

Fill up on family time at the table

BY KELLY MERRITT

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How many times has your teenager asked to be excused from the table before everyone in the family has finished dinner? How many times have you given in and said yes?

It sounds like a simple concept, but research has proven that kids who eat dinner with their families on a regular basis several times each week are less likely to smoke, drink or use drugs.

“Family Day - A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children” is a national initiative through the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University. Community organizations around the country and choose to participate. Locally, Drug Free Collier, Boys and Girls Club of Collier County and YMCA of the Palms are encouraging parents to gather their kids around the table for a family meal on Monday, Sept. 27.

Experts say having dinner together promotes conversation and engages kids, which can lead to critical dialogue — all valuable tools to help prevent substance abuse.

“Drug Free Collier encourages all families in Collier County to take part in Family Day,” says Maribel De Armas, prevention coordinator for Drug Free Collier. Even better, she adds, “Celebrate all week and celebrate everyday by making dinner a part of your family routine.”

Parents know that eating dinner together is one of the best ways to find out about a child's day at school and to make a personal connection with the kids.

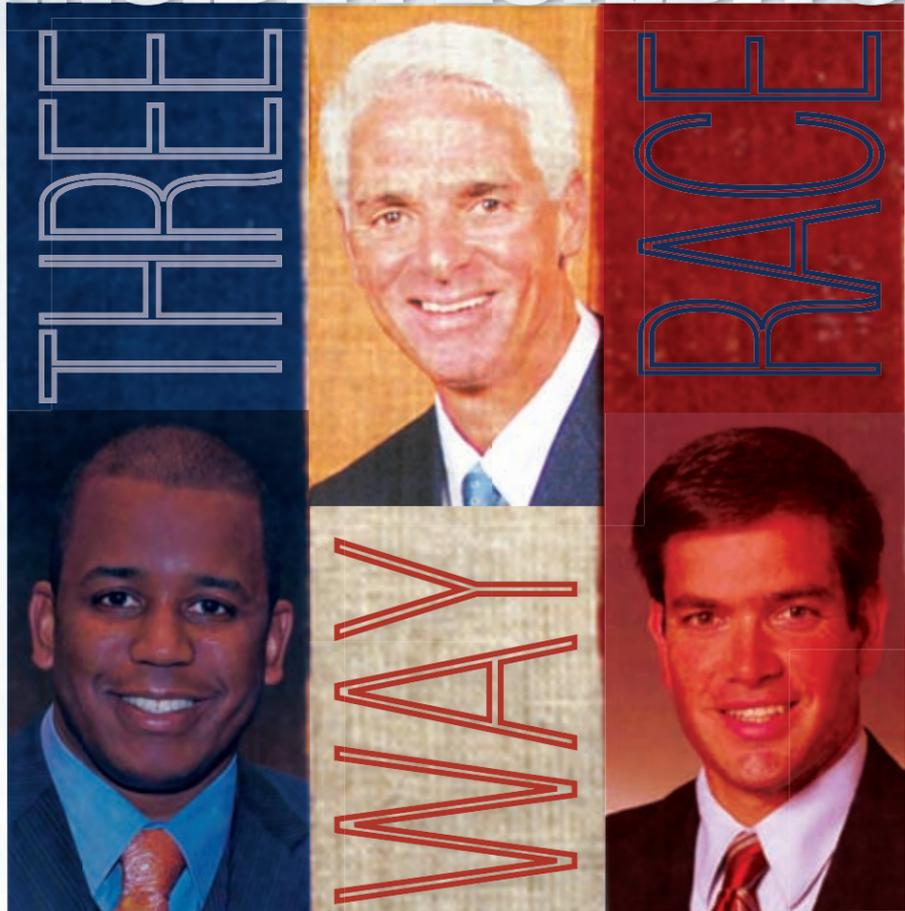
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Aldo Musico is all smiles surrounded by youngsters at the family table.

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IT WAS THE SUMMER OF 2009, AND SCOTT Lepore, president of the Collier County Republican Club and self-described political “renegade,” was getting itchy. The 44-year-old Mr. Lepore had grown weary of what seemed to be an endless procession of wheezing Republican relics who took to podiums across

Florida and lulled their audiences into hypnotic slumbers. Mr. Lepore yearned for a fresh voice. He wanted to hear from a Republican who was eager, smart, staunchly conservative and of his own generation. In short, Mr. Lepore was desperate for someone — anyone, really — who could gin up a little excitement in advance of the midterm elections.

Almost on a whim, Mr. Lepore turned to Marco Rubio, the little-known former speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, who just weeks earlier — and only days before his 38th birthday — had announced he was seeking the Republican

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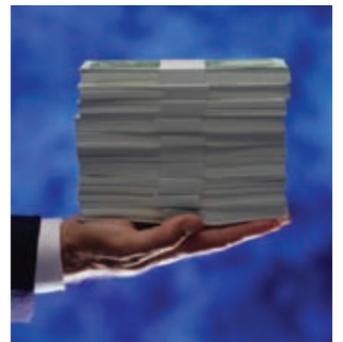
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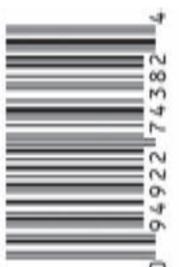
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It's the right thing to do



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Tom Bringardner was sitting in the center of the Lutgert development empire in Naples last week, trying his damndest to soften the message.

Both the late Raymond Lutgert and his son, Scott, who now manages the Lutgert Companies, long since gave up on soft giving (which may come with soft messages) for hard giving — to children through the Naples Winter Wine Festival, to health causes, and to education (witness the Lutgert College of Business at FGCU, to name just one).

Mr. Bringardner is president of Naples-based Premier Properties of Southwest Florida, the real estate jewel in the company crown — a jewel whose 200 or so employees are also renowned for hard giving to people less fortunate than themselves.

So when he took a call from a reporter, he had to say something that wouldn't sound like he was criticizing anybody else — somebody who might not give as much, or at all.

What words about giving would you offer others who own or manage profitable businesses, I asked him?

"It's tough in this kind of market to put that pressure (to give) on other businesses trying to survive," he replied gently. "A lot of small ones are doing what they can just to keep people employed. So we can't put too much pressure on others."

No, we can't. But? "Giving is the right thing to do," said Mr. Bringardner.

Everyone has always known that, beginning with the Good Samaritan, or people like him.

The word philanthropy has not changed much from its Latin and Greek roots, unlike so many other words — phil - anthropia, or love of mankind. Neither has the concept.

Up and down the Southwest coast, many people enjoy the arts, or a better meal, or benefit from the scans and tests for various cancers that can save their lives, or a better education — all because of a few philanthropists, men and women who shoulder a great deal more than they have to.

In my mind, it's always men and women who give. Not corporations or companies. Charity may come in the name of a corporation — the heavyweight PNC Financial Services Group with 54,000 employees and offices in 14 states (three branches exist in Naples), for example.

But really, it's people like Jim Rohr, the CEO, Ed Kozmor, a vice president or Amber Scanlan, a Naples-based spokeswoman, who step up to make it happen.

And boy, did it happen, in the case of PNC. Mr. Kozmor and Ms. Scanlan told me that when the company gave money to a North Philadelphia head start program, math comprehension in those children increased by 50 percent.

That was part of a \$100 million, 10-year "Growing Up Great" program aimed at children from birth to about 5 years of age that kicked off in Naples last year.

In addition, every employee at PNC gets 40 hours of paid time each year to volun-

teer in his or her community, too.

Think about that. If only half of them take advantage, and those 27,000 people average annual incomes of \$2,000 per week, their local generosity will cost PNC \$54 million annually.

I have no idea if those figures come close to the reality, but the point is instructive for this company. These Jims and Eds and Ambers prove extraordinarily generous, the contemporary versions of Good Samaritans.

So why aren't all successful businesses like the Lutgert Cos., or like PNC Financial?

Good question. Maybe because those who run them never learned how.

"There's not a man alive who can't give a dollar," says Sam Galloway Jr., who owns and runs Sam Galloway Ford Lincoln Mercury in Fort Myers, the largest Ford dealer between Naples and Sarasota.

Beginning in the 1970s, Mr. Galloway has given so many dollars to so many causes that they can't be tallied. He refuses to join the tally game anyway, because, he says, "I don't want anybody to think I'm trying to sell a car."

His causes range from the hungry, to those sideswiped by disease, to the old and young, to the arts, to police and firefighters, to civil rights, to the environment, to history.

Part of his giving is an effort to create gravity, the force that draws others into the same orbit, in this case a philanthropic orbit.

You'll notice, perhaps, that in describing who can give he failed to mention women.

That's not because he's a sexist, but because he's considerate, and he prefers not to speak for women.

I, on the other hand, will speak for anybody — men, women, aliens, Italians,

Northerners, Southerners, legals, illegals, Republicans, Democrats, Libertarians, Communists, rich people, poor people, black people, white people, religious people, atheists, agnostics, aborigines or 60-year members of the Presbyterian Church, like Mr. Galloway — it doesn't matter.

And I say he's right. We can all give. But we have to learn how — and not from magic dust or a sudden bolt out of the blue.

Mr. Galloway, for example, learned it from his grandmother, among others.

She used to drive around and stop her Ford car whenever she saw a group of people she took to be desperately poor, he told me.

She made that judgment, apparently, by looking at their feet.

Then she'd climb out, open the door, and invite them all to get in her car.

Do you think she took them to where they needed to go? That's what I thought — an extraordinarily nice lady who gave people rides — and maybe she did, eventually.

But first, she drove them to the shoe store. And she bought all of them shoes.

"I was influenced by lots of older people who are dead now," Mr. Galloway concluded. "They did wonderful things. Their word was their bond."

Like so many others, he learned philanthropy at the feet of the masters, and became a master philanthropist.

And now you can become one, too, having learned from him. But how, where, with how much?

I asked Mr. Galloway.

You'll figure it out, he said. Everybody does. But just one thing, he added: "Give until it hurts."

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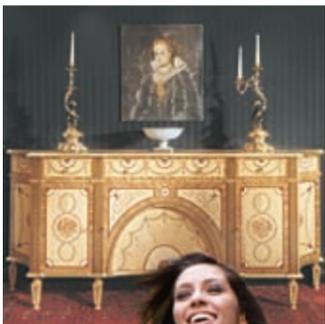
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OPINION

Madman theory and the Islamic world



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Richard Nixon famously had his “madman theory” during the Vietnam War. He wanted the North Vietnamese to believe he was irrational (not such a stretch, as it turned out) and ready to do anything to end the war. Faced with this dangerous lunatic, the North Vietnamese would beg for peace.

The madman theory didn’t work out for Nixon, but it has now become the strategy of a slice of an entire civilization. Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf, the leader of the ground zero mosque, says failing to build the mosque will threaten “national security” by empowering Islamic radicals. Practically everyone in America urged Pastor Terry Jones not to burn a Quran to avoid provoking Muslims around the world. This is the “madman theory” writ large: Don’t offend Muslims for fear of their wholly unhinged reaction.

Jones deserved the condemnation heaped upon him for his planned gap-toothed act of interfaith belligerence. A little perspective, though: Jones wasn’t

intending to threaten or hurt anyone or destroy anyone’s property besides his own. The truly freakish villains in the story — should the worst have happened — would have been the inciters, excusers and perpetrators of mayhem in response to one man’s idiotic stunt.

That this reaction was plausible — likely, even — is testament to the power of primitivism in the Islamic world. It’s not even an “eye for an eye,” which would involve an imam in the backwaters of Pakistan roasting a Gideon Bible for the TV cameras. It’s worse. Some poor Christian in Nigeria would get his church and house burned down — and maybe get killed — over an offense half a world away.

This makes sense only to people who have a tribalistic attitude toward religion, and to people who have an interest in fostering and exploiting that attitude for their own purposes. Sadly, the former category includes huge swaths of the Islamic world, from Afghanistan to Somalia, and the latter category includes the governments of such important Islamic countries as Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and Egypt.

The tribal environment in which millions of Muslims live emphasizes honor, solidarity and revenge. “Since Muslims

treat the tribal era of Muhammad and his early successors as the golden age of Islam,” Stanley Kurtz of the Ethics and Public Policy Center writes, “the cultural influence of the tribal template remains pervasive.” In this template, insults are not taken lightly.

The danger is that threats of violence will intimidate us into limiting the ambit of freedom in the United States. It isn’t such a long step from saying Jones’ pyromania endangered national security to forbidding it for our own protection. In Europe, it can already be a crime to criticize Islam. This constitutes the importation of Islamic prohibitions on blasphemy that are used to stifle debate and inhibit reform.

One day, perhaps, a Terry Jones will be invited as a performance artist at the Islamic equivalent of the Tate museum to “shock the Muslim bourgeoisie.” One day, civilizational change doesn’t come quickly — the West’s escape from feudal backwardness took centuries and depended on fortuitous social and historical circumstances. In the meantime, we can’t be beholden to the dictates of madmen. ■

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GUEST OPINION

A little missed sunshine



amyGOODMAN

Special to Florida Weekly

When first lady Michelle Obama started an organic garden at the White House, she sparked a national discussion on food, obesity, health and sustainability. But the green action on the White House lawn hasn’t made it to the White House roof, unfortunately.

Back in 1979, President Jimmy Carter installed solar panels on the roof of the West Wing as part of a new solar strategy. “In the year 2000,” Carter said, “the solar water heater behind me, which is being dedicated today, will still be here, supplying cheap, efficient energy. A generation from now, this solar heater can either be a curiosity, a museum piece, an example of a road not taken, or it can be just a small part of one of the greatest and most exciting adventures ever undertaken by the American people.”

Sadly, after President Ronald Reagan came into office, he had the panels removed, and some of them did end up in museums. Environmental activist Bill McKibben, founder of the group 350.org, told me, “You know where one of these other panels is? It’s in the private museum of the Chinese entrepreneur who’s built the world’s largest solar thermal company on Earth, Himin Solar. They’ve installed 60 million arrays like this across China.”

In 1990, the White House panels were retrieved from government storage and put back into use by Unity College in Maine. To make the case for solar, McKibben joined with a group of Unity College students and drove one of the panels from their campus to the White House,

asking that it be put back on the roof. The White House declined the offer.

President Barack Obama campaigned on the pledge that he would create millions of new green jobs. He hired Van Jones as his White House green jobs czar — only to fire him shortly after Jones became the target of what he called a “vicious smear campaign,” which was promulgated by Fox News Channel. Now Obama faces a massive unemployment problem, jeopardizing not only the livelihoods of tens of millions, but the political prospects for the Democrats.

Here in Bonn, the answer couldn’t be clearer: Use stimulus money and policy to jump-start a green job sector, to help create, for example, solar panel manufacturing, installation and servicing.

Germany, one of the most advanced economies in the world, did just that.

Now, as reported in the *Financial Times*, German photovoltaic cell installations last year amount to more than one-half of those in the world.

I’m here covering the 30th anniversary of the Right Livelihood Awards, an amazing gathering of scores of activists and thinkers from around the world. Among them is Hermann Scheer, a member of the German Parliament.

When he received his Right Livelihood Award, he said: “Solar energy is the energy of the people. To use this energy does not require big investments of only a few big corporations. It requires billions of investments by billions of people. They have the opportunity to switch from being a part of the problem to becoming a part of the global solution.”

And Germany is making this happen. Small-scale residential and commercial solar power installations are not only providing jobs, increased efficiency and cost savings — they actually are allowing the owners of the systems to sell excess

power back to the power grid, running their meters in reverse, when conditions allow.

Here, too, are representatives of the Bangladeshi organization Grameen Shakti, which makes loans and offers technical assistance to allow poor, rural people to install solar power in their homes, often granting access to electricity for the first time in their family’s history. They have helped install more than 110,000 systems, often with a woman hired to maintain the system — creating jobs, empowering women and raising the standard of living.

Also in Bonn is the headquarters of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the sponsor of the failed Copenhagen climate talks last year. U.N. member countries and other stakeholders will meet again in December in Cancun, Mexico, with expectations for substantial progress declining almost daily.

The Obamas’ organic garden shows that when the most powerful, public couple takes a stand, people pay attention. Instead of just saying no, President Obama could make an important statement in restoring the White House solar panel to the roof: After the BP gulf oil disaster, after the reckless invasion and profoundly costly occupation of Iraq (which many believe was based on our need for oil), after the massive, ongoing loss of jobs, we are changing. We will power a vital movement away from fossil fuels, to sustainable energy, to green jobs. ■

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The consummate concierge, Tony Almeida is 'at your service'

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Besides his usual preternatural sense of where to acquire theater tickets, get a shirt pressed, find the perfect floral arrangement or judge how many stoplights off U.S. 41 a club or restaurant is, Tony Almeida is no slouch with a needle and thread. Once, when a bride with a tear in her gown approached him at a hotel where he worked as a concierge, Mr. Almeida made the repair right in the lobby. She was on the way to the ceremony.

"It's stuff like that that can make or break a person's stay," says Mr. Almeida.

One recent morning, in a blur of hugs, handshakes and laminate nametags, he and other concierges convened at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point to sign in for the 13th annual Florida State Concierge Conference. Mr. Almeida, director of public relations for the Southwest Florida Concierge & Guest Services Association, seemed a popular figure. He had arrived at the marbled lobby in a wheelchair, much to the surprise of Alfredo Russo, co-owner of Anthony's on the Gulf and Junkanoo on Fort Myers Beach.

"I didn't know that was you," Mr. Russo told him when Mr. Almeida explained that he had made headlines last spring after a shooting at The Inn at the Springs in Bonita Springs.

Mr. Almeida was the concierge on duty when, the night of May 16, Craig Spitz, a night auditor who had been fired from The Inn about 18 months before the incident, returned with a gun. Although Mr. Almei-



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Tony Almeida

da was shackled, handcuffed and gagged by Mr. Spitz, he found a chance to run for it. He recalls loosening the gag and yelling something like "He's got a gun! Call the police!" to co-workers. As he ran beside the hotel pool, bullets from Mr. Spitz's handgun hit Mr. Almeida in the back.

Reports say Lee County sheriff's deputies caught up with Mr. Spitz about four

hours later, and when he drew a gun, the officers shot him dead.

One of the bullets that struck Mr. Almeida is still lodged near his neck, and he has been wheelchair-bound since the incident.

"I don't know why he came after me," he says. "I'm a concierge. 'In Service through Friendship' is our motto. It's a credence we hold very close to our heart."

Indeed, the Hyatt Coconut Point was filled with friendly faces showering Mr. Almeida with affection, including Susan Becker, a fellow concierge.

"Technically, the word (concierge) means 'at your service,'" Ms. Becker explains. "We do everything" — she smiles pointedly — "with a smile." Even if you've been shot, apparently.

Mr. Almeida says he "doesn't spend a lot of time crying" about the evening of May 16, although he hasn't regained the use of his legs after a summer of therapy. He's able to lift his right leg and can slowly wiggle the toes on his left foot. His legs feel "like they're in a bucket of cold ice water," he says.

"I go to church and can stand for the 'Our Father,' but that's about the extent of the progress I've made in four months," he says.

Mr. Almeida has been at the service of hotel guests in one way or another since he was a teenager, growing up in Lenox, Mass. He lived in New York City for 17 years, where he was a concierge at The Plaza Hotel in Manhattan in the late 1980s and early '90s. The position required a second language — he speaks French —

and came with plenty of fringe benefits. He says he rarely paid to see a Broadway show, and he dined at restaurants five nights per week "and didn't pay a penny." (For concierges in Southwest Florida, he adds, "It's not like that as much.")

The pay for a concierge has never been spectacular. He says he made just under \$20 per hour in Manhattan, and that was cut nearly in half when he started at hotels in Southwest Florida. He came here in 2001 to help care for his mother when she was being treated for cancer. When she died, he decided to stay.

His first position here was head concierge at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point.

He plans to go back to work eventually at The Inn, which is in the process of being converted into a Homewood Suites. "The good thing is it won't really resemble what it was like when I was there last," he says. "I had a little apprehension about approaching the hotel the other day, but it didn't really bother me."

On this particular morning, he had other things to worry about, like networking with the 129 attendees scheduled to be at the conference. "They shower a lot of love and a lot of support," he says.

Stretching out his arms and flashing a smile, he greeted two concierges based on Sanibel, who breezed in with bright lipstick and perfectly pressed dresses. "You smell delicious," he told them as they bent down to hug him. Their perfume still lingered a minute later as he wheeled himself down the marbled hall toward the ballroom for the first session of the conference. ■

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nomination for the United States Senate seat vacated by Mel Martinez (a Republican) and now held by George LeMieux (also a Republican), who was a temporary replacement appointed by his pal, Gov. Charlie Crist, and instructed to keep the seat nice and toasty until the governor could win it fair and square in 2010.

Not long after Mr. Rubio's announcement, Gov. Crist, to no one's surprise, jumped into the race and immediately was anointed as the prohibitive favorite to win not only the nomination but the general election as well. Polls that summer showed Gov. Crist leading Mr. Rubio by as many as 46 percentage points. Some within the GOP urged Mr. Rubio to withdraw in the interest of party unity. After all, he couldn't possibly win, the thinking went, so what was the point of continuing? Mr. Rubio dismissed these entreaties, and pledged to stay the course.

