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## MIRACLE BASEBALL HAS DEEP ROOTS IN MADCAP MARKETING

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▲ Above: GM Steve Gliner, center, leads the fun at Hammond Stadium, slingshotting stuff into the crowd.

▼ Below: Hammond Stadium is where the Fort Myers Miracle play all summer long.

Breastfeeding and minor league baseball. Perhaps you are one of those people who has wondered, "Why hasn't someone combined those two wonderful experiences into a super-duper promotion?"

Then again, perhaps you are not one of those people, but, more importantly, Steve Gliner is. Mr. Gliner is the general manager of the Fort Myers Miracle, the high-profile and thoroughly outrageous minor league baseball franchise that does its best to enliven the stifling Southwest

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Five representatives of the world's tallest animal will stick their necks out for the public at The Naples Zoo on Saturday, July 31.

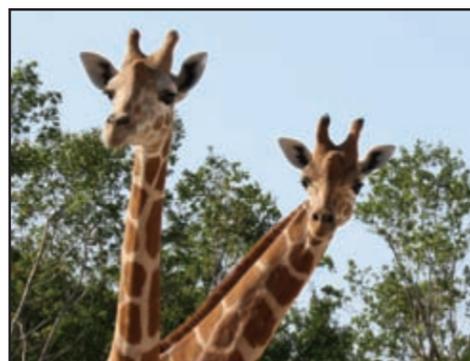
The reticulated giraffes, all males, are between 1 and 2 years old and are 10-12 feet tall. They will be on exhibit in their temporary quarters at the Zoo from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily.

Fundraising is under way for a permanent giraffe habitat at the Zoo.

The long-necked fellows arrived earlier this summer from the Denver Zoo, Lion Country Safari and the San Francisco Zoo

— all of which, like The Naples Zoo, are nationally accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

The giraffes' temporary home is in the northern portion of the Zoo. Their future home in the southern portion of the zoo will be the first major habitat in the Coastal Africa region of the Zoo's master plan. The permanent exhibit will allow guests to get face-to-face and even feed the giraffes. A major fundraiser is planned for February at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples, to help make that happen as soon as possible. A patron event is also planned at



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Two of the five newest attractions stick their necks out at The Naples Zoo.

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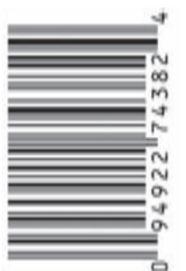
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## COMMENTARY

## Dog days of summer

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My brother, Scott, crossed his wires as a young man by studying both anthropology and psychology at the university.

This was in Lawrence, Kan., where he just marked time — a lot of time — until he could get back to Colorado (now he's a fishing guide and sometimes furniture-maker in the high mountains, near Gunnison).

He never quite recovered from the university experience, but it gave him some interesting ideas. One of them married up God and dogs, of which he always kept a tail-wagging representative (of dogs, not Gods).

Since dogs, then wolves, came into the human experience suddenly and inexplicably about 50,000 years ago (that's when their bones begin turning up at sites inhabited by people), perhaps they were put there by God, he proposed.

Do you notice, he said, how dogs are always watching you? Somewhere a dog, often unseen by you, is studying your progress through a moment or a day or a life.

Their eyes follow you wherever you go. You tend to do things in front of dogs you might not do in front of people. You bring them along with you into your camps or towns or cities. You wake with them, eat with them, work with them, play with them, sleep with them. And

they know everything about you.

Before we learned to domesticate them, they sat out beyond the circle of firelight and studied us, even then.

Their eyes were not watching God, my brother suggested (to paraphrase Zora Neale Hurston's book title). On the contrary, their eyes were God's, and they were watching us — recording our behavior implacably, inscrutably and continually. God's forward observers, if you will.

My brother likes to think of himself as rational — as an empiricist, perhaps, not a mystic — so he gave me the idea and suggested that I weave a short story out of it, a tidy fiction. And I figured it would take a lot of weaving by someone who knew a lot more than I do about both dogs and anthropology, not to mention fiction writing, to get the job done right.

So I let the idea sit there for about 20 years. And then I moved in with a bunch of dogs — or more accurately, I let them move in with me. Somehow.

Do not expect me to explain this process reasonably. I like to think of myself as a rationalist, too, but I don't give a hoot about appearing rational or reasonable every minute of the day. And moving in with dogs — we now have six of them — is a sure-fire way to flag yourself as completely and unmistakably irrational.

I think it had to do with an ungovernable human calculus that combined pleasure and grief and greed and need and imperative — the imperative to help something obviously in trouble. It probably had to do with a lot of other things, too (but unlike my brother, I didn't study psychology —

it's nothing but palmetto scrub, to me — so my self-awareness ends there.)

On my own behalf, let me point out that I'm not the majority shareholder on our decision-making family dog board. But I'm not evading responsibility by putting it off on the other voters, either.

No. I voted with the crowd pretty much every time.

We had a dog, one dog, a smart funny Catahoula leopard named Sally. And then Nash, my youngest son, found a tough little ochre cow cur under his Christmas tree one day. He called her Smoke.

Two dogs, two kids, two parents — the Family Appropriate, by contemporary standards (FA, for short.)

Sure, there were four cats, various chickens, the guineas and geese and ducks and rabbits and paint mare, along with the sorriest donkey since Joseph and Mary rode into Jerusalem, but never mind all that. They were, and they remain, mere distractions compared to dogs.

Then Sally got up one morning, breathed hard for about an hour, let go of her bowels in the back of my car, and died in my arms as I carried her across the parking lot and into the vet, followed by my family.

For that last hour, though, she watched us carefully, recording not only our actions on her behalf but the quality and resolve in our love. As they followed me, her brown eyes appeared no sadder and no more alarmed than a dog's eyes ever do, I realized. They have a knowing look unmatched by other domestic creatures, I believe — a gaze shimmering with intelligence and uncomplaining sadness and

understanding, even in the best of times.

Mostly, dogs understand mortality. I've decided that they actually reflect on it, unlike cats, perhaps, and certainly nothing like cows or horses, who don't have a clue.

Alive, a dog, even a young dog, understands death — and its potential to enter a day as suddenly and unceremoniously as a light breeze — better than anything else, probably including people. But dogs still manage to live exuberantly in the moment. That instruction right there makes having dogs worth any trouble they might cause.

They do cause some, too.

Smoke disappeared in a storm one night, forever, and we still dream about her. But by that time, to make up for Sally's loss, we'd gotten others. And to make up for Smoke's loss, we took on still more, becoming a canine camp of the abandoned, the wandering and the orphaned.

And now every morning when we get up, there they are — tails wagging, muscles quivering, bodies poised in eager expectation. Watching us.

And now my brother's idea no longer seems like a mere confection. ■

— Note: While Mr. Williams vacations this week, his dogs are in the care of a friend and neighbor. About two weeks after this column ran in July 2009, Smoke was picked up by a dogcatcher and identified from her microchip — then restored to the Williams family. Mr. Williams says it was as close as he's come in a long time to getting religion.

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# OPINION

## The agony of the revolution



**richLOWRY**

Special to Florida Weekly

The great Democratic revolution of 2008 is entering its pitiful stage.

If Nancy Pelosi had a guillotine, Robert Gibbs' head would be rolling around in a basket. His offense? Uttering perhaps the most unassailably accurate statement of his tenure as White House press secretary: that there is "no doubt" Republicans might take back the House.

Theories abound for why Mr. Gibbs would say such a flatly true thing. The simplest is that Mr. Gibbs was asked whether the House is in play on "Meet the Press" and in the flush of the moment slipped up with an honest answer. Whatever the explanation, Speaker Pelosi is enraged at his counter-revolutionary backsliding.

The more important question is: Why aren't Democrats mad at President Barack Obama (and Speaker Pelosi) for endangering their majority, rather than at Mr. Gibbs for acknowledging the fact it's at risk?

In their reaction to Mr. Gibbs, Democrats have vitiated what seemed most admirable about their determination to

pass health-care reform: its astounding political heedlessness. They were doing it simply because they thought it was right. Or so it seemed. What looked to all the world like an act of political harakiri borne of ideological righteousness, the Democrats considered a common-sense step for which they'd inevitably be rewarded by the voters.

And they'll get their reward, good and hard. The latest three national polls show that the public opposes the health-care reform by 49-36, 53-40 and 47-35 (in CBS, Public Policy Polling and Pew surveys, respectively).

An Obama adviser complained to the Politico that the president is not receiving due credit for all his heroic efforts, including sweeping health-care and financial reforms. "It's very frustrating that it's not breaking through, when you look at these things and their scale," he said. "Can you imagine if Bill Clinton had achieved even one of these?"

That's a counterfactual that misses the point. A secret to Mr. Clinton's success is precisely that he didn't achieve signature liberal legislation. He bragged a lot about doing small things, and after the 1994 debacle, stumbled upon a politically successful formula for center-left governance in a center-right country. The next time President Obama has the

big dog in the White House for his help in mollifying the business community, he should ask him for a tutorial.

According to Gallup, conservatives outnumber liberals in America by 2-1. That datum alone should be enough to make a liberal speaker of the House concerned above all about holding down the middle. Instead, Speaker Pelosi has led the charge for ruinously expensive initiatives that have inflamed the right and alienated independents.

There's a two-prong strategy for dealing with the resulting backlash: 1) Denying that it's happening (if only the White House press secretary will cooperate); 2) Should the worst come, chastising the public for its lack of discernment and shocking backwardness.

Liberal radio talk-show host Bill Press has teed up the latter option in response to President Obama's weak poll numbers. According to Mr. Press, the American public doesn't deserve a leader as effective and farsighted as President Obama. "It just shows once again that the American people are spoiled," he says.

Such is the agony of the revolution of 2008. ■

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

## GUEST OPINION

### The job for the deficit doves



**amyGOODMAN**

Special to Florida Weekly

Getting out of the red is the new black. Deficit hawks have swooped down on the U.S. budget. This week, they attacked unemployment benefits.

Ultimately, they are going after Social Security and Medicare/Medicaid, the venerable programs once considered untouchable "third rails" of U.S. politics. These have been replaced by a new third rail, the defense budget. To really deal with annual deficits and a surging national debt, we are going to need to cut military spending.

We need some deficit doves.

First, let's call it what it is: the war budget. The government formed the Department of War in 1789, and only in 1949 renamed it the Department of Defense. The war budget President Barack Obama recently sent to Congress, for fiscal year 2011, is \$548.9 billion, with an additional \$33 billion, which is the 2010 supplemental that is currently being debated in Congress, and \$159.3 billion more "to support ongoing overseas contingency operations, including funds to execute the President's new strategy in Afghanistan and Pakistan." Recall, "overseas contingency operations" is how the Obama administration rebranded the "Global War on Terror."

This is just the publicly available war budget. There is also a "black budget," kept secret, for clandestine operations that former Director of National Intelligence Dennis Blair revealed was about \$75 billion. As *The Washington Post* exposed this week, the post-9/11 security

state has grown into a massive, unmanageable and largely privatized "enterprise."

Over 2,000 for-profit firms and over 850,000 people with top-secret clearance are engaged in military and intelligence activities, ostensibly for the U.S. government, with seemingly little or no oversight.

Rep. Alan Grayson, D-Fla., has submitted a bill, H.R. 5353, called "The War Is Making You Poor Act." Grayson, with a few Republicans and a number of progressive Democratic co-sponsors, wants to force Commander in Chief Obama to run his two wars with "only" the \$548.9 billion base budget. The \$159.3 billion saved would be turned into a tax break, making the first \$35,000 of income tax-free, and anything left over would be directed to paying down the national debt. The bill is in committee now and may generate genuine bipartisan support. Grayson, when introducing the bill, highlighted a fact worth repeating: The U.S. war budget is greater than the military spending of every other nation on Earth, combined.

Meanwhile, at the National Peace Conference to be held in Albany, N.Y., this weekend, people are targeting the military budget. Students are organizing around the connection between war expenditures and education budgets that are being slashed, sparking protests at campuses nationwide. Another effort, called "Bring Our War Dollars Home," promotes action at the city council and statehouse level, along with grass-roots campaigns to pressure members of Congress to stop funding war.

The cost of the Iraq War was estimated by Nobel Prize-winning economist Joseph Stiglitz, with his colleague Linda Bilmes, at \$3 trillion, calculating

not only hard, current costs, but also the cost to society of caring for wounded veterans, and the long-term costs of having so many families disrupted by caring for their injured loved ones, or having a breadwinner killed in action. And that's just Iraq. As of May, the monthly cost of the war in Afghanistan surpassed, for the first time, the cost of war in Iraq.

Mr. Stiglitz was one of the many economists who said the economic stimulus package (at \$787 billion) was too small. He argues that deficit spending, when done wisely, creates long-term returns for an economy.

Conversely, he wrote recently, "Deficits to finance wars or give-aways to the financial sector ... impos(e) a burden on future generations."

Economist Dean Baker of the Center for Economic and Policy Research says President Obama's Deficit Commission, formally the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, is a major cause for concern. The co-chairs are former Republican Sen. Alan Simpson and Democrat Erskine Bowles, who is on the board of Morgan Stanley, one of the bailed-out Wall Street firms. Mr. Baker told me: "Both are on record saying they want to cut Social Security. This should have people very, very worried. That isn't a balanced commission."

Cutting Social Security isn't the answer. Cutting war spending, and bringing the troops home, is. This is the job for the deficit doves. ■

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

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Recently, BriersCPA in Bonita Springs partnered with the law firm of Alvarez, Sambol & Winthrop, PA to host two workshops explaining the claims process to businesses and individuals and what they could do to prepare to be compensated for any losses.

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## Like father, like son, a staunch 'publican'

BY SUSAN POWELL BROWN  
Special to Florida Weekly

It takes a hearty constitution to imbibe the Great Guinness Diet. Just ask Derek Bennett. "You've got to be very, very strong," says Mr. Bennett. "You've got to drink enough to be full, but not so much that you lose your judgment. And you can't get drunk," he adds.

His regimen? Five (or six) pints of Guinness each day — reasonably spaced at 11 a.m., 2, 6, 7 and 8 p.m. (with his brother acting as his designated driver for the duration).

He's done the diet four consecutive years as a charity fundraiser. After lining up sponsors who pledge their dollars for his pounds lost, the only thing Mr. Bennett ingests is water, coffee — and Guinness — over the five days before St. Patrick's Day. Not only does he go Guinness, but he also goes public, with a 6 p.m. daily weigh-in at his place of business, The English Pub on Linwood Avenue.

This year he lost 12 pounds on the diet and raised several hundred dollars for the Shriners hospital burn unit in Tampa.

Many tout Guinness as a "meal in a glass," but Mr. Bennett says it's not a diet he would recommend.

What he does recommend, however, is life in Naples.

A fifth-generation "publican," Mr. Bennett grew up in Portsmouth, England, where his family owned the same pub from 1805 to 1977. But Mr. Ben-

nett never operated that pub; instead, he ran one in the south of Spain with his father. While there, he met a girl from Chicago and followed her to the United States. They married, and Mr. Bennett spent many years working for other people in the food and beverage industry. But he grew tired of the cold winters and suggested to his wife they move to San Diego. Rather than run for a suitcase, she suggested something more random: She offered her husband a dart, told him to throw it at a map using his left hand, and they would go wherever it landed. His aim was sufficiently south, but considerably east: Sanibel Island. Not a bad miss.

That was in 1984. Mr. Bennett relocated to Sanibel and went to work as the food and beverage manager at the Sundial Resort. His hard work and abilities resulted in a position he couldn't refuse with Schuler's in Marshall, Mich. But it only took one year for him to swear off the cold weather for good. He took a position with Darden Restaurants and came to Naples to work in management at the Olive Garden, and through his efforts, the company cultivated its catering business.

Mr. Bennett discovered he possessed a flair for both sales and catering, but



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Unlike many in that profession, he says, he reveled at the opportunity to work with brides preparing for their big event. "I love my brides," he says, adding one of his catering peers even pleaded for his help with a particularly high-end affair, telling Mr. Bennett he didn't have anyone with the skills necessary to hold the bride's hand through the process.

Wedding catering expanded to sports catering and in turn, event catering in general. Life was good. And opportunity knocked again.

Mr. Bennett used to frequent the pub he now owns; when the original owners decided it was time for last call, he decided to buy it. A divorce and a failed attempt to make a go of a second

location on Fort Myers Beach haven't lessened his enthusiasm for what he does.

What's on tap for his golden years? He wants to be just like his 85-year-old father, to whom he says: "Dad, I want to be you when I'm your age. You've got a son who owns a pub, you come down and drink for free, and you chase women."

Who knows? Maybe Mr. Bennett's son, Jack, will become a sixth-generation "publican," and both men can carry on in the tradition of their fathers. ■

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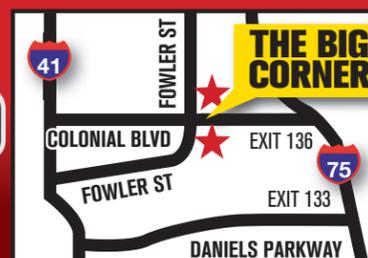
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# MIRACLE

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Florida summers. When the breastfeeding idea struck Mr. Gliner a few years back, he was an executive with the Hudson Valley Renegades, a minor league team in New York that is owned by the Goldklang Group, the delightfully screwy New Jersey-based outfit that also owns the Miracle.

In Mr. Gliner's world, there could be nothing more natural than "Breastfeeding Night" at the good old ballpark. If all had gone as planned, the stands would have boasted a record number of women breastfeeding simultaneously at one location. Guinness was poised to recognize the achievement; it would have been a promotion for the ages.

"(The breastfeeding idea) was pretty exciting," recalls Mr. Gliner, a Brooklyn native who now helps to craft off-the-wall promotions for the Miracle, which plays in the Florida State League ("Where the Major League Stars of Tomorrow Play Today!") as an affiliate of the Minnesota Twins.

"The La Leche League (which is a breastfeeding advocacy group and not a Latin American baseball association) was onboard and enthusiastic, and we were going to break the breastfeeding record that had been set at some shopping mall in Canada."

As Mr. Gliner knows, edging right up to the invisible but all too real line that separates the merely outrageous from the truly disgusting is at the very heart of effective promoting. Stepping over that line — even slightly — is a quick ticket out of town and perhaps out of baseball altogether. One man's promo might very well be another man's porno, and the difference, while often subtle, is always crucial.

So, mercifully, "Breastfeeding Night" was shelved, and Mr. Gliner lived to promote another day. And while the Miracle has never contemplated an extravaganza that involved the wholesale baring of female breasts, it last year batted about — but blessedly abandoned — the idea of staging a mock, on-field circumcision. It should be obvious by now that the Miracle's management team is composed of a group of free-thinkers who view convention as something to be flouted, when it is even recognized at all. As a result, this minor league team right here in drowsy Fort Myers has earned a well-deserved national reputation as one of the edgiest and most creative promotional organizations in all of sports.

Even Mr. Gliner's arrival in Fort Myers in 2003 was calculated to garner national attention. The Miracle "traded" their then-general manager, Dave Burke, and the team's mascot (a Golden Retriever named "Rutgers") to Hudson Valley in exchange for Mr. Gliner.

Mr. Gliner and his staff — led by Gary Sharp, the Miracle's wry, thirty-something director of promotions who doubles as the public address announcer on game day — are not afraid to test boundaries of tolerance and taste. The team's most successful stunts, Mr. Sharp cheerily concedes, invariably offend someone, somewhere — a fact that the athletics department at the University of Florida knows all too well.

## Greatest hits

The two most famous — some would say infamous — promotional stunts in recent Miracle history both involved iconic sports figures at the university. Last year, the Miracle dared to poke fun at the much-beloved Tim Tebow, the former Gator quarterback whose standing among Florida's faith-



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**Top: 7-year-old Jack Swedberg enjoys the game with his mom and dad, Lauren and Ken Swedberg.**

**Above: Clear skies at Hammond Stadium**

**Left: Destiny Del Toro and the gorilla**

ful is almost, well, godlike.

"What Would Tim Tebow Do?" night was scheduled for last August. Upon learning of the promotion, Jamie McCloskey, Florida's senior associate athletic director, fired off a "cease and desist" e-mail to the Miracle, pointing out that using a player's name in a promotion ran counter to NCAA rules. Undaunted, the Miracle changed the name of the event to "What Would T.T. Do?" and thereby escaped NCAA action. Plans for a mock circumcision (spoofing Mr. Tebow's work as a Christian missionary) were formulated, but — in a burst of abundant good sense — canceled. Among the gags that did enliven that evening: Water was splashed across the top of a dugout, and a character dubbed "T.T." walked upon it.

The fans on hand loved it, although several noted that funnel clouds were spotted in the area prior to the game, leading to speculation that Mr. Tebow had used his connections with the Almighty to sabotage the evening.

"I don't think Tim Tebow would send destruction on us," one giddy fan said at the time.

The promotion created a stir, and the University of Florida's bluenosed blustering was just what was needed to ensure widespread coverage, which is the soul of any promotion. ESPN, the wire services, everyone, it seemed, reported on it. E-mails poured in, many castigating the Miracle for having fun at the expense of "such a Christian man," Mr. Sharp says.

"We were simply mocking how people treat Tebow," Mr. Sharp explains. "I knew that we couldn't use Tebow's name because of the NCAA rules, and I was just waiting to see if Florida would react. And they did with that cease and desist thing, which was perfect for us."

You'd think that Florida would have learned its lesson two years earlier, when the Miracle hit it big with a "Billy

Donovan Night" at Hammond Stadium.

Mr. Sharp came up with the germ of this idea while on his honeymoon, proving once again that the mind is a mysterious thing indeed. Here was the setup: Billy Donovan, the head basketball coach at the University of Florida, had accepted an offer to coach the NBA's Orlando Magic in a deal worth \$27.5 million. One day after accepting the Orlando job, Mr. Donovan reneged and bolted back to the security of his post in Gainesville.

The Miracle skewered Mr. Donovan's indecision in a variety of ways. Waffle stands were placed around the stadium (symbolizing the coach's "waffling"), and a Florida State University fan named Billy Donovan was enlisted to throw out the first pitch, although he backed out at the last minute.

What really resonated, however, was that the Miracle had an actual licensed attorney on hand to meet with fans who wanted to "renegotiate" their ticket price, seat location or just about anything else related to their game experience. After legal niceties were concluded, fans had to make a free throw to seal their deals.

Again, University of Florida officials were not amused, although Mr. Donovan — much to his credit — later allowed that it was faintly humorous. The national media lapped it up, and "Billy Donovan Night" was voted Minor League Baseball's top promotion for 2007 in a vote of fans conducted by MiLB.com. The crowd for the event was about double the average (the average being roughly 1,800 fans for 70 home dates in a stadium that seats 7,900), and one baseball scribe wrote that "the end result was nothing short of miraculous."

## Tackiness runs in the blood

The Miracle's guiding light at the time of the Donovan promotion was Mike Veeck, son of the late Bill Veeck, who practically wrote the book on baseball promotion during his Hall of Fame career as owner of the St. Louis Browns, Cleveland Indians, Chicago White Sox and the then-minor league

Milwaukee Brewers. Bill Veeck's most enduring stunt came in 1951 when he sent a 3-foot, 6-inch man to the plate for the Browns, thereby earning the undying enmity of baseball purists and those opposed to the exploitation of the vertically challenged.

Mike Veeck learned the pitfalls of promotion the hard way. In 1979, he engineered the most disastrous baseball stunt of all time. Mike Veeck put together the "Disco Demolition" night for the Chicago White Sox, which his father then ran. The premise was to channel widespread hatred of disco music by staging a mass destruction of disco recordings at the ballpark. Things went terribly awry. Some 90,000 people crammed into Comiskey Park, which seated 52,000, and fans stormed the field, resulting in a game forfeiture. It was, in every sense, a riot. One outraged disco performer likened the spectacle to a "Nazi book-burning." Mr. Veeck and his father watched helplessly as the whole thing unfolded.

"The second that first guy shimmied down the outfield wall, I knew my life was over," Mike Veeck said.

In a sense he was right; Mike Veeck's life in the Bigs was done. Finished. Trashed along with poor old Comiskey Park in a single wild night of out-of-control reveling. Mr. Veeck's ill-advised and poorly managed promotion earned him a spot on Major League Baseball's blacklist. Later, he emerged in the minors, wiser but hardly chastened.

He made a name for himself at a number of places, Fort Myers included, and earned a reputation as a tireless promoter with a genius for moving quickly on topical events, a la Billy Donovan. Mr. Veeck is now president of the Goldklang Group, the Miracle's owner. He is a highly prized public speaker who expounds widely on the subject most dear to him, having fun. He even has written a book that is appropriately titled "Fun is Good." In that regard, the Goldklang Group, which Mr. Veeck describes as a "merry little band of ne'er-do-wells and guttersnipes," is a perfect fit.

Founded by Marv Goldklang, a former Special Forces soldier who has practiced law and helped to run a Wall Street takeover firm, the Goldklang Group's executive roster includes comedian Bill Murray, who is a part owner of the Miracle and the firm's "Director of Fun." (Jimmy Buffett also is a part-owner of the team.)

Mr. Sharp says Goldklang encourages its teams (there are four) to think quickly and act decisively.

Such was the case in February of last year when the Miracle pounced on the fleeting celebrity of one Julio Osegueda, a 19-year-old Edison State College student and McDonald's employee, who asked a question of President Barack Obama at a town hall meeting in Fort Myers. The question was relatively innocuous — it dealt with getting better benefits from his job at McDonald's — but the president gave a fairly impassioned response, and Mr. Osegueda was dealt his 15 minutes of fame.

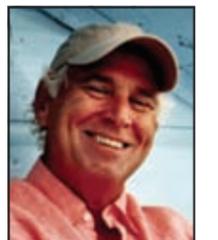
The Miracle asked the young man, who admittedly knew very little about baseball, to be its radio color announcer for the home opener on April 10.



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What surprised the team, however, was the reaction to the Osegueda deal.

"One guy sent an e-mail saying he would never attend another game if we let that young man announce the opener," Mr. Gilner says. "We thought this was a nice little thing to do, even a little inspirational. But some people did not like it at all. But so what?"

Jeff Mielke, executive director of the Lee County Sports Authority, believes the Miracle has been tremendously important in helping to publicize the local sports scene.

"We are getting recognized as a sports town," he says, "and that is partly through the efforts of the Miracle."

Mr. Mielke teaches a class in sports event management at Florida Gulf Coast University, and his students study the Miracle's promotional style.

"(The Miracle) hire really good people, energetic people who come up with good ideas and work as a team," he says. "The students love working and studying with the people there. I liken what the Miracle does with promotions to what the 'Saturday Night Live' writing crew does. It is a collaborative effort."

**The good, the bad, the silly**

Despite the accolades, the edginess doesn't always sit well with everyone — even with committed fans of the team.

Patrick Geraghty, a well-known Fort Myers trial attorney, brings an interesting and unusual perspective to this situation. He is a fan of the team and attends several Miracle games every year. He also is the son of the late Ben Geraghty, a legendary minor league manager in the 1950s and early 1960s who Hank Aaron often has cited as the greatest baseball man he ever encoun-

tered. Furthermore, Patrick Geraghty yields to no one in his fervent support of the athletic teams representing the University of Florida, the Miracle's persistent nemesis.

"Some (of the promotions) are clever, and some cross the line," Mr. Geraghty says. "Some of what they did with the University of Florida was, I thought, unnecessary. But I realize that as a Florida fan I might react differently from someone who isn't. My view is a little skewed."

Generally, though, Mr. Geraghty gives the Miracle staff good marks for energy and inventiveness.

When asked how his hardnosed, no-nonsense father, who was twice selected by The Sporting News as Minor League Manager of the Year, might view the promotions, Mr. Geraghty replies: "Were dad (who died in 1963) to come back today, he wouldn't believe it, and he wouldn't appreciate it. He would not be happy at all with the sorts of things they do."

Despite the barbs tossed at his beloved University of Florida, Mr. Geraghty says the most egregious lapse in taste committed by the Miracle occurred the night they served hamburger patties sandwiched between Krispy Kreme doughnuts.

"Now, that was bad," he says. The Miracle brain trust

realizes it faces a delicate balance in that it must lure the casual fan while still maintaining the allegiance of the more sophisticated and knowledgeable baseball aficionado who treasures the game itself and not the circus-like trappings that accompany it. Mr. Sharp is convinced that the gimmicks and stunts have helped the club, which began play in 1992, maintain attendance at about 1,800 per game even during the economic recession. The club set a record for attendance in 2008 when 124,749 fans turned out for games at Hammond Stadium. But not everything is aimed at the bizarre and offbeat. There are the Sunday deals that are geared toward families, for example, in which four people can get tickets, four drinks, four hot dogs and a program for \$25.

"That's a good deal anywhere," Mr. Sharp says.

The next promotion that appears to have the potential for widespread publicity and abundant craziness is "Public Apology Night," which will take place this season. According to Mr. Sharp, the Miracle will invite "special guests" who "owe the world an apology." Invitees will include blowhard, corrupt politicians and scandal-ridden celebrities. A microphone will be placed on the field, and anyone — celebrity, politician or just

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plain, ordinary fans — will be allowed — no, make that encouraged — to take center stage and issue a public apology for anything they deem worthy of such an act of contrition.

Mr. Sharp will not reveal the list of famous guests who will be sought, but he does say that "Mel Gibson has a wide-open invitation."

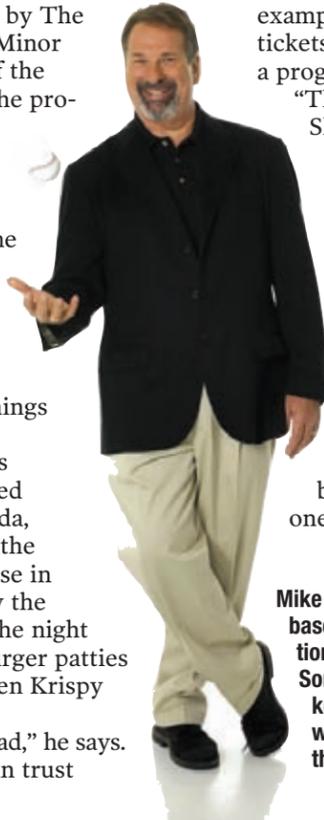
Mr. Sharp and Mr. Gliner are somewhat coy when asked to discuss what promotions have been considered and then discarded for reasons of taste.

Mr. Gliner says some things, such as the gulf oil spill, simply do not translate well to the promotional arena.

Mr. Sharp concurs and adds that there was one possible promotion that received a fair amount of attention and discussion before finding its way to the trash bin.

"It was 'Immigration Night,'" he says with a sly smile. "We finally set that aside. You will not see an 'Immigration Night' here."

And, for that, the Miracle faithful can give thanks — perhaps to Saint Tim (Tebow), if they so choose. ■



COURTESY PHOTO Mike Veeck engineered the most disastrous baseball stunt of all time, "Disco Demolition Night" for the Chicago White Sox. Some 90,000 fans crammed into Comiskey Park, which seated 52,000, and when many of them stormed the field, the game was forfeited.

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## GIRAFFES

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the Zoo with the giraffe herd and journalist Lynn Sherr, author of "Tall Blondes: A Book About Giraffes."

Although one of the planet's most recognizable species, most people know little about these skyscrapers of the savannah.

"Being that tall can be an anatomical nightmare," David Tetzlaff, Zoo executive director, explains. "Giraffes need to constantly pump blood all the way up that neck. They also need to prevent blood from pooling in their legs. And they need to perfectly control the blood flow so they don't pass out every time they raise their head up after taking a drink."

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## Conservancy Nature Center closes for renovations

The Nature Center at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida closes to the public Aug. 1 through Oct. 3 for renovations as part of a \$17 million sustainable campus initiative.

The Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic will remain open as usual, from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week. The Conservancy's business and administrative offices also will remain open.

"We are making exciting progress on the new 'green' Nature Center," reports Andrew McElwaine,

Conservancy president and CEO. Once the renovations are complete, visitors will leave "with the understanding of why it is so important to protect our water, land and wildlife," he says.

Targeted for completion in early 2012, the work will transform the 21-acre Nature Center into a model for sustainable design and environmental responsibility. Its many features will include a new two new buildings: the Sugden Gomez Environmental Planning Center and the von Arx Wildlife Clinic. Three other buildings will undergo extensive renovations: Dalton Discovery Center, Eaton Conservation Hall with the Jeanie Meg Smith Theater, and the Ferguson Interactive Learning Lab. Other sustainable features include several new filter marshes to enhance Gordon River and Naples Bay water quality.

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

to the Gordon River Greenway Park and The Naples Zoo.

Complete plans for the new Nature Center can be viewed at [www.conservancy.org/campaign](http://www.conservancy.org/campaign).

For those interested in being a part of the Conservancy's "Saving Southwest Florida" Capital Campaign, numerous naming opportunities at different levels are still available. For more information, contact Rob Moher, the Conservancy's vice president of development and marketing, at 403-4205.



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**Exhibit celebrates Barron Collier and scouting**

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The exhibit honors Barron Collier's dedication to the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Collier was introduced to the newly founded scouting movement in New York City in 1910 and for the next 25 years, he was a tireless promoter and contributor. In 1932, Mr. Collier earned one of the highest honors bestowed by the Boy Scouts of America, the prestigious Silver Buffalo award, in honor of his involvement and support.

The exhibit details Mr. Collier's association with prominent political and philanthropic figures of the times as well as his efforts to promote scouting in New York and across America.

The Collier County Museum is at 3301 Tamiami Trail E., in the Collier Government Complex. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Admission is always free. For more information, visit [www.collier-museums.com](http://www.collier-museums.com) or call 252-8476. ■

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**Historically Speaking Theatre Company coming this fall**

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sequently making it easier for the parents to acquire "green cards.") Also, *The Washington Post* reported in July that three agencies in China, with U.S. affiliates, offer similar packages to their affluent citizens, whose primary concern seems to be providing their children access to a U.S. education as an alternative to China's expensive, competitive system. ■

## Drinking stories

► A naked, 47-year-old man was taken to an El Paso, Texas, burn center in July after "friends" won a bet and got to set his prosthetic leg on fire, and it spread to his body. The man admitted to police that he had lost fair-and-square, by downing "only" six beers. He was treated for several

days and released.

► In June, two 34-year-old men in Horsham, Australia, underwent surgery as a result of a plan hatched during a drinking bout. They had both wondered if it hurt to get shot and thus obliged each other. ■

## Soccer and sorcery

Black magic failed to secure the World Cup for Africa this year, but on the other hand, the weak host team, South Africa, managed an opening round draw with Mexico and an upset victory over France. "Sangomas" (traditional "healers") spreading "muti" (powders, potions, animal bones, espe-

cially from speedsters like horses and ostriches) had been out in force. World Cup stadium security was tight, but in African league soccer games, it is not uncommon for sangomas, pre-game, to bury animal parts on the field, or to have players urinate on it to improve the karma. ■

## Things you didn't think happened:

► Although 85 percent of Americans are covered by health insurance, the figure in Rwanda is 92 percent. In that country's 11-year-old system, everyone pays \$2 a year — obviously just for basics. However, Rwandans' main problems are more easily treatable — infections, malnutrition, malaria, unsafe childbirth — and not expensive diabetes, obesity, cholesterol-clogged arteries.

► In Israel's West Bank, Palestinians have a highly competitive race-car season, and one team on the rise this year

is the sexism-fighting female squad led by driver Suna Aweida.

► In July, acknowledging pressure from local Asian activists, officials at the Exchange mall in Rochdale, England, said they would remove the toilets from two of the facility's restroom stalls and build "Nile pans," also known as "squat toilets" — also to Westerners referred to as "holes in the ground." The officials said they were trying to serve the many Pakistani and Bangladeshi immigrants living in Greater Manchester. ■

## Questionable judgments

► At press time, the city council of Barre, Vt., continues to debate extending its pet "leash" law to cats, following a woman's complaint that a neighbor's cat continues to foul her yard with droppings. In the few towns that try to enforce leash laws on cats, a main rationale has been to protect friendly birds. (The late U.S. statesman Adlai Stevenson, when he was governor of Illinois, once rejected such a law, terming leashing "against the nature of the cat.")

► Hard Time, Hard Luck: Harry Jackson, 26, was in jail in Woodbine, Ga.,

in March, on several minor charges such as driving on a suspended license. However, acceding to pressure from fellow inmates, brought on by the jail's non-smoking policy, Mr. Jackson agreed to break out, steal cigarettes at a nearby convenience store, and break back in, undetected. "(D)on't come back empty-handed," one inmate supposedly warned him. Mr. Jackson was apprehended climbing back in over a fence. In May, a judge sentenced him, for the earlier charges plus the escape and subsequent burglary, to 20 years. ■

## Religion in schools

► In July, a fifth-grade teacher at Jacox Elementary School in Norfolk, Va., resigned under pressure after administrators discovered she was rubbing "holy oil" on students and their desks during school.

► Teachers Leslie Rainer and Djuna Robinson were removed from teaching duties at Blanche Ely High School

in Pompano Beach, Fla., in March after they were seen sprinkling "holy water" onto a colleague, a self-described atheist. Other witnesses disputed the details, but the two were charged under the school's "anti-bullying" policy for aggressiveness toward the other teacher. ■

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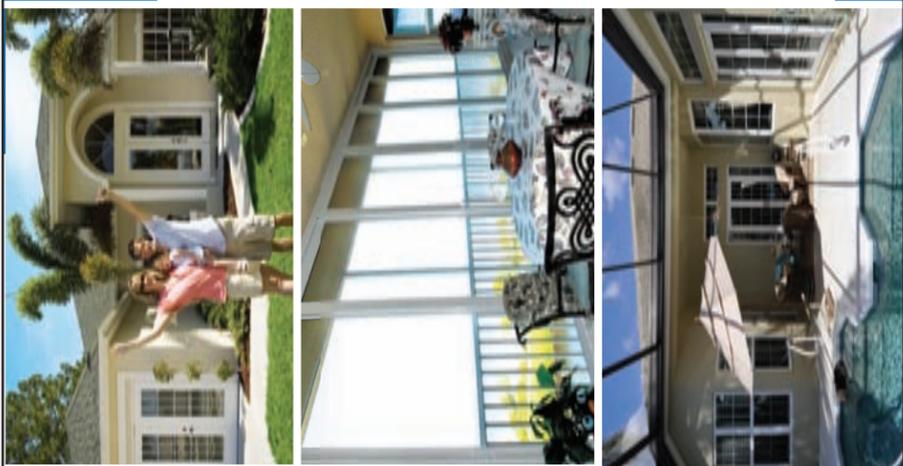
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# NONPROFIT NEWS

## Bargain Box welcomes new store manager

Bargain Box Thrift Store, the oldest thrift store in Naples, welcomes Sandy Goldstein as store manager.

Ms. Goldstein previously managed the Bargain Basket, a thrift store under the direction of the United Church of Marco. At the Bargain Box she will work closely with Naples United Church of



GOLDSTEIN

Christ and its committees to continue the store's mission of providing affordable goods to those in need and donating all profits to help our local community.

"We're very excited to have a seasoned retail professional

on board who understands the unique operational environment of a community thrift store," says William Anderson, Bargain Box committee president. "Sandy has the type of cheerful personality that blends well with our 100-member volunteer staff, and her experience in retail design will really help the store's visual appeal, especially in our ladies boutique, which has been growing fast since we added it last summer."

The store initiated an ambitious marketing and publicity campaign earlier this year and has since tripled its charitable contributions to the community through the Naples United Church of Christ outreach programs.

With Ms. Goldstein's help, the down-

town community thrift store will continue to grow by consistently engaging its clientele through promotions, sales, communications and charitable alliances.

The Bargain Box was established in 1975 by women leaders in the community including members of the Naples Woman's Club and Women's Fellowship at Naples United Church of Christ. At 331 Eighth St. S., the store is open year round. For more information, call 262-3802. ■

## Shelter needs school supplies, storm provisions

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

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

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

In addition to storm supplies, the Shelter is collecting back-to-school items for its young clients. Especially needed are: school clothes and shoes, backpacks, Kleenex, lunchboxes and thermoses,

pencils and pens, pocket folders, highlighters, glue sticks, children's scissors, notebook paper and spiral notebooks, rulers, pencil boxes, construction paper, washable crayons, colored pencils and markers, erasers, calculators, calendars, protractors and Elmer's glue.

Storm supplies and back-to-school donations can be dropped at The Shelter's two thrift stores during normal business hours:

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

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

Those interested in seeking further involvement, from businesses to individuals, are invited to host a Back to School Drive or party to help raise awareness and collect donations. For more information, 775-3862, e-mail rgraubau@naplesshelter.org, or visit www.naplesshelter.org. ■

## NIFF membership continues to grow

The Naples International Film Festival takes place Nov. 4-7. Memberships for 2010 are now on sale for \$35 for student; \$60, Superstar; and \$100, Superstar dual membership.

NIFF members receive priority reservations for opening gala and closing ceremonies and access to NIFF members-only functions. They also enjoy discounts at NIFF affiliate members, as well as free popcorn and soda when purchasing movie tickets at Silverspot Cinema through Nov. 30. The newest

members to join are Joel and Arlene Banow, Deborah Smith Ford and Vin and Debby DePasquale.

In other news, NIFF recently donated \$500 to the Education Foundation of Collier County to fund a Connect with a Classroom grant. Mike Davis Elementary School students will experience hands-on learning via the grant project titled "Student Producers: Nutcracker (Grades K-5)."

For more information, call 775-3456 or visit www.naplesfilmfest.com. ■

## Make-A-Wish has volunteer opportunities

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

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

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

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Florida grants wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions. For more information, call 992-9474 or visit www.sfla.wish.org. ■

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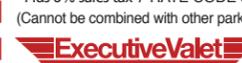
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## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Make a run for it

Mark your calendar to lace up your running/walking shoes for these races coming up:

■ **The Eagle Lakes Extreme 5K Run and Walk** steps out at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, July 31, at Eagle Lakes Community Park. For more information or to register, visit [www.EliteEvents.org](http://www.EliteEvents.org).

■ **The North Collier Regional Rampage 5K** takes place at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28. For more information or to register, visit [www.EliteEvents.org](http://www.EliteEvents.org).

■ The sixth annual **5K Run/Brain Power Walk** coordinated by the Naples Pilot Foundation joins the **John Clay 5K Run and Walk** on Labor Day weekend, Saturday, Sept. 4. Registration opens at 6 a.m. and the race sets out at 7:30 a.m. Registration for runners is \$10 for students and \$10 for adults; walkers pay \$10 to stroll the 2-mile course. Sign-up deadline is 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2.

Proceeds benefit Project Lifesaver and efforts to promote awareness and education of brain injuries and brain disorders such as autism and Alzheimer's disease. Project Lifesaver uses transmitters to locate people with

brain disorders who have wandered from home. For more information, call 434-9786 or e-mail [george21050@comcast.net](mailto:george21050@comcast.net).

■ **The Shark Shootout Charities 5K Race** sets out at 7 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort and meanders through the Tiburon residential community. Registration is \$25 in advance and \$30 on race day (\$10 for ages 18 and under) and includes one daily grounds ticket to the Shootout. Proceeds will benefit CureSearch National Childhood Cancer Foundation. For more information, visit [www.thesharkshootout.com/5K.php](http://www.thesharkshootout.com/5K.php).

■ **The Naples Half Marathon 2011** takes place at 7 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, 2011. Registration opens on Sept. 1. The USATF-certified course begins on Fifth Avenue South and returns to Cambier Park. Pursuant to USATF rules, in-line skates, baby joggers or strollers and bicycle support are not allowed on the course. There is a time limit of 2 hours and 45 minutes, due to course closure restrictions. For more information, call 262-5653 or 434-9786 or e-mail [questions@napleshalfmarathon.net](mailto:questions@napleshalfmarathon.net). ■

## Golfers can tee up for deals and charity tournaments

Here's what's happening on the links around Collier County:

■ Bonita Bay has added 12 discounted rounds at its Cypress and Sabal golf courses to the **2010 Ultimate Golf Experience Book**, which is sold by the ACE Group Classic. The book costs \$130 and has 178 discounted rounds at 22 golf courses. It is available at the PGA TOUR SuperStore or by calling 593-3900 or visiting [www.theACEGroupClassic.com](http://www.theACEGroupClassic.com).

■ The newest edition of the **Shark Shootout's Player Pass** is available for \$110. The booklet features one weekly grounds pass to the Shark Shootout and 52 rounds of golf at 13 championship courses throughout Naples. To order, call 254-9770.

■ The 19th annual **Florida Gulf Coast University Founders Cup** is set for Friday, Oct. 15, at Grey Oaks Country Club. A buffet lunch will be followed by tournament play with a shotgun start at 1:15 p.m. An awards reception and dinner will follow the game.

Registration is \$2,000 per foursome and \$500 for individuals. Various sponsorship opportunities remain available.

All proceeds benefit the FGCU Foundation, which provides funds to enhance scientific, educational and athletic programs at the university. For registration or more information, contact Michelle Kroffke at 590-1074, e-mail [mkroffke@fgcu.edu](mailto:mkroffke@fgcu.edu) or visit [www.fgcu.edu/foundation](http://www.fgcu.edu/foundation).

■ The East Naples Professional Firefighters will hold the second annual **National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Golf Tournament** on Sunday, Nov. 14, at the Mustang Club at Lely Resort. The shotgun tee-off begins at 11 a.m. with a better-ball scramble format. Golf package includes a round of golf, cart, prizes, catered banquet and an awards ceremony.

All proceeds benefit the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. For more information, call Sean Hunt at 641-2383 or e-mail [fyman053@comcast.net](mailto:fyman053@comcast.net).

■ The **Immokalee Foundation's 2010 Charity Classic Pro-Am Golf Tournament** takes place Monday, Nov. 15, at Bay Colony Golf Club. The event pairs foundation supporters with some of the biggest names in golf. Only 24 foursomes, plus the pros, will participate.

The tourney begins at 7:30 a.m. with breakfast and golf demonstrations, followed by a shotgun start at 9:30 a.m., and an awards luncheon following the tournament. Entry fees begin at \$5,000. All pro-am golfers will receive tickets to a dinner auction Friday, Nov. 12, at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples.

The event benefits The Immokalee Foundation's various educational programs. Presenting sponsor for 2010 is Morgan Stanley Smith Barney; gold level sponsors include Bigham Jewelers, Jaguar Naples and Porsche of Naples.

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3. Use of assistive technology, from large print displays and Braille, to accessing e-mail and the Internet with talking PCs.

Classes take place at Lighthouse of Collier new headquarters, 424 Bayfront Place.

Lighthouse of Collier Inc. also has magnifiers and optical character readers available to the public for evaluation from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

For more information, call 430-3934 or visit [www.lighthouseofcollier.org](http://www.lighthouseofcollier.org). ■

## Bereavement support on Marco

Joell Canglin, a licensed clinical social worker and bereavement manager at Vitas Innovative Hospice Care, leads a weekly bereavement support group on Marco Island for those dealing with loss. Sessions are from 10:30 a.m. to noon every Thursday in the boardroom at IberiaBank Marco.

For more information, call Ms. Canglin at 384-9495 or Keith Dameron at IberiaBank at 734-1021. ■

# Medical pros have tips to lessen stress and confusion in the ED *(emergency department)*

BY KELLY MERRITT

Special to Florida Weekly

It's something we all dread — having to take a loved one, or ourselves, to the emergency room. Dealing with a medical emergency can be stressful and confusing, but seasoned professionals have advice and tips that can reduce both stress and confusion.

Florida Weekly turned to Roberta Braun, a ventilator weaning protocol clinical specialist who has tended to thousands of emergent cases in her 20-year career, and to Bobbie Hamilton, a registered nurse and director of emergency services at Physicians Regional-Pine Ridge, for their expertise.

For starters, we learned that nowadays the pros reference “the ED” for emergency department rather than the old-fashioned ER for emergency room.

After you arrive at the ED, a complex triage begins that eventually results in patient treatment, Ms. Hamilton says.

“Present to the registration desk and explain the nature of your visit, because it's important we determine the acuity of your illness and whether we need to immediately provide you with anything (such as a mask if you are experiencing flu-like symptoms),” Ms. Hamilton says.

As for the wait, Ms. Braun says it all depends on how sick you appear. Her advice is the same as Ms. Hamilton's: “When you first arrive at the ED, go straight to the triage desk and check in. Your situation will dictate how long of a wait you will have.”

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## STRAIGHT TALK

## NCH nurses lead the journey toward shared governance

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No one is more important to the day-to-day success of NCH than our 1,000 bedside nurses. Under the guidance of Michele Thoman, our chief nursing officer, we are examining and refining our nursing practices, moving toward what is known as “shared governance.”

Simply stated, shared governance is an evolutionary process that depends on participation from bedside nurses and listening from nursing leadership. We're achieving this at NCH through the formation of eight shared governance councils within nursing.

■ **The Practice Council**, the first team in place, is the cornerstone of the process. P.J. Morter, a nighttime registered nurse in the ICU, and Critical Care Clinical Coordinator Jennifer

Ringle co-chair the council and are well on their way toward assessing, recommending and refining best professional practices among NCH nurses.

■ **The Recruitment, Retention and Recognition Council** will focus on attracting and keeping the very best nurses. For example, ICU nurse Noele Levin has suggested refining our reward policies for nurses who continue their professional training. This is typical of the suggestions this council will consider.

■ **The Professional Alliance Council** will be responsible for setting the mission, clarifying the vision and defining the values. Once again, the NCH “nursing model” will be determined by the entire team — unit secretaries, care technicians, LPNs, RNs and all others in nursing.

■ **The Quality and Safety Council** will initially engage managers and directors in this core critical area; bedside nurses will transition into the process. One early project will be to create a “quality scorecard,” focused first on

human resources, quality and finances for each unit and then rolled into a system scorecard for everyone to share. These quality scorecards will form the basis of essential metrics at NCH.

■ **The Information Technology Council** will deal with our rapidly expanding computer technology. NCH already stands among the top 220 of 5,000 hospitals in the country. Our rapid technological growth, thanks largely to our Cerner Corp. partner, has necessitated that this council be formed way before we originally thought it would be needed. Pediatrics, critical care, emergency room, med/surg and psychiatry will undergo significant documentation changes, removing extraneous data and ensuring capture of essential data.

■ **The Education Council** will focus on nursing's relationship with patients and families, knowing that they do so much better when they understand their illnesses, treatments and prognosis. The half-life of medical knowledge is less than five years,

so we have much yet to learn in this key area.

■ **The Evidence-based Nursing Practice and Research Council** is still in the embryonic stage. As shared governance matures, we will be active members of the professional academic nursing guild. We will share our best practices — which have led to more than 90 objective awards — with other institutions as we continue to learn.

■ **The Collaborative Council** will be composed of all of the other council chairs and the executive nursing team. Our goal in sharing communication that emanates from the bedside is to create a culture where everyone takes ownership, pride and satisfaction in how we serve the community.

Shared governance is a huge step in our evolution as a nationally recognized health-care leader. Stay tuned for updates in the months ahead on this and other leadership fronts. ■

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

# EMERGENCY

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There are a few things you must bring to the ED; not having these things in your possession complicates the process. They include the obvious: your insurance information and an emergency contact name.

Your emergency contact is more important than you might think. In the event you become incapacitated and cannot speak, your emergency contact could provide vital information that could save your life. Program "ICE" into your cell phone and list your emergency contact information with the ICE contact name. ICE is the now widely recognized acronym for "In Case of Emergency." Also in the notes section of your ICE contact tab, list any and all medications and allergies you take or suffer from. When treating emergency patients who are gravely ill, medical professionals are increasingly searching cell phones for this critical information.

Cell phone user or not, always carry a list of important contacts and all medications you're taking. Even something as simple as a daily baby aspirin can cause life-threatening complications if not disclosed before many kinds of treatments. Supplements, including vitamins, can also cause complications. For example, some ingredients in multi-vitamins can block anti-clotting medications that doctors often use in heart attack patients.

"Make sure to write down on the ED form if you are allergic to any medications, foods, etc... This is very important for your treatment," Ms. Braun says. If possible, she adds, it is a very good idea to bring a list of your current medications or bring all your prescription bottles with you in a bag so you don't have to remember what you're taking. "And if you have a home oxygen tank or compressor, take it with you to the ED," she says.

Ms. Hamilton suggests patients also bring

## ED do's and don'ts

- >> Don't panic. Try to remain as calm as possible in every situation.
  - >> Keep in mind when you are waiting that the physician and the charge nurse in the ED, not the person checking you in, are responsible for how long your wait is.
  - >> Choose an urgent care facility if your issue is less serious. Your wait time will usually be a lot shorter.
  - >> Ask questions throughout the ED experience. It's important to convey any questions, concerns or needs to the medical team.
  - >> Be as specific as possible when answering questions about your reason for being there.
  - >> Understand that there are some patients with more acute illnesses that require more immediate care.
  - >> Do not leave the ED unless a member of the medical team is aware that you are doing so.
- However, if there is a long wait and you're in pain or getting worse, take action.
- "Tell the staff in the waiting room that you are getting worse and ask them to pass this information along to the charge nurse or supervisor as soon as possible," says Ms. Braun. "The emergency department is always staffed with a trained registered nurse adept at assessing symptoms and urgency, so make sure you tell the nurse how much pain you are in."

legal identification (a driver's license or state-issued identification card) along with your insurance card, as well as any significant medical records from other facilities you may have — this is especially important if you have recent scans that might require comparison analysis from a radiologist, for example.

Now you know what to bring to the ED. But there are several things you should never allow to tag along. Some of them, like weapons, could result in your being denied treatment. Pets are not allowed in the ED, either, unless they are therapy dogs. Ms. Hamilton also suggests leaving anything considered of value (money, jewelry, electronics, etc.) safe at home. ■

## Nuviva Medical Weight Loss opens second Naples location

Nuviva Medical Weight Loss, formerly known as NewLife Medical Weight Loss, has opened in the Baker Center at 201 Eighth St. S., Suite 103, offering its four-step program under the medical guidance of Dr. Brian Bozza, who also oversees client care at the North Naples office.

The downtown office is led by Charles Bertucci, a former sports nutrition counselor who holds a bachelor's degree in exercise physiology from the University of South Florida.

Alex Joseph, CEO of Nuviva Medical Weight Loss, says plans are under way to franchise the concept that he and Vice President Jeff Delaney founded in 2008. Mr. Delaney manages the North Naples office.

The Nuviva program that combines weight-loss medications with supplements and multi-phased diet/nutrition programs, exercise regimens, education and an extensive support system to help people reach their weight-loss goals. For more information, call 384-9115. ■

## Bloodmobile is on the move

The Community Blood Center bloodmobile, an affiliate of NCH, will be at the following locations:

- **8-11 a.m. Thursday, July 29:** NABOR headquarters, 1455 Pine Ridge Road
- **11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, July 30,** Publix at Pelican Strand – Free hot dog, chips and soda for donors.
- **11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 31, and Sunday, Aug. 1,** Hollywood 20-Naples, 6006 Hollywood Blvd. Free movie ticket for successful donors.

CBC headquarters are in the NCH Medical Plaza, 311 Ninth St. Donation hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday. Call 436-5455 for more information.

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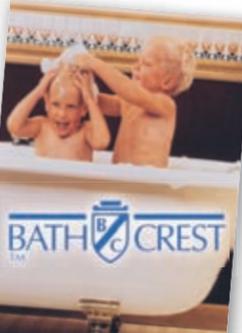
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# PET TALES

## Modern marvels

Veterinary specialists offer hope with advanced care options

BY KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON

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The advances in veterinary medicine in just the last couple of decades have been dramatic, and these days many of the same lifesaving options in human medicine are also available to pets, often through skilled veterinary specialists.

Still, the idea that advanced treatments for cancer and other diseases or injuries are too much “to put a pet through” remains a common one, says Dr. Sandy Willis, a veterinarian who specializes in internal medicine.

But Josh, Tessa, Missy and Emma would surely beg to differ. The three dogs and one cat bore mute testimony to the power of veterinary medicine and an owner’s love at the 2010 conference of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine, held recently in Anaheim, Calif.

The pets are all survivors — three of cancer, and one of a rare disease called leishmaniasis — thanks to their owners’ observations and perseverance in seeking care, as well as to the treatment they received after being referred to veterinary specialists.

Josh is a perfect example of how far specialty care has come. Just 17 hours after his first surgery to remove a large abdominal mass, the 8-year-old golden retriever was running enthusiastically to greet his owner. Josh has since had three more surgeries, plus chemotherapy, and every time it is all the vet techs can do to restrain him so he can recover safely. Dr. Brenda Phillips, a veteri-



**Josh, a canine cancer survivor known for his boundless energy, takes an uncharacteristically mellow view of being one of the stars at a media conference in a veterinary hospital.**

nary oncologist, says she has never known a patient who recovered faster than Josh.

Then there’s Emma, whose problems began in 2002 with frequent sneezing and progressed to a bloody nose and other symptoms. A rhinoscopy showed that the 6-year-old cat had nasal lymphoma. Her oncologist, Dr. Mona Rosenberg, told owner Sharon Golding that the average life span after diagnosis of this disease is eight to 10 months, but her longest surviving patient lasted nine years. Golding chose to start Emma on chemotherapy, a regimen that lasted for three years.

Emma is now 14 and has been cancer-free for eight years. Ms. Golding has a goal: “We’re going to beat Dr. Rosenberg’s record.”

Linda Hettich can barely hold back Tessa until the signal comes for the dock-diving black Labrador retriever to go airborne. Diagnosed with squamous cell carcinoma, Tessa had her tumor removed surgically by Dr.

Rosenberg and began radiation treatment.

Two weeks after the first treatment, Tessa competed in a dock-diving event and jumped 23 feet, 2 inches, a personal best. Today, she’s the only Iron Dog — a dock diver that competes in all three divisions of the sport — who is a cancer survivor, and as a therapy dog she is an inspiration to patients at the cancer center where she visits. “Her determination is like none I’ve ever seen,” Hettich says.

Finally, there’s Missy the mystery. If human, her case would probably inspire the writers of the television drama “House,” in which diagnosticians face a new medical puzzle each week. Veterinary internal medicine specialist Dr. Steve Hill says Missy’s mystery ended with a shocking diagnosis: Missy had leishmaniasis, a disease caused by a protozoan organism and most commonly seen in the Mediterranean. It’s so rare in the U.S. that the Centers for Disease Control became involved after the diagnosis was made. There’s no cure, but Missy has responded well to treatment.

“I think you can tell from all the owners who have spoken today how important the partnership is between the primary care vet, the specialty vets and the owners,” says Joy Koda, one of Missy’s owners, along with Jon Rosen. The extent of Missy’s problems didn’t deter either of them.

“We got Missy from the pound when she was probably 2 to 3 years old,” Ms. Koda says. “She has enriched our lives incredibly. When it came to taking care of her, we were committed to that.”

While it used to be that veterinary specialists — including internists such as oncologists and cardiologists, and other board-certified veterinarians such as surgeons and dermatologists — were found only at schools and colleges of veterinary medicine, these days most urban centers have specialty groups as well. ■

### Pets of the Week



>> **Caramel** is a 9-month-old Guinea pig. He’s a handsome lad, friendly and gentle. His \$20 adoption fee includes his cage.



>> **Pearl** is an American bulldog mix. She’s about 2 years old, and she’s super friendly. Her adoption fee is \$75.



>> **Sadie** is a big and beautiful 5-year-old tabby. She gives cute poses for all and loves to be petted. Her adoption fee is \$55.



>> **Miss Chloe** is a friendly and quiet 2-year-old cat who enjoys the company of other cats and adores people. Her adoption fee is \$55.

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# MUSINGS

## Immiscible



*I saw it in all of me,  
And saw me all in all of it, —  
That we were twain in distinction,  
And yet again one in one likeness.*  
— “Hymn of the Pearl”

Embedded in the apocryphal Book of Thomas, written in the second century C.E., is a poem titled “Hymn of the Pearl.” This poem is a hauntingly beautiful story of a young prince who goes on a quest to a foreign land to bring home a precious pearl that is guarded by a formidable serpent. He starts his quest feeling strong and bearing gifts. But as he enters more deeply into the strange land, he forgets his mission. Then he even forgets his identity. A letter from his own land, from those there who love him, reawakens him. He finally remembers his purpose, and he finally brings home the pearl.

This song of the freedom of awakened and successful mission was written by the doubting apostle Thomas as he awaited his martyr’s death in a prison in India. He had heard the parable of the pearl of great price, and like the person in that parable Thomas gave all, even his life, for the one treasure.

There would be many other pearl sto-

ries, some with curses, like the Steinbeck pearl. And there are many ladies, tremendously proper in their wearing of the pearls.

But this “Hymn of the Pearl” is a Gnostic text. This philosophical perspective imagines the world as intensely dualistic, in high contrast hues of good and evil. There is implied a cosmological struggle between a world of spiritual good light and an axis of evil material darkness.

Pearls are preciously embedded in the dueling dualistic, made of nacre, the stuff of the inside of mollusk shells. This nacre is a composite material, both organic and inorganic. And to make pearl, nacre comes to rescue soft mollusk insides from some small bit of hard outside invasion. And what emerges is iridescent, shifting colors of surfaces dependent upon point of view. Visions like those given, too, by soap bubbles, butterfly wings, seashells and oil afloat on water.

Oil and water is the epitome of immiscible. Intermolecular bonds and buoyancy forces prohibit mixing, matching, homogeneity. Like George W. Bush, oil and water do not do nuance. There is no syncretism, no attempts to reconcile the contrary.

Manichaeism, an Iranian version of Gnostic worldview, posits that the material world was created by demiurges, imperfect or evil entities that unskillfully played with the breath of the all-good supreme God who created the spiritual realms. What emerged from demiurge play was irredeemable befouled worlds in conflict



with the essential goodness emerging from the fullness of God’s non-material spirit.

Like oil and water, the pleroma, the fullness of divine power and goodness, is seen as eternally separate from material worlds and material girls and boys. There are birds encased in crude, and there are birds aloft, fancy and free and good.

But in the pearl is the hope of something other, of the impossibly all-good homogeneity. In the pearl there is both invading object and lovely iridescence. And all this out of composite organic/inorganic.

I am inspired to hold this in mind. Perhaps in mind even oil and water can be hieros gamos, archetypal divine marriage. Perhaps there will be the birthing of new birds, of pearls pried from serpents’ mouths.

I remember the Hindu Net of Indra.

Here all-that-is is net, with precious perfectly reflective jewel at each interstice. And in each jewel is unique vision of all the rest.

And I remember the Buddhist lotus, born of mud and filth, yet infinitely precious, birthplace of jewels that fulfill all wishes.

Pirates crave this: To be all, mixed up. ■

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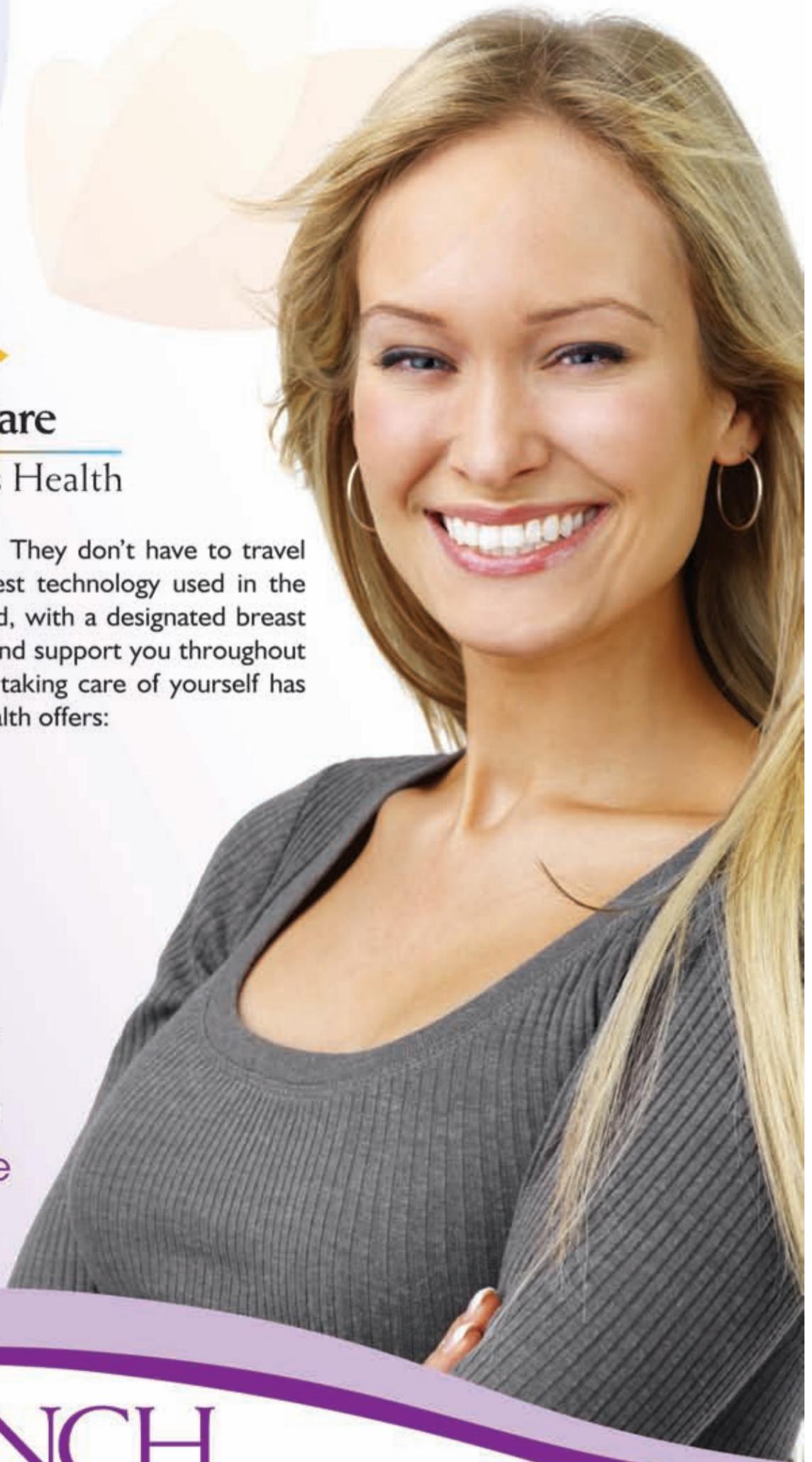
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## BUSINESS &amp; REAL ESTATE

WEEK OF JULY 29-AUGUST 4, 2010

A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES BUSINESS INDUSTRY

"Without the (Florida) rebate program they don't look very attractive, is what it amounts to."

— Bob Long, owner of Stilwell Solar in Port Charlotte



## Solar solution?

BY EVAN WILLIAMS  
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The solar power industry is poised to create jobs and spur economic growth, not to mention reduce carbon emissions.

"It's way more on the front burner for people," said Brian Goldberg, owner of Advanced Solar & Spa in Fort Myers. "We've invested in our marketing campaign more dollars in the last year than we probably ever have. People are ready for it now."

Governments are trying to encourage that growth by alleviating the most significant hurdle: upfront costs. But it's often been one step forward and one back in the process.

A federal tax incentive allowing a 30 percent tax deduction on solar heaters or photovoltaic panels is still good through 2016. But Florida's program to provide rebates on solar products ran out of money even before it ended on June 30, and wasn't renewed.

"That shows you the demand that's

### Incentive programs plagued with cuts, uncertainty

out there," says Steve Hart, head of Collier County's Energy Task Force.

The latest effort by Florida lawmakers allows cities and counties to create a pool of money, through municipal bonds or other means, to lend to property owners for energy-saving improvements. However, this program has run into a major snag recently after the Federal Housing Finance Agency pulled its support.

Here's how the program works, in general. You get to choose whatever products or contractor you like to retrofit your home, if they're related to saving energy or storm-proofing your home. The cost is added to your yearly property tax assessment with interest over a 20 year period. It's passed on to whoever owns the real-estate during that time.

Called PACE, or Property Assessed Clean Energy, it was signed into law by

Gov. Charlie Christ in June. Lee, Charlotte and Collier counties are all moving forward to start their own versions of PACE.

"Not only will it save energy, it will put people to work and also maybe create a new industry in Charlotte County," said Charlotte County Commissioner Bob Starr.

PACE comes as other efforts have been phased out or ended. For example, mayors and commissioners from every Southwest Florida county supported a plan to switch the region's homeowners, over a few decades, from electric hot water heaters to solar water heaters. The idea stalled when a federal grant fell through.

A solar water heater averages \$4,000.

"Without the (Florida) rebate program they don't look very attractive, is what it amounts to," said Bob Long, owner of Stilwell Solar in Port Charlotte.

Some say PACE could solve the problem of cost for many.

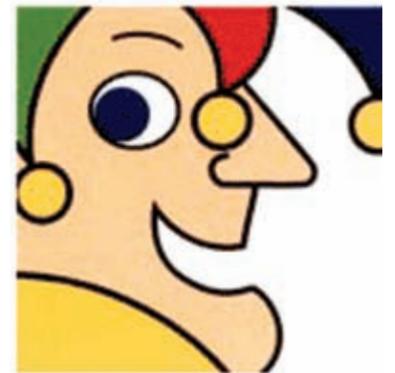
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## WEEK at-a-glance



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## Eight companies will share \$383,000 grant to fund training

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The Southwest Regional Manufacturers Association has received a \$383,000 grant from Workforce Florida Inc. to provide customized Quick Response Training for new and expanding businesses. Eight Southwest Florida manufacturers and SRMA members will benefit from the QRT grant, which will fund 168 new, full-time permanent jobs as well as skills enhancement for 261 existing employees.

The eight companies are: Fort

Myers-based Storm Smart Industries and Pall Corp.; Cape Coral-based JRL Ventures/Marine Concepts; Naples-based Air Technology, Loos & Company, Pelican Wire and Structured Medical; and Forestry Resources, with locations throughout Southwest Florida.

"The SRMA strives to bring our members information and opportunities that will help them continue to grow their business in Southwest Florida," says Chet Sadler, executive director of the association. "Having worked

with Workforce Florida in the past, we were able to notify our members of this incredible grant opportunity and guide them through the application process.

"The QRT grant money will play a critical role in continuing to create high-paying jobs in Southwest Florida," he adds.

The eight companies have planned more than 50 customized training courses to be funded by the QRT grant. Training will begin immediately and continue under the terms of the grant for two years. Edison State College will

act as the fiscal agent overseeing the requirements of the grant and the distribution of funds.

Created in 1993 by state statute and administered by Workforce Florida, the QRT program has provided customized training for more than 100,600 employees in more than 300 businesses and industries throughout Florida.

To learn more about the SRMA, visit [www.srma.net](http://www.srma.net) or call Mr. Sadler at 634-4295.

To learn more about Workforce Florida, visit [www.employflorida.com](http://www.employflorida.com). ■

# MONEY & INVESTING

## Bond market tougher to call as municipalities wrestle with falling revenue



Municipal bonds are a meaningful part of many a Southwest Florida retiree's investment portfolio as they offer special tax benefits to those in upper-income tiers. These bonds are often, but not always, exempt from federal and state taxation.

A shortened name for these bonds is "municipals" or "munis." The meaning is the same: those bonds issued by states, cities, counties and their respective agencies. The list of agencies is long: school districts, special purpose agencies, seaports and airports, transportation authorities, redevelopment agencies, etc.

These bonds were once considered to be some of the safest of investment havens. There was a sense by the buyers that an A-rated (or better) bond was truly that. But all that is changing and coming into question.

Besides categorizing munis by type of issuer, they are sliced and diced by the source of income to pay the bond: either general obligations; bonds secured by a specific source of revenue, including port fees, highway tolls, subway tolls, etc.; or assessment bonds such as those to be paid by a property tax assessment.

Once simple or, at least, once simpler, the muni market has been getting a lot more complicated. Credit quality issues and questions of possible default have made this once-incomplex investment a bit more of a gamble. The most secure muni was the general obligation bond and it generally was awarded the lowest interest rate. More frequently, buyers of munis are wanting revenue bonds as they feel that the specific source of income to pay the bond is better than a general obligation bond, which looks to overall taxation. This is a concern in states where taxation is at peak levels and the citizenry vociferously objects to further taxation. Often, these citizens are leaving the state en masse.

A few states are running a budget surplus and they are OK. Many states are running deficits, yet these debts are considered manageable in the context of the state's overall debt burden and they are OK.

However, several states are in the proverbial dinger. Absent federal government guarantees or draconian cost-cutting in these states, the credit markets will eventually be closed or they will default. Not that they want it that way, it is just that the debt burden will make it that way.

California, New York and Illinois are states with the greatest challenges. For a long time, all of them — particularly California — had issues. Post the Great Recession, their problems ballooned

and are getting larger daily and they are now constant media topics.

What is amazing is that California, which has a huge \$20 billion budget deficit, is still able to go to the credit markets and issue several billion dollars of muni debt. And more amazing is that the premium interest rate vis-à-vis other states was not 5 percent or the like. The premium was mere 1.2 percent higher in a recent debt issuance.

How so? How can such a bad balance sheet and awful budget deficit allow such? Simply put, the buyers feel that there is little chance that the bonds will default; something in the budget will be cut before the state defaults and locks itself out of the credit markets.

During the Great Depression in the 1930s, there were about 2000 municipalities that went into bankruptcy, but none defaulted. They instead restructured their debts.

Probably the biggest bust of recent times was 1994 in Orange County, an initial default that was ultimately cured.

Because of this history, which some have quantified to be a default rate of less than a quarter of one percent for all general obligation bonds, muni buyers have traditionally preferred general obligation bonds.

The history for special project and industrial project finance has not fared as well. Some great projects have failed and revenue streams have disappeared

and bond holders did not get payment.

So, bottom line, which is safer? General obligations or revenue bonds? This is where an investment specialist is of huge help and importance. Anyone can look at a credit rating on a bond and inform you. But investment firms that specialize in municipals are often ahead of the curve ... they usually do their own analysis and know whether a particular muni credit is improving or deteriorating and, even if you want to take the heightened credit risk, they can tell you if you are being sufficiently paid for the risk.

As a muni investor, you might want to think about several things. Muni experts are exactly that; they are not common stock or international stock experts. They generally stick to their knitting with munis and are up to date on issues specific to this market. You might want to defer to an expert in this area.

If not, then seek counsel from your investment adviser and specifically consider the debt burden of the entity and make sure you are satisfied that the revenue stream is certain, proven and will continue even in poor economic times. ■

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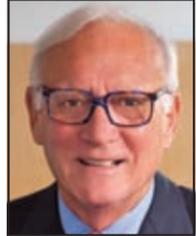
## BUSINESS BRIEFS

# Junior Achievement announces 2010 business laureates

Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida will induct Dr. William Figlesthaler, managing partner/shareholder at Specialists in Urology, and Len Zaiser III, president, CEO and founder of Structure Medical, into the 2010 Business Hall of Fame, Collier County, at a dinner and awards ceremony Oct. 27 at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. The award recognizes business leaders who are outstanding entrepreneurs and serve as role models for youth through their professional accomplishments and commitment to the community.



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Dr. Figlesthaler started the small Naples urology group Specialists in Urology in

1997. Since then, the practice has grown to include 15 physicians, more than 250 employees and seven full-service facilities from Fort Myers to Marco Island. The focus has been expanded to include surgery centers, radiation oncology centers and a clinical pathology lab. The practice's clinical research department participates in 15 to 20 clinical trials at any given time.

Supporting his employees and giving back to the community are priorities for Dr. Figlesthaler. The Specialists in Urology team participates in the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life and supports organizations that help those suffering from abuse and breast cancer. The company is also a major sponsor of the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County. For seven years running, Specialists in Urology has provided free prostate cancer screenings with thousands of free exams and blood tests in Lee and Collier counties. They also lead the local chapters of "Us Too International" and "Man to Man," which are national prostate cancer

educational and support groups.

A lifelong entrepreneur, Mr. Zaiser has founded many companies within the medical device and aerospace industries and holds multiple patents for his inventions. He has been recognized for his unique engineering talent and creative ability using state-of-the-art precision machine tools and equipment.

He is the founder, president and CEO of Structure Medical LLC, a leading manufacturer of medical implant products that are used by orthopedic surgeons to treat disorders of the musculoskeletal system. Orthopedic surgeons use these medical devices to treat trauma, sports injuries, degenerative diseases, tumor and congenital conditions.

Mr. Zaiser founded the Naples-based company in 2004 and established a second facility in Mooresville, N.C., two years later. Today the company is a top 1 percent supplier to global industry leaders.

Mr. Zaiser is also a philanthropist, giving back to the community through

organizations such as Boys & Girls Club of Collier County, Naples High School Academic Booster Club and The Community School of Naples.

Dr. Figlesthaler and Mr. Zaiser will join a distinguished group of individuals who have been inducted into the Business Hall of Fame since it was founded in 1987.

Many Collier County students involved with Junior Achievement will attend the Hall of Fame event, where they will interact with local professionals and practice their etiquette skills.

Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida provides in-school and after-school programs for students in Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties that focus on three key content areas: work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy.

Tickets and sponsorship opportunities for the 2010 Hall of Fame evening are available now. Proceeds benefit local Junior Achievement programs. For more information, call 225-2590 or visit [www.JASWFL.org](http://www.JASWFL.org). ■

## Businesses invited to apply for 2010 Blue Chip awards



The 16th annual Southwest Florida Blue Chip Community Business Award coordinated and sponsored by BB&T-Oswald Trippe and Company recognizes small businesses that have overcome adversity to achieve success.

Charlotte, Collier and Lee County for-profit businesses that have been in operation for at least three years and employ five to 400 people are eligible for the award. Applications for the 2010 awards must be submitted no later than Sept. 13 and are available by contacting Stacey Mercado at 433-7189 or [SMercado@BBandT.com](mailto:SMercado@BBandT.com).

Independent judges will select the winning entry. The awards luncheon will take place Thursday, Nov. 4, at Harborside Event Center in Fort Myers, where the keynote speaker will be Olympic gold medalist and aerial skier Nikki Stone.

"We are honored to have sponsored the Blue Chip Award program for 16 years," says Gary Trippe, CIC, managing director of BB&T-Oswald Trippe and Company. "We believe it is vital to recognize small businesses in our communities who have overcome adversity and are willing to share their successes as lessons for all of us."

The Southwest Florida Blue Chip Community Business Award is endorsed by the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, Cape Coral Chamber of Com-

merce, Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce, Charlotte County Economic Development Office, Christian Chamber of Southwest Florida, City of Cape Coral Economic Development Office, Economic Development Council of Collier County, Edison State College, Englewood-Cape Haze Area Chamber of Commerce, Florida Gulf Coast University, Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce, Gulfshore Business, Hodges University, Lee County Economic Development Office/Horizon Council, Lehigh Acres Chamber of Commerce, Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce, Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce, Southwest Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, The Chamber of Southwest Florida, The Greater Fort Myers Beach Area Chamber of Commerce and The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce.

Founded in 1982, Oswald Trippe and Company is the largest employee-owned insurance agency in Southwest Florida. In 2009, the company merged with BB&T Insurance Services, the nation's seventh largest insurance broker. The firm has offices in Fort Myers, Cape Coral, Holmes Beach, Miami, Naples, Ocala, Sarasota and Weston, Fla. ■

## New Modern Home shop open four days a month

New Modern Home has opened its flagship "occasional store" in Village Plaza shopping center at 2381 Davis Blvd. The home accessories shop will be open only four days a month, the first Saturday through Tuesday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Occasional stores are exactly what their name suggests: shops that open on a particular occasion. The intrigue of shopping at an occasional store is that merchandise is restocked throughout the monthly sale dates, and each month brings new finds to discover.

Owner Janele Smith promises New Modern Home will have something for

every homeowner/decorator, "Whether you are looking for something decorative or functional, vintage or contemporary, elegant or quirky, ornate or unadorned." She adds, "Our aim is to offer an ever-changing mix of home decor items that are not mainstream as well as limited in quantity."

Ms. Smith says plans are for five New Modern Home locations in the Southeast.

The August dates for New Modern Home in Naples are Saturday, Aug. 7, through Tuesday, Aug. 10. For more information, visit [www.newmodernhome.com](http://www.newmodernhome.com). ■

## Luxury pet shop opens on Fifth

Pucci & Catana, a luxury pet boutique at 647 Fifth Ave. S., holds its grand opening party with a ribbon-cutting at 2 p.m. Sunday Aug. 1, followed by a Best-Dressed Pet contest.

Regular hours will be 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week.

The shop is stocked with haute couture dog clothes, designer pet furniture and an extensive selection of collars and

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# SOLAR

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“We’re excited,” Mr. Goldberg of Advanced Solar & Spa said. “From a business point of view, wow, what a great idea to help everybody get into something without a lot of pain, without a lot of money. We’re apprehensive to see what the counties do. Some are more aggressive than others. But from a consumer point of view, it’s a wonderful program. People can choose who they believe is the best contractor to do the work for them.”

Ideally, savings from energy improvements to homes would offset the cost added to property tax. The value of the property would go up and so would the county’s property tax base.

“(PACE) puts people back to work, it reduces energy use, and it doesn’t increase the financial burden of property owners or the debt obligations of local governments,” said Mr. Hart of Collier’s Energy Task Force. “One of the inhibitions of property owners is upfront cost. The beauty of the PACE project is the local government provides the capital to do that. And the retrofits can be anything from bracing up doors and windows to solar installation on the roof to wind turbines.”

Twenty-two states have approved PACE, modeled after a program started in California in 2007. The program also received federal backing when the Department of Energy awarded various states \$150 million to kick-start the programs.

But in the last few weeks, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, which secure more than half the nation’s mortgages, stalled the program almost everywhere



FGCU solar field

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by refusing to participate in it. The Federal Housing Finance Agency, which oversees Fannie and Freddie, supports that.

The FHFA argues that it’s not in its best interest because PACE loans secured by municipal bonds hold first lien on the property. But others argue those same types of bonds have long been issued to make improvements to projects such as roads or sewers.

In response to the FHFA’s actions, a group of 30 U.S. congressmen organized the PACE Assessment Protection Act of

2010, which would order the lenders to adopt the PACE program.

“I don’t think anyone’s in a position to move forward right now (with PACE), even though we’d love to,” said Don Root, director of the Charlotte County Economic Development Office.

Some business owners also say PACE programs might allow consumers too much control over what kinds of improvements they add to their home. For example, if someone bought an expensive solar panel that didn’t work very well, the cost would still be added to the property tax

assessment each year.

“PACE is a very creative idea, but it was rushed and they didn’t put consumer safeguards in place with it,” said Jamie Johnson, owner of Solar Power Electric in Port Charlotte. “There’s nothing in it that essentially stops a consumer from putting into place a system that doesn’t generate as much energy as they were promised by the contractor.”

Dell Jones, vice president of Regensis, a clean-energy company that has worked on large-scale solar projects including electric and hot water, shares that concern.

“If you buy a system and put it under the PACE program, you’re stuck with it,” Mr. Jones says. “Stuff breaks, lightning strikes, manufacturers go out of business and you can’t get warranty or replacement parts.”

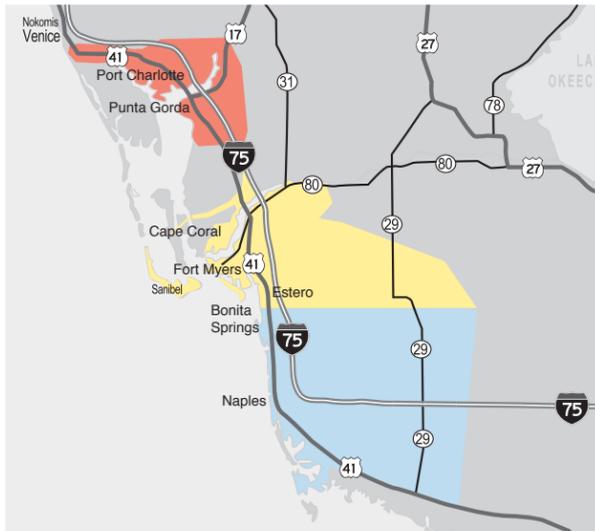
His company has designed projects such as the 2-megawatt field at Florida Gulf Coast University. But Mr. Jones isn’t entirely impressed with large solar electric fields, including Florida Power & Light’s 25-megawatt field in DeSoto County, when it comes to saving money.

“Every FPL rate payer is paying for that project despite the less-than-attractive return on investment,” Mr. Jones said. “By putting in these big glitzy projects, they’re causing rate payers’ bills to go up, not down. If they spent the same money on water-heating incentives, bills would go down.”

Regensis has also partnered with cities, including Lakeland and Cape Canaveral, to make solar hot water a public utility. It is advocating the approach in Southwest Florida as well.

“It creates jobs in the county,” Mr. Jones says. “It creates revenue for the county. It’s green energy. It doesn’t use public funds. And there’s a whole lot of consumer protection. If you don’t want it, you just tell us and we take it out.” ■

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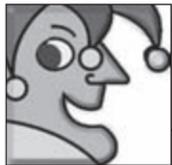
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An October 2009 study by New Zealand's Massey University tested more than 5,000 technical analysis strategies in 49 different countries. Not one strategy generated returns that aren't predicted by chance.

So if you hear an anecdotal story of technical analysis glory, remember that a broken clock is right twice a day. A bad strategy can win you money based purely on chance, especially in the short term. The worst poker player at the table may double up early, but he's best advised to take the money and run.

The evidence strongly suggests that buying stocks using technical analysis will lose you money. ■

## My Dumbest Investment

### Movie's Over

My dumbest move was buying shares of Movie Gallery around \$9 per share, watching it go past \$50, and then getting greedy and not selling. I stopped watching it for a while, and the next thing I knew, it was out of business. I learned two things: to watch my stocks more often (I use price alerts), and to place stop-loss orders. Luckily, I didn't lose too much, as my portfolio is diversified enough.

— A.X., online

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It's important to keep up with your holdings, and having your brokerage or an online service send you alerts about big price moves or news regarding your companies can be helpful. Many investors also place stop-loss orders with their brokers, to automatically sell a stock if it falls below a certain amount. But be careful — great stocks sometimes can dip sharply and temporarily. ■

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(Answer: International Paper)

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## Ask the Fool

### Buying with Goodwill

**Q** Can you explain what "goodwill" is?

— R.S., -Greenwood, S.C.

**A** You'll typically find "goodwill" on a company's balance sheet if it has acquired another company and paid more than the acquiree's appraised net worth (approximately its book value).

Imagine that Tattoo Advertising (ticker: YOWCH) acquires Glitter Factory (ticker: SPRKL). If Glitter is considered a gem and other companies would love to acquire it, Tattoo Advertising probably can't get away with paying just what the company is worth. Offering merely that might trigger counterbids, so it pays a premium, which appears on the acquirer's balance sheet as "goodwill."

Consider that Tattoo's book value was \$100 million before the acquisition. Glitter was calculated to be worth \$20 million, but Tattoo offered \$25 million in cash. Tattoo's value won't change. It will still be worth \$100 million, but it wouldn't have as an asset on its balance sheet that \$25 million in cash that it paid. That sum would be replaced by the \$20 million value of Glitter as well as a \$5 million value designated as goodwill.

Just as capital assets such as factory equipment depreciate over time, with their value decreased eventually to zero, goodwill is also incrementally reduced to zero.

**Q** What's a trust?

— P.W., Nevada, Mo.

**A** It's a legal tool, where someone (a "trustor") gives control of property to a person or an institution (the "trustee"). This is done for the benefit of someone else (the "beneficiary"). The beneficiary owns the property, but the trustee controls it — usually for a limited period (perhaps until the beneficiary reaches a certain age). Trusts are often a part of estate plans. You can learn more from a financial adviser. (You might seek one out at [www.napfa.org](http://www.napfa.org).) ■

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## Name That Company

I trace my roots back to a construction company founded by Swiss immigrants in Wisconsin in 1890. Today, based in Texas, I'm one of the world's largest publicly owned engineering, procurement, construction, maintenance (EPCM), and project management companies, involved in industries such as chemicals and petrochemicals, life sciences, oil and gas, renewable energy, telecommunications, and transportation infrastructure. I toiled on the



trans-Alaska pipeline in the 1970s and recently worked on the world's largest polysilicon facility in China. I've built refineries, pipeline pumping stations, missile sites, copper mines and power plants, and have worked on six continents. Who am I? ■

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

## The Motley Fool Take

### Alcoa's Ready

It's hard to find a mining and metals company that has experienced a tougher two years than Alcoa (NYSE: AA). With economic factors pushing and tugging at it, including a 60 percent drop in aluminum prices, the company's shares have tumbled from the \$30s to the low teens. That should draw investor attention to the venerable Pittsburgh company.

It hasn't been sitting still, recently announcing the acquisition of privately held Traco, which manufactures premier windows and doors for sale globally. At the same time, it's spending \$1.5 billion on the construction of a low-cost bauxite mine

in the Amazon jungle. Bauxite is critical to aluminum manufacturing, and Alcoa aims to compete more with lower-cost and smaller rivals.

Alcoa has furloughed 60,000 employees and shaved \$3 billion in operating costs. It's spending \$2.2 billion to partner with Saudi Arabian interests in a new aluminum mining project. Alcoa has also spent about \$750 million in Russia during the past few years, modernizing plants to better serve the country's food, beverage and aerospace industries.

But perhaps the biggest long-term benefit to the company will be China's recent decision to permit its yuan to rise freely against the dollar. That step could increase aluminum demand in China. ■

# BUSINESS MEETINGS

► **A Job Search Support Group** meets from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mondays at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact Karen Klukiewicz at [kluk77@comcast.net](mailto:kluk77@comcast.net) or visit [www.napleschamber.org](http://www.napleschamber.org).

► **Zonta Club of Naples** meets at noon on the first Tuesday of the month at the Hilton Naples. RSVP to Sally Sitta at 262-1283. For more information, visit [www.zonta-naples.org](http://www.zonta-naples.org). Next meeting: Aug. 3.

► **The Economic Development Council of Collier County** holds its annual investor group meeting from noon to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3, in the Community Room at the *Naples Daily News*. Registration is \$20. For more information, visit [www.enaplesflorida.com](http://www.enaplesflorida.com).

► **The Council of Hispanic Business Professionals** meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Cost is \$18 for members and \$23 for guests. For more information, visit [www.chbnaples.org](http://www.chbnaples.org). Next meeting: Aug. 4.

► **Insurance Professionals of Collier County** has a board meeting from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4, at Lutgert Insurance, 1395 Panther Lane. For more information, visit [www.ipconline.org](http://www.ipconline.org).

► **The Collier Building Industry Association** meets from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at New Surface Solutions, 3425 Radio Road. Dinner will be catered by Hooters. Cost is \$15 for members. Reservations required. For more information, visit [www.cbina.net](http://www.cbina.net).

► **An Accelerated Networking Luncheon** for members of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce is set for 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at Mulligan's Sports Grill. Cost is \$15. Registration required by Aug. 4. The luncheon is for members only. Register at [www.napleschamber.org](http://www.napleschamber.org).

► **Women's Network of Collier County** meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the Collier Athletic Club. For more information, call 434-5119. Next meeting: Aug. 10.

► **The Bonita Springs Chamber of Commerce** holds a Back to Basics Brown Bag Lunch from noon to 1:15 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10, at the chamber. Pack your lunch and join speaker Rob-

ert Cohen, federal security director for the Southwest Florida International Airport and the Charlotte County Airport. For more information, call 992-2943.

► **The Collier County Bar Association** holds its real estate luncheon from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, at Carrabba's, 4320 N. Tamiami Trail. Jonathan Tolentino will discuss bankruptcy procedures. For more information, visit [colliercountybar.org](http://colliercountybar.org).

► **"Let's Make A Deal,"** the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce 2010 Trade Show, takes place from 3-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, at Edison State College Naples Campus. For more information, visit [www.napleschamber.org](http://www.napleschamber.org). ■

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Admission is \$15 at the door, \$10 in advance, and includes hors d'oeuvres provided by the Hilton Naples. There will be a cash bar.

Trade show sponsors are the *Naples Daily News*, CenturyLink, EZ toUse.com, *Florida Weekly* and the Naples International Film Festival.

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



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Avow Hospice recently celebrated the opening of its new Ispiri building at 1205 Whippoorwill Lane. The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Next door to the main administration building, Ispiri has a large gathering space, classrooms, support group meeting space and a library. Avow Hospice strives to help people experience the deep satisfaction of being at peace with others and themselves at end of life. For more information, call 261-4404 or visit [www.avowhospice.org](http://www.avowhospice.org).

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**ISLANDWALK VANDERBILT BEACH LOCATION**

<p><b>NEW LISTING</b></p> <p><b>Private pool home!</b> 2BR,2BA,2Car-garage attached Villa, Popular model nicely upgraded located in well established community Low association dues and unbeatable amenities. Turnkey Package Available. <b>\$249,900</b></p>	<p><b>Causal Elegance!</b> Nicely upgraded 4BR,3.5BA, extensive crown moldings and trim work, built-in entertainment center, fireplace, custom window treatments, private heated POOL w/lake views! Pristine home used by original owners seasonally only! <b>\$520,000</b></p>
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# REAL ESTATE

WEEK OF JULY 29-AUGUST 4, 2010

A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES REAL ESTATE INDUSTRY

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## Free seminars will examine short sales

Naples resident Shawn Hedley, author of "The Short Sales Insider Guide," will conduct a seminar at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 2 and 16, at the Inn of Naples, 4055 Tamiami Trail N. The seminars are free to anyone who is out of work, in need of extra cash or interested in learning more about the short sale and foreclosure processes.

Attendees will learn how to buy foreclosures with short sales, how to find the best deals, analyze them and secure them with a contract, often with no money down. The class will also cover how to put together a short sale package.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling Mr. Hedley at 645-3874 or by e-mailing shawn@shortsalesinsider.com. ■

## Presales begin in Madison Park community by Lennar

Lennar has started presales of new single-family homes priced from the \$200,000 at Madison Park, a community off Davis Boulevard and Radio Road near I-75.

Matt Devereaux, director of sales for Lennar's Southwest Florida Division, says new three-, four- and five-bedroom homes at Madison Park range in size from 1,861 square feet of living space to 3,283 square feet with three-car garages.

For more information, contact Judy Milillo or Al Primavera at the Lennar Welcome Home Center at 963-9950, or visit [www.Lennar.com](http://www.Lennar.com). ■

## Kraft completes hospice in Lehigh

Naples-based Kraft Construction recently completed the 46,604-square-foot Hope Hospice House in Lehigh Acres. Jim Grant was the project manager.

The facility is mostly single-story construction, with a two-story, 4,000-square-foot administration area at the front of the building. Each of the three patient wings includes a nursing station and an outdoor gathering area. All 24 private patient care suites include screened lanais overlooking water features. There are spacious accommodations for family and visitors.

The Hope Hospice House also includes a chapel, bereavement counseling offices, a commercial kitchen and community meeting rooms. A 10,000-gallon underground storage tank and back-up emergency generator will enable the facility to operate during emergency situations, such as a hurricane, for several weeks.

The project was built with sustainable practices and has been submitted for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification. ■

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COURTESY PHOTOS

The living room in the Majestic

# Majestic model opens at Lely Resort

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Stock Construction, the 2009 CBIA Builder of the Year, has opened the Majestic model in The Estates at The Classics, a neighborhood of custom-built estate homes at Lely Resort.

Architect Greg Weber designed the Majestic with an open floor plan and four bedrooms, 4½ baths and a study in a total of 5,671 square feet of living area (3,830 square feet under air). The attached three-car garage has an air-conditioned storage area.

The Majestic is base-priced from \$689,990; the builder is offering a \$25,000 incentive on options for the home.

The floor plan features formal living and dining rooms, plus an informal family room. The formal dining room has an elegant tray ceiling; the island kitchen has an adjacent dinette; and the private study has French doors.

Both living and family rooms have access to the outdoor area via sliding glass doors. The expansive lanai features a lagoon-style pool and an outdoor kitchen, and the entire area is furnished with resin wicker pieces that deliver comfort and style with a minimum of care.

The interior design was conceived and executed by Edgar and Tiffa-



The kitchen (top) and the family room at the Majestic

ny West of West Design & Interiors Group, who also own East Indies Home & Design of Naples. The partnership has resulted in a model outfitted in an exceptional collection of furniture from makers including Theodore Alexander, Drexel Heritage, Century and Henredon, plus designs

from East Indies Home & Design. "Many of the furnishings are direct from the Althorp Living History Collection from Theodore Alexander, which features inlaid and burl wood pieces modeled after designs in the ancestral home of the Spencer family and Diana, Princess of Wales," Mr. West says.

The team from West Design & Interiors chose and imported silks from the world's premier silk manufacturer, the Jim Thompson Company in Thailand, to create custom bedding ensembles and window treatments for the Majestic. Every detail has been carefully planned, including commissioned original watercolors in several rooms and gallery-quality celadon pottery throughout.

StockConstruction offers the Classic Estate Series of homes available to build on your own lot. The Classics neighborhood in Lely lines the lakes and fairways of the Gary Player-designed Classics championship golf. It is accessed

via a private entry with a fountain and a richly landscaped boulevard leading up to the two-story Mediterranean-style gatehouse. Homes in The Classics are priced from the \$500,000s to more than \$2 million.

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**REAL ESTATE NEWS**



The Cambridge in the Estuary

COURTESY PHOTO

**Borelli starts work on new model in Estuary**

Borelli Construction has broken ground on its latest model within the Estuary at Grey Oaks. At 1235 Gordon River Trail, the Cambridge will have six bedrooms, including a separate two-story apartment with full kitchen and laundry, and nearly 8,000 square feet of living space. With completion anticipated for the summer of 2011, the home will be offered at \$6,700,000.

Premier Properties of Southwest Florida is the exclusive sales and marketing representative for Estuary at Grey Oaks. For more information, contact the sales center at 261-3148 or visit [www.estuaryatgreyoaks.com](http://www.estuaryatgreyoaks.com).

**GATES wins Lauderdale airport contract**

Naples-based GATES has been awarded the construction contract for the city of Fort Lauderdale's new aviation and equipment facility at the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport. The 7,400-square-foot building is anticipated for completion in January 2011.

With offices in Florida and the Republic of Panama, GATES is a fully integrated construction, development and real estate company.

**DeAngelis begins work at clinic in North Port**

DeAngelis Diamond Construction Inc. has started construction on the North Port Health Clinic for Sarasota County. The project consists of a 14,500-square-foot expansion and renovation of Sarasota County Health Department's branch clinic in the city of North Port.

The clinic provides health-care services to the underinsured and uninsured. The expansion from eight to 18 exam rooms will allow the clinic to increase its service from 4,000 to 15,000 patients a year. The project also includes the expansion of the pharmacy, medical records area and medical laboratory.

The project team will pursue LEED certification of the project from the U.S. Green Building Council.

**Renovations completed at animal clinic**

Heatherwood Construction has completed interior renovations at the new Sable Palm Animal Clinic at the corner of Collier Boulevard and Rattlesnake Hammock Road in the Naples Lakes Village Shopping Center. The clinic is owned and operated by Dr. Tonya Loreman and Dr. Shelley Gothard.

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



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**Estancia Bonita Bay  
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**Imperial Golf Estates  
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'Contemporary living', renovated, gourmet kit, lake view 3233SF. **\$897,000**



**West Bay Club  
22129 Natures Cove Ct.**

3+Den, oversized pool-extended lanai, like new. **\$734,000**



**Imperial Golf Estates  
2102 Imperial Golf Course Blvd.**

2984SF, designer upgrades, pool, golf course view. **\$675,000**



**Marina Bay Club  
13105 Vanderbilt Dr. #606**

Refurbished, 2/2 end unit, Gulf/Wiggins Pass views. **\$599,000**



**Anchorage at Vanderbilt  
12945 Vanderbilt Dr. #306**

Wiggins Pass views, direct Gulf access. Sharp 2/2. **\$349,000**



**Spring Lakes  
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**Bay Forest, Bermuda Bay II  
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**Laurel Oaks, S. Ft. Myers  
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Endless waterfront views, redone 3/3, 10ft ceilings. **\$1,399,000**



**Pelican Isle II  
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3+Den/3.5Ba. completely refurbished 2872SF end unit. **\$985,000**



**Pelican Isle II  
#702**

New A/C units & hot water heater, 2677SF, Views. **\$899,000**



**Pelican Isle II  
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Refurbished 3/3, redesigned kit. Gulf/Bay/W.P. views. **\$1,425,000**



**Pelican Isle III  
#602**

Beautiful waterfront! New decor, 2677SF, 3/3. **\$839,000**



**Pelican Isle III  
#605**

Amazing views, Lg. Lanais, 3Br./3.5Ba. 3096SF. **\$1,699,000.**



**Pelican Isle III  
#703**

3Br/3Ba, 2428SF, views of Gulf/River/Bay. **\$995,950**



**Pelican Isle III  
#906**

Stunning W. Gulf views, marble floors, 3Br+Den/3.5Ba. **\$1,399,000**



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**MOORINGS** ▲ Wide Bay views, 4BR/4.5BA+den. Two-story floor plan, elevator, outdoor living space, pool/spa. Direct access dock. **\$4,900,000** | Ruth Trettis | 403-4529



**PARK SHORE** ▲ Wide water views from recently updated, 2-story luxurious waterfront property offering 5 bedrooms, den and 6 baths. **\$4,495,000**  
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**MOORINGS** ▲ Rare opportunity for no bridge access to Gulf & S. exposure property with 122 ft. on the water, 4BR+den, pool/spa. **\$4,295,000**  
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**OPEN SUN. 1-4**  
**MOORINGS** ▲ 265 Springline Drive Attractively priced new waterfront home, 1/2 mile to private beach, boat lift with easy Gulf access. Pool & spa. **\$2,995,000**  
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**MOORINGS** ▲ 591 Putter Point Place Bermuda-style 4BR+den overlooks lake & golf course. Heated pool/spa. Exceptional features throughout. **\$2,300,000**  
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**MOORINGS** ▲ Extensive upgrades in this 4 BR, 5.5BA pool home. Interior repainted in fresh, lively colors. Marble/wood floors. **\$1,995,000**  
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**COQUINA SANDS** ▲ Approximately 146' of water frontage with SW exposure. Spacious, updated 4BR/3BA pool home, Boat dock with lift. **\$1,890,000**  
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**COQUINA SANDS** ▲ Two blocks to the beach from this beautiful setting. This 3 bedroom, 2 bath is in move-in condition. Furnished. **\$988,500**  
Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



**PARK SHORE** ▲ Walk to beach, shops & dining! Quality remodeling, family room, 4BR/3.5BA+office. S. exposure pool, spa + hot tub. **\$875,000**  
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**MOORINGS** ▲ Updated 4 BR, 2.5 BA home. Wood floors, mouldings, granite, SS appliances. Cast stone pool deck. Stunning views. **\$795,000** | Mary Smallwood | 293-0349



**PARK SHORE - COLONADE** ▲ Beautifully remodeled 2BR+den "Delphi" villa. Glassed-in lanai, private elevator. Clubhouse, pool, spa, near beach. **\$750,000** | Mimi Straub | 434-2424



**PARK SHORE** ▲ Lovely 3BR/2BA pool home. Walk to beach & shops. Very private, spacious screened pool area with large side yard. **\$695,000**  
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**PARK SHORE - COLONADE** ▲ "Athena" model with 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths. Marble floors, new kitchen cabinets, plantation shutters & 10' ceilings. **\$685,000** | Linda Ohler | 404-6460



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



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



**PARK SHORE** ▲ Fabulous location! Three bedrooms, incredible views of Venetian Bay. Steps to beach, fine dining and shopping. **\$539,900**  
Paula Sims/Julie Rembos | 262-6600



**PARK SHORE** ▲ Long Venetian Bay views, new carpet/paint. Corner 2 bedroom with windows on 3 sides for a light, bright interior. **\$450,000** | Larry Roorda | 860-2534



**PARK SHORE** ▲ Wonderful water views from this 2BR/2BA residence. Beach access. Stroll to Venetian Village dining and shopping. **\$399,000**  
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**PARK SHORE - HARBORSIDE TERRACE** ▲ Just around the corner from shops & restaurants. Stand alone 3BR/2BA condominium, 3 exposures + sunny tiled lanai. **\$295,000**  
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**PARK SHORE - BELAIR CLUB** ▲ Terrific value! Newly renovated, bright 1st floor 2BR/2BA condominium, gorgeous views, 2 minutes to private beach. **\$285,000** | Keith Alexander | 250-5156



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## PARK SHORE

**PELICAN POINT WEST** 250 Park Shore Drive #403  
Overlooking Venetian Bay. Granite, wood cabinets, stainless appliances, 3BRs, 2BAs, balcony from master. **\$895,000** | Paula Sims/Julie Rembos | 262-6600

**PARK SHORE LANDINGS** 305 Park Shore Drive #232  
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## PARK SHORE

**PIEDMONT CLUB** 4155 Crayton Road #204 - Finely appointed 3BR, 3BA with wide western bay views! Turnkey furnished. Intimate complex with bayside pool. **\$599,900** | Patrick O'Connor | 293-9411

**PELICAN POINT I** 300 Park Shore Drive #2A - Serene views of Venetian Bay from recently updated 3 bedroom, 2 bath residence. Granite countertops, wood flooring. **\$499,000** | Paula Sims/Julie Rembos | 262-6600

676 Fountainhead Way - Build your dream home here. Quiet neighborhood. Property is eligible for private Park Shore Beach access. **\$539,000** | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420

## COQUINA SANDS

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

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**CAP FERRAT** ▲ Extraordinary Penthouse! World-Class Views! Elegant & quality interiors, expansive terraces encompassing 6,800 SF. **\$5,990,000**  
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**GEORGETOWN** ▲ Borelli-built, French Provincial 2-story manor home. 5 BR with elevator, media room & library. Turnkey furnished. **\$2,895,000** | Jane Darling | 290-3112



**CAP FERRAT** ▲ Highly desirable SW end residence, panoramic Gulf/bay views. Den, 3BR/3BAs, high-end finishes, secured elevator. **\$2,800,000** | Ellen Eggland | 571-7192



**COCO BAY** ▲ One-of-a-kind 2-story villa, terrific golf & lake views. About 4,400 SF under air, 4BR/4.5BA, den/office, pool/spa. **\$2,395,000** | Jane Darling | 290-3112



**OPEN SUN. 1-4**  
**ST. RAPHAEL** ▲ 7117 Pelican Bay Blvd. #1105 - Luxury, pristine 3BR tower residence has a single-family home feel + spectacular high-rise view. **\$2,000,000**  
Jean Tarkenton | 595-0544



**MONTENERO** ▲ Beachfront, panoramic views of Gulf & natural preserve. Generous 3,400 SF of living area. Well-appointed building. **\$1,795,000**  
Judy Perry/Penny Lyle | 261-6161



**ISLE VERDE** ▲ Tastefully decorated 3BR/3.5BA+den villa. Gated community, poolside cabana, heated pool/spa. Private beach/dining. **\$1,790,000** | Jane Darling | 290-3112



**BARRINGTON** ▲ Tropical oasis! Builder's own home, many extras, 3,516 A/C SF, 3BR/3.5BA+den, 5-car A/C garage. Private beach. **\$1,695,000** | Janet Rathbun | 860-0012



**PINECREST** ▲ Renovated inside and out, 4 bedroom, 4.5 bath home. Cook's kitchen, family room, heated pool/spa, 3-car garage. **\$1,650,000** | Janet Rathbun | 860-0012



**COCOBAY** ▲ Lakefront courtyard 3BR/4BA+den villa with guest cabana. Private pool/spa. New A/C, roof, exterior paint & more! **\$1,599,000** | Cathy Owen | 269-3118



**CARLTON PLACE** ▲ Privacy & golf course views! End villa, over 3,200 SF A/C, 3 bedrooms with balconies and baths. Screened pool/spa. **\$1,525,000** | Linda Piatt | 269-2322



**CARLTON PLACE** ▲ S. exposure over golf course. Private end 3BR/4.5BA+den. Pool, 2-car attached garage. Pet friendly, tram to beach. **\$1,495,000** | Linda Piatt | 269-2322



**OPEN SUN. 1-4**  
**ST. RAPHAEL** ▲ 7117 Pelican Bay Blvd. #1007 - Beautiful luxury tower residence, spectacular views! Casual beach lifestyle. Private cabana. **\$1,450,000**  
Jean Tarkenton | 595-0544



**CARLTON PLACE** ▲ Extensively remodeled 3BR/4.5BA plus den/family room villa with SW views overlooking golf. Pool/spa, beach tram. **\$1,445,000** | Jane Darling | 290-3112



**TIERRA MAR** ▲ Rare 4BR villa, lake view and S. exposure. Large pool in front courtyard, aviary-screened patio in rear. Furnished. **\$1,299,000** | Linda Piatt | 269-2322



**OPEN SUN. 1-4**  
**ST. RAPHAEL** ▲ 7117 Pelican Bay Blvd. #1607 - Spectacular views over Gulf, Bay & golf! Exquisitely appointed 3BR/3BA. **\$1,295,000**  
Jean Tarkenton | 595-0544



**INTERLACHEN** ▲ Single-level 4BR+den/office courtyard villa. Beautifully updated, about 3,000 SF of living area. Resort amenities. **\$1,285,900** | Linda Piatt | 269-2322



**ST. LAURENT** ▲ Expansive Gulf, city and golf views! Newly renovated, corner 3 bedroom. Southern exposure and two terraces. **\$1,199,000** | Phyllis O'Donnell & Patrick O'Donnell | 269-6161



**THE VILLAGE** ▲ Lake and preserve views, 4BR/4BA completely renovated in 2008. Marble floors, new baths, pool/spa. Private beach. **\$939,000** | Ann M. Nunes | 860-0949



**LAMBIANCE** ▲ Exceptional large, tropical aqua-scape view! Very spacious, gorgeous 3BR/3BA+den coach home. Incredible amenities. **\$935,000** | Ellen Eggland | 571-7192



**GROSVENOR** ▲ Rare direct 3BR/3BA front residence with western Gulf views. In perfect condition. Pool, fitness room, beach tram. **\$850,000** | Pat Duggan | 216-1980



**OPEN SUN. 1-4**  
**PINECREST** ▲ 807 Knollwood Court Bright, open plan 3BR/3BA with vaulted ceilings, fireplace, heated pool, storm shutters, large lot on cul-de-sac. **\$850,000**  
Mary/Jamey Halpin | 269-3005



**MARBELLA** ▲ Wonderful Gulf views from this 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath with approx. 2,000 total SF. Full service building. **\$849,500**  
Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



**GROSVENOR** ▲ Beautifully updated and renovated residence in the sky! Perfect media room, spectacular views from both balconies. **\$849,000** | Jeri Richey | 269-2203



**CRESCENT** ▲ Full SE exposure 3BR + den, 2nd floor townhouse, golf/ lake views. Furnished, 2,400 SF living area. Pet friendly. **\$795,000** | Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741



**HERON** ▲ Spectacular Gulf views! Light 14th floor 3BA/2BR+den/study could easily be 3BRs, over 2,400 SF total. Two lanais. **\$795,000** | Jean Tarkenton | 595-0544



**INTERLACHEN** ▲ Turnkey furnished, absolutely stunning renovation of a 3BR/2BA condominium. Beach, tennis, fitness center & golf. **\$769,000** | Jane Darling | 290-3112



**ST. PIERRE** ▲ Incredible Gulf/sunset views! Premier high-rise, clean, updated, move in ready 2BR/2BA. Tennis, fitness & beach. **\$749,900** | Kathy Morris | 777-8654



**INTERLACHEN** ▲ Spacious floor plan with 3 bedrooms and 2-car garage. Wonderful lake/pool views. Beach access, pool, tennis. **\$699,500**  
Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



**ST. MARISSA** ▲ Stunning 20th floor Gulf views! This 2BR+den is completely updated & offers 1,573 total SF. Magnificent amenities. **\$687,500**  
Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731



**ST. TROPEZ** ▲ Beautiful SW views over mangroves, Clam Pass/Gulf! Glassed-in/screened lanais, well-appointed 2BR/2BA. **\$675,000**  
Mary/Jamey Halpin | 269-3005



**ST. KITTS** ▲ Sunny corner 3BR+den/2BA with sunset Gulf views. 1,889 total SF & electric hurricane shutters. Turnkey furnished. **\$650,000** | Pat Duggan | 216-1980



**OPEN SUN. 1-4**  
**SERENDIPITY** ▲ 505 Serendipity Dr. First floor, 3BR/3BA (2 are master suites), pet friendly. Striking décor, lake views. Endless amenities. Turnkey. **\$519,950**  
Mary/Jamey Halpin | 269-3005

**CHATEAUMERE ROYALE** 6000 Pelican Bay Blvd. #1001 Sunrises & sunsets over lake, golf, mangroves, Bay & the Gulf! Tastefully updated south end 2BR/2BA. **\$599,777** | Esther Van Lare | 404-3045

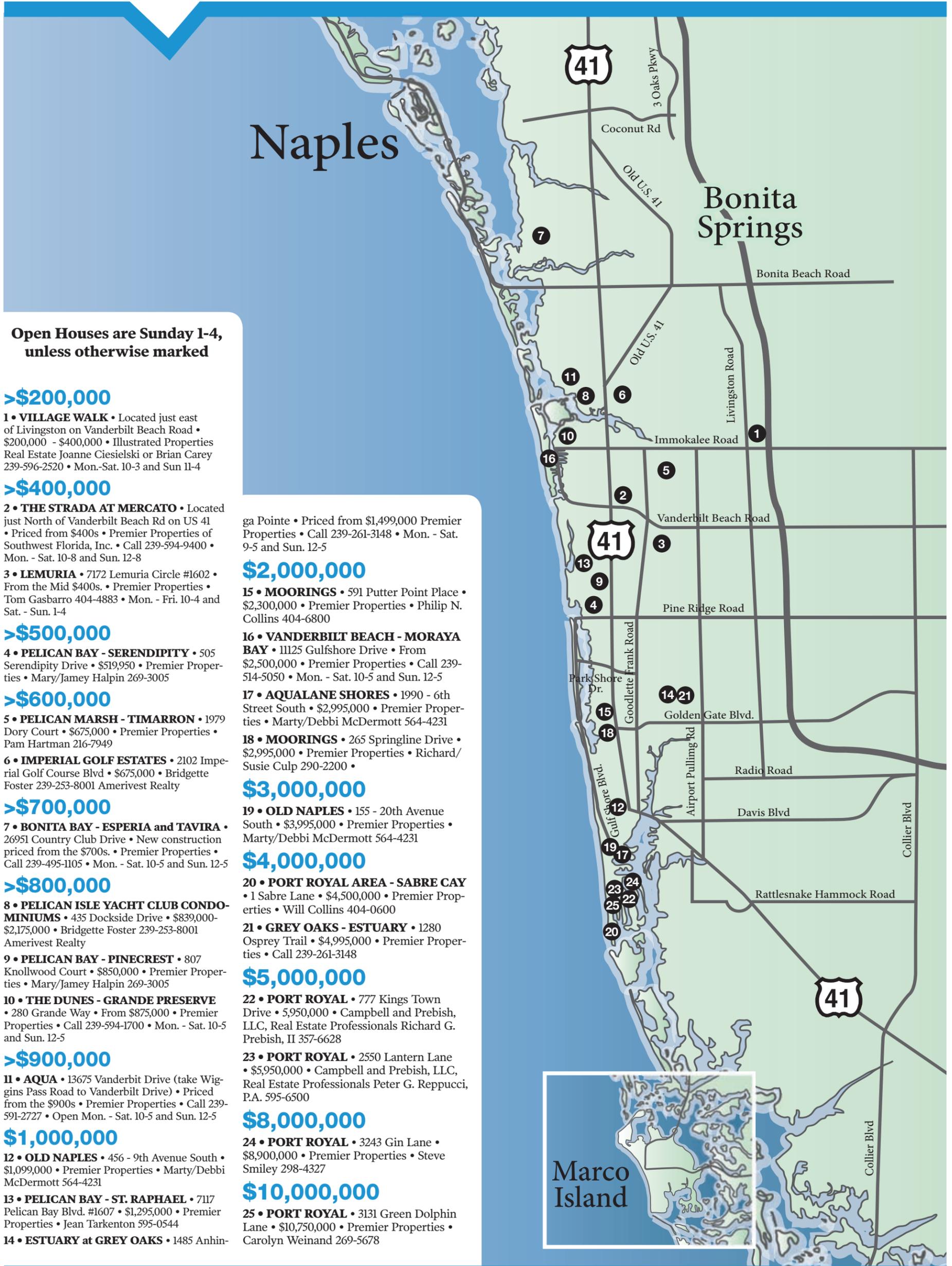
**DORCHESTER** 6075 Pelican Bay Blvd. #401 - End residence, SW exposure & ribbon Gulf views! Wraparound lanai, 3 bedroom suites, attractively priced per sq. ft. **\$595,000** | Jane Darling | 290-3112

**ST. KITTS** 6585 Nicholas Blvd. #503 - Fabulous vacation home with Gulf views at a fabulous price! Turnkey furnished 2BR/2BA + den. Private Beach Club. **\$499,000** | Jean Tarkenton | 595-0544

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

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

# Florida Weekly's Open Houses



## Naples

**Open Houses are Sunday 1-4, unless otherwise marked**

### >\$200,000

**1 • VILLAGE WALK** • Located just east of Livingston on Vanderbilt Beach Road • \$200,000 - \$400,000 • Illustrated Properties Real Estate Joanne Ciesielski or Brian Carey 239-596-2520 • Mon.-Sat. 10-8 and Sun. 11-4

### >\$400,000

**2 • THE STRADA AT MERCATO** • Located just North of Vanderbilt Beach Rd on US 41 • Priced from \$400s • Premier Properties of Southwest Florida, Inc. • Call 239-594-9400 • Mon. - Sat. 10-8 and Sun. 12-8

**3 • LEMURIA** • 7172 Lemuria Circle #1602 • From the Mid \$400s. • Premier Properties • Tom Gasbarro 404-4883 • Mon. - Fri. 10-4 and Sat. - Sun. 1-4

### >\$500,000

**4 • PELICAN BAY - SERENDIPITY** • 505 Serendipity Drive • \$519,950 • Premier Properties • Mary/Jamey Halpin 269-3005

### >\$600,000

**5 • PELICAN MARSH - TIMARRON** • 1979 Dory Court • \$675,000 • Premier Properties • Pam Hartman 216-7949

**6 • IMPERIAL GOLF ESTATES** • 2102 Imperial Golf Course Blvd • \$675,000 • Bridgette Foster 239-253-8001 Amerivest Realty

### >\$700,000

**7 • BONITA BAY - ESPERIA and TAVIRA** • 26951 Country Club Drive • New construction priced from the \$700s. • Premier Properties • Call 239-495-1105 • Mon. - Sat. 10-5 and Sun. 12-5

### >\$800,000

**8 • PELICAN ISLE YACHT CLUB CONDOMINIUMS** • 435 Dockside Drive • \$839,000-\$2,175,000 • Bridgette Foster 239-253-8001 Amerivest Realty

**9 • PELICAN BAY - PINECREST** • 807 Knollwood Court • \$850,000 • Premier Properties • Mary/Jamey Halpin 269-3005

**10 • THE DUNES - GRANDE PRESERVE** • 280 Grande Way • From \$875,000 • Premier Properties • Call 239-594-1700 • Mon. - Sat. 10-5 and Sun. 12-5

### >\$900,000

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

### \$1,000,000

**12 • OLD NAPLES** • 456 - 9th Avenue South • \$1,099,000 • Premier Properties • Marty/Debbi McDermott 564-4231

**13 • PELICAN BAY - ST. RAPHAEL** • 7117 Pelican Bay Blvd. #1607 • \$1,295,000 • Premier Properties • Jean Tarkenton 595-0544

**14 • ESTUARY at GREY OAKS** • 1485 Anhin-

ga Pointe • Priced from \$1,499,000 Premier Properties • Call 239-261-3148 • Mon. - Sat. 9-5 and Sun. 12-5

### \$2,000,000

**15 • MOORINGS** • 591 Putter Point Place • \$2,300,000 • Premier Properties • Philip N. Collins 404-6800

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

**17 • AQUALANE SHORES** • 1990 - 6th Street South • \$2,995,000 • Premier Properties • Marty/Debbi McDermott 564-4231

**18 • MOORINGS** • 265 Springline Drive • \$2,995,000 • Premier Properties • Richard/Susie Culp 290-2200 •

### \$3,000,000

**19 • OLD NAPLES** • 155 - 20th Avenue South • \$3,995,000 • Premier Properties • Marty/Debbi McDermott 564-4231

### \$4,000,000

**20 • PORT ROYAL AREA - SABRE CAY** • 1 Sabre Lane • \$4,500,000 • Premier Properties • Will Collins 404-0600

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

### \$5,000,000

**22 • PORT ROYAL** • 777 Kings Town Drive • 5,950,000 • Campbell and Prebish, LLC, Real Estate Professionals Richard G. Prebish, II 357-6628

**23 • PORT ROYAL** • 2550 Lantern Lane • \$5,950,000 • Campbell and Prebish, LLC, Real Estate Professionals Peter G. Reppucci, P.A. 595-6500

### \$8,000,000

**24 • PORT ROYAL** • 3243 Gin Lane • \$8,900,000 • Premier Properties • Steve Smiley 298-4327

### \$10,000,000

**25 • PORT ROYAL** • 3131 Green Dolphin Lane • \$10,750,000 • Premier Properties • Carolyn Weinand 269-5678



**PORT ROYAL AREA** ▲ Brand new beachfront estate comprised of 2 residences. 16,000+ SF of exquisitely appointed & furnished living areas. An ambience of quality emphasized in every accommodation. Each residence may be purchased separately. **\$30,000,000**  
Philip N. Collins | 404-6800



**OPEN SUN. 1-4**  
**PORT ROYAL** ▲ 3243 Gin Lane Built with the highest quality, this brand new, 4BR+ study, classically designed Bermuda style, home has it all. Summer kitchen and pool/spa overlooking Hidden Bay. 40' dock. Port Royal Club membership eligibility. **\$8,900,000**  
Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894



**NEW LISTING**  
**OLD NAPLES** ▲ Beachfront cottage, renovated, yet maintains charm of its 1916 origins plus all the modern comforts. Guest house. **\$6,500,000** | Ruth Trettis | 403-4529



**PINE RIDGE** ▲ Magnificent country estate home on 3.32 acres. Masterfully planned main residence encompasses 15,298 total SF. **\$6,475,000**  
Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



**OPEN SUN. 1-4**  
**GREY OAKS - ESTUARY** ▲ 1280 Osprey Trail - "Mariana" Model. Panoramic lake and fairway views abound. Boasting 6,910 SF A/C, 6BRs, 5 full BAs + 2 half baths. **\$4,995,000**  
Call 239-261-3148



**NAPLES CAY - SEAPOINT** ▲ Views of Gulf and sugar sand beach from every room! Four bedrooms, family room, 4 bath beachfront residence. **\$4,500,000**  
Paula Sims & Julie Rembos | 262-6600



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



**GREY OAKS - ESTUARY** ▲ Elegant home with 5BRs, private 2-story guest cabana with suites, theatre room with full bar, library. **\$3,925,000**  
Lynn Anderson/Carolyn Weinand | 290-6674



**AQUALANE SHORES** ▲ Lot offers 265' of water frontage, 110' on Naples Bay & 155' deep into Egret Channel. Boathouse & cut-in slip. **\$3,800,000**  
Michael D. Browne | 272-3331



**Open Mon-Sat: 10-5 & Sun: 12-5**  
**VANDERBILT BEACH - MORAYA BAY** ▲ 11125 Gulfshore Drive - Naples newest beachfront condominium offering the ultimate in sophisticated resort living. Views of the Gulf, Bay & preserves. **From \$2,500,000** | Call 239-514-5050



**BAY COLONY - CONTESSA** ▲ Breathtaking Gulf & beach views from 12th floor 3BR/3.5BA + den beachfront residence! 2,600+ SF A/C. **\$2,275,000**  
Leah Ritchey/Ray Couret | 289-0433



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



**PELICAN MARSH - TERRABELLA** ▲ Large, private lake-front property. Separate guest cabana, 4BR+den, courtyard, pool, spa & 3-car garage. **\$1,690,000**  
Rod Soars/Trish Lowe Soars | 290-2448



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



**MARCO ISLAND - MADEIRA** ▲ Views of the Gulf from beachside balcony and living areas of this professionally decorated 2,974 SF residence. **\$1,595,000** | Chris Adams | 404-5130



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



**OPEN MON-SAT: 9-5 & SUN: 12-5**  
**ESTUARY AT GREY OAKS** ▲ 1485 Anhniga Pointe - The perfect Naples life! Sophisticated amenities & superlative homes set amid natural preserves. Championship golf; minutes to beaches, shops & dining. Villas from \$1,499,000. Estate homes from \$2.9 million. Estate homesites from the \$795,000 | 239-261-3148



**MARCO ISLAND** ▲ Custom Rutenberg built 3BR/4BA + den home on tip lot, 175 ft. of water frontage & dock. Newly painted inside & out. **\$1,450,000** | Roe Tamagni | 398-1222



**OPEN SUN. 1-4**  
**OLD NAPLES - RIDGE LAKE** ▲ 620 Bougainvillea Road - Open, airy, updated 3BR+den. Wood floors, fireplace, private back yard with pool. **\$1,245,000**  
Beth Hayhoe McNichols | 821-3304



**VILLAGES OF MONTEREY** ▲ Lakefront, "like new" stately 4BR/4.5BA home. Family room, loft area, den, 1st floor study, plus heated pool/spa. **\$999,000**  
Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



**OPEN SUN. 1-4**  
**OLD NAPLES - CATELENA** ▲ 306 - 6th Ave. S. - Lush tropical landscaping wraps corner 2BR+ den built in 2004 in privacy. Well-appointed. **\$995,000**  
Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231



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



**OPEN MON - SAT: 10-5 & SUN: 12-5**  
**AQUA** ▲ 13675 Vanderbilt Drive A coveted lifestyle with resort-style amenities. Generous 3 & 4 bedroom floor plans with 3,500 A/C SF. Overlook the Yacht Harbor, Gulf & preserves. Direct deep-water access boat slips. Values beyond belief! From the \$900s | 239-591-2727



**BONITA BAY - ANCHORAGE** ▲ Spectacular, updated 3BR+den villa. Southern lake views, Western preserve views. Pool/spa area, guest cabana. **\$895,000**  
Gary L. Jaarda/ Jeff Jaarda | 248-7474



**VANDERBILT GULFSIDE I** ▲ Magnificent unobstructed Gulf views! Totally renovated 2BR/2BA + den beachfront gem. Meticulously maintained. **\$895,000** | Pat Callis | 250-0562



**OPEN MON-SAT: 10-5 • SUN 12-5**  
**THE DUNES - GRANDE PRESERVE** ▲ 280 Grande Way - Magnificent views over Gulf, preserve & golf! Spacious 3BR+family room floor plans. Membership to private Floridian Beach Club & Plantation Club. Grande Phoenician from \$875,000. Grande Geneva from \$900,000 | Call 239-594-1700



**OLD NAPLES - PERGOLA VILLAS** ▲ A charming 3 bedroom plus den, 3 bath townhouse built by Burt Binder. Plunge pool, near beach. **\$720,000**  
Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894



**OPEN MON-SAT 10-5 & SUN 12-5**  
**ESPERIA & TAVIRA** ▲ 26951 Country Club Drive (Sales Center) Breathtaking views over Bay Island Golf Course, Estero Bay & the Gulf. An idyllic community devoted to golf, parks, marina & more! New construction from the \$700s | 239-495-1105



**OPEN SUN. 1-4**  
**PELICAN MARSH - TIMARRON** ▲ 1979 Dory Court Model perfect 3BR/3BA+den villa overlooking lake. Heated pool/spa, many new features. **\$675,000**  
Pam Hartman | 216-7949



**FIDDLER'S CREEK - CASCADA** ▲ Great golf views, charming 3BR/3BA+office. Renovated kitchen & bathroom, new carpet & A/C system. Furnished. **\$658,000**  
Maureen/Mike Joyce | 784-1288



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



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



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



**VANDERBILT BEACH REGATTA II** ▲ A beautiful 3BR/3BA with gorgeous water view, light & bright. Beach closeby, great amenities. **\$595,000**  
Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731



**AUTUMN WOODS** ▲ Spectacular 4BR/3BA home on a lake with western exposure in a gated community. Beautifully kept, great amenities. **\$569,900** | Fred Alter | 269-4123



**OPEN SUN. 1-4**  
**THE BROOKS - SHADOW WOOD - LAUREL MEADOW** ▲ 23128 Tree Crest Ct. - Sunny SW exposure overlooking fairway! Pool, spa, 3BR+loft. Golf, tennis, beach club. Turnkey furnished. **\$549,000** | Susan Barton | 860-1412



**SAN CARLOS ESTATES** ▲ Quiet country living on a 1.25 acres site, yet near shops. Newer, spacious 3BR+den home. Family room, heated pool. **\$485,000** | Pam Umscheid & Stephanie/John Coburn | 948-4000



**BEACHWALK VILLAS** ▲ Totally gated community & 24-hour manned security. Walk to beach. The 2BR, 2BA villa with large screened lanai. **\$417,000** | Carol Loder | 860-4326



**OPEN MON-SAT 10-8 • SUN. 12-8**  
**THE STRADA AT MERCATO** ▲ Located just North of Vanderbilt Beach Rd. on U.S. 41. Mercato features residential, retail, Whole Foods Market, restaurants and more. Upscale contemporary living from the \$400s | Call 239-594-9400



**OPEN MON-FRI. 10-4 • SAT/SUN 1-4**  
**LEMURIA** ▲ 7172 Lemuria Circle New luxury community of 3 or 4 bedrooms, 3 bath condominiums with open floor plans, high ceilings and attached 2-car garages. Prices from the mid \$400s.  
Thomas Gasbarro | 404-4883



**Park Shore**, 4101 Gulf Shore Blvd N, #6 S - Breathtaking Gulf views, unbelievably spacious 8,400 sf condo. Spectacular living areas, gourmet kit, library. 5+Den/6+2half (C6506) Don Winkler, 961-2166 Robyn Pfister Griffin, 262-7366 **\$5,995,000**



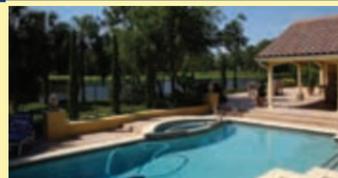
**Barefoot Beach**, 224 Malibu Cv - Premium location for estate home that was rebuilt in 2007 w/sweeping views of the Bay. WALK to BEACH, 2 boat docks w/lifts, chef's kitchen, Jerusalem Stone flrs. 4+Den/4.5 (H4981) Claire Licciardi, 250-4564, Carol McElroy, 659-6395 **\$3,750,000**



**Port Royal**, 3120 Green Dolphin Ln - Grand estate situated on magnificent lot & a half, steps to beach. Formal living & dining, family room, study. 3BR main house plus 1BR pool-side guest house. 4+Den/5.5 (H4164) Robyn Pfister Griffin, 262-7366, Don Winkler, 961-2166 **\$3,595,000**



**Grey Oaks**, 1335 Noble Heron Way - Mediterranean villa. Custom floor plan. Lake/golf views. Marble & wood floors, soaring ceilings, state-of-art kitchen. Summer kit., covered loggia, pool & spa. 4/4.5 (V1272) Robyn Pfister Griffin, 262-7366 **\$1,495,000**



**Quail Creek**, 13123 Bald Cypress Ln - Incredible 180-degree views on golf course and lake. Estate home on quiet cul-de-sac lot. Largely remodeled. New roof 2008. Huge patio. Extensive marble floors. 4+Den/4.5 (H4748) Dominick Tascher, 839-5688 **\$1,025,000**



**Livingston Woods**, 6510 Sable Ridge Ln - 2.73 acres, 2 story home w/3 car garage, pool, family room w/FP plus upstairs media room. Commercial pole barn w/1750 SF of storage/work area. 4+Den/3.5 (H3865) Lisa M. Richardson, 250-8008 **\$999,000**



**Pirates Cove**, 27208 Gasparilla Dr - Imperial River Front, 3 Bedroom, The Barbados, 2000 sq ft home plan by award winning, Weber Design Group. 3/3 (H4896) Michele Harrison, 580-9889 **\$979,900**



**Old Naples**, 555 5th Ave S #Ph-1 - Penthouse Beach Club Retreat, up and above Old Naples Beach, just 3 blocks from the Gulf and center to the vibrant Village of Old Naples. 2+Den/2 (C5114) Michele Harrison, 580-9889 **\$799,900**



**Vanderbilt Beach**, 328 Heron Ave - Connors - Southern exp & wide canal are just the start for this home. Remodeled home w/fabulous views & a boaters dream. Enjoy coffee on your dock or patio. 2/2 (H4854) Michele Harrison, 580-9889 **\$799,000**



**Tidewater Island**, 6081 Tidewater Island Cir - Quaint Private boating community! Just minutes to the Gulf via beautiful Estero Bay. Spacious home with pool and 25 ft boat dock. 4/3 (H4835) Debra Pelitera, 250-6865, Patrick Dearborn, 877-4340 **\$774,000**



**Old Naples**, 1325 7th St S, #6D - Sixth floor totally remodeled unit offers views of Naples Bay, the city, and gorgeous sunsets. Guest accoms, boat slips, extra storage, covd parking. 2/2 (C6605) Robyn Pfister Griffin, 262-7366, Donald E. Winkler, 961-2166 **\$699,000**



**Pelican Marsh**, 9109 Troon Lakes Dr - Superb detail, meticulous 2600 SF home. Open floor plan, lake view, spa, summer kitchen. Tile, gourmet kitchen, granite in baths, shutters & extra storage. 3+Den/2.5 (H4756) Laurie Bellico, PA, 293-9389 **\$675,000**



**Mediterra**, 15509 Monterosso Ln, #102 - Loaded with extras and professionally furnished. Spectacular long range lake views & is within walking distance to the Mediterra clubhouse. 3/2.5 (C5214) Michele Harrison, 580-9889 **\$649,000**



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**Lely Resort**, 8860 Lely Island Cir - Luxurious residence with private preserve view, 2803 Sq Ft, Spa, gorgeous tile work in kitchen and bathrooms, hurricane shutters, circular driveway. 3+Den/2.5 (H5071) Cynthia Miles, 273-3449, Hosted by Robin Hill, 776-0733 **\$479,000**



**Eden On The Bay**, 361 Mallory Ct - A casually well-designed & decorated 2005 home in one of Naples' best kept secrets West of 41. Private corner preserve lot, pool, spa, tile, granite & more. 3/2 (H4368) Laurie Bellico, PA, 293-9389 **\$470,000**



**Naples Heritage**, 7798 Naples Heritage Dr - St. Charles model w/den, family rm, open floor plan. Heated pool/spa, golf views, hurricane shutters, Plantation shutters, tiled flooring. Golf mbrshp included. 2+Den/2 (H5165) Christine Citrano, 877-1102 **\$450,000**



**Moorings**, 2880 Gulf Shore Blvd N, #209 - Price Reduced! Bayside bch retreat! Updated open fl plan, glassed in lanai, 1554 TA, carport, new windows & plumbing. Lovely bayside pool or stroll Moorings Bch. 2/2 (C5890) Lisa M. Richardson, 250-8008 **\$434,000**



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**Imperial Golf Estates**, 2198 Majestic Ct N - Fabulous remodeled 3 bedroom plus den pool home. Oversized corner lot, all new and ready to move in. 3+Den/2 (H5101) Debbie Frost, 250-8701 **\$419,000**



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**Lely Resort**, 8884 Mustang Island Cir - Beautiful Centex pool home with family room, 2-car garage and paved driveway. Built in 2005, 2038 sq ft. Hurricane shutters-short sale bargain ready for offer. 3/2 (H5098) Cynthia Miles, 273-3449 **\$379,000**



**Imperial Golf Estates**, 2207 Imperial Golf Course Blvd - Wonderful pool home on quiet cul-de-sac street in Imperial Golf Estates. Lg covered lanai, sparkling pool, oversized yard & small canal for kayaking or canoeing. 2/2 (H4951) Debbie Frost, 250-8701 **\$349,000**



**Carlton Lakes**, 6078 Highwood Park Ct - Come see the deer! Meticulous SFH on oversized cul-de-sac lot. Preserve view, ext. lanai, 2000+ SF, lg living area, plenty of windows for natural light. 3/2 (H4794) Laurie Bellico, PA, 293-9389 **\$330,000**



**Imperial Golf Estates**, 1163 Imperial Dr - Loaded with upgrades, Corian countertops, newer appliances, paved drive, relaxing English garden. Wonderful landscaping-very lush. Short sale op. 3/2 (V1423) Cynthia Miles, 273-3449 **\$269,500**



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A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE



## KIDSCAN takes a swing against cancer

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

KIDSCAN, the junior volunteer program of the Cancer Alliance of Naples, presents "Swing Into Style," a benefit fashion show at the PGA Tour Superstore in Naples Plaza at 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1.

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

Guests will be able to win rounds of golf or tennis lessons at area country clubs, hotel week-ends, dinners and other prizes, by playing virtual golf or chipping in sand inside the PGA Tour Superstore. One of Naples' hottest DJs will keep the place rocking while attendees try out their golfing skills, dance or shop. A "Best Model" competition will raise more scholarship dollars for kids with cancer.

Tickets are \$10 for students, \$20 for adults and can be purchased online at [www.cancerallianceofnaples.com](http://www.cancerallianceofnaples.com).

Since it was founded two years ago, KIDSCAN has raised \$11,500 and awarded seven scholarships to graduating seniors from Immokalee, Lely, Gulf Coast and Golden Gate high schools. Scholarship winners are kids who have cancer themselves or who have parents or siblings with cancer, who were accepted to college but could not go without financial help.

KIDSCAN's junior board of directors represent Community School of Naples and St. John Neumann, Naples, Gulf Coast and Barron Collier high schools. Parker Borelli, 2010 graduate of Community School of Naples, is directing "Swing into Style" with assistance from Gwen Hooley, KIDSCAN president and 2010 graduate of Naples High.

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



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# The Phil



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**BY NANCY STETSON**  
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**T**HE PHILHARMONIC CENTER FOR the Arts just announced its 2010-2011 season, and it's a crazy quilt of performers, speakers and shows. In fact, the new catalogue, just mailed to patrons, has headshots of 20 performers on its cover, looking just like a quilt of faces.

The lineup is wildly eclectic. Rivaling the variety you'd see on "The Ed Sullivan Show," the acts include Elvis impersonators, Peking acrobats, jazz crooners, Broadway stars and an opera diva.

Who are the big names coming to town? President Bill Clinton highlights the Phil's inaugural Speaker Series, talking about "Embracing Our Common Humanity: Meeting the Challenges of Global Interdependence in the 21st Century." Violin virtuoso Itzhak Perlman returns to perform with the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, and Dame Kiri Te Kanawa will make her first appearance with the symphony. Natalie Cole, Patti LuPone and Shirley




COURTESY PHOTOS  
President Bill Clinton, Dr. John and Second City (below) are in the new lineup coming to the Phil.

**>>inside:**  
The critic discloses what she really wants to see.  
**C8**

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## WEEK at-a-glance



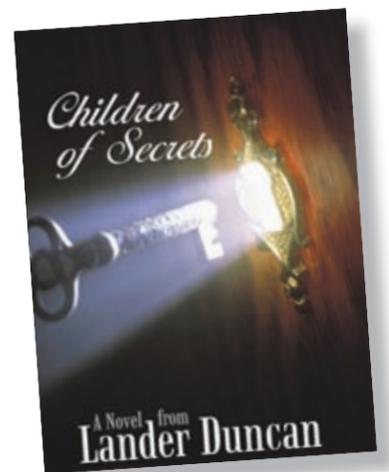
### Last chance for 'Annie'

There are only a few more "tomorrows" for catching the summer sensation at the Sudgen Community Theatre. **C6 ►**



### Skip the 'Salt'

Film critic Dan Hudak says the latest from Angelina Jolie isn't worth it. **C11 ►**



### Private emotions

In his autobiographical novel, Naples writer recounts the pain of prejudice and family secrets. **C13 ►**



### Asian Garden update

Naples Botanical Garden patrons meet renowned designer. **C20 ►**

# SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

## Beware the towels of strangers



Here's what happens when you meet someone at a wedding: The chemistry is instantaneous. It has to be, what with all that champagne and romance thick as butter cream frosting. One minute you're meeting a handsome stranger, and then suddenly you're exchanging numbers, flying across the country and drying your face on the towel he just used to wipe his butt. Wait. That last part comes later.

Let me explain. At a friend's wedding, I had the romantic good fortune to be introduced to an extremely eligible bachelor. He was the corporate type, dashing in a dark suit, and he spoke easily of books and politics. He had grown up overseas and travelled widely. We spent the entire reception together.

After the wedding, we continued to talk over email, then upgraded to phone conversations. Soon, he suggested he fly in for a visit. We booked a week at a condo on the beach, and the next thing I knew we were sipping piña coladas as the sun set over the gulf.

It was smooth sailing in the sea of love — until mid-week, when we came in off the beach for lunch. I pulled cold cuts from the refrigerator while my wedding date excused himself to the restroom.

As I slathered mayonnaise on a slice of bread, he came into the kitchen and fiddled with the stereo on the counter. I sliced a tomato and laughed as he danced across the living room. He pirouetted, and I noticed something suspect on the back of the towel wrapped around his waist. There was a distinct brown crescent amidst the white expanse of Egyptian cotton.

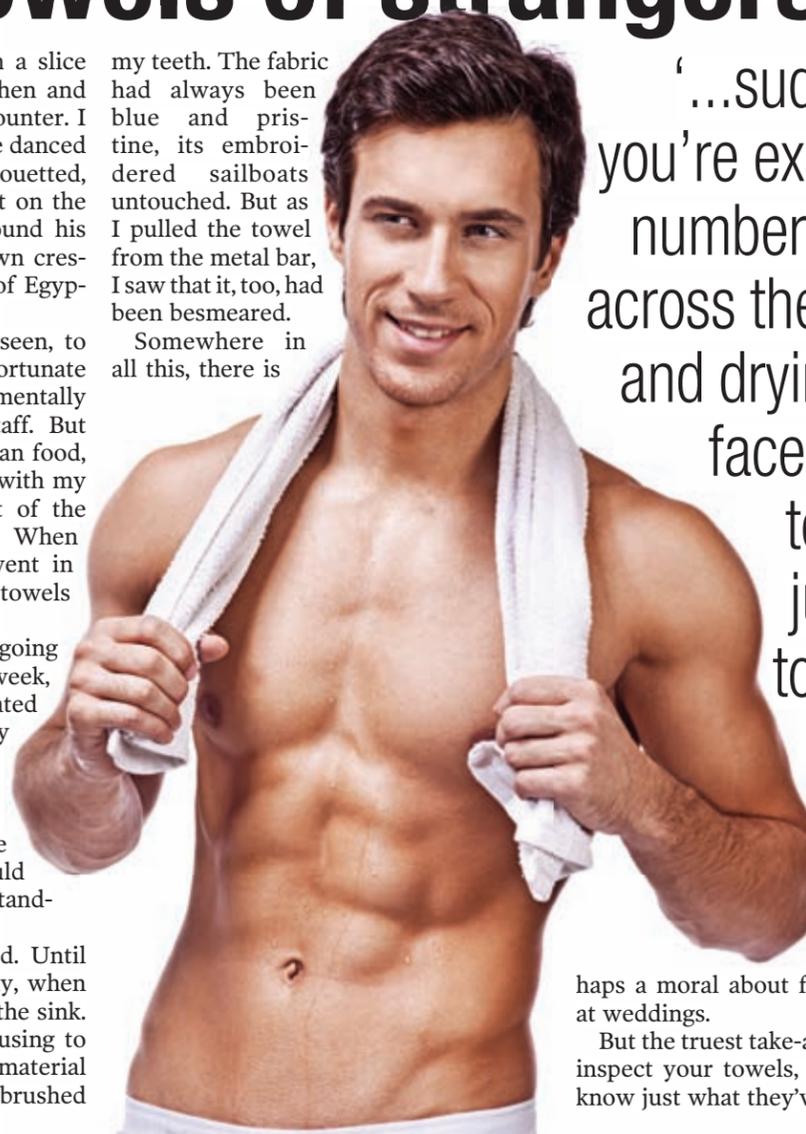
I tried to ignore what I had seen, to imagine that the mark was an unfortunate imprint left by another guest. I mentally berated the hotel's cleaning staff. But that evening we dined on Mexican food, and the jalapeños did not agree with my date's stomach. He spent most of the night in the condo's bathroom. When he finally stepped out and I went in to wash my face, I noticed the towels looked wet and disheveled.

In hindsight, I know what was going down in there. But during that week, in the first flush of love, intoxicated by too much sun and too many strawberry daiquiris, I denied the situation I had on my hands (and on my towels). I persuaded myself that I had an overactive imagination and that no one would ever — ever — use towels as a stand-in for toilet paper.

I nearly had myself convinced. Until the morning of checkout, anyway, when I reached for the hand towel by the sink. Here was the cloth I had been using to dry my face during the week, the material I used to wipe my mouth after I brushed

my teeth. The fabric had always been blue and pristine, its embroidered sailboats untouched. But as I pulled the towel from the metal bar, I saw that it, too, had been besmeared.

Somewhere in all this, there is



'...suddenly you're exchanging numbers, flying across the country and drying your face on the towel he just used to wipe his butt...'

a lesson. Something about not taking vacations with people we barely know; perhaps a moral about falling for strangers at weddings.

But the truest take-away is this: Always inspect your towels, because you never know just what they've been toweeling. ■

# RANDY'S FISHMARKET RESTAURANT

**Q:** Dear Seafood Professor,  
I am SW Florida snow bird and I look forward every year to eating raw gulf of Mexico oysters. But as I get older, I am increasingly concerned about the safety issue. Is it safe to eat raw gulf oysters? Am I justified in my concern about safety?  
—Joanne, Chicago/Naples

**A:** Dear Joanne,  
I share your love for this delicate mollusk. Raw oysters are like fine wines: There are subtle differences in taste, texture, aroma, and salinity depending on specie and harvest area. However, there are some food safety issues in consuming any raw or undercooked seafood.

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So, Joanne, if you are in the high risk group, avoid consumption of raw shellfish. Proper cooking of oysters - to 145°F - will kill the *Vibrio* bacteria. Also, I advise against eating self-harvested oysters. If you choose to eat raw oysters, get them from a reputable dealer or restaurant and enjoy a fine wine with your appetizer.

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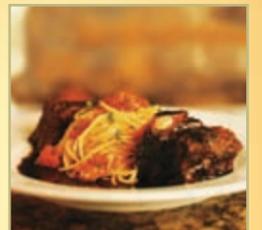
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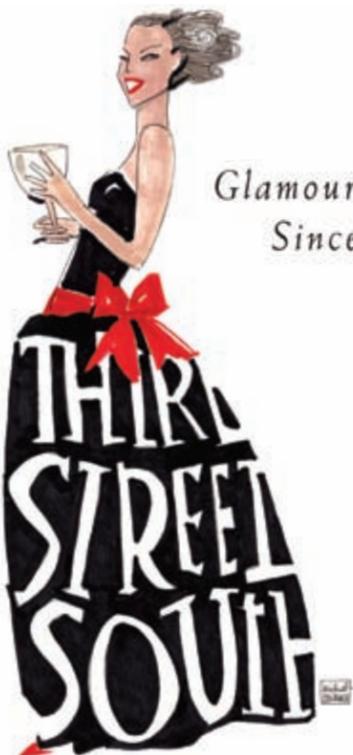


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# PHIL

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Maclaine will also grace the stage and are sure to cause a buzz as people react to the season's selections.

The venue continues its creative partnership with the Miami City Ballet, while kicking off its new relationship with the Sarasota Opera Company. And it continues its successful Cabaret Series that presents Broadway stars in the intimate setting of the Daniels Pavilion.

Also participating in the Speaker Series are Steve Forbes, chairman and CEO of Forbes Media and editor-in-chief of Forbes (Jan. 24); and primatologist, conservationist and UN Messenger of Peace Jane Goodall (Feb. 14).

In addition to Ms. Cole, Ms. LuPone and Ms. Maclaine, headliners making their way to the Phil are Michael Bolton (Jan. 27) and Yanni (April 19).

## Broadway and Off-Broadway

The Broadway season features "9 to 5: the Musical" (Dec. 27-Jan 2), "Dreamgirls" (Jan. 11-16), "The Lord of the Dance" (Feb. 11-13), "Mama Mia!" (March 29-April 3) and "Spamalot" (April 22, 23).

"9 to 5" is based on the comedic movie of the same name, which shows how a trio of women dramatically change the workplace when they get tired of dealing with their egotistical, sexist, lying boss.

"Dreamgirls" tells the story of Motown through a fictional 1960s girl group based on The Supremes. It includes the hits "And I Am Telling You I'm Not Going," "One Night Only" and "Listen." This "Dreamgirls" is a new production of a Tony and Academy Award-winning stage and movie musical.

The popular "Lord of the Dance" brings Celtic music and Irish step dancing back to the stage. "Mama Mia!" tells a story of friendship and love through the songs of ABBA, and is back due to popular demand. Based on the film "Monty Python and the Holy Grail," "Spamalot" is a quirky, offbeat retelling of the story of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table.

Off-Broadway shows are: "3 Redneck Tenors" (Dec. 3, 4), "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" (Jan. 31-Feb. 3), "Jay Johnson: the Two and Only" (Feb. 23, 24) and "Forbidden Broadway Dances With the Stars" (April 6-9). Carrie Fisher brings her autobiographical one-woman show, "Wishful Drinking" (March 26) and Renee Taylor and Joe Bologna star in "Lovers and Other Strangers" (Feb. 7).

## Golden oldies

The Phil's rock 'n' roll offerings are decidedly golden oldies: The Doobie Brothers (Nov. 11), Kenny Loggins (Jan. 29), Jerry Lee Lewis and Frankie Ford (Feb. 10), The Temptations and the Four Tops (Feb. 18), Felix Cavaliere's Rascals and The Lovin' Spoonful (April 4), Frankie Avalon, Fabian and Bobby Rydell (April 10) and yet again, the Beach Boys (April 18). And a pop vocal group called Human Nature will perform Motown songs (Jan. 23).

Pianist Michael Feinstein performs a tribute to Sinatra (Feb. 17), and Frank Sinatra Jr. also performs his father's songs in "Sinatra Sings Sinatra" (March 4). Mandy Patinkin returns to sing songs from Broadway and the Great American Songbook (March 7), while Natalie Cole mixes up jazz and pop and R&B (March 22).

## More than the blues

The Phil's "Blues, Jazz & Bluegrass" offerings are some of the venue's most

### >> SEPTEMBER

11: The Percussion Summit  
17: Gilberto Santa Rosa

### >> OCTOBER

1: BB King  
6, 7: "Rain - A Tribute to the Beatles"  
23: "The Music of the Eagles"

### >> NOVEMBER

6: Opening night gala with Frank Langella  
11: The Doobie Brothers  
14: "La Cenerentola" (Cinderella), Sarasota Opera  
15: Mannheim Steamroller  
21: Preservation Hall Jazz Band and Del McCoury Band  
27, 28: "The Nutcracker"  
30: Dave Koz and Friends

### >> DECEMBER

3, 4: "3 Redneck Tenors Christmas Spec-Tac-Yule-Ar"  
7: "The Music of Pink Floyd"  
15: Garrison Keillor  
27-30: "9 to 5: The Musical"  
31: New Year's Gala with Paul Anka

### >> JANUARY

1, 2: "9 to 5: The Musical"  
4: Patti LuPone  
5: Rita Rudner  
6: All That Jazz  
7, 8: Victoria Clark  
9: Toronto Symphony Orchestra  
11-16: "Dreamgirls"  
17: Bill Cosby  
19, 20: Mark Nadler  
21, 22: Mentalist Marc Salem  
23: Human Nature  
24: Steve Forbes  
25: The Bronx Wanderers  
25, 26: Miami City Ballet  
26, 27: Julie Budd  
27: Michael Bolton

eclectic: 15-time Grammy winner/King of the blues B.B. King performs Oct. 1, The Del McCoury Band and the Preservation Hall Jazz Band play bluegrass and jazz (Nov. 21), and The Neville Brothers and Dr. John and the Lower 911 bring the New Orleans sound to Naples (Jan. 31). Trumpeter Chris Botti, who has three No. 1 Billboard albums (and five Grammy nominations), performs March 14, while Steve March Torme, son of Mel Torme, sings jazz on March 20.

## Great orchestrations

The Toronto Symphony Orchestra and the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, with Zubin Mehta conducting, perform Jan. 9 and Feb. 19, respectively, and Itzhak Perlman returns on March 3 to perform with the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra. Dame Kiri Te Kanawa performs with the Philharmonic on March 6.

And the orchestra also partners with the Sarasota Opera, the Phil's new resident opera company, performing "La Cenerentola (Cinderella)" on Nov. 14 and "La Boheme" on March 25.

On the other side of the musical coin, the Philharmonic will perform "The Music of The Eagles" (Oct. 23) and "The Music of Pink Floyd" (Dec. 7). Rock tributes also include "Rain - A Tribute to the Beatles" (Oct. 6-7) and "Love Me Tender - The Ultimate Elvis Bash" starring Scot Bruce and Mike Albert (May 14).

## Symphony and ballet

The Philharmonic also accompanies the Miami City Ballet, which will perform "Baker's Dozen" (Jan 25, 26), "Fanfare" (Feb. 15, 16) and "Promethean Fire" (March 1, 2). As keeping with their holiday tradition, the orchestra and ballet will also perform "George Balanchine's The Nutcracker" together (Nov. 27, 28). Other holiday

in the know



28: 102 Years of Broadway  
29: Kenny Loggins  
30: Ten Tenors  
31: "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change"

31: The Neville Brothers with Dr. John and the Lower 911

### >> FEBRUARY

1-3: "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change"  
4, 5: Andrea Marcovicci  
7: "Lovers and Other Strangers"  
8: The Peking Acrobats  
9: Shirley Maclaine  
10: All That Jazz  
10: Jerry Lee Lewis and Frankie Ford  
11-13: "The Lord of the Dance"  
14: Jane Goodall  
15, 16: Miami City Ballet  
16, 17: Gregory Harrison and Linda Purl  
17: Michael Feinstein  
18: The Temptations and the Four Tops  
19: Israel Philharmonic Orchestra  
20: Moscow Festival Ballet  
23, 24: Jay Johnson  
25, 26: Jane Monheit

### >> MARCH

1, 2: Miami City Ballet  
3: Itzhak Perlman  
4: Frank Sinatra Jr.  
4, 5: Tiempo Libre  
5: The Irish Tenors  
6: Dame Kiri Te Kanawa  
6, 7: Dukes of Dixieland  
7: Mandy Patinkin  
8: President Bill Clinton  
10: All That Jazz  
11, 12: The Sauce Boss  
14, 15: M-Pact  
15: Chris Botti  
16, 17: Louise Pitre  
18, 19: Aztec Two-Step  
20: Steve March Torme  
21: James Galway  
22: Natalie Cole  
23, 24: Second City  
25, 26: Christine Ebersole  
25: "La Boheme," Sarasota Opera  
26: Carrie Fisher in "Wishful Drinking"  
27: Tango Buenos Aires  
29-31: "Mama Mia!"  
31: Leslie Ann Warren

### >> APRIL

1: Leslie Ann Warren  
1-3: "Mama Mia!"  
4: Felix Cavaliere's Rascals and the Lovin' Spoonful  
6-9: Forbidden Broadway  
10: The Golden Boys  
15, 16: Melora Hardin  
18: The Beach Boys  
19: Yanni  
21: Diavolo  
22, 23: "Spamalot"  
28: All That Jazz

### >> MAY

13: Illusionist Jason Bishop  
14: "Love Me Tender - The Ultimate Elvis Bash"

offerings include: "The Christmas Music of Mannheim Steamroller" (Nov. 15) and Dave Koz and Friends, with guests Jonathan Butler, Brian Culbertson and Candy Dulfer (Nov. 30).

The Phil's Percussion Summit, an annual favorite, brings together percussionists from the Florida Symphony, Jacksonville Symphony and the Philharmonic on Sept. 11. Featured artists are drummer Danny Seraphine, founding member of the band Chicago, and Jeff Queen, snare drum soloist from the original Broadway cast of "Blast."

## Comedy and cabaret

Comedians visiting the Phil stage are Garrison Keillor (Dec. 15), Rita Rudner (Jan 5) and Bill Cosby, who'll perform two shows Jan. 17.

The highly popular cabaret series, held in the Daniels Pavilion, continues to grow, with 18 offerings this upcoming season. Second City returns with "Fair & Balanced" (March 23, 24), and mentalist Marc Salem returns with "Mind Games" (Jan. 21, 22). Groups performing in the cabaret series include The Bronx Wanderers, who perform doo-wop and music of the '60s (Jan. 25), pop-jazz vocal ensemble M-Pact (March 14, 15), Cuban band

Tiempo Libre (March 4, 5) and the Dukes of Dixieland (March 6, 7).

Also part of the cabaret series are Victoria Clark (Jan. 7, 8), Mark Nadler, who returns with "In a Nutshell #2" (Jan. 19, 20), Julie Budd (Jan. 26, 27), Andrea Marcovicci (Feb. 4, 5) Gregory Harrison and Linda Purl (Feb. 16, 17), The Sauce Boss (March 11, 12), '70s folk/rock duo Aztec Two-Step (March 18, 19), Christine Ebersole (March 25, 26), Lesley Ann Warren (March 31, April 1) and Melora Hardin (April 15, 16).

## New: 'All That Jazz'

The Phil introduces a new jazz series in the Pavilion, with four performers joining the Philharmonic Jazz Orchestra sextet: trumpeter and flugelhorn player Randy Becker (Jan. 6), vibraphonist Warren Chiasson (Feb. 10), guitarist Gene Bertoni (March 10) and tenor saxophonist Bob Keller (April 28).

## World music

International fare includes: Gilberto Santa Rosa, known as "El Caballero de la Salsa" (Sept. 17), Ten Tenors (Jan. 30), the Moscow Festival Ballet performing Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake" (Feb. 20), the Irish Tenors (March 5), Sir James Galway (March 21) and "Tango Buenos Aires: The Fire and Passion of Tango" (March 27).

For those who love variety shows, there's "Neil Berg's 102 Years of Broadway" (Jan. 28), The Peking Acrobats (Feb. 8), Diavolo, a company of dancers, gymnasts and actors (April 21) and illusionist Jason Bishop (May 13.)

The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra's concert with Frank Langella (Jorge Mester conducting) on Nov. 6 is billed as the Phil's season's opener. The orchestra welcomes Paul Anka for its New Year's Eve gala, with an early show at 6 p.m. and another at 9:30 p.m. ■



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## Theater

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

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

■ **Seussical the Musical** - By the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre July 29-Aug. 15. 278-4422 or [www.Broadway-Palm.com](http://www.Broadway-Palm.com).

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

## Thursday, July 29

■ **Bonita Art Walk** - The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents Art Walk at the Promenade at Bonita Bay from 5-7 p.m. Enjoy new exhibitions and entertainment. 495-8989 or [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org).

■ **Jazz Jam** - Jebry's Jazz Jam happens Thursdays at Capri: A Taste of Italy, 11140 Tamiami Trail. 594-3500.

■ **More Jazz** - Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits presents the Expandable Jazz Band from 6-8:30 p.m. Thursdays with Bob Zottola, Stu Shelton and John Lamb. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.

■ **CJ's Thursday Thing** - Enjoy live music from 6-11 p.m. every Thursday at CJ's on the Bay, Marco Island. Outside entertainment from 6-9 p.m., inside from 8-11:30 p.m.

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

■ **Quiz Night** - The questions begin at 8:30 p.m. at The English Pub on Linwood Avenue. 775-3727 or [www.naplesenglishpub.com](http://www.naplesenglishpub.com).

## Friday, July 30

■ **Historic Cruise** - Captiva Cruises sets sail for the Mound House Cultural Resources Center from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., leaving from Punta Rassa near Sanibel Island. \$45. 472-5300.

■ **Live Music** - Bob Zottola and the Expandable Jazz Band perform from 5-8



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The final performances of "Annie" by The Naples Players are at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 29-31, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1. The musical stars, left to right, Katie Raleigh as Grace, Jessica Daniels and Jessica Michaels Cohen as Annie (rotating along with the cast of orphans; Miss Daniels and the "Broadway Gangstas" are on stage Thursday and Friday, Miss Cohen and "Charlie's Angels" Saturday and Sunday) and Jim Corsica as Daddy Warbucks. For tickets and reservations, call 263-7990 or visit [www.naplesplayers.org](http://www.naplesplayers.org).

p.m. at Shula's Steak House, 5111 Tamiami Trail. 430-4999.

■ **Bluegrass Tunes** - Tomorrow's News performs from 7-11 p.m. at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits. \$10 cover. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.



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Stomp your feet to the distinctive bluegrass sound of Tomorrow's News from 7-10 p.m. Friday, July 30, at Fred's Food Fun & Spirits. \$10 cover charge. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928 or [www.fredsiner.com](http://www.fredsiner.com).

■ **Happy Birthday** - Henry Ford's Birthday Celebration starts at 10 a.m. at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates, Fort Myers. 334-7419.

■ **Kids on Stage** - "All I Really Need

to Know I Learned by Being in a Bad Play," at the Promenade at Bonita Bay at 7 p.m. tonight and at 3 p.m. Saturday, performed by the Art League of Bonita Springs' Center for the Arts Youth Theater. 495-898.

■ **Trunk Show** - Blue Mangrove Gallery on Marco Island hosts a Trollbeads trunk show from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. today through Sunday. 1089 Collier Blvd. 393-2405. [www.bluemangrovegallery.com](http://www.bluemangrovegallery.com).

■ **Laser Shows** - The Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium in Fort Myers hosts laser light shows at 4, 7 and 9 p.m. tonight and Friday. 275-3435.

## Saturday, July 31

■ **Yard Sale** - A Community Yard Sale is set for 8 a.m.-noon at Max Hasse Community Park, 3390 Golden Gate Blvd. Rent a space for \$10 and get rid of all that stuff in your closets and garage.

■ **Free Ice Cream** - Collier County Parks and Recreation hosts a free ice cream social in honor of National Parks and Recreation Month from 1-4 p.m. at Sugden Regional Park, 4284 Avalon Drive.

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

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

■ **Story Time** - Kids are welcome at story time in the Children's Garden at the Naples Botanical Garden from 10:30-11:30 a.m. every Saturday and Sunday. Regular admission applies; free for Garden members. 643-7275 or [www.naplesgarden.org](http://www.naplesgarden.org).

■ **Free Music** - Gulf Coast Town Center presents contemporary and alternative rock by Icarus Account from 8-10 p.m. under the stars in Market Plaza. 267-0783 or [gulfcoasttowncenter.com](http://gulfcoasttowncenter.com).

■ **It's Your Move** - The Southwest Florida Chess Club invites players of all ages and abilities to pair up with a partner at Books-A-Million in Mercato anytime between 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. 898-0458 or e-mail [swflchess@yahoo.com](mailto:swflchess@yahoo.com).

## Sunday, Aug. 1

■ **Benefit Concert** - The "Save Our Someday" concert, benefiting the Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium, is set for 1-7 p.m. at Riverside Park in Bonita Springs. [saveoursomeday.com](http://saveoursomeday.com) or [calusanature.org](http://calusanature.org).

■ **Pet Contest** - A doggie Dress to Impress contest starts at 2 p.m. as part of the grand opening of Pucci & Catana, a pet boutique at 647 Fifth Ave. S.

■ **Live Tunes** - Bob Zottola and the Expandable Jazz Band perform from 6-8:30 p.m. Sunday at Naples Flatbread, 6434 Naples Blvd. 687-3454.

■ **Hawks & Dogs** - Cruise up to the Shell Factory and Nature Park in North Fort Myers for Hawks & Dawgs from 2-9 p.m. every Sunday. Enjoy live entertainment by Daniel Cook and a special menu at The Swamp Bar, which also caters to four-legged friends. 995-2141, ext. 117.

## Monday, Aug. 2

■ **Jazz It Up** - Bob Zottola & the Expandable Jazz Band play from 6-9 p.m. at Capri - A Taste of Italy in the Riverchase Plaza. 594-3500.

■ **More Jazz** - Enjoy Jebry's Jazz Jam

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session from 5-8 p.m. at the Island Pub, 600 Neapolitan Way. 262-2500.

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

## Tuesday, Aug. 3

■ **Free Kids Movie** - "All Dogs Go To Heaven 2" starts at 10 a.m. at Hollywood Stadium 20-Naples; 597-4252. Free tickets, first-come, first-served.

■ **Art Opening** - A wine tasting and opening reception for "Multi-Media Melt-down," a non-juried fine art exhibit, takes place from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Art League Marco island Center for the Arts. \$5 for Art League members, \$10 for guests.

■ **Cattle Call** - "Cattle and Conflict: The History of Cattle Ranching in Florida" is presented by David Southall, Collier County Museum's curator of education, from 7-8 p.m. in the Rose Auditorium at the Marco Island Historical Museum. 180 S. Heathwood Dr. 389-6447 or www.themihs.org.

■ **MoTown Tunes** - Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits hosts MoTown from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesdays, with Omar Baker performing favorites from the '70s, '80s and '90s. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.

■ **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.

■ **Free Flick** - Gulf Coast Town Center presents a free showing of "Monsters vs. Aliens" beginning at 8:30 p.m. in the Market Plaza courtyard.

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

## Wednesday, Aug. 4

■ **Morning Movie** - "Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs" starts at 10 a.m. at Hollywood Stadium 20-Naples; 597-4252. Free tickets, first-come, first-served.

■ **Walking Tour** - Stroll the downtown district with a Naples Historical Society docent as your guide beginning at 9 a.m. at Palm Cottage. Reservations required: 261-8164.

■ **Art on Marco** - Hot August Nights is set for 5-8 p.m. in the galleries, restaurants and shops at The Esplanade on Marco Island. Stroll through the Artists Colony at the Esplanade, vote on your favorite art and become eligible for various discounts and specials. 784-4436.

■ **Dance the Night Away** - Vergina on Fifth Avenue hosts a Dancing Under the Stars Summer Dance Contest at 8 p.m. every Wednesday, with prizes for winners. Contest finals are Nov 17. 659-7008 or www.verginarestaurant.com.

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

## Upcoming events

■ **Village Nights** - Village Nights is set for 6-9 p.m. Aug. 5 at the Village on Venetian Bay. Enjoy live entertainment, waterfront dining and shopping. Bring school supplies to contribute to the Back to School drive. www.venetianvillage.com.

■ **Friday Tunes** - The First Friday

Summer Concert at Mercato is set for 6-9 p.m. Aug. 6 with a tribute to the sounds of the Caribbean. www.mercatoshops.com.

■ **Essential Exhibit** - An opening reception for "Summer Essentials" is set for 6-9 p.m. Aug. 6 at Sweet Art Gallery, 2054 Trade Center Way. 597-2110 or www.thesweetartgallery.com.

■ **Night Out** - Evening on Fifth starts at 7 p.m. Aug. 12. Stroll the avenue, shop, dine or enjoy a cocktail while listening to live bands. 435-3742.

■ **Sock Hop** - Swing dancing and hula-hoop contests are part of the fun when the

Naples Area Board of Realtors holds a sock hop to benefit Laces of Love from 5:30-9 p.m. Aug. 13 at NABOR headquarters, 1455 Pine Ridge Road. \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door. 249-2850 or www.NABOR.com.

■ **Dinner and a Movie** - After dinner catered by McCormick & Schmick's in the lobby at the Phil, adjourn to the Daniels Pavilion for a screening of Alfred Hitchcock's "Notorious," starring Cary Grant. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, and is a benefit for the Naples International Film Festival. 597-1900.

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## ARTS COMMENTARY

# Big Name Acts are nice, but don't overlook the dark horses



It's human nature: Every year when the Phil announces its next season, people want to know who the big names are. "Anyone good?" my friends will ask me, meaning: Who is everyone going to want to see? Who's likely to sell out quickly?

It's easy to tell who the Big Name Acts are: Everyone's heard of them, and they usually have their own page in the catalogue. When you mention their names, you don't have to explain who they are.

Just like everyone else, I'm excited that President Bill Clinton is coming to speak at the Phil, and that Itzhak Perlman and Dame Kiri Te Kanawa will perform here (see story starting on page C1).

But what I like to look for are the more offbeat acts, the ones that will put on an unexpectedly spectacular show — the dark horses, if you will.

I remember the buzz a couple seasons ago after audiences saw the Hot Club of San Francisco in the Daniels Pavilion. Incredibly skilled musicians, this quirky band performed the gypsy swing music of Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli. Called "Silent Surrealism," the show also involved a couple of old short silent films to their accompaniment. It was a totally unexpected and magical performance.

People were also head over heels about the bluegrass band Cherryholmes (who returned this past season to play with the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra before a sold-out crowd).

I also recall seeing Stephen Schwartz and Friends at the Phil. It was an amazing concert. Mr. Schwartz, of course, wrote the music for "Wicked, the Musical," "Godspell," "Pippin," "The Magic Show," "The Baker's Wife" and "Working," as well as songs for the movies "The Prince of Egypt," "Enchanted," "Pocahontas" and "The Hunchback of Notre Dame." Not only was the singing exquisite, but it was interesting to hear Mr. Schwartz talk about the inspiration for his various songs before he performed them.

### Looking forward to...

As for the Phil's 2010-2011 season, I was excited to see fiddler Natalie Macmaster on the program for "Celtic Christmas Music in Cape Breton." Unfortunately, however, she cancelled after the catalogue was printed. I definitely would have wanted to see her. (Last year, another



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### ▲ The Del McCoury Band Victoria Clark ►

Canadian performer, k.d. lang, cancelled her entire tour after the Phil released its season's catalogue. It happens.)

Here are the shows coming to the Phil that might not immediately catch your attention as must-sees/Big Name Acts:

### The Percussion Summit Sept. 11

This annual concert is a don't-miss, in my book. It features members of the Naples Philharmonic as well as the Florida Orchestra and the Jacksonville Symphony, along with a couple of guest artists, playing only percussion instruments, from every kind of drum you can imagine to piano and marimba, vibraphone and xylophone.

A real hodge-podge of music and styles, it's a fun and informal, family-friendly show, with humorous commentary from the Philharmonic's principal timpanist John Evans. Recent summits have offered some highly commercial pieces (famous operas played on steel drums), but also some world premieres and more experimental music. You never know what to expect, but it's guaranteed you'll hear music you won't hear anywhere else.

### The Del McCoury Band & The Preservation Hall Jazz Band Nov. 21

OK. Del McCoury plays bluegrass, and



The Preservation Hall Jazz Band plays New Orleans jazz. Both are top-notch in their genre. It's interesting to see them together on the same bill. The photo in the Phil catalogue has Mr. McCoury sitting with The Preservation Hall Jazz Band, as if they're going to perform together. If they do happen to jam, I have no idea what it might sound like, but I sure wouldn't want to miss it.

### Rita Rudner Jan. 5

I'm sure everyone will want to see Bill Cosby, who's a master at his craft and makes it look so easy. But I'm more interested in seeing Rita Rudner. This comedienne's stage persona is sweet and shy, but her jokes find their mark like a stiletto in the heart.

### All That Jazz Jan 6, Feb. 10, March 10, April 28

All That Jazz is a new series of concerts introducing the Philharmonic Jazz Orchestra, a sextet composed of: Gil Basham, violin and harmonica; Lew Del Gatto, tenor saxophone; Jerry Stawski, piano; Mike Harvey, drums; Kevin Mauldin, bass; Dan Miller, trumpet. Top jazz musicians will join them for each of the four concerts in the series.

In January, Grammy Award-winning trumpet and flugelhorn player Randy Brecker will be the guest artist. An original member of Blood Sweat & Tears, he's also performed with James Taylor and Bruce Springsteen.

February's guest is pioneering vibraphonist Warren Chiasson, who played in the legendary Benny Goodman "From Spirituals to Swing" concert at Carnegie Hall.

In March, the sextet will welcome guitarist Gene Bertoncini, who has played with the likes of Tony Bennett, Lena Horne, Wayne Shorter and Vic Damone.

And April's guest artist is tenor saxophonist Bob Keller, who's played with the Buddy Rich Jazz Orchestra and Walt Levinsky's Great American Swing Band, and in various Broadway pits.

This all looks very promising on paper, and I suspect it could be the start of a highly successful series at the Phil.

### Victoria Clark Jan. 7 and 8

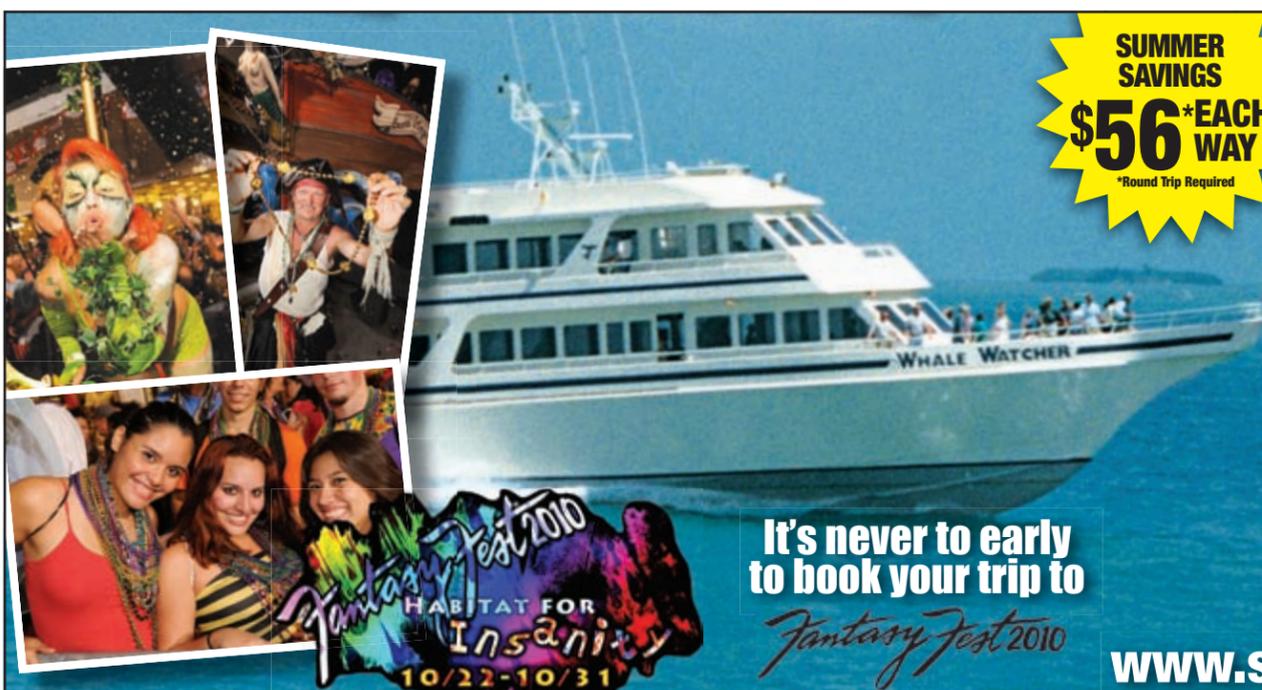
I saw Victoria Clark perform in "A Light in the Piazza" in Lincoln Center, for which she received a Tony Award as well as a Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle awards. Her performance moved me to tears.

Ms. Clark was Smitty in the 1995 revival of "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying." And she created the role of Alice Beane in "Titanic" and performed as Fraulein Kost in Sam Mendes' "Cabaret" and as Penelope Pennywise in "Urinetown." She released her debut album, "Fifteen Seconds of Grace," in 2007.

Her engagement at the Phil is part of the growing Cabaret Series, in which Broadway stars and other top-notch singers perform in an intimate space. Some friends who are real theater geeks have proclaimed the Cabaret Series the best shows at the Phil.

### The Neville Brothers with Dr. John & The Lower 911 Jan. 31

I've seen both Dr. John and The Neville Brothers in previous seasons at the Phil and this show is sure to be one of the highlights of the coming season. ■



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# GIVING

## Whole Foods collects funds for MS

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"Throughout the day, customers approached the friendly NMSS volunteers letting them know that they, or someone close to them, are struggling with MS and that the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been an excellent resource. It was heartening to see this

organization working in the lives of our local patrons," Jessica Varnes, a marketing specialist with Whole Foods, says.

MS affects more than 6,000 people in South Florida. The NMSS has been fighting the crippling disease since 1953, providing funds for research to find a cure while offering programs to enhance knowledge, health and independence for individuals and their families dealing with the disease. The mission of the NMSS is to mobilize resources to drive research for a cure and to address the challenges of everyone affected by MS. ■



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Standing, left to right: Ryon Coote, Michael Muskat, Monica Whiting and Jessica Varnes. Kneeling, left to right: Natalie Guadalupe, Giana Santos, Cassandra Dennis and Bethany Smith.

## BB&T shines on Lighthouse of Collier

Lighthouse of Collier Inc. has been selected as BB&T's 2010 Lighthouse Project. Every year, BB&T partners with a local charity to "pay it forward" and to help that charity continue its work in the community.

"Helping Lighthouse of Collier was an easy decision to make for our Collier County Lighthouse project committee," says Susan Maurer, BB&T's senior vice president and Collier area executive. Lighthouse of Collier focuses on fostering independence for the blind and visually impaired. It is the only center devoted to blindness and vision loss in Collier county.

The BB&T Lighthouse Project funds

will help pay for upgrades to the organization's donated office space in Bayfront. The office will receive a fresh coat of paint, and a kitchen complete with all appliances, including a washer/dryer, will be installed for use as a classroom of sorts, where clients will be able to get instruction in basic daily skills such as cooking and doing laundry.

The mission of the Lighthouse of Collier is to promote the development, implementation and on-going evaluation of programs and services that enhance the quality of life for the blind, visually impaired and their caregivers. To make a donation or learn more, call 430-3934 or visit [www.lighthouseofcollier.org](http://www.lighthouseofcollier.org). ■

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

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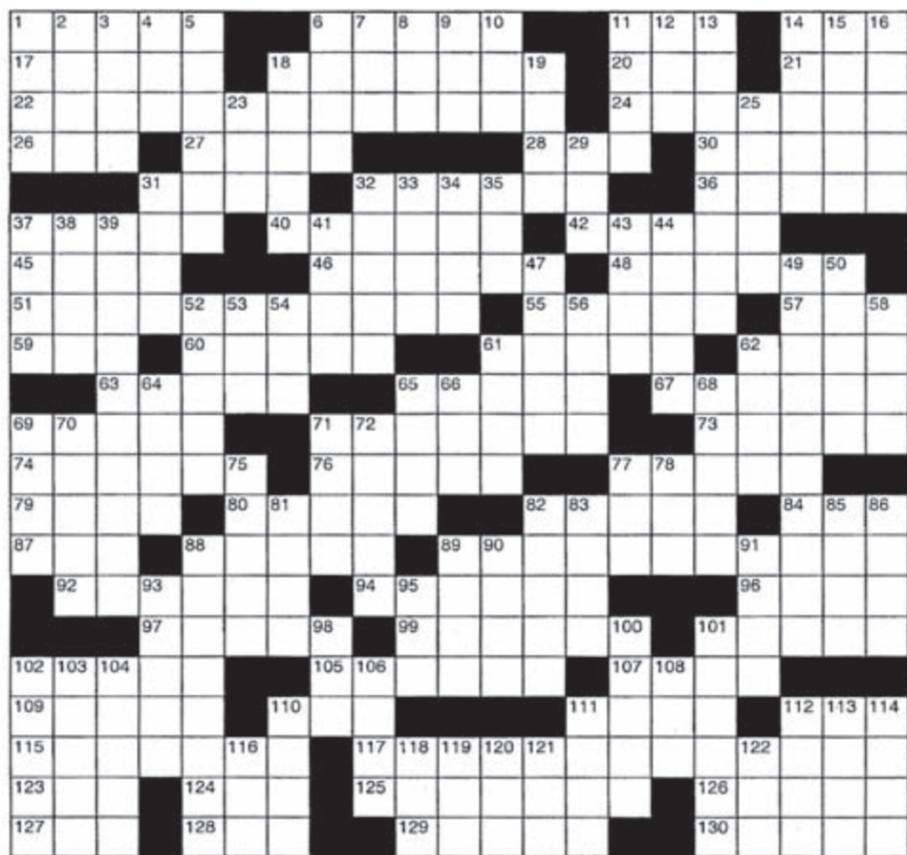
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  - 18 "Black Magic Woman" rockers
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  - 57 Create a reservoir
  - 59 Poetic monogram
  - 60 "Jaws" setting
  - 61 Origami supply
  - 62 Saucony competitor
  - 63 Phantom instrument
  - 65 Cosmetic purchase
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  - 29 Evergreen tree
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  - 35 Moist
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  - 38 Wading bird
  - 39 '62 Gene
  - 41 Component
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  - 47 It makes rye high
  - 49 Called attention to
  - 50 Susan — James
  - 52 Hit the ceiling
  - 53 "— Man" ('67 hit)
  - 54 Hullabaloo
  - 56 Lhasa —
  - 58 Engineering course
  - 61 Limerick or haiku
  - 62 Young of "Mr. Ed"
  - 64 Make murky
  - 65 Crossword puzzle part
  - 66 Baton
  - 68 Lithe
  - 69 Pigeon kin
  - 70 Early computer
  - 71 Israeli dance
  - 72 "Tommy" or "Tosca"
  - 75 Pile up
  - 77 Snow —
  - 78 Monte Rosa, for one
  - 81 News bit
  - 82 Group of geese
  - 83 Signify
  - 85 Had on
  - 86 — about (approximately)
  - 88 Division result
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  - 90 Ray or Moro
  - 91 Flat rate?
  - 93 — squash
  - 95 Road to enlightenment
  - 98 Cal. page
  - 100 Prepare the
  - 101 Scheduled maintenance
  - 102 Winning
  - 103 — fatale
  - 104 Soubise ingredient
  - 106 — Romeo
  - 108 Pretense
  - 110 Manuscript
  - 111 Kid
  - 112 — synthesizer
  - 113 "Man — Mancha"
  - 114 In the twinkling — eye
  - 116 Palindromic name
  - 118 "Kookie" Byrnes
  - 119 First lady?
  - 120 Allow
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SEE ANSWERS, C9

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## HOROSCOPES

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** A job-related move might hold more positive surprises than you'd expected. Go into it with confidence, and look for all the advantages it offers. Then decide what you'll do with what you find.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Driving yourself too hard to get something done on a deadline you set up can backfire. Ease into a more realistic finish date, and add more breaks to your work schedule.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Your sense of humor can brighten any dark period, and your laughter can dispel those gray clouds swirling around you. The weekend presents a surprising but welcome change.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Be careful about the words you use, especially in touchy situations. The old Chinese saying that the spoken word is silver, but the unspoken gold could well apply here.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Some facts could emerge to shed light on unresolved past problems. What you learn also might help explain why a once-warm relationship suddenly cooled down.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Don't let your pride get in the way of checking into what could be a great new opportunity. Get the facts first, and worry about procedure and protocol later.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** A health problem in the fam-

ily might have other relatives assuming that, as before, you'll take over the health-care duties. Surprise them and insist they share in the caretaking.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** A series of changes can be unsettling, but in the long run, it can pay off with new perspectives on what you plan to do. Keep your mind open to the possibilities that might well lie ahead.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Avoid adding to the tension around you. Even a well-meant reaction against something you perceive as unfair could be misunderstood. Let things calm down, and then talk about it.

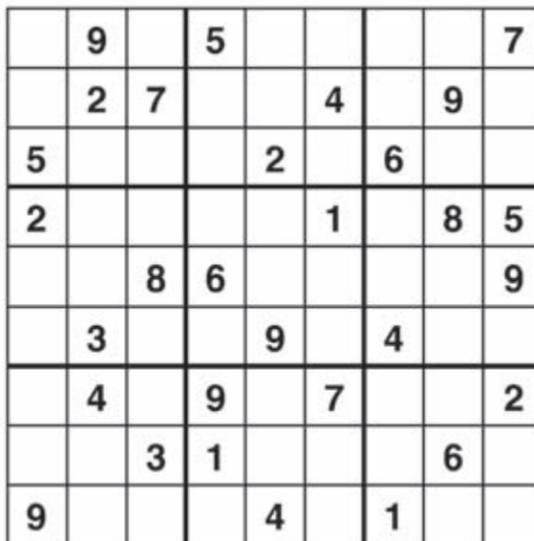
■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** It's a good time for romance for unattached Bovines, and a good time for reinforcing the bonds between partners. Children's needs are important during the latter part of the week.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** A compliment from a surprising source sends you wafting way up into the clouds, where — sorry to say — your view of what's going on is obscured. Come on down and face some reality.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Even a family-loving person like you sometimes can feel you're at the end of the line with contentious kinfolk. But things can work out. Remember that it's better to talk than walk.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You might be under a "royal" sign, but you have a wonderful way of embracing everyone as an equal.

By Linda Thistle



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"Salt" opens with Angelina Jolie in her underwear. Her character, Evelyn Salt, is being tortured in a North Korean prison and keeps repeating: "I am not a spy. I am not a spy," which savvy moviegoers know means she's definitely a spy.

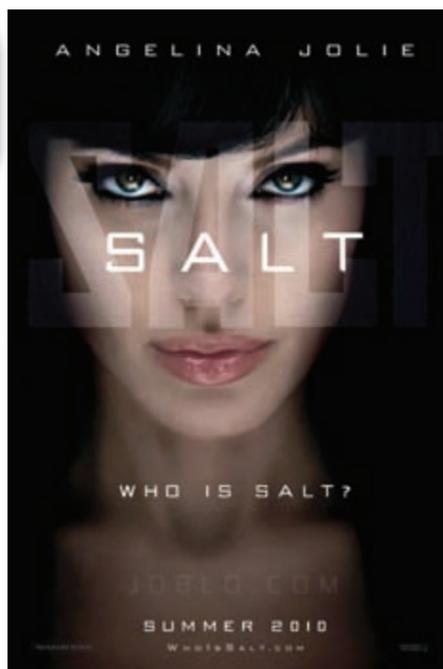
This attention-grabbing sequence, which sets up elements of espionage, truth and Ms. Jolie's underwear (which does come into play again later), is director Philip Noyce's way of telling the audience not to believe what it immediately sees or hears. The problem is this lasts for the entire movie, as confusion, unclear motivations and intentional misdirection lead to a muddled, preposterous mess.

Evelyn's spy status is confirmed when we see her working for the CIA. It's quittin' time at the office, but her boss, Ted Winter (Liev Schreiber), asks her to interrogate an old Russian defector (Daniel Olbrychski) who turned himself in. He says a Russian spy named Evelyn Salt(!) is going to kill the Russian president at the New York City funeral of the U.S. vice president.

Ted believes Evelyn when she proclaims her innocence, but counter-intelligence agent Peabody (Chiwetel Ejiofor) doesn't, and she's taken into custody. Then she easily escapes — with the help of her underwear. Now think about this: If she were innocent and had nothing to hide, 1) she wouldn't escape, and 2) all she would have to do is not kill the Russian president! That's it. If she just didn't do that one small thing, she'd be free and clear.

But no, screenwriter Kurt Wimmer has to take the story on a tilt-a-whirl before it gets dizzy and throws up an ending. The biggest flaw is that we never know whose side Evelyn is on, let alone why she's doing what she's doing. If the viewer has no one to root for, interest will lag no matter how exhilarating the action.

Occasional flashbacks attempt to add context, but fail in part because the movie needs clarity, not background



info. The action is high impact and sufficiently rendered, but nothing special. One sequence involves Evelyn jumping onto three different trucks while moving at a high speed on the highway, then stealing some guy's motorcycle and riding to safety.

That said, the energy is high throughout, and the musical score by James Newton Howard nicely accentuates the action.

Why actors with the talent of Ms. Jolie, Ms. Schreiber and Mr. Ejiofor would get involved in this nonsense is anyone's guess. No doubt the paycheck was nice, but they know better than anyone that the story needs to be there or everything else is irrelevant.

Complicated? Sure! Pointless? You bet. "Salt" is here to satisfy the massively growing demand for Cold War-inspired action movies set in the present day. Wait, there is no demand for that? No wonder it's such a disappointment. ■

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in the know

>> The lead for "Salt" was originally intended for Tom Cruise, but he dropped out because he thought it was too close to his role in "Mission: Impossible."

such A-list talent. Speaking of which, the performances are phenomenal, particularly Ms. Bening. Could she please win an Oscar already? Rated R.

## Ramona and Beezus

★★½

(Selena Gomez, Joey King, John Corbett) When their father (Mr. Corbett) loses his job, clumsy young Ramona (Miss King) and teenage Beezus (Miss Gomez) try to help the family make ends meet. It's a wholesome and harmless family film that's a bit too cutesy and sweet for adults, though there are some amusing moments. In fairness: The 10-year-old girl who saw the movie with me said it was "amazing." So there you have it. Rated G ■

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## The Kids Are All Right

★★★★½

(Julianne Moore, Annette Bening, Mark Ruffalo) A lesbian couple (Ms. Moore and Ms. Bening) faces unforeseen challenges after their teenage children (Mia Wasikowska and Josh Hutcherson) track down their sperm donor biological father (Mr. Ruffalo). The story goes in a questionable direction, but writer/director Lisa Cholodenko has nonetheless pulled off a rare feat: She has seamlessly merged the family and parenting issues with those often depicted in a straight couple with teenage children, which is a first for a movie that features

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# FLORIDA WEEKLY WRITING CHALLENGE

## 'Stuck in traffic'

BY CRAIG GARRETT

You can learn an awful lot stuck at a traffic light. Perhaps nothing necessary, but always interesting.

As a teenager, a random traffic light directed me onto an emotional side street not on my map. The career fallout was joining the Detroit Police Department. Inside, I was forever changed. I still evolve.

And now 37 years distant and "retired" on a Florida gulf beach of exhilarating beauty, I'm slumped in a canvas chair. I can tolerate only so many old men in string swimwear. Here's my harsh reality — man, I'm not ready for the pasture. The body is puckering, but I'm only 55 and still fulla beans. My back throbs, but my heart is relevant.

I stumbled upon the new me at a traffic signal on Detroit's west Lafayette Boulevard. Back then you could wander Detroit streets. Overcast and raw, the noisy sleet that day bounced off cars like handfuls of pennies. Inside, the window defroster wheezed. In a lot to our left, a purple Cadillac slumped dead. The long red light exaggerated the somberness.

Sharp words pierced the street from our right. Two older men at the crosswalk flailed like small cats. The mild humor of winos scuffling on ice soured when one man, like an awful magician, produced a machete from his heavy coat, hacking at the other's thickly jack-

eted arm. Timing the blows of a thankfully dull blade, the other man reached to the sidewalk for a pipe to strike back. And they went at it. Drivers froze for, maybe, three green lights.

Ringside, this outburst went beyond me. What drives men to kill? Although the pair now lay foolishly sprawled in exhaustion, the impulse was to laugh, but that felt vaguely...wrong. I was compelled to examine secrets that push men to savageness. The next day I visited a Detroit Police recruiter. I need to help, I said. The officer smirked. That urge to assist never dwindled.

The salty gulf breezes finger the pages of a newspaper in my lap. Browned girls parade by, covered in no more than a spool of thread. It's nice — everything I dreamed. Yet, I can't get my arms around paradise. Am I reduced to pottering after shells?

I was a young patrolman chasing a skinny teen, cop gear jangling for about 20 yards. Like a greyhound, that kid in blinding speed vanished. I was awed. Again, something was gained (respect for him) and lost (respect for me). The lasting lesson? The ghetto is full of John Dillingers. But what else is there? That kid was later found shot, unable in red sneakers to outrun God. At his funeral, I endured icy stares. I had to honor him. Blame is assigned like homework.

Well, to be honest with you, we are at war, tribal almost, centered in major U.S. cities. Our country's in trouble, yet



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only cops seem to be doing anything about it.

A cop buddy on Reserve military duty said blow out every high-rise window, garbage up the streets, use sidewalks as a toilet, and you got Kabul. We smirked until he somberly noted our guys die in that dump of a country. But I'm thinking, he could be talking about Detroit, my home city. I miss

being at the center of the fix.

I admit beach life is good. For the first time in decades, random thoughts rattle around like a pea in a whistle. I'm relaxing, not so edgy, embracing these warm lime waters. Even my wife says I'm different.

Experience schooled me well: Remain vigilant at traffic signals. Now it's for these wacky Florida drivers. ■

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# Lander Duncan spins a saga of secrets and skin

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**BY PHILIP K. JASON**  
Special to Florida Weekly

Once in a long while, the unexpected power of a book by an unknown author comes as a revelation. Such is the case with “Children of Secrets,” an autobiographical novel by a Naples resident using the pen name Lander Duncan in order to respect the privacy of his relatives. The book examines the debilitating cruelty of racial prejudice and the devastating consequences of family secrets.

The story opens on the Alabama campus of the famous Tuskegee Institute, sanctioned by Congress in 1881 as a Negro Normal School. It is 1939 when we meet the family of influential Tuskegee Chaplain Bryant, who successfully argues for Tuskegee to maintain an officer training program as a way of enhancing graduates’ opportunities.

Dr. Bryant’s daughter Abigail, a voluptuous woman at 15 and a flirtatious campus head-turner, entices the extremely guarded CJ Duncan, the best hope of a poor Arkansas Delta family. When the imaginative, eccentric and light-skinned Abigail reveals that she is pregnant, chaos reigns until Dr. Bryant decides not to report CJ’s infractions. CJ graduates and receives his lieutenant’s bars. Married by Dr. Bryant in a private ceremony, the couple is banished to the Duncan family’s impoverished Arkansas home.

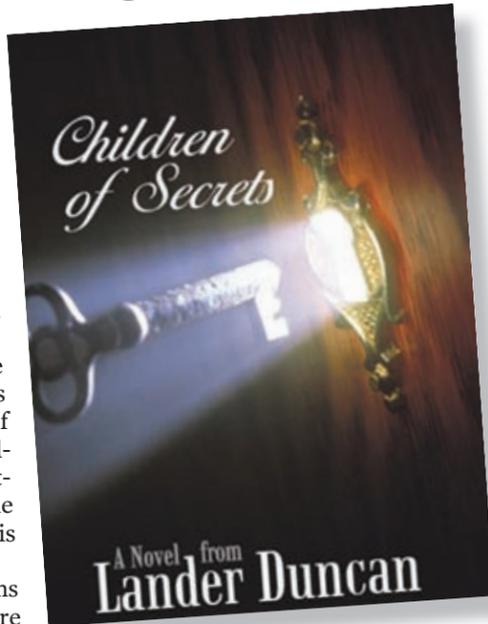
Abigail has their first child, James, while CJ performs stateside military exercises. Shortly before she visits CJ on a military base, Abigail becomes pregnant by a white man. She passes this child, Lander, off as a premature child of CJ’s. Before CJ is sent overseas, Abigail becomes pregnant with a third son, Daniel.

The author vividly describes CJ’s service in Europe during WWII. An able and courageous leader of his all-Negro unit, he faces unimaginable dangers defusing land mines. He is depressed by the high attrition rate of his company and by how the Negro soldier seems expendable. While his letters home form the basis of remarkable combat narratives, they don’t reveal his brief affair in occupied Germany.

Returning from army duty, CJ’s plans to use his GI Bill for medical school are blocked at every path. Merely another black man in the segregated South, his combat ribbons only aggravate — as they challenge — the white establishment. Finding work only as a redcap at the train station, the accomplished and ambitious CJ becomes a dispirited, bitter man.

For voicing his outrage, he is falsely accused of sexually assaulting a white woman, an accusation that leads to a lynch-mob death. Abigail and the children barely escape from their burning house. Fortunately, they had already made plans to flee KKK-infested Arkansas and resettle in a relative’s vacant home in Washington, Pa.

Abigail forces the boys to promise



leave Lander on his own. He is deeply hurt by this abandonment.

These latter stages of Lander’s childhood are revealed through flashbacks in a section of the novel set in 1968. A Vietnam War veteran now in his mid-20s, Lander is studying at UCLA. After not contacting his family for almost a decade, he receives news from James, who was headed for Penn State when their mother remarried: Abigail is near death.

Lander’s painful, tentative re-entry into the family is filled with recriminations among the brothers. There is much forgiving and forgetting to do, a lot of respecting conflicting perspectives on their mother’s decisions and on Lander’s self-exile. As life drains from the once-vivacious Abigail, these issues are only partially addressed — but there is a beginning. Even after her funeral, during which Lander attempts to honor her memory, James lashes out at him.

Then comes the final secret: An unmailed letter to her friend Doretha found in Abigail’s Bible reveals the truth about Lander.

In “Children of Secrets,” Lander Duncan’s poetic prose orchestrates the full range of emotions with virtuoso power. Readers will experience the intricacies of the human heart suffering the profound anguish of racial injustice and the confusion of mixed-race identity. ■

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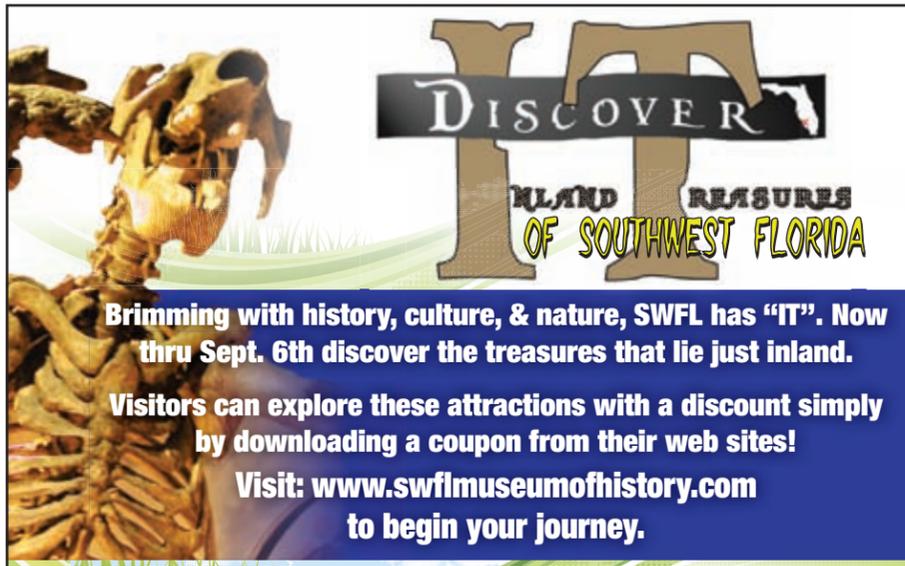
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The July 31 show is "Ghosts on the Loose," from 1943. When the East Side Kids try to do a good deed by fixing up an old house, they discover that the house is actually a secret hideout for Nazi operatives led by Bela Lugosi. Leo Gorcey and Huntz Hall, along with Bobby Jordan and Rick Vallin, engage in madcap antics along with the lovely Ava Gardner. Running time is 63 minutes.

Also coming up:

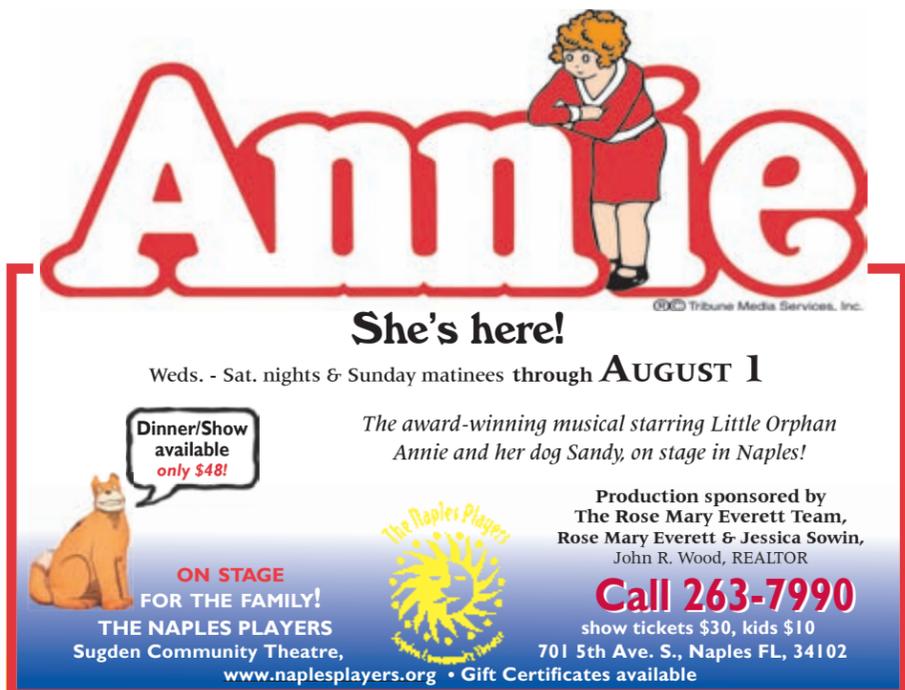
- Aug. 7: "You Can't Take It With You" (1938)

- Aug. 14: "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" (1939)

- Aug. 21: "It Happened One Night" (1934)

- Aug. 28: "Cross Creek" (1983)

The main Collier County Museum at 3301 Tamiami Trail E. is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Admission is always free. For more information, call 252-8476 or visit [www.colliermuseums.com](http://www.colliermuseums.com). ■

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## Make a date for dinner and a movie

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The evening begins in the Phil lobby with a meal prepared by McCormick & Schmick's. Following dinner at 5:30 p.m., Alfred Hitchcock's "Notorious" will begin at 7 p.m. on the silver screen in the intimate setting of Daniels Pavilion. And following the film, Grammy Award-winning film commentator Rick Harris, who teaches the Phil's Lifelong Learning "American Films and Movie

Icons" series, will host a question-and-answer session about the movie.

"Notorious" stars Cary Grant, Ingrid Bergman and Claude Rains. A thrilled filled with intrigue and espionage, it premiered at Radio City Music Hall in 1946. It made \$4.8 million on its first theatrical American domestic release, making it one of the biggest hits of the year.

Future dinner-and-a-movie nights are planned, although dates have not been announced. Cost is \$49 per person.

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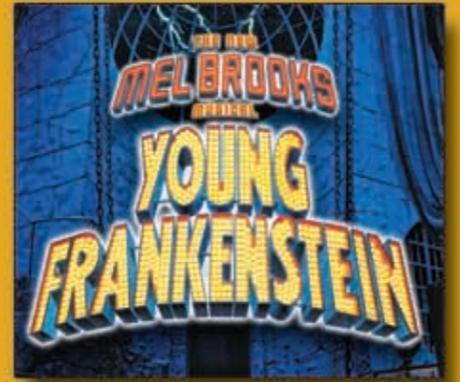
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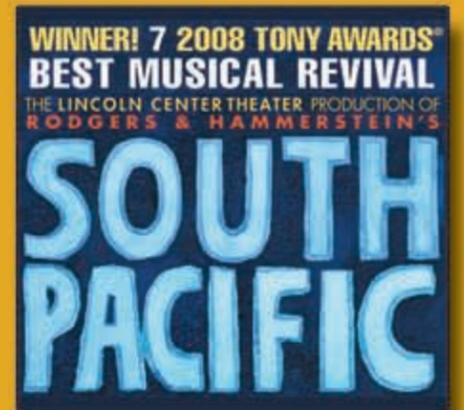
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## Southwest Florida producers encouraged to enter Filmmakers Showcase on Sanibel

The BIG ARTS Film Society on Sanibel Island is seeking entries for its second annual Filmmakers Showcase in which the work of local film producers will be screened and the audience will meet and talk with those who produced the films. The screenings will begin at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16, 2011.

Any filmmaker who is a resident of Southwest Florida can enter. Films must not exceed one hour in running time. The showcase committee will also be looking at YouTube shorts to encourage first-timers and student filmmakers to submit their work.

The Filmmakers Showcase began in response to numerous requests from local filmmakers for an opportunity to show their films on the big screen at BIG ARTS. The showcase committee is comprised of: David Carter, a Clio and Emmy Award-winning filmmaker whose most recent work is "Ashland's Field of Dreams," a documentary about 1950s baseball in a small Kentucky town; Connie Bottinelli, a multiple award-winning documentary filmmaker; Rusty Farst, who is currently in production with



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"The Incorporation of Sanibel, Birth of a City"; and J.R. Pascall, chairman of the BIG ARTS Film Society and member of the BIG ARTS board of directors.

To enter a film, download the application at [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org), found on the "Film" page. Send your application and production in DVD format to: Filmmakers Showcase, BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel, FL 33957. There is no entry fee. Deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 30.

For more information, call 395-0900, e-mail [info@BIGARTS.org](mailto:info@BIGARTS.org), or log on to [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org). ■

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Three Dog Night

culture today, on radio and in films and television commercials. The concert will include performances of "Joy to the World," "One," "Mama Told Me (Not to Come)" and "Black and White."

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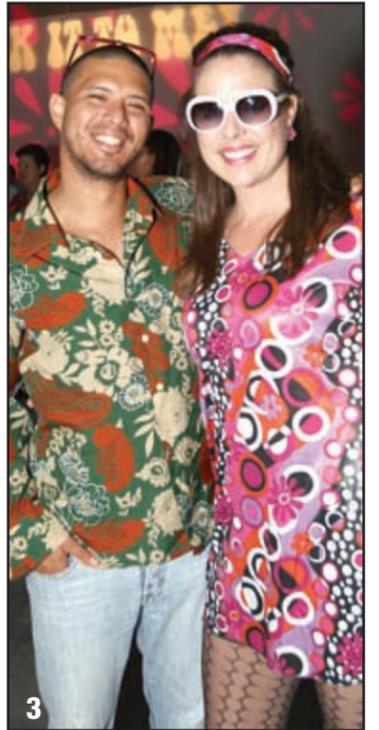
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Food: ★★★★★½ Service: ★★★★★ Atmosphere: ★★★★★

► **Maria's Restaurant**, 27080 Old 41, Bonita Springs; 495-1868

For those who know Mexican food is much more than fajitas and tacos, there's Maria's, a bastion of authentic south-of-the-border fare at bargain prices. Located just north of Everglades Wonder Gardens, it's been a fixture on Old 41 since the early '90s. The menu offers a dizzying array of Mexican food. I loved the queso fundido, a cheese dip full of chewy crumbles of chorizo, and the sopecitos, three corn masa pancakes topped with refried, onions, hot sauce, cheese and chicken. Lamb tacos were delicious with onions and parsley and tampiquena — tender, well-seasoned pork — served with three cheese enchiladas and tomatillo sauce

were excellent as well. Full bar.

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

► **M Waterfront Grille**, Village on Venetian Bay, 4300 Gulf Shore Blvd. N., Naples; 263-4421

Maxwell's on the Bay has a sleek contemporary look and a sophisticated menu to match as well as a stellar view of Naples Bay, which rightly serves as a focal point. The dining room itself, which underwent renovation last year, is done in lots of woods and earth tones, gives the restaurant a stylish air. Executive Chef Brian Roland's menu features cutting-edge Continental cuisine, with dishes such as heirloom beets with fried goat cheese, escargots with wild mushrooms, spinach and Boursin cream, orange miso-glazed sea bass with goat cheese dumplings and milk chocolate lava cake. Polished service and an exemplary wine list further enhance the meal. Full bar.

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

► **Olio on Naples Bay**, Naples Bay Resort, 1500 Fifth Ave.; 530-5110

Italian-inspired, Napa Valley influenced is this restaurant's theme, which fares well under the talented eye of Scott Sopher, the resort's executive chef and director of food and beverage. Dine outside along the waterfront, in the bar or the main dining room with a prime view of the open kitchen. Small plates abound. We loved the crispy polenta fries with roasted mushroom demi glace, parmesan cheese and white truffle oil; spicy shrimp and calamari scampi; limoncello-cured salmon with horseradish mascarpone,

fried capers and crostini; and roasted red and yellow beet salad with baby arugula, sherry vinaigrette, crumbled goat cheese and hazelnuts. Large plates of seared diver scallops and jumbo shrimp over risotto, sous vide duck breast with root vegetables and seared veal medallions with olive oil

whipped potatoes, mushroom demi glace and crumbled goat cheese were first rate as well. For dessert, Italian strawberry shortcake and cherry pistachio bread pudding with house-made vanilla gelato were excellent. Full bar.

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

► **Remy's Neighborhood Bistro**, Target Plaza, 2300 Pine Ridge Road; 403-9922

This friendly European-style café exudes a festive, relaxed air in both the dining room and bar.

The food has a Mediterranean flair, with French and Italian dishes predominating but a few other surprises mixed in for interest. The duck spring rolls were crunchy with a chewy duck stuffing. Lobster bisque was creamy with more of a clam than lobster flavor. Osso buco made with lamb was fork tender with a mellow and delicious tomato sauce. Seafood Provençal contained a generous portion of scallops, salmon, shrimp and mussels in a pesto sauce over capellini. A caramel and chocolate mousse layered to look like a parfait was satisfying without being overly rich. Full bar.

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



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## A smorgasbord of summer food and dining news

### Restaurant Week at Mercato

Get ready for some dining specials as Mercato stages Restaurant Week from Friday, Aug. 6, through Thursday, Aug. 12.

"This is Mercato's first Restaurant Week," says Kristin Cartwright, director of Lutgert Commercial Marketing. "It's a concept used throughout the country, and we are excited to bring it to Mercato.



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Patrons can savor diverse dishes, multiple courses and many unique restaurants, all at special discounts."

Many cities sponsor such celebrations to generate business during traditionally slower periods.

To spice up the event, Mercato invites customers to share their dining experiences by posting comments on the Mercato Facebook page. Each entry qualifies the writer for a drawing for a gift card.

For details, call 403-2204 or visit [www.mercatoshops.com](http://www.mercatoshops.com).

### Local should 'Embrace Naples'

Chef Patric (who, like Cher, Beyonce and Prince uses but one name) is spearheading a celebration he calls Embrace Naples, an event for and about, well, Naples.

The idea to highlight local businesses came about when he began considering what to do for the first anniversary of his popular breakfast and lunch café, Patric's, at 1485 Pine Ridge Road.

"We never had a grand opening and wanted to do something now that we've been open a year," he says. "So we decided to create an event that would celebrate all the truly local businesses, artists and music we have."

So, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, a host of restaurants, artists, musicians and other businesses will fill the Mission West shopping center on Pine Ridge Road with food, fun and music.

All local concerns are invited to participate. It's \$30 for a 10-by-10-foot space, which also includes the participant's name in the event program. Want a bigger space? A 10-by-20-foot space is \$50. And, for those who can't come but want to be included in the publicity, \$30 will do the trick.

Proceeds raised through the event will benefit PAWS of Avow Hospice, a program that provides pet visits to those in hospice care as well as foster care and adoption services for the pets of those who face life-threatening illness.

Registration deadline is Wednesday, Aug. 11. Call 304-9754.

### Mystery at Bamboo Café

Bamboo Café is holding a "Guess What You're Having for Dinner Tonight?" event at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4. The dinner features eight tasting portions of French classics. Guests are challenged to identify the names of the dishes served;



French-themed prizes will be awarded to the winners. Joelle Rossano, of Rose de Paris & Provence, will be the special guest. The dinner is \$35 per person. Reservations are suggested.

The café is also offering a new selection of small, estate-grown red and white wines priced at \$20. Bamboo Café is at 755 12th Ave. S. It's open 5 to 10 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Call 643-6177 or visit [www.bamboocafefrenchhomecooking.com](http://www.bamboocafefrenchhomecooking.com).

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### Help kids with cancer

For lovers of great causes and great food, a cool summer event

takes place from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18, at Rumrunners at Cape Harbour in Cape Coral.

Todd Johnson, chef/partner of Rumrunners, The Joint and RunAgrounds, stages this annual benefit for Barbara's Friends-The Children's Hospital Cancer Fund, enlisting his culinary colleagues who bring their talents to the table as well.

This year's participants include Napel's own Sea Salt along with Norman Love Confections, Blu Sushi, The Flying Pig, The Joint and Rumrunners. In addition to chefs' specialties, guests will enjoy three wine stations, a vodka luge (ice sculpture that chills vodka), an auction and music by Megan Rose.

It's \$125 per person; dress is Caribbean casual. Call 985-3550 for a reservation.

The Children's Hospital serves youngsters with cancer from throughout Southwest Florida.

### Short takes

• Brio Tuscan Grille offers a three-course prix fixe menu for \$16.95 starting at 3 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. Choose from grilled chicken fettuccine alla vodka, tangy citrus chicken or beef medallions Marsala, plus either the soup of the day or choice of salad and a dessert of tiramisu, crème brulee or milk chocolate caramel cake. Brio is at the Waterside Shops, 5505 Tamiami Trail N. Call 593-5319.

• Fred's Diner is now Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits, reflecting the restaurant's expanded entertainment options, which include shows, improv and live music. The patio remains dog friendly, in honor of the eponymous Fred, a chunky Chihuahua who shares his home with the restaurant's owners, Tony and Kathy Newton. It's at 2700 Immokalee Road. Call 431-7928.

• Pollo Tropical now offers a chicken quesadilla wrap with grilled chicken breast, melted cheddar jack cheese, tomatoes and chipotle dressing on a grilled 8-inch flatbread. It's available for a limited time at branches at 3777 E. Tamiami Trail and 5065 Golden Gate Parkway.

• The Real Macaw offers a \$10 barbecue dinner as well as its regular menu starting at 5 p.m. Sundays. Live entertainment is provided by Smokin' Joe and the Snapper Magnets. It's at 3275 Bayshore Drive. Call 732-1188.

### What's new

• Passage to India, which has operated in Bonita Springs for almost two decades, has moved to North Naples into the space previously occupied by Two Brothers Baci and Baci. The Imperial Square restaurant features Northern Indian fare along with more bar options. It's open 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. weekdays for lunch and 5-10 p.m. Monday through Saturday for dinner. Call 513-0024 for details.

• Jasmine Garden Chinese opened recently in Springs Plaza in Bonita Springs. It's mainly a takeout spot, with a handful of tables and the customary Chinese-American menu. It's open 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 3:30-10 p.m. Sunday. It's at 8951 Bonita Beach Road. Call 495-6688 or visit [www.jasminegardenchinese.com](http://www.jasminegardenchinese.com).

### Coming attractions

• Look for Freddie Rebel's sports bar to open next month in the Shirley Street location previously occupied by Stevie Tomato's Sports Page.

• The building once occupied by Sanibel Steakhouse and then The Keg Steakhouse and Bar is slated to become a sports bar as well. Bokamper's Sports Bar & Grill is expected to open in the next couple of months, a sister to the original Bokamper's in Plantation. It's named for its founder, Kim Bokamper, a former Miami Dolphin and now East Coast sportscaster. It's expected to have dozens of televisions and a 5-pound hamburger, appropriately named The Beast. In addition to 3 pounds of beef, it contains bacon, cheese and fried eggs. It's \$29.99 but is free to anyone who eats the whole thing in an hour or less.

### On hiatus

• In Naples, Café Italia has closed until early October. The Miromar Outlets branch in Estero remains open.

• In Bonita Springs, Vincenzo's, Wyld's and A Table Apart are on summer break.

### Recent closings

There have been several closings of late, among them: The Art of Being, Bayshore Landing Café, Melting Pot and Uno Chicago Grill, all in Naples, and Grillroom Chop House & Wine Bar at Coconut Point in Estero. ■

### food & wine CALENDAR

► **Thursday, July 29, 6-9 p.m., Robb & Stucky Culinary Center:** Chef Lisa Fidler of The Flying Pig shows how to prepare easy, delicious food that travels well, making it ideal for picnics and boat rides; \$45 per person, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; (866) 206-3840.

► **Saturday, July 31, 7:30-11:30 a.m., Third Street South:** The weekly farmers market sets up in the parking area behind Tommy Bahamas between Third Street and Gordon Drive.

► **Saturday, July 31, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., The Collection at Vanderbilt:** More than 30 vendors gather for the North Naples Green Market; northwest corner of Vanderbilt Beach and Airport roads; 249-9480.

► **Saturday, July 31, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Campiello's:** Chef Vincenzo Betu-

lia holds a summer cooking class exploring regions of Italy; \$75, 1177 Third St. S.; 435-1166. Reservations required.

► **Saturday, July 31, 3 p.m., Naples Tomato:** Learn the art of making mozzarella cheese. Enjoy some wine and cheese, and take home a pound of mozzarella; \$35, 14700 Tamiami Trail; 598-9800. Reservations required.

► **Saturday, July 31, 11 a.m., The Sauce Lady:** Ela Vivonetto, aka The Sauce Lady, teaches a class for kids in creating wholesome and nutritious three-course meals; \$20, 1810 J&C Blvd.; 592-5557. Reservations required.

► **Wednesday, Aug. 4, 11, 18 and 25, 6-8 p.m., The Sauce Lady:** Ela Vivonetto, a second-generation Italian chef, demonstrates how to create five-minute meals at weekly cooking classes through

October; \$20, 1810 J&C Blvd.; 592-5557. Reservations required.

► **Wednesday, Aug. 11, 5:30-8 p.m., Decanted:** Sample sparkling wines from around the world and learn how to incorporate them into a variety of meals, rather than just serving them on special occasions; \$10, 1410 Pine Ridge Road; 434-1814. Reservations requested.

► **Saturday, Aug. 14, 9-11 a.m., Ridgeway Bar & Grill:** Chef/owner Tony Ridgeway leads a class called "Organic or Not" in which participants will compare the taste of organic and non-organic items, discuss what constitutes organic food and what works for you; \$40, 1300 Third St. S.; 262-5500. Reservations required.

► **Wednesday, Aug. 11, 5:30-7 p.m., Sea Salt:** The evening's summer wine school class features racy reds; \$15, 1186

Third St. S.; 434-7258. Reservations requested.

► **Tuesday, Aug. 17, 6:30-8 p.m., Decanted:** In Wine 101, participants learn how to taste wines and discover the differences between whites and reds; \$20, 1410 Pine Ridge Road; 434-1814. Reservations required.

► **Thursday, Aug. 19, Bamboo Café:** Well-mannered canines and their companions are invited to a fundraising dinner featuring dog trainer Lyn Morningstar who will discuss "Decoding Canine Body Language," with proceeds benefiting The Brody Project for Animal Assisted Therapy; \$55 (includes \$25 tax-deductible donation), 755 12th Ave. South; 643-6177. ■

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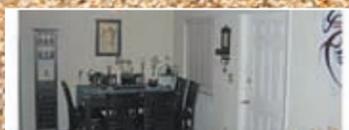
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## Naples Total Sales Increase at Least 47 Percent *Report Shows 9 Percent Increase in Median Closed Price*

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](http://www.Naplesarea.com)

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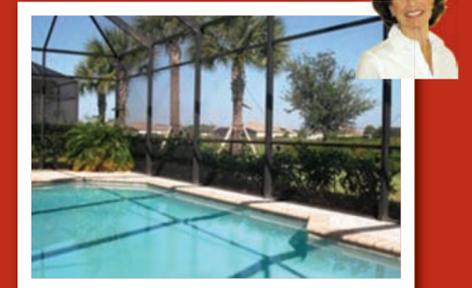


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