis, marina, club and spa! **\$335,000 | Michelle Thomas | 860-7176**



SERENA ▲ Furnished home with large lanai overlooks lake. Three bedrooms + den, 3 baths, family room & living room, 2-car garage. **\$499,000 | Michelle Thomas | 860-7176**



LAGUNA ▲ Pristine corner 3BR/3.5BA features expansive lake views from an oversized lanai. Enjoy on-site amenities. **\$319,000 | Richard Marquardt & Lori Pheasant | 289-4158**



DEER CROSSING ▲
Beautiful lake and golf view from upstairs coach home. More than 2,100 SF under air, 3BRs. Beautifully furnished. **\$299,000 | ML Meade | 293-4851**



CARDINAL COVE ▲ Immaculately maintained split-plan 3BR/2BA attached villa. Turnkey furnished, courtyard, 2-car garage & lake views. **\$279,000 | Maureen/Mike Joyce | 784-1288**



PEPPER TREE ▲
Well-priced 3BR/2BA plus family room home with pool & lake views! Numerous interior upgrades. Walk to Club and Spa. **\$270,000 | Natalie Kirstein | 784-0491**



VARENNA ▲ Bright, split 3BR/3BA floor plan, large lanai, wide lake view. Attractively priced, 2-car garage. Great amenities. **\$194,500 | Maureen/Mike Joyce | 784-1288**

BELLAGIO 8597 Bellagio Drive - Beautifully furnished 3 BR + den home on the creek bordering a preserve. Negative-edge pool/spa. Private boat dock. **\$1,425,000 | Michelle Thomas | 860-7176**

MENAGGIO 9279 Menaggio Court #201 - Stunning luxury decorator furnished 3BR/3BA + study coach home with western lake view. Golf, beach, Club & Spa. **\$1,100,000 | Michelle Thomas | 860-7176**

SERENA 3198 Serenity Court #201 - Beautifully furnished residence with private elevator. Over 3,000 SF of living area, 3 bedrooms plus den, 3 baths. **\$829,000 | Michelle Thomas | 860-7176**

MULBERRY ROW 7630 Mulberry Lane - Landscaping surrounds the lanai, waterfall, heated pool/spa, and built-in grill. Three bedrooms plus den, 3 baths. **\$799,000 | ML Meade | 293-4851**

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A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE

Little Orphan Annie's

Two Jessicas take the lead in summer show

BY NANCY STETSON
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Sitting in on rehearsals for "Annie" at the Sugden Community Theatre would be enough to make you believe in alternate universes. Because there, on the stage, exist not one, but two Little Orphan Annies and two compete sets of 11 orphans.

And both young actresses playing Annie happen to be named Jessica.

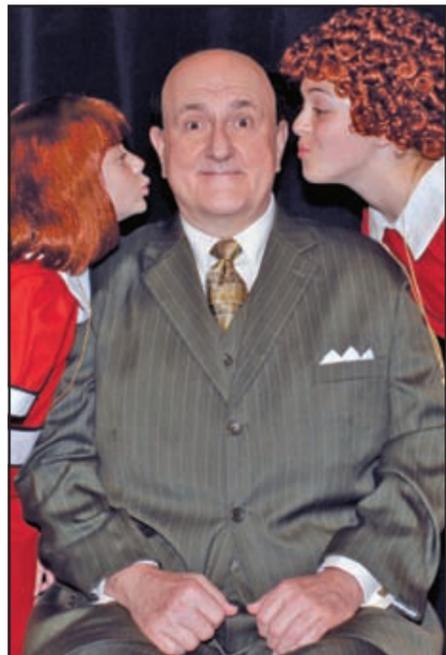
There's Jessica Cohen and Jessica Daniels. They — and the two sets of orphans — perform on alternating weeks.

Miss Daniels had the pleasure of opening the show July 2, and Miss Cohen has the honor of closing The Naples Players' production Aug. 1.

The girls are members of KidzAct, the junior branch of The Naples Players, led by KidzAct director and child wrangler Megan McCombs. Dallas Dunnagan, artistic director of The Naples Players, directs the show.

Having two sets of child actors is common at the Sugden, and is done for a couple reasons: It doesn't tax them as much, as they don't have to participate in every performance, and it gives more children an opportunity to perform on stage.

It might be a hard-knock life, but these two Jessicas are enjoying playing Little Orphan Annie. To find out more about them, see page C4. ■



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Jessica Daniels, left, and Jessica Cohen, right, with Jim Corsica as Daddy Warbucks. Read a review of the show on page C8.

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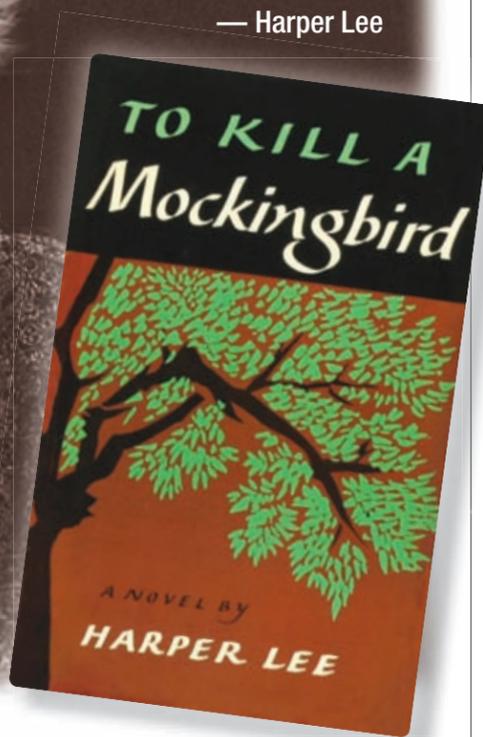
- >> **What:** "Annie"
- >> **When:** July 2-Aug. 1
- >> **Where:** The Sugden Community Theatre
- >> **Cost:** \$30 for adults, \$10 for kids under 18; Vergina has a special package with dinner and show for \$48 per person
- >> **Info:** 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org



COURTESY PHOTOS

"The book to read is not the one which thinks for you, but the one which makes you think. No book in the world equals the Bible for that."

— Harper Lee



'Mockingbird' marks 50

BY FLORIDA WEEKLY STAFF

To Kill a Mockingbird" is a phenomenon. It continues to enjoy mainstream success, even amid a pop culture saturated by social networks and viral videos. A staple of high school curricula, the novel garners a reaction wherever its name comes up.

"It still sells very well here," said Don Poole, owner of One For The Books in Cape Coral. He sold three copies of the book on the day we called. "It's really a throwback to another time, and it brings up a lot of nostalgia."

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the book, and booksellers, websites and literary publications are abuzz, celebrating the Pulitzer prize-winning bestseller.

Joann Ellis assigned and read the book six times when she taught English at Lehigh Senior High School. She rereads the adventures of Atticus Finch, Scout, Dill and Boo Radley every couple of years.

"I taught 'Romeo and Juliet' (and 'The Outsiders,' but 'To Kill a Mockingbird' was the best one," she said. Reading it in public, as she often does, is an unspoken invitation to bond with strangers. "It's the only book that everybody would come up to me and want to talk about it (saying), 'Oh, I love that book.' Or 'I've been meaning to read that.'"

Despite the book's firm place as an American classic, some critics argue that it is pop-culture pablum, a simplistic work that miraculously — in the way mainstream works often do — gained overwhelming and perhaps unwarranted atten-

tion. Like the friend who thinks the Beatles are overrated or that "The Godfather was just a so-so movie, there are those who believe all the hoopla surrounding Harper Lee's story of life in the south during the 1930s doesn't warrant all the attention it receives.

Here's what some Southwest Florida fans and critics had to say about the book that has become an institution:

"Teaching the novel to students at Fort Myers High School holds special meaning as the students learn about the difficulties of integration at their own school. We bring in guest speakers who attended school at Fort Myers during the riots. The students learn from these individuals how tense the atmosphere was and how students from both races came to an understanding and learned new cultural values.

"I also have my students interview parents, grandparents and even neighbors about their experiences during the Civil Rights Movement. Toward the conclusion of the unit, students know that 'To Kill a Mockingbird' isn't just a novel about a tomboy named Scout and her odd neighbor named Boo. They know that 1954 was the year Brown vs. Board of Education was decided, and that Jim Crow laws were alive and visible in our own city."

— **Kimberly Jones**
English teacher
Fort Myers High School

SEE "MOCKINGBIRD," C4 ►

WEEK at-a-glance



'Bright at Home'

New show opens Friday at Sweet Art Gallery, and more arts and entertainment listings. **C6-7** ►



Inexplicable 'Eclipse'

Guys might have trouble understanding latest vampire flick. **C11** ►



Go nuts

Antiques expert Terry Kovel explains the attraction of vintage nutcrackers. **C19** ►



Sweet!

Even though it's a chain, Sweet Tomatoes rates a review. **C27** ►

SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

Belle and the righteous beauty

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Four of us, early arrivals for a week-end conference in Tampa, slogged down concrete alleyways in search of a bar, a bistro — any respite from the heat. We found a dark pub off the main drag where we could order cold beer and watch the World Cup on the big screen.

I surveyed my new companions as we sipped our drinks. There was a gangly, awkward man, the kind of guy who talks too much and buys rounds too early in the night; a Norwegian, tall and blond, fiercely bright but unsure of himself; and a recent Annapolis grad, with dark hair cut short and biceps that strained against the fabric of his polo shirt, a sort of Gerard Butler when Gerard Butler still wore leather skirts and fought the Mongol horde. The kind of man I might fall for if I were 10 years younger and thought I stood a chance.

By the time we got back to the hotel, registration for the conference had begun. Other attendees stood in small groups, laughing nervously, trying to lay-in friends for the weekend. At the back of the registration line, a young woman with long, dark hair smiled shyly toward our group. I realized with a start that she was eyeing the Annapolis grad. When she said something to the woman

next to her, I could hear her southern drawl. She flipped her hair over her shoulder and cut her big blue eyes in our direction. I hated her instantly.

After the first series of workshops, a group of us headed to the hotel's pool-side bar. The southern belle worked her way to the Annapolis grad until she was sitting next to him, dangling her feet in the pool.

At breakfast the next morning, she dragged her chair close to his, squeezing herself into the space alongside him. She stood next to him during breaks and gave him meaningful looks across the conference room.

Late in the day, a new attendee arrived. She was older than the southern belle, and without her guileless expression. She wore ripped jeans and a ring in her nose. When she introduced herself to the crowd in a voice that sounded like she had spent her life surfing off the coast of California, the Annapolis grad in the row behind me said, "Righteous."

That night, again at the bar, I watched the belle have her own mini breakdown. She spoke to the Norwegian in a low voice, confessing some worry, and tried to hold the Annapo-

lis grad's hand. I slipped out of the bar into the hot Tampa night.