"I knew nothing, really, about Marco Rubio and had never met him or spoken with him," Mr. Lepore says, looking back to the summer of 2009. "I knew he was a longshot, and I wasn't even sure, at that point, he was a viable candidate. But I had heard he was something special, so I asked him to speak."

On the evening of the speech, Mr. Lepore arrived at the Bellasera Hotel in Naples about two hours early to make sure all was in order. Walking into the hotel, he encountered a lone man unloading Rubio campaign material from a rental truck in the thick August heat.

Mr. Lepore approached him, introduced himself and asked if he knew when the candidate was arriving. The laborer smiled, wiped a sweaty right palm on the front of his pants and extended his hand.

"I'm Marco Rubio," he said, "and thank you for inviting me to speak." (The kicker is that Mr. Rubio went on to deliver a speech that, Mr. Lepore insists, brought down the house.)

"I couldn't believe it," Mr. Lepore recalls. "It was just Marco, working alone. No entourage. At that moment, I knew this guy was something special. He was real, and he was genuine."

Mr. Lepore's prescience is impressive. Mr. Rubio now sits comfortably atop a three-way race for the Senate seat. Gov. Crist, who dropped out of the Republican contest when it became clear he could not defeat Mr. Rubio, is running as an independent and has faded badly as the contest has progressed. The other major candidate, U.S. Rep. Kendrick Meek, runs third in virtually every poll. Even Democrats who profess to like and respect the affable Mr. Meek concede privately that he is doing little more than playing out the string at this point.

And as for Mr. Rubio, he has, without yet winning a statewide race, become an iconic national political figure. Within Florida, he is adored by Tea Party acolytes and generally tolerated by establishment Republicans. (A nifty trick that another Republican Tea Party idol, gubernatorial candidate Rick Scott, has yet to pull off.) In January, The New York Times Magazine published an exhaustive profile of Mr. Rubio under the headline "The First Senator from the Tea Party?" His name already is in the mix as a possible vice presidential contender in 2012 or 2016. And many Tea Party activists dream of a national ticket that someday includes both Mr. Rubio and former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin.

Of course, all of this grandiose projection and unabashed adoration hinges on a simple fact: Mr. Rubio must win

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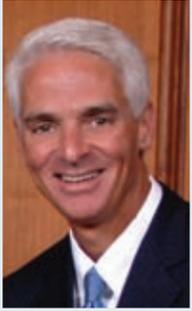
Kendrick Meek

>> Mr. Meek is a Democrat from Miami who campaigns on a core Democratic platform. He defeated billionaire Jeff Greene in the primary for the Senate race.



Charlie Crist

>> The governor of Florida and a long-time favorite of moderates within the Republican party, he began to run into trouble when he welcomed President Barack Obama in Fort Myers in 2009. Mr. Crist is now running as an independent and courting moderates from both parties as well as independents.



Marco Rubio

>> Mr. Rubio now sits comfortably atop a three-way race for the Senate seat. The former speaker of the Florida House of Representatives has been able to motivate voters on the campaign trail with his strong and unapologetic conservative message.



in November. It appears that now, two months out, he will. A Reuters poll released last week showed Mr. Rubio receiving 40 percent of the likely vote, Mr. Crist taking 26 percent and Mr. Meek at 21 percent. A Fox News poll, taken at about the same time, has Mr. Rubio at 43 percent, Mr. Crist at 27 percent and Mr. Meek again holding steady with 21 percent. Other polls have Mr. Rubio ahead by varying but significant degrees.

Mr. Rubio's position, while enviable, is anything but certain. Many politicians have squandered comfortable leads in primaries and general elections. (Don't we all remember the stirring achievements of President Edmund Muskie? And wasn't George H.W. Bush's second term one for the history books?) It seems, though, that it will take an "October surprise" of great significance to derail Mr. Rubio.

What brought Mr. Rubio to this point is an improbable fusion of political skill, exquisite timing, blind luck and stunning ineptitude on the part of his opponents. A look at the three major candidates (and the campaigns they have run) explains how Marco Antonio Rubio — underfunded and unacknowledged less than a year and a half ago — has become what one Tea Party activist in Florida calls "the next big thing" in American politics.

Meek battles for relevance

The best thing that happened to Kendrick Meek during the Democratic primary campaign was Jeff Greene. The worst thing to happen to Kendrick Meek during the Democratic primary campaign was Jeff Greene. Mr. Greene, a bluff, buffoonish billionaire from Palm Beach, spent an estimated \$26 million of his own money in an ill-conceived attempt to win the Democratic Senate nomination. Mr. Greene, who moved from California to Florida two years ago and had no political experience prior to his Senate bid, plunged into the contest with gusto in April. No one thought Mr. Greene had a chance to defeat Mr.

Meek, who was the only Democrat of consequence who dared to run. Most Democrats had long conceded the seat to Gov. Crist, who — in the pre-Rubio days — was seen as the presumptive Republican nominee.

Mr. Meek banished Mr. Greene by more than 20 points in the August primary. But the fact Mr. Meek was forced to break a sweat in doing so was telling and provoked anxiety within the party. Not only was Mr. Greene inept and comical, but he was barely known and what was known about him was hardly flattering.

It was stunning to learn that under Mr. Greene's oafish, 55-year-old exterior beat the heart of Hugh Hefner in his prime. Tales of wild nights aboard Mr. Greene's 145-foot yacht ("The Summerwind") abounded. Mike Tyson, Paris Hilton and Lindsay Lohan were among the revelers who are said to have sailed aboard this seagoing Animal House. Mr. Greene pooh-poohed the stories and said he used the yacht principally to visit synagogues and monasteries located near exotic ports of call.

One former crew member, writing in her journal, described a typical evening aboard "The Summerwind" thusly: "Naked, drunken people everywhere! Freakin' weirdoes, bumping and grinding all over the place." There was not a single mention of synagogues or monasteries in her purple-prosed account. She conceded that she never saw Mr. Greene naked or drunk, although she claimed he was a terror as a boss.

"I did see these girls rubbing and grinding on him, and he looked like he couldn't be bothered," she said.

"Nonsense," snorted Mr. Greene, never quite explaining whether he was referring to the alleged "rubbing and grinding" or to his reported lack of interest in such things.

In fairness to Mr. Meek, Mr. Greene did possess huge financial resources, but that fact aside, the congressman's campaign never caught fire, despite the best efforts of candidate and staff.

Mr. Meek's performance in Lee County is illustrative of this point.

"Kendrick spent a lot of time here," says Will Prather, Lee County's Democratic Party chairman, "and he worked hard while he was here. By contrast, Jeff Greene made only one half-hearted stop in Lee County."

Despite the disparity in campaign intensity, Mr. Greene defeated Mr. Meek in Lee County by about 7 percentage points.

"That surprised me," says Mr. Prather. "I found it to be really discouraging. The power of direct mail, I suppose."

It should be noted that the 44-year-old Mr. Meek wages an uphill battle in any statewide election, no matter who his opponent might be. Mr. Meek, you see, is an unabashed liberal black politician from Miami who is unafraid to campaign on what used to be known as core Democratic principles but are now viewed as acts of sedition in this age of Beck and Limbaugh.

And let's not forget that he essentially inherited his congressional seat in 2002 from his mother, Carrie Meek, a powerful, controversial and outspoken politician who stepped aside after five terms to make way for her son. All of this feeds a perception that Mr. Meek is the hand-picked product of a well-oiled, African-American political machine that carries with it the strong whiff of corruption and cronyism. During the primary, Mr. Meek was forced to address allegations, brought by Mr. Greene, that he sought federal funding on behalf of a notorious Miami real estate developer who just happened to have Carrie Meek on his payroll. Mr. Meek denied he was an influence peddler, but he never put the charge to rest.

Mr. Meek also fights the strong negative feelings that exist toward Demo-

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— Scott Lepore, Collier County Republican Club

crats in general and President Obama in particular. And in what might be the campaign's coup de grace, President Obama has endorsed Mr. Meek.

The Democratic Party, which never really expected to gain this Florida Senate seat, will direct its efforts and its resources toward helping Alex Sink, its gubernatorial nominee who has a real shot at winning. Mr. Meek will get the crumbs.

In light of all this, Mr. Meek deserves credit for simply soldiering on.

"This just doesn't seem to be Kendrick's year," says Mr. Prather with more than touch of sadness.

There are few Democrats who would dispute this melancholy assessment.

From Party darling to pariah

When did it start to go so terribly wrong for Charlie Crist?

Was it when he bolted the Republican Party in April and announced his run as an independent? Or was it later, when he balked at returning campaign contributions to former Republican supporters who didn't want to support an independent candidate? And then there was Mr. Crist's audacious civility in dealing with Mr. Obama when the president visited Florida. (My God, he actually hugged the leader of the Free World!) Mr. Crist's cordiality infuriated the Republican Party's far right and the Tea Party sympathizers who loathe the president and see no reason to treat him with anything approaching respect. The governor also had the temerity to accept and put to use Mr. Obama's stimulus money during the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression. He also drew conservative fire for vetoing a bill that would have eliminated tenure for public school teachers and tied their pay to student performance.

Perhaps things began to unravel in earnest right from the start, when Mr. Crist appointed his longtime confidant, George LeMieux, to serve out the remainder of Mr. Martinez's term. Not only did that move rob the governor of his canniest political operative (Mr. LeMieux), it also was so shamelessly opportunistic and so transparently politically motivated that it prompted the *St. Petersburg Times* to observe that "(Mr. Crist) might as well have appointed himself." The newspaper's editorial went on to add that the appointment represented "just one more disappointing decision by Crist in recent months that puts his self-interest in going to Washington above the interests of Floridians."

The *New York Times* recently posited that Mr. Crist's campaign tanked when BP plugged its gushing oil rig off the Louisiana coast. Mr. Crist was a constant media figure while oil flowed unabated into the Gulf of Mexico. In a sense, the governor reprised (albeit with a better tan) the role that Rudy Giuliani so deftly perfected in New York City following the 9/11 attack.

"The (oil spill) allowed Crist to do what he does best: walk the beaches, reassure the folks and stay upbeat," the article said. The newspaper went on to note that Mr. Crist lead Mr. Rubio in 15 polls taken between May — after the governor exited the Republican primary — and late August. After the spill was brought under control, the newspaper reported, Mr. Crist finished behind Mr. Rubio in all but one poll, with Mr. Rubio's lead steadily growing as memor-

ies of the oil spill receded.

Most likely, though, the governor's woes grow from a combination of all of the above coupled, of course, with Mr. Rubio's surge in popularity with conservative voters.

Fred O'Neal, an Orlando lawyer and head of the Tea Party of Florida (one of several Tea Party groups in the state), says it is almost impossible to fathom how committed Mr. Rubio's following is.

"On the issues, we are so close with Rubio that we wish he were running for president," says Mr. O'Neal.

Mr. O'Neal says Gov. Crist deeply offended many of the Republican Party's most conservative members when he painted the GOP as something approaching an extremist organization.

Mr. Lepore, the Republican Club leader in Naples, asserts that Mr. Crist allowed himself to become too closely allied with the party's old guard.

"Charlie thought the way to get the nomination was to receive the blessings of the big Republicans in Washington," he says. "He was way off base. I happen to like Charlie Crist a lot, but I have no idea what he was thinking. He let Rubio take the grass roots, and it went from there. Charlie got some very bad advice. While Marco was going around the state speaking to groups like mine, Charlie was attending banquets and dinners in Washington."

What is particularly notable about Mr. Crist's predicament is that he has succeeded in infuriating just about everyone - including liberals (as evidenced by the "St. Petersburg Times" editorial), the moderate Republicans he deserted and rebuked (think Jeb Bush) and the hardcore right wingers (who range from the Tea Party faithful to elected officials like Southwest Florida's

own U.S. Rep. Connie Mack, who broke with Mr. Crist early over the education bill veto; Mr. Mack chose not to be interviewed for this article).

Mr. Crist seemingly believed that a significant percentage of committed Democrats would abandon Kendrick Meek if it meant stopping the dreaded Mr. Rubio, but so far Mr. Meek has retained his base, but little else. So, Mr. Crist now finds himself in a political box of his own construction - a box that appears to have no exits.

Mr. O'Neal says Mr. Crist would have been wise to skip the Senate race this year and instead seek another term as governor. He notes that Mr. Crist's appointment of Mr. LeMieux as a stand-in complicated the picture from the get-go.

"Charlie would have been re-elected governor, I'm sure of that, and he could have taken it from there," says Mr. O'Neal. "He could have looked to the Senate later, if he wanted."

Mr. O'Neal was asked what the governor's political future looks like if he loses to Mr. Rubio.

"I don't think anyone can answer that question at this point," he says. "It's way too early, and he hasn't lost yet, you know."

Regardless, it is a stunning and swift descent for a man who just two years ago was mentioned as a vice presidential contender.

Too good to be true?

Is there anyone who can stop Marco Rubio? The answer is yes, and that person is Marco Rubio himself.

It is true that Mr. Rubio's hyper-conservative views align almost perfectly with the prevailing mood of the Florida electorate. He is a serviceable public speaker and not prone to shoot from the lip, which greatly reduces the chances

of an embarrassing gaffe on the stump. He is an attractive candidate with an attractive family and a compelling personal narrative.

Mr. Rubio was born in Miami, where his parents had fled from their native Cuba. The family moved to Las Vegas when Mr. Rubio was 8 years old. Mr. Rubio's father worked as a bartender and his mother toiled as a hotel maid. The family returned to Miami for good in 1985.

He is a lawyer, and he served in the Florida House of Representatives from 2000 to 2008, where he held the posts of Majority Whip, Majority Leader and eventually Speaker. He was predictably conservative while in the Legislature, and if anyone regarded him during those days as an especially exciting or charismatic leader, they neglected to say it aloud.

What Mr. Rubio possesses in spades, however, is a commitment to ideological purity. He doesn't speak of the Republican Party as a "big tent" that embraces a hodgepodge of beliefs and ideologies. He calls himself a "movement conservative."

"There was all this talk that conservatives couldn't win in certain states, like Pennsylvania or Florida," Jim DeMint, the excruciatingly conservative Republican senator from South Carolina, said earlier this year. "We had to go out and find middle-of-the road Republicans who could bridge the gap between Republicans and independents. So when someone like Rubio came along, who is not milquetoast, not lukewarm, who very clearly is conservative...and independents flock to him, it sends a message."

There is a fear among some of Mr. Rubio's followers that their hero's meteoric rise is too good to be true, and that some sort of "October surprise" waits in

the wings.

Specifically, they anticipate increasing fallout arising from Mr. Rubio's use of a Republican Party American Express credit card. Mr. Rubio ran up more than \$100,000 in personal expenses on the card while he was Speaker of the House. Mr. Rubio claims that most of the charges involved legitimate party business, but he has repaid some \$16,000 in expenses. The IRS is investigating, and there is anxiety that an embarrassing disclosure or even an indictment could result.

Mr. O'Neal, the Tea Party official, says he is waiting to see what happens before he formally endorses Mr. Rubio. He hints darkly - and without substantiation - at a possible conspiracy brewing deep within the bowels of the Obama Justice Department to bring criminal charges against Mr. Rubio late in the election cycle.

For his part, Mr. Rubio, who has insisted that the Republican Party allowed him to charge personal expenses to the card, does not seem particularly troubled by the controversy, although it certainly does his campaign no good, and he cannot ignore it.

"I was as diligent as possible to ensure the party did not pay for items that were unrelated to party business," Mr. Rubio said in a written statement released by his campaign. "There was no formal process provided by the party regarding personal charges."

It would be ironic in the extreme, if Marco Rubio - fiscal conservative extraordinaire - is waylaid because he just couldn't leave home without that damned Amex card.

An indictment is unlikely, but stranger things have happened, for sure, and were he still around, President Muskie would be the first to tell you so. ■

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Spend time on the water with boat trips on the Conservancy's Good Fortune pontoon boat and a sightseeing boat from Cruise Naples that will give participants a chance to explore the estuary. Visitors who are 12 and older can give kayaking a try, with boating activities on a first-come, first served basis. Rather stay on solid ground? Join naturalist-led tours of the ½-mile nature trail over an observation bridge across Henderson Creek and

on a new viewing platform.

Inside the learning center, enjoy nature films including the local premiere of "Wild Ocean" and lectures about local estuarine life and habitat restoration efforts. Information about boating safety and conservation will also be available.

Children will be encouraged to handle a horse conch or sea star at touch tanks and to watch fish feeding in the 2,300-gallon aquarium. The learning center also includes interactive exhibits, an art gallery and gift shop.

There's no need to pack a lunch, as several food vendors will be on hand: Subway sandwiches, hot dogs and hamburgers from Russell's Clambakes, Ben & Jerry's ice cream, sodas and water



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Kayakers heading out to explore Rookery Bay.

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For more information, call 417-6310 or visit www.rookerybay.org. The Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve and Environmental Learning Center is at 300 Tower Road in Naples, just south of the intersection of U.S. 41 and C.R. 951 on the way to Marco Island. ■

West Nile virus cases prompt mosquito alert

Two human cases of West Nile virus infection, one of which was fatal, have prompted a mosquito-borne illness alert for Collier County issued by the Florida Department of Health. Both cases of illness were older men.

"Although there are actually low numbers of mosquitoes in our area, all it takes is one mosquito bite to infect us and make us ill," Dr. Joan Colfer, director of the Collier County Health Department, says. "We urge residents and visitors to implement all mosquito precautions and be especially vigilant about the use of mosquito repellent." She outlines "The Five Ds" to protect yourself and loved ones:

■ **Dusk and Dawn** - Avoid

being outdoors when mosquitoes are seeking blood. For many species, this is during the dusk and dawn hours.

■ **Dress** - Wear clothing that covers most of your skin.

■ **DEET** - When the potential exists for exposure to mosquitoes, repellents containing DEET are recommended. Picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus and IR3535 are other repellent options. Always read label directions carefully before applying a repellent. Some repellents are not suitable for children.

■ **Drainage** - Rid the area around your home of standing water, which is where mosquitoes can lay their eggs. Clean out eaves, troughs and gutters. Remove old

tires or drill holes in those used in playgrounds. Turn over or remove empty pots. Check tarps on boats or other equipment that may collect water. Pump out bilges on boats. Replace water in birdbaths and pet or other animal feeding dishes at least once a week. Change water in plant trays, including hanging plants, at least once a week.

Symptoms of West Nile virus may include headache, fever, fatigue, dizziness, weakness and confusion. For more information, visit the Florida Department of Health website at www.doh.state.fl.us, call the Collier County Health Department at 252-8226 or visit Collier Mosquito Control District website at www.CMCD.org. ■

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Registration is open for the first 50 adventurers who sign up for the first annual Rookery Bay Reserve Adventure Race, which will be held on Saturday, Dec. 4.

Friends of Rookery Bay and Up A Creek Kayak Tours present this 3K kayak race on Henderson Creek and 4K run on the nature trail at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center. Awards will be presented for the top three finishers in each category (men, women and relays), and all finishers will receive a medal.

Registration is \$35 for individuals and \$60 for two-person relay teams and includes admission to the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center, race T-shirt and post-race refreshments provided by Costco Naples. Kayaks are not included.

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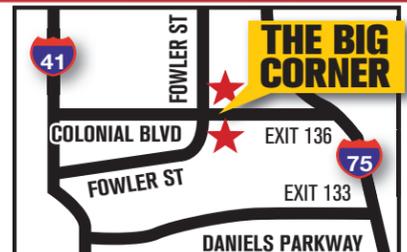
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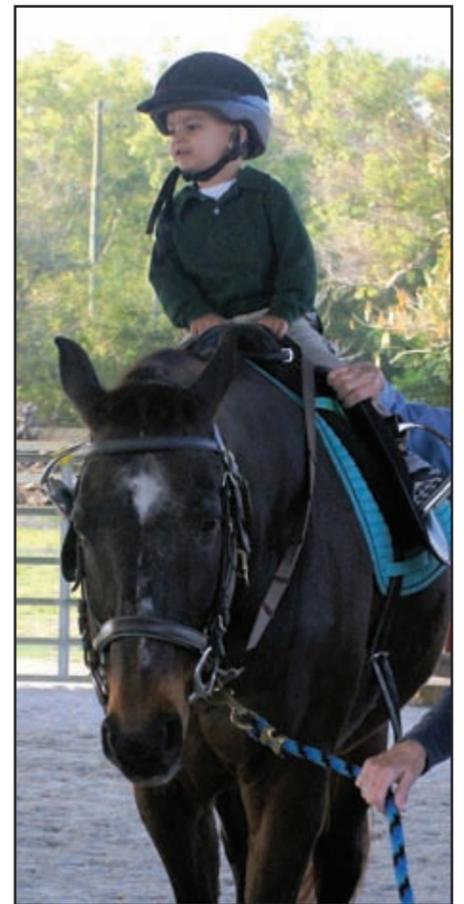
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Hooves, bridles and hay. What do these have to do with learning and healing? The answer is a lot for the many children and adults in Collier County with challenges who benefit from equine therapy at Naples Equestrian Challenge.

