

COMMENTARY

Shotgunning for the new skeet

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in an entirely novel way.

"I can't stand the romance between the public and cell phones," Punta Gorda *Florida Weekly* editor Kathy Grey wrote me the other day (and not from her cell phone). "I hate it when I'm talking to someone and they 'just have to get this.'

"What are we breeding here? And it's not just teens, it's people my age! Is this yet another sign of my becoming old? Slice it, dice it, call it what you will: I call it rudeness, brought upon by delusional self-importance."

Exactly. Which is why everyone wants to shoot a cell phone and perhaps its user at one time or another, and everyone would pay well for the opportunity.

That opportunity would quickly encourage our return to a more gracious society, for one thing — a society now against the rules.

The etiquette established by common phone usage now requires that we ignore each other to talk, even when we're talking to each other.

We routinely cut off conversations in person or by telephone to talk to someone else. Then we expect to pop back into those conversations, sometimes long minutes later, like royalty — as if the other person's time spent shackled in electronic space is ours to command by divine right. Once, it was the divine right of kings. Now it's the divine right of cell-phone users.

But there's something even more important involved here too: health.

A spate of recent research, protested heavily by the cell-phone industry, suggests that radiation emitted from wireless telephones might cause brain tumors and other real health downers.

There's significant evidence for this fear, which can neither be proven nor disproven, so far. Here's a fact that's incontrovertible, though: Cell phones emit radiation steadily, and your body absorbs it, all the time.

When you're using the cell phone, the amount of radiation entering your body is two or three times greater than when you're simply carrying the phone on your body, depending on the make of phone.

If that doesn't worry you, then it should worry you for your children, who might very well be at greater risk.

European scientists — and these people aren't fools, even though they steadfastly refuse to use their teenagers as skeet, which I find disappointing — have suggested that because the skulls of children are thinner than those of adults, the amount of radiation they absorb from cell phones could be significantly greater.

So when a public-health watchdog organization called the Environmental Working Group listed almost 200 cellular telephones now on the market and rated them best-to-worst by their radiation output, I got interested. And I looked them up, along with their list of phones, at [www.ewg.org/cellphone-radiation](http://ewg.org/cellphone-radiation).

There are four people in my house, each with a cell phone and two of them children (66 percent of children now use cell phones in the U.S., EWG reports).

Here's what I learned about us, which I present to you in a tidy box that gives you the following: the name, age and body weight of the cell-phone user; the phone model; and the amount of radiation that particular phone puts out.

In radiation output, you'll see a low-end

figure, probably when we're carrying our phones, and a high-end figure, when we're talking or texting. The radiation, by the way, is measured in watts per kilogram of body weight.

- Roger, 57: 200 pounds or 91 kilograms: Sanyo KATANA LX, .53 to .80 W/kg
- Amy, 47: 135 pounds or 61 kilograms: I-Phone 3G, .24 to 1.03 W/kg
- D.P., 15: 145 pounds or 66 kilograms: Lotus LG (LX 600), .90 to 1.15 W/kg
- Nash, 8: 68 pounds or 31 kilograms: Samsung Reclaim, .98 to 1.16 W/kg

None of this is encouraging, needless to say — but I'm not sure what it means. Nash hardly uses his cell phone, and neither do I. Amy and D.P., though, are cell-phone freaks. Whether or not all of us are being tumorized, the good manners of my children are now in serious jeopardy.

So here's what we do. First, we establish two immediate laws about cell-phone use. One: There will be no interrupting of conversations to answer a cell-phone call. Two: There will be no talking or texting while driving, except when facing imminent death.

Then we train and hire cell-phone police, which would not only provide a great number of jobs to boost the economy, but would also result in the loss of cell phones for anyone rude enough to violate those rules.

Finally, we create privately managed gun clubs, supplying them with ample numbers of cell phones seized by cell-phone police that can be recycled as "skeet."

That's better than using teenagers as skeet, especially for the teenagers. And besides, people will flock to such businesses.

What legal entertainment could be better than shooting a cell phone out of the sky? ■

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The United States v. Arizona**BY RICH LOWRY**

The legal case against the Arizona immigration law is unassailable.

The Justice Department and the American Civil Liberties Union argue that the law impermissibly "conflicts with federal law and enforcement priorities," in the words of the ACLU suit. And who can disagree? Clearly, Arizona's priority is to enforce the nation's immigration laws; the federal government's priority is to ignore them as much as possible. Case closed.

In his recent immigration speech, President Barack Obama warned ominously of a "patchwork" of immigration laws arising as "states and localities go their own ways." Oddly enough, sanctuary cities acting in open defiance of immigration laws have never notably been the object of his wrath. Who's to judge the good-hearted people of Berkeley? There's only one part of the dismaying patchwork that stirs President Obama's Cabinet to outrage and his attorney general to legal action — Arizona's commitment to enforcement.

The legal fight between the federal government and Arizona will be a case of dueling insincere arguments. The federal government will pretend that it

objects to Arizona supposedly creating a wholly new scheme of immigration regulation, when its real problem is that the state wants to take existing law too seriously.

Arizona will pretend that it is acting in keeping with long-standing federal intent, when its law never would have been necessary if the feds intended to enforce their own statutes. Instead, the federal government has adopted what the Justice Department calls — in a euphemism for the ages — "balanced administration of the immigration laws."

The case against Arizona rests on "pre-emption," the notion that federal law "occupies the field" on immigration and prevents states from passing their own regulations. In the context of the initial gusts of outrage at the Arizona law, this is a somewhat technical transgression. Couldn't Eric Holder have nailed Arizona for its nascent Nazism?

Arizona has been here before. Pro-immigration groups sued over its workplace enforcement law passed in 2007. All the same arguments were mustered about federal pre-emption. A U.S. district-court judge (upheld by the appeals court) rejected them because the state law so closely tracked the federal law

and didn't contradict its stated purpose.

The drafters of the new law attempted to meet these same standards by directly drawing on federal statutes for its definition of immigration offenses. The courts have long upheld the right of states to make arrests for violations of federal immigration law, and the Supreme Court in a 1976 decision said federal immigration law didn't intend "to preclude even harmonious state regulation." Regardless, the courts will now decide.

The Obama administration hasn't always been such a stickler for national uniformity. Last year, it reversed Bush-administration policy and stopped prosecuting violations of federal marijuana law by users and suppliers of medical marijuana in states that have legalized it. The upshot is that the direct violation of federal drug laws is acceptable at the state level, whereas the direct enforcement of federal immigration laws at the state level is not.

And so the battle is joined, with the federal government making the plea — please, whatever you do, let our immigration laws molder on the books. ■

— Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

GUEST OPINION**We can't afford war**

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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, after he had delivered a report to Congress on the status of the war in Iraq. 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 Pres. 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.

Gen. Petraeus' confirmation to become the military commander in Afghanistan was never in question. He replaces Gen. Stanley McChrystal, who resigned shortly after his macho criticisms of his civilian leadership became public in a recent Rolling Stone magazine 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. 2010 is on pace to be the year with the highest U.S. fatalities. Similar fates have befallen soldiers from the

other, so-called coalition countries. Gen. Petraeus is becoming commander not only of the U.S. military in Afghanistan, but of all forces, as the invasion and occupation of Afghanistan is run by NATO.

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 iswaning.

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. Since Gen. McChrystal took over a year ago, the Afghan war has become the exclusive property of the United States. Opposition to the war has already toppled the Dutch government, forced the resignation of Germany's president and sparked both Canada and the Netherlands to announce the withdrawal of their 4,500 troops. Gen. McChrystal is in Paris to keep the French, who have lost more than 40 soldiers in Afghanistan, from going all wobbly on him."

The whistle-blower website WikiLeaks.org, which received international attention after releasing leaked video from a U.S. attack helicopter showing the indiscriminate slaughter of civilians and a Reuters cameraman and his driver in Baghdad, has just posted a confidential CIA memo detailing possible public-relations strategies to counter waning public support for the Afghan War. The agency memo reads: "If domestic politics forces the Dutch to depart, politicians elsewhere might cite a precedent for 'listening to the voters.'

French and German leaders have over the past two years taken steps to preempt an upsurge of opposition but their vulnerability may be higher now."

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, 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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Mosquito-borne Eastern Equine Encephalitis strikes Collier horses

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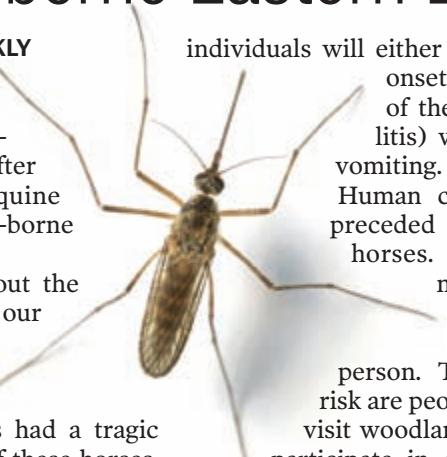
A third horse in less than a month died in Collier County last week after contracting Eastern Equine Encephalitis, a mosquito-borne virus.

"We are concerned about the presence of this virus in our community," says Dr. Joan Colfer, director of the Collier County Health Department. "It has had a tragic outcome for the owners of these horses, and... these deaths alert us to the fact that our residents are also at risk of acquiring EEE."

The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention reports all residents of and visitors to areas where EEE activity has been identified are at risk of infection.

Health officials are worried because there has not been a horse or human case of EEE in Collier County for at least 24 years, according to Dr. Frank Van Essen, executive director of the Collier Mosquito Control District. With three horse deaths so early in the mosquito season, he says, it is imperative that horse owners vaccine their horses against EEE. And because there is no vaccine for humans, he adds, individuals need to be vigilant about protecting themselves from being bitten by a mosquito.

EEE causes severe illness in humans and horses. Symptoms in humans develop from three to 10 days after the bite of an infected mosquito and begin with a sudden onset of fever, general muscle pains and a headache of increasing severity. Symptoms can become more severe over one to two weeks; infected



individuals will either recover or show onset of inflammation of the brain (encephalitis) with seizures and vomiting.

Human cases are usually preceded by the virus in horses. Disease transmission does not occur directly from person to person. Those at highest risk are people who live in or visit woodland areas and who participate in outdoor work or recreational activities where there is greater exposure to potentially infected mosquitoes.

The health department and the Collier Mosquito Control District recommend the "5Ds" precautions limit exposure:

- **Dusk and dawn:** Avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are seeking blood. For many species, this is during the dusk and dawn hours.
- **Dress:** Wear clothing that covers most of your skin.
- **DEET:** When the potential exists for exposure to mosquitoes, repellents containing DEET are recommended. Picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, and IR3535 are other repellent options. Always read label directions carefully for the approved usage before you apply a repellent. Some repellents are not suitable for children.
- **Drainage:** Check around your home to rid the area of standing water, which is where mosquitoes can lay their eggs.

Tips for eliminating mosquito breeding sites:

- Clean out eaves, troughs and gutters.

■ Remove old tires or drill holes in those used in playgrounds to drain.

■ Turn over or remove empty plastic pots.

■ Pick up all beverage containers and cups.

■ Check tarps on boats or other equipment that may collect water.

■ Pump out bilges on boats.

■ Replace water in birdbaths and pet or other animal feeding dishes at least once a week.

■ Change water in plant trays, including hanging plants, at least once a week.

■ Remove vegetation or obstructions in drainage ditches that prevent the flow of water.

For more information on mosquito-borne illnesses, and mosquito control treatment schedules visit the Collier Mosquito Control District website, www.CMCD.org, or call the Collier County Health Department at 252-8226. ■



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Naples City Council meetings coming up

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

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

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Christian activist group joins fight to distribute Bibles on school grounds

FLORIDA WEEKLY STAFF REPORT

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A Christian activist group has filed a lawsuit in federal court to overturn a recent ban on distributing Bibles on the public school campuses of Collier County. For two years, the school district allowed World Changers to distribute free Bibles to interested students during off-school hours on Religious Freedom Day in January. Last year, World Changers' request was denied.

The Liberty Counsel has filed suit on behalf of World Changers to overturn the district's decision. Liberty Counsel is known for legally and often effectively fighting to place or keep Christian messages in public forums, striking down gay marriage and adoption laws and curtailing abortion rights initiatives.

The Collier County School District policy specifically allows the distribution of literature by nonprofit organizations, but only with the approval of the superintendent and the Community Request Committee, whose members are appointed by the superintendent.

The district's policy regarding distribution of literature on campuses reads in part: "Flyers and notices from outside nonprofit organizations may be made available for students, under the following circumstances: ...if the event or activity is religious in nature, the flyer may not contain a proselytizing message (i.e., promote the benefits of the specific religion)." The entire policy

can be viewed at <http://www.neola.com/collier-fl/>.

World Changers states it was denied the ability to hand out the books despite the fact that its distribution included a disclaimer of any school endorsement or sponsorship and that receiving a Bible was purely voluntary. The lawsuit states that Jerry Rutherford, president of World Changers, distributed 2,000 Bibles to students in 2007 and another 1,000 in 2008.

Since that time, the school board changed its policy regarding outside literature in the schools. The lawsuit argues that the new policy sets criteria that are ambiguous and arbitrary, giving the superintendent too much discretion over what is and is not allowed. Ultimately, the group argues that denying distribution of Bibles is a violation of the First Amendment. The lawsuit cites other groups, such as the Humane Society, YMCA and Little League, that have been granted permission to hand out literature at the schools.

When Mr. Rutherford submitted his request to distribute the books in 2009, he received notice from school district attorney Jon Fishbane that his request was being denied. Mr. Rutherford later appealed to the school board to overturn the decision but was denied. The lawsuit goes on to state that he then submitted another request to distribute Bibles in March, but never heard back from the school district.

The school district will not comment on the case, citing a policy against talking about pending litigation. ■

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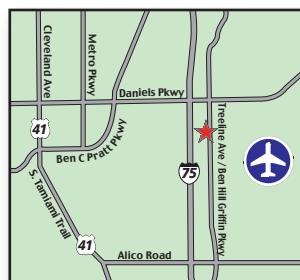
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Neither does the doctor saunter, exactly — nor strut, swagger, glide or even tiptoe toward whatever will come next. God knows it won't be pretty.

Instead, he marches. His cocky, rolling gait falls somewhere between master-and-commander, platoon point man and St. Luke, the patron saint of surgeons.

Maybe there's a little Stevie Ray Vaughn thrown into his rhythm, too. The hard-core guitarist is most revered by the hard-core trauma surgeon who once aimed to become a blues-rock musician himself — until his father, an old-world M.D., threatened to disown him.

With his arms out and his pager clipped to his side, if it's action he wants by going toe-to-toe with mortality, it's action he's going to get — unfortunately, for some.

Blood, guts, brains, life-altering injury and a chance of death are in the forecast about three times a day here, or 900 to 1,200 times a year for Dr. Drew and the team he's assembled since taking command as medical director of the trauma center in 2002.

That seems just fine with all of them. And so does this sobering realization: Any of the 1.2 million people living or traveling in a 6,200-square-mile region, if traumatically injured, could be dropped right out of the deep blue sky into their laps at any moment. Or for that matter, out of the squalling gray sky or the midnight black sky, or off the dirty pavement of six surrounding counties.

Patients arrive from Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Hendry, Glades and parts of DeSoto counties. It's one of the largest of Florida's 21 trauma-center regions.

Half the time they get here by ground ambulance. The other half, mostly, via Lee County's single MEDSTAR helicopter (there were two until one went into the drink off Captiva Island a year ago). In rare cases — about 1.2 percent of the time — do trauma patients arrive by personal vehicle.

To a man or woman, staffers take them as they come: five trauma surgeons including Dr. Drew, four physician assistants, three nurses and eight supporting personnel — every one a cool head. By rotating shifts, together they keep the decks cleared for action 24 hours of every single day.

Nobody here asks why patients arrive, unless the question is pertinent to care.

Were they drinking and driving? Behaving stupidly or nefariously? Are they rich or poor, resident or visitor, a citizen or not? Do they have insurance?

Was it a motor vehicle or boating accident, a fall, a gunshot wound or stabbing, a drug overdose, an accident on horseback, or something else?

"We don't care, and we can't always know the truth, anyway," explains Michael Marcus, the trauma program manager and a veteran critical-care nurse. "That's a human being. We have to make some very quick determinations and try to save a life."

The white-and-tight haircut, the penetrating brown eyes that in 15 years have seen nearly everything under the sun, and the thin-lipped smile above a little extra weight, are Dr. Drew's trademark characteristics. Out of them,

in the know

>> VOICES FROM THE TRAUMA TEAM

Rev. Ben Keller, trauma center spiritual advisor:

"Sometimes people ask, 'Why does God allow this to happen?' Often I don't know why accidents happen. And sometimes it's a result of choices. So I often say, 'I just don't know.'

"I think miracles happen here all the time, but I also think it depends what you're looking for. I've seen a patient who was pretty much brain dead, whose family made a decision for end of life care, rally. And now a year out the patient is walking around and talking. But say a patient is expected to die tomorrow, but lasts another week. And his family has time to get here and mend some hurts and dysfunction. Is that a miracle? I think it is."

"I try to approach people with an appreciation for what their religious needs and views are. It's not about what my religious views are."



Dr. Andrew Mikulaschek, trauma center director:



"You have to be able to let it go. If you take this (work) home with you, you won't last. The deaths, maimings, disabilities, distraught families — all that I can handle. I can't always do pediatrics easily, because I can't always get the kids out of my head."

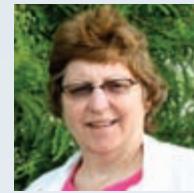
"What you try to remember is that you didn't put the person there. So you try to keep the fires of hell from licking too closely."

"And some things you just can't fix. But you have to have the courage to jump in there and try when you think you have a chance. It's a hard line, and time makes it more distinct. Meanwhile, you have to have a certain amount of ego."

"The adrenaline junkie is a cliché. That's not me, I'm not an adrenaline junkie. I hate that. I stopped panicking years ago — it's just not conducive to doing well."

Kathy Wecher, trauma outreach coordinator:

"We had this lady come in with no ID on her whatsoever, early on a Sunday morning. She was probably middle-aged. She was carrying only enough money for a newspaper or a cup of coffee. We decided she had the ethnic look of a German. Sometimes, you have to use all of those detecting skills. So I calculated a radius from where she was found and started looking in the computer at people's addresses, then calling names that sounded German to me. I found a lady I thought had come to visit this patient — she was well into her 80s — and she was getting worried because she hadn't returned home. I told her I believed I had her person in the trauma center. Then I went and picked her up and drove her back to the hospital. And sure enough, they were related. One of the nurses in the ICU took turns with me getting her to the hospital to see the patient several times before she died. And the older woman was able to find family in Germany who could come, too."



Lt. Michael Hamel, operations supervisor, Lee MEDSTAR:



"I don't think I ever let the job go. I live it and breathe it every day of my life. It's not only my vocation, but my avocation as well."

"For me, it's all about concentration. So whether the patient is a 2-year-old child, a 22-year-old female or a 42-year-old male, it's all about concentrating on saving their life. For me, the more traumatically injured a patient is, the calmer I become."

his generic green scrubs seem to grow organically.

So does his thinking about the nature of his life's work.

After several grueling years of medical school and the subsequent required study and rotations that, he says, bored the crap out of him, he made it to his final rotation — in a trauma center hospital in Marion County, Calif.

There, everything changed.

"Oh, man, did I have fun," he recalls.

"You gravitate toward the people you feel most comfortable with, and they had a laid-back chief resident. So I'd get up at 5 a.m. every day looking forward to the shift. I'd think, 'My God, this is going to be a stinking riot.'"

The first time a patient arrived by ambulance, the riot turned bloody and sad. But Dr. Drew discovered he could handle it.

"He didn't survive. The room looked like a bomb had gone off in it, like 50 things had happened at once," he says. "The surgeries were really intense. But it was cool. I said, 'These guys are not stuck on themselves, they don't think they're high and mighty. They just want to save somebody.'"

For him and for everyone else in trauma care, Dr. Drew says, saving a life against the odds is exhilarating — a matter of pure pride and joy. Mess with that and you'll see a man get mean, as Stevie Ray Vaughn once sang.

Dr. Drew had found his life's work.

The tightly stretched safety net

But after the music, the harder question is always the same: Who's going to be saved next — or not?

Nobody wants to stand at the head of

that line.

line is more muscular than it might first appear.

By state definition, a trauma is more extreme than other injuries. For one thing, it's immediately life-threatening and must be defined rapidly and on the spot, sometimes in seconds or in only a couple of minutes. Either an EMT decides or a passerby decides, indirectly.

If you call 9-1-1 to help somebody you think might die, for example, you'll be asked to respond to a short series of carefully designed questions about what you're witnessing, posed by a "transfer technician" working from a computer program, Mr. Marcus explains. That specially trained person sits beside the 9-1-1 dispatcher.

The questions almost immediately allow the transfer technician to put Lee County's MEDSTAR helicopter in the air or dispatch its single, sophisticated trauma ambulance to the scene, if necessary.

The critical-care paramedics who crew those special units not only have passed the most rigorous tests in the business, but they're also equipped with more elaborate gear than other EMTs and can administer drugs right on the spot to stabilize patients.

While that's how traumas are defined and fielded, it's only a part of what the state expects of a Level II trauma center such as Lee Memorial's.

The entire trauma team, not to mention a buffed-up cast of supporting characters, must be able to arrive and begin work in 30 minutes or less from the moment they're paged.

The idea is to make use of every possible second in the so-called "golden hour," the first hour after a traumatic injury occurs, when the patient has the best chance of surviving with treatment.

In addition to the ambulance and chopper crews, the following skills must be available 24/7 to every trauma patient: obstetric gynecologic surgery, ophthalmic surgery, oral/maxillofacial surgery, orthopedic surgery, otorhinolaryngologic surgery, pediatric surgery, plastic surgery, thoracic surgery and urologic surgery.

A clutch of non-surgical skills must be at the ready as well, including cardiology, hematology, infectious disease, nephrology, pathology, pediatrics, pulmonary medicine and radiology.

"The only things we don't do, the only things we transfer out (usually to Tampa), are burns and neurosurgical pediatrics," Dr. Drew explains. Although the trauma center here can stabilize and maintain burn victims for a short time, it lacks the resources to maintain that ultra-high level of required care over many days or weeks.

But there's more

Social workers and spiritual advisors stand ready to help families from the first moment of trauma.

Physical therapists, pharmacists and nutritionists work with patients long after a trauma.

And there's a novel educational program designed by the trauma center to head off traumatic injuries before they occur, by educating the public about such everyday matters as how to secure children in car seats and how to safely use ladders.

"A 6-foot ladder can be a very dangerous thing," says Mr. Marcus, who is clearly no Chicken Little. If he says it, it means something.

All of which suggests the level of care and commitment in this region's trauma team.

"From the time that patient comes in until they're discharged into rehab, we do the continuum of care, (organizing) all the ancillary and nursing departments required," says Lisa Sgarlata,



the chief administrative officer for Lee Memorial. She's also a trained ER nurse who will still pitch in when beds get full.

From beyond death's door

All that accounts for why victims or the families of victims sometimes remain so committed to the trauma center, volunteering or raising money even years after life-altering events brought them there.

In the case of Dave and Debbie Root and their three sons, not all endings are happy ones. But all devotion — all love, if you will — is forever.

Although their oldest son, David Lee Root Jr., is gone, that doesn't stop him from continuing to help others just as he often did as a boy, his father says — in this case by lending his name to the annual David Lee Root Jr. Memorial Fishing Tournament.

Organized and hosted by the Root family through their business, D&D Matlacha Bait and Tackle, and sponsored by Sam Galloway Ford and Bass Pro Shops, the contest has raised about \$13,000 for the trauma center in each of seven previous years.

This year, however, that figure has already exceeded \$20,000, and the July 24 tournament has yet to occur. (To get into the action, go to www.davidleerootmemorial.com.)

The thorn in this rosebush is that David Jr., then 18, never made it to the trauma center. Following a car crash on Pine Island in 2001, he was transferred to another hospital and died that night.

The story gets worse — and better.

One year later, his brother, Dustin, then 15, also suffered a traumatic injury in an automobile accident. Medevac'd to the trauma center from the south side of Punta Gorda, he was saved by the on-call trauma team, says his father.

"People don't realize — we didn't realize until David had his accident — how crucial this trauma center is," Mr. Root says. "And people don't realize

"I'll come in at anytime in the day or night, I don't mind. I love it. This job somehow was made for me."

— Karen Wecher,
trauma outreach coordinator



VANDY MAJOR/ FLORIDA WEEKLY
Above: Paramedic Colin Johnson and R.N. Micheline Clemento at work in the trauma center.

Left: Respiratory therapist Brittany LaFoe

with his family west on Bayshore Road in North Fort Myers, at about 55 miles per hour.

Ms. Burress, who'd spent most of her life in Naples, missed her turn and pulled into a narrow dirt road. When she wheeled around and started back out, the oncoming SUV t-boned her car.

Three minutes later, the pagers of roughly 20 men and women, members of the on-call trauma team, began to chirp.

Each had spent years preparing for this moment, which began with a 9-1-1 telephone call.

Almost instantly, the transfer technician recognized a trauma and dispatched a Lee MEDSTAR helicopter, crewed by a pilot-EMT and a critical-care paramedic.

The golden hour had begun, and only the most professional display of skill would give Ms. Burress even a remote chance of surviving.

Laying near death in the twisted mass of automotive metal, she had 27 broken bones, she was bleeding into her brain, and her aorta was torn in two places. That injury alone is fatal 90 percent of the time, Dr. Drew says.

In addition, she had a lacerated liver, two collapsed lungs and a ruptured spleen.

By 9:50 p.m., though, MEDSTAR had arrived and a couple of very cool, very competent paramedics, one of them a chopper pilot, had gone instantly to work.

Since Ms. Burress' companions were not in immediate mortal danger, the team focused on her.

"For me, the more traumatically injured a patient is, the calmer I become," explains Lt. Michael Hamel, now the operations supervisor for MEDSTAR, Lee County's public safety program. Lt. Hamel was working that night, but it's not clear now if he crewed the helicopter.

"When a patient is on the brink of death and we can produce a different outcome — that's the most satisfying thing," he adds. "If we can touch them, we can generally get them to the

by the numbers

>> HOW MANY DIE?

About 3 percent of victims who reach the Lee Memorial Health System Trauma Center die there, according to the center's most recent numbers — a figure roughly average for trauma centers in hospitals of the same size, nationwide.

Among Level II trauma centers in hospitals with fewer than 400 beds, however, Lee's has the highest incident rate in the nation, according to data from the National Trauma Data Bank's 2009 report. That includes about 2,500 "incidents," roughly half of which actually end up in the trauma center bays.

But those figures are not reliable indicators, notes Michael Marcus, the trauma program manager, because they don't take into account other statistics. The average age of Lee patients is higher than the national average, at 50.1 versus 45.6 years, for example. The severity of injuries ranks higher than the national average here (there's an elaborate scale used to judge severity). And causes of death from problems other than the trauma itself are more frequent here.

"Deaths occur in three ways," says Mr. Marcus. "The expected death; the unexpected death in which a patient comes in but an irreversible chain of events take place; and through withdrawal of care, or patient self-determination. Living wills are part of this. Somebody may have a constellation of injuries that could be sustainable, but they have no quality of life and they or their families choose to withdraw care."

Thus, the statistics can't show just how good the care really is at the Lee Memorial center, he concludes.

>> BEDS

- Lee Memorial Health System: 1,423 licensed beds
- Lee Memorial Hospital: 355
- The trauma center: Two beds, or four when necessary
- The Rehabilitation Hospital: 60
- HealthPark Medical Center: 368 (including The Children's Hospital)
- Cape Coral Hospital: 291
- Gulf Coast Medical Center: 349



trauma center. And if we can get them to the trauma center, we can be part of that continuum that means life."

At 10 p.m., they got Ms. Burress to the trauma center, where Dr. Manuel Ybanez — who has since moved on to other work — led the effort to save her life.

Meanwhile, the social worker rushed in, identified Ms. Burress, located her parents in Naples and called them at 11:30 p.m., just as they were about to pop a bottle of champagne their daughter had given them for Christmas.

Then the social worker met them at the hospital.

"They were so wonderful, at a time that was so scary and emotional," recalls her mother. "The doctor had so much to do, but he came out to talk to us. He warned us that she probably wouldn't live."

But Ms. Burress did live, through the long night, days, weeks and months that followed.

And now, at 26 — after years of effort and struggle — she's a happily married woman who believes, deeply, in miracles.

She uses three words to reflect on her experience — words that might strike Dr. Drew Mikulaschek and his trauma team as perfectly reasonable, and undeniably true.

"Life is grand," she says simply.

Especially when the Lee Memorial Health System Trauma Center has your back. ■

UNDERCOVER HISTORIAN

'Plumb-Bob' Wilson knew how to engineer, whether roads or poems



COURTESY PHOTO

Robert "Plumb-Bob" Wilson

BY LOIS BOLIN
Special to Florida Weekly

A tool whose only claim to fame is that it obeys the laws of gravity has played a mighty role throughout world history, beginning with the Egyptians, who created the earliest surveying instruments: the plumb-bob, the A-Level, T-Level and plumb square.

The plumb-bob was almost rendered obsolete when the level was invented during the Industrial Revolution. While the level was more accurate for true horizontal line (and more cost-effective to manufacture), it could not accurately transfer an exact point from one height to another.

Many plumb-bobs helped to build Naples, but one in particular was especially true and accurate. He was also a poet. W. Robert Wilson, aka "Plumb-Bob," founded one of our city's earliest and now most respected engineering firms.

Born in Fairmount, Ill., in 1899, Mr. Wilson first came to Florida via Orlando during the short-lived "land boom" of 1925. He was ready and willing to implement the construction and surveying education he had obtained on various jobs working for his father, an Illinois highway commissioner.

After the bust in Orlando, jobs were few and far between, yet Mr. Wilson gathered together a cooperative survey crew of men who would work for cash only (lessons learned during the land boom), demonstrating his leadership and management skills early in his life.

Mr. Wilson went to work as an instrument man for the Orange County Highway Engineers in 1926. When the Florida Road Department took over the county's work,

he was tapped to become part of the crew working on the Collier County section of a road called the Tamiami Trail.

Mr. Wilson no doubt had big dreams when he set out on his new job in Everglades City on Sept. 15, 1926, just three years after Collier County was formed. Three days later, his dreams were dampened by a full-blown hurricane that halted construction of the Trail until May 1, 1927. When construction commenced, Mr. Wilson, who was 28, was advanced to a project engineer on one of the most monumental feats accomplished in Florida's history.

All during his life, whether he was teaching, driving a truck, surveying or establishing one of the most respected engineering companies in the country, Mr. Wilson wrote poetry — good poetry, the kind you can understand, the kind that rhymes. He adopted the pen name Pumb-Bob in 1940.

During WWII, he and his beloved partner, Elva Margaret (Day), went to Michigan to help run the family hotel business. As it turned out, the military was building an air field near the hotel and Mr. Wilson was promptly signed on as a civilian engineer, just about the time a long-awaited commission to the Sea-Bee was offered to him. Because he was too valuable to this local military effort to be released, he lost the commission — but not the drive to find a way to serve his country in the military.

When the Wilsons returned to Naples, Mr. Wilson, now in his early 40s, was finally accepted as a carpenter's mate in the Navy and served on the U.S.S. Cumberland, which saw action in the Pacific Theater. During his 14-month tour, he continued to write poetry.

At his dismissal on Oct. 12, 1945, he received tribute for "the good fellowship" his writing provided the seamen in the Crews News.

By 1956, Mr. Wilson was ready to take on partners to help carry the load. Raymond Miller, P.E., William Barton, P.E., and Thomas Peek, P.E., joined him in his venture. With a transition of leadership in 1999, the firm's name was simplified to WilsonMiller Inc.

"Half-A-Century of Plumb Bob," a collection of Mr. Wilson's poems, was published in 1973, thanks to the efforts of Perk Swanson and Pat Barton. When the Wilson Professional Center held its grand opening in November 1990, the book was reprinted as a tribute to the man who laid the foundation for a firm that today ranks among the top 500 design firms in the United States (Engineering News-Record's 2010 list).

Plumb Bob struck a straight line to truth in his writings. In "The Corners" (as in Four Corners), he wrote:

*It is sure a different picture
from that "not so long ago."
Maybe some don't realize it,
but to us who've watched it grow,
There is quite a change in Naples,
seems that nothing holds her down,
And I am proud along with you
'cause it's my HOME TOWN!*

— Thanks to Al Reynolds for furnishing the Undercover Historian with a copy of "Plumb Bob" and to Raymond W. Miller for capturing your company's founder's history. I hope other businesses and institutions take your lead. ■

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Free seminars coming up

Physicians Regional Healthcare System presents the following free seminars, all taking place at Physicians Regional -Pine Ridge:

• **Knee Arthritis: A to Z** – 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 20. Dr. Jon Dounchis discusses options for treating arthritis of the knee, from computer-assisted and MRI-guided surgeries to custom knee balancing and replacements designed just for women.

• **Robotic Arm Knee Surgery** – 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 21 and 28. Dr. Frederick Buechel explains the MAKOplasty option for people with early to mid-stage osteoarthritis of the knee.

• **Newest Advances in Shoulder Surgery** – 6 p.m. Thursday, July 22. Dr. Steven Goldberg discusses the various causes of shoulder pain, from arthritis to rotator cuff disorders, and treatments including shoulder resurfacing, minimally invasive arthroscopic surgery and joint replacement surgery.

To register for any of the above, visit www.physiciansregional.net/events. ■

Classes for coping with vision loss

Lighthouse of Collier Inc., Center for Blindness and Vision Loss and the Division of Blind Services present classes to help people who are going blind or having vision loss. Sessions are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Monday and Thursday at Lighthouse of Collier's new headquarters, 424 Bayfront Place. Call 430-3934 or visit www.lighthouseofcollier.org for more information. ■

BY DR. JOHN MCHUGH

Special to Florida Weekly

The reason why the prostate doesn't get any respect has a little to do with the very nature of the organ and its disease and a little to do with the mindset of the male. The perfect storm — a gland that the male can't see or feel and a cancer that doesn't cause symptoms until it is too late — accounts for more than 25,000 deaths a year in the United States a year.

Look at the following reasons and see if a loved one, or maybe even you, isn't guilty as well.

■ 1. Unlike a woman's breast that gets all the attention an organ could ever want, the prostate lives a very isolated life. You can't see it, you can't feel it, men don't know what it does and they sure as heck don't want a stranger probing around to disturb it or try to feel it.

Men feel unmanly with the very thought of a rectal exam and would just as soon not have the prostate checked. Men are told to examine their testicles in the shower, and women to do breast self exams often, but no one suggests that the male contort himself to examine his prostate. Its very location bespeaks of nature giving it no respect.

■ 2. The blood test PSA further complicates the prostate's social life. Before the PSA test, the only way to check on the prostate was a rectal exam. With the advent of this simple test, however, men and doctors started substituting it for a rectal exam. It's an easy sell; not doing a rectal exam makes a doctor's visit much more pleasant for both the doctor and the patient. Everybody ends up happy — except, of course, the dejected and unchecked prostate. One can have prostate cancer with a normal PSA.

■ 3. Even when the prostate tries to exert itself with prostate cancer, it gets little attention both because of the prevailing belief that prostate cancer doesn't kill people and that it often occurs only in older men. Media reports state that most men die with prostate cancer and not of it, despite more than 200,000 cases diagnosed and 25,000 deaths a year.

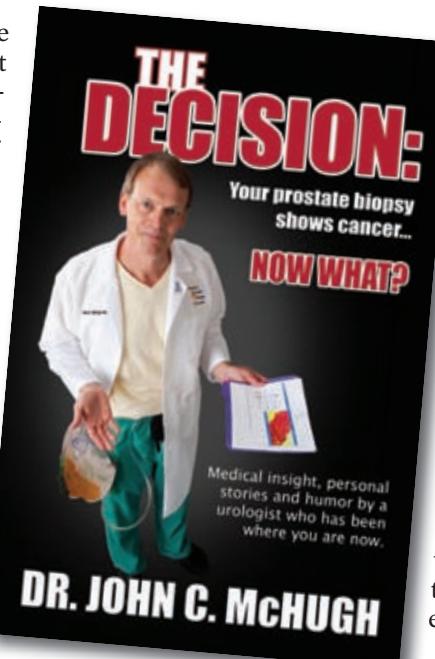
■ 4. Many patients, but particularly men, will only go to the doctor if they perceive a problem with an organ or if a symptom presents itself.

Unlike chest pain indicating a problem with the heart or blood in the urine indicating a problem with the kidneys, prostate cancer has no symptoms until it is too late to do something. Prostate cancers often originate away from the tube men urinate through; as a result there will be no urinary symptoms until the prostate cancer has become fairly extensive. Men can have prostate cancer for years without any symptoms.

■ 5. If the hurdles in checking for cancer weren't enough of a deterrent to early detection, the idea of what can happen to the male after treatment further complicates the prostate's life. It's almost as if it's mad about being ignored throughout its life.

Now that something has to be done to treat the cancer, the angry prostate exacts its revenge in the form of leaking urine and sexual dysfunction.

A casual conversation between a urologist and a friend at a party makes



the above points nicely:

When asked by his 49-year-old friend when he should have his prostate checked, the doctor said the blood work and exam could be done in less than five minutes. He even offered to do the exam for free. The friend said he was having no symptoms, and the urologist stressed that that was irrelevant.

The friend then said he had had a colonoscopy and

asked if that checked the prostate. The urologist said no, that was a different organ. The friend then asked, like so many people, "Isn't prostate cancer a disease of old men?" The urologist told him Frank Zappa died in his 50s, three years after the diagnosis of prostate cancer.

In the matter of this brief conversation, this college-educated friend had verbalized almost all the half-truths regarding prostate cancer. He confirmed yet again why prostate cancer is often diagnosed late, and perfectly illustrated why the prostate is "the Rodney Dangerfield of organs."

When men acknowledge the respect that prostate cancer deserves, there will be a heightened awareness, early detection and treatment in a more curable phase of prostate cancer.

— For more information, visit www.theprostatedecision.com. ■

STRAIGHT TALK

There's always room for improvement

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Research indicates that children who do best in school receive three or more compliments for every criticism, whereas children who do poorly receive two criticisms for every compliment. What does this have to do with us at NCH?

Well, each week I get numerous e-mails from colleagues, patients and visitors. Most messages are pleasant and complimentary of the work our NCH team delivers to the community. But folks sometimes write to remind me that in some areas we have room for improvement.

Last week, I received an e-mail from a regular Straight Talk reader who criticized me for being "too positive" about NCH and not reporting the negatives. Point taken. So here are four other e-mails I also received last week.

The first wasn't particularly encouraging. Michael Spence, R.N. and administrative coordinator for North Naples, reported two disappointing incidents where communication among caregivers was less than optimal. Taking a moment to share information and understand a colleague's point of view helps the patient as well as family members and everyone involved in the care.

Occasionally, we get rushed, become inconsiderate or just don't think. If these occasional lapses are not recognized and corrected, such deteriorations can become a standard of behavior. We will all feel better with free, open and collegial communications among ourselves. We can do better as we understand other people's point of view.

The next three e-mails were considerably more encouraging.

R.N. Julie Stoner, North Naples Emergency Room Shared Governance Practice Council representative, e-mailed about her Emergency Department group's "Push the Button" campaign. Complete with posters and

buttons, the campaign reminds us how important it is to capture all Pyxis items. Pyxis is a system designed to ensure that all the necessary supplies to care for patients are on hand. Ms. Stoner's group recognized the opportunity to be fair to ourselves by consistently capturing the cost of supplies. At the end of the month, customer service representative Nicole Rossbach will report on how much money has been saved. "If this is a success in the ED, then we would be happy to help launch system-wide," Ms. Stoner wrote.

Lynn Thorn, financial counselor for the North Naples ER, wrote: "We did it as a TEAM — \$100,000 in collections in the North Naples ER since January." Ms. Thorn invited me over for sweet treats she brought in for everyone to celebrate in the ER break room. With changes in health-care reimbursement, improved performance in both financial and quality metrics are essential for the health of our community.

Finally, R.N. Marietta Mauhay, nurse manager in our Comprehensive Reha-

bilitation Center, 5SW/5SE, wrote that staff members from rehab volunteered to sponsor a float in the Fourth of July parade. The signs used for the parade were made by patients during arts and healing sessions. Tiffany Schlenk, unit secretary, led the project.

"It was a success," Ms. Mauhay wrote. "We had fun. We did it to symbolize what we do in rehab... giving patients independence and freedom after their stay with us at CRC." She also shared pictures from the parade, as did our MacDonald SeaCarium team, all of which can be viewed at www.NCHMD.org/naplesparade.

So there you have it: A sample of a typical week's mailbag to the CEO. I understand there's always room for improvement at our hospital. But it's nice to know that the vast majority of unsolicited messages I receive are complimentary of the amazing work our staff does to safeguard the health of our community. ■

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

LEGISLATURE

From page 1

tion at a condo on Fort Myers Beach because of the governor's announcement. "I think it's a waste of taxpayer dollars, but I'm going to go anyway," she says with a laugh.

Oil drilling in state waters, three to 10 miles from the coastline, is prohibited under current Florida law. Drilling in federal waters, such as the location of BP's Deepwater Horizon rig, is allowed, although the Obama administration is fighting to preserve a temporary moratorium on drilling in those waters. The amendment Gov. Crist seeks would make it impossible to ever drill near the state's coast.

"It would be premature to say how I would vote for anything. I will tell you I don't think adding another amendment to the ballot would be a good thing," says Sen. Garrett Richter. "We're going to add something that's already in the statute. I'd be inclined to vote no."

The move for an amendment comes in the wake of the Deepwater Horizon spill off the coast of Louisiana that, as of this writing, continues to gush into the Gulf of Mexico. Oil has washed onto beaches in northern Florida and threatens other parts of the state.

Prior to the spill, lawmakers were con-



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"(Drilling) is off the table, at least during my duration as a legislator. The challenge with putting it in the state constitution,

with the next generation, and the changing of technology, should their ability to take oil be prevented?"

sidering overturning state law and allowing oil rigs near the coastline. During the 2008-2009 legislative session, the House passed a measure that would have allowed drilling, but the bill never made it to the Senate. Earlier this year, a House committee spent several weeks hearing testimony and reviewing studies on the environmental, economic and technical details of what drilling in state waters could mean. The studies overwhelmingly suggested that the possibility of a catastrophic spill was highly unlikely.

"At best, some of the testimony we heard was misleading," says Rep. Gary Aubuchon. "It has galvanized my mind that we clearly have a lot of work to do to safeguard any drilling efforts that would

ever occur before we consider drilling in state waters."

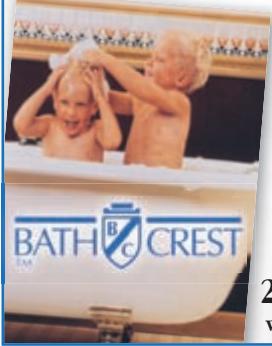
Mr. Aubuchon was leaning in support of drilling earlier this year, until the BP spill. He is concerned, however, that a constitutional amendment would tie the state's hands in case there is a time in the future when drilling is considered an option.

"(Drilling) is off the table, at least during my duration as a legislator," he says. "The challenge with putting it in the state constitution, with the next generation, and the changing of technology, should their ability to take oil be prevented?"

While the governor's call for the session focuses strictly on putting the amendment on the ballot, some legislators could call for an expansion of the scope of the session to discuss other oil spill-related topics, such as tax relief for impacted businesses and property owners. The session is set for July 20-23. ■

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PET TALES

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BY DR. MARTY BECKER & GINA SPADAFORI

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If you're looking for a way to lower your stress, improve your health and get your children off the couch, part of the answer may be fish — not eating them, but keeping them.

Whether you choose a small tank with a few freshwater fish or a stunning saltwater setup that makes you feel like a deep-sea diver without getting wet, you'll be getting some of the proven benefits of keeping fish. Studies showing the stress-relieving nature of fish-gazing have led to the proliferation of tanks in clinical settings such as dental offices and nursing homes. Tanks have helped calm troubled children and stimulate appetites in adults with diminished brain function.

The benefits of fish extend to the home as well.

"I do think people need contact with nature," said Dr. Alan Beck, director of the Center for the Human-Animal Bond at Purdue University. "The technology has made it so much easier to keep fish now. Fish can be very low-maintenance, and they are so attractive. Fish are remarkably well-designed, and it's easy to appreciate that."

While glass tanks are still by far the most common, high-tech plastics have released a wave of new designs, making

possible seamless tanks that look as if the fish are swimming in air. New technology has also created filtration systems that have made tank maintenance easier.

And, of course, it's water that really counts when it comes to keeping fish alive, says Dr. Roy Yanong, a veterinarian with a lifelong love of fish-keeping that he turned into a career with the Tropical Aquaculture Laboratory at the University of Florida, which helps to support the state's fish-breeding industry.

"Keeping fish doesn't have to be difficult," said Dr. Yanong. "Depending on the species, you can start with a 10-gallon tank. But you always have to think about the water. Fish make ammonia, which is excreted through their gills. You need the right number of fish, and a bio-filter with the right set of bacteria. If you don't have that, the water will turn toxic, and that's when fish die."

But just as you don't need to be an ichthyologist — a fish expert — to keep healthy fish, you don't have to be a chemist either, says Dr. Yanong. All you need to make sure the water is right for your fish is to test it yourself with easy-to-find kits, or have it tested at a specialty aquarium store.

"Help with fish-keeping is pretty easy to get," he said. "You can talk to some-



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A good aquarium store can offer tips on getting started with the right equipment and fish.

one who's keeping fish successfully. You can also find sites online that can help."

Dr. Yanong has been working with fish since 1992, which is also when the popularity of keeping aquatic pets started to grow.

"Aquaria is where a lot of kids first got their interest in nature," said Dr. Yanong. "I know I did. And while any pet can be an entry into the world of nature, the fascinating thing about fish is that you're not just keeping pets, you're running an ecosystem."

At a time when it's hard to get kids to put down the video games and get off the couch, experts say looking into a fish tank may be key to getting youngsters out the door — perhaps to a career in science. And it can all start with a small tank and a couple of guppies. ■

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*There was one time and only the one
When dust really took in the sun
And from that one intake of fire
All creatures still warmly suspire.*

— “Sitting by a Bush in Broad Sunlight,” Robert Frost

In the latest issue of the journal Biological Psychology, Elke Vlemincx writes that sighs function to rebalance the inherently dynamic and chaotic system of respiration. A sigh acts to reboot the breath.

In situations of stress, breathing patterns become stuck, non-responsive. That causes lungs to become stiff and less efficient. A sigh, defined as at least twice the mean volume of a breath, brings new responsive breath beginning.

This study also indicates that it is only the sighs that arise naturally from within the system that function in this way. Forced sighs do not cause rebalance, but only more tension.

Meditators who take the breath as the object of their meditation will not be surprised by this study.

In the Anapanasati Sutta, the Breath-Mindfulness Discourse, Buddha begins

by simply noting: I am breathing in a long breath; I am breathing in a short breath. The meditator witnesses without controlling.

But what is being seen? And who is seeing?

The Latin word for breath is *spiritus*. This Latin word has many meanings: courage, vigor, life-force.

These meanings intend to refer to something outside the material, physical body.

Yet breath, spirit, is moving within the body. And breath brings into body all that seems to be outside, separate from body.

There is a thought experiment called “Mary’s Room.” Mary is a brilliant neurophysiologist who is forced to examine the world from a black and white room via a black and white television monitor. She measures and defines both the wavelengths that produce color as well as the physiology, retinal and vocal, that produce statements of color recognition. She can recognize and describe clearly what is happening when a lovely blue sky evokes the statement: That is a lovely blue sky.

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The Vietnamese Buddhist monk Thich Nhat Hanh would echo a resounding yes. The experience of color is not given in the conceptualization of it. The experi-

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ence is ultimately important. He writes:

“People usually consider walking on water or in thin air a miracle. But I think the real miracle is not to walk either on water or in thin air, but to walk on earth. Every day we are engaged in a miracle which we don’t even recognize: a blue sky, white clouds, green leaves, the black, curious eyes of a child — our own two eyes. All is a miracle.”

How could one do more than merely attempt utterance of all this? Like the finger is not the moon to which it points,

perhaps there can only be the long sighing breath observed flying after all, over all, all in all.

The sigh is yearning completely. ■

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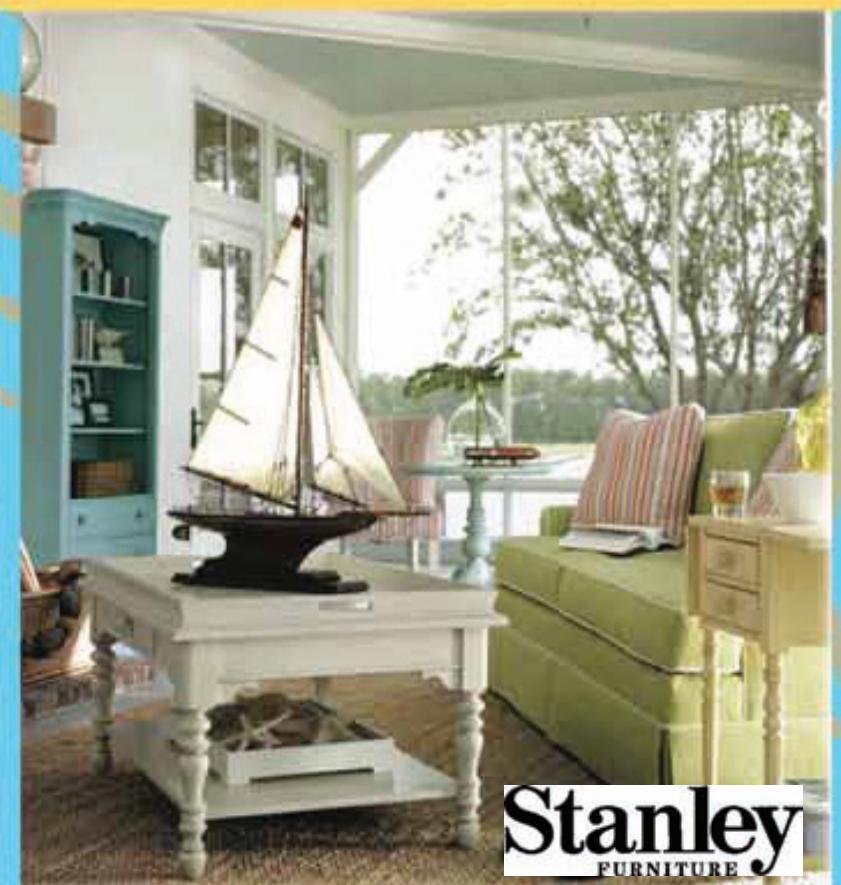
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Truckers get their groove back

BY EVAN WILLIAMS

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Cruising along endless miles of interstate, Armando Perez is home some weeks and gone others. He recently hauled flowers to Washington State and returned to Naples with crates of apples.

"I love it," said the 32-year-old West Palm Beach resident, a long-distance truck driver for a decade. "It's in my blood."

Thousands of truck drivers lost their jobs during the recession, with about 1,700 trucking firms folding last year. But the freight moved through Southwest Florida and across the nation has been increasing, which economists say could bode well for a broader economic recovery.

The index used by the American Trucking Associations to measure freight movement shows six consecutive year-over-year increases as of May. Since late last year, the amount of freight that truck-

ers shipped rose steadily by nearly 10 percent as of April, although that number slipped by .5 percent in May.

"We can't expect it to increase every month," said Tavio Headley, an economist with the ATA. "As long as the trend continues to be up, we're OK and that's what we've been seeing. In April, the index is actually at a 19-month high. So it's clearly an upward trend. It's very positive news, especially when you look at the historic reduction we saw in freight volumes during the recession."

Keith Dillon, service center manager of Southeastern Freight Lines in Punta Gorda, said business is up by 20 percent since last summer. His branch of the company hired five new employees this year.

"What we've seen a lot more of has been retail deliveries and hotel deliveries," he said.

A rise in freight being shipped signals consumers are spending more, said Dr. Gary Jackson, director of the Regional

Economic Research Institute and assistant professor of economics at Florida Gulf Coast University.

"It's a positive sign," he said.

A report by the Research Institute found that Lee, Collier and Charlotte counties taxable sales were up between 4 and 7 percent in March from a year earlier.

Taxable sales for those three counties rose as much as 14 percent from February to March, to higher levels than in December, at the peak of tourist season.

"We're seeing growth in terms of output and production," Dr. Jackson said. "(But) even though people are buying more things, they're still very concerned. (And) businesses are reluctant to hire until they know this is going to be sustained."

Mr. Dillon of Southeastern Freight is also keeping a cautiously optimistic eye on economic growth.

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Job search support group meets weekly

A job search support group meets at 10:30 a.m. every Monday at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. The group is geared toward white collar, administrative and professional workers, rather than trade and service workers. It is not a job placement service.

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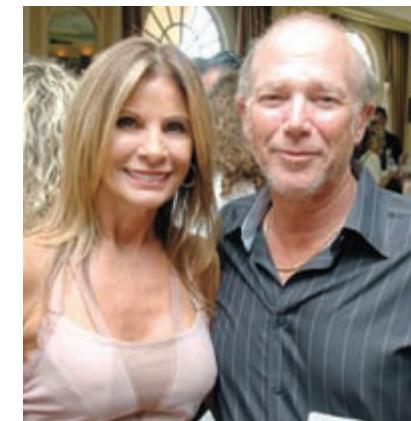
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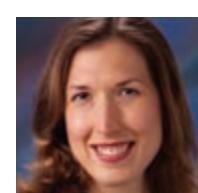
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MONEY & INVESTING

Anything popping in the corn market?

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U.S. corn production has been at record-setting levels in two of the past three years and, seemingly, will do so again this year.

Big production generally is very bearish for prices and a look at any chart of corn prices will show exactly that; prices have been down since June 2008.

But things might be a-changin'. Certainly farmers and other "commercials" would hope so, as well as speculators who can benefit from a market that offers volatility.

The U.S. reigns as the worldwide king in corn production, accounting for approximately one half of worldwide production. In the U.S., corn is the king of all our grain crops, accounting for about one quarter of all U.S. harvested grains, including, wheat, soybeans, oats, rice, etc. Some 400,000 U.S. farms plant corn.

You might be wondering how we could ever eat so much corn. The fact is that only 12 percent of U.S. harvested corn is consumed directly (as in fresh, frozen or canned; corn chips or tortillas etc.) and indirectly (as in high fructose corn syrup, which seems to have found its way into virtually all processed foods.) Most corn, 88 percent, is not edible and is used as feed for livestock, poultry and fish and for industrial uses such as ethanol.

Not all U.S. corn stays in the country. A great deal is exported to foreign countries, particularly China and the third world. China

is well known to be a bulk buyer of oil and metal commodities; less well known is its need to buy agricultural commodities. Most think that the natural resource in critical short supply in China is oil/gas or metals or even water. Not so. It is topsoil. And that is one reason why China is developing additional agricultural/planting locations in Africa. It can't produce — and will not be able to produce in the future — the grains needed to feed its people and supply feed stocks.

Because corn is an international product, it is priced based on global supply and demand. U.S. corn prices rise when worldwide supply is constrained and when worldwide demand is increases — even more so when both are operative: supply is tight and demand is strong.

Weather conditions in the U.S. for 2010 have been nearly perfect and the U.S. Department of Agriculture has forecast another record crop. Importantly, the weather has allowed record planting and the crop is already "silking." Absent too much rain or very dry weather in the coming months, the U.S. will harvest another record crop. Prices for corn have reflected those expectations for some time; bullish production translates into bearish pricing for farmers looking to sell or those speculators who are long futures contracts.

Net-net, farmers have done quite well over the past 10 years in income and value of their farm land (as opposed to the nation at large). This year, net farm income is forecast to be \$63 billion, up some 12 percent from last year. In years 2004 through 2008, farm net income topped \$70 billion.

Corn prices (and farm income) might get even better for farmers. Current prices react to news about last year's crop as well as news

about this year's crop. How so? The U.S.D.A. samples farmers' intentions to plant — what and how much. They also estimate: "yield" from the crop- good yield if it is healthy crop; what exports might look like; and "carryover" after the season.

Recently, the U.S.D.A. gave the corn market participants a real shocker when they announced that there is 10 percent less than they thought in reserves from last year's planting. And the projections for 2010 and 2011 carryovers were lessened by 8 percent and 12 percent, respectively. It seems we will be approaching the lowest carryover since 2006/2007.

How did some of the carryover suddenly disappear? The "disappearance" is attributed to either greater than anticipated ethanol usage or greater than expected feed and residual usage; at least everyone now agrees there is less than previously thought.

Beyond that news, several other bullish things happened. First, the USDA trimmed their expectations for the 2010 crop; it is still a record crop, but a little bit less so. Second, China is in the picture. China's bad weather made it into a recent buyer. There might be more exports to China as a stronger Yuan buys U.S. grains cheaper and shipping rates are very low. (See a chart of the Dry Baltic Index for a sense of low shipping demand.) Lastly, wet weather in Canada has translated into only 80 percent of projected plantings of wheat. (Changes in supply in a particular grain rolls over into pricing for other grains; in this case, less wheat is bullish for corn.)

Is better pricing for corn an absolute? Absolutely not. But investors, traders, speculators like to look at risk/reward and they frequently

take the bet if the odds are compelling.

How does one play the grains? There are several grain and agricultural commodity exchange-traded funds (JJG, GRU, RJA,DBA) and there are grain specific ETFs. While these ETFs have futures contract exposure, the investor in the ETF doesn't; there is a lot of leverage at play but the ETF will not give you a margin call.

The other way to play any move is through futures and Southwest Florida has its share of experts in this area — years of experience, years of documented returns and draw downs and recognition by industry publications.

For investors in corporate equities, take a look at fertilizer, seed, and agricultural equipment companies.

There are many good sources for agricultural commodity research and one such source is Shawn Hackett in Boynton Beach who publishes his original research and whose clients include investors, speculators and farmers/commercial.

Consult your financial adviser to see if commodities have any role in your portfolio and, if so, the appropriate financial instrument to use.

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ON THE MOVE

Automotive

Favio Rodas has joined John Marazzi Nissan of Naples as business manager. Mr. Rodas is originally from Honduras and moved here five years ago from New York City. He was formerly with Fort Myers Toyota and brings six years of finance experience to the Naples dealership.

Banking & Finance



KANTOR

Kim Ciccarelli Kantor has been named number 28 on the Top 100 Women Financial Advisors list compiled by Barron's Business and Financial Weekly. Ms. Kantor is president of Ciccarelli Advisory Services Inc. The award is based on the volume of assets overseen by the advisor and their teams, and the quality of their practices.



LIPSCHULTZ

Steven Lipschultz has joined Bank of Naples in a new position as credit analyst responsible for the review and analysis of commercial loan applications and portfolio management. Prior to joining Bank of Naples, Mr. Lipschultz was a portfolio manager with CNL Bank in Bonita Springs. Before that, he served in credit-related positions with Marshall & Ilsley Bank and Colonial Bank in Fort Myers as well as First Washington State Bank in Windsor, N.J. He holds an MBA from

the Rutgers University Graduate School of Management in Newark, N.J., and a bachelor's degree in biology from Montclair State University in Upper Montclair, N.J.

Board Appointments

Susan Black and **Jennifer Novakovich** has been appointed to the board of directors for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida. Ms. Novakovich is vice president and retail regional manager for Fifth Third Bank's North Naples region. Ms. Black is retired as a licensed optician.



HOUSE

Jacqueline House has been named president of the Gulf Coast Society of Fundraising Executives for 2010-2011. Ms. House is the director of development for Children's Home Society, Southwest Florida Division,

and has previously served as vice president for the Gulf Coast Society of Fundraising Executives. A graduate of the University of Central Florida, she is pursuing a master's degree in business administration.

Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida announces the members of its 2010 Business Hall of Fame, Collier County, Advisory Board: Chairman, **Craig Sherman**, executive vice president/chief loan officer of EverBank; **Lisa Barnett Van Dien**, attorney with Cheffy Passidomo, P.A.; **Wilma Boyd** of Preferred Travel of Naples; Carleton Case of Brown & Brown Benefits; **Clay Cone** of Cone Communications Company; **Kristin Conroy**, attorney with Con-

roy, Conroy & Durrant; **John English** of WilsonMiller Inc.; **Carl Howes** of Pachira Company; Dr. Paul Jones; **Jerry Nichols** of Brown & Brown Benefits; **David Port** of Northern Trust Bank; **Katie Sproul** of Barron Collier Companies; and **Len Zaiser IV** of Structure Medical LLC. The advisory board selects laureates for the 2010 Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame, Collier County. The laureates will be honored on Oct. 27 at the Naples Grande.



OSBORN

Celeste Greene Osborn of Marco Island, recently retired deputy chief financial officer for the state of Georgia, has been elected chair of the Berry College Board of Visitors. As such, she is also a voting member of the

Berry College Board of Trustees. Ms. Osborn is a 1972 alumna of the college in Rome, Ga.

Nonprofit Organizations

named Volunteer of the Year by the non-profit Florida Green Building Coalition.

Health Care

C. Scott Campbell has been named CEO of Physicians Regional-Collier Boulevard. Mr. Campbell joined Health Management Associates in March 1990 and subsequently served as CEO at three HMA facilities. In March 2002, he was promoted to a regional vice president role in the mid-Atlantic region. He most recently served as senior vice president of HMA's Physician and Customer Development program. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's degree in health administration.

Nonprofit Organizations



FRAZIER

Anne Frazier has been named executive director of Drug Free Collier. She is the former executive director/chief professional officer of the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Blue Ridge in Martinsville, Va.

Retail

Robin Buboltz has joined Sunshine Ace Hardware as director of procurement. Mr. Buboltz earned a bachelor's degree in hotel and restaurant management from Southwest State University in Marshall, Minn., and holds the industry designations of CPM (certified purchasing manager) and CBM (certified business manager). He was formerly a business unit manager for the Pall Corp. in Fort Myers.

Sales



PAPESH

Carol Papesh, CFO of Conditioned Air, has been named Woman of the Year by Contracting Business Magazine in recognition of her outstanding achievements over a lifelong career in construction and HVAC. Ms. Papesh

is a longtime member of the Mechanical Contractors Association, National Association of Women in Construction and Women in HVACR.

She will be a featured speaker at the Women in HVACR annual meeting in Baltimore.

Jennifer Languell, owner and president of Trifecta Construction Solutions, has been

Charlotte Harwood has been named 2009 Business Salesperson of the Year at WINK-TV. She has been at the station for six years.

Travel

Linda Aubel and **Louise Brand** have joined Preferred Travel of Naples as travel counselors. The two have worked as a travel team for more than 20 years, and provide significant domestic and international travel experience to their clients. Both have traveled extensively through North America, the Caribbean and Europe as well as Central and South America. ■

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TRUCKERS

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"There are more hard goods moving around, but there's a feeling it may just be some inventory replenishment and it may be short lived," he said. Although the company is in a "hiring phase," Mr. Dillon continues to operate on a lean budget.

"Through the economic downturn, our ownership decided we weren't going to have a layoff," he said. "We found ways to be more efficient. Little things and I mean very little things, like canceling magazine subscriptions. It didn't matter the dollar amount, if we didn't need to have it to operate, we got rid of it. We're trying to stay lean. Nobody knows what's going to happen six months from now."

Gulfcoast Transportation Systems Inc., based in Fort Myers, has seen a modest increase in business. Most of the freight it ships originates in Florida, said owner Williams Edwards, so he hasn't seen the spike in business experienced by other companies.

"We are starting to slowly climb out of the doldrums of this last recession," he said. "But if you take areas like Chicago or Ohio, those areas, the trucks and the rails are busier."

Lt. Chick Richards, Fort Myers District commander for the Florida Department of Transportation, oversees truck weigh stations throughout Southwest Florida.

"I've seen more trucks on the road in Lee County and (State Roads) 80 and 82 in Collier as building starts to pick up a little bit, and services start to be more in demand, but it's only been a slight increase," he said.

If freight movement is a barometer of other economic activity, it shows that construction is still down. Flint & Doyle, a second-generation Fort Myers company, has yet to see a recovery from the downturn. It ships primarily construction materials and equipment.

"It's really been slow," owner Manny Flint said. He recalls other recessions, but the most recent one takes the cake.

"Back in '73 and '74, everybody thought that was bad," he said. "Then in the 80s we had one. We recovered from that, but this one here, whew. I don't see it recovering for a long time. And when it does start recovering, it's not going back to boom days. People are going to be more cautious now."

Consumers are also spending more than they were a few years ago.

"There's a lot more freight out there than there was a year ago," said Boris Espinosa, owner of B&G Carriers Corporation in Naples. He hires owner-operator truck drivers to haul produce and other dry goods. Given recent reports of a weakening recovery, he and other truckers hope that freight loads will contradict the gloomy headlines. "The more the public buys, the more we haul." ■

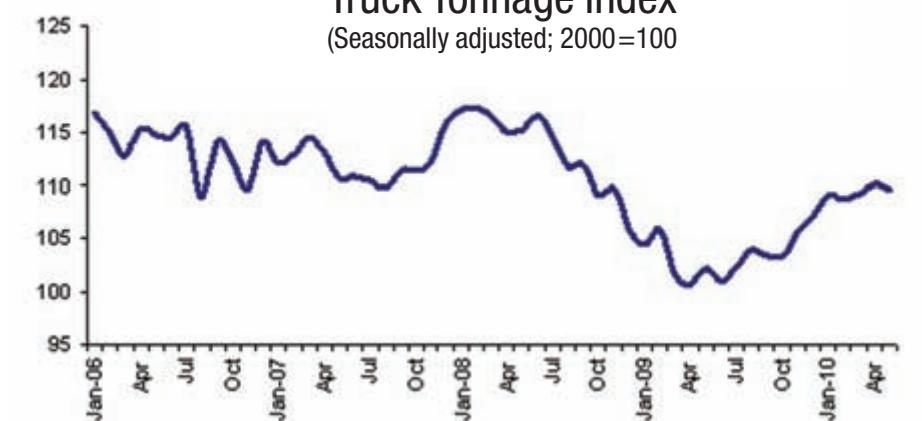


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Keith Dillon, service center manager of Southeastern Freight Lines in Punta Gorda.

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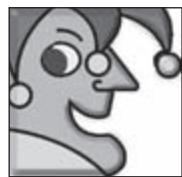
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The continent's problems persist, though. They include crime, corruption, extreme poverty, disease and exploitation. Given economies that are largely dependent on natural resources, and governments that tend to be either unstable or unfriendly to business, how can corporations or investors expect to make money in Africa?

As it turns out, certain companies in Africa have performed well. A recent study by business management consultants McKinsey found that leading up to the global economic downturn, publicly traded companies operating in Africa earned on average a return on capital that was "two-thirds higher than that of comparable companies

in China, India, Indonesia and Vietnam." It's clear that the potential exists in Africa for investors to make money.

A number of companies operating in Africa are finding innovative ways to do just that. But given the risks, it's probably best for most of us to avoid investing in any individual African companies, unless they're exceptionally undervalued and we're willing to take the chance.

Consider opting for broad diversification within the region, instead. Thanks to exchange-traded funds (ETFs), that strategy is easy. Our "Motley Fool Global Gains" analysts like Market Vectors Africa (NYSE: AFK) ETF, which holds 50 large- and mid-cap stocks across the continent, with exposure to both resource companies and consumer names. Best of all, its annual fee is a reasonable 0.83 percent.

While Africa's long-term growth trajectory looks promising, there will be volatility along the way. Capture that upside and protect yourself against volatility by diversifying across countries and companies via an ETF such as Market Vectors Africa. ■

Name That Company

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in the U.S. and 16 other nations, and I employ more than 45,000 people. I rake in about \$9 billion annually, up from just \$1 billion in fiscal 1998. Who am I? ■

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The Motley Fool Take

Is Freeport a Buy?

The world's largest publicly held copper producer, Freeport-McMoRan (NYSE: FCX), which also produces gold and molybdenum, has seen its stock slump recently as copper prices have dropped.

That has happened in spite of gold's rise and the possibility that molybdenum is headed higher. (Energy applications such as deepwater wells, oil sands and nuclear power use molybdenum.) Many expect copper to rebound, too, due to demand from China and Brazil.

Should price improvements occur, Freeport stands to be one of the primary beneficiaries. The company boasts a number of strengths, including the geographic spread of

its high-quality, long-lived minerals reserves.

Its Grasberg operation in Papua, Indonesia, is the world's largest copper and gold mine in terms of reserves. And its still-new Tenke Fungurume operation in the Democratic Republic of Congo began producing copper cathode slightly more than a year ago. That operation is moving toward full-scale production of cobalt and sulfuric acid. Exploration and capacity expansions for molybdenum are occurring at several company facilities.

Freeport-McMoRan came into its own in 2007 when it acquired Phelps Dodge, a copper producer twice its size. With a price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio recently below 10, it's looking like an attractive investment contender — if you can handle its volatility. ■

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My Dumbest Investment

Bad News Delivery

Webvan, the online grocery delivery service, was my dumbest investment ever. I bought into it originally because it was one of those perfect-looking stocks during the dot-com era. People were so busy counting their money that they had no time to go to the grocery store — how could it fail? I'd see the delivery trucks running up and down the street and thought, "This thing's going to catch on!" But it didn't. I even used the service and found it to be wanting — yet I held onto the stock anyway

— R.J., San Jose, Calif.

The Fool Responds: You were right to consider a company familiar to you, but that's not enough. If you found the service lacking, know that others would, too. Even if you loved it, you would want to make sure that the company had ample cash to fuel its growth, a sound business strategy and competitive advantages. Webvan expanded aggressively, but didn't attract enough customers and lost lots of money. It filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection just a year and a half after its IPO. ■

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

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(Answer: Herman Miller)

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Ask the Fool

Of Interest

Q What makes interest rates go up and down?

— J.S., Columbus, Ind.

A Interest rates are strongly influenced by inflation and the market for debt (notes, bills, bonds, etc.). With inflation rather low in recent years, we've been enjoying low interest rates. (Even if they rise a bit, they will still be really low, historically speaking.)

These days, we're looking forward to recovering from our recent recession. But as that happens, if the economy appears to be growing too briskly, the Federal Reserve, headed by Ben Bernanke, may hike short-term interest rates via the "federal funds rate" in order to slow growth. (The federal funds rate is the rate a bank can charge another bank for use of its excess money.)

When the economy is sluggish, the Fed often cuts rates, as lower rates give companies and people an incentive to borrow (and spend) money.

The Fed can also change the "discount rate" — the rate paid by a bank to borrow short-term funds from the Fed.

The prime rate and other interest rates are based primarily on these two interest rates, while mortgage rates are linked to Treasury bill rates. The money markets themselves (basic supply and demand for money) also exert great influence over interest rates.

Q What are a company's audited financial statement?

— B.R., Greenwood, S.C.

A Publicly traded companies are required to report on their earnings and financial condition each quarter. Once a year they issue comprehensive "10-K" reports, along with their annual report. In the intervening quarters, they issue less substantial "10-Q" reports. 10-K reports include details on the company's recent performance, risks and more, and their financial statements are audited. 10-Q reports, though, are not required to be audited. ■

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

BUSINESS MEETINGS

► **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.

► **Wake Up Naples** with the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 21, at the Hilton Naples. Register at www.napleschamber.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.swflatattractions.com.

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

► **Zonta Club of Bonita Springs** meets from 5:30-7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at Spanish Wells Golf & Country Club. RSVP on the message line at 434-5134. For more information, visit www.zontabonitasprings.org. Next meeting: July 21.

► **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 non-members. Call 992-2943 or e-mail Julie@BonitaSprings-Chamber.com.

► **The ABWA Neapolitan Chapter** meets for the end-of-year celebration and induction of new officers at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, at Pinchers Crab Shack followed by a sunset cruise hosted by Cruise Naples. Reservations required by noon July 22. For more information, visit www.abwaneapolitan.org.

► **Empowered Network North Naples Chapter** meets from 11 a.m. to noon on the fourth Friday of the month at Encore Bank, 10600 Tamiami Trail N. RSVP required by e-mailing Info@

EmpoweredNetworking.com or by visiting www.empowerednetworking.com. Next meeting: July 23.

► **Insurance Professionals of Collier County** and SWF gather for a joint meeting from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, July 24, at McCormick & Schmick's in Mercato. Cost is \$25. RSVP to Kerry Tate at ktate@gulfshoreinsurance.com by July 19. For more information, visit www.ipcconline.org.

► **Lee Collier Networkers** meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, at Shula's at the Hilton Naples. Dora Watson of Global Wealth Management will discuss "Customer Service that Elevates You Above Your Competition." For more information, visit www.leecolliernet.com. ■

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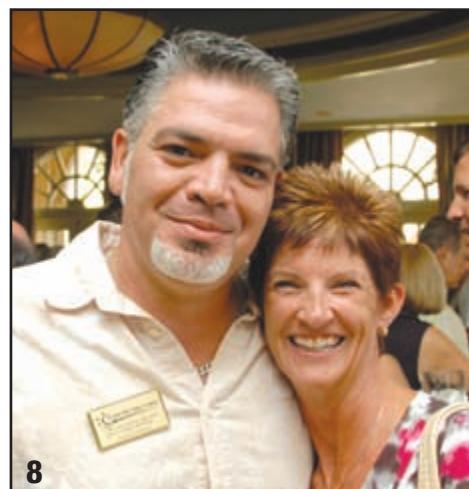
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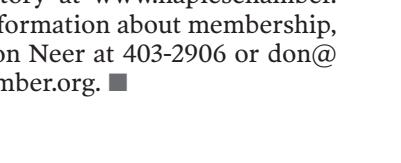

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Palmira Golf & Country Club

Fantastic Upgraded Estate home, great room w/ open plan perfect for entertaining. Granite counters, wood, & tile floors - a must see! 4/3
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Forest Park

Desirable Elissa Grande! Stunning Pool home w/ Pool bath. Fabulous entrance w/ cathedral ceilings and split plan. Won't last long! 4/2
D. David Ison
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BUSINESS BRIEFS



COURTESY PHOTO

Adrian Bevan and Karl Gibbons of Third Eye Management with "The Donald"

'The Donald' on board at Third Eye Management

"The Donald" has joined the team at Third Eye Management, a business development company based in Naples with offices in Atlanta. In his first week on the job, he did not duck out of his responsibilities and lost no time in making a splash with the addition of his Wise Quacks column in Third Eye Management's monthly newsletter. In a recent edition, The Donald offered this quip: "The human brain is a wonderful thing. It starts working the moment you are born, and never stops until you stand up to speak in public."

"My thought process in creating this character was based on the fact that much of the business news is either high powered and serious or gloom and doom," says Karl Gibbons, president and CEO. "The Donald was created to illustrate that Third Eye looks at things differently, and we are also not afraid to laugh and have fun."

Third Eye Management provides

hands-on assistance to small and medium-sized businesses that don't have access to the resources and expertise typically available to CEOs of large corporations. For more information and to subscribe to more wisdom from The Donald's Wise Quacks column, visit www.thirdeyemanagement.com. ■

Chamber welcomes new members

The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce welcomes 16 new members who joined in June 2010. They are:

A.R.A Insurance Inc., Marco Island; www.aramarco.com

Charming Charlie; www.charmingcharlie.com

Charming Smiles of Naples; www.charmingsmilesnnaples.com

Cove Wealth Management LLC

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To learn more about the new chamber members, visit the online business directory at www.napleschamber.org. For information about membership, contact Don Neer at 403-2906 or don@napleschamber.org. ■

REAL ESTATE

WEEK OF JULY 15-21, 2010

A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES REAL ESTATE INDUSTRY

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Booths available for NABOR expo

The Naples Area Board of Realtors 2010 EXPO takes place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. More than 1,200 people attended the 2009 event. The theme for this year is "Around The World In 80 Days."

Booth space is available now. Register at www.Nabor.com. For more information, call 597-1666 or e-mail Michele@Nabor.com. ■

Bonita-Estero market remains much the same

The Bonita Springs-Estero market generally remained the same in all eight areas of monthly evaluation in June. Single-family homes listed dropped from 191 in May to 152 in June. The 20 percent drop is part of an overall reduction in inventory. Single-family home sales topped out at 90 units sold.

Condominiums came on the market at the same numbers as in May; 201 units came on the market and 84 units sold. This trend is accounted for as Americans continue to unload non-essential assets such as boats, planes, condos and extra cars.

Sales of single-family homes under \$200,000 are in a four-month run of averaging the same every month, in the 40-to-50-unit range.

Condominiums under \$200,000 have sold at a rate of 84 per month for two consecutive months. Condo sales, however, are down from more than 100 unit sales per month during the season.

In the \$1 million and higher range there has been a considerable drop off. For the first time in 2010, no condos in this price range sold in June, and only three homes sold. Total value of homes sold in Bonita Springs-Estero in 2010 is \$37 million.

June's top 10 sales were led by the Brooks and Bonita Bay, with three sales each. The average price of the top 10 was \$1,132,200, the lowest top 10 average so far this year. ■

— Contributed by Bill Barnes, CEO Bonita Springs-Estero Association of Realtors.

Capolino joins Keating Associates



Kelly Capolino has joined Keating Associates Real Estate Professionals at its downtown office on Fifth Avenue South. The firm specializes in luxury single-family homes and condos in Naples, Marco Island and Bonita Springs. Ms. Capolino ranked number 16 out of 5,000 real estate agents with the Naples Board of Realtors in 2009, excluding foreclosure agents. ■

CAPOLINO

SEE MORE BRIEFS, B13 ▶

That's the ticket



The Grand Palm in The Estates at The Classics at Lely Resort



The living room of the Arvanita, a twin villa model in Moorgate at Lely Resort



The Players Club at Lely Resort

COURTESY PHOTOS

Stock's 'Fly-n-Buy' program boosts sales

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Stock Development's Fly-n-Buy program has been a hit with homebuyers from out of town, producing 50 new home sales for the company over the past few years.

"Our Fly-n-Buy Program has been an important part of our sales success," says Tim Clark, vice president of sales. "It allows homebuyers to fly to Southwest Florida and spend the weekend at Lely Resort or Paseo and have their travel expenses reimbursed at up to \$1,000 if they sign a new home contract."

In both communities — Lely Resort in Naples and Paseo in Fort Myers — the amenities complexes are completed and in full use by residents, offering an opportunity for homebuyers to experience the lifestyle. They also have the chance to live in one of Stock's homes and see the quality of construction.

"I believe the program has been even more effective this year given the concerns of homebuyers," Mr. Clark says. "They want to know a homebuilder is financially solid. We are happy to welcome guests into our communities to see the new home construction activity."

"Through June we have sold 170 new homes at Paseo and Lely Resort and have more than 150 new homes in virtually every residential style under construction. It gives them enormous confidence when they see our success."

Both communities have been popular with Canadian buyers, who have made up approximately 25 percent of Stock Development's 170 new home sales in 2010. Stock's Fly-n-Buy Program is one of the reasons why.

"Both Paseo and Lely Resort have large numbers of Canadian residents," says Mr. Clark. "Direct flights from Toronto and Montreal, as well as Detroit and Buffalo, give Canadians easy access to Southwest Florida."

He adds the Fly-n-Buy package remains popular through the summer months, allowing prospective homebuyers the chance to visit at a more leisurely pace outside of the busy winter months.

SEE FLY, B13 ▶

Tiena model offered for \$829,995 in Firano at Naples

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Toll Brothers has released for sale the Tiena, a designer-furnished model within Firano at Naples, a community of single-family homes on Davis Boulevard. With three bedrooms plus a study and four full baths, the two-story Tiena encompasses 3,024 square feet of air-conditioned living space and 3,940 total square feet.

The covered entryway includes a raised tower with columns and a cobblestone terrace. A leaded glass door with flanking glass panels and an arched transom add an element of Old World grace. A private courtyard off the living and dining rooms has a copper fire pit.

The heart of the Tiena is the expansive family room/gourmet kitchen/breakfast area with view of the pool and lake beyond.

On the second floor, the master suite



This home in Murano at Miromar Lakes recently sold for \$1.6 million.

is a spacious getaway with French doors leading to a private balcony. Two guest bedrooms share access to an upstairs guest bath with twin vanities and a tub/shower combination. The second-floor loft area includes built-in double desks

and a game table. A laundry/utility room complete the second floor.

The Tiena model includes more than \$400,000 in upgrades and furnishings by Design Group West. It is being offered for \$829,995, with a leaseback arrangement available.

Seven home designs are available at Firano at Naples ranging from 2,058 square feet to 3,753 air-conditioned square feet. Prices begin in the mid-\$300,000s.

Firano at Naples will include 112 single-family homes on approximately 40 acres when completed. Amenities open for residents' use include a clubhouse with a community room, catering kitchen, fitness center and media center. Outdoors there is a resort-style pool with sunning decks, a spa and a playground.

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NEW! London By Homes designed & furnished 4BR/5.5BA model with 6,123 A/C SF, study, game room and pool/spa. \$4,650,000 | Dan Guenther | 261-3148



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Luxurious estate on 2 lushly landscaped lots. Sweeping golf views, 9,000+ SF total, Old World elegance. \$4,275,000
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Elegant home with 5BRs, private 2-story guest cabana with suites, theatre room surrounded by full bar, library. \$3,925,000
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GREY OAKS ▲
Richly appointed 7,102 SF total 4BR+den estate home, fairway/lake views, 1,000+ SF lanai for ultimate entertaining. \$3,770,000 | Jutta V. Lopez | 571-5339



GREY OAKS - ESTUARY ▲
Monterey-style luxury & architecture abound in this 4BR+den lakefront home. Pool, gas fireplace, spa, 3-car garage. \$3,500,000
Lynn Anderson/Carolyn Weinand | 290-6674



GREY OAKS - ESTUARY ▲
Magnificent California-inspired, customized 'Bacara IV' 4BR. Vaulted beam ceilings & lake, golf and preserve views. \$3,450,000
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GREY OAKS ▲ Elegant Mediterranean style single-family 4BR/5.5BA+den home. Outside cooking center, fireplace, heated pool, spa. \$2,750,000 | Mary Yon | 572-3274



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NOBLE HERON ▲ Four BR plus den with marble and wood floors, gas cooking, Pool/ spa, fireplace. \$2,395,000
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GREY OAKS ▲
An award-winning community. Near clubhouse, an elegant 2-story 4BR+den home, expansive pool, spa and bocce court. \$1,980,000 | Angie White | 821-6722



GREY OAKS - ESTUARY ▲
Spectacular fairway views. Mediterranean 3BR/3.5BA+den pool villa displays tranquil luxury and classical decor. \$1,799,000
Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



GREY OAKS - ESTUARY ▲
Remarkable 4BR+den! Stunning lake/golf view. Screened summer kitchen with fireplace. Custom pool & spa. FURNISHED. \$1,799,000 | Jeri Richey | 269-2203



GREY OAKS - CAPISTRANO ▲
Idyllic views! Beautifully decorated, furnishings are comfortable & chic, gourmet kitchen. Perfect pool area. \$1,750,000
Mary Catherine/Larry White | 287-2818



GREY OAKS - VENEZIA ▲
ESTUARY AT GREY OAKS ▲
Serene setting with pool/spa facing west with golf/lake views. Three bedroom plus den villa with 3,600 A/C SF. \$1,695,000
Carolyn Weinand | 269-5678



GREY OAKS - ESTUARY ▲
Almost-new 4,000 SF former model with marble floors, fireplace, vaulted ceilings, & pool/spa. Furnished. \$1,625,000
Lynn Anderson/Carolyn Weinand | 290-6674



GREY OAKS - ESTUARY ▲
Elegant yet comfortable, clean and open floor plan with 3 bedrooms, a den and 3.5 baths. Offered furnished. \$1,595,000
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GREY OAKS - ESTUARY ▲
Gorgeous finishes in this 3 BR+ study, 4.5 BA furnished former model overlooking the golf course, lake & clubhouse. \$1,595,000
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Tastefully furnished 2nd floor 3BR/3BA coach home with private elevator in a premier golf course country club! \$795,000
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VINEYARDS - VILLA FLORENZA ▲
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WYNDEMERE - VILLA FLORESTA ▲
Beautiful 2BR/2.5BA+den, lake and golf views. Large lanai with heated pool/spa. S. exposure. Membership required. \$598,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126



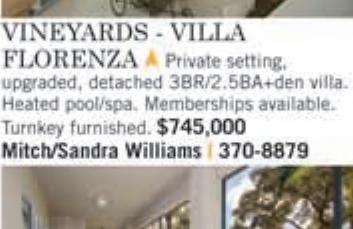
WYNDEMERE - GOLF COTTAGES ▲
Pristine 3BR+study, 4BA home. Oversized lanai, summer kitchen, heated pool, spa, golf views. Membership required. \$595,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126



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VINEYARDS - REGENCY RESERVE ▲
Designer decorated & furnished 2BR/2BA + den with outstanding views. Resort-style community, golf, tennis & more! \$429,000
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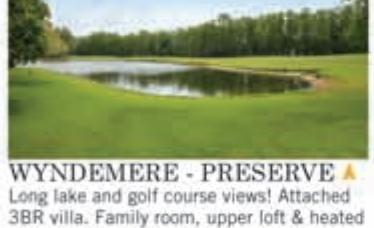
WYNDEMERE - COMMONS ▲
Furnished 3BR with large tiled lanai overlooks golf/lake. New furniture in living/dining room. Membership required. \$290,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126



WYNDEMERE - COURTSIDE COMMONS ▲
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GREY OAKS - ESTUARY 1381 Great Egret Trail - Both adjoining lots are developed, so it's a great time to design your home & maximize views of golf course & lake. \$1,495,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



WYNDEMERE - GOLF COTTAGES 258 Edgemere Way East - Exceptional 3BR/2.5BA+den home. Newly renovated and upgraded. Wide golf views from lanai. Membership is required. \$699,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126



GREY OAKS - TERRA VERDE 2444 Terra Verde Lane - First floor 3BR/3BA coach home. Private membership to the Grey Oaks Golf & Country Club is available. \$689,000 | Paulina Maynetto | 261-6161



WYNDEMERE - COMMONS 200 Wyndemere Way #B405 - Ultra spacious 4th floor 3BR/2BA corner condominium. Glassed-in lanai, lake and golf views. Membership required. \$399,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126



WYNDEMERE - CYPRESS COMMONS 400 Wyndemere Way #304 Charming sophisticated top floor 2BR/2BA + den! Lake/golf vistas, near Club. Membership is required. \$375,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126



WYNDEMERE - LODGINGS 161 Edgemere Way South - Masterfully updated, 4BRs, 3BAs. Mexican tile and wood floors. Sun patio with koi pond. Membership required. \$799,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126



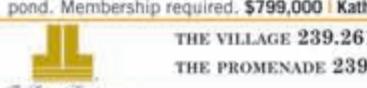
WYNDEMERE - GOLF COTTAGES 252 Edgemere Way East - Sunsets, golf course and lake views. Updated 3BR, 2.5BA. Wide plank cherry floors. Screened heated pool/spa. \$524,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



WYNDEMERE - AMBLEWOOD 130 Amblewood Lane - Meticulously maintained, updated 3BR attached villa. Country club lifestyle. Social membership required. Furnished. \$269,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



WYNDEMERE - COURTSIDE COMMONS 407 Courtside Drive - Furnished, 2 masters, 2 glassed-in balconies, wood burning fireplace & volume ceilings. Club membership required. \$149,900 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126



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Mizner West Palm Beach-style standout!
European stone area with pool, spa,
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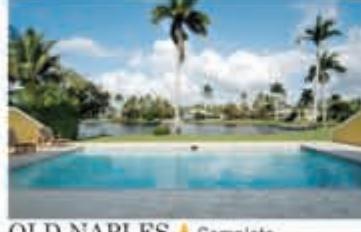
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fireplace, hazelnut wood floors, & elevator.
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Updates include faux paint, hand rubbed
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marble, fireplace, 3 bedrooms plus den.
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Minutes from downtown. Older home on-
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OLD NAPLES ▲
An enchanting home on a nice size corner
lot. Warm wood walls, large family/dining
room. Close to dining/shopping.
\$1,350,000 | Ruth Trettis | 403-4529



ROYAL HARBOR ▲ No bridges
to Gulf. Immaculate updated home.
Granite kitchen counters, vaulted ceiling,
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. **\$1,199,000**
Isabelle Edwards | 564-4080



OLD NAPLES ▲
An adorable get-away cottage nicely
updated. Well landscaped, glassed-in
Florida room. Bike to beach and 5th Ave.
\$1,145,000 | Ruth Trettis | 403-4529



OLD NAPLES ▲ This home is
actually 3 rental units. Main house is a
duplex, each unit is a 1BR/1BA. Guest
house is 1BR/2BA. **\$949,999**
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OLD NAPLES - VILLA D'ANNA ▲
Light, freshly painted, flexible 3BR/3BA +
den plan. Tropical private courtyard. Close
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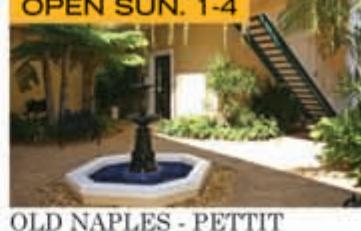
AQUALANE MANOR ▲
Carefree 2BR, 2BA. Walk to Gulf beaches
and shopping. Deeded covered boat slip
with lift. Turnkey furnished.
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OLD NAPLES - WARWICK ▲
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residence. Large screened porch overlooks
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dining.
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SQUARE** ▲ Old World charm! Just
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quality turnkey furnished 2BR/2BA corner
residence. **\$575,000**
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**OLD NAPLES - THE PIERRE
CLUB** ▲ Carefree living near beach,
shops & dining. Extensive renovations,
overlooks pool, can be rented 3X/year.
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"We already have almost every weekend booked throughout the summer months," he says. "The Fly-n-Buy Program was one of the reasons we registered 37 new home sales in May and June after the traditional end of the winter sales season."

Lely Resort and Paseo are the reigning Communities of the Year in Collier and Lee counties, respectively. Paseo's 2010 win marked the fourth consecutive year it has won the honor.

Stock Development's diversity of new homes includes flats and townhomes, single-family homes and custom-built estate homes. There are more than 100 floor plans with countless upgrade options and elevation choices. Fifty furnished models are open at Lely Resort and Paseo.

At Lely Resort, a total of 11 neighborhoods have flats, townhomes, coach homes, twin villas, single-family homes and estate homes priced from the \$180,000s. Residents have access to The Players Club & Spa at Lely Resort, and there are three championship golf courses.

Paseo offers award-winning flats and town homes in 14 designs, as well as six casita floor plans, with square footage ranging from 1,200 to more than 2,000 and prices beginning in the \$150,000s. The Village Center at Paseo includes a full-service concierge, a resort-style pool with a gazebo serving refreshments, a bistro, ice-cream parlor, pub, Internet café, coffee shop, a 4,000-square-foot fitness center, a business center and library, as well as spa services and a 90-seat theater.

Stock Development headquarters are at 2647 Professional Circle in Naples. For more information, visit www.stockdevelopment.com. ■

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS**Many communities report better inventory levels**

Existing resale home inventory is a leading indicator in determining the health of a real estate market. Typically, a balanced real estate market is approximately 12 months of inventory. When the economy took a dive a few years ago, inventory skyrocketed as homes sat on the market for long periods of time, leaving many Naples and Bonita Springs neighborhoods with several years' worth of resales.

Today, however, as sales increase, inventories in many neighborhoods are teetering on the edge of being healthy.

At Bay Colony, for example, single-family homes and condominiums have experienced a considerable drop in inventory.

This time last year, Bay Colony was reporting 2.5 years worth of single-family homes and 2.6 years of condos. Today, the market is close to being balanced, with inventory that is down to just under one year and 1.4 years, respectively.

The Colony at Pelican Landing, with 14 current listings and 10 closed sales in the past 12 months, has gone from 11 years worth of single-family homes a year ago to 1.4 years today and 3.1 years of condos in 2009 compared to 1.1 years in 2010.

The Vineyards reports 1.1 years of inventory in single-family homes today, compared with 3.1 years in 2009. Similarly, Pelican Bay condos have dropped to 1.2 years, compared

with 5.7 years worth in 2009.

Savvy buyers taking advantage of the low interest rates and competitive prices continue to absorb Southwest Florida's existing inventory. For example, 267 waterfront properties have sold in the last 12 months in Park Shore, The Moorings and Seagate, versus 161 sales the 12 months prior.

Not every community is as fortunate, but throughout Naples and Bonita Springs the majority of neighborhoods are showing a substantial drop in inventory in 2010, which bodes well for Southwest Florida. ■

— Contributed by Phil Wood of John R. Wood Realtors, Inc.

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Robb & Stucky Interiors presents free design seminars in the company's showrooms in Naples and Bonita Springs.

Here's what's coming up in Naples at 2777 Tamiami Trail N. Call 261-3969 or visit www.RobbStucky.com to reserve a seat:

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will help determine the perfect furniture layout for any room in a home.

• Wallpaper vs. Paint

11 a.m. Thursday, July 29 Design consultants Sheila Doud and Richard Atkin will showcase different types of wallpaper and paint applications and discuss when and where to use each.

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• Sitting Seaside

11 a.m. Tuesday, July 20 Design consultant Ellen Barroh will share several coastal living design projects, both traditional and nontraditional, and her tips and tricks on how to achieve this chic look.

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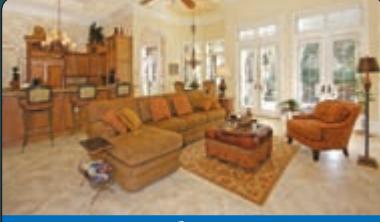
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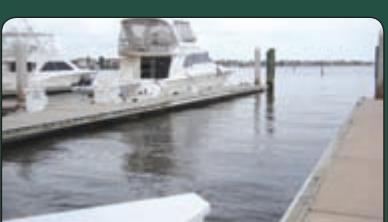
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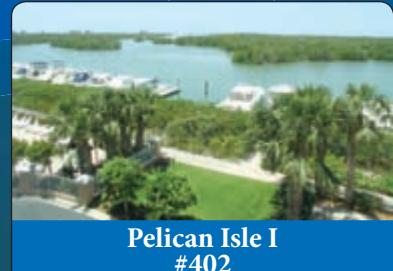


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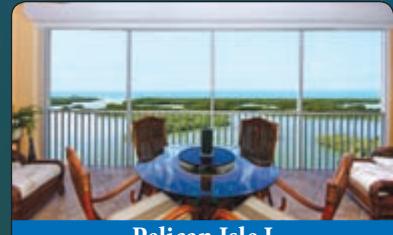
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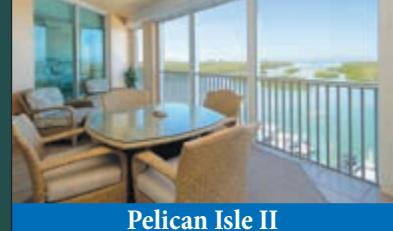
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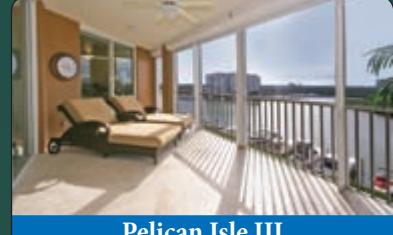
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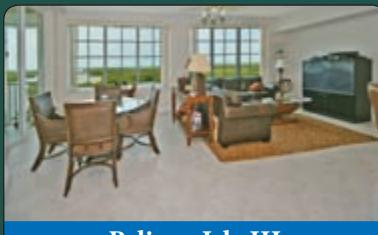
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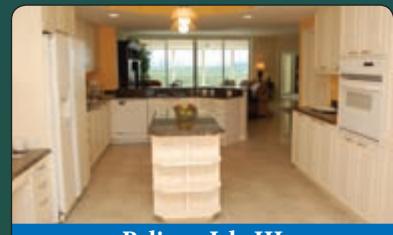
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Teachers' works in the spotlight at The von Liebig

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Twenty-seven instructors from The von Liebig Art Center disprove the old adage that, "Those who can, do; those who can't, teach," with an exhibit at the center July 17 through Aug. 28. "The von Liebig Art Center Faculty Biennial 2010" includes works in ceramics, drawing, mixed media, painting, photography, prints and sculpture.

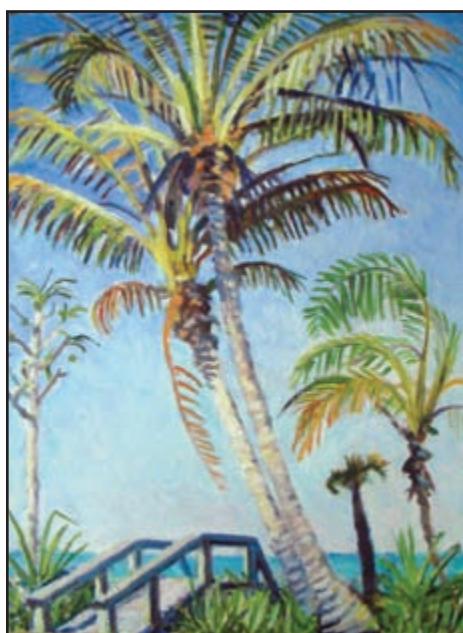
The center presents the exhibit every two years to showcase the work of the talented teachers who lead classes at The von Liebig throughout the year. "The exhibition is also a great platform for these artists to sell their work," says Jack O'Brien, the art center's curator.

The artists/teachers hail from across the United States and several countries, with many U.S.-born artists influenced from spending years overseas. For example, Phil Calabro attended school in Rome at Accademia de Belle Arti and School of Medalions. Jose Castillo is a native of Puerto Rico whose paintings hang in the Capitol in San Juan. Genie Kell has lived in Italy and Greece. Jane Mjolsness also studied art in Italy. And Renee Rey was born in Japan. Many of the other instructors are also well traveled, drawing inspiration from the landscapes and cultures of the world, in addition to their own creative muse.

Mr. O'Brien describes several highlights in the 2010 exhibition. Kim Willis continues to develop depth and texture in her solar plate etchings, he says. In her latest work, "Composite View," Ms. Willis utilizes numerous solar plates to create one very large print. Mary Parkman Rowe presents her colorful landscapes of Naples in oil on canvas. And Agnes Story's "Corkscrew Swamp III" is an expansive depiction of the popular attraction she created using cut photographs and specialty papers.

The center hosts a preview reception

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Sweeping Palms at Lowdermilk Park,
Mary Parkman Rowe



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Artistic Director Bill Taylor with the entries in this year's Theatre Conspiracy New Play Contest

Sneak peek

New Play Preview Party will give audiences a look at Theatre Conspiracy finalists

BY NANCY STETSON

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Every year, Bill Taylor receives hundreds of plays in the mail — submissions from playwrights hoping to win Theatre Conspiracy's New Play Contest.

Every year, Mr. Taylor, who is the founder and artistic director of the company, and a select group of readers peruse each play and Mr. Taylor declares the winner.

This year, he's letting patrons and supporters see what the process is like behind the scenes.

On Saturday, July 17, he's throwing a New Play Preview Party at the Foulds Theatre at the Alliance for the Arts. It's a fundraiser for Theatre Conspiracy. For \$50, guests will see scenes from the top three plays in the New Play Contest and afterward can ask questions and offer feed-

back. The evening begins with hors d'oeuvres at 7 p.m. followed by the readings at 8 p.m.

The selections from each play will be presented as staged readings, without costumes and with minimal props and set. The actors will move about the stage, but will have scripts with them. At press time, Mr. Taylor was still deciding on the best scene or scenes to represent each show; what's presented won't necessarily be the beginning of the play.

Although the ultimate selection of the winner will remain up to Mr. Taylor, preview partygoers will be asked to vote for their favorite. They'll also receive a voucher for a ticket to see the winning show when it's staged at the Foulds in October.

Local actor Mitch Haley came up with the idea of the New Play Preview Party.

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WEEK at-a-glance



Lots to love

Florida Weekly film critic Dan Hudak says "Despicable Me" is filled with heartwarming fun. **C11 ▶**



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SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

Menacing underpants leave permanent scars



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We all know compulsive underwear over-packers, those people who lay in more than a dozen pairs for a weekend trip. Neurotic in the ways of clean undergarments, these are the kind of individuals for whom owning one pair of panties for every day of the week feels like an exercise in scarcity.

I know, because I'm one of them.

Many years ago, I spent a long weekend traveling and realized — too late — that I had forgotten to pack underwear. I stood at the foot of my hotel bed my first night in the new city, looking at the suitcase open in front of me, realizing with a dawning horror that the panties on my body would be the only pair I'd have for the entire weekend.

Now, in addition to owning an obscene amount of underwear, I'm also cautious around other people's dirty laundry. I'm terrified of running across some already-worn pair, of making accidental contact with another person's dirty drawers. When company visits, I'm always afraid someone will ask if they can just throw a few things in with my load. Don't even get me started on the Laundromat.

Of course, the world beats to an ironic drum, so it's unsurprising that I once found myself close and personal with a

'From atop the toilet in the corner, a worrisome site: a pair of men's briefs winking up at me.'

date's dirty duds. He was a boy from one of my college classes, the kind of guy who wore hemp necklaces and liked to bookend sentences with the word "man," as in, "Man, these are some good nachos," or "Nice essay in lit class, man."

Midway through a movie date at his apartment, I excused myself to use the restroom. He pointed down a long hallway.

"Second door on your right," he said, barely looking up from the TV screen.

I made my way to the bathroom and fumbled to find the light switch inside. When I finally flipped on the row of



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bulbs over the mirror, light filled the small bathroom. From atop the toilet in the corner, a worrisome site: a pair of men's briefs winking up at me. They were cotton, the kind that soils easily, with a thick elastic waste band and leg holes that had given over time. Someone — my date — had splayed them carelessly, in the way people will after they've stepped out of a pair and into the shower and then forgotten they had them on in the first place.

I faced a serious dilemma.

By the time I encountered the suspect underpants, my bladder ached and there was no way I could leave that bathroom without using the facilities. I briefly

considered stepping into the shower. Ultimately, though, I decided I had to remove the undies. I lifted them between my pinched thumb and forefinger, cautious not to inspect the interior, and moved them to the window shelf beside the toilet. They glared at me while I hurriedly used the restroom.

My date looked perplexed when I excused myself as soon as the movie finished.

"Man, I thought we could hang out," he said.

Back at my own apartment, I stood in front of my bathroom sink and scrubbed my hands, Lady Macbeth-style. But I could not wash away the mental scars. ■

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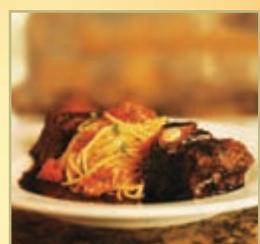
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PLAYS

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"It's perfect," says Mr. Taylor. The New Play Contest "is what we're known for, it's what separates us from the other theater companies," he adds. "It's a brilliant idea to get people involved with the contest itself, rather than just the end result. At the party, they can discuss the shows and hear about the shows in full and about the playwrights.

"And while we're allowing people to vote, my vote has a little more sway."

It wouldn't be fair to the playwrights to have the audience determine the winner, because they'll only see 20 minutes of each play, "and you can't judge an entire play just on that," he explains.

"Stacks of scripts show up for this contest," says Mr. Haley. He and his wife, Joann, are volunteers and regular performers with Theatre Conspiracy. Mrs. Haley, one of this year's contest readers, co-starred in the production of last year's winner, "Time and Ina Myerhoff," by Alan Brody.

The play was a critical hit and an audience favorite, and Mr. Haley says just about everyone who saw it was curious about the selection process and what kinds of works the winner had been up against.

"I'd say, 'Well, when you open up the first page, and you see it requires 11 live elephants, and is about Hannibal crossing the Alps...'"

He laughs.

He's billing Saturday evening as "a no-hassle fundraiser that will give people something for their donation." There won't be any raffle tickets or a silent auction, he promises — "just an interesting evening of entertainment" that will also give guests a sense of what goes on behind the scenes of the competition.

Between the lines

So what makes a good script?

"A good script is going to grab you pretty quickly," Mr. Taylor says. If a play takes 40 pages to develop, that's too long — although every submission to the New Play Contest is read from start to finish, he says.

The story needs to be intriguing or funny, and there needs to be some conflict. "That's what propels stories along," he says.

For example, he explains, the two men in "The Odd Couple" are total opposites, and that gives Neil Simon's play its conflict and provides its drama and humor. "You need some type of intriguing setup to the show in order to move it forward."

Among this year's 306 submissions, two themes — terrorism and 9/11, and family — seemed to recur often, although no prompts were given in the contest guidelines, Mr. Taylor says. Entries came from the U.S., Canada and France, and the playwrights ranged from first-timers to some who have had numerous productions staged.

Unlike most new play competitions, Theatre Conspiracy's contest welcomes works that have been produced before.

"To my knowledge, we're the only contest in the United States that allows plays that have had up to three productions," Mr. Taylor says. "Almost all contests want the world premiere. But to me, that's disposable theater. Where do you get a second production? And a third?"

When he started the contest in the late 1990s, he, too, wanted to hold a world premiere. But he's not of that mindset anymore. Too often, he explains, the winning playwrights



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Rick Sebastian, standing, and Michael Dunsforth and Joann Haley starred in "Time and Ina Myerhoff," the 2009 New Play Contest winner.

in the know

- >>**What:** New Play Preview Party
- >>**When:** 7 p.m. reception and 8 p.m. show, Saturday, July 17
- >>**Where:** The Foulds Theatre, 10091 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers
- >>**Cost:** \$50
- >>**Info:** 936-3239

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- >> **1999:** "Petia," by Ray Hamby
- >> **2000:** "Domestic Tranquility," by Rich Orloff
- >> **2001:** "50," by Albi Gorn
- >> **2002:** "A Brief Introduction to Modern Astrology: Part One," by D.T. Arcieri
- >> **2003:** "Money Matters," by Carole Brendlinger
- >> **2004:** "The Frankenstein Summer," by Catherine Bush
- >> **2005:** "Signs of Life," by Deborah Brevoort
- >> **2006:** "It's Your Funeral," by Karl Tiedemann and Allen Lewis Rickman
- >> **2007:** "The Dunes," by Craig Pospisil
- >> **2008:** "Maternal Spirits," by James Caputo
- >> **2009:** "Time and Ina Myerhoff," by Alan Brody

would report back that they couldn't get any other theater companies to mount subsequent productions after the world premiere.

"I got sick of hearing that and hearing playwrights lament as to how hard it is to get that second and third production," he says.

"There are a lot of great shows out there that go through that. That's when I changed my tune, and that's why we changed our guidelines to say that a play could have already been in up to three productions."

The plays that are vying for top billing in this year's New Play Contest all contain humor, though they're not necessarily 100 comedy, he says.

"But in all three I sat there and laughed out loud while reading them," he says. "The three plays are all different than each other, but each one is great in its own way."

And the finalists are...

Since the March deadline for submissions, Theatre Conspiracy founder and Artistic Director Bill Taylor and a team of readers have culled 306 entries in the 12th annual New Play Contest down to these three finalists. Scenes from each will be presented in staged readings at the New Play Preview Party, a fundraiser for the company on Saturday, July 17. Mr. Taylor gives a hint as to what's in store.

'Lone Wolves' By Philip Hall

John and his daughter, Barbara, are planning a dinner party for his wife and her boyfriend.

"The daughter, the smartest one in the room, is 16, and is working on a school project about wolves," Mr. Taylor says. "It's interesting how the story line of the play intertwines with her project... It's a bizarre social dance with the four of them staking out their territory, evading the truth."

"By the end of the show, the husband puts an end to it all. People can read that any way they want to read it," he says cryptically.

Philip Hall is a composer and playwright who lives in Longboat Key, Fla. According to Theatre Conspiracy, his musical for young audiences, "The Very First Family," has been presented at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

'Cynthia's Lament' By Paul J. Lawrence

Cynthia Silver is a successful romance novelist. "She's a woman who seems to have it all," says Mr. Taylor. "She even has a penis. She's actually a man. He's writing under the nom de plume of Cynthia Silver."

Only the people closest to the writer know his true identity — his agent, his assistant, his butler, his ex-wife

and his son.

"He'll dress up in an evening gown and be Cynthia, then he comes back and he's himself," Mr. Taylor says. "But he's gotten sick and tired of being Cynthia. He's done writing romance novels. He wants to do something serious in literature."

"The play is about him trying to work his way out of being a female romance novelist."

Paul Lawrence lives in Rumford, R.I., and writes for both the stage and screen. "Cynthia's Lament" was a finalist at the Sienna College International Playwriting Contest and the First Flight Theatre New Play Contest.

'Elsewhere' By Adam Szymkowicz

Celia is an agoraphobic. Because she doesn't want to leave the house, her only human contact is via the phone when she orders something and then with Teddy, the delivery-man who brings what she's ordered to her house.

One day, Celia invites Teddy to dinner. He accepts. Over dinner, she invites him to live with her, and again he says yes.

"But then Celia's sister shows up and gets in the way of her plans," Mr. Taylor says. "It's a dark comedy."

Adam Szymkowicz graduated from The Juilliard School's Lila Acheson Wallace American Playwrights Program and received his playwriting MFA from Columbia University. His work has been produced throughout the U.S. and in Canada, England, the Netherlands and Lithuania. He lives in Colchester, Conn.

Mr. Taylor plans to announce the winner of the Theatre Conspiracy's 2010 New Play Contest at the end of the evening July 17. ■

— Nancy Stetson

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Dinner Show - By Naples City Improv at 6:30 p.m. July 24 and Aug. 7 and 21 at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits, 2700 Immokalee Road. Reservations: 431-7928.

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Thursday, July 15

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Friday, July 16

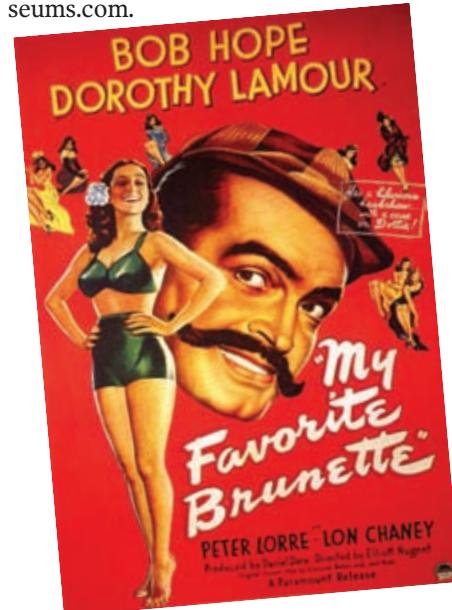
Bluegrass Tunes - Monroe Station plays at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits, 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928 or www.fredsdiner.com.

Saturday, July 17

Story Time - Summer Story Time takes place from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Children's Garden at the Naples Botanical Gar-

den. 643-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Classic Flick - "My Favorite Brunette," the 1947 film starring Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour, begins at 1 p.m. at the Collier County Museum, 3301 Tamiami Trail E. Free. 252-8476 or www.colliermuseums.com.



Solid Gold - Barry Newman performs "Memories of Gold," featuring hits from the '50s and '60s, at noon at the Big Cypress Dinner Theater in the Big Cypress Marketplace. \$25 for lunch and the show. 774-1690 or www.bigcypress-marketplace.com.

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Jazz Tunes - The Naples Jazzmasters perform from 2-4 p.m. at the Norris Community Center. 213-3058.

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Free Concert - Gulf Coast Town Center presents Riverside Blues performing from 8-10 p.m. in Market Plaza. Donations will be accepted for the Calusa Nature Center's efforts to help birds that are victims of the gulf oil spill. 267-0783 or gulfcoasttowncenter.com

It's Your Move - The Southwest Florida Chess Club invites players of all ages and abilities, club members and guests, to gather at Books-A-Million at Mercato anytime between 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. 898-0458 or e-mail swflchess@yahoo.com.

Sunday, July 18

Summer Films - FGCU's Renaissance Academy presents summer foreign films from 1-4 p.m. Sundays at the Naples Center, 1011 Fifth Ave. S. Admission is \$4 for RA members and \$5 for others. Today: "Bus 174." July 25: "Rashomon." 425-3272 or e-mail jguerra@fgcu.edu.

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Monday, July 19

Jazz Tunes - Jebry's Jazz Jam session is set for 5-8 p.m. every Monday at the Island Pub, 600 Neapolitan Way. 262-2500.

It's All Small Stuff - Trivia Night at The Pub at Mercato begins at 7:30 p.m. 594-9400.

Tuesday, July 20

Motown Tunes - Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits celebrates the music of Motown from 6-9 p.m. with Omar Baker performing favorites from the '70s, '80s and '90s. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.

Free Film - "Jonah: A Veggie Tales Movie" starts at 10 a.m. at Hollywood Stadium 20-Naples. Free tickets, first-come, first-served. 597-4252.

Pet Party - Every Tuesday is Yappy Hour at The Dock at Crayton Cove from 4:30-6 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 at 8:30 p.m. in Market Plaza. Tonight: "Astro Boy."

Bring the Team - Team Trivia competition begins at 9 p.m. at Boston Beer Garden. 2396 Immokalee Road. 596-2337.

Wednesday, July 21

Free Flick - "The Spy Next Door" starts at 10 a.m. at the Hollywood Stadium 20-Naples. Free tickets, first-come, first-served. 597-4252.

Steppin' Out - Vergina on Fifth Avenue South holds its weekly "Dancing under the Stars" summer dance contest at 8 p.m. The contest finals are Nov 17. 659-7008 or www.verginarestaurant.com.

Song Night - It's singer/songwriter night from 7-11 p.m. at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits, 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928 or www.fredsdiner.com.

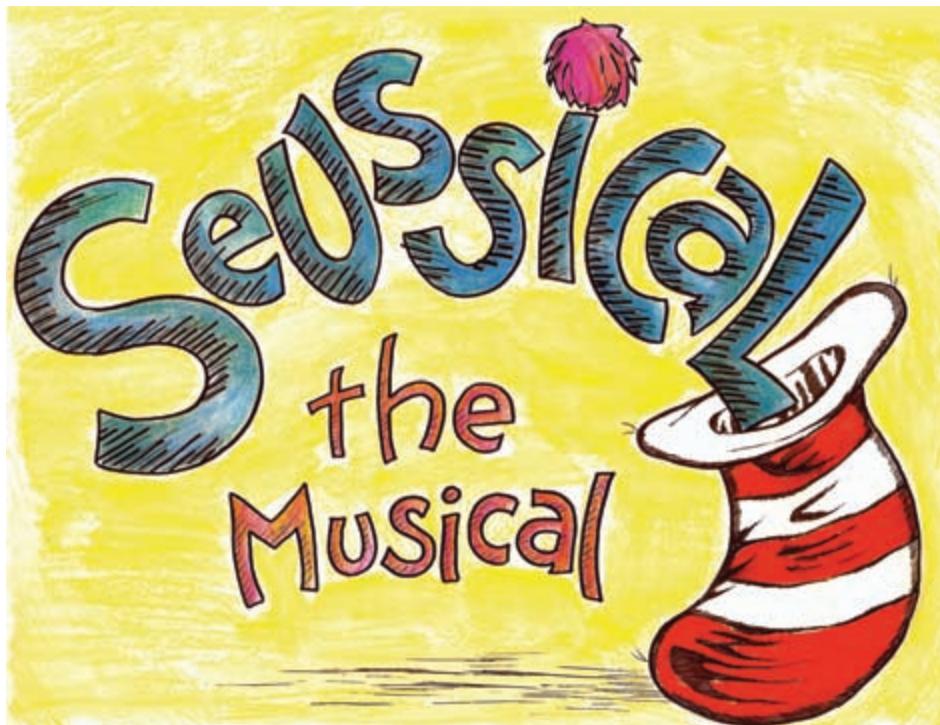
The Cove - Collier County Friends of the Library present a free screening of the Academy Award-winning documentary, "The Cove," at 2 p.m. at Headquarters Library and at 2 p.m. July 22 at Naples Regional Library. 593-0177 or 263-7768.

Live Concert - Germain Arena presents "Carnival of Madness," featuring Shinedown, Chevelle, Puddle of Mudd, Sevenfold and 10 Years beginning at 5 p.m. www.germainarena.com or (800) 745-3000.

Upcoming events

Art Evening - The Art League of Bonita Springs hosts Art Walk at the Promenade from 5-7 p.m. July 22. Listen to music, enjoy the art demonstrations and visit the merchants. 495-8989.

Art Party - The opening reception for "All About Color" 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.



"Seussical the Musical" plays at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre in Fort Myers July 29-Aug. 15.

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

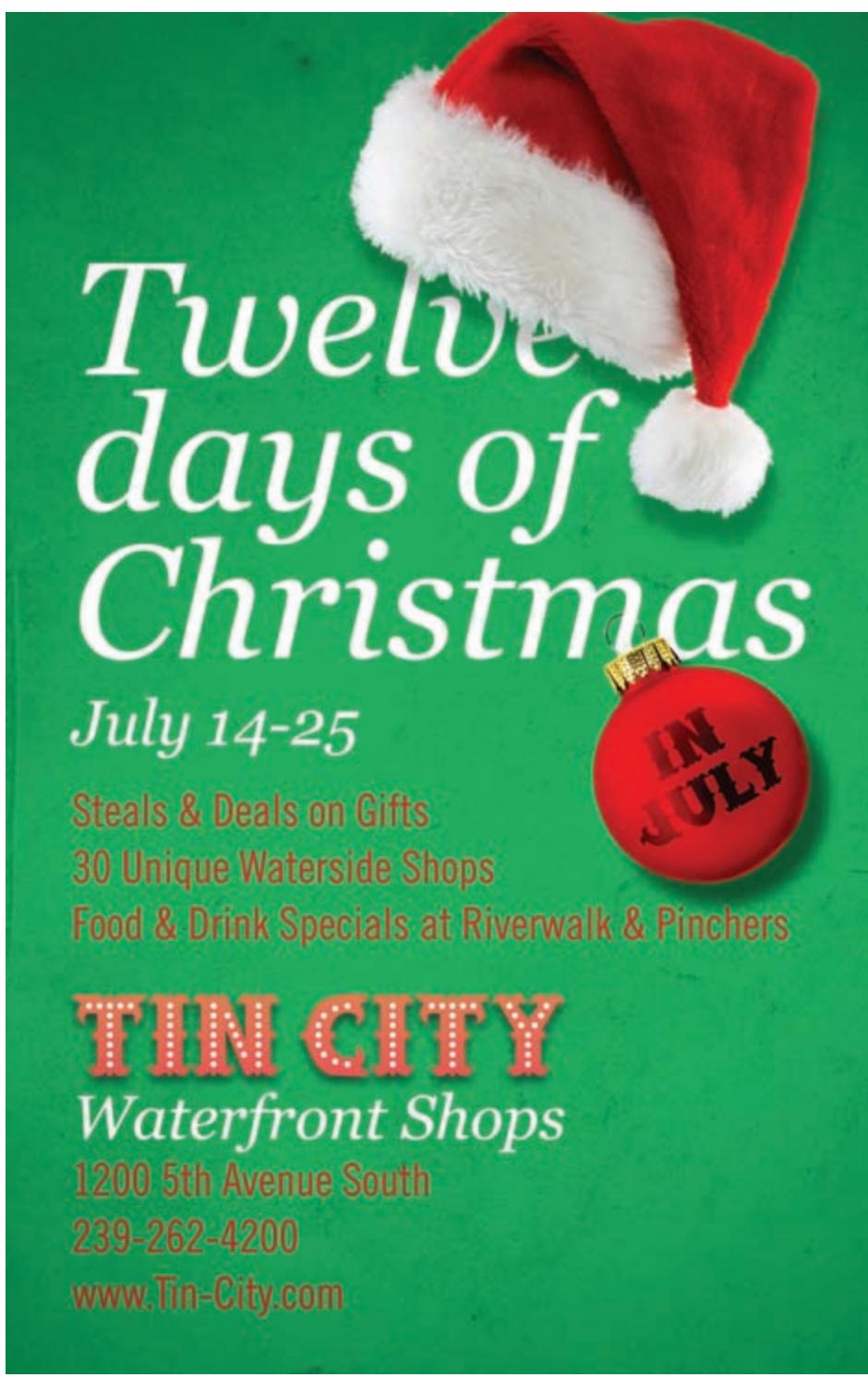
Summer Jazz - The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club hosts Summer Jazz with Late Night Brass from 7-10 p.m. July 24. The concert is free and a free trolley from Lowdermilk Park is available. 261-2222.

Feline Fest - The 19th annual Cat Show is set for 9 a.m.-4 p.m. July 24-25 at the Aruba Shriners Hall, 2010 Hanson St., Fort Myers. 772-5399 or Jcampb4244@aol.com.

Pet Benefit - A Spay-Ghetti Dinner is set for 5-8 p.m. July 27 at the Humane Society Naples. Enjoy a pasta dinner catered by Carrabba's. \$25 per person, \$50 a couple and \$75 for family of four. Proceeds benefit the society's Spay Neuter Assistance Program. 643-1880, ext. 18.

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ARTS COMMENTARY

Ballerinas, cars and familiar faces**NancySTETSON**

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Like a good stew, this week's column contains a little of this, a little of that.

Familiar face

I'm probably one of the last people on the planet who hadn't seen "The Blind Side." Starring Academy Award-winning actress Sandra Bullock, it's the real-life story of Michael Oher (now offensive tackle for the Baltimore Ravens) and how, when he was a young man, he was taken in and raised by a wealthy white family in the South.

Friends recommended it, but I didn't catch it at the movies. So I rented it the other night. While watching it I, was shocked to see a familiar face on the screen.

It was Tom Nowicki, with long red hair and white goatee, portraying a literature teacher who might not give Michael a passing grade.

Those of you who see shows at the Florida Repertory Theatre have likely seen Mr. Nowicki on stage — he played an obnoxious artist in "The Art of Murder," and this past season, in "Opus," he was a member of the string quartet who was fighting cancer (and who provided the play's explosive climax).

I didn't know he was in "The Blind Side," and it was a pleasant shock to see him. (He does, by the way, have a scene with Ms. Bullock, toward the end of the movie.)

Balanchine ballerina

A couple of Sundays ago, on June 27, the Arts & Leisure section of *The New York Times* devoted a substantial article to New York City Ballet star Darcie Kistler, who's retiring after 30 years with the company. If you didn't see it, check it out.

The story, written by Gina Kourlas, was the main feature on the front (above an article about Scissor Sisters and their third album to come). It continued inside the section, filling an entire page.

Ms. Kistler is the last ballerina hired and trained by George Balanchine. According to the article, which called her "one of New York ballet world's last stars," she was scheduled to dance

a farewell program at Lincoln Center that Sunday.

The piece went on to discuss her training with Mr. Balanchine and how she visited him on his deathbed in the hospital. It also contained this wonderful quote from Rudolf Nureyev who, upon seeing Ms. Kistler dance at age 17, said: "There's that devil inside. She already knows how to move to make everybody watch."

Ms. Kistler is on the faculty of the School of American Ballet, which is affiliated with the New York City Ballet. In 1993, she starred as the Sugarplum Fairy in the film production of the New York City Ballet's "George Balanchine's The Nutcracker."

Locals have seen her dance annually at Bravo! Ballet, a fundraiser held every March in Fort Myers to benefit Gulfshore Ballet, a nonprofit classical ballet school.

Cars on a spindle

I was saddened to learn belatedly of the death of sculptor Dustin Shuler on May 4. He was 61.

If you visited Sarasota in 2007, you may have seen his temporary installation, "Dance," in which a dozen cars stood on end, paired off like dancing couples, leaning against each other.

If you were in the Chicagoland area before 2008, or if you've seen the movie "Wayne's World," you might be familiar with "Spindle," Mr. Shuler's 60-ton piece consisting of eight cars impaled on a 50-foot-tall spindle. Sometimes called a "car kabob," it was commissioned for the Cermak Plaza Shopping Center in Berwyn, Ill., by the plaza's owner, David Berman. (Mr. Berman also donated his BMW for the piece. It is the second car from the top, underneath a red 1967 Volkswagen Beetle.)

"Spindle" was quite controversial. Berwyn is a very blue-collar city; some called the sculpture junk, a scrap heap, while others praised it. (Of course, people complained when the Picasso sculpture was installed in the city of Chicago.)

The work put Berwyn on the map.



"Spindle" was featured on the cover of "Oddball Illinois: A Guide to Some Really Strange Places" and also featured in a "Zippy the Pinhead" comic strip. Unfortunately, it was dismantled a couple of years ago to make room for a Walgreens drugstore with a drive-up window.

Mr. Shuler also had another work of art on display at the shopping center: "Pinto Pelt," which shows the flattened yellow exterior of a Pinto spread out on a wall, like the pelt of an animal.

His other work included "The Sea Bee," which showed the bow of a ship listing at a 75-degree angle, looking as if it were rising up from — or sinking into — a Massachusetts parking lot, and "Pinned Butterfly," in which he attached a 700-pound Cessna 150 to the outside of the American Hotel in Los Angeles.

His "Death of an Era" was a performance piece; he dropped a 20-foot steel nail (from 100 feet above), impaling a 1959 Cadillac. This happened on the campus of California State University, Dominguez Hills.

Edison ideas

In Fort Myers, Thomas Edison is worshipped almost as much as the sun.

Idolizers might want to check out the July 5 issue of Time magazine (still on newsstands), with an illustration of Mr. Edison on the cover holding a glowing light bulb. There's a 13-page special section about him inside. The subtitle on Bryan Walsh's article reads: "Thomas Edison helped create the American way of innovation — but today the U.S. is in danger of losing its pre-eminence in science and technology."

I was intrigued by a photograph of a page from Mr. Edison's "idea book," in which the inventor listed "things doing and to be done." While the rest of us have to-do lists with things like "fold laundry" and "buy groceries," Mr. Edison listed things such as "cotton picker," "new standard phonograph" and "duplicating phono cylinders" on his. ■

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YOUTH NEWS

Aspiring TV anchors encouraged to 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. A live casting call will also take place at the Robb & Stucky showroom 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 live casting call at Robb & Stucky will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information, visit the websites above or call C'mon at 514-0084. ■

Golden Gate grad honored for her community service

Kaytlynn Peterson, a 2010 graduate of Golden Gate High School, has been named the recipient of this year's Young Women in Public Affairs Award from the Zonta Club of Naples. Ms. Peterson



PETERSON

received a \$1,000 award from the club, and her application has been forwarded to the Zonta District 11 YWPA committee for consideration.

At the local level, the Zonta award is made every year in memory of Eleanor Freeman, a charter member when the club was founded in 1973.

Ms. Peterson has demonstrated her commitment to community service and women's issues as secretary of her school's Key Club, team captain of Envirothon, mentor with Big Brothers/Big Sisters and a participant in the Model United Nations program. She has contributed to local canal cleanups, raised funds, cooked and served Thanksgiving dinner at Grace Place and helped with the Light The Night Walk sponsored by the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society. She also participated in National Public Radio's "World Have Your Say" program, talking with people around the globe about a variety of issues, including women's rights in Afghanistan. She will attend Florida State University in the fall, where she will major in international relations. ■

Community chorus awards three music scholarships

Voices of Naples awarded three scholarships to high school graduates who plan to study vocal music in college this fall.

The first-place award of \$1,500 went to Lauren Elizabeth Davis, a graduate of Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts in Fort Myers. She plans to major in music performance, music education and conducting at Stetson University.

Second-place awards of \$750 each were given to Kiamariz Rosado and Shermana Winkler. Ms. Rosado graduated from Palmetto Ridge High School and will major in music performance at the Florida Gulf Coast University Bower School of Music. Ms. Winkler is a recent graduate of the Interlochen Arts Academy in Interlochen, Mich., where she majored in voice. ■

Young violinist earns scholarship

Macky Hayes, a rising sophomore at Barron Collier High School, is one of only 45 Emerson Scholars who received a full scholarship to Interlochen Arts Camp in Michigan this summer.

Ms. Hayes is a three-time concerto winner and co-concertmaster with the Naples Philharmonic Youth Orchestra and takes private violin lessons from Anton Sikuta. Her parents are Karen and T.M. Hayes. ■

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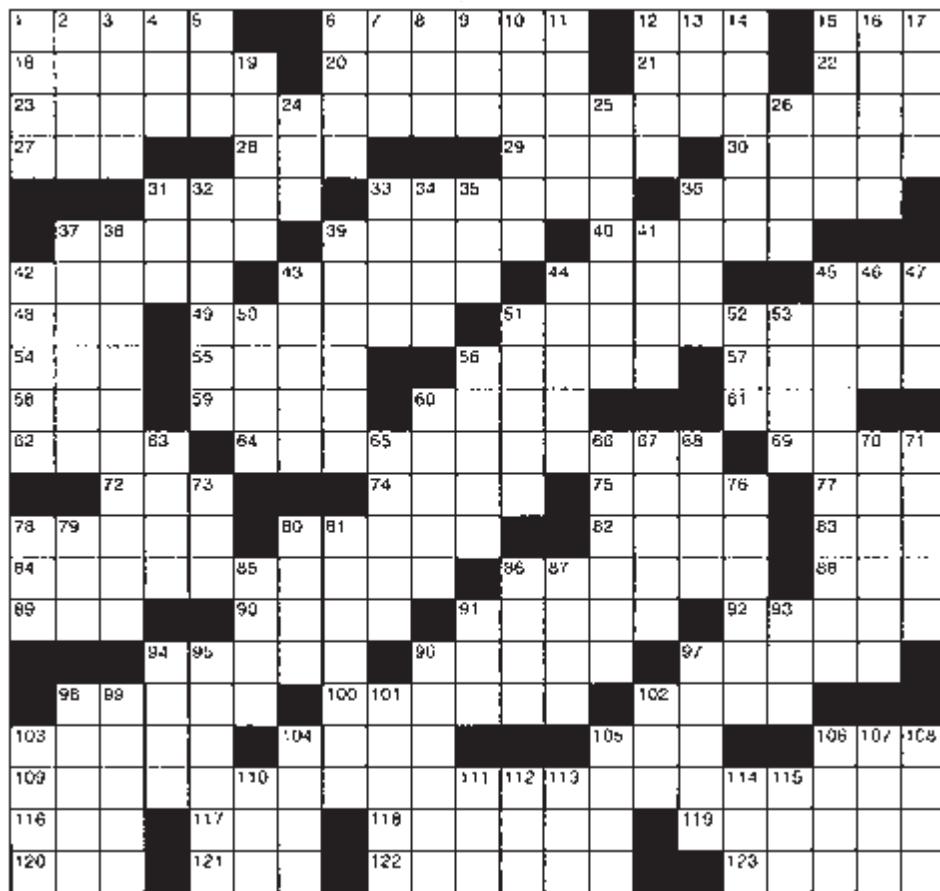
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■ CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

A change of mind might once again turn out to be a good thing. True, most of your co-workers might not like the delay, but as before, they might appreciate what follows from it.

■ LEO (July 23 to August 22)

You revel in golden opportunities this week. One cautionary note, though: Be careful to separate the gold from the glitter before you make a choice. Someone you trust can help.

■ VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)

Marriage is important this week, as are other partnerships. Don't let yourself be overwhelmed by sentiment. Instead, try to steer a path between emotion and common sense.

■ LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)

Dealing with someone who has let you down is never easy. But the sooner you're able to clear up this problem, the sooner other problems can be successfully handled.

■ SCORPIO (October 23 to November 22)

A "friend" who is willing to bend the rules to gain an advantage for both of you is no friend. Reject the offer and stay on your usual straight and narrow path.

■ SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)

After all the effort you've been putting in both on the job and for friends and family, it's a good time to indulge your own needs. The weekend could bring a pleasant surprise.

■ CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)

You might want to

do something new this weekend. Close your eyes and imagine what it could be, and then do it, or come up with the closest practical alternative.

■ AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)

Your good deeds bring you the appreciation you so well deserve. But, once again, be careful of those who might want to exploit your generous nature for their own purposes.

■ PISCES (February 19 to March 20)

Trolling for compliments isn't necessary. You earned them, and you'll get them. Concentrate this week on moving ahead into the next phase of your program.

■ ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

A bit of Arian contrariness could be keeping you from getting all the facts. Turn it off, and tune in to what you need to hear. It could make all the difference this week.

■ TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

Getting an answer to a vital question involving financial matters might take longer than you'd expected. A new factor might have to be dealt with before anything can move forward. Be patient.

■ GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

Use your good sense to see what might really be driving a colleague's workplace agenda. What you learn could lead to a new way of handling some old problems.

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Is it worth \$14 (3-D)? Yes
Is it worth \$10? Yes

In a welcome change, the 3-D in "Despicable Me" looks great. Even better, the animated story is a cute and charming heart warmer that has some sly adult references (including a very subtle one to "The Godfather") and enough playful antics to keep kids entertained.

Gru (Steve Carell) fancies himself the world's number one super villain. But when an up-and-coming villain named Vector (Jason Segel) steals the Great Pyramid of Giza, Gru meets his match. Sure, Gru and his little yellow "Minions" have stolen stuff like the jumbo TV screen in Times Square, but in order to top Vector he looks beyond the planet for his answer: the moon. Unfortunately, Vector has stolen the shrink ray Gru needs to steal the moon, and Vector's home is so well protected that Gru can't even get close.

Inspiration, however, strikes in the unlikeliest of places. When Gru sees three little girls (Miranda Cosgrove, Dana Gaier and Elsie Fisher) selling cookies and walking through Vector's front door, he adopts the girls and uses them to get to Vector.

Directors Pierre Coffin and Chris Renaud don't tell a very original story, but they do tell one that knows its audience and entertains it immensely. Two aerial action sequences are nicely done, and a 3-D roller coaster scene makes you feel like you're along for the ride. The boys (ages 7 and 9) who joined me for the movie especially liked the Minions. Throw in standard pratfalls and other physical comedy hi-jinks and you have a movie the whole family can enjoy.

The 3-D looks sharp and often has a clear foreground, middle ground and background, which means it actually has three discernible dimensions to enjoy. As a trend, it seems the 3-D in computer-generated animated movies ("How To Train Your Dragon") is notably more impres-



sive than live action films (the calamitous "The Last Airbender"). Even "Toy Story 3," which did not thrill me with its 3-D, looked better than any live action 3-D product we've seen. Note: James Cameron's "Avatar" might have felt like live action, but don't forget Pandora was created inside a computer.

With 3-D here to stay for a while, here's my advice: If it's animated and the word on the street says the movie is as fun and as sweet as "Despicable Me," pay the extra money and watch it in 3-D. If it's live action, don't pay for 3-D under any circumstances. Doing so would be despicable. ■

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did you know? ↗

>> In setting perhaps the worst precedent in the history of movie-going, the "Best Buy Movie Mode" app, which works on iPhone, Android and BlackBerry phones, will translate what the Peeps-looking Minions say over the final credits. Your phone has to be on (and set to silent!) during the film for it to work, but allegedly the app disables your ring and discourages texting. Allegedly.

CAPSULES

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The Girl Who Played With Fire ★★★½

(Michael Nyqvist, Noomi Rapace, Lena Endre) Framed for three murders she didn't commit, Lisbeth (Ms. Rapace) tries to clear her name as Mikael (Nyqvist) helps her from afar. The sequel to "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" keeps the energy and suspense high, and Lisbeth's story continues to fascinate as we learn more about her past. The third film in Swedish author Stieg Larsson's "Millennium" trilogy, "The Girl Who Kicked The Hornet's Nest," is scheduled for release in October. Rated R.

The Last Airbender ★

(Dev Patel, Noah Ringer, Nicola Peltz) For years, people with the ability to manipulate earth, air, fire and water

have lived in harmony. But with the Fire Nation now waging war against the others, people look to the Avatar (Mr. Ringer) — the only one who can "bend" all four elements — for help. Written and directed by M. Night Shyamalan and based on the Nickelodeon series, this is a dark, dreary children's film that's poorly acted and clumsily plotted. And this is the worst 3-D you'll ever see. Fitting that it comes with one of the worst movies of the year. Rated PG.

Grown Ups ★★

(Adam Sandler, Chris Rock, Kevin James) After their old basketball coach dies, five friends (Sandler, Rock, James, Rob Schneider and David Spade) reunite with their families over July 4th weekend. There's no story, and the five comedians are only occasionally amusing as they constantly try to top one another with one-liners. Rated PG-13. ■

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'To Advance the Conversation'

BY GEORGE COOK, FORT MYERS

Lois looked over at the couple next to her. They were under a shared beach umbrella, each reading a section of *The Palm City News*. The headline for Saturday, July 3, 2010, she recalled, was something about the oil spill not coming to their Southwest Florida beaches. Someone was going to have to do something. Lois was having trouble lately concentrating on news stories that, she felt, went on for too long.

Her friend Sheila was walking along the shore, the gulf waters rushing over her bare feet. Sheila kicked her feet against the waves and looked up at Lois and waved.

Lois had complained to her husband that it was just an act. Her la-de-da act. Sheila always has to act as if she was having a wonderful time. Lois wished now that she had gone golfing with their husbands.

Lois was unable to count the many quirks in Sheila's personality that drove her crazy. She shifted in her chair. Was Sheila some kind of a neurotic? More of a goof than a neurotic. Lois leaned back and rested her arm across her closed eyes. First of all, it bothered her that Sheila would just help herself to other people's thoughts and comments, and later repeat them as her own. Something I said to her, Lois had told her husband, and like a complete goof she says it to somebody else. And right in front of me.

Lois supposed her husband had been right when he'd suggested that Sheila

was more like a relative than a friend. What can you do? Even a word or fact you might use in a clever way, Lois had told her husband, Sheila would just parrot.

Lois leaned forward in her chair. She pushed her heels into the sand.

Sheila had stopped to talk to a young couple. That poor young couple. They're Sheila's victims now. They're from up north, Lois decided. Sheila can tell them everything she thinks she knows about Florida, the beaches, the shells, the wading birds. And really, she'd told her husband, so much of what she tries to teach people is just wrong. A wanna-be teacher. She's just waiting for you to shut up so she can tell you something. She offers absolutely nothing to advance the conversation. That's really what it is, Lois now told herself. She was anxious to share that with her husband. Sheila corrects your slightest misstatement. Her only contribution is to pounce on what the other person has said, correcting their pronunciation and grammar. God!

Another thing, Lois had complained, was Sheila's self-congratulatory cackle. Oh yes, Lois felt, a definite cackle. Every time she tells you any kind of story or anecdote, it's always her against someone else. And guess what? The other person is a hapless jerk and Sheila wins again! Ha, ha, hee, hee. Cackle, cackle. Her whole life is some kind of meaningless contest. Standing in line at the grocery store. Having a conversation with the lawn guy. And the most feeble excuses when the big things don't turn out



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▼ Your summer jobs



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exactly as they might have. She didn't finish college, she claimed, because her professors weren't really that interested in teaching her. Can you imagine?

Well, her husband had told her, she means well. She's afraid people will think she's missed out on things. She's

afraid people will think she's unhappy and that she has regrets, he'd told her.

Lois stood up and pulled at the edge of her bathing suit. She watched Sheila coming toward her across the sand. She reminded Lois of a child, so excited, so happy to see you. ■

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Chris Kuzneski offers thriller-lovers' bliss

"The Prophecy," by Chris Kuzneski. Putnam. 384 pages. \$25.95.

BY PHILIP K. JASON

Special to Florida Weekly

Remember the Bill Cosby / Robert Culp "I Spy" television series? Well, Chris Kuzneski has raised the ante for black/white dynamic duos with his perfectly paired team of David Jones and Jonathan Payne. Friends since they were linked in military service as Special Forces operatives, Payne and Jones have an assortment of combat skills that will amaze readers. They also have complimentary personalities that allow them to engage in endless — and humorous — bickering and bantering. They are competitive, but ultimately they are wedded to one another as loyal comrades in arms.

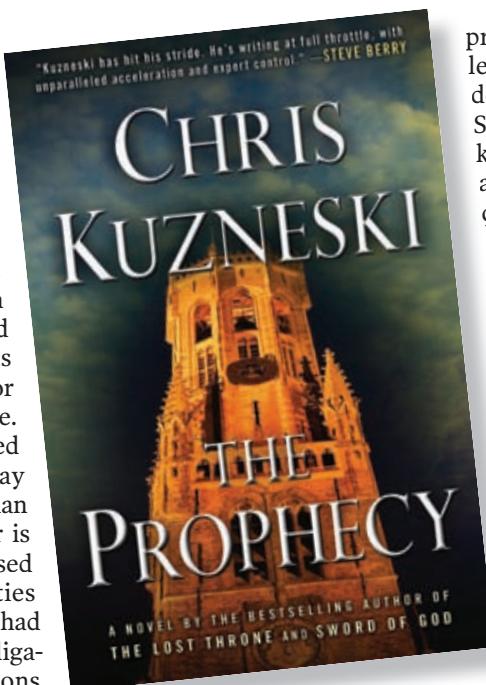
The case that finds them in "The Prophecy," available on July 8, brings a young woman to Pittsburgh who enlists their aid to unscramble and interpret a coded document that has mysteriously come her way. She finds them at a charity event, where business tycoon Payne is the featured speaker. Before long, the woman is murdered and Payne and Jones, who runs a detective agency, find themselves hunted by skilled thugs who would seem to be after that document.

Mr. Kuzneski skillfully develops the novel's plot across time and space, beginning with a prologue in which the historical Nostradamus, living at Salon-de-Provence, France, seals a letter and several other documents in a wooden box,

which he delivers, with instructions, to his lawyer. He dies soon after. The year is 1566 (a number to be reckoned with later in the novel). Readers learn that this mysterious man set up a trust fund to secure the secrets the box contains for centuries to come. Then it is revealed that in present-day Geneva, a gentleman named Louis Keller is about to be released from responsibilities to a trust fund that had been a family obligation for generations. However, he needs to follow instructions secured in a Credit Suisse safe deposit box.

With these teasers, Mr. Kuzneski allows us to assume that the mysterious coded letter is connected, through Keller and his family, back to the legendary Nostradamus. But what are the secrets it holds or leads to? What are those secrets worth? To what end will people go to obtain them? Or is it merely the collectors' value of antique documents that has made the woman with the letter a target — and then Payne and Jones?

The partners' pursuit of the answers, largely a series of defensive moves to



protect their own lives, leads them to Philadelphia, Belgium, and Switzerland. Readers know early on that the arch-villain is François Dubois, a crime lord with exquisite taste who is also an obsessive rare book and manuscript collector. Dubois is a man of enormous cruelty and wealth who has developed the means to fulfill his every desire.

Eventually, our heroes will meet him in Bruges, but along the way they will touch many

European bases and call upon the assistance of several intriguing individuals. These include Petr Ulster, director of the Ulster Archives in Küsendorf, Switzerland, whose expertise on antique documents is needed; Pentagon technology expert Randy Raskin; and Interpol agent Nick Dial.

And how about this? The woman who was murdered was not the intended recipient of the coded letter. Rather, she had been holding mail for her neighbor, Megan Moore, to whom it was addressed, and attempted to take advantage of the mysterious envelope. Once the curvaceous Ms. Moore

enters the story, Chris Kuzneski adds another powerful ingredient to the play of personalities.

Fast-paced with crisply etched settings, heart-pounding violence, and historical resonance, "The Prophecy" is a thriller-lovers' bliss.

Already released in the United Kingdom, where Mr. Kuzneski's fan base is larger, "The Prophecy" follows the author's successes with "Sign of the Cross," "Sword of God," "The Plantation," and "The Lost Throne." A transplanted Pennsylvanian, Chris Kuzneski now makes his home in Tampa.

His book tour will bring him to the Fort Myers Barnes & Noble, 13751 Tamiami Trail, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 20. For more information, call 437-0654. ■

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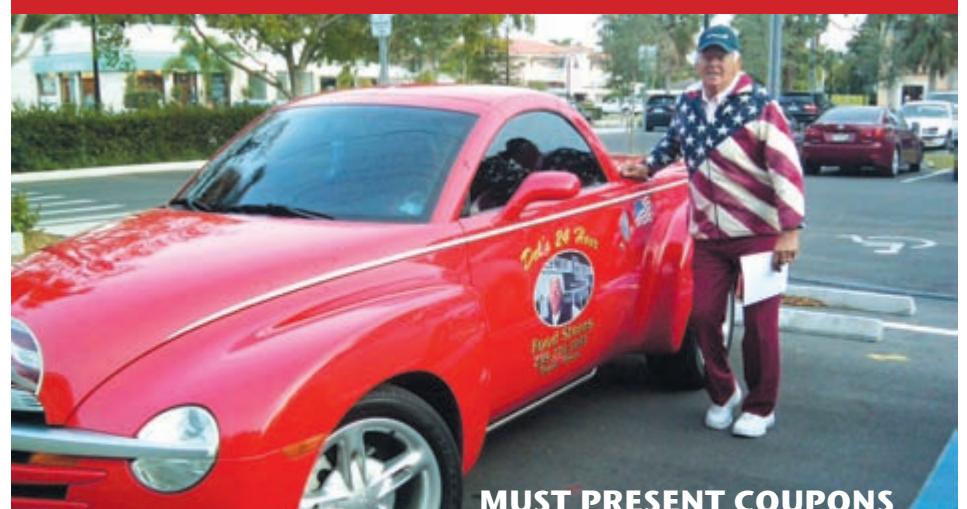
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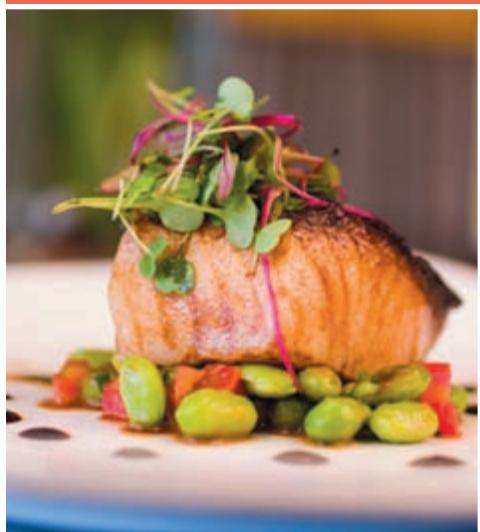
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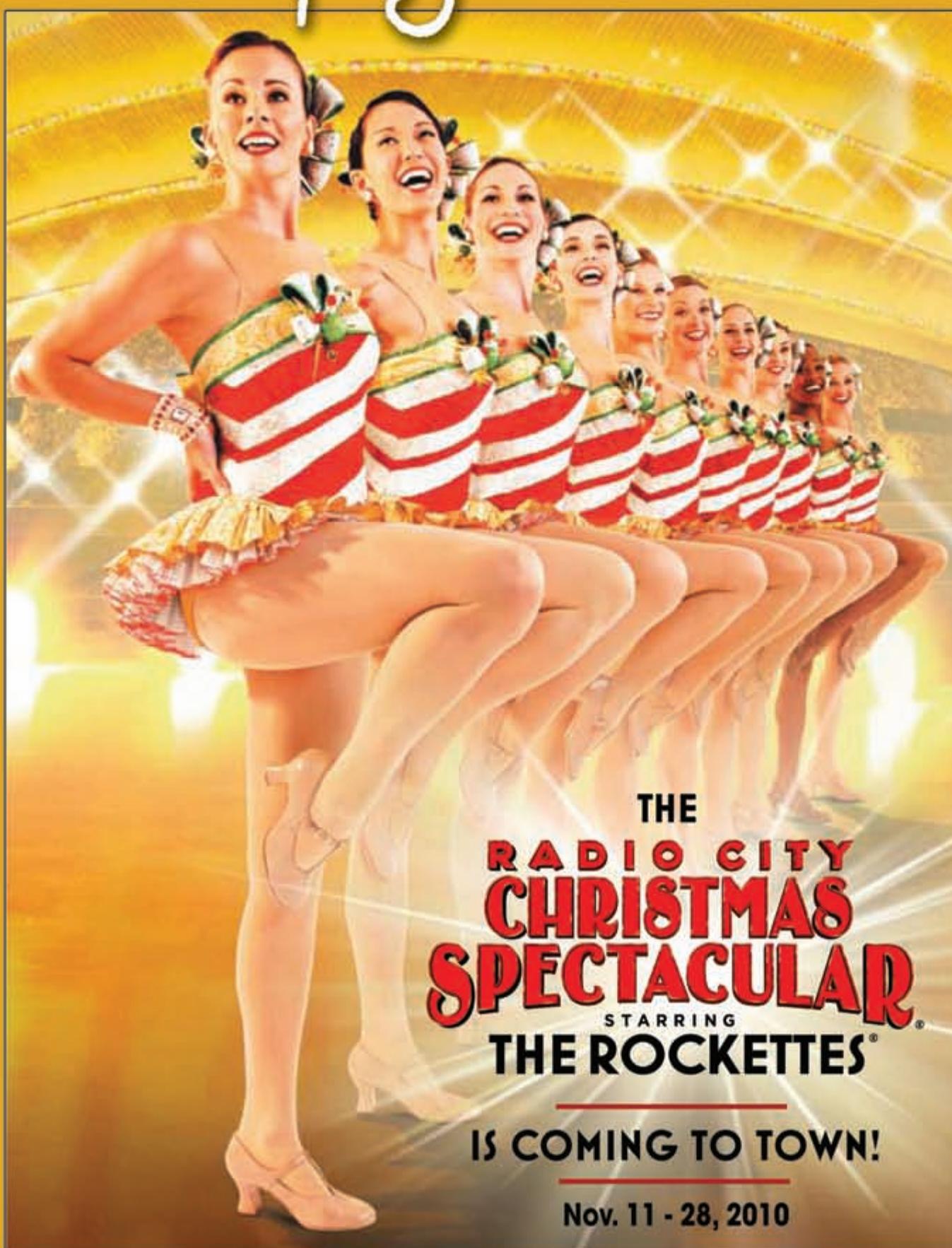
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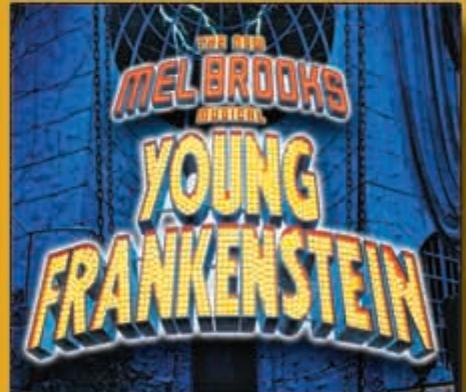
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KOVELS: ANTIQUES & COLLECTING

Sugar chests, pie safes once kept sweets under lock and key

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Go to an antique show and you might see a pie safe, jelly cupboard or sugar chest. But most beginning collectors would call each a "cupboard" or "chest" with no idea how the furniture was originally used.

A pie safe, also called a kitchen safe, is easy to identify. It is a rectangular cupboard, usually with two doors that have pierced tin panels. Pies and other food items were safe behind the metal doors and kept fresh because air could circulate through the pierced holes.

A jelly cupboard is a Midwestern term for a two-drawer, two-door kitchen cupboard used for storage. In all other parts of the country, it is known as a cupboard.

A sugar chest looks like a large storage chest on feet. It has a lift lid and a lock. It is a Southern piece of furniture used to store sugar and was not used in other parts of the country. The inside was divided into sections — one for brown sugar, the other for more expensive white sugar. It was locked because sugar was expensive.

See if you can identify some of these outdated pieces of furniture on your next visit to a show or flea market. They still are popular with collectors, who often use them to store clothes.

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Cherry Blossom pattern. It's brown with a tan trellis around the bottom and white floral vines around the top. The trouble is that it's not marked except with a crayoned number. Could it really have been made by Roseville? I know it's at least 60 years old.

A: You can believe your mother. Roseville Pottery introduced its Cherry Blossom pattern in 1933. Pieces were brown and tan, like yours, or green and pink. Cherry Blossom pieces were marked with only a foil label — and by now most of those labels have been lost. Some pieces, like yours, had hand-crayoned shape numbers on the bottom. An 8-inch Cherry Blossom jardiniere in excellent condition can sell for more than \$500.

Q: My rectangular clock has a round face and rows of numbers, 1 through 80, below the face. There is a peg below each number. More numbers are in lower rows, but each has a post that is wired to the clock. What was it for?

A: It sounds like an early employee time clock. "Clocking-in clocks" were invented in 1885. Each employee had a numbered key and would put it in the hole on the front of the clock. The key number was recorded with the employee's arrival time on a paper tape. This sort of clock is interesting but does not sell well at an average shop. It is of interest to someone looking for industrial machines. Most clock buyers want a decorative clock for the front hall.

Q: My grandparents gave me their large set of Occupied Japan china, including 12 place settings, a soup tureen, sugar and creamer and gravy boat. Each place setting includes a dinner plate, salad plate, bread

plate, soup bowl, berry bowl, cup and saucer. The bottoms of most of the pieces are marked "Silver, Made in Occupied Japan." The set is a family heirloom and I wouldn't sell it, but what is it worth?

A: A company named Silver was one of the known manufacturers of dinnerware in postwar Japan. Companies that made dishes or other items for export used the "Made in Occupied Japan" mark from 1947 to 1952. The value of your 88-piece set depends on its quality and condition. It could be worth anywhere from \$200 to \$900.

Q: I have a child's Mickey Mouse ring. I think it's sterling silver and from the 1930s. Could you tell me what it's worth?

A: The only sterling silver Mickey Mouse rings on the market before the 1980s were made from 1947 to 1949 by Ostby & Barton of Providence, R.I. One of those rings sells for about \$50 today. But many other silver Mickey rings have been made in recent years. You have to do some research to be sure you have an old ring.

Q: I inherited a pair of scissors from a great-great-aunt. The scissors are 4½ inches long. There is a funny elongated notch in



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Butternut wood was used to make this pie safe in about 1830. The star designs in the punched tin give it added value. It sold this year at Cottone Auctions in Geneseo, N.Y., for \$1,955.

Tip: Apply colored paste wax (even shoe polish works) to cover small scratches in wood. ■

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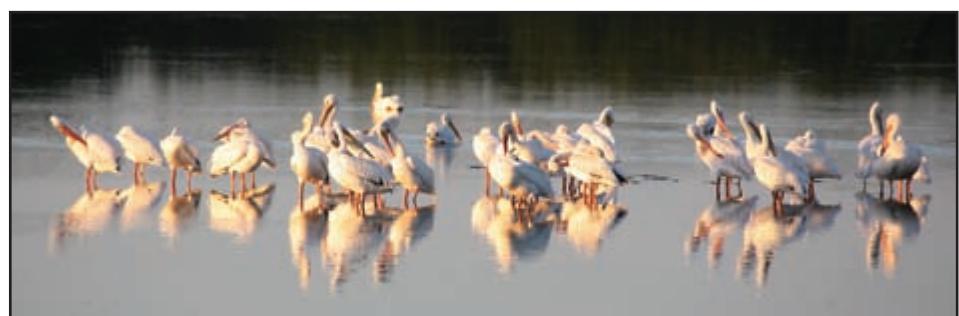
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for the exhibit and a showing of select works from its permanent collection from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, July 16. The reception is free for members and \$10 for non-members.

Summer school in session

Session two of the summer's adult art classes at The von Liebig begins Saturday, July 17, and classes continue on Saturdays through Aug. 7.

The courses include: "How to Approach Portraiture" with Jose Castillo; watercolor with Genie Kell; drawing with Sam Platt; mixed media collage with Genie Kell; and acrylic landscape with Sam Platt. Most classes take place from 9 a.m. to noon; some are from 1-4 p.m. Cost is \$120 for members of the Naples Art Association and \$140 for others. For a complete schedule and class descriptions, visit www.naplesart.org.

The galleries and gift shop at The von Liebig Art Center are open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday until Oct. 1. A summer sale is under way in

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>> **What:** "The von Liebig Art Center Faculty Biennial 2010"

>> **When:** July 17-Aug. 28

>> **Opening reception:** 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, July 16; free for members, \$10 for others

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Corkscrew's 'Super Ghost' explodes with multiple blooms

A rare ghost orchid has exploded with 14 buds, marking its second bloom this year and its fourth consecutive year on an ancient bald cypress tree at Audubon's Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary near Naples. The orchid should be in flower through July.

Since 2007, the elusive flower has bloomed in June or July. One blossom was discovered in March this year, mysteriously early in the season.

Area biologists have nicknamed this specimen the Super Ghost, since typically ghost orchids might have between one and three blossoms per year, if they bloom at all.

"This number of blooms is unprecedented, and promises to be the best-ever blooming of the ghost orchid," says Ed Carlson, director of Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary.

The ghost orchid, *Polyrrhiza lindenii*, is an epiphytic orchid that grows without leaves on the trunks of trees in a small concentrated area of Southwest Florida. The plants are usually only visible to intrepid adventurers who must hike through hip-deep water in cypress, pop ash and pond apple sloughs to reach them.

Preyed upon by poachers, the flower was the subject of bestselling author Susan Orlean's book "The Orchid Thief" and the subsequent motion picture called "The Adaptation."

The ghost orchid is one of a number of extraordinary species of plant and wildlife that thrive in Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary's 13,000 acres. The sanctuary also protects the largest stand of old growth bald cypress in North America.

Because of its unique and rich biodiversity, Corkscrew was officially



The ghost orchid at Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary.

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in the know

- >> **What:** Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary
- >> **Where:** 375 Sanctuary Road West, Naples
- >> **Hours:** 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. every day; no admission within one hour of closing
- >> **Info:** 348-9151

designated a Ramsar Wetland of International Importance in 2009, underscoring the need to protect this vital resource from a host of threats, including invasive species and development in sensitive watersheds for which Corkscrew serves as an essential link.

Nearly 200 species of birds thrive in the sanctuary, renowned as home to America's largest nesting colonies of wood stork, a federally endangered species. The storks nest in majestic, 600-year-old bald cypress trees.

Orchid lovers have a window to spot the ghost orchid blooming through July. Visitors to the sanctuary will find spotting scopes for easy close-up views set up along the sanctuary's boardwalk. Serious photographers should bring long lenses, as the plant is growing at a height of about 50 feet on the trunk of a bald cypress tree that's 150 feet from the boardwalk. ■

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> THURSDAY, JULY 15, 8 P.M. Your Voice: Addicted!

Join us for an in-depth exploration and analysis of a prevalent problem in our region that remains "hidden" in plain sight. A panel of experts in the field of drug and alcohol addiction will discuss the disease and the community's efforts to lead people into recovery. Also seated will be individuals who have been (or are currently) struggling with dependency along with a family member. Experts who will explore the many ways to recover and offer viewers detailed information include representatives from the Southwest Florida Addiction Services and Hazelden Treatment Center. Hosted by Rachelle Grossman.

> FRIDAY, JULY 16, 8:30 P.M.\ Your Voice: Pain, Pills & Profit

Florida has spawned and nurtured a new, billion-dollar industry: the distribution, sale and exportation of prescription drugs that are more powerful, more addicting, more deadly than any that have come before. Law enforcement officers in Southwest Florida, overwhelmed by the onslaught, say the new drug dealers are pain clinic doctors.

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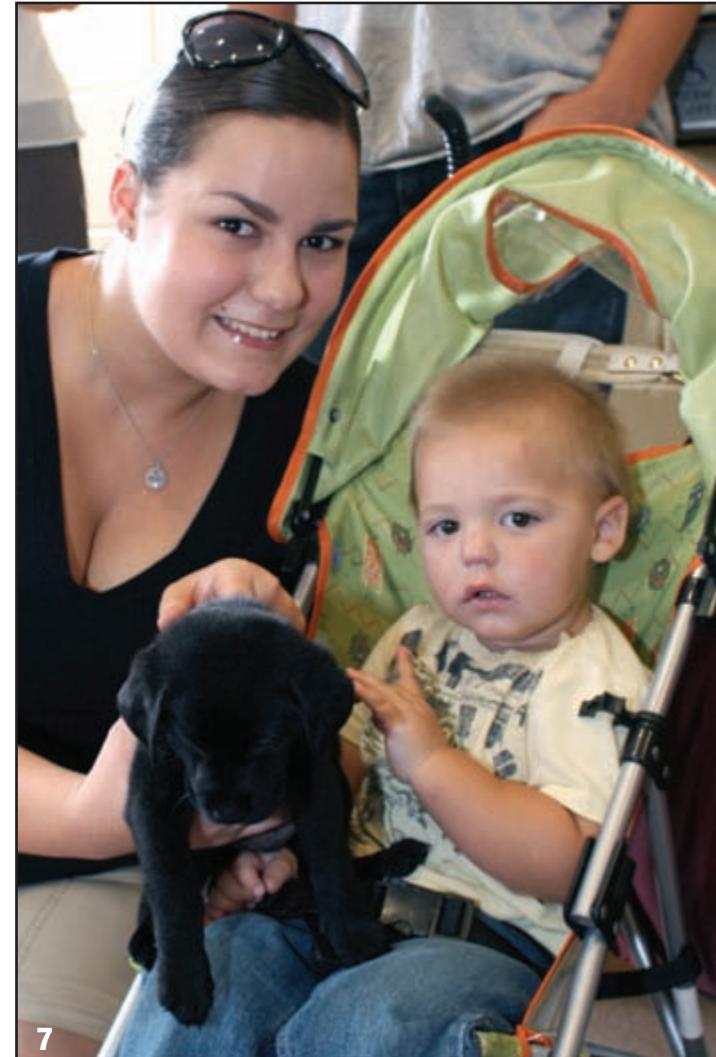
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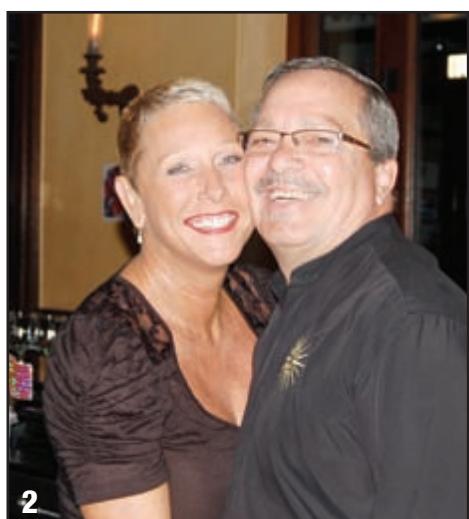
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► **British Open Pub**, 24630 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 949-0302

With its clubby décor and friendly staff, this British-influenced dining spot and watering hole has the feel of a comfortable neighborhood joint. The menu's not huge, but boasts several British specialties along with American classics such as chicken wings. And, of course, there are lots of beers from which to choose. Baked brie with apples, a loaf of hot bread and melba sauce was a showy dish and tasty starter. The sausage rolls were good, too, if somewhat plainer in appearance. Fish and chips were nicely fried and delivered hot. Savory chicken and mushroom pie came with a large puff pastry and was delicately seasoned. Warm, chewy bread pudding in a pool of cream was a satisfying dessert. Full bar.

Food: ★★★½ Service: ★★★½ Atmosphere: ★★★½

► **KC's American Bistro**, Pavilion Shopping Center, 885 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 566-2371

There's an old adage that warns never to trust a skinny chef, but KC's proves there's an exception to every rule. Chef/owner Keith Casey offers a lively menu filled with imaginative fare that pays homage to the country's diverse cultures. His training at the Culinary Institute of America is evident in his soulful sauces. Here are just a few of the noteworthy dishes: Gulf shrimp fritters with mango chutney and West Indies curry sauce, roasted Medjool

dates with Humboldt fog blue cheese and dry cured ham with balsamic syrup, rosemary-scented lamb chops and scallops with Maine lobster and sweet corn chowder and a finale of pumpkin and mascarpone cheesecake. The interesting wine list offers almost everything by the bottle or glass. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★★★★ Service: ★★★★ Atmosphere: ★★★★



► **Patric's**, 1485 Pine Ridge Road, Naples; 304-9754

At some restaurants, breakfast and lunch are afterthoughts. At Patric's Breakfast, Lunch & More, they are the stars. Opening at 6:30 a.m. daily, Patric's cozy café serves made-from-scratch fare that includes omelettes, biscuits and gravy, cornbread, fried green tomatoes, sandwiches and loads of pies and cookies. An added bonus is that breakfast is served all day. A jerk chicken omelette had lots of well-spiced chicken, onions, tomatoes, peppers and Jack cheese, served with home fries and toast. My companion enjoyed an ahi tuna melt with flamingo cole slaw (sweet and colorful) served with what the menu called "addictive fries" (crisp fries seasoned with garlic, among other things). A side of fried green tomatoes was tasty, too. For dessert, we shared just-baked Gramma Cathy's Dutch apple pie slathered in whipped cream.

Food: ★★★★ Service: ★★★★ Atmosphere: ★★★½

► **Pelagos Café**, 4951 Tamiami Trail N.; 263-2996

The management calls what's served here "Mediterranean soul food," and that's an excellent description. Primarily Greek, the menu also offers a smattering of other dishes from the region. Portions are large and most dishes are ample for two. I can recommend the fried calamari with its cinnamon-scented marinara, and a vegetable plate that contained roasted peppers, grilled artichoke hearts, beet salad and the best dolmades (stuffed grape leaves) I've had outside of Greece. The

avgolemono soup, Greek salad and gyro platter were spot on. Also delicious was a simply grilled mahi fillet topped with asparagus, artichokes, olives and cherry tomatoes. For dessert, one large wedge of baklava more than satisfied two of us. A bonus at Pelagos is its moderate prices. Odds are you'll have enough leftovers for another meal. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★★★★ Service: ★★★★ Atmosphere: ★★★★

► **Truluck's**, 698 Fourth Ave. S.; 530-3131

It may be a crab house, but Truluck's has the look and feel of an upscale supper club, with service to match. The tuna tartare tower looks like a seafood version of a trifle, with layers of tuna, crab, tomato, avocado and pineapple drizzled with a citrus soy reduction. This appetizer is worth the trip alone. Miso-glazed barramundi was a white, flaky and mild fish, enhanced by crab fried rice and a generous topping of julienned vegetables. The Nigerian shrimp were enormous, as billed, but not as flavorful or tender as the gulf variety. Plan to share one of the massive desserts. The white cake with almond-studded cream cheese icing served with crème anglaise and raspberry puree made for a satisfying finish. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★ Service: ★★★★ Atmosphere: ★★★½

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FLORIDA WEEKLY CUISINE

Loving Hut likely to change minds about meat-free dining



Despite the preaching of doctors, researchers and environmentalists, Americans remain unrepentant carnivores.

So what if vegetarians live an average of seven years longer than meat eaters, or that eating more vegetables has been proven to improve heart health, lower weight, reduce the risk of cancer and lessen the severity of hot flashes?

Never mind that millions of animals are slaughtered daily to satisfy the American appetite for meat, and 39 percent of ocean fish species have been overharvested. Or that it's more economical to eat veggies, and it reduces greenhouse gas emissions to boot.

The new Loving Hut restaurant supplies an even more compelling reason to try a flesh-free meal: The food tastes great.

It is a vegan establishment, which means that it uses no animal products, including cheese, milk, eggs or honey. But before you dismiss it as bland rabbit food, I recommend a visit.

This intriguing new chain — which has outlets in Vietnam, Taiwan, Singapore, Hong Kong and Japan, and select cities from New York to California (another one recently opened in Cape Coral) — operates by a simple motto: "Be Veg! Go Green! Save the Planet."

Whatever the originator's philosophical motivation, the restaurant's food is fresh and well seasoned with the lively flavors of Asia. And many dishes contain ingredients that look and taste much like meat. Really!

In addition to animal products, Loving Hut eschews alcohol; beverage options include fresh fruit smoothies, carrot juice, organic iced tea, Thai iced tea, organic soymilk and soda lemonade with agave.

We started with Thai iced tea (\$2.95) and soda lemonade (\$3.50). The tea was cold, creamy and sweet, which helped counteract some of the spicy food that followed. I'm assuming it was made with soymilk rather



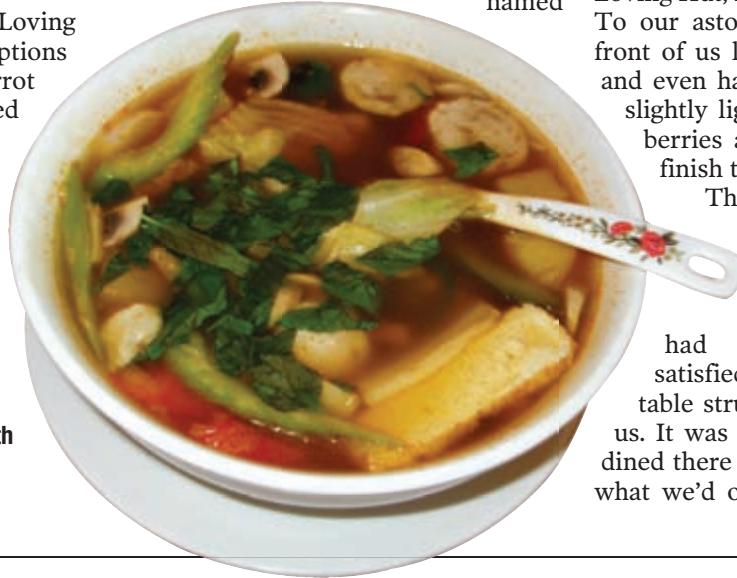
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Loving Hut in Naples

than the traditional evaporated milk, but the difference was negligible. The soda lemonade had a bit of effervescence and a fresh lemon flavor mingled with the tropical sweetness of agave nectar.

From the appetizer selections, we tried crispy golden rolls (\$4.50) and Thai hot and sour soup (\$6.75). Three crisp, golden rolls were halved and arranged on a dish around a small bowl of sweetened rice vinegar sauce. They were filled with crunchy vegetables and soy protein, which added a meaty chewiness to the stuffing. Hot and crunchy, they tasted great with or without the light sauce.

A large bowl of Thai hot and sour soup arrived at the same time. Flavored with tart tamarind and lots of herbs, the broth was filled with tomatoes, pineapples, tofu, soy protein and jalapenos. It was indeed both hot and sour, with just a hint of sweetness from the pineapple.

From the entrees — which the menu divides into noodles, rice plates, vegetable and bean curd, Heaven entrees, Ocean entrees and Earth entrees — we tried a Vietnamese pho bowl (\$7.75) and a dish whimsically named



Thai hot and sour soup delivers on both the hot and the sour, with a fragrant broth and lots of vegetables.

Dancing Mushroom (\$11.75)

Pho — pronounced "fuh" — is a traditional Vietnamese rice noodle soup that envelops the senses with its heady blend of aromas, flavors and textures. Infused with anise, cinnamon, nutmeg or other fragrant spices, pho generally contains meat and is served with a plate of fresh basil, jalapenos, lime and bean sprouts. The idea is to add however much you desire of each element. In this case, the meat was replaced by soy protein, which is made from soy flour yet has a consistency very much like meat.

I love pho, and this one was as satisfying as any I've had with beef. There were a lot of noodles to soak up most of the broth, so one of the helpful service staff obligingly brought us two more bowls with warm broth, into which we divided the noodles.

Our other entrée is a house specialty listed under the Earth entrees. Mushrooms, soy protein, bell pepper, onion and garlic bathed in a brown sauce are served on a sizzling platter, on which the mushrooms presumably "dance." At first glance, this dish appeared to have slices of flank steak in it, but these, too, were the soy protein Loving Hut's kitchen uses so deftly. Although a mild dish, it possessed a lot of flavor.

Our server suggested cheesecake for dessert — even though vegans use no cheese.

"It looks and tastes just like cheesecake," she assured us. I've tried vegan ice cream and found it didn't taste anything like the real thing, but considering how good everything else had been at Loving Hut, I decided to take her advice. To our astonishment, what she set in front of us looked just like cheesecake and even had the flavor of one with a slightly lighter texture. Topped with berries and almonds, it was a fine finish to dinner.

Throughout the meal, the staff worked hard to ensure that customers understood what they were ordering and, once they had tasted it, that they were satisfied. Two women at a nearby table struck up a conversation with us. It was the first time all of us had dined there and we enjoyed comparing what we'd ordered. They weren't veg-

etarians either, but had also enjoyed the meal and said they intended to return soon.

Loving Hut is a godsend for vegans who often must settle for salad when dining out. But it's also an ideal way for the rest of us to embrace our inner vegetarian without sacrificing flavor or enjoyment in the process. ■



A dish called Dancing Mushroom is served on a sizzling platter, making for a somewhat dramatic presentation.

in the know

Loving Hut

975 Pine Ridge Road, Naples; 254-9490

Ratings:
Food: ★★★★
Service: ★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★½

>> **Hours:** 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday; noon to 8 p.m. Sunday

>> **Reservations:** No

>> **Credit cards:** Major cards accepted.

>> **Price range:** Appetizers, \$4.50-\$7.50; entrees, \$7.75-\$12.95

>> **Beverages:** Soft drinks

>> **Seating:** Conventional tables and chairs

>> **Specialties of the house:** Crispy golden roll, papaya salad, Thai hot and sour soup, Indian curry soup, Vietnamese pho bowl, house rice clay pot, seaweed with ginger, dancing mushroom, spicy lemongrass tofu

>> **Volume:** Low

>> **Parking:** Free lot

★★★★★	Superb
★★★★	Noteworthy
★★★	Good
★★	Fair
★	Poor

food & wine CALENDAR

► **Friday, July 16,** 6-8 p.m., Whole Foods Market: Quinten Grier and Theresa Clark lead a tasting of Australian wines paired with cheeses; \$10, Mercato, 9101 Strada Place; 522-5100 or www.acteva.com/go/lifestylecenter to register.

► **Friday, July 16,** Bistro 821: Chef/owner Jesse Housman hosts a four-course dinner featuring wines from Anura Vineyards in South Africa paired with yellowfin tuna and salmon tartare, curried prawns and clams, goat cheese and sundried tomato ravioli, grilled marinated lamb chops and Belgian chocolate mousse; \$55, 821 Fifth Ave. S.; 261-5821. Reservations required.

Saturday, July 17, 24 and 31, 7:30-11:30 a.m., Third Street South: The weekly farmers market sets up in the parking area behind Tommy Bahama's.

► **Saturday, July 17, 24 and 31,** 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., The Collection at Vanderbilt: More than 30 vendors gather for the North Naples Green Market.

► **Saturday, July 17,** 10:30-11:30 a.m., Whole Foods Market: Jaime Wakkila teaches an all-natural and organic summer snacks class for kids ages 7-13; \$5; Mercato, 9101 Strada Place; 522-5100 or www.acteva.com/go/lifestylecenter to register.

Saturday, July 17, 24 and 31, 11 a.m., The Sauce Lady: Ela Vivonetto, also known as The Sauce Lady, holds children's cooking classes; \$20, 1810 J&C Blvd.; 592-5557. Reservations required.

► **Saturday, July 17,** noon-2 p.m., Sur La Table: Learn how to make seafood flatbread at this cooking demonstration; Mercato; 591-4394.

► **Sunday, July 18,** 1-3 p.m., Whole Foods Market: The store's various departments compete in a chili cook-off, with customers tasting and voting for the winner; free, Mercato, 9101 Strada Place; 552-5100.

► **Monday, July 19,** 6 p.m., Roy's Naples: The Wine Club gathers to sample select wines and appetizers;

ers; \$20, 475 Bayfront Place; 261-1416.

► **Wednesday, July 21,** 5:30-8 p.m., Decanted: See how far domestic beers have come during a tasting of microbrews from California, the Pacific Northwest and the Northeast; \$5, 1410 Pine Ridge Road; 434-1814.

► **Wednesday, July 21 and 28,** 6-8 p.m., The Sauce Lady: Ela Vivonetto, aka The Sauce Lady, demonstrates five-minute meals; \$20, 1810 J&C Blvd.; 592-5557. Reservations required.

► **Wednesday, July 21,** 6 p.m., Roy's Bonita Springs: The Wine Club gathers to sample select wines and appetizers; \$15 members, \$30 for non-members; 26831 South Bay Drive, Bonita Springs; 498-7697.



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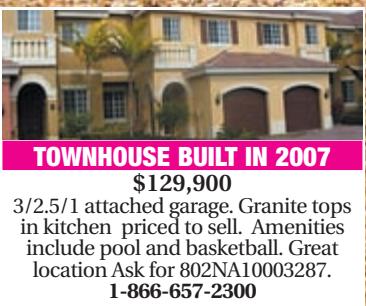


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Naples Total Sales Increase at Least 47 Percent

Report Shows 9 Percent Increase in Median Closed Price

NAPLES, Fla.-June 18, 2010- All geographic areas in Naples experienced a significant increase in both pending and closed sales in May according to a report released by the Naples Area Board of REALTORS® (NABOR), which tracks home listings and sales within Collier County (excluding Marco Island).

For the 12 months ending May 2010, overall pending sales in all geographic areas increased 47 percent from the 12 months ending May 2009. The increase ranged from 33 percent in East Naples to 56 percent in South Naples. "Sales are increasing in not only all geographic locations but in all price ranges as well. This is a good sign," said Tom Bringardner, President of Premier Properties.

"The median closed price has continued to level out since September 2009," stated Michele Harrison, REALTOR with John R. Wood REALTORS. The median closed price increased 9 percent to \$190,000 in May 2010 up from \$174,000 in May 2009.

The report provides annual comparisons of single-family home and condo sales (via the SunshineMLS), price ranges, geographic segmentation and includes an overall market summary. The statistics are presented in chart format, along with the following analysis:

Overall pending sales increased 9 percent to 887 contracts in May 2010 compared to 812 contracts in May 2009. For the 12 months ending May 2010, closed sales increased 48 percent with 8,152 sales compared to 5,495 sales for the 12 months ending May 2009.

Single-family pending sales saw a 10 percent increase with 477 contracts in May 2010 compared to 433 contracts in May 2009.



Condo sales saw a 25 percent increase with 398 sales in May 2010 compared to 318 sales in May 2009. For the 12 months ending May 2010 pending condo sales in the under \$300,000 category saw a 69 percent increase with 3,573 contracts compared to 2,117 contracts for the 12 months ending May 2009.

The available inventory decreased 10 percent to 9,006 in May 2010 compared to 10,046 in the same month last year.

To view the report, go to www.Naplesarea.com

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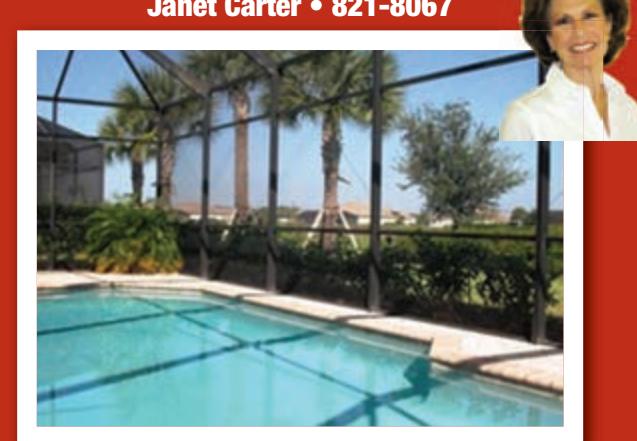


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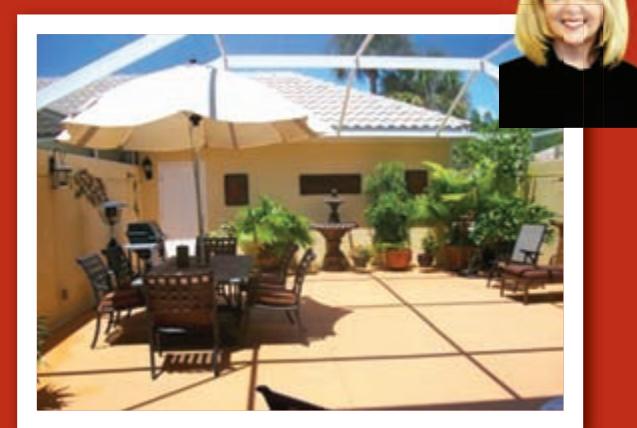


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