In the morning, the belle sat behind me, cooing in her soft southern accent. The Annapolis grad, though, was late. As we searched for him, trying his cell phone, checking his room, people began

'She flipped her hair over her shoulder and cut her big blue eyes in our direction. I hated her instantly...'



to realize that another attendee, too, was missing: the righteous beauty with the nose ring. She slunk in a half hour later, and the Annapolis grad arrived a full hour after her. The attendees fussed over him and the belle joined them, beaming her big, innocent smile up at him. ■

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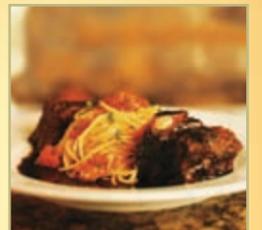
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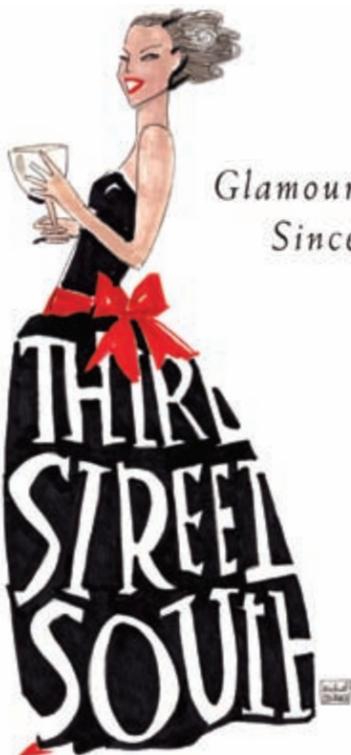


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'MOCKINGBIRD'

From page C1

"I enjoy teaching this book because of the point of view from which the story is told. A grown woman looks back and reminisces about a period of her childhood that impacted her significantly, yet she relays the events with the innocence and naivety she had as a child. The writer's tone allows the reader to reflect on the issues of racism, class and justice from a neutral position."

— **Marge Dougherty**
English teacher,
Canterbury School, Fort Myers



TOMLINSON

"Harper Lee ingeniously engineered the narrative point of view and the structure of the novel to include the epiphanies of both children and adults and sometimes blended them together to show that children can possess uncanny wisdom and that not all grown-ups are mature adults. The lessons of this novel are endless."

— **Jennifer Tomlinson**,
English teacher
Fort Myers High School

"The real event that inspired this story, the courage of the real African American men and women who endured injustices regularly, and the implications of a white woman's attraction to a black man, were all perspectives and topics that our teacher did not address. It was just easier in those days to side-step these issues and 'protect' our young sensibilities. ...Some would claim that this book is dated in the age of Obama. I think it's as relevant now as ever. but

for different reasons."

— **Myra Mendible**, professor
and chair, Language and
Literature Department,
Florida Gulf Coast University

"My students understand what prejudice is and racism is, but I chose the book this year so that they would understand what it was like even when I was growing up.

"They're amazed and they don't get it. They don't understand how Tom Robinson could be convicted even though he hadn't done it. And so they keep asking questions. And you just keep explaining that's the way it was and it didn't matter if he was guilty or not. They're so convinced that rightness will always prevail and goodness will always come out on top."

— **Katrina DeKoff**
English teacher
Estero High School



ELLIS

for what you believe in, you stand for nothing. That's what Atticus teaches his children."

— **Joann Ellis**
former English teacher

"The amazing thing about this novel is that it has been a bonding element in the experiences of American youth for a half century. I'm not sure it's a great novel, but it's a great cultural touchstone for the American experience. As a staple in school curricula for so many decades, it has shaped our collective memory of our past. We have come to agree that its vision of America's



JASON

struggle with race is one we share. For all its cultural power, it is not a novel I have returned to as an adult — except to teach it once or twice."

— **Philip K. Jason**, professor
emeritus, U.S. Naval Academy
and Florida Weekly book reviewer



SMITH

"There have been many cases where I took an unpopular case, or the cause was very controversial, and I've often thought of Atticus Finch as a role model. Now I've practiced criminal law for 40 years, and I hope I've at least somewhat lived up to his expectations."

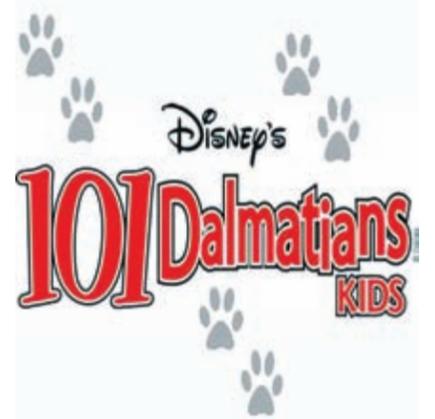
— **Wilber Smith**
Fort Myers criminal defense
attorney and former mayor



HUDLER

"My daughter is the person who changed my mind about 'Mockingbird.' She astutely said that it's one of the most overrated books in the history of American literature — and she's right... The writing is flat and unremarkable, and Scout is unbelievable as a protagonist. No child that age, no matter how smart she is, would narrate with such omniscience. The book was and is a bestseller because it's still a teachers' favorite and easiest tool for illustrating the racial strife of the civil rights era."

— **Ad Hudler**, Fort Myers author,
most recently of "Man of the House,"
published by Random House ■



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 Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 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.

Show time for "The 101 Dalmatians Musical" is 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, July 9-10, and 2 and 7 p.m. Sunday, 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. ■

LITTLE ORPHAN ANNIES From page 1

JESSICA DANIELS ▶

>> **Dates playing Annie:** July 14-18, 28-30

>> **Age:** 10

>> **School:** Vineyards Elementary

>> **Grade in the fall:** Fifth

>> **Other plays or previous stage experience:** This is my first one. I haven't been in any other plays before.

>> **Favorite song from "Annie":** "Tomorrow," because there's always hope for tomorrow.

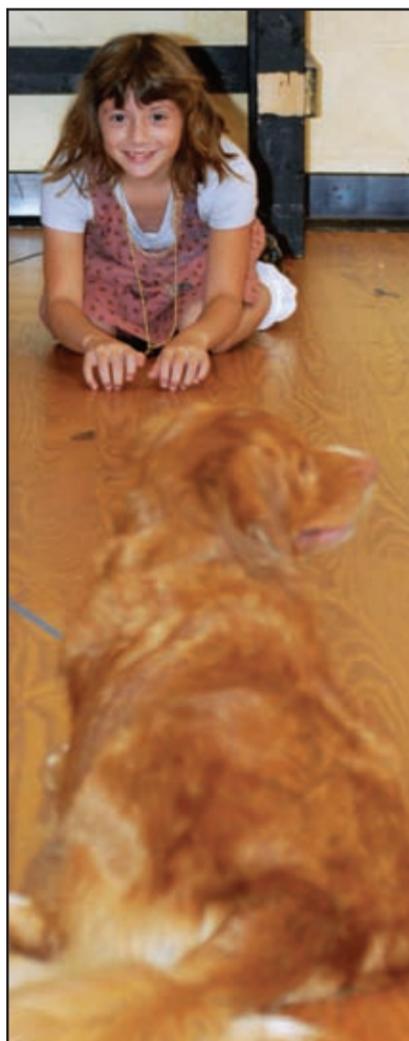
>> **Acting tips learned from this show:** I learned how to turn, how to cross on the stage, and to act very well and fake cry. Dallas (Dunnagan, the director) taught me a lot.

>> **Other than "Annie," favorite musical:** "Annie" is my favorite one.

>> **Thinking about acting as a profession?** Yes. I'd like to be on Broadway.

>> **Favorite actor and actress:** Don't have any, really.

>> **Favorite thing about playing Annie:** I think my favorite thing about playing Annie is that she's always a very positive, peppy character.



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JESSICA COHEN ▶

>> **Dates playing Annie:** July 7-11, 21-25, 31, Aug. 1

>> **Age:** I'm 11. I turn 12 in August.

>> **School:** Oakridge Middle School

>> **Grade in the fall:** Seventh

>> **Other plays or previous stage experience:** This is the eighth show I've done at the Sugden, but my first with The Naples Players. It's exciting to be part of KidzAct, and it's a new thing to work with adults. Some other shows I've done: "Dear Edwina," "A Year with Frog and Toad," "The Nutcracker Goes Pop." ... And in "Willie Wonka," I played Veruca Salt, which was my biggest role up to now.

>> **Favorite song from "Annie":** "Maybe." I think the words really speak to the audience. It's just a very nice song.

>> **Acting tips learned from this show:** The directors, Dallas (Dunnagan, the director) and (musical director) Charlie Fornara and (choreographer) Dawn Fornara have taught me not only acting skills and singing... They've taught me about teamwork and responsibility.

>> **Other than "Annie," favorite musical:** "The Sound of Music" and "Into the Woods"

>> **Thinking about acting as a profession?** Yes. It would be fun to be able to work on stage and bring joy to people with my music.



>> **Favorite actor and actress:** Johnny Depp, because he puts so much effort into everything he does and is a comical character all the time. And Rachel McAdams from "The Notebook."

>> **Favorite thing about playing Annie:** Working with the adults and with new actors and actresses, and the dog (Twister Willis.) I'd never worked with an animal before... The entire show is filled with new experiences for me, which is a great thing. ■

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■ **101 Dalmatians Musical** - By KidzAct of The Naples Players July 9-11 at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or www.napleplayers.org.

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

■ **Dinner Show** - By Naples City Improv at Fred's Diner at 6:30 p.m. 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.

Thursday, July 8

■ **A Night Out** - Evening on Fifth is set for 6-9 p.m. Stroll the avenue, shop, dine or enjoy a cocktail while listening to live bands. 435-3742 or lisa@naples-chamber.org.

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Friday, July 9

■ **Comedians** - Paul Hooper and Karen Fitzgerald perform at the Laugh In Comedy Café at 8 and 10 p.m. tonight and Saturday. 479-LAFF.

Saturday, July 10

■ **Feelin' Groovy** - Jim Witter



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Sweet Art Gallery in North Naples holds an opening reception for "Bright at Home," an exhibit of works by more than 50 gallery artists guaranteed to brighten your habitat no matter what your style, from 6-9 p.m. Friday, July 9. Included in the show are "Red 4 Susan" by Phyllis Heller, top, and "Floating About" by Elizabeth Petite Prociw, above. The gallery is at 2054 Trade Center Way; 597-2110 or www.thesweetartgallery.com. Regular hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

returns to the Philharmonic Center for the Arts with a tribute to Simon and Garfunkel at 8 p.m. \$49. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

■ **Mango Mania** - The Mango Mania Festival takes place today and Sunday at the German-American Social Club, 2101 Pine Island Rd., Cape Coral. 283-0888.

■ **Music Fest** - Germain Arena hosts the Home Grown 2010 Music Fest from 2-11:30 p.m., featuring 15 of the top unsigned bands in Florida. \$10. www.germainarena.com.

■ **Jazz Tunes** - The Naples Jazzmasters perform

from 2-4 p.m. every Saturday through the summer at the Norris Community Center. 213-3058.

■ **Free Concert** - Gulf Coast Town Center presents The Bunche Band from 8-10 p.m. under the stars in Market Plaza. 267-0783 or gulfcoast-towncenter.com.

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

■ **Farmers Market** - The North Naples Green Market, Naples' only indoor and air-conditioned farmers market, is open from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. every Saturday through Sept. 25 at the Collection at Vanderbilt. 249-9480 or www.northnaplesgreenmarket.com.

Sunday, July 11

■ **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. Today: "Spirited Away." July 18: "Bus 174." July 25: "Rashomon." 425-3272 or e-mail 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. Enjoy

barbecue, entertainment and raffles to benefit Partners in Breast Cancer and the Estero Safety Fund. \$20. 390-8000 or www.shopcoconutpoint.com.

Monday, July 12

■ **Theater Camp** - KidzAct, The Naples Players Youth Theatre, has Summer 2010 Theatre Camp, for ages 4-18, session three, from today through July 23. 434-7340 ext. 10.

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

Tuesday, July 13

■ **Free Kids Movie** - "Tale of Despereaux" plays at 10 a.m. at Hollywood Stadium 20-Naples; 597-4252. Free tickets, first-come, first-served.

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

■ **Movie Night** - Gulf Coast Town Center hosts Cinema Under the Stars on Tuesdays, with movies starting at 8:30 p.m. in Market Plaza Courtyard. Tonight: "The Little Rascals."

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

Wednesday, July 14

■ **Accessory Evening** - Join Signatures at Mercato from 6-9 p.m. for "A Night of Accessories" with champagne, sweets, raffles and surprises. 254-5800.

■ **Free Kids Movie** - "Astro Boy" plays at 10 a.m. at Hollywood Stadium 20-Naples; 597-4252. Free tickets, first-come, first-served.

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



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■ **Dance Nights** - Vergina hosts a Dancing under the Stars Summer Dance Contest at 8 p.m. every Wednesday, with prizes for winners. The contest finals are Nov 17. 659-7008 or www.verginarestaurant.com.

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

Upcoming events

■ **Doggie Stroll** - The Naples Botanical Garden hosts Dogs in the Park from 9-11 a.m. July 15. \$4.95 for non-members and free for members. www.naplesgarden.org or 643-7275.

■ **Funny Guy** - Comedian Billy Gardell performs July 15-17 at the Off The Hook Comedy Club on Marco Island. 389-6900.

■ **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. 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. 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 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.



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The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club hosts Summer Jazz with Late Night Brass from 7-10 p.m. July 24. Admission is free, and a complimentary trolley runs throughout the evening between the hotel and Lowdermilk Park. 261-2222.

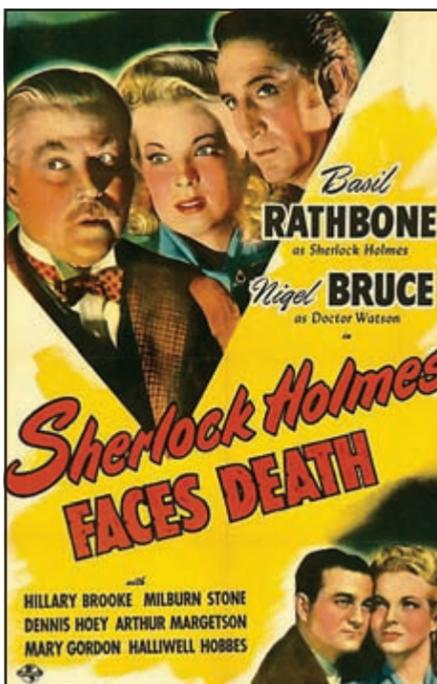
■ **Beauty Event** - "Makeup Madness" starts at 11 a.m. July 17 at Nancy Joseph Makeup Studio, 4949 Tamiami Trail N, Ste 102. Experience styling sessions with professional makeup artists and skin professionals. Enjoy cocktails, appetizers, door prizes and music. \$20. 643-5477.

■ **The Cove** - Collier County Friends of the Library present a free screening of the Academy Award-winning documentary, "The Cove," at 2 p.m. 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. July 21. www.germain-arena.com or 800-745-3000.

■ **Comedy Show** - Comedian Nick Di Paolo performs July 22-25 at the Off The Hook Comedy Club on Marco Island. 389-6900.

■ **Art Party** - The "All About Color" opening reception is set for 6-8 p.m. July 23 at the Art League of Bonita Springs' Center for the Arts. The exhibition will remain on display through Aug. 26. 495-8989.



Vintage movie buffs can see "Sherlock Holmes Faces Death" in a free screening at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 10, at the Collier County Museum. The 1943 film stars Basil Rathbone as Mr. Holmes and Nigel Bruce as his sidekick, Dr. Watson. As he's tending recuperating soldiers at the centuries-old Musgrave Manor, Dr. Watson summons Mr. Holmes to investigate a series of strange and mysterious happenings. The museum is in the Collier Government Complex at U.S. 41 and Airport Road. For more information, call 252-8476 or visit www.colliermuseums.com.

■ **Feline Fest** - 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. 772-5399 or Jcampb4244@aol.com.

■ **Birthday Event** - Henry Ford's Birthday Celebration starts at 10 a.m. July 30 at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates. 334-7419.

■ **Ol' Blue Eyes** - Ray Livosi performs his tribute to Frank Sinatra at noon 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.

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ARTS COMMENTARY

Don't wait for tomorrow to book tickets to 'Annie'



NancySTETSON
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While watching "Annie" at the Sugden Community Theatre opening night, I was reminded of the joke about the boy who was presented with a roomful of horse manure. Others might have been upset, but he was excited. When asked why, he said, "Well, with all this manure, there's bound to be a pony in there somewhere!"

And that epitomizes Annie — both the play and the character, which are equally and irrepressibly sunny and upbeat.

As a little orphan, Annie possesses in seemingly limitless supply what used to be called moxie. She's a scrappy little kid, ever confident that things will work out. She's 10, and though she's still in the orphanage where her parents dropped her off as a baby, she's certain they will return, some day, to claim her.

Initially a comic strip that originated in the '20s, "Annie" became a Broadway musical 33 years ago. After many revivals and multiple national tours, the show remains an audience favorite.

The production at the Sugden proves why.

The songs are catchy (just try to get "Tomorrow" or "Easy Street" out of your head), and everything moves along at a good pace. There are lots of adorable kids and one really cute dog. And there's a fairy-tale ending.

The Naples Players artistic director Dallas Dunnagan has done a masterful job directing this musical, working with two teams of young actresses who alternate from week to week in the roles of Annie and the 11 orphans (Team One performed opening night; Team Two will close the show on Aug. 1). The remaining cast, more than two dozen adults, is the same for every performance.

It's difficult to believe that Jessica Daniels (who we saw opening night and who alternates as Annie with Jessica Cohen) has never been on stage before. She's a natural, belting out songs with ease and making you fall in love with her.

Miss Daniels sings "Tomorrow" with such sincerity, it's almost as if you've never heard the song before. She really sells the role.

And 6-year-old Kylie Campbell as Molly, the youngest orphan, is also a standout. She almost steals the show, especially when imitating Miss Hannigan, the mean and spiteful head of the orphanage.

Ditto for another 6-year-old — Nova Scotia duck tolling retriever Twister Willis, who plays Sandy. Although he doesn't have a speaking role, he expresses himself with soulful eyes and wagging tail.

Great adult acting, too

Adult actors have always been warned against performing with kids or dogs because they tend to steal the show, and in this musical, they bravely act with both. Because there are so many, and because some of them play multiple characters, it's difficult to name every one who stood out. Some gems scattered throughout the production include:

Suzanna Reed as Daddy Warbucks' chef, Mrs. Pugh, made me laugh as she recited the menu choices, especially when she came to "Baked Alaska."

Jasmine Vizena as a wannabe star arriving in New York City gained applause mid-song after belting out a verse of "NYC."

And Jason Eugenides as slick radio host Bert Healy and the all-girl trio consisting of Beverly Canell, Ellen Cooper and Ms. Vizena.

The ensemble numbers are just as powerful as the solos, particularly the songs performed by Daddy Warbucks' maids, servants and butlers, and "We'd Like to Thank You, Herbert Hoover," sung by a group of unemployed and homeless.

Jim Corsica, who shaved his head for the role, portrays a solid Daddy Warbucks; initially stiff and not sure how to deal with a little girl, he warms up to Annie and wants to adopt her. The attraction between him and his secretary, Grace (Katie Raleigh) seems to be downplayed in this production. Ms. Raleigh per-

sonifies her character's name and is almost a fairy godmother, with her appearance at the orphanage changing Annie's life forever.

Debi Guthery is hilarious as the villain Miss Hannigan, head of the orphanage. As she harangues the children and makes them mop the floors at 4 a.m., she's the most cartoonlike of the cast, and for good reason: It would be a very dark show if she played her role straight. (As it is, it's pretty creepy that she forces the kids to say "I love you, Miss Hannigan," even as she berates and abuses them.) But you can't help but laugh as she sneers lines such as "Did I hear happiness in here?"

Miss Hannigan listens to radio romances and longs for love, and her flask is never far from her lips. She has a solo in "Little Girls" (in which she dreams of wringing their necks), but the showstopper is "Easy Street," which she performs with her brother Rooster (Randall Jones) and his floozy girlfriend Lily (Mary Anne McAvoy McKerrow). Ms. Guthery demonstrates that she not only possesses great comedic timing, but can do physical comedy as well, as she shimmy and shakes in a zany dance of her own.

Theater is a collaborative effort, and musical director Charles Fornara and choreographer Dawn Lebrecht Fornara deserve kudos for their substantial roles in making this production of "Annie" as bright and shiny as a brand new penny.

I especially liked the way the adults in Hooverville seemed to echo the orphans' dance in "Hard Knock Life."

Dot Auchmoody's costumes serve the show well. Annie's iconic red dress, with its white and black trim, seems as if it were drawn with pen and ink. (The orphans' complementary outfits at the end of the musical were also a clever touch.)

Matt Flynn's scenic design is outstanding. Of special note are the backdrop of New York City and the muscular-looking street corner (where Sandy strays into Annie's life) that looks as if it were painted by George Bellows.

Unfortunately, the sound was not top-notch on opening night. The speaker on stage right seemed to work intermittently, and sometimes you couldn't hear the orphans' individual lines, whether sung or spoken.

Even if you've seen it before...

"Annie," in some ways, is a strange little musical. It contains some New York jokes, a Jersey joke and a couple of jabs at Democrats. (Daddy Warbucks, of course, is a Republican, having made his billions from World War I.) There's a love song to New York City, a number performed by the homeless, a scene that shows what it's like behind-the-scenes at a radio program, and even a meeting of the President's Cabinet.

If not directed well, it can be cloyingly sweet and irritating. Lazy directors can depend purely upon the cuteness of the kids

(and a canine) to carry the show.

That isn't the case here. This "Annie" is pure entertainment and highly enjoyable — even if you think you couldn't possibly stand to hear "Tomorrow" one more time.

The show has played here before, including a national tour and a run at the Naples Dinner Theatre. It's also slated to play at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre next summer.

But this is a production you shouldn't miss. ■



COURTESY PHOTO
Katie Raleigh as Grace, Jessica Daniels and Jessica Cohen as Annie, and Jim Corsica as Daddy Warbucks

in the know

- What:** "Annie"
- >When:** through Aug. 1
- >Where:** The Sugden Community Theatre, 701 Fifth Ave. S., Naples
- Cost:** \$30 for adults, \$10 for kids under 18; Vergina restaurant has a special package with dinner and show for \$48 per person
- >>Info:** 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org

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New children's garden grows at YMCA



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Children in the YMCA of the Palms child-care program shout out their thanks to garden volunteers.

The YMCA of the Palms Child Care Center has a new hands-on learning laboratory thanks to a recently completed 2,000-square-foot garden at the Greater Naples YMCA. Designed for children up to age 5, the garden will let youngsters tend plantings and learn about plants, insects, the seasons and the sun. At the same time, they will develop core values when they take on responsibilities such as watering and weeding.

"The children's garden encompasses the YMCA's three main areas of focus, from youth development to healthy living to social responsibility," says Brandon Dowdy, CEO of the YMCA of the Palms. "It provides an ever-changing, outdoor classroom for daily exploration that enhances our curriculum in a very tangible, real-world way."

The garden, which includes tomatoes and zucchini, herbs such as cilantro and

rosemary, and flowers that attract butterflies, took shape with the help of 12 volunteers from Goldman Sachs Community TeamWorks in Miami. Spearheaded by the YMCA leadership team and cheered on by 50 children from the voluntary pre-kindergarten classrooms, in just a few hours the volunteers planted five raised beds, watered and mulched the garden, installed four children's benches and planted a shade tree. Preparation of the garden layout, soil and irrigation had been completed prior.

In addition to Goldman Sachs Community TeamWorks, YMCA members and child-care family Elisabeth and Jacob Nassberg are supporting the garden. While children will assist in caring for the garden, the YMCA is enlisting volunteers for ongoing maintenance. Anyone who is interested should call Beth Hatch at 597-5437 or e-mail bhatch@ymcapalms.org. ■

Dealership collects school shoes, backpacks

John Marazzi Nissan is joining forces with the Boys and Girls Club of Collier County to equip local children with new sneakers and backpacks for the upcoming school year.

Anyone is welcome to collect information about a specific child at the dealership at 3640 Pine Ridge Road. They will then purchase the new tennis shoes and backpacks

and return them to the store in time for a student party at the dealership on Saturday, Aug. 7.

The Boys and Girls Club provides after-school programs at its Arlene & Jerry F. Nichols Campus at 7500 Davis Blvd. For more information, call 325-1765 or visit www.bgccc.com. ■

Grants awarded to Voices for Kids

Voices for Kids of Southwest Florida has recently received almost \$40,000 in grants: \$30,000 from The United Way of Collier County, \$4,000 from Trinity-by-the-Cove Episcopal Church Community Grant Commission and \$5,000 from the Levi, Ray and Shoup Foundation.

VFK recruits, trains and supports Guard-

ian ad Litem volunteers, who speak up for local children removed from their homes because of abuse, neglect or abandonment. VFK raises funds to provide financial assistance and other resources for these children's accompanying health, educational and social needs. For more information, call Connie Sudbrook at 860-0297. ■

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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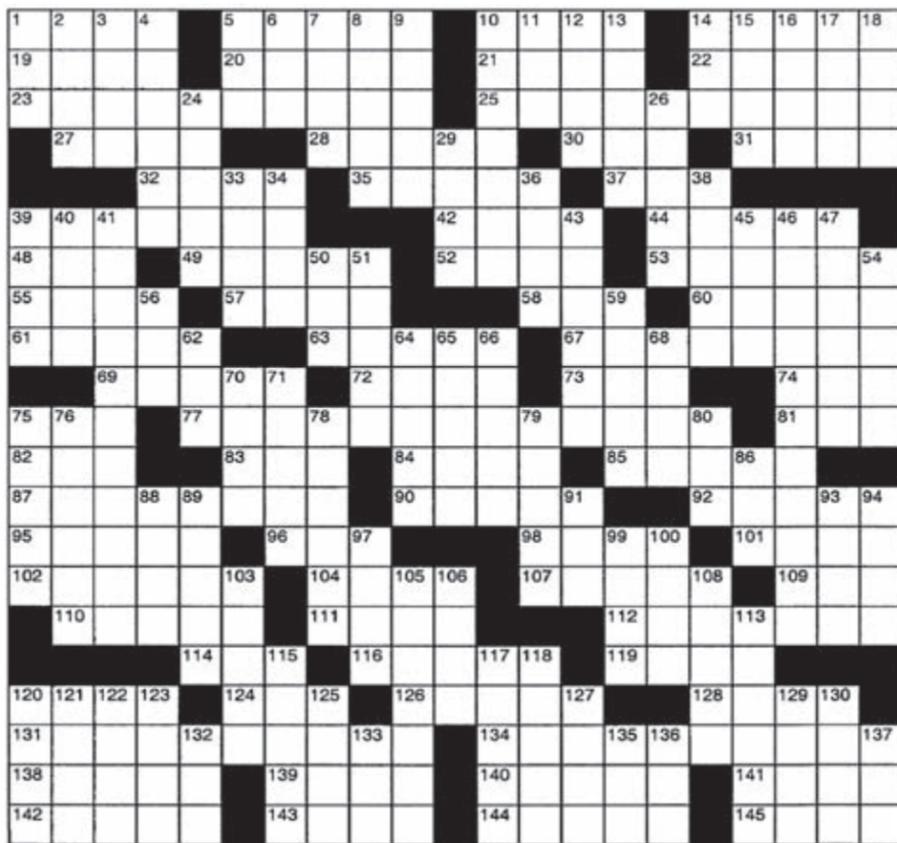
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 - 19 "— patriae"
 - 20 Moscow's locale
 - 21 Clarinet kin
 - 22 Cover story?
 - 23 Deception
 - 25 Gibberish
 - 27 Detergent target
 - 28 Roman fountain
 - 30 British bar
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 - 35 Civil Rights org.
 - 37 Baseball's Kluszewski
 - 39 "Moby-Dick" narrator
 - 42 Canvas cover
 - 44 Some are deviated
 - 48 —Locka, FL
 - 49 Equine exclamation
 - 52 — gin fizz
 - 53 Sufficient
 - 55 Actress Reid
 - 57 Misplace
 - 58 Vane letters
 - 60 Ring championship
 - 61 Caribbean isle
 - 63 Song-writers' org.
 - 67 Idol's perch
 - 69 Stiller's partner
 - 72 Mediocre
 - 73 Mohammed — Jinnah
 - 74 Rage
 - 75 Firms: abbr.
 - 77 Disorderly
 - 81 Marsh
 - 82 Circle section
 - 83 Damage
 - 84 Ibsen's "— Gynt"
 - 85 Flight segment
 - 87 Migration
 - 90 Remove
 - 93 "Moby-Dick" varnish
 - 92 — stop
 - 95 Less available
 - 96 Pie ingredient?
 - 98 Holler
 - 101 Kenton or Getz
 - 102 Hardened
 - 104 "— Indigo"
 - 107 Sign of spring
 - 109 Golfer's gadget
 - 110 Islamic ruler
 - 111 Singer Guthrie
 - 112 Climb a trellis
 - 114 "Uh-uh!"
 - 116 Extra
 - 119 Jim Morrison, for one
 - 120 Lost
 - 124 Tiny
 - 126 Peter of "Casa-blanca"
 - 128 Arizona city
 - 131 Disorganized
 - 134 Weak
 - 138 Spout like Cicero
 - 139 Close noisily
 - 140 Richard's veep
 - 141 Austin or Garr
 - 142 "The — Drop Kid" ("51 film)
 - 143 Use the VCR
 - 144 Rocky Mountain range
 - 145 Pile
 - DOWN**
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 - 2 Famous fellow?
 - 3 Fashion's Chanel
 - 4 Platitude
 - 5 Cool
 - 6 Fuss and feathers
 - 7 Savoir-faire
 - 8 Make butter
 - 9 Biblical book
 - 10 Amusing
 - 11 — Dhabi
 - 12 Frolic
 - 13 Premiere
 - 14 Scott's "The — Quartet"
 - 15 Grad
 - 16 — novel
 - 17 Eban of Israel
 - 18 Disturbance
 - 24 Ashcan artist John
 - 26 Too heavy
 - 29 Puncheons
 - 33 Rod's companion
 - 34 Designer Fiorucci
 - 36 Freightier front
 - 38 AI — (cooking term)
 - 39 It comes before kappa
 - 40 Practice punching
 - 41 Reckless
 - 43 Foreign correspondent?
 - 45 "Petits —"
 - 46 Kind of confection
 - 47 Blazing
 - 50 Youth org.
 - 51 "Siddhartha" author
 - 54 Soprano Traubel
 - 56 Presidential nickname
 - 59 Ridges
 - 62 Ooh's
 - 64 Military unit
 - 65 Selling point
 - 66 Hearth hardware
 - 68 Forgo the fudge
 - 70 San —, Italy
 - 71 Consternation
 - 75 Inner circle
 - 76 Journalist Fallaci
 - 78 Shock
 - 79 Author Jong
 - 80 Prison pariah
 - 86 Taxing org.
 - 88 Withered
 - 89 Act like an egret
 - 91 Norm
 - 93 D-Day site
 - 94 "... my banjo on my —"
 - 97 Mount —, FL
 - 99 Schubert song
 - 100 Carson's successor
 - 103 Haggard
 - 105 Connecticut town
 - 106 Extinct bird
 - 108 "The Bristol —" ("61 hit)
 - 113 Christmas decoration
 - 115 Criminal caper
 - 117 Director Lubitsch
 - 118 Dais covering
 - 120 Way off base?
 - 121 Lassie's father
 - 122 Jack of "Rio Lobo"
 - 123 Choir member
 - 125 Poet
 - 127 Give off
 - 129 Hook's mate
 - 130 Steinbeck character
 - 132 Craving
 - 133 Drink like a dachshund
 - 135 Street salutation
 - 136 Hither and —
 - 137 Puppy protest

HOROSCOPES

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** It's a good time to buckle down and tackle those unfinished tasks so you'll be ready to take on other projects. The week's end could bring an invitation from a most surprising source.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Mixed signals could create a few stressful moments for the Lion. But by midweek, explanations should help ease the tension. The weekend is party time! Share it with someone special.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** This is a good "catching up" week for finishing tasks, calling old friends and maybe reading that book you haven't opened yet or renting that movie you wanted to see again.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Money matters should be worked out, even if it takes time away from a more romantic situation. Better to settle things before feelings turn hard and angry on all sides.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** A job-related problem could turn out to be less troublesome than it seemed at first. Just a few moments of talk 'twixt the parties resolves everything to everyone's satisfaction.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** The Sagittarian Archer takes aim at health and fitness issues this week. Watch your diet, and try to put more exercise time into your typically busy schedule.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** As you continue

to focus on a career or job change, it's a good time to look over some of your rarely used skills and see where they can fit into your future workplace plans.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** A loved one's health might be worrisome, but there's good news by midweek. Expect people who share your ideas and your goals to try to contact you by the week's end.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** A colleague's request that makes the typically perceptive Pisces feel uncomfortable is a request you probably will want to turn down. The weekend favors family get-togethers.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Starting something new is always exciting for the adventurous Aries. And here's the good news: This time you might be able to get some assistance in helping you finish what you've started.

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Put your daydreaming penchant on hold for now, and face the facts as they are, not as you'd like them to be. Your customary hardheaded approach to "deals," etc., would be called for.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Problems beyond your control might delay some of your plans. But things should start to get back to normal by midweek. The weekend could bring an unexpected (but welcome) visitor.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a gift for making others feel warm and wanted. Even newcomers feel like old friends.

By Linda Thistle

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True dialogue from "The Twilight Saga: Eclipse," spoken by Jacob to Bella as he explains his virtues over Edward's: "Hey, at least I'm alive."

He's got a point there. Too bad the movie isn't alive with decent dialogue, a more interesting story and better acting. This isn't quite as bad as the last installment, "New Moon," but it's not much better either.

Still trying to set the record for most whining ever by a teenage girl, Bella (Kristen Stewart) is committed to her love for Edward (Robert Pattinson), but groans about him not making her a vampire. No teen should have to make such eternal mortality decisions. Danger lurks in the return of evil vamp Victoria (Bryce Dallas Howard), as she's creating an army of newborns led by recent convert Riley (Xavier Samuel).

Through a variety of circumstances, all supposedly derived from Stephenie Meyer's best-selling book (which will continue to remain unread by me), Bella also spends a good amount of time with Jacob (Taylor Lautner, still with great abs) and his fellow werewolves. Even though Edward and Jacob are natural enemies and both love Bella, their clans unite in order to stave off Victoria's attack and keep Bella safe.

The playful but serious rivalry between Edward and Jacob is amusing, notably in a tent late in the film. And the history of the tension between the vampires and werewolves is explained, which provides needed context. More amusing, relevant scenes like these are needed to keep the tone brisk and lively.

Rosalie (Nikki Reed) and Jasper's (Jackson Rathbone) back stories are also revealed, and although they're interesting, neither serves the plot, which makes them pointless. That and some really terrible dialogue — which occurs any time either Edward or Jacob is alone with Bella — hinder what could have been a nicely paced, lucid story.

The franchise is Bella's odyssey, which (to paraphrase feminist theorist Laura

Mulvey) allows women to relate to the story as they see it through her eyes. Therefore as Edward and Jacob pursue Bella, female viewers can also (symbolically) feel pursued by the two hunks.

But what's missing in director David Slade's film is an angle from which guys can approach the series. After three movies, it's still impossible to understand why Edward and Jacob are drawn to Bella. She's not that cute. She's whiny and needy. She's so consumed with doing what she wants she doesn't care about the danger she puts herself in, which also puts them in danger. Any self-respecting guy would leave her mildly attractive, moping ass behind and not think twice about it. Do vampires and werewolves have no dignity?

As a teen girl fantasy, "Eclipse" will likely suffice to generate ample "Twi-hard" interest leading into the two-part fourth film. As anything else, it's a dull, occasionally amusing soap opera that leaves a lot to be desired. ■

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>> **No surprise here:** Combined, "Twilight" and "New Moon" earned a worldwide box office gross of more than \$1.1 billion.

CAPSULES

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I Am Love ★★★

(Tilda Swinton, Flavio Parenti, Edoardo Gabbriellini) Emma (Swinton), who long ago married into a wealthy Italian family, finds forbidden love in her adult son's (Parenti) friend Antonio (Gabbriellini), a chef who cooks his way into her heart. In terms of style, the movie is exceptionally well made by director Luca Guadagnino. Unfortunately, the story never quite clicks, largely because we never learn what Antonio sees in Emma. Rated R.

Joan Rivers: A Piece of Work ★★★½

(Joan Rivers, Kathy Griffin, Don Rickles) This illuminating and insightful

documentary follows a year in the life of comedienne Joan Rivers. The plastic surgery jokes and struggling career moments we expect. What we don't expect are moments of incredible honesty, Ms. Rivers' tireless work ethic and how raw, exposed and giving she is as a person and an artist. Rated R.

Knight & Day ★★★½

(Tom Cruise, Cameron Diaz, Viola Davis) On her way to her sister's wedding, June (Diaz) gets entangled with a superspy (Cruise) and doesn't know if she should trust him or the FBI agents (Davis, Peter Sarsgaard) telling her he's gone rogue. It's nice to see Mr. Cruise having fun, the story keeps you guessing and the action is exciting without getting too ridiculous. In short, it's exactly what it's supposed to be. Rated PG-13. ■

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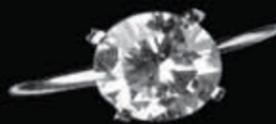


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BY LISA MULLARKEY, PELICAN BAY

I sit, trembling like a school boy despite the heat, pretending to read the newspaper, while she lies on the beach right before me, sleek; her limbs, back and the slope up her thigh gleaming with oil. Do it, she says with her young, flawless body. Do it and I'm yours.

She won't wait. "I have to get on with my life," she informed me last week, as I embraced her in her narrow bed. "I can't live in this dump forever." Now, clad in an agonizingly provocative strip of fabric, she's purposefully positioned herself where I can see her, to remind me that if I don't act soon, she'll move on — find someone else. She understands how her physicality affects me, how the sight of her makes me shiver with desire.

What I must do is kill the wizened creature at my side — my wife of 40 years, who's reading, of all things, the Bible. I wonder if the choice is specific, meant to be a subliminal deterrent. She knows, I suddenly think, and my poor, compromised heart executes a somersault. I glance at my wife. She sits, oblivious in her beach chair, lost in scripture. She has no idea that my blood sizzles and burns for the 20-year-old beauty lying only two yards away.

And then, at two, exactly as planned, I see the Russian. He strolls by, unashamed of his distended belly

and scanty black suit. He raises both hands in the air, as if stretching. But it's a signal. He's telling me he's ready. He'll be on the lake to do what I've paid him to do. Tonight.

This evening I will, once and for all, be rid of her.

Tonight, equipped with wine and fishing poles, we'll take out our boat, as we often do. I'll be solicitous, pour her wine generously, ensure that she's tipsy even before we clamber into our little aluminum craft. Ever compliant, she'll drink and smile, content in what she calls our elderly camaraderie. When we arrive at the place where there are no houses, just mangroves winding deeply into themselves, he, the Russian, will arrive in his boat. He'll pretend to need help. I'll steer to his craft, as if to offer assistance. I'll lean toward him, and he'll lean toward me. Then he'll seize my wife, thrust her overboard, and plunge her into the deep, black water.

Inexplicably, she can't swim, never learned. To be sure she drowns, he'll clunk her hard in the head with an oar. We'll pull away; watch her life ebb out of her. When we're sure she's dead, we'll overturn our own boats, wet ourselves, make it look like there truly was an accident. Then we'll retrieve her corpse. I'll tell the police how, when I tried to assist the Russian, we overturned and she hit her head and drowned before I could save her. I'll tell them how difficult it was



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for me, given the poor condition of my heart.

The thought of our plan excites me. My heart bangs and flips. I feel it cartwheel in my constricting chest. This isn't good. I fumble for the beach bag, which contains my pills. I flip my left hand outwards, grasping, but the bag

is too close to her, and my arm feels rubbery; it doesn't work properly, and ...

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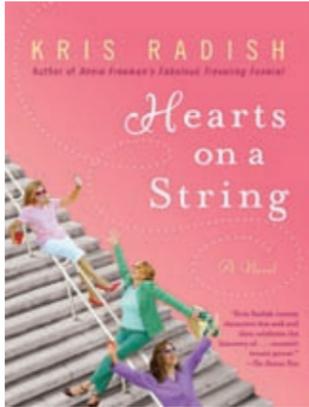
Five storm-stranded women: Imagine the possibilities

"Hearts on a String," by Kris Radish. Bantam Books. 336 pages. \$15.

REVIEWED BY PHILIP K. JASON
Special to Florida Weekly

What happens if you mix together five women, strangers to one another, in a Tampa airport restroom as killer storms shut down air travel across the country? Read Kris Radish's latest novel, and you'll find out. You'll also enjoy an interesting blend of personalities, the semi-claustrophobic heightening provided by the circumscribed setting, and Ms. Radish's sassy, edgy brand of sentimentality.

An aging lounge singer, a high-strung businesswoman, a super-mom, an overly self-conscious young hairdresser and a sleep-around babe get tossed together once they decide to wait out the storm (and the cancelled air transport) in a beachside resort hotel. How did they get together? Well, one of them dropped her cell phone in the toilet, where it got stuck, and the others decided to help her rescue it. The unexpected team effort (a success) and their mutual plight of needing somewhere to stay until they could resume their travel plans led them to share a suite at the hotel.



For several days, we watch their interaction.

At least half of the time, they get on one another's nerves. They are, after all, contrasting types with very different agendas. Given the procession of fierce storms and their need to stay near the airport, they strive to make the best of the situation.

At first, each is a reluctant listener to her suite-mates' surface concerns; then, slowly they come to reveal more and more to one another, finding a common thread that allows them to open up, to listen and ultimately, to bond.

Along the way, their situation is complicated by rumors of threat, by the convention of psychics also at the hotel and by supreme, significant (and yet hugely comical) agreement the women make to avoid using their cell phones.

For this reader, the best parts of the book are the one-to-one conversations. In these chapters, Ms. Radish creates utterly believable transitions from guardedness and closed-mindedness to openness, understanding and empathy. The sections of the book in which all five women are interacting can become overwhelming and a bit confusing. Generally, though, Ms. Radish meets the challenge of keeping a large cast of equally important major characters clearly differentiated.



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Kris Radish

"Hearts on a String" can be enjoyed as a whacky fantasy, leading to a fully realized, unabashedly upbeat resolution. It might seem more believable if at least one of the five were not able to join the new sisterhood. However, it's the process that is so engaging, the power of the wish and the delight in imagining the possibility. Deliciously comic in shape and in tone, it's likely to satisfy Ms. Radish's already large fan base and bring her many new readers.

More about the author

Ms. Radish left Wisconsin for Florida as soon as her youngest child left for college. She made a list of everything she loves — sun, heat, birds, water — and decided that she'd move to the un-N.Y. side of Florida. Then, two years ago

she settled in Apollo Beach, a bit south of Tampa and just across Tampa Bay from St. Petersburg. She likes living in a quiet place that's only 30 minutes from a major airport.

"Hearts on a String" follows "The Elegant Gathering of White Snows," "Dancing Naked at the Edge of Dawn," "Annie Freeman's Fabulous Traveling Funeral," "The Sunday List of Dreams," "Searching for Paradise in Parker, PA" and "The Shortest Distance between Two Women." She has also written two books of nonfiction.

Ms. Radish suggests that the plot premise of being stranded is the dream of many women. Rather than bringing peril, such a situation brings an opportunity to escape their busy lives, slow down and let go. And she insists it would take courage to do so. She writes, "If that would happen, how many would be brave enough to let go?"

Although she says she benefits from using an outline as a safety net, Ms. Radish also says she lets her characters speak to her and tell her where to take the story. And, as she puts it, "They do have very big mouths."

Her favorite authors: "I think Alice Munro is the greatest living writer. Barbara Kingsolver and Louise Erdrich are vibrant, real writers. I also read a ton of nonfiction and I love poetry. If I didn't have to sleep, I would read all night long." Reading, she adds, is "my only bad habit."

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September auditions set for Youth Chorale

Young people between the ages of 7 and 17 who love to sing are invited to audition for the 2010-11 season with the Philharmonic Youth Chorale on Saturday, Sept. 5, at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. The chorale performs with the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra.

Those wishing to audition should prepare a song of their choosing that showcases their vocal talents. Selections should be no longer than two minutes. All auditions must be with piano accompaniment, not to recorded music or a cappella, and a copy must be provided for the piano accompanist.

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Arts organizations issue calls to the creatives

It's not the season for art shows, but summer is the time for area artists to prepare entries and submit applications for a host of exhibits and juried shows on the calendar in the months ahead.

In Naples

The Naples Art Association invites entries for consideration for "National Art Encounter 2010," the fine art and contemporary craft exhibition at The von Liebig Art Center from Sept. 11 to Oct. 30. The NAA will present \$2,500 in awards to artists selected by exhibition juror and awards judge Denise Gerson, associate director of the Lowe Art Museum, University of Miami, and a member of the annual Curator's Panel sponsored by Art Nexus during Art Basel Miami Beach.

Deadline for entries is July 26. There is a \$29 entry fee for two works (\$22 for Naples Art Association members). Membership in the NAA is not required. To enter, go to www.juriedartservices.com and click on "National Art Encounter 2010."

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- **The 15th annual Downtown Naples New Year's Art Fair** on Jan. 1-2, 2011 (application deadline Sept. 29).

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In Bonita Springs

- **The 2011 Bonita Springs National Art Festivals** are set for Jan. 15-16 and March 12-13 at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. Entries for the jurying process must be received by Oct. 8 for the January exhibit and by Nov. 8 for the March festival. For more information, call 992-1213 or e-mail artfest@artinusa.com.

In Fort Myers

- **The Alliance for the Arts** is accepting members' entries for "1 Foot by 1 Foot or Smaller," a big exhibit of little works that runs Aug. 13 through Sept. 4. Artists are to drop off entries between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 9-10.

Specifications: One entry per member. Artwork must be 12-by-12 inches or smaller. Medium is open (no crafts). All artwork must be wired and ready to hang, must have been completed in the last two years and not been previously shown at the alliance. Artists are responsible for all delivery or shipping costs. A 40 percent commission will be retained by the alliance on all work sold during the exhibition.

The show is open to all Alliance for the Arts members free of any additional charge. Non-members wishing to enter can do so by joining the alliance (\$50) when delivering artwork for exhibition.

For more information, call 939-2787.

- **ArtFest Fort Myers 2011** is seeking entries in 16 categories for the 11th annual juried show that takes place Feb. 5-6 along the riverfront in downtown Fort Myers. Categories are: ceramics, digital, drawing, fiber, glass, jewelry, metal, mixed media 2-D, mixed media 3D, painting-watercolor, painting-oil/acrylic, photography, print-making, sculpture, wearable and wood. Cash prizes totaling \$5,000 will be awarded.

Deadline for applications is Sept. 17. For more information, e-mail info@ArtFestFortMyers.com or visit www.ArtFestFortMyers.com.

- **"Too Hot To Handle 2010"** is a juried show set for the Alliance for the Arts from Oct. 8 through Nov. 6. Artists are invited to express what's on their mind regarding politics, the economy and the

environment. Entries will be judged on quality of work and relevance to theme, not political views. Categories include sculpture, painting (oil, acrylic, collage, watercolor and mixed media), photography, prints and drawings.

The artist prospectus is available at www.ArtInLee.org.

- **"It's All Elemental"** is the theme of Art Royale 2010, an interactive exhibit complete with performances at the Alliance for the Arts Nov. 16-27. Artists are invited to push their artistic limits and create beyond gallery walls and theater stages to interact with participants through theater, costume, dance, music, film, voice, painting, photography, fashion, sculpture, technology, culinary arts and multi-media. For more information, call 939-2787 or visit www.artinlee.org. ■

Make a bid for art at Marco Island center

July 13-22 are ArtBid days at Marco Island's Center for the Arts. Shoppers and art aficionados are invited to visit the center and select something from the treasure trove filled with artwork plus frames and materials for artists. They have the option of paying the "Buy It Now" price or making a silent bid for the item of their choice. Bids will close at 3 p.m. Thursday, July 22.

From 2-3 p.m. every day through July 22, Marco Island Art League members will give free demonstrations in art restoration and rejuvenation techniques. Here are the topics:

- **Tuesday, July 13:** "Give New Life to

Aging Frames" with Betty Newman.

- **Wednesday, July 14:** "Conquer the Art of Hanging Art" with Nancy Garrison.

- **Thursday, July 15:** "A Striptease for Old Canvasses" with Inez Hudson.

- **Tuesday, July 20:** "Rescue Broken Ceramic Pieces" with Sandy Moore Howe.

- **Wednesday, July 21:** "CPR for Photographs" with Carol Kinhead.

- **Thursday, July 22:** "Recycle Faded Jewels into Stylish Treasures" with Tara O'Neill.

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Wednesdays are opera night with The Met at area cinemas

Opera aficionados can enjoy encore performances of productions by The Metropolitan Opera on Wednesday nights 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 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. ■



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Maria Guleghina in the title role in "Turandot," showing July 21.

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Opera Naples administrative staff moves into offices on Linwood

Opera Naples has moved its administrative offices in the building purchased last year at 2408 Linwood Ave., in the Gateway Triangle Redevelopment Zone. The opera company is engaged in a \$5 million capital campaign to raise funds to transform the 20,000-square-foot building into the ON Center for the Arts.



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ON Center for the Arts

Four offices have been equipped with basic furnishings, phones and Internet service to accommodate ON administrative personnel as well as the event and volunteer coordinator, development director and Artistic Director Steffanie Pearce.

"Moving our administrative headquarters to the Linwood Avenue building means a great deal to me and to those who have supported Opera Naples over the years" Ms. Pearce says. "Much has happened in the six years since we were founded. Now Opera Naples has a home of its own... it's a wonderful step forward as we continue to develop into a regional opera force."

The move comes as Phase 1 renovations to the building continue. Entrways and hallways were given a facelift in time for the opening of Opera Naples' Teen Summer Performing Camp last month. Once permits are obtained, the walls in the former racquetball court area will be removed to create a black box theater/rehearsal space with seating for 100. Called "The Opera Box," it will serve as home to Opera Naples' Ameri-

can Opera Workshop.

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

The ON Center for the Arts will set the standard for redevelopment of the Davis Triangle area and will serve as a cultural gateway to the Collier County Community Redevelopment Agency's Arts and Cultural District that extends from the western tip of the triangle to the Naples Botanical Garden.

For more information about donating to the capital campaign and to find out about naming opportunities, call 514-SING or visit www.operanaples.org. ■

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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:

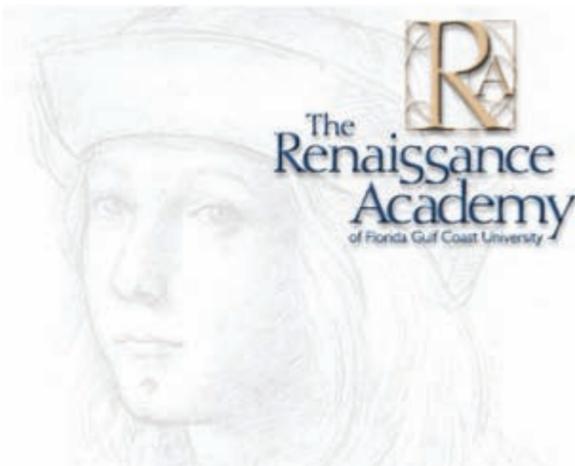
- 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays, July 14, 21 and 28, at the Naples Center: "**Survey of Selected Poems by Garrison Keillor**," with instructor Jeffrie Jinian. Requires a copy of Mr. Keillor's "Good Poems." \$85/\$100.
- 10 a.m. to noon Thursdays, July 8, 15, 22 and 29, at the Naples Center:

"**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.

Film festival teams up with the Phil for 2010

The Naples International Film Festival announces its collaboration with The Naples Philharmonic Center for the Arts for its second annual film festival. As it did for its inaugural year, NIFF will have its opening gala and closing ceremonies at the Phil.

"The Naples International Film Festival is a right idea, and we are grateful to have it in our hall," Myra Daniels, chairman and CEO of the Phil, says. "Last year's award-winning film, 'The Cove' (a documentary that went on to win an Academy Award), was very exciting, and we look forward to another wonderful experience."

NIFF Executive Director Rowan Sam-



uel is thrilled. "The Phil is a world-class facility, and working with them has been a great experience," he says.

The 2010 NIFF is set for Nov. 4-7. The festival's mission is "to nurture and support a diverse, artistic and cultural experience in Collier County through the operation of a creative, cutting-edge boutique film festival." NIFF showcases some of the most creative cinematic works in the world and at the same time supports, organizes and provides an outlet for Southwest Florida filmmakers and film lovers.

For information about NIFF and the benefits of membership, visit www.naplesfilmfest.com. ■

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KOVELS: ANTIQUES & COLLECTING

Art deco nutcrackers were popular items in early 1900s



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What can this painted iron elephant do? The sleek art deco design suggests that it was made between about 1925 and 1940. The trunk moves up and down. Think elephants and peanuts, because this is a nutcracker. Put a nut in his mouth, quickly lower the trunk, and crack the nut's shell. Red paint with white and black accents covers the 5-inch-by-10-inch figure. One source says it was made by Hubley of Lancaster, Pa., another that it was made by Bendix Corp. At least four of these nutcrackers have been offered for sale in the past few months, proving that it was a popular best-seller when new. Today, the nutcracker sells for about \$100 and still works perfectly.

Ms. Kovel answers your questions:
Q: I have a set of outdoor furniture that has been in my husband's family since the late 1940s. The chairs have metal frames and rope seats and backs. A few years ago I had the rope redone. The company that did the work told me that the furniture was original Brown Jordan outdoor furniture. Can you tell me the value of these pieces?
A: Brown Jordan was founded by Robert Brown and Hubert Jordan in Pasadena, Calif., in 1945. The company claims to be the first to make furniture specifically for "full-time outdoor use." Walter Lamb designed a line of bronze and cord outdoor

furniture from materials salvaged by the U.S. Navy from ships that sank during the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. Brown Jordan bought the patent for Lamb's design and began making the furniture after 1945. When the salvaged material was no longer available, similar materials were used. Brown Jordan is still in business and makes a line of Walter Lamb furniture in brass. A 1940s or early '50s lounge chair with original rope sells for about \$1,500.

Q: Should I save the little ceramic figures in Red Rose teabag boxes? I understand they are collectible.
A: Most people can't resist saving the tiny figures packed with the teabags. They are made by Wade Ceramics Ltd. of England. The figures, known as Wade Whimsies, were made from 1953 to 1959 to sell to the public. After that they were just given away as premiums for tea. From 1971 to 1984, Wade again sold whimsies to the public, but since 2005 the figures have been used solely as premiums. Whimsies were packed with Red Rose teabags in Canada beginning in 1967. In the 1980s, they were finally given away in the United States. Whimsies were made in sets. In 2005, the set was a pet shop; in 1998, a set of endangered species; and in 1993, a circus. This year you will find calendar figures. Dealers at some antique shows offer a selection of whimsies for prices ranging from \$2 to \$20 each. A few early rarities sell for more.

Q: I collect kitchen pots and pans and have a very old cupcake pan made before 1910. When were the earliest muffin or

cupcake pans made in the United States?

A: The first recipe book to mention muffins was written in 1828. Nathaniel Waterman, owner of a store in Boston, patented a "muffin pan" or "roll pan" in 1859. Some pans are found today with the 1859 patent date marked in the iron. There are many similar pans we call muffin pans today. Roll pans, cornstick pans, popover pans, Vienna roll pans and French roll pans are all classified as muffin pans, but each has a special shape needed for a specific type of roll or muffin. A "gem pan" is used to make miniature muffins or cupcakes. All of these variations were made in the 19th century and most are still made today. Almost all of these pans were iron until recently, because iron heats evenly and quickly. Today there are some plastic muffin pans that are used because the pan bends and the finished muffin can be popped out with little trouble. Collectors pay the most for unusual iron pans made by the top manufacturers, Wagner or Griswold. Prices vary from about \$25 to over \$500 for rarities. You can cook in any of the iron pans. Clean the pan, remove any rust, season it with oil, heat it and then use it. Don't use steel wool to clean iron pans.

Q: My pitcher and matching wash basin are in a pink floral pattern with gold trim. The bottom of each is marked with a crown above a circle. Inside the edge of



Red is an odd color for an elephant, but this is an imaginative iron nutcracker made about 90 years ago.

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It sold for \$100 at an estates auction held by Mark Vail Auction Co. of Pine Bush, N.Y.

the circle are the words, "Ridgways, Royal Semi-Porcelain." The word "England" is in the center of the circle, and the word "Muscatel" is under the circle. Please tell me how old the set is and who made it.
A: Ridgways was the name of an English pottery company in Shelton, Hanley, Staffordshire, from 1879 to 1920. It used the mark you describe between about 1905 and 1920. Your set is 100 years old or close to it.

Tip: Use silicone, not soap, on the bottom of drawers that stick. ■

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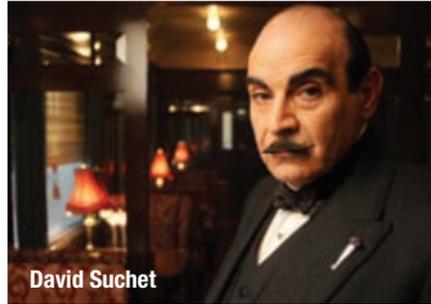
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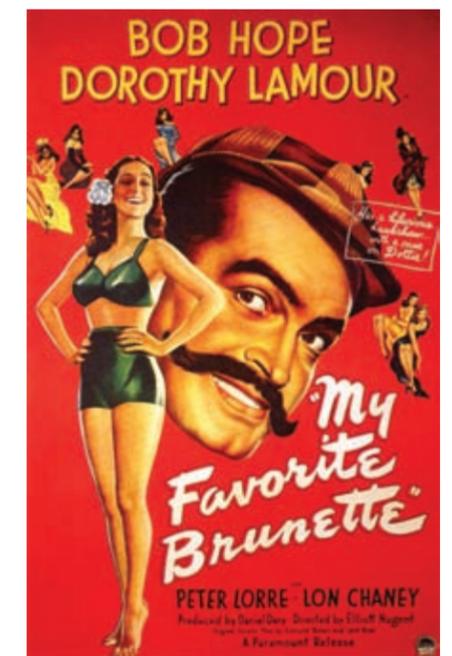
Movies are free and begin at 1 p.m. every Saturday in the Collier Government Complex at U.S. 41 and Airport Road.

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)

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Make-A-Wish seeks help to raise funds, work with children

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Florida needs volunteers with two kinds of expertise: fundraising leaders who have organizational skills and community contacts, and people who can work as wish granters.

Fundraisers plan and execute activities such as recruiting sponsors, selling tickets/tables and soliciting in-kind donations of auction items, entertainment, catering, etc.



Wish granters work directly with children to discover their heartfelt wishes and then help bring those wishes to fruition. Bilingual Spanish- or Creole-speaking volunteers are in great demand, as many Make-A-Wish children have parents for whom English is not their first language.

Many local children are looking forward to having their wishes granted this summer. Two new wishes identified recently among local youngsters are: 9-year-old Jaeleign, who would like to meet Michelle Obama, and 16-year-old Forrest, who would like to travel to Rome, Italy.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Florida grants wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions.

A volunteer orientation meeting is set for 5:45 p.m. Wednesday, July 21, at the foundation's office in Bonita Springs. For more information, call 992-9474 or visit www.sfla.wish.org.

Spay Neuter Clinic seeks donations

The Collier Spay Neuter Clinic needs donations to help in its mission to provide low-cost spay/neuter services that will reduce the number of homeless animals killed in Collier County every year. The following items can be dropped off at CSNC anytime during business hours: Photocopy paper; index cards, bleach, distilled water, laundry detergent, fabric softener, dryer sheets, Sam's Club gift cards, bath towels, rubber dog and cat toys, hard plastic or vinyl crates/carriers in all sizes, plastic spray bottles, scrub brushes of all sizes, PineSol and Lysol spray, large-screen LCD television for education purposes and a hand truck.

CSNC is also seeking monetary donations at various levels, including: to fund the entire clinic, \$120,000; a surgical suite (two available), \$25,000; entrance lobby, \$15,000; dog or cat room, \$12,500 each; surgical prep and treatment room, \$20,000; storage/laundry room, \$5,000.

The Collier Spay Neuter Clinic is at 2544 Northbrooke Plaza Drive. For more information, call 514-SNIP (7647).

Conservancy thrift shop offers bargains

Treasure hunters will find an ever-changing selection of high-quality, pre-owned household merchandise, including name brand, nearly new furniture at the Naples Upscale Resale Furniture and More shop operated by volunteers with the Conservancy of Southwest Florida.

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used merchandise (excluding clothing or appliances) support the vital work of the Conservancy. So, shop — or donate — and help the environment at the same time.

Prices are reduced by 10 percent after 30 days and marked down an additional 15 percent after 60 days.

Naples Upscale Resale Furniture and More, at 764 Tamiami Trail N., is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information, call Jan Castle at 263-0717.

Shelter gears up for storm season

With upwards of 50 adults and children, as well as their pets, residing in The Shelter for Abused Women & Children's residential/emergency safe-haven this summer, the nonprofit organization needs community support for hurricane season.

"Just as the average family needs to have storm supplies on-hand, The Shelter needs those same supplies, times 50 to 60, for the children, adults and pets in our emergency shelter," says Danielle Mordaunt, residential manager.

The Shelter welcomes donations of the following new items to assist with its hurricane preparedness plan: batteries, flashlights, canned tuna fish, apple juice, peanut butter and jelly, cereal, Spaghetti-o's, canned ravioli, juice boxes, canned fruit, pudding cups, snack foods and baby wipes.

Donations can be dropped at The Shelter's two thrift stores during normal business hours:

- Options Thrift Shoppe, 968 Second Ave. N., 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

- Another Option Thrift Shoppe, 5248 Golden Gate Parkway, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, visit www.naplesshelter.org.

Historic tours on tap this summer

The Naples Historical Society offers summer tours of Palm Cottage, Naples' oldest house (1895), from 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays. The requested donation is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children.

For a unique, intimate setting surrounded by historic significance and beauty, rent historic Palm Cottage for a business or family occasion. For more information, call Ellen Fischer at 261-8164.

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Sponsors sought for October pub crawl

The third annual Pubs 4 Paws pub crawl to benefit the Collier Spay Neuter Clinic is set for Saturday, Oct. 23. The clinic is soliciting bars and restaurants to become sponsors by providing a free drink and appetizer to Pubs 4 Paws customers who take part in the progressive dinner party-style evening that goes from pub to pub around town.

Sponsorship benefits include prominent name placement and advertising on the CSNC website, Facebook page and in all media materials. In addition, last year's sponsors report pub crawl participants also purchased additional items and invited friends and family to meet them at stops along the crawl. For more information and details about sponsorship amounts and benefits, contact Tereza Marks at 390-0869 or terezamarks@hotmail.com. ■

Marco rescue group is having a 'Hairball'

The annual "Hairball" to benefit For the Love of Cats, Marco Island's no-kill rescue organization and shelter, is set for 5-8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, at the Island Country Club. Bill Wood from "Fox 4 News Rising" will host the evening, which includes dinner, silent auction, a hole-in-one "Purrfect Putt"

game and a reverse raffle for a 42-inch LCD television.

Cough up \$90 per person and purchase tickets by calling 642-8674 or by visiting www.floridacatrescue.com. ■

Let's go to the hop for Laces of Love

Swing dancing and hula hoop contests will be part of the fun when the Naples Area Board of Realtors holds a sock hop to benefit Laces of Love from 5:30-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, at NABOR headquarters, 1455 Pine Ridge Road.

Laces of Love provides new sneakers to deserving kids and raises awareness about the needs of children in the local community.

Sock hop tickets are \$20 per person in advance and \$25 at the door. Guests are encouraged to bring new shoes and socks in any size to donate to the cause. Sock hop auction items and sponsorship opportunities are available for those who want to get more involved. Sponsors to date include the *Naples Daily News*, Bank of American Home Loans, HomeCheck Systems and Homes & Land Magazine.

For more information, call Marti Conrad at 249-2850 or visit www.NABOR.com. ■

KIDSCAN plans sportswear show

KIDSCAN, the junior volunteer program of the Cancer Alliance of Naples,

is planning "Swing Into Style," a benefit fashion show at the PGA Tour Superstore in Naples Plaza at 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1.

Members of five Collier County high school golf and tennis teams and their friends will model the latest in golf and tennis clothes to raise college scholarship funds for local high school students who are battling cancer.

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. Tickets are \$10 for students, \$20 for adults and can be purchased online at www.cancerallianceofnaples.com.

For more information about KIDSCAN, call the Cancer Alliance of Naples at 436-4673. ■

'Sock It To Me!' for PACE girls rescheduled

PACE Center for Girls-Collier has moved its '60s-style benefit to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, July 24, at Collection at Vanderbilt. The "Sock It To Me!" evening will entail comedy skits, the Beatnik Café and the Flower Power VIP Room, the famous wall from Rowan and Martin's "Laugh In," groovy music, dancing and more hip happenings.

Tickets are \$150 per person. For more information, call Jacqueline Buyze at 404-6926 or visit www.pacesockittome.com. ■

50 is nifty for Fun Time

Fun Time Early Childhood Academy celebrates its 50th birthday in 2011, and a big party is taking shape for Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club. Watch here for more information, or call 261-8284. ■

Clinic sets date for block party

The Neighborhood Health Clinic holds its annual block party on Saturday, Feb. 19, 2011, at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club. For ticket information, call 261-6600. ■

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.

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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.

Talented doctors who would like to be in the show should call the Steinway Piano Gallery at 498-9884. Sponsors and volunteers are also welcome to call for more information about becoming involved. ■

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. Peter and Stella Thomas are honorary co-chairs; ball co-chairs Sharon Treiser and Ellin Goetz join auction co-chairs Stacey Herring and Vicki Tracy, along with sponsorship chair Jeanette Simmermon in leading a committee of more than 50 volunteers who are working on the event.

"Young at Heart" 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. ■

League Club will welcome 'The Help' author

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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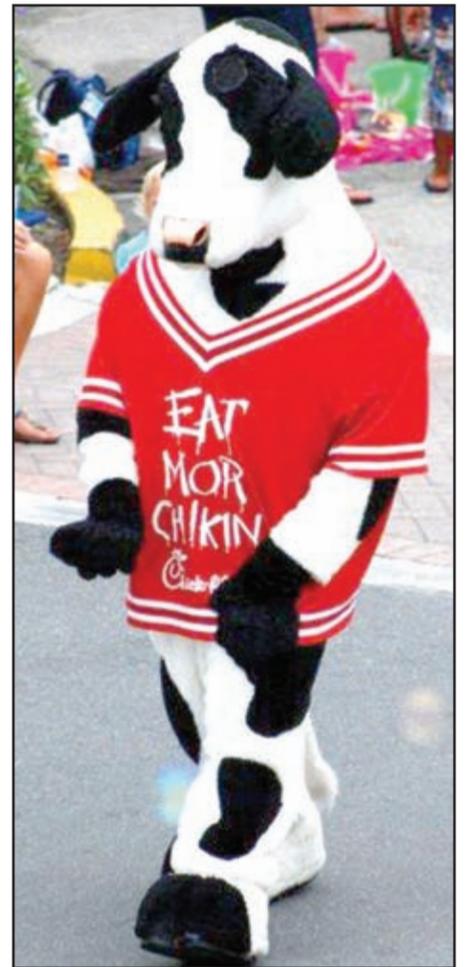
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In an effort to lure year-round residents out of their air-conditioned cocoons, proprietors of restaurants, bars and retail establishments have come up with some tempting summertime events and promotions.

Wine tastings abound, such as the July 23 Summer Sippin' event at Tony's Off Third in Naples, now in its 15th year. Co-owner Suki Honeycutt says summer-appropriate wines will be featured — "clean, crisp, refreshing whites, dry roses and soft and supple reds." For \$15 per person, Summer Sippin' includes a \$10 credit toward a wine purchase. "Easy on the palate, easy on the wallet," Ms. Honeycutt says. Reservations are required. Call 262-7999.

Summer is also a good time to learn about new wines at a seminar or class, such as the July 13 session about noteworthy blended wines at Austin's Wine Cellar in Fort Myers.

"Winemakers blend grapes together to craft wines in a certain fashion," says Austin's owner Frank Pulice. "They want to create something exciting and showcase their winemaking skills in a wine that is both profitable and economical." Austin's is at 12377 S. Cleveland Ave.; 275-7200. The seminar is \$35.

Restock the wine vault during summer sales, like the rolling summer sale going on at Haskell's the Wine People in Naples.

"We're adding items every two or three weeks until the end of August," says manager Ben Sandstrom.

Among the sale items is a bargain red Cotes du Rhone from France. "Jean-Luc Colombo Les Abeilles 2007 is an interesting single-vineyard selection showing good red fruit flavors with an underlying dryness," Mr. Sandstrom says. At \$9 a bottle, it's hard to beat.

And then there are restaurant specials, such as The Veranda's promotion offering 30 of its top wines at half price.

"For wine connoisseurs this is a perfect time to enjoy a fine bottle of wine," says Dennis Genge, the Fort Myers restaurant's general manager, in a news release. "To get a \$1,200 bottle of 2001 Chateau Lafite Rothschild for \$600 is an incredible value." The Veranda is at 2122 Second St.; 332-2065.

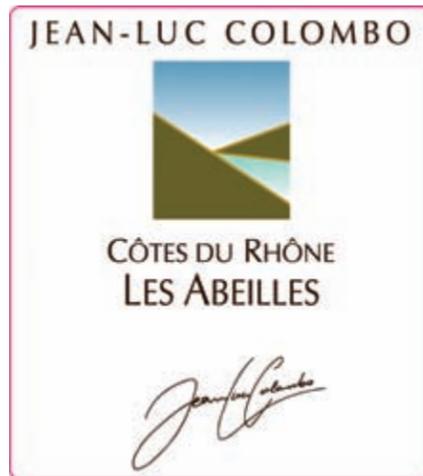
Here are some other seasonal savings available around the region:

Naples

■ **Decanted Wine, Beer, Tastings**, 1410 Pine Ridge Road; 434-1814: From 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, July 22, it's the Ultimate Wine Throwdown, with suppliers bringing in their best wines for the quarterly competition; \$25. Reservations suggested.

■ **Handsome Harry's**, 1205 Third St. S.; 434-6400: All wines are 50 percent off Sunday through Thursday.

■ **Haskell's The Wine People**, 2021 Pine Ridge Road; 254-1120: 6 p.m. Thursday, July 15, attend a cooking class with Caffe dell'Amore Chef Fabio Tripputi, \$50. Reservations required.



Jean-Luc Colombo Cotes du Rhone.

■ **Roy's**, 475 Bayfront Place, 261-1416: The restaurant is waiving corkage fees for the summer.

■ **Sea Salt**, 1186 Third St. S.; 434-7258: The restaurant's by-the-glass list features nine summer whites all priced at \$9 or less. Summer wine school with Danielle Stazler will feature the World of Whites on Wednesday, July 21, Racy Reds on Aug. 11 and The Classics on Sept. 8. Each one is \$15 and reservations are required.

■ **Total Wine and More**, 5048 Airport Pulling Road; 649-4979: From noon to 6 p.m. July 23-25, sample Washington state wines. Throughout July, the store will donate \$4 to Habitat for Humanity for each case sold of Bridgman, House Wine or Apex wines with special Habitat for Humanity tags.

Bonita Springs

■ **Angelina's Ristorante**, 24041 S. Tamiami Trail; 390-3187: All bottles priced at \$175 or less are half price. The Spend the Summer in Italy wine series offers a monthly dinner featuring the wines and foods of specific regions. Next up: Friuli and Trentino districts at 6:30 p.m. July 21. It's \$89. Reservations required.

■ **Roy's**, 26831 South Bay Drive; 498-7697: The restaurant is waiving its corkage fee for the summer.

Fort Myers

■ **ABC Fine Wine and Spirits**, 14725 S. Tamiami Trail; 963-1526: From 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 14, the store hosts a tasting featuring 50 wines and food from Bahama Breeze, Il Primo and Moe's Southwest Grille. It's \$10, which includes \$5 off any purchase that evening and a souvenir wine glass.

■ **Sandy Butler Restaurant**, 17650 San Carlos Blvd, Fort Myers Beach; 482-6765: The restaurant is hosting summer wine dinners on the last Thursday of the month through September. The next is July 29. It's \$35. Reservations required. It's also waived its corkage fee on wines purchased at its market and consumed at the restaurant.

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Sweet Tomatoes delivers fresh, healthful take on buffet concept



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This column traditionally focuses on independent restaurants of the mom-and-pop variety. That's because most chains are widely known and don't vary much from location to location, so they don't really need a review.

But I make an occasional exception when warranted, and I believe the new Sweet Tomatoes in Naples qualifies. Yes, there are 21 other locations around Florida—including the one in Fort Myers—but the Naples branch marks a new concept in design that the company calls a "contemporary farmers market." There are exposed ceilings and high, barn-like windows to allow for extra light. Large photographs of tomatoes, apples, blueberries, peppers and other produce, all at the peak of ripeness, hang on pale yellow and lime walls, creating a cheery setting that positively vibrates with healthiness.

What makes Sweet Tomatoes different from most buffets is that the focus is on quality rather than quantity. The food is aimed at offering healthy choices, not simply a lot of carbohydrate-laden caseroles and concoctions to fill you up.

As you might expect at a place called Sweet Tomatoes, the salad bar dominates. It's the first thing you see upon entering, a gleaming silver expanse that runs the length of the room and presents salad fixings on both sides.

The choices are dizzying. There are already-made salads—such as Oriental chicken, Caesar and cole slaw—as well as dozens of items you can mix and match. There are various greens—romaine, iceberg and spinach—followed by carrots, peas, cauliflower, broccoli, beets (fresh and pickled), various beans, pickles and many more, about a dozen dressings and a variety of toppers such as raisins and nuts.

Along a rail above the salad bins are large signs with the name and photo of each item. On the salads, those that are vegetarian are also labeled as such, making it a breeze for non-carnivores to figure out what they can eat.

Another feature that sets Sweet Tomatoes apart is that the line is immaculate and each bin is well filled and fresh. I've heard that items are changed out every

20 minutes or so, and that appears to be the case.

At the end of the salad line, a smiling employee tallies up your bill and collects the money. At \$9.89 per adult, that's a pretty inexpensive meal, especially when you consider there's still more food to explore once you're done with the salad.

There are made-from-scratch soups, breads, a hot food area and a dessert bar.

We sampled liberally from all of the above. Every item I selected from the salad bar was fresh and cold, with nary a brown spot or edge to be seen. I particularly enjoyed the cherry balsamic vinaigrette, which was one of the seasonal specials.

Next, we tried soups—a hearty vegetarian Moroccan garbanzo and lentil that had celery, tomatoes and onions in addition to the beans, and fire-roasted green chile and corn chowder with bacon that was creamy and had a little zip imparted by the chiles.

A cherry muffin, another seasonal feature, was fresh and warm. The four-cheese focaccia had plenty of cheese but was on the soggy side.

There were sweet potatoes as well as white ones along with crumbled bacon, scallions, sour cream, cheese and salsa. We split one with butter and cheese. It had good flavor and was just the right consistency.

At the other end of that line were



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Top: Make-your-own salads offer a wealth of possibilities.

Left: Sundaes with frozen yogurt are popular for dessert among young and more mature diners.

Bottom: Food displays are immaculate and well filled.

three pasta dishes, including one for vegetarians and one with whole-wheat pasta. But I was getting full and had yet to visit the desserts.

Make-your-own-sundaes appeared the big favorite with the kids at many tables around us. The sundaes start with frozen yogurt, another of the more healthful choices offered here. I liked the cherry apple cobbler and a chocolate muffin that was better still with a bit of frozen yogurt on the side.

Besides being mindful of the health of its customers, Sweet Tomatoes keeps in mind the health of the Earth, using 100 percent recycled paper towels, tissues and napkins, compact fluorescent lights, tankless hot water systems and recyclable takeout containers. With 115

locations around the country, the savings add up.

Yet another concept the chain employs is taking advantage of seasonal items to keep the menu interesting. While cherries starred in June, July's focus is on tropical flavors. Special items include sweet mango salad, island coconut chicken and lime soup, pineapple cole slaw, creamy cilantro lime pesto, pineapple upside down cake and sugar-free mango coconut mousse.

The staff works hard at making customers feel welcome, making sure they have everything they need, checking to make sure they are happy with the food and thanking them for coming in. Tables are cleaned quickly so patrons don't have to look at soiled plates on nearby tables.

Sweet Tomatoes is a great deal for the money. In addition to feeling good about spending so little, customers can leave feeling good about having eaten a healthful meal—and one that was healthy for the planet, too. ■

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★★★★ **Noteworthy**
★★★ **Good**
★★ **Fair**
★ **Poor**

food & wine CALENDAR

> **Friday, July 9, 6-8 p.m., Whole Foods Market:** Chef Illansy Ruiz shows how to cook some light appetizers perfect for summer parties; \$10. At Mercato; 552-5100 or www.acteva.com/go/lifestylecenter to register.

> **Saturday, July 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. In the parking lot behind Tommy Bahamas between Third Street and Gordon Drive.

> **Saturday, July 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 Mar-

ket, an air-conditioned indoor farmers market with fresh produce, jams and salsa, smoked meats and fish, prepared foods and artisanal products. At the northwest corner of Vanderbilt Beach and Airport roads; 249-9480.

> **Saturday, July 10, 9 a.m.-noon, Ridgway Bar & Grill:** Chef Tony Ridgway shows how to slice and prepare raw foods, including steak and tuna tartare, cold cured salmon, sashimi and carpaccio, as well as sauces to accompany them; \$45. 1300 Third St. S.; 262-5500. Reservations required.

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> **Saturday, July 10 and 24, 6:30 p.m., Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits (formerly Fred's Diner):** Enjoy dinner and a show by Naples City Improv; \$29.95 (show only, \$15). 2700 Immokalee Road; 431-7928. Reservations recommended.

> **Tuesday, July 13, 10:30 a.m., Roy's:** Enjoy a cooking class, lunch and wine; \$39. 475 Bayfront Place, Naples, 261-1416; or 26831 South Bay Drive, Bonita Springs; 498-7697.

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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.

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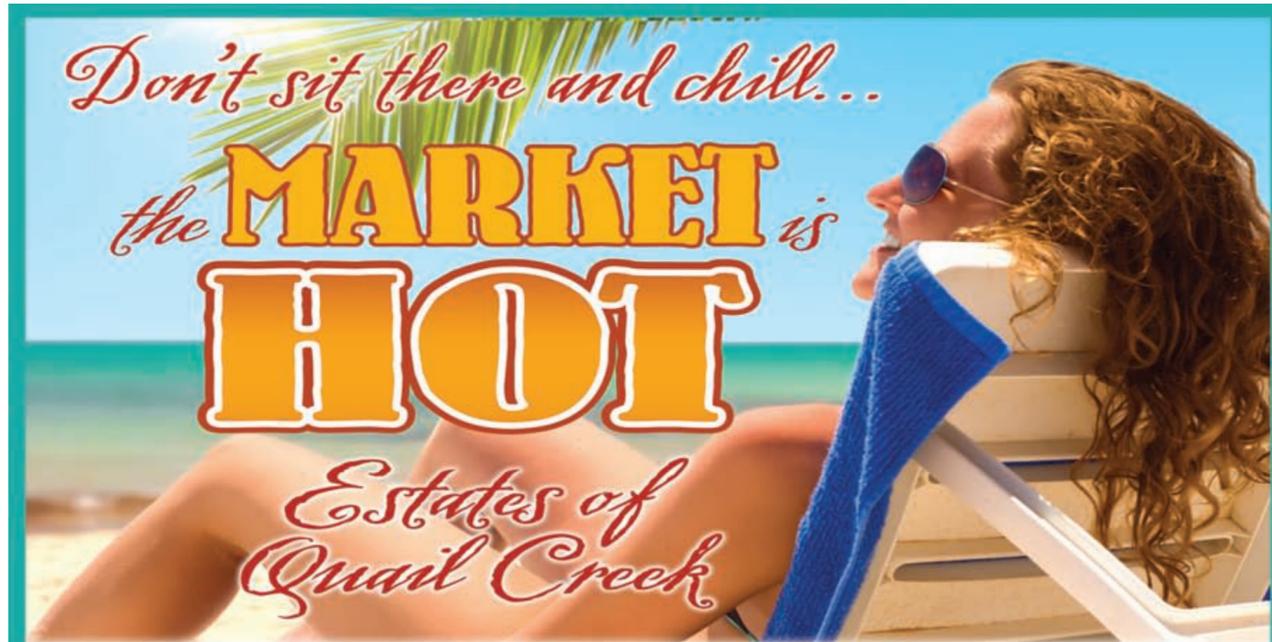
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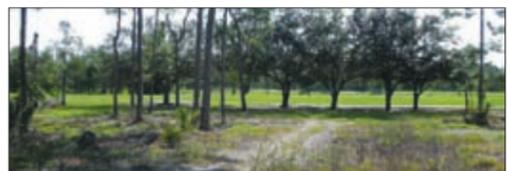
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