NEC recently opened for its 16th season and welcomed more than 100 riders who have varying types and degrees of disabilities.

"I'm so happy to be back!" says Paul Stevens, 24, who was one of the four original riders when therapeutic horseback riding came to Naples in 1995.

"Ted is my favorite horse because he listens to me," adds Mr. Stevens, who has cerebral palsy and uses a wheelchair to get around when he is on the ground. He adds that he loves the new lift that helps NEC staff and volunteers transfer riders to their mounts.

NEC has become a vital part of the lives of many individuals in Collier County, says Sheryl Soukup, the program's new executive director. "It is a privilege to be part of this program that brings horses together with the people who need them most," she says.

"Horseback riding can empower those with mobility issues," Ms. Soukup adds. "Riding provides such a feeling of freedom." Not only can equine therapy benefit riders physically, but it also helps cultivate invaluable positive attitudes.

Therapeutic riding has reported benefits that include increasing joint mobility, strengthening muscle tone,

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improving posture and balance, increasing circulation, boosting self-esteem, calming anxiety and bettering socialization skills. As a horse walks, the rider feels the rhythmic movement in their own body and receives physical, sensory and neurological stimulation. The rider must also continually balance their body, contributing to upper body strength.

NEC riders range from toddlers to senior citizens, and have disabilities that include autism spectrum disorder, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, hearing impairment, multiple sclerosis, spina bifida, visual impairment and mental health issues.

Mike Strain, father of a 4-year-old rider, shares, "The first time we brought Nathan, we didn't believe he would sit up on a horse. The child we brought there had major sensory issues and communication problems. We were amazed to see him sitting way up high and keeping his helmet on the whole ride. Since that first ride, Nathan has become more verbal and tells others in our family about his riding of horses. He takes pride in knowing his commands for the horses and even cheers on the other riders in his class. We can see Nathan relax as he rides and love it when his face lights up during a brisk trot."

NEC provides weekly riding sessions at 206 Ridge Drive, where riders work with one of the 10 therapy horses on site. Certified instructors and a team of trained volunteers direct riders to meet individualized goals.

Naples Equestrian Challenge is supported by private donations and the help of many volunteers. Experience with horses or the disabled is not necessary to volunteer.

"If you like horses and have a passion for helping others, give us a call," Ms. Soukup says. Reach her by calling 596-2988 or e-mailing sherylsoukup@naplesequestrianchallenge.org. ■

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Walk for the Way This Saturday

The United Way of Collier County hosts its fifth annual Walk for the Way Saturday morning, Sept. 25, at North Collier Regional Park. The event marks the beginning of the United Way fundraising season. This year's campaign goal of \$2.3 million will be distributed to 30 Collier County United Way member agencies.

Registration for Walk for the Way is \$10 per person (free for children 5 and under). Sign up at www.unitedwayofcolliercounty.org.

The goal for the walk is \$25,000, and organizers expect more than 2,000 participants from community groups, schools, businesses and neighborhoods. Check in begins at 8 a.m. and the 2.5-mile walk will commence at 9 a.m. This year's walk will feature food and entertainment, vendor booths and prizes. All 30 United Way of Collier County partner agencies will be represented in an agency village.

"This is really an opportunity for people to get to know our partner agencies," says Dr. Leo Mediavilla, co-chair of the walk. "The demand for services provided by our agencies continues to increase dramatically, and so we believe it becomes even more important for people to know where they can receive help within the community."

Presenting sponsors include Collier

County Parks and Recreation; Publix; Bond, Schoeneck & King; Cohen & Grigsby, The Journals; and Renda Broadcasting. More than 35 local businesses have also contributed to this event.

Businesses, neighborhoods, community groups and schools are expected to participate. One in three Collier County residents are affected by agencies aided by the United Way of Collier County. A volunteer budget review committee assesses partner agencies' funding proposals annually in order to assure donors that the UWCC is a good steward of their contributions. With no local public funding, and 30 vital local charities depending on UWCC, a major fundraising campaign is conducted from October through March each year.

To donate or for more information, call 261-7112 or visit the website above. ■

Paver campaign will lead the way to C'mon opening

The Golisano Children's Museum of Naples has launched the "C'mon Pave the Way" campaign to lead the way to the museum's 2011 opening.

Pavers are a thoughtful way to celebrate important milestones, to honor someone special or to remember a loved one. The paver-lined walkway will lead visitors into C'mon's world of exploration and discovery. The museum will celebrate the natural curiosity of children by offering an array of interactive exhibits that connect play with learning.

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For more information, call 514-0084 or visit www.cmon.org ■

Nominations for Diamond Volunteers

Nonprofit organizations that would like to be considered for the Diamond Volunteer Program of recognition founded by Kelly Capolino are reminded that applications are due by Friday, Oct. 15. Ms. Capolino and a panel of judges will choose three organizations to receive the award and will notify the winners on or before Nov. 1.

The program was founded as a way to honor hard-working volunteers who serve the community in a variety of ways. Each of the three winners receives a cocktail reception for up to 25 volunteers, a radio interview and a framed award. The award also includes a 15 percent referral gift, a donation from Ms. Capolino's real estate commission on any transaction stemming from a referral from a winning organization.

Nonprofit organizations interested in

being considered for the Diamond Volunteer Program should e-mail: a short statement about their organization, which volunteers would be honored (i.e., board members, special events volunteers, etc.) and why they would like to honor their volunteers in this particular way. Statements should be limited to one page and e-mailed to DiamondVolunteers@gmail.com. ■

Make-A-Wish seeks volunteers

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.

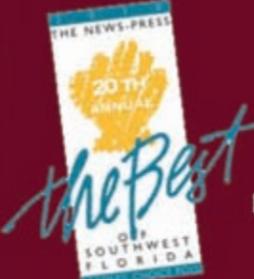
Fundraisers plan and execute activities such as recruiting sponsors, selling tickets/tables and soliciting in-kind donations of auction items, entertainment, catering, etc.

Wish granters work directly with children to discover their heartfelt wishes and then help bring those wishes to fruition. Bilingual Spanish- or Creole-speaking vol-

unteers 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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ANDERSON

RWA Inc. has established an endowed scholarship fund at Florida Gulf Coast University in memory of Naples resident James Anderson, who was a founder and COO of the company when he died in an automobile accident

in June at the age of 46.

Christopher Wright, CEO, says Mr. Anderson was known as a dedicated businessman whose drive and enthusiasm to gain life experiences expanded his participation in community causes. During his time in Naples, he was involved in various community and charitable organizations and events, including Habitat for Humanity, St. Matthew's House, Lorenzo Walker Institute of Technology and Liberty Youth Ranch. He was a long-standing member of the Collier Building Industry Association and of the WCMCC (an organization of car enthusiasts and hobbyists), as well as a graduate of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce Leadership Collier Class of 2010.

Prior to moving to Florida in 1987, Mr. Anderson completed his undergraduate studies at Augustana and Black Hawk Colleges in Illinois. In 1997, he helped establish RWA Inc., a land planning, design and engineering company.

"Jamey was a one-of-a-kind individual — a special talent to our business who will be missed in many ways and on unique and different levels," Mr. Wright adds. "It is the vision of the RWA organization to build upon this scholarship fund in Jamey's honor to express our sincere gratitude for his contributions to life, the relationships he maintained, and the well being of RWA."

The \$10,000 endowment will generate scholarships through earnings to assist qualified students pursuing a degree in engineering. Each year, FGCU will disburse the funds through scholarships to deserving students in accordance with guidelines determined by RWA in conjunction with FGCU.

Additional contributions to the RWA Scholarship Fund are tax-deductible and will help fund scholarships in perpetuity. For more information, contact FGCU's Judie Cassidy at 590-1058. ■

Western Highlands Guatemala study tour departs in May

The Renaissance Academy at Florida Gulf Coast University invites students, educators and health and human service professionals to join the Antigua and Western Highlands Guatemala study tour planned for May 7-16, 2011.

The group will stay six nights at the Camino Real four-star hotel in Antigua; two nights at The Mayan Inn in Chichicastenango; and one night at the Barcelo Hotel in Guatemala City.

With Antigua as the base, each day will offer a trip to a different area of interest. Participants will explore the villages and sites in the vicinity of Antigua, settled in 1543 by the Spanish as the ancient capital. A designated UNESCO Cultural Heritage site, Antigua may be the most outstanding and best-preserved colonial city in Spanish America, boasting remarkable ruins and colonial homes in the Spanish style with beautiful gardens and courtyards.

The Renaissance Academy study tour offers the option of 40 contact hours for health-care professionals, including 10 hours of one-on-one Spanish instruction in addition to the cultural tours.

Cost for the trip is \$1,998 per person (land and air), plus \$86 per person in taxes; pricing is based on double occupancy. Suggested deposit deadline is Oct. 15 to better ensure limited availability; final deadline for registration, depending



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Chichicastenango

on availability, is Jan. 20, 20100.

For more information, call 425-3270 or visit www.fgcu.edu/racademy.

Local classes begin next month

FGCU's Renaissance Academy is a lifelong learning program for adults, seniors and retirees. The fall session of classes begins in October at locations throughout Southwest Florida, from Marco Island to Punta Gorda. The first program at the Naples Center downtown is a screening and discussion of the 2006 Hungarian film, "Fateless," to launch the Sunday Movies: Foreign Film Series, from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3. The series continues Oct. 10 ("A Prophet," France) and 24 ("The Class," France), and Nov. 7 ("Once," Ireland), 14 ("Shots of Rum," France) and 21 ("Gosford Park," UK). Visit the website above for a complete online catalogue of classes, class descriptions, dates and locations. ■

It's never too early to think about college

"How to Be College Savvy" is the topic of a free seminar at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at Books-A-Million in Mercato. Designed for parents and high-school juniors and seniors, the program is presented by representatives from Kipnis College Connection, a Naples-based company that helps guide parents and students through the college admission process.

Topics to be addressed at the free workshop include:

- What are colleges looking for today?
- College search and selection
- Understanding SAT and ACT tests
- The college application process
- Searching for scholarships

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FAMILY

From page 1

Kelly and Aldo Musico own Aldo's restaurant in Naples. As the parents of three daughters, they are enthusiastic advocates of family dining. Mrs. Musico admits it can be a challenge to get the family together for a meal — especially when the family business is a restaurant — but she says they work hard to make it happen.

"You learn so much about each other when you sit down face-to-face," she says. "It's so personal to look at your kids across the table, and it's not the same thing as talking to them when you're driving home from school."

The rewards of family dinnertime, she adds, are immeasurable.

"For many years after we opened Aldo's, it was so hard for us to sit down together, say a prayer and enjoy a meal, but it makes the kids feel safe and comfortable," she says. "Now that the kids are in school, we eat together more often. It's huge for our daughter Isabella, who is 8, and it's important for the structure of the family. It makes everyone feel secure."

Educational fun

During art classes on Family Day, the youngest children at the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County will decorate placemats to take home for their family meals. High school students will learn from a professional chef how to plan a meal and prepare it, how to read recipes and food labels, as well as the basics of kitchen safety and sanitation. Middle-schoolers will take part in "Start SMART," a drug prevention program



Kelly and Aldo Musico, at right with their daughters and friends, often invite other families to join them at the table at Aldo's restaurant.

KELLY MERRITT / FLORIDA WEEKLY

that teaches how to make good choices, how to avoid peer pressure and the dangers of drug, alcohol and tobacco use. And elementary students will participate in a health program called "What Are You Made Of?" that focuses on the food pyramid and the importance of making the right choices for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

YMCA of the Palms is supporting Family Day by providing families with a Healthy Family Home starter kit. The YMCA Healthy Family Home initiative is based on the principle that families who support each other are more likely to make positive lifestyle behavior changes. Interested families can stop by any YMCA of the Palms location on Family Day — or any day — to pick up their free kit.

"Remember that whether you're dining out at a restaurant, ordering food from your favorite take-out place or enjoying dinner at home, what your kids really want during dinner time is YOU," says Anne Frazier, executive director of Drug Free Collier. "Family meals are the perfect time to talk to your kids and to listen to what's on their mind."

Kids eat free

Drug Free Collier is partnering with The Dock and The Riverwalk restaurants for a kids-eat-free offer on Family Day. On Monday, Sept. 27, kids accompanied by a parent can eat free from the children's menu at either restaurant. The Dock is at 845 12th Ave. S.; The Riverwalk is at 1200 Fifth Ave. S.

"If you're a business, organization or restaurant, let us know how we can partner with you to encourage Collier County families to eat together," Ms. De Armas says.

For more information, contact Drug Free Collier at 377-0516 or online at www.DrugFreeCollier.org. For downloadable tips, activities and word games to engage kids before and after dinner, visit www.CasaFamilyDay.org. ■

in the know

>> Fun at the table

See who can unscramble these letters and come up with words related to the Family Day campaign:

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- nerdin
- koco
- kate tou
- sanocovernti
- cdrehiln
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- meoh
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>> Conversation starters

Looking for a way to get the conversation going around the table? Try some of these questions:

- What is the one thing you could absolutely not live without?
- If you had to eat just one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?
- If you could have any animal as a pet, what would it be?
- Where would you go for a dream vacation?
- If you could have any superpower, what would it be?
- If you could donate \$1,000 to any charity, what would it be?
- If you could trade lives with anyone, who would it be?



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Collier troops celebrate 100 years of scouting

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As part of the centennial celebration of scouting, Collier County scouts of all ages are hosting games and challenges for the public from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, at Sugden Regional Park. The fun will include the third annual Kinetic Bike Relay Race.

Numerous civic organizations will be on hand with exhibits and information. Games and exhibits are free to the public; arm-bands for \$5 will allow entry to a bounce house slide and rock-climbing wall.

For more information, call Christian Andrea at 250-7616. ■

Upcoming St. Paul yard sales

Do some fall cleaning around the house and sell what you don't want or need anymore at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

The church at 3901 Davis Blvd. will hold a yard sale and fresh produce market from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 25, and again Saturday, Oct. 30.

Booth rental is \$20. Call 643-0197 to book a space or for more information. ■

Thrifty Neapolitan in the running for Goodwill title

Goodwill's "So You Think You're Thrifty" competition has been narrowed down to the "final four," and the nonprofit organization is asking its supporters to vote in store and online to help pick the "thriftiest" shopper in Southwest Florida.

"We had more than 40 great contestants audition this year," explains Kirsten O'Donnell, public relations director at Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida. Contestants were required to write an essay and meet a panel of judges from Goodwill.

"We heard some great stories of people who had really changed their lives because of their dedication to being thrifty shoppers," Ms. O'Donnell says.

This year's final four are Teresa McCoskey of Naples, Rachell Skerlec of Cape Coral, Denise Williams of Clewiston and Darren Yonts of Fort Myers.

"We had different reasons for selecting each of them," Ms. O'Donnell says about the finalists. "Teresa has



COURTESY PHOTO

Teresa McCoskey of Naples on the hunt for bargains at the Goodwill store in Bonita Springs.

a fantastic sense of style and fashion. Rachell has used her thrifting finds to enrich her life. Denise's spirit of generosity really caught our attention, and Darren might spend more time in our stores than the other three finalists combined."

Each finalist was awarded a \$100 shopping spree, with the results posted at www.goodwillswfl.org. Visitors to the website can also watch a video of

each finalist in bargain-hunting action and then cast a vote for the shopper they deem the thriftiest. Ballots are also available in each of Goodwill's 24 Southwest Florida retail stores. Voting ends Friday, Oct. 1.

The grand prize winner will receive a \$250 Goodwill gift certificate, lunch with the CEO, tickets to Goodwill's black-tie Tux & Trees Gala in Fort Myers and the opportunity to appear in an advertising campaign for Goodwill.

Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida Inc. operates 24 retail and donation centers in Southwest Florida to support its mission of helping people with disabilities and other barriers to employment. Proceeds earned from the resale of donated items are used to support Goodwill's programs and services, including Job-Link centers, housing for people with disabilities and for low-income seniors, vehicle assistance and a charter school for students with developmental disabilities. ■

Nominations for makeovers due Oct. 1

Two Collier County residents who are thankful for positive changes they have made in their lives will receive makeovers from several businesses that are members of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce.

Nominations are welcome and should be submitted via e-mail to Erick Carter of Tory's Hair Care at erickcre8u@gmail.com. Whether

you are suggesting yourself as a makeover candidate or a friend or colleague, the nomination must consist of a letter of explanation and a photograph.

The "Big Reveal" will take place as part of the chamber's Business After 5 networking meeting on Thursday, Nov. 18, at Naples Bay Resort. This is the second year the chamber has organized "Makeovers in Paradise,"

the winners of which receive hair and makeup services, teeth whitening, dermatology services and a wardrobe consultation. Participating businesses, in addition to Tory's Hair Care, are: Nordstrom, Riverchase Dermatology, Nancy Joseph Make Up Artist, Dr. Richard Arcia, Alpha Media Inc and The Marino Group.

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CLUB NOTES

Press club meets at Blue Martini

Members of the Naples Press Club will meet for happy hour from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, at Blue Martini in Mercato. Complimentary appetizers will be served, and there will be a cash bar. Admission is free. RSVP by e-mailing rsvp@naplespressclub.org. ■

Thinking outside the container

Ikebana International Naples Chapter kicks off the new season on Wednesday, Oct. 6, with a demonstration by Naples resident and chapter member Carol Brocklesby on using the space around the container to add drama and interest to your floral design.

The meeting takes place from 9-11 a.m. in Moss Hall at Moorings Presbyterian Church. Attendance is free and all are welcome. Non-members are requested to make a reservation by e-mailing ikebananaples@me.com.

For more information about the club, visit www.ikebananaples.com. ■

Here's to Toastmasters

Naples Speakeasy, an advanced Toastmasters Club and Speakers Bureau, meets from 6-7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month at the North Naples Collier Government Building, 2335 Orange Blossom Drive. Guests are welcome. For more information, call 262-8183 or visit www.naples-speakeasy.org. ■

Orchid Society meets Oct. 7

The Naples Orchid Society meets on the first Thursday evening of the month at Moorings Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Drive. Guest speaker Oct. 7 will be Jerry Sellers of Camp-Lot-A-Noise Tropicals in Sarasota.

Flower registration is at 6:30 p.m. followed by judging at 7:10 p.m., business meeting at 7:30 p.m. and program at 7:45 p.m. Annual membership dues are \$30 for an individual or \$40 for a family membership. For more information, e-mail waterwaysorchidman@gmail.com or visit www.naplesorchidsociety.org. ■

MOPS meets twice a month

Mothers of Preschoolers, MOPS, meets from 9:15-11:30 a.m. on the first and third Wednesdays at Center Point Community Church, 6590 Golden Gate Parkway. Moms socialize and enjoy speakers. Childcare is available. For more information, call 261-7486 or visit www.mops.org. ■

Get acquainted with newcomers

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

The club meets for luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month, year 'round. Prospective members are invited to coffee at 10 a.m. on the first Thursday of each month. For meeting locations and more information, call 298-4083 or visit www.naplesnewcomers.com.

The Bonita Springs Newcomers Club welcomes women who have lived in Bonita for less than three years. Luncheons are held at area country clubs on the third Thursday of every month (December meeting is on the second Thursday). For more information, e-mail bonitanewcomers@gmail.com or visit www.bonitaspringsnewcomersclub.com. ■

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Shelter plans programs for Domestic Violence Awareness Month

The Shelter for Abused Women & Children will host a series of activities throughout October as part of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. As in previous years, the events are designed to raise awareness about intimate partner violence and to educate about available programs and services, as well as to involve the community in helping to prevent abuse before it begins, protect victims and prevail over violence in our homes, neighborhoods and community.

Here is the calendar of events for the first two weeks of the month:

Educating with Emery Boards

2-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2

Volunteers will hand out Shelter emery boards at 10 Publix locations in Collier County in an effort to raise awareness about National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and The Shelter's programs and services.

Youth Symposium

1-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9

Co-sponsored by Hodges University and The Shelter's Youth Advisory Council, this event features Danielle Joy Linheart presenting information about dating violence and healthy relationships.

Immokalee Linguistics Community Meeting

9-11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 11

Held in Immokalee, this event features a panel of speakers discussing services available for children and domestic violence victims within the community.

Women of Color Caucus Meeting

Friday, Oct. 15

Held at The Shelter's Naples headquarters, The Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence Women of Color Caucus will meet to discuss issues and identify critical needs across the state of Florida.

For more information about these programs, call 775-3862 or visit www.theshelter.org. Watch Florida Weekly for information about additional events on the schedule for National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. ■

North Naples firefighters welcome Pink Heals Tour to Mercato

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The Pink Heals Tour is on the move. Guardians of the Ribbon, dressed in pink fire suits, will drive pink fire trucks across the nation on a journey to raise funds and awareness for women affected by cancer.



The North Naples Professional Fire Fighters Local 2297 and North Naples Fire District are teaming up with the Pink Heals Tour to show support and welcome four pink trucks to Mercato at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25. As the trucks make their way across the states, messages of gratitude, hope and love are written on the vehicles at each stop.

North Naples Battalion Chief Dave Bellamy is encouraged by local support as he spearheads the effort. "We do some kind of fundraising every year. When I heard about what was happening with the Guardians, I knew I wanted to be involved," he says. "It's our first time, and the response has been overwhelming from everyone — merchants at Mercato, local leaders, volunteers and medical professionals."

Proceeds from the Naples leg of the tour will benefit the Cancer Alliance of Naples and Pink Ribbon Yoga.

An evening of celebration at Mercato from 5:30 to 10 p.m. will include portrait painting, raffles, live entertainment, a bounce house, a dunk tank, hay ride, silent auctions and T-shirts for sale (the major fund-raising component to keep the trucks on the road). Attendees can tour the inside of the trucks and write their personal message on the outside. Whole Foods Market will be selling pink ribbon cupcakes.

The Guardians of the Ribbon is an Arizona nonprofit organization consisting of firefighters, police officers and leaders in the community whose sole purpose is raising awareness for the fight against cancer.



A Pink Heals Tour fire truck

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in the know

The Pink Heals Tour

- >>What: Guardians of the Ribbon and four pink fire trucks
- >>When: 5:30-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25
- >>Where: Mercato
- >>Cost: To raise funds and awareness for women affected by cancer
- >>Info: www.northnaplesfire.com or www.pinkfiretrucks.org

In 2008, Glendale, Ariz., firefighter Dave Graybill found inspiration by a fellow station's firemen who donned pink shirts to honor the fight against breast cancer for women of Las Cruces. Mr. Graybill later had an epiphany: a pink fire truck.

With no money to purchase a truck, Mr. Graybill started out by driving around with a donated stainless steel pink ribbon on a trailer. Through a serendipitous encounter with a friend who learned of the mission, his friend's wife wrote a check for \$13,500 on the spot.

Mr. Graybill got his first truck on eBay from Jacksonville, Fla.

Mr. Graybill rolled down the freeway in the pink truck for the first time, he recalls, a woman starting crying out for him to pull over. He did, and she was the first person to write on the truck. Although the primary mission was to raise awareness for breast cancer, women along the way reached out to gain support for other forms of cancer, and kicked off the idea for Pink Heals Tour.

The Guardians of the Ribbon has helped raise more than \$200,000 for cities across the country by bringing their pink trucks to help promote love and support.

To learn more, visit www.pinkfiretrucks.org or www.northnaplesfire.com.

To make a donation, send a check payable to North Naples Professional Fire Fighters (include Pink Heals in the memo line) to North Naples Professional Fire Fighters; P.O. Box 112049; Naples, FL 34108. ■

Help keep Collier's coastlines beautiful

Keep Collier Beautiful Inc. is organizing volunteers for Ocean Conservancy's 25th annual International Coastal Cleanup Day on Saturday, Sept 25.

From 9 a.m. to noon, volunteers will be able to pick up cleanup supplies and set out to remove trash and debris at Delnor Wiggins Pass State Park, Vanderbilt Beach, Lowdermilk Park, Naples Pier, Bayview Park, Rookery Bay, Cedar Bay Yacht Club, Marco River Marina, 10,000 Island Nature Preserve, Tigertail

Beach, the Goodland and Jolie bridges and canals throughout Golden Gate.

"It's our largest volunteer litter and marine debris cleanup of the year," says Cher Compton, KCB executive director. For more information, call 580-8319 or visit www.keepcollierbeautiful.com. ■

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Free seminars at Physicians Regional

Physicians Regional Healthcare System presents the following free seminars:

- "Living with Knee Pain? Discover Robotic Arm Knee Surgery," presented by Dr. Jon Douchis from 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28.

- "Take Control of Arthritis," presented by rheumatologist Dr. Allan Goodwin from 4-5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30.

Programs take place at Physicians Regional-Pine Ridge, 6101 Pine Ridge Road. Attendance is free, but seating is limited and reservations are requested. Call 348-4180. Visit www.physiciansregional.com for a complete listing of lecture topics, dates and locations. ■

Support group for Alzheimer's family and friends

Juniper Village at Naples hosts a Family and Friends Support Group discussion with Dr. Catherine Cruikshank, director of education for the Southwest Florida Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept 29, at Juniper Village at 1155 Encore Way.

The topic of discussion will be "How To Say Goodbye to Guilt." Call 598-1368 to RSVP. ■

Chiropractor joins Naples center

Kristen Sowalsky, a chiropractic physician and American College of Sports Medicine health fitness specialist, has joined Riebesell Chiropractic Center in Naples.

For the past three years, Dr. Sowalsky has been practicing in Colorado using the low-force Activator Methods technique, which she now brings to Naples. The technique involves a hand-held Activator adjusting instrument that delivers a controlled, fast and comfortable thrust that helps re-align and restore proper motion to joints without adding stress to the surrounding tissues.

In addition to chiropractic services, Dr. Sowalsky provides nutritional counseling, food allergy testing, physiotherapy, body composition measurements and personal training. ■

Marco bank hosts grief support group

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. ■



Emma Pineda

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Yoga practitioners in Naples bend and stretch for Africa

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Yoga Aid Challenge 2010 at Bala Vinyasa Yoga celebrated community, giving and sharing to raise funds for the Africa Yoga Project. Through a special class at the studio, BV Yoga raised \$34,420 for Africa Yoga Project, which introduced young people in Kenya and Nairobi to the balancing practice of yoga and provides educational scholarships, job training, food stipends, housing and health services.

Paige Elenson, founder and director of Africa Yoga Project, came to BV Yoga to share the story of how she was inspired to create the project and the heart-touching stories of the students and teachers the organization is developing and empowering. Ms. Elenson kicked off the two-hour session of 108 sun salutations and surprised students with a surprise guest teacher: Via Skype, an Africa Yoga Project instructor based in Kenya guided the class through five sun salutes live from Africa.

The Yoga Aid Challenge at BV Yoga in Naples was one of 35 such sessions that took place across the United States on Sept. 18, putting mats in service for



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Anthony Tineo

a cause during National Yoga Month. For more information about Africa Yoga Project, visit www.africayogaproject.org. For more information about the local Bala Vinyasa studio, visit www.bvyoga.com. ■

STRAIGHT TALK

Partnering is key in an ever-changing environment



The one constant in the new health-care environment is change. Health-care reform is inevitable. The status quo is unacceptable.

And while no one solution will solve every problem, more often than not, this century's health-care demands partnerships in order to be successful.

With this in mind, let's explore a patient's, a physician's, a hospital system's and an insurance company's opportunities and obstacles to enjoying good health in this new and changing environment.

- **Patients** - A new Kaiser Family Foundation and American Hospital Association study says: "Working patients are shouldering more of the costs of health coverage than ever before amid stagnant wages and a weak economy." A worker's share of health-care costs has risen by 14 percent. Individually, we also have increased our risks by overeating, smoking, not exercising and other bad habits.

- **Physicians** - Doctors face the stress of profit-margin squeeze,

through decreased reimbursement with rising overhead; malpractice challenge with defensive medicine; and the lack of standardization. To combat such stresses, doctors have integrated with other physicians, rehab centers, home care coordinators and others along the care continuum. Such partnering is one excellent way to ensure success.

- **Hospital systems** - Inefficiencies, aging structures, excess capacity with high fixed overhead and inadequate use of technology are problems that can be solved by having the courage to redesign.

- **Insurance companies** - Insurers have been attacked for meager "loss ratio" payouts and rich "profit margins." According to the Governance Institute, "Under the current payment system, physicians are incentivized to provide more services with little regard to best practices or cost sensitivity." This, of course, is wrong and unsustainable. Recent separate discussions with Humana and Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Florida have explored the idea of sharing savings with patients, physicians, hospitals and insurers.

In terms of partnering, one solution legislated in the Healthcare Reform

Act is an Accountable Care Organization, where patients, physicians, hospitals and insurance companies work together to produce the best patient outcomes using the fewest resources. This is key. All providers, working together, using a common electronic medical record focused on best practices with standardization, will yield far better outcomes for patients, higher satisfaction and remuneration for physicians, more efficient and "right-sized" hospitals, and more viable and value-added insurance companies.

The transition from traditional fee-for-service to bundling of payments for whole episodes of care — such as total joint replacement, heart bypass, congestive heart failure, and diabetes — will be difficult and will require flexibility and patience. Each of us must understand our role and responsibilities in order to improve quality and value.

By everyone becoming more efficient and effective, we will all be better off — patients, physicians, hospitals and the insurance companies. By partnering, we will all succeed together. ■

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

TO YOUR HEALTH

Now hear this: Advancing age is not the only thing that brings hearing loss

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Although most people associate hearing loss with advancing age, the condition is also associated with exposure to loud noises — something that many of today's baby boomers have faced since childhood, Naples audiologist April Royan says. Today, about two out of three people with hearing loss are below retirement age, she adds.



ROYAN

Ms. Royan and Decibels Audiology & Hearing Aid Center in North Naples kick off October's National Audiology Awareness Month by encouraging adults to have their

hearing checked early, before hearing loss takes a toll on their personal and professional lives. With that in mind, Ms. Royan will conduct free screenings from 9-11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, at Sunshine Pharmacy at 6350 Davis Blvd. and from 9-11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 24, at Sunshine Pharmacy at 80 Wilson Blvd. S. in Golden Gate.

Hearing loss can occur gradually over time, so people don't often realize they are changing the way they live to make up for the disability, Ms. Royan says. "The good news is that hearing loss can be easily diagnosed," she adds, "and for most people, there are solutions in the form of digital hearing aids, many of which are not visible."

Key symptoms of hearing loss include not being able to hear well in a crowded room or restaurant, hav-

ing to ask friends to repeat what they are saying, or not being able to hear sounds that others seem to be able to hear better.

"Too many people cling to the old belief that wearing a hearing aid won't help fix their hearing problems," Ms. Royan says. "We hope to help people understand that hearing aids work better than ever and can dramatically improve the quality of their lives."

"With the technology currently available, and with what we see on the horizon, there are many exciting options that will allow adults to stay connected — in every sense of the word."

For more information about the free screening at area Sunshine Pharmacy locations, call Decibels Audiology & Hearing Aid Center at 593-5327 or visit www.napleshearingaids.com. ■

Physician speaks about Parkinson's

Naples gastroenterologist Dr. Joe Spano will address The Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida from 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, at Moorings Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Drive. Dr. Spano will discuss "Complementary Therapies and Parkinson Disease." An American Board of Internal Medicine diplomate, he has been practicing in Naples since 1970.

Attendance is free, but registration is required as space is limited. Mental health professionals are eligible for two hours of continuing education through the Mental Health Association of Southwest Florida (CEs are free for MHAS-WFL members, \$10 for non-members). Call 417-3465 to sign up.

The Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida is a predominately volunteer organization that serves more than 1,000 families in the area in its mission to promote the quality of life for persons with Parkinson Disease and their care partners. For more information, visit www.pasfi.org. ■

Fall is season for flu vaccines

With flu season starting in Southwest Florida, Millennium Physician Group is providing the influenza vaccine at all 17 office locations. This year's vaccine has been developed to protect against H3N2, H1N1 and the influenza B virus.

The Centers for Disease Control recommends everyone ages 6 months and older should get a flu vaccine and that the following high-risk groups should be first in line:

- Children younger than 5, but especially children younger than 2 years old
- Adults 65 years of age and older
- Pregnant women
- Children and adults with chronic health problems (asthma, COPD, blood disorders, immune system disorders)

Millennium Physician Group has two offices in Naples. For more information, call 249-7800 or visit www.Millennium-Physician.org. ■

Classes for coping with vision loss

Lighthouse of Collier Inc., Center for Blindness and Vision Loss is collaborating with the Division of Blind Services to

present classes to help people who are going blind or having vision loss. Classes take place at Lighthouse of Collier, 424 Bayfront Place, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Monday and Thursday. Topics covered include:

1. Skills for safe, independent navigation at home, work and in the community.
2. Skills to live independently and safely at home: tactile medication labeling, cooking, money identification, grooming and other daily living tasks.
3. Use of assistive technology, from large print displays and Braille, to accessing e-mail and the Internet with talking PCs.

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. ■

Support groups meet at NCH

Stroke survivors and caregivers meet from 2-3:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Telford Building on the downtown hospital campus. Call Rebeka DiMaria for information, 436-6361.

Mended Hearts welcomes heart disease patients and their families from 4-5:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month. For more information, call 436-5236.

NCH also offers a pre-diabetes seminar to help attendees determine whether they are at risk for developing the disease. Sessions take place in the von Arx Diabetes Center. Call 436-6755 for dates and times. ■

Take a walk for SWF hearts

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

The 17th annual Collier County Start! Heart Walk, which is locally sponsored by an anonymous donor in memory of Kyle Fernstrom as well as by Arthrex and Physicians Regional Healthcare System, will take place Saturday, Nov. 6,

at Cambier Park. For details, contact Teresa McInnis at 287-4981 or teresa.mcinnis@heart.org.

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

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

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PET TALES

Emergency measures

There may not be a second chance to make a critical medical decision

BY DR. MARTY BECKER & GINA SPADAFORI
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Emergencies always seem to happen when your family veterinary office is closed, don't they? You're having a great time and suddenly your pet seems ill. Is he sick enough for a trip to the emergency clinic?

No one wants to see a pet in pain or in danger. But every day, people spend money they didn't need to for emergency clinic trips they didn't have to make.

Some of the things that get people in a panic can be of no concern at all. One time, while working overnight in an emergency veterinary clinic, I saw a woman frantic because she thought pieces of her dog's intestines were leaking out of his back end. In fact, the dog was infested with tapeworms. Definitely in need of treatment, but nothing that couldn't wait until the weekend was over.

Knowing what's a



true emergency and what's not can save you hundreds of dollars, since emergency clinics — like human emergency care — can be quite expensive.

Here are some signs that should have you heading for a veterinarian, day or night:

- Seizure, fainting or collapse.
- Eye injury, no matter how mild.
- Vomiting or diarrhea — anything more than two or three times within an hour or so. Also, a dog who's trying to vomit (or may be vomiting foam, licking lips), has a drum-tight abdomen and a "roached-back" appearance indicative of abdominal pain.
- Allergic reactions, such as swelling around the face, or hives, most easily seen on the belly.
- Any suspected poisoning, including antifreeze, rodent or snail bait, or human medication. Cats are especially sensitive to insecticides (such as

flea-control medication for dogs) or any petroleum-based product.

- Snake or venomous spider bites.
- Thermal stress — from being either too cold or too hot — even if the pet seems to have recovered. (The internal story could be quite different.)
- Any wound or laceration that's open and bleeding, or any animal bite.
- Trauma, such as being hit by a car, even if the pet seems fine. (Again, the situation could be quite different on the inside.)
- Any respiratory problem: chronic coughing, trouble breathing or near drowning.
- Straining to urinate or defecate.

Although some other problems may not be life-threatening, they may be causing your pet pain and should be taken care of without delay. Signs of pain can include panting, labored breathing, increased body temperature, lethargy, restlessness, crying out, aggression and loss of appetite. Some pets seek company when suffering, while others will withdraw.

When in doubt, err on the side of caution, always. Better to be dead wrong about a minor medical problem than to have a pet who's dead because you guessed wrong about a major one.

Call your veterinary clinic or hospital before you need help to ask what arrangements the staff suggests for emergency or after-hours care. If your veterinarian refers clients to an emergency clinic after regular business hours, be sure you know which clinic, what the phone number is and how to get there quickly and safely. ■

Pets of the Week



>> **Bo Bo** is a 6-month-old Chihuahua mix. He loves to play, but needs additional training — and someone to love him.



>> **Patti** is a 4-month-old calico who was rescued by the fire department. She adores being petted.



>> **Rocky** is a 14-month-old domestic shorthair tiger. He is a most affectionate cat. Rocky also walks on a leash.



>> **Tequila** is a 4-month-old smooth fox terrier/pit bull mix. A little dog with a big heart, she loves people and is good on the leash.

To adopt a pet

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



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MUSINGS

Sublimity



Riddle:
What is small on the outside and large on the inside?

Once upon a time, the cuckolded Persian king Shahryar demanded that his vizier daily find a new virgin to sport with him nightly upon his marital bed. After each night of dalliance, a new mourning followed. The hapless lover was beheaded. More than 3,000 women later, the vizier could no longer find a virgin. Afraid of what consequence such a lapse might merit, the vizier's daughter volunteered to be the next chosen.

This wise and compassionate daughter is Scheherazade.

Each night she tells the king a new story. Sometimes the tale ends hanging off the cliff. Sometimes the story drifts into philosophical speculation, or even into precise anatomical description. But whatever the case, the story of each of the 1,001 nights is so compelling that the king breathlessly and joyfully stays the execution in favor of continued narrative.

The literary conceit of a story within a story is called a frame story. The inner stories can be related to the outer story in many ways. An inner story can reveal the profound significance of the outer story world. It can disclose information, formulate characters, and reveal mythos. Or the inner

story can be mere extraneous diversion, like a deleted film scene esoterically included for film buffs at the end of a DVD.

And sometimes it is the outer story that is extraneous, a mere empty net purposelessly bundling the stories within.

In post-modern author John Barth's novel *Chimera*, Mr. Barth appears as a character who goes back into the past, and meets Scheherazade before the story telling begins. In his novel, Mr. Barth becomes the creator of the plan for telling stories, as well as the inventor of the various stories.

The story frame, it seems, is ever expansive, total potentiality, magnificently mutable. Truly sublime.

Sometime in the first three centuries of the Common Era, Longinus wrote "On the Sublime," his treatise of literary criticism/aesthetics about the effects of good writing. Longinus characterizes the sublime as that which draws us beyond human empiricism. The sublime is an illusion that draws us to realize more than the mundane. In the creative act of writing, the writer joins with, merges into, the sublime. And in the embrace of this dalliance, the reader is also charged and changed.

The great vastness of the sublime can also be seen in the revolution evolution of scientific theory. Thus have I heard: Since 1995, there are five states of matter. These states arise due to the heat within them. The solid state exists below 0 degrees Centigrade; liquid, from 0 to 100 degrees; gases from 100 degrees to 100,000 degrees. At this level of hot, the state of matter is called plasma. Plasma is super-hot and excited, like stars

and lightning.

The newest state is that which exists colder than the coldest solid. At 0 degrees Kelvin, there is no more molecular movement. And at just a little bit colder, a billionth of a degree colder, there comes into existence the Bose-Einstein condensate. This state of being is super-unexcited, super-cold. There are no longer separate atoms, but clumps or blobs of undifferentiated matter.

In both the extreme states of dark cold and hot light there is embrace beyond duality. There is the non-differentiated sublime. Science, too, narrates story of the sublime.

On the Earth, that island of ordinary matter between hot stars and condensates, matter is continuously changing format. The temperature at which there is change from liquid to solid is called the freezing point; and, the temperature at which liquids become gases is called the boiling point. But the change of state that is most sublime is that of passing directly from solid to vapor, and then condensing back to solid. This is the state of sublimity.

In the aesthetic philosophy of Kant, the sublime is the dark beauty that can destroy — vaporize — the observer. Not your pretty picture. There is instead the void of the endless desert, the overpowering turbulence of nature, the immensity of extent and duration in which the self is re-narrated. This spacious awe is more important than beauty. It arises from sense, embodied, not from the safety of conceptual mind. The sublime is absolutely great. It is formless object: boundless. It is fearful and irregular; it is mingled with horror and despair.



The sublime is born in the kaleidoscoping of frames, stories told into deepening felt sense, going down, becoming smaller and larger, arising infinitely beyond bounds. The excessively signified sublime to vapor. The excessive signifiers return solid to earth, becoming that to which they had once merely pointed.

The word sublime comes from a Latin word meaning "sloping up to the lintel." The lintel is the horizontal span, which carries the load above an opening. The sublime is asymptotic, always on the way, never arriving. It is ever-expanding narrative in search of embrace of the potential. It is realization of no horizon, no load, no frame. No opening. No opining.

Thus I have heard the story. ■

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

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BIG GIVERS



SWFL philanthropists speed ahead, even in tough times

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They get up in the morning, they run companies and corporations all day, and they make a lot of money doing it, while employing a lot of other people to help them do it.

But so do many other Americans and Floridians. At the end of the day, that's not what defines these folks as extraordinary.

Instead, they're defined by philanthropy, from the Latin and Greek phil - anthrophia: Love of

mankind.

From Naples and Marco Island north through a five-county region now populated by more than 1.3 million people, a few serious philanthropists — only some of them cited here — have shouldered the burdens of many to ratchet up the quality of life for all.

It's American business at its level best.

For similarly unusual and philanthropic versions of the traditional company man or company woman, the attitude

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Unemployment figures continue to disappoint, especially in Southwest Florida

Unemployment throughout Southwest Florida rose in August and remains among the highest in the state. In Lee County, 13.7 percent of the workforce, or 37,649 people, are looking for work. That's up from 13.3 percent in July and 13.4 percent from August 2009. Hendry County has the worst unemployment rate in the state, at 20.6 percent, one out of every five people in the workforce is out of work. Unemployment was up in Charlotte and Collier counties as well, at 13 and 13.6 percent respectively.

Statewide the unemployment level is



at 11.7 percent, about two points higher than the national rate, which was at 9.6 percent for August. ■

the numbers

>> Unemployed in Southwest Florida

	August 2010	July 2010	August 2009
	% / Number of people	% / Number of people	% / Number of people
Lee	13.7% / 37,649	13.3% / 36,625	13.4% / 37,072
Collier	13.6% / 19,303	13.2% / 18,588	13.2% / 18,644
Charlotte	13.0% / 8,950	12.6% / 8,658	12.3% / 8,468
Hendry	20.6% / 3,282	19.9% / 3,234	18.1% / 2,988
Glades	13.9% / 603	13.6% / 585	11.8% / 522
Miami-Dade	14.4% / 188,889	13.3% / 171,944	11.6% / 146,187
Broward	10.7% / 106,406	10.5% / 104,659	9.9% / 98,160
Palm Beach	12.5% / 78,287	12.3% / 76,446	11.7% / 72,801

MONEY & INVESTING

Unraveling the unemployment problem



Tough economic circumstances continue for millions of workers. These times are confusing to the average citizen as well as Washington policymakers and the corporate world.

Most would agree that the toughest part of these times is the degree and nature of U.S. unemployment. Here a statistic, there a statistic ... all-pointing to a lukewarm recovery, at best. But the one figure that worries everyone and breaks many a heart is the unemployment problem. Locally, the unemployment figures are dismal. Nationally, the numbers are equally disheartening.

■ Some 15 million are unemployed. These are the folks who are seeking work.

■ Another 2.5 million are best described as those who want a job but have conceded defeat.

■ There are 9 million part-time workers, many of whom want full-time work.

■ About 2 million are underemployed. These are people working in full- or part-time positions but considerably below their training and aptitudes.

■ In the "hopper" are the 2011 to 2014 college graduates, who will soon be entrants into the labor market.

"Just do it." "Be creative." "Pound the pavement." These battle cries work well for the best, the brightest and the most persistent but they are not a solution to the over-

all unemployment problem. Sure, many people will be hugely creative and start a new company, many small business owners will be price competitive and garner shares from the big boys, and many jobseekers will intern and network until the scant job opens and he or she can fill in the spot. But these entrepreneurial initiatives are not solutions for the masses of unemployed in Florida, Michigan, Ohio, etc.

The core problem (and the worry behind the scare of deflation) is that the U.S. suffers from a lack of demand for its products and services — a lack of demand sufficient to get businesses to hire, expand, rebuild and the like — all which translate into jobs. As bad as inflation is, it at least creates demand, as the fear is that soon the service or product will cost more.

Government "make-work" as in census jobs, has largely expired. No lasting "demand" was created. New "make-work" might be on the horizon. But, there is concern that it will cost a dollar to generate a dollar of GDP and, after being spent, the U.S. will return to its malaise.

Two questions persist: Wherein lie the solutions? And who or what entity has the money to effect the solutions?

There are hundreds of proposed solutions to our economic woes. But unless one can focus on solutions that will give the biggest bang for the buck, they are a huge waste of energy and a mish-mosh of programs to manage. Big solutions do not rest in any one project, they are in broad-based policy initiatives that set the businesses humming.

In simplistic terms, if John Doe has a big financial problem, he goes to someone who

has money — money to give, money to lend or money to invest. It's best if the moneyed person is smart and has good ideas. To get the money needed, Mr. Doe offers an incentive. If he doesn't, he receives no money.

So who in the U.S. or who in the world has money and how do we get them to spend and invest it?

Clearly, it is not the U.S. middle class or lower income group as they are suffering from the aforementioned unemployment, flat or cut back wages, underemployment, etc. So skip a recovery plan based on this group.

Neither does the money reside in Washington. Federal debt is now approaching the size of our GDP and continues on a train wreck course.

In the U.S., corporations and the wealthiest top 1 percent of individuals have the money.

It would seem that the next logical question is: How do we get those with cash coffers (here and overseas) to spend it in the U.S.A. in productive ways that create employment. If the business environment is bleak (there is lack of "demand"), what incentive can be offered?

If you look at any survey of reasons why non-U.S. companies are unwilling to expand into the U.S., the reason most often given is taxation. Yes, in worldwide corporate study after study, there are very few countries that have as high corporate taxation levels as we have in the U.S. It is consistently within the top five reasons why business do not expand here. (Regulation is another key issue.)

Prior to 2000, taxation was not as great an impediment to business expansion. The U.S. was once the epicenter for con-

sumer and corporate demand for goods and services. If a company decided it "had" to be in the U.S., well, it would "grin and bear" the U.S.' high taxation levels.

But all that has changed. Important engines of growth are now far outside our borders. Sure, we will be the biggest consumer market for a long time, but other countries have fast-growing consumer markets and cheaper and equally talented labor bases. Companies don't have to be here. They just want to sell here. So issues such as taxation make a difference in overseas companies coming here and U.S. companies going overseas.

There is huge furor in Washington about whether the Bush tax cuts will lapse or be extended and overall taxation will rise. Political mantras such as, "Tax the rich. Make the corporations pay" often sound good to those who are unemployed. But, to the extent that taxation results in further business contraction or lack of expansion, a huge disservice has been done to the rank and file.

This recovery is not like previous recoveries as the rules of the international game have changed. Worry that the rich will get richer in a tax incentivized economy? Possibly or maybe better to worry whether they, their neighbor, their fellow citizen will have a job. ■

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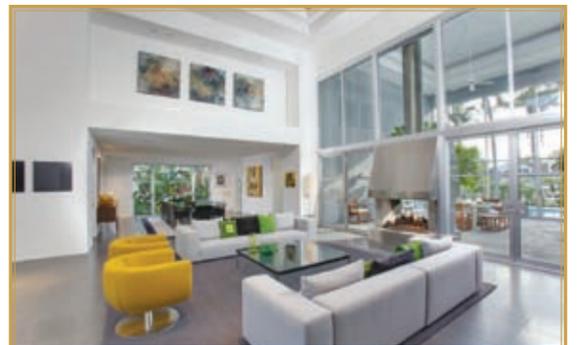
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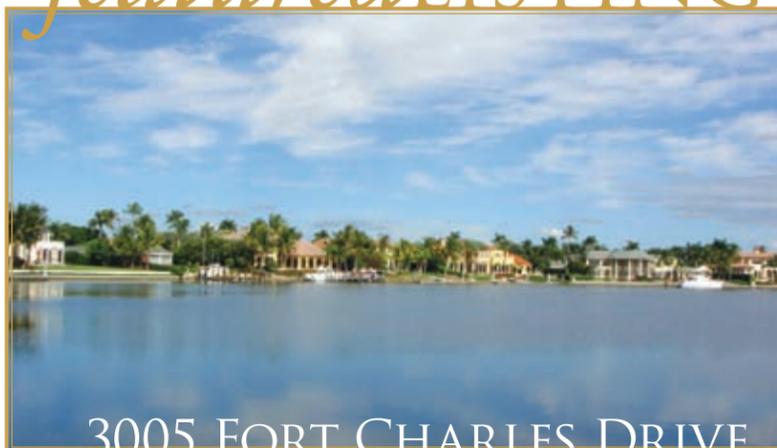
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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Naples women 'Score' with success

SCORE, the nationwide organization known as "Counselors to America's Small Business," has honored Naples business owners Elisabeth Nassberg and Nikole Stillman of Just Like Family Home Care with the SCORE Award for Outstanding Woman-owned Business.

The business partners earned the award in recognition of their contributions to their community, exemplary achievements in their field and overall business success. They accepted the award, which was sponsored by Constant Contact, at the second annual SCORE Awards and black-tie gala held earlier this month in Washington, D.C.

Passionate about caring for seniors in their community, Ms. Nassberg and Ms. Stillman combined their expertise in home care and finance to open Just Like Family Home Care with the help of their SCORE counselor, Chick Heithaus, as well as Ms. Nassberg's husband, Jacob. In addition to their

work, they participate in a great deal of charitable work and donate more than \$10,000 per year toward a scholarship for underprivileged children.

"They had already created, when we first met, a very thorough and well thought-out draft business plan for their new venture. It reflected a high level of creative thinking along with obvious capacity to learn from their experiences," Mr. Heithaus says. "To bring their business dream to reality they had to leave their jobs, sell assets and then work successfully with banks and relatives to build a financial base," he adds. "They did this successfully. But, just as important, is their sensitivity toward others. They are able to relate effectively with the whole spectrum of nationalities, economic levels and age groupings. This has been their most important competitive advantage in business. And now it flowers in their 'giving back' to the community — in both time and money."

Soon after Just Like Family Home Care was founded, the economy floundered and the partners needed to adapt. They turned to SCORE again.

"We utilized some SCORE counsel-

ing sessions to move forward. We had to adjust our strategy," Ms. Nassberg says.

SCORE Naples is headquartered at 900 Goodlette Road in North Naples. Contact the organization by calling 430-0081, e-mailing info@scorenaples.org or going online to www.scorenaples.org. ■

Business book cites Chico's as paragon of focus

Authors Thomas Hall and Wally Bock maintain that the ability to focus — ruthlessly — in the midst of chaos is what separates the companies that grow steadily and successfully from the ones that get distracted and find themselves lost in the forest.

"You've heard the phrase 'Do one thing and do it well?'" asks Mr. Hall, coauthor, along with Mr. Bock, of "Ruthless Focus: How to Use Key Core Strategies to Grow Your Business." "Well, that's how companies that succeed long-term do it. They block out

the external noise and stick to their proverbial knitting until the strategy just doesn't work anymore."

Chico's is the perfect example of what happens when a company focuses ruthlessly — and when it loses that focus, the authors say. The franchise is known for its stylish, comfortable clothing for women ages 35 to 65. Everything it does, from its Passport Club to its "0-to-3" sizing system, is meant to make Baby Boomer women feel special.

As the book describes, when Chico's sticks to that simple formula, it grows and thrives. When it gets sidetracked or seduced by other things — marketing to a younger crowd, changing its product mix or expanding into other brands — it begins to flounder. Its stock prices have risen and fallen, predictably, as it veers away from its core strategy and then returns to it again.

So what is a core strategy, anyway? If you're thinking it has something to do with complex planning exercises that end in piles of binders, you're wrong. "Ruthless Focus" describes five basic strategies businesses can use as models to try to mimic Chico's success. ■

GIVERS

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"We also have an amazing volunteer program — every PNC employee is given 40 hours each year of paid time to volunteer in his or her community."

— Amber Scanlan, PNC Financial Services Group

seems to be, Recession hell.

"Giving is the right thing to do," says Tom Bringardner, president of Premier Properties of Southwest Florida, a Lutgert-family enterprise based in Naples.



BRINGARDNER

In Collier County in 2009, for example, 493 organizations filed an IRS form 990, which allows an outfit to declare itself a charitable nonprofit — a so-called 501(c)(3) — and thus stand exempt from

the burden of federal taxes. The total revenue of those Collier nonprofits was just over \$1 billion-with-a-B, which speaks to the heart of the region's philanthropists.

In Lee County, 700 501(c)(3) organizations took in almost \$655 million, and in Charlotte 185 reported a total of about \$66 million, according to figures provided this month by The Community Foundation of Collier County.



VALENTI

(About twice as many charitable organizations are registered in each county, and together they list assets of almost double the figures cited above, but roughly half are private, and don't file the IRS form 990.)

"The reasons people give are different for everybody," says Bill Valenti, president of Florida Gulf Bank, with eight branches in Lee County. This year, for example, Florida Gulf Bank gave more than any other business, including much larger ones, to Susan G. Komen for the Cure of Southwest Florida, in the fight against breast cancer.

"When it came to breast cancer, it became personal for us," explains Mr.

Valenti, whose total staff numbers about 80. "One of our senior manager's wives lost her battle to breast cancer at 50. If you walked into a room with 100 people, she was the one you'd see first. She glowed. And several others in our organization were struck with breast cancer. Those had better outcomes, thank God."

Like each major philanthropist, Mr. Valenti and his staff receive a torrent of pleas for money and help each day, week and month.

"I usually hear, 'If you give us some help, we'll put your name on a billboard or give you free tickets,' or something — and I don't care about any of that. I may sound like a child of the '60s, but I really believe we have a social responsibility to the communities in which we live."

"We don't see our (gifts) as contributions, we see them as investments. By bettering our investments, whether in the fight against poverty or breast cancer or anything else, the community gets healthier. And then my bank and my business get healthier."

But neither Mr. Valenti nor other philanthropists who contribute to people in need or the arts and environment or education are entirely pragmatic.

They're moralists, too — moralists capable of a little philosophic introspection, from time to time.

"Every time something might be going on in my life, I step back and say, 'Hey, I have a job. There are always people less fortunate, and helping them is the right thing to do,'" says Chris Evans, the operations manager and part of the family that owns Smugglers Restaurants and Harpoon Harry's, in Charlotte County.

Up and down the coast, the helping enhances too many lives to measure, really.

The Lutgerts, for example, including the late Raymond and his son Scott, have added powerful engines in particular to the sometimes becalmed causes of education and disadvantaged children.

"Giving becomes a corporate culture that starts at the top," explains Premier Property's Mr. Bringardner, whose company has more than 200 employees.

"Maybe the leaders do it because they saw their parents do it. And the employees give because they see their leaders do it. When I look at the Lutgert family, they're deeply involved in this community, and they encourage other managers and staff to participate in the community, too."

And they do. Sometimes they come from somewhere else to do it, and sometimes they're native-born.

"We grew up here, we've been here over 30 years, and we feel it's part of our corporate responsibility," says Mr. Evans, at Smuggler's.

The company gives .005 of its profits, which can amount to as much as \$12 million a year, he says, to help people in Charlotte County.

That means Smuggler's alone, as a corporate entity, might contribute a muscular \$60,000 to help people in Charlotte — recession or no recession.

But that's not all. Smuggler's employees independently contributed more than \$9,000 to provide food for underfed people last year — just at a time when the increase in numbers of unemployed and homeless residents jumped alarmingly.

That's happening up and down the coast, and the real philanthropists have not backed away from the problem, fortunately for everybody else.

At PNC Financial Services Group, headquartered in Pittsburgh with branches in 14 states and the District of Columbia, including three in Naples, company CEO Jim Rohr surveyed employees (54,000 of them these days) to discover that they cared most about young disadvantaged children.

Then the company designed and kicked off a massive 10-year, \$100 million program to prepare children from birth through age 5 for school.

"It's called, 'Growing Up Great,'" explains Amber Scanlan, a company spokeswoman and Neapolitan. It began

in 2004, although its Collier County efforts started just last year.

"We also have an amazing volunteer program — every PNC employee is given 40 hours each year of paid time to volunteer in his or her community," she notes.

So if an employee makes \$2,000 per week, for example, the company donates that time-is-money sum to any board, committee, hospital, school, shelter or soup line of the employee's choice.

If it were up to Sam Galloway, he'd pick the soup line.

"The worst thing in the whole wide world, when we have a land of plenty, is for anyone to go hungry — having a good meal is the number one thing. You

can't think right if you're not fed right," he surmises.

"And any person who tells me he will not steal for himself or his family if he has no means of purchase — he's a liar. There's no sugar coating this (recession), it's not getting a lot better."

There are more people hungry now than a year ago. So food is primarily my goal in giving."

In reality, food and everything else. Mr. Galloway has likely given more and more broadly since he bought the first Jaws of Life and the first bullet-proof vests for firefighters and police in the early 1970s than anyone in Lee County.

Education, the poor, cancer and health causes, the environment, culture and local history (the Edison & Ford Winter Estates, for example) — Mr. Galloway has not only had his thumb in those pies, but he's provided pies themselves, for all.

Like some other philanthropists, he also hates to talk about it — he had to be chased down for a short interview about his giving. And he won't keep lists.

"I don't want anybody to think I'm trying to sell a car," he explains.

Unless they're blind, deaf and dumb, they probably won't. ■



GALLOWAY

ON THE MOVE

Automotive



RYAN

Dina Ryan has joined John Marazzi Nissan of Naples as the dealership's fourth business manager. Ms. Ryan is nearing completion of a bachelor's degree in business at Edison State College.



CONE

Lauman of Lutgert Insurance, vice president; **Mary Cone** of Bank of Naples, treasurer; and **Jennifer Ziegelmaier** of Jennifer Ziegelmaier Photographer, secretary.



MURPHY

as well as a decade's work in the wealth management industry. A graduate of the State University of New York College at Oswego and a CPA, she was most recently employed as managing director of Gibraltar Private Bank & Trust in Naples.



RILEY

Mr. Riley has more than 15 years of experience in nonprofit fund raising, donor relations and administration. He comes to the Phil from the Georgia United Methodist Foundation in Norcross, Ga., where

he worked as director of fundraising services. Prior to that, he was director of development for LaGrange College in Georgia and also held several positions at Emory University in Atlanta. He earned a bachelor's degree in international studies and an MPA in nonprofit management from Emory University.

Board Appointments



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MAINWARING

The United Arts Council of Collier County has elected the following officers for 2010-11: President, **Mally Khorasantchi**, an artist and graduate of the Greater Naples Leadership program; president-elect, **Mark Klym**, an attorney with Hahn-Loeser; treasurer, **Felix Mehler**, an attorney with Cohen & Grigsby; and secretary, **Susan Mainwaring**, executive director of Classic Chamber Concerts.

Law



LILE

Laird A. Lile, participated in the recent meeting of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel held in St. Louis, Mo. In addition to serving on the program committee for the college, which developed the continuing education component of the meeting, Mr. Lile also attended a session on "Using Technology in Fiduciary Litigation." He is currently the Florida state chair and serves on the Transfer Tax Study committee and the Fiduciary Income Tax committee for the college. Recently inducted into Florida Trend's 2010 Legal Elite Hall of Fame, Mr. Lile has been certified by The Florida Bar as a wills, trusts and estates lawyer since 1989. He has been included in Woodward/White's "The Best Lawyers in America" since 1995 and is recognized as one of Florida's "100 Top Super Lawyers." He is a graduate of the College of William and Mary, Ohio Northern University and University of Miami.

Media

Todd Nixon has joined the staff at Cat Country 107-FM WCKT as program director. A Texas native, Mr. Nixon has more than 16 years of country radio experience on the air and in programming. He has worked in both capacities from Texas to Florida, including stints at KILT and KIKK in Houston, WYZB in Fort Walton Beach, WYCT in Pensacola, and most recently at KRMD in Shreveport, La.

Nonprofit Organizations

Colleen Murphy has been appointed president and CEO of the Community Foundation of Collier County, effective Oct. 1. She succeeds Mary George, who has held the position for nine years and announced that she would step down earlier this year. Ms. Murphy has honed her leadership, financial and communications expertise through her service as an accountant and business advisor,

as well as a decade's work in the wealth management industry. A graduate of the State University of New York College at Oswego and a CPA, she was most recently employed as managing director of Gibraltar Private Bank & Trust in Naples. She has served on the board of the Community Foundation in her native upstate New York and is a member of the board of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce as well as its Public Policy and Finance committees, and of the board of the Lee Memorial Hospital Foundation and its Finance Committee. She has also served in similar roles for the YMCA of Bonita Springs, the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County, the Speakers Assembly of Southwest Florida and several others.

Kathleen Peck has been named executive director of Lighthouse of Collier, Center for Blindness and Vision Loss, to lead the organization's strategic planning efforts in keeping with its mission to promote the development, implementation and ongoing evaluation of programs and services that foster independence and enhance the quality of life for the blind, visually impaired and their caregivers.

John Riley has been named director of development for the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. He is in charge of fund-raising efforts for all divisions of the organization and will work closely with founder and CEO Myra Janco Daniels.



WHITIS

Jennifer Whitis has been named director of development for The Immokalee Foundation. She is responsible for fundraising campaigns and activities as well as the marketing effort for programs

to ensure success for the children of Immokalee. Ms. Whitis has more than 10 years of experience in leadership and management, most recently Love A Child Inc., where she directed donor relations, media, sponsorship and database management for the Haitian humanitarian relief organization. She attended the University of Southern Indiana in Evansville and has volunteered for the Leukemia-Lymphoma Society and Boy Scouts of America. ■



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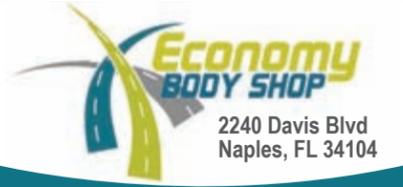
The American Business Women's Association-Naples Chapter has elected the following officers for the 2010-11 year: **Jessica Macera** of Business Dynamix Solutions, president; **Kelly**



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Don't Follow the Crowd

Study behavioral economics, and you'll learn how our brains trick us into doing stupid, irrational things with our money. For example, there's the bandwagon effect, which suggests that we often do or think things solely because many other people do so, too. Unfortunately, by sticking with the herd — especially in the stock market — we often set ourselves up to fail.

Think back to the Internet stock bubble of the late '90s. Yahoo! shares traded at a split-adjusted \$24 at the end of November 1998, then more than doubled to \$53 in just a year. Only one month later, they closed at \$108. Do you really think the company had somehow shown itself to be twice as valuable from one year to the next, and then from one month to the next? Nope. People saw the price rise, and the faster it rose, the more they irrationally wanted to jump onto the bandwagon.

Warren Buffett has offered this sage advice: "Be greedy when others are fear-

ful and fearful when others are greedy."

The strategy of value investing, which Buffett practices, is based on not following the crowd. Value investors seek companies that are trading for considerably less than they're worth. They owe their bargain prices to a general lack of respect from the market. They tend to be overlooked, forgotten, unloved and underestimated. The bandwagon is elsewhere.

Rather than follow the crowd, think for yourself. If the market drops sharply, and everyone you know is saying, "It's time to get out of stocks!" remember that the crowd is often wrong.

Such a prolonged period of panic is often a good time to buy. In the long run, stocks, in general, have risen — especially for investors who've strayed from the bandwagon to seek out the best and deepest stock bargains.

Learn more in "Why Smart People Make Big Money Mistakes" by Gary Belsky and Thomas Gilovich (Simon & Schuster, \$15) and "The Little Book of Behavioral Investing" by James Montier (Wiley, \$20). ■

My Dumbest Investment

Bought on Rumor, Sold Too Soon

I bought shares of the defense contractor Argon ST on speculation, after hearing that the company was looking to be bought, possibly by Raytheon. Nothing happened, though, and the stock stagnated. Meanwhile, it looked like Apple was getting a little cheaper. So in order to be able to buy some Apple, I sold my Argon shares. The next day, Boeing announced it was buying Argon for \$10 more per share than I'd paid for it! Grrr! — S.B., Waukesha, Wis.

The Fool Responds: There's an adage on Wall Street to "buy the rumor, sell the news." That's nice, except that you rarely know when the news will happen, and plenty of rumors are false to begin with. That can tie up a lot of money unproductively.

In this situation, you'd have done well to determine whether Apple or Argon was more undervalued and which one you had more confidence in. The timing of Boeing's announcement was frustrating, but remember that unless you're trading illegally on inside information, you're not likely ever to be able to time a stock transaction perfectly. ■



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

Last week's trivia answer

Based in the United Kingdom and tracing my roots back to 1823, I'm a global giant in household, health and personal care. My innovations launched in the last three years generate around 40 percent of my roughly \$12 billion annual revenue, and my 17 top brands drive more than 70 percent. You'll find my wares in some 200 nations. My brands include Brasso, Cling Free, French's, Woolite, Old English, Glass Plus, Mop & Glo, Lysol, Clearasil, Easy Off, Electrasol, Vanish, Mucinex, Calgon, Frank's Red Hot and Air Wick. My revenue has doubled in the past decade. Who am I? ■
(Answer: Reckitt Benckiser)



Write to Us! Send questions for *Ask the Fool*, *Dumbest (or Smartest) Investments* (up to 100 words), and your Trivia entries to Fool@fool.com or via regular mail c/o this newspaper, attn: *The Motley Fool*. Sorry, we can't provide individual financial advice.

What Is This Thing Called The Motley Fool?

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

Ask the Fool

What's My Share?

QHow does stock ownership really work? If I own 20 percent of a company's stock and the company earns \$10 million, will I automatically earn 20 percent of that, or \$2 million?

— S.O., Tucson, Ariz.

ANot exactly. If you own stock in a public company, you do own a real (usually rather small) chunk of it. But not all the money the company makes is automatically distributed to its owners.

Companies have choices regarding their profits. Some earnings are often distributed to shareholders in the form of a dividend. With what's left, the company may choose to pay down its debt or to reinvest in the business by building factories, hiring more workers, buying advertising, and so on. It may also buy back some of its stock or buy another company, or simply bank the money, waiting for an exciting opportunity.

All these options can reward shareholders, sometimes even more so than if the money were just distributed as dividends. Buying back (and essentially retiring) shares, for example, boosts the value of the remaining shares. Reinvesting in the business can result in a bigger, more profitable business — with higher earnings.

QI'd like to give small gifts of stock to my grandchildren. How can I do that?

— E.M., Honolulu

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

Name That Company

I was founded in Houston in 1962 by a guy who thought funeral homes and cemeteries working together could save money. I'm now North America's top death-care company, owning and operating roughly 1,500 funeral homes and 400 cemeteries in 46 states and elsewhere. (By 1999 I sported more than 4,500 locations in 20 nations, but have since shed much of my international operations.) Some of my funeral homes



have been in business for more than 100 years. My brands include Dignity Memorial and Dignity Planning. My 21,000-plus employees serve hundreds of thousands of families each year. 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

Wal-Mart's Appeal

Are you worried about deflation? Inflation? To best position your portfolio, you need holdings that can gain competitive advantages even in the worst economic environment. Wal-Mart (NYSE: WMT) fits the bill.

Wal-Mart sells products everyone needs, and racks up an astounding \$47 million in sales every hour of every day, making it the world's largest retailer. It's committed to being the low-cost leader, and with \$417 billion in annual sales, it can wrest concessions from the most powerful suppliers. When economic conditions worsen, Wal-Mart gains an advantage over less capable rivals.

Wal-Mart's sales growth has recently slowed, but it's pursuing several avenues

for continued growth. It's expanding into American urban markets with smaller-format stores, and expanding its tentacles into additional consumer areas, such as banking. The company's international operations are growing, too, in India, China and elsewhere.

Strong operations have allowed Wal-Mart to pay and quickly increase its dividend. This attractive payout makes it particularly suited for tough times. With a recent yield of 2.4 percent, the company has piled on increases at the remarkable rate of 16 percent per year over the past five years.

If you like the prospect of continued growth and the safe payouts offered by a blue-chip retailer, Wal-Mart looks like a stock for all seasons. (Wal-Mart is a "Motley Fool Inside Value" pick and The Fool owns shares of it.) ■

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. Contact Karen Klukiewicz at kluk77@comcast.net or visit www.napleschamber.org.

► **Leadership Collier Class of 2011** holds its kick-off reception at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, at the Telford Center on the downtown campus NCH. All Leadership Collier alumni are welcome. Cost is \$25 per person. Register at www.napleschamber.org/events.

► **The Collier County Medical Society** holds its general membership meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, at Kensington Golf & Country Club, 2700 Pine Ridge Road. For reservations, call 435-7727 or e-mail info@ccmsonline.org.

► **The Public Relations Society of America-Gulf Coast Chapter** hosts its 2010 Southwest Florida media panel presentation at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, at the Hilton Naples. Panelists will be: Phil Borchmann, editor of *Gulfshore Business*; Jean Gruss, Lee-Collier editor for *Gulf Coast Business Review*; Len Jennings, ABC-7 news anchor; Shelley Lund, publisher of *Naples Florida Weekly*; Candace Rotolo, editor of *eBella* magazine; Amy Tardiff, WGPU Public Media; and Amy Wegmann, FOX-4 news anchor. Cost is \$24 per person for PRSA members, \$27 for nonprofit organizations, \$29 for non-members and \$15 for students. Reservations must be made by Friday, Sept. 24, by visiting www.GulfCoastPRSA.org.

► **The Neapolitan Chapter of ABWA** meets for dinner and program at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 28, at Bellaserra Hotel. Attorney Lorna Scharlacken discuss different types of business structures and the new estate tax laws. This is part one in ABWA's nine-part "Road Map for Success" series. Deadline for reservations is noon Sept. 23. Go to www.abwaneapolitan.org.

► **The Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** holds its annual meeting and volunteer awards luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, at Worthington Country Club. Cost is \$45 for members and \$60 for others. Registration deadline is Tuesday, Sept. 28. Call 992-2943 or visit www.BonitaSpringsChamber.com.

► **Zonta International-Naples Chapter** meets for lunch and a program at 11:30 a.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at the Hilton Naples. For more information,

call 571-2466. Next meeting: Oct. 5.

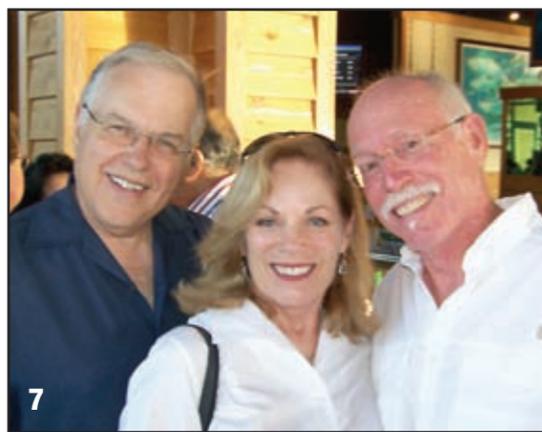
► **The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** holds its next members-only Accelerated Networking Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, at AZN in Mercato. Cost is \$15. Register at www.napleschamber.org/events.

► **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: Oct. 12.

► **The Collier County Bar Association** holds its annual dinner visit from the Second District Court of Appeal at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, at the Port Royal Club. For more information, visit www.colliercountybar.org. ■

NETWORKING

Marco Island Chamber of Commerce networking Members get together at Guy Harvey's Island Grill



BERNADETTE LA PAGLIA / COURTESY PHOTOS

1. Kevin Donlan and Marie Lynn McChesney
2. Pat Hagadorn, Steve Reynolds and Donna Niemczyk
3. Judy Gerwitz and Keith Klipstein
4. Storm and Joel Gerwitz.
5. Phyllis Bator-Sinoradzai and Dina Schleifer
6. Jerry Katchmar, David Hyatt and Carolyn Katchmar
7. Don Farmer, Chris Curle and JRobert
8. Wendy and Jim Atkinson
9. Clara Avila Alber

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NETWORKING

PRACC members meet at McCormick & Schmick's PR, marketing pros hear about Naples International Film Festival



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1. Nancy Dagher, Kristin Cartwright and Mauria Hurley
2. Trista Meister, Margaret Eadington and Tony Meade
3. Jennifer Edwards Walker and Nicole Mihelich
4. Shannon Franklin, Darren Sherwood and Ellen Horowitz

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Chamber members 'Wake Up' at the Hilton Naples



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1. Sandi Wilson, Wilma Boyd and Nikki Strong
2. Courtney Curatolo, Tony Curatolo and Courtney Madden
3. Tony Marino, Bob Sandy and Al Romeo
4. Carol DiMento and Charlotte Rhine



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REAL ESTATE

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 23-29, 2010

A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES REAL ESTATE INDUSTRY

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Sales strong at \$300,000 and under

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY
From the Naples Area Board of Realtors

Home sales under \$300,000 continue to be very active in the Naples area, the latest report from the Naples Area Board of Realtors indicates. NABOR tracks home listings and sales within Collier County (excluding Marco Island).

Pending sales in the \$300,000-and-under price range increased 11 percent in August and lead the market in sales, as buyers seek value, according to Michele Harrison of John R. Wood Realtors. Pending sales for properties under \$300,000 increased 11 percent, with 548 contracts in August 2010 compared to 494 in August 2009.

"Despite the fact that the first-time homebuyer tax credit ended, pending sales in the \$300,000-and-under price range remain strong," says Steve Barker, managing broker of Amerivest Realty. Pending sales for properties under \$300,000 increased 19 percent in a comparison of the 12 months ending August 2010 and the 12 months ending August 2009.

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

Overall pending sales for the 12 months ending August 2010 increased 22 percent, with 9,607 contracts compared to 7,881 contracts for the 12 months ending August 2009.

Overall closed sales for the 12 months ending August 2010 increased 30 percent, with 8,094 sales compared to 6,232 sales for the 12 months ending August 2009.

Single-family pending sales increased 14 percent, with 436 contracts in August 2010 compared to 383 contracts in August 2009.

Available inventory declined 4 percent to 8,745 in August 2010, compared to 9,140 in August 2009.

The overall median closed price decreased 6 percent, to \$160,000 in August 2010 from \$170,000 in August 2009.

"While the overall median closed price dropped 6 percentage points, it actually increased for closings in the price ranges between \$300,000 and \$2 million. This is good news for many sellers, in spite of the fact that properties selling at \$300,000 and under continue to lead the market in sheer number of closings," says John Steinwand, president of Naples Realty Services.

Condo closed sales declined 2 percent, with 244 sales in August 2010 compared to 248 sales in August 2009. Condo closed sales for the 12 months ending August 2010 increased 45 percent, to 3,980 sales compared to 2,749 sales for the 12 months ending August 2009.

"Foreclosure closings were very active in August, which resulted in a lower median price for condo sales," says Phil Wood, president of John R. Wood Realtors. The median price for condos decreased 17 percent in August 2010 compared to the same month last year.

View the entire report and charts at www.Naplesarea.com. ■

GRACIOUS LIVING GUARANTEED

in the Ashley in Quail West

London Bay Homes' newest model in Quail West is the Ashley, a home designed to maximize the outdoor living experience and take advantage of the community's natural surroundings.

See ASHLEY B11



1. The kitchen has maple cabinetry with raffia accents.
2. The master bedroom has a cozy seating area with a bay window.
3. The study has a built-in desk set at an angle.
4. The Ashley's dining room features a peaked ceiling with three chandeliers.

COURTESY PHOTOS

Ronto Group purchases TwinEagles from Bonita Bay Group

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The Ronto Group and Angelo, Gordon & Co., a privately held registered investment advisor, have closed on the purchase of TwinEagles from Bonita Bay Group for \$11 million.

TwinEagles is a 1,115-acre, master-planned community in North Naples.

"Our members are very pleased with the financial strength of Angelo, Gordon & Co. and the vision that The Ronto Group shares for TwinEagles," says Rhonda Gross, chairman of the TwinEagles Focus Group, the member-elected board of The Club at TwinEagles.

The new development team plans to enhance and refresh both championship golf courses at TwinEagles — the Gary Player-designed Aerie and the Talon, which was designed by Jack Nicklaus and Jack Nicklaus II — and to add a fitness center and swimming pool to complete the community's country club lifestyle, Ms. Gross says.

Anthony Solomon, executive vice president of The Ronto Group, says



COURTESY PHOTO

The 47,000-square-foot clubhouse at TwinEagles

that with the exception of closures for routine maintenance, the community's amenities will remain open throughout the transition and that The Ronto Group will announce a participating builder and real estate sales program in the near future.

"We look forward to fulfilling the residents expectations and to introducing the TwinEagles lifestyle to golf enthusiasts throughout the region," Mr. Solomon says.

The sale includes all common areas and available real estate in The Estates at TwinEagles and Grand Arbors, the two championship golf courses, the 47,000-square-foot clubhouse and the Jim Suttie Golf Academy, an 11-acre short game complex with dual-ended driving range and seven target greens.

TwinEagles was named to Golf & Travel magazine's list of the 12 Most Intriguing Golf Communities in America, was included in Travel + Leisure Golf's list of the top 100 golf communities in America for two consecutive years and received a top award from the Council for Sustainable Florida.

Since 1967, The Ronto Group has constructed more than 12,000 homes in addition to land development and commercial and retail projects. The Naples-based, family-owned company is the developer of Palmira Golf & Country Club in Bonita Springs, Forest Glen in Naples and Hideaway Beach in Marco Island.

TwinEagles is off Immokalee Road, seven miles east of I-75. For more information, call 649-6310. ■



OLD NAPLES ▲ Beachfront cottage, high level of historical integrity coupled with modern amenities. Private pool/spa, beachside deck. **\$7,950,000**
 Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894



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



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



OLD NAPLES ▲ Brand new home 2 blocks to beach, near downtown. Five bedroom/5BA plus 2 half-baths. Pool/spa. Fall '10 completion. **\$4,200,000**
 Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231



OLD NAPLES ▲ One block to beach! Built in 2008. Over 5,300 A/C SF, 4BRs plus den and bonus lounge. Heated pool/spa. Furnished. **\$3,995,000**
 Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231



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



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



OLD NAPLES - VILLAS ESCALANTE ▲ Walk to dining, shopping or beach! Magnificent 4BR/4.5BA plus den villa, 3,576 A/C SF. Patio/pool. **\$3,600,000**
 Tom McCarthy/Tess McCarthy | 243-5520



ROYAL HARBOR ▲ Wonderful bay views! To-be-built 4BR + den home. Outdoor living with cooktop, heated pool/spa. Direct Gulf access. **\$3,595,000**
 Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231



AQUALANE SHORES ▲ Old-Florida style 3,514 SF home, spacious verandas, water views. Covered boat slip w/direct access, 4+ car garage. **\$3,495,000**
 Philip N. Collins | 404-6800



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AQUALANE SHORES ▲ 1990 - 6th St. S. - Immaculate 3BR+den overlooking Heron Cove. Pool, boat dock with lift direct access to Gulf. **\$2,995,000**
 Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231



AQUALANE SHORES ▲ Long-water NW views. 3BR, 3BA home. Large pool deck. Black granite countertops in kitchen. Dock, and boat lift.
\$2,995,000 | Michael Lawler | 571-3939



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



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



OLD NAPLES - LA MAISON DES FLEURS ▲ NEW CONSTRUCTION! 1/2 block to 5th Ave. S. & 5 blocks to beach! Elevator, 3BR/4BA+den, private pool/spa, 2-car garage. **From \$2,499,500**
 Mary Catherine/Larry White | 287-2818



OLD NAPLES - PAR LA VILLE ▲ Multi-family site zoned for six villas, each being 3,000 SF. This lot is located three blocks to Naples beaches. **\$2,495,000**
 Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741



ROYAL HARBOR ▲ Bermuda-style 4 bedroom + den, 4.5 bath home. Coral stone fireplace, hazelnut wood floors, & elevator. Heated pool. **\$2,100,000**
 Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231



OLD NAPLES ▲ Complete renovation! 5,777 total SF, 3BR suites on lake. Walk to the beach! Professionally decorated and furnished. **\$1,999,000**
 Virginia/Randy Wilson | 450-9090



NAPLES BAY RESORT- THE RESIDENCES ▲ Custom-painted 3BR+den spacious floor plan. Breathtaking water views. Marble and wood floors. **\$1,990,000** | Wendy Hayes | 777-3960



OLD NAPLES ▲ A beautiful large lot (100'x150') just 3 houses from beach. Minutes from downtown. Older home on-site sold "As-Is". **\$1,750,000**
 Pat Duggan | 216-1980



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



OLD NAPLES ▲ Charming 3BR/2BA cottage. Family room, updated appliances, tile floors. S. exposure pool, near beach, shops/dining. **\$1,049,000**
 Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231



OLD NAPLES - BAY TERRACE ▲ Spectacular direct waterfront 3BR. Expansive views, exquisitely remodeled. Very private, boat slips. **\$949,000**
 Virginia/Randy Wilson | 450-9090



OLD NAPLES - COLONNADE ON 5TH ▲ 623 - 6th Ave. S. #B205 Beautifully appointed & decorated 3BR. Secured parking. Walk to dining, shopping, park & beach. **\$859,000**
 Tom McCarthy/Tess McCarthy | 243-5520



OLD NAPLES - HAMILTON CLUB ▲ Spacious 3BR top floor condominium, 2 blocks to beach. Mint condition, S. exposure overlooking pool and gardens. **\$779,000**
 Virginia/Randy Wilson | 450-9090



OLD NAPLES - VILLA D'ANNA ▲ 974 - 5th Street South Light, freshly painted, flexible 3BR/3BA + den plan. Tropical private courtyard. Close to Gulf, shopping & dining. **\$745,000**
 Beth Hayhoe McNichols | 821-3304



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



OLD NAPLES - TIFFANY COURT ▲ 1071 - 8th Street S. #202 Second floor 3 bedroom, new carpet, updated bathrooms. Close to beach. Only 6 units, pet friendly. Furnished. **\$669,000** | Cindy Thompson | 860-6513



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



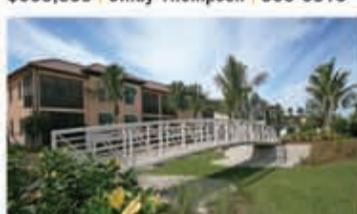
OLD NAPLES - NAPLES BAY RESORT - THE HOTEL ▲ Quiet, top floor 2BR, 2BA (whirlpool soaking tub) on end. Sunset water & dock views. NE balcony views city & bay. **\$595,000**
 Mitch/Sandi Williams | 370-8879



OLD NAPLES - WARWICK ▲ Walk to 5th Ave. and 3rd St. S., and only 3 blocks from beach! Completely renovated 2BR+den, 1,500 SF total area. **\$595,000**
 Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894



OLD NAPLES - THE PIERRE CLUB ▲ Walk to 3rd Street shops, restaurants, Naples Pier, and white-sand beaches. Furnished and ready to enjoy. **\$454,000** | Lodge McKee | 592-3358



OLD NAPLES - NAPLES BAY RESORT - THE COTTAGES ▲ Turnkey furnished, 2BR with 1,426 total SF. Screened private balcony & walkways that lead to water's edge. **\$399,000**
 Mark/Laura Maran | 777-3301



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



OLD NAPLES CASTLETON GARDENS ▲ Perfect in-town pied-a-terre near beach. Can rent 12X/yr., 30-day min. Furnished. Pretty pool, spa & BBQ grill. **\$229,000** | Ruth Trettis | 403-4529

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

ROYAL HARBOR AREA - ESCONDIDO MARINA 1400 Blue Point Avenue #208 - Breathtaking harbor views! Townhouse living. 2BR/2.5BA corner residence, newly renovated, direct access 28' dock. **\$349,000** | Gerry/Ulla Swart & Kathy Morris | 262-5007

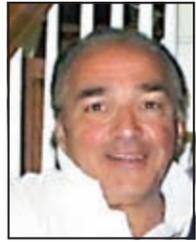
WINDSTAR - WINDWARD CAY 4450 Yacht Harbor Drive #212 - Expansive condominium "lives" like a single family home. Guarded entry, clubhouse, deep-water marina, beach club. **\$299,000** | Andrea Jeppesen | 289-4004

WINDSTAR - MARINA COVE 5060 Yacht Harbor Circle #201 Model condition 2BR+den w/2-car garage. End location, lake view, near pool. Guard-gated golf & boating community. **\$370,000** | Patrick O'Donnell/Phyllis O'Donnell | 250-3360

ROYAL HARBOR AREA - OYSTER BAY - LE DAWN 1150 Cherrystone Court #3 - Direct Gulf access! Low-density complex, spa & dockage! Recently updated 2BR/3.5BA, 3 living levels, 2-car garage. **\$299,500** | Patrick O'Connor | 293-9411

REAL ESTATE NEWSMAKERS

■ **Sandra Gilbert, Julie Oney and Dawn Wheldon** have joined the Fifth Avenue office of Coldwell Banker residential real estate. Ms. Gilbert has more than 20 years of real estate experience, and Ms. Wheldon has more than nine years of experience in the industry. Both specialize in luxury and second-home property sales. Ms. Oney has been a licensed assistant since 1998 and was formerly with Prosults Realty.



SANDOUK

■ **Louis Sandouk** has joined Weichert, Realtors-On the Gulf. A 10-year resident of Naples, he has 30 years of real estate experience and specializes in residential and commercial sales with an emphasis on Collier County. Mr.

Sandouk graduated from Syracuse University and began his real estate career in New York. He is a member of the Naples Area Board of Realtors and has been involved in the local efforts of the American Heart Association, United Cerebral Palsy and the American Cancer Society.



FENTON

■ **Frances Fenton** has launched I.D. Staging & Associates LLC to assist real estate professionals and property owners in showcasing their properties to gain attention, interest and offers from potential homebuyers. Services include a complete inspection from the front mailbox to the back gate in order to identify areas that may need repair,



MILILLO

redoing, replacing or decluttering. Ms. Fenton is a licensed painting and decorating contractor who has worked in the Naples area for more than 20 years.



PRIMAVERA

■ **Judy Milillo and Al Primavera** have joined Lennar's Southwest Florida Division as new home consultants in the community of Madison Park off Davis Boulevard and Radio Road. Ms. Milillo has been with Lennar for more than eight years and was a general real estate broker for 10 years before joining the company.

Mr. Primavera has more than 12 years of experience in residential real estate and was formerly the sales director for Bonita Bay Group in Naples.



BROWN

■ **Kevin Brown** has returned to Toll Brothers as a project manager in the Florida West Division. Mr. Brown is responsible for construction, marketing and sales at The Reserve at Estero, a position he held with the company when the community opened. For the past three years, he has worked as a commercial insurance agent with Brown & Brown Insurance. He holds a degree in business administration and finance from the University of Miami. ■

ASHLEY

From page B9

With 5,110 square feet under air, the Ashley has three bedrooms and a study in the main residence, a separate guest cabana, 4½ baths, a three-car garage and outdoor areas that embrace the warm days and balmy nights that are Southwest Florida's hallmark. The home also boasts a wine room with brick floor and a butler's pantry with granite countertops.

Interior design of the Ashley is by Jennifer Stevens of Romanza Interior Design.

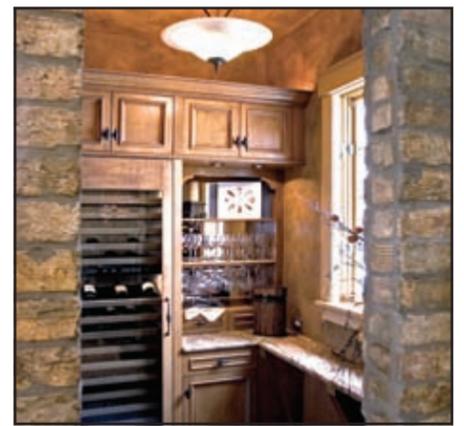
Quail West has two championship golf courses designed by Arthur Hills and a 70,000-square-foot clubhouse with a ballroom, wine grotto, full-service spa and beauty salon, pro shops, fitness center, card room, eight lighted red-clay tennis courts and a junior Olympic-sized solarium pool. All of the community's amenities are owned debt-free and run by the members.

London Bay Homes is one of Quail West's featured builders along with Florida Lifestyle Homes, Fox Development, Imperial Homes of Southwest Florida, McGarvey Custom Homes, The Newport Companies and Robert D'Angelo Jr. Construction Company. These award-win-

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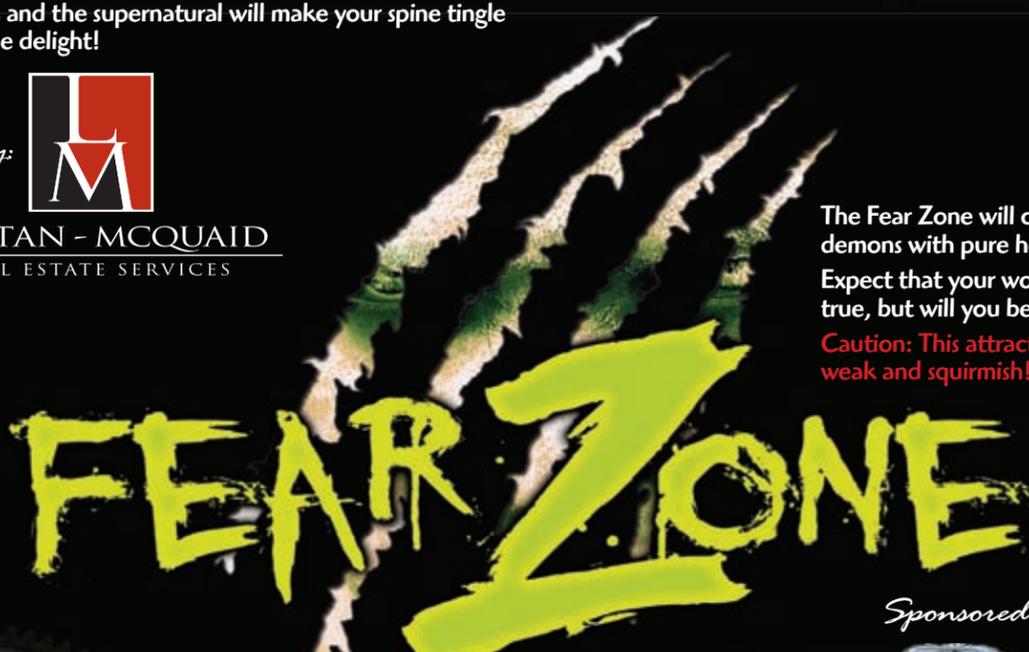
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Old Naples, 238 9th Ave S - Built in 2001, courtyard home w/ fml liv & din, fam rm, travertine flrs, granite counters, pool & spa, sep guest cabana, steps to beach. 4+Den/4.5 (H4958) Robyn Pfister Griffin, 262-7366, Don Winkler, 961-2166 **\$3,695,000**



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Vanderbilt Beach, 368 Bayside Ave - Enjoy waterfront living at this large SW exp, bay-front property. Captivating panoramic views, located on a point at the tip Bayside Ave, Gulf access. 2/2 (H4947) Robyn Pfister Griffin, 262-7366, Don Winkler, 961-2166 **\$1,100,000**



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**



Vineyards, 5794 Hammock Isles Dr - Stunning Estate priced to sell! Offering pvt lake & preserve views from the expansive pool deck. Southern exposure and countless upgrades found in model homes. 4/3.5 (H5147) Diana McCoy, 404-0793 **\$849,900**



Vineyards, 6667 Glen Arbor Way - First time on market! Spectacular sunset views over the golf course. Spacious screened lanai with oversized pool & spa. Cul de sac location. A+ school district. 4+Den/4.5 (H5135) Alena Malat, 273-8373 **\$797,000**



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 **\$769,900**



Park Shore, 3828 Crayton Rd - Live in the heart of Naples with this roomy 4/3 pool home that features remodeled kitchen & all 3 bathrooms, plantation shutters & wood floors. Furn. available. 4+Den/3 (H5028) Greg Gorman, PA, 784-2841 **\$700,000**



Naples Bay Resort, 1530 5th Ave S Ave S #A-60 - 60' Boat Slip. Directly on the Gordon River with direct no bridge access to the Gulf. The marina includes a Hotel, Yacht Club, Club and Spa. (L1154) Greg Gorman, PA, 784-2841 **\$695,000**



Imperial Golf Estates, 1994 Imperial Golf Course Blvd - Wonderful custom built 3,700 sq ft home with gorgeous southern views of golf course. Many upgrades make this home unique. Large lanai and great outdoor living. 4+Den/3.5 (H5070) Debbie Frost, 250-8701 **\$660,000**



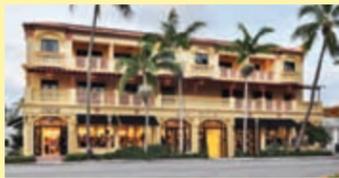
Autumn Woods, 6347 Old Mahogany Ct - Spectacular lake front home w/lagoon pool, spa & rock waterfalls, island kitchen w/stainless appls, tile & wood flrs, 8' doors, summer kitchen. A must see home! 4/3 (H5187) Greg Gorman, PA, 784-2841 **\$649,000**



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**



Imperial Golf Estates, 2104 Imperial Golf Course Blvd - Light & Airy 3+den home with beautiful golf views. Many of today's features in this turnkey beauty. 3+Den/3.5 (H5185) Debbie Frost, 250-8701 **\$649,000**



Old Naples, 555 5th Ave S #PH-2 - Penthouse Beach Club Retreat, Sun filled balcony with southwest views over the treetops of Old Naples and sunsets and steady gulf breezes. 2/2 (C5118) Michele Harrison, 580-9889 **\$595,900**



Naples Bay Resort, 1530 5th Ave S Ave S - 55' Boat Slip. Just off the main channel of the Gordon River with direct no bridge access to the Gulf. Downtown Naples within walking distance. Slip B-7. (L1153) Greg Gorman, PA, 784-2841 **\$595,000**



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Autumn Woods, 6945 Autumn Woods Blvd - Gorgeous pool home w/spa & waterfalls on preserve & offers privacy. High ceilings, granite counters, tile & wood flring, 24hr manned gates, low HOA fees & more! 4/2 (H5261) Greg Gorman, PA, 784-2841 **\$450,000**



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Waterfront In Naples, 2174 Anchorage Ln #A - Direct Gulf access with community boat docks, tranquil water views, lush landscaping with this unique waterfront residence in a Mediterranean-style community. 4+Den/3 (C6827) Jeannette P. Batten, 825-4167 **\$424,900**



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Autumn Woods, 6536 Autumn Woods Blvd - Lake front pool home w/SE exposure. Beautifully designed & maintained. "Cypress" fl plan features great rm/kitchen w/soaring ceilings, solid-surface countertops. 3/2 (H5063) Greg Gorman, PA, 784-2841, David Burke, 784-2831 **\$399,900**



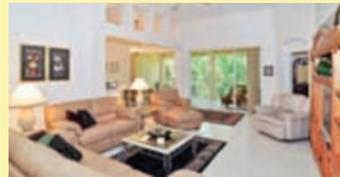
Imperial Golf Estates, 2016 Imperial Golf Course Blvd - Great Views! 2,992 sqft. Bright & open. Great rm split bedroom fl plan. Beautiful sunsets from spacious lanai. Lg pool w/cascading spa. Golf course & lake views. 3/2.5 (H4820) Debbie Frost, 250-8701 **\$399,000**



Reflection Lakes, 14634 Fern Lake Ct - "St Croix Gold" Furnished former builder model. Two story. 3+Den/2.5 (H4917) Michele Harrison, 580-9889 **\$391,900**



Spring Run At The Brooks, 9085 Spring Run Blvd - Furnished end residence. Pool, spa, upgraded fans and fixtures, new carpet, new roof, golf course and lake view. Bundled golf. 2+Den/2 (V1427) Heather Wightman, 450-1891 **\$360,000**



Stonebridge, 1675 Winding Oaks Way, #202 - All Inclusive Golf Comm continues to be one of the most desirable N. Naples CC communities. Spacious 2nd fl home w/open fl plan. Views to preserve on cul-de-sac. 3/2 (C6381) Michele Harrison, 580-9889 **\$348,000**



Bridgewater Bay, 3089 Windsong Ct, #1004 - Like new 3+den, 2.5 bath 2nd floor coach home with expansive wrap around lanai & tranquil SW lake views, fantastic club amenities nearby. 3+Den/2.5 (C6251) Greg Gorman, PA, 784-2841 **\$315,000**



Golden Gate Estates, 1121 29th St SW - Close in off White Blvd. This lovely pool home is on 2.73 pine and palm filled acres. Back of property is cleared and ready for your desired landscaping. 4+Den/2.5 (H4277) Mary Kay Hart, 821-5500, Greg Gorman, PA, 784-2841 **\$300,000**



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➤ **Candler Capital Partners, LLC** has leased 1,100 square feet of office space at Charleston Square, 1400 Gulf Shore Blvd., #210, from Charleston Square Development Company, LLC. Paige Eber of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction.

➤ **Coconut Living, LLC** has purchased 13.6 acres known as the Murano at Coconut Point at Pelican Colony Boulevard, Bonita Springs, for \$2.5 million from Servco Inc. Jonathan Richards of CB Richard Ellis, Fort Myers/Naples represented the seller, and Stephen Hagenbuckle of Heights Realty & Investments represented the buyer.

➤ **Cole, Scott & Kissane, P.A.**, has leased 508 square feet of office space at 800 Fifth Ave. S. from Westbury International Corp. Patrick Fraley of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction.

➤ **Fidelity Brokerage Services, LLC** has leased 6,120 square feet of office

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➤ **GCD Shadow, LLC** has purchased a .45-acre out parcel in Court House Shadows Shopping Center at 3406 Tamiami Trail E. for \$229,000 from BB&T. A Dunkin' Donuts is planned for the site. Fred Kermani of CB Richard Ellis, Fort Myers/Naples negotiated the transaction.

➤ **George and Debra Martin** have purchased 6,132 square feet of industrial space at 4774 Exchange Ave. for \$550,000 from Jaradad Holdings, LLC. William Gonnering of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction

➤ **Halloween Superstores, LLC** has leased 11,194 square feet of retail space at 13560 Tamiami Trail N. from Smyrna Land Company, Ltd. Paige Eber of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction

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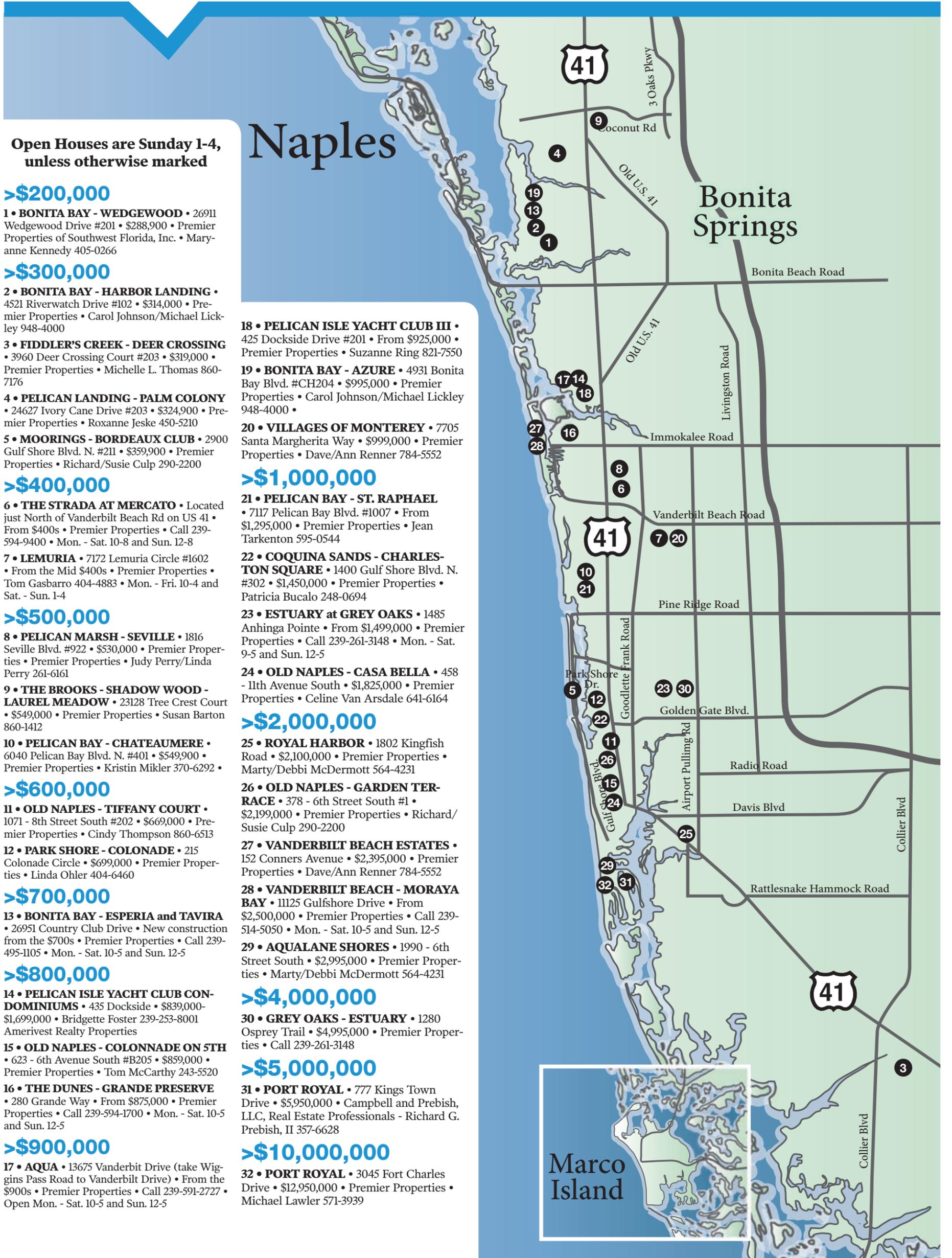
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1670 Copeland Drive - Gated, dramatic negative edge pool/spa. Family room, 3BR/4.5BA, den, 125 ft. of water frontage, direct access dock. **\$4,175,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

1411 Caxambas Court - Gulf & Caxambas Pass views, Spacious 4 bedroom w/3,600 SF of living area. Offered at lot value. Dock included. **\$3,250,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

686 Solana Court - Majestic custom 5BR + study home with spectacular panoramic views of Smokehouse Bay. Heated pool, spa and dock. **\$2,595,000** | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

685 Embassy Court - On its own cove! Quick, deep & direct Gulf access. 5BRs, 8,711 total SF, 360-degree BAY views & 5-car garage. **\$2,500,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

1458 Butterfield Court - Breathtaking views of Marco River from eye-catching spacious home. Alarmed, 4-car garage. Dock with lift. **\$2,499,000** | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

1051 Barfield Drive South - Magnificent Caxambas Pass views! Four BR with approx. 80' of dock, 16,000 lb. lift & direct deep water Gulf access. **\$2,395,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

316 Rookery Court - Bay views from every room. Custom built in 2008. Pool/spa, summer kitchen, 2 docks. 147' of waterfront. Furnished. **\$2,250,000** | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

HIDEAWAY BEACH 716 Waterside Drive - Absolutely breathtaking views! Gorgeous, custom-built multi-level 5BR/3.5BA home backing up to the Gulf/preserve. **\$1,950,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

391 Copperfield Court - 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

1816 Woodbine Court - Gorgeous, direct access, River-area 3BR/3.5BA pool home completely remodeled in 2008. Expansive waterway views. **\$1,299,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

173 Hollyhock Court - Meticulously maintained 3BR+den, 3-car garage, dock with 12,000 lb. lift (direct access), lanai, heated pool/spa. **\$1,079,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

HIDEAWAY BEACH 831 Hideaway Circle East - Exceptional home, meticulously maintained built in 2005. Spacious 3BR+den. Heated pool, spa and preserve views. **\$1,000,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

HIDEAWAY BEACH 871 Sea Dune Lane - Bright, exquisite home boasts a built-in pool & spa. Pickled red cedar ceilings, fireplace, 2nd floor loft. **\$998,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

189 Columbus Way - Quality built custom 4BR/3.5BA + office home by Ross Tackett. Pool, spa, new seawall, dock with 14,000 lb. lift. **\$900,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

1131 Vernon Place - Old Florida style home with quick direct access & 160 ft of waterfront, large wraparound verandas, new floors & paint. **\$899,000** | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

Single Family Homes

690 Pelican Court - An absolutely gorgeous custom-built 3BR/2BA pool home. Dock w/direct Gulf access. Lush landscaping, oversized lot. **\$865,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

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1955 Sheffield Avenue - Builder's home in a private setting with walk out lower level & views of Barfield Bay. Three-story, 5BR, pool/spa. **\$747,000** | Chris/Laura Adams | 404-5130

499 Adirondack Court - Incredible Bay views from this tip lot home with 169' of waterfront and quick Gulf access. Good rental history. **\$700,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

986 Aster Court - Walk to beach, 3BR/3BA completely remodeled waterfront home. About \$60,000 in improvements. Dock, lifts. Furnished. **\$695,000** | Roe Tamagni | 398-1222

1770 Ludlow Road - Private former model 3BR/2BA home, park-like setting. Adjoining buildable lot included in sale (over 1/2 acre total). **\$695,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

839 Perrine Court - Handyman's Special! Quick, direct access, over 2,300 SF of living area, 3BR/3BA, deep 2-car garage, lanai and pool. **\$599,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

1370 Bayport Avenue - Outstanding golf course views! Quiet location, well-maintained 4BR/3BA + den home. Expansive screened lanai/pool. **\$498,000** | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

Condominiums/Villas

MADEIRA 350 South Collier Blvd. #303 - On Crescent Beach. Wood and marble flooring. 3BR suites & 3,539 A/C SF. Front and rear terraces. Gulf sunset views! **\$2,395,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

CAPE MARCO - VERACRUZ 940 S. Collier Blvd. #801 - Exquisite beachfront 8th floor 4BR/4.5BA estate with 4,709 SF A/C. Fabulous views, 5-star amenities. **\$2,300,000** | Richard Marquardt | 289-4158

CAPE MARCO - BELIZE 970 Cape Marco Drive #2107 - Stunning 3BR/3.5BA+den with 3,844+ SF of living area. Views of the Gulf. Beach access, luxurious amenities. **\$2,298,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

MADEIRA 350 S. Collier Blvd. #302 - Spectacular views, tastefully appointed 3BR/3.5BA with 2 balconies. World-class living in a beachfront location. **\$2,095,000** | Richard Marquardt | 289-4158

CAPE MARCO - BELIZE 970 Cape Marco Drive #2105 - Beautiful "Designer Ready" 21st floor, 3BR+den. Marble floors, 11' ceilings, crown mouldings, 3,600+ A/C SF. **\$1,975,000** | Chris/Laura Adams | 404-5130

MADEIRA 350 S. Collier Blvd. #907 - Last remaining developer residence!! New 2BR/2.5BA furnished by F.H. D. Interiors. Situated along Crescent Beach. **\$1,750,000** | Laura Adams | 404-4766

MADEIRA 350 S. Collier Blvd. #401 - Luxurious beachfront living! Corner 3BR/3.5BA, beach/city views. Professionally decorated and exquisite finishings. **\$1,750,000** | Roe Tamagni | 398-1222

HIDEAWAY BEACH - RIVIERA 5000 Royal Marco Way #635 - Beautifully upgraded, pristine 3BR+den, move-in ready. Gorgeous front to back views of Gulf, River & Bay. **\$1,275,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

Condominiums/Villas

BAYFRONT PLACE 794 West Elckam Circle #4004 - A wonderful 3BR/2BA Penthouse end residence overlooking Smokehouse Bay! Deeded 35' dock with lift/direct access. **\$1,250,000** | Dave Flowers | 404-0493

MARCO COURTYARD TOWERS 1131 Swallow Avenue #PH-2 - Beautifully decorated, turnkey furnished 3BR/3.5BA top floor penthouse. Incredible Gulf, Bay/City views. **\$1,199,000** | Chris/Laura Adams | 404-5130

HIDEAWAY BEACH - RIVIERA 5000 Royal Marco Way #637 - Luxury beachfront 3BR/3BA, panoramic Gulf, river & bay views! Golf, beach club, fitness center & more! **\$1,000,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

HIDEAWAY BEACH - ROYAL MARCO POINT I 3000 Royal Marco Way #311 - Attractive 3BR/3BA end residence, multiple balconies for optimum views. Golf, tennis, fine dining, steps to beach. **\$795,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

HIDEAWAY BEACH - HABITAT 828 Hideaway Circle East #444 - Rarely available 3BR/3BA PH overlooks golf course & Gulf! Over 2,800 SF under air. Incredible amenities. **\$695,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

ROYAL MARCO POINT III 6000 Royal Marco Way #246 - Stunning views of Gulf & Marco River, 600 SF glassed-in lanai, upgraded 2BR/2BA+den. Beach, golf, tennis & more! **\$650,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

SANDCASTLE II 720 S. Collier Blvd. #106 - Tasteful beachfront condominium with Gulf views! Redesigned kitchen, new flooring, new tile, & wraparound balcony. **\$649,500** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

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SANDCASTLE II 720 South Collier Blvd. #107 - South side 2BR/2BA overlooking pool/spa, Gulf & beautiful grounds. New kitchen, bathrooms, carpet. Tennis, pets OK. **\$599,000** | Dave Flowers | 404-0493

SOUTH SEAS TOWER I 260 Seaview Court #906 - Walk to beach! Lovely 9th-floor, corner, 2BR. Great views from wraparound balcony. Gated entry, docks. **\$565,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

SEA WINDS 890 S. Collier Blvd. #1704 - Beautiful beach views from Penthouse level condominium! Furnished 2BR/2BA. Beach access, tennis & exercise room. **\$498,000** | Roe Tamagni | 398-1222

SUSSEX 270 N. Collier Blvd. #501 - Inviting, immaculately maintained 3BR/2BA corner residence with views of Gulf and Bay. Newer waterfront complex. **\$459,000** | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

SOUTH SEAS TOWER III 380 Seaview Court #1705 - Stunning SW views! Delightful beachfront 2BR/2BA, weekly rentals. Resort amenities, docks for lease. **\$449,000** | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

ADMIRALTY HOUSE 140 Seaview Court #103 - Ground floor beachfront villa! Completely remodeled furnished 2BR with 1,039 total SF. Electric shutters. **\$444,900** | Michelle Thomas | 860-7176

SOUTH SEAS TOWER IV 440 Seaview Court #601 - Gulf sunsets & panoramic views of Tigertail Beach. Turnkey furnished 2BR with new A/C & updated kitchen. **\$425,000** | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

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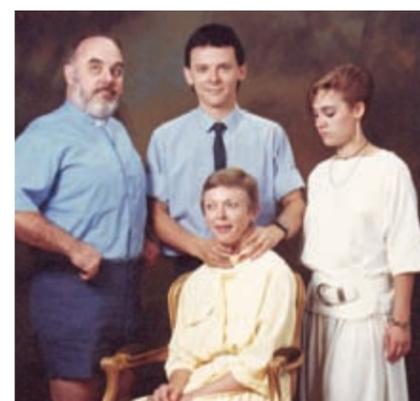
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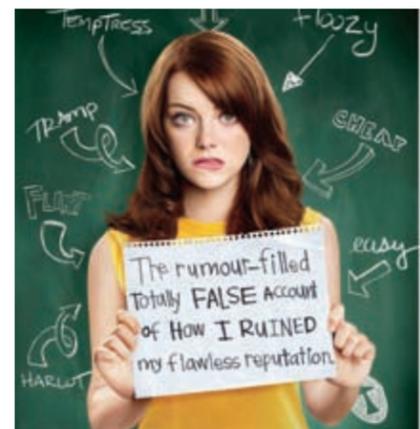
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Exploring the gap between male and female fantasies. **C2** ▶



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While Nancy Stetson takes a break, we bring back a favorite column about awkward family photos. **C8** ▶



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Film critic Dan Hudak says "Easy A" moves starlet Emma Stone to the head of the class. **C11** ▶

Silent companions

Antiques expert Terry Kovel explains the uses for and attraction of dummy boards. **C19** ▶



OPEN MIC NIGHT



EVAN WILLIAMS / FLORIDA WEEKLY

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA PLAYS HOST TO UNEXPECTED MUSICAL TALENTS

BY EVAN WILLIAMS
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Even in September, one of the slowest months of the year for the service and entertainment industry here, open mic nights draw all comers: the young, old, hopeless, brave, brilliant and amusingly odd. All of them have at least one thing in common: They come to be heard. A musician or songwriter without an audience is an incomplete equation. And it's only satisfying to practice by oneself for

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Inset: "Chuck" Moyle Jr. plays trumpet at the Buckingham Blues Bar open jam.

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Some awesome open mic nights around town.

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Pirates raid Naples to mark National Museum Day

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Ahoy, mates and shiver me timbers! Capt. Black and his crew of pirates will take over the Collier County Museum Saturday, Sept. 25, in celebration of National Museum Day. The day will feature face painting and balloon animals as well as a free pirate movie.

The swashbuckling begins at 11:30 a.m. with a screening of "Treasure Island." From 1-4 p.m., there will be face painting with Capt. Black and guided tours of the museum. Free refreshments will be served.

More than 10,000 years of Southwest

Florida History is on display at Collier County Museums' four locations: the main museum in Naples, two additional facilities in Everglades City and Immokalee, and the historic Naples Depot downtown. The main museum is in the Collier County Government Complex at 3301 Tamiami Trail E. and has a native plant garden, orchid house, two early Naples cottages, a logging locomotive, swamp buggies and a WWII Sherman tank. Regular hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, call 252-8476 or visit www.colliermuseums.com. ■



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It's a pirate's life for Gary Vincent.

SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

What we talk about when we talk about fantasies

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An anonymous contributor to Elle magazine recently provided a detailed peak into the male mind with his article, "Why Every Woman is Desirable." From the title, you would imagine a laundry list of feminine virtues. What a shock to discover his real rationale — that every woman is desirable because men want to sleep with every woman they meet.

The author recounts an experiment where he hung out at makeup counters and women's clothes boutiques — a shady endeavor, to be sure. He held a clickable people-counter in each hand, and he kept a running tally of the women he would and would not take to bed. The results? He averaged 50 percent.

A female friend was shocked. "How do you get any work done?" she asked. "With all this imaginary sex going on in your brain, how do you even drive without smashing into trees?"

But his male friends, apparently, were not. According to the author, these friends — all upstanding husbands and fathers — keep their own tallies. Some even run fantasy football-style drafts, where they mentally calculate what it would take to trade the pretty barista for the buxom businesswoman at the corner table (her assistant, perhaps?).

The author tells us that men play fantasies about the women they meet on a continuous loop. These mental movies contain sordid tales, he reports, complete with costumes and dialogue. But when he asked a friend if the scenarios ever extend beyond the bedroom, the friend only laughed.

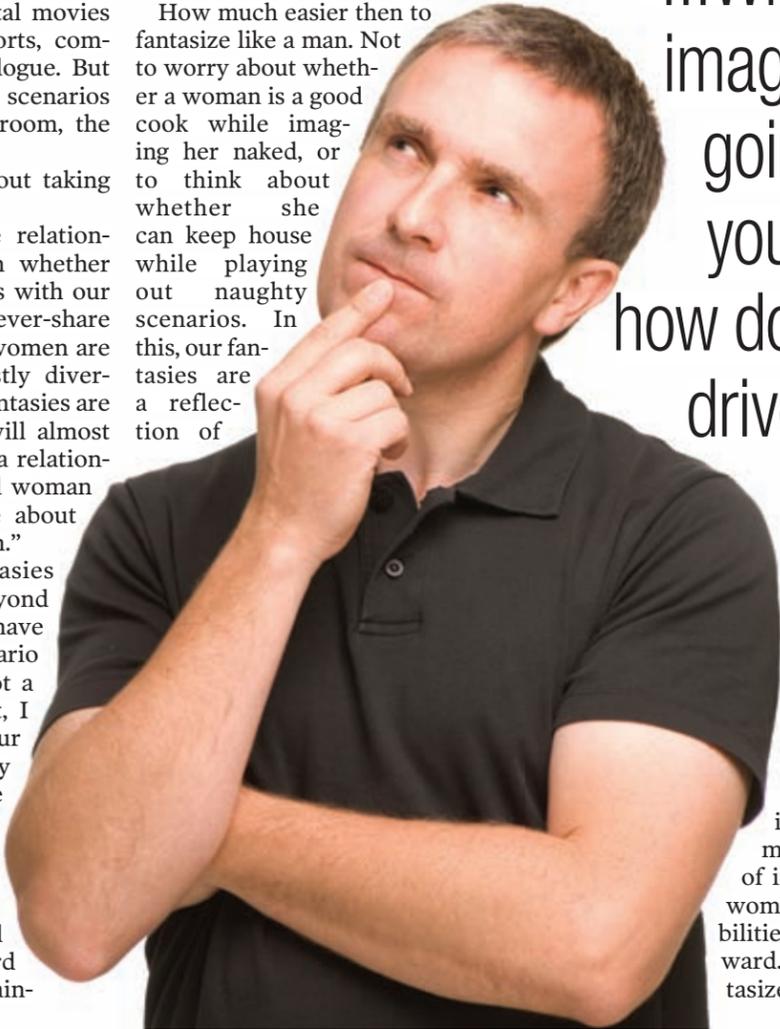
"Well, I'm not thinking about taking her to Palm Beach," he said.

This is our problem. The relationship literature is divided on whether we should share our fantasies with our partners. I am firmly in the never-share camp. Here's why: Men and women are different creatures, with vastly divergent internal workings. Our fantasies are rarely the same, and there will almost never be a common point in a relationship where both the man and woman say, "Oh, yes. You fantasize about that, too? Let's make it happen."

In fact, women's fantasies involve images that go far beyond sexual encounters, and we have a tendency to see the scenario to its likely end. When I spot a handsome man on the street, I play out the trajectory of our relationship, working my way to a dismal conclusion more often than not. I try to imagine if he would be a good provider or if he's the type to call me in the morning. I visualize whether he would still be interesting on the third date or if he's funny in a sustain-

able way. I think about him taking me to Palm Beach.

How much easier then to fantasize like a man. Not to worry about whether a woman is a good cook while imagining her naked, or to think about whether she can keep house while playing out naughty scenarios. In this, our fantasies are a reflection of



"...With all this imaginary sex going on in your brain, how do you even drive without smashing into trees?"

a greater truth. In the real world as in our created world, men enjoy the pleasures of instant gratification and women bear the responsibilities of what comes afterward. And who wants to fantasize about that? ■

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Q: Dear Seafood Professor,
My buddy told me that the big sea scallops sold at some local markets and restaurants are stamped out of skate wings and aren't really scallops. Is this true?
-Freddie T

A: Dear Freddie T.,
This story has been around as long as I can remember—and that's a long time. I first heard this when I was commercial fishing in Alaska. I also heard it in my travels along the pacific coast. I heard it when I lived in Boston, and I've I heard it here in Florida.
Why this story endures evades me. In my 40+ years in the seafood business I have never seen "scallops" cut from skate wings, and I've been in hundreds of seafood processing plants around the world. While I am not saying it has never been done, the process is unlikely.
First, skates are not all that common on a commercial basis. Second, skates, like sharks, have no bones. They have cartilage. The wings of the skate have finger-like cartilage rays, which when removed leave indentations in the meat. You would see these indentations on the "scallops."
Also, in order to stamp "scallops" from skate wing, the wing would have to be skinned on both sides. One side is dark skin and the other is white skin. The skin is tough and not easy to remove so I doubt that the labor required to do so would be worth the effort. One final point, the texture of skate wing is stringier than most scallop meat and the grain is horizontal vs. a vertical grain of the scallop meat.
Freddie, I have been in every seafood market in S.W. Florida several times over a 15-year period. I have never seen skate wing scallops. The relevant quality issues with scallops are freshness and the difference between dry-pack and wet pack scallops. True dry-pack sea scallops are not treated with any chemicals for moisture retention. Wet-pack scallops are often soaked in sodium tripolyphosphate to promote moisture retention.
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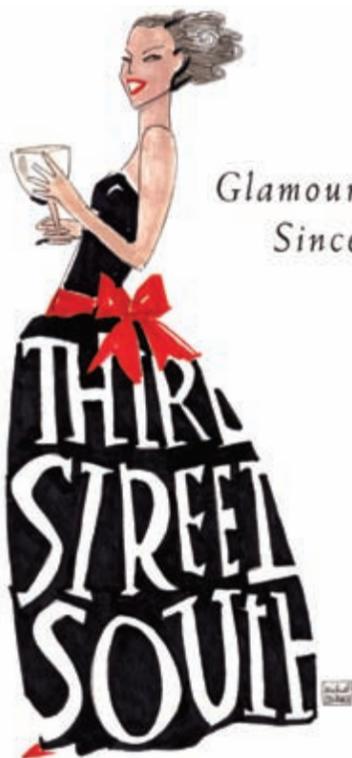
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OPEN MIC

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so long before the experience becomes uncomfortably self-conscious, like looking into a mirror for too long. Open mic and open jam nights offer musicians a chance to look outward, whether they're a fledgling songwriter whose experience is limited to strumming quietly in a bedroom or a seasoned sax player in between gigs.

New material is tested. Performance skills are honed.

Bars or coffee shops able to dedicate a regular, weekly evening to the occasion tend to develop their own musical community. You might find a place where acoustic offerings are the norm, for example, or somewhere else, an evening drenched in electric blues riffs. Some venues offer musicians the chance to jam with a house band, while others keep a sign-up list, allowing each act a few songs before moving on to the next.

Here are some of the best places in Southwest Florida to listen and play.

Wednesday at The Indigo Room

The River District, Fort Myers



EVAN WILLIAMS/FLORIDA WEEKLY

Memphis 56 performs at The Indigo Room.

David Welsh of Lehigh Acres came out to play at The Indigo's open mic on Wednesday, Sept. 16. Musicians can sign up starting around 9 p.m. (ask for Rob).

Mr. Welsh said he usually plays "bluesy stuff," like a version of Michael Jackson's "Billie Jean." But on this night he tried a Sublime song. And he wasn't happy with it.

"It was just one of those nights," he said. "As a musician, when you play something on the couch you don't know what it's going to sound like over the speakers."

It was a slow night at The Indigo. The house band, a rockabilly group called Memphis 56, took over the stage by about 10 p.m. in lieu of open mic performers. The dark, cavernous bar was filled with a hazy fog generated by a smoke machine. Colorful lights poured over the stage. A couple nuzzled at a table. Two boys danced together in the wide-open space in front of the stage.

Beth Workman was there listening to Memphis 56 (her husband plays drums for the group), hoping that someone would get up and play some original tunes.

"If you're at home plucking a song, come out (to open mic night)," she said. "Everybody's in the same boat — all trying to get their music out there."

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Wednesday at The World Famous Buckingham Blues Bar

Fort Myers

By some measure, The Buckingham Blues Bar has actually achieved its claim of being "World Famous," even on Wednesday open jam nights starting around 8 p.m.

"I've had guitar players from Japan, Australia, Croatia — had one from Switzerland here," said owner and official "dictator" Tommy Lee Cook, a bluesman who started the open jam there eight years ago this November. "He couldn't speak English, but he could sing Elvis. He sang

two Elvis songs."

How do these far-flung music enthusiasts find the Buckingham Bar, out by a cow pasture on Buckingham Road east of Fort Myers? "I guess they just Google ('Southwest Florida blues')," Mr. Cook said. "And we come up on the first page."

Even as one of the best known blues clubs in Lee County, it still manages to retain the ambiance of an off-the-beaten-path, roadhouse juke joint. Among the memorabilia pinned up behind the stage, in the red glow of neon beer signs: an American flag with the silhouette of New York's unimpeachable skyline in white — Twin Towers still included — against the blue square in the upper left hand corner. Also on the wall behind the band, a potato sack with the words "terrorist body bag" on it.

Mr. Cook is lead singer, songwriter and a guitarist in The All-Stars Blues Band. They're the house band on jam nights, and anyone is welcome to get up with them and play.

"I do get some amateurs, but most of the people have played," Mr. Cook said. "When amateurs do come out, I try to make them comfortable, surround them with people that can play."

A tall, lean gentleman with a silvery, boyish haircut, "Chuck" William Charles Moyle Jr. is a veteran of open mics. He brings his trumpet to play along most Wednesdays.

Eve, a member of the audience who preferred not to give her last name, just comes to enjoy the show. "They have awesome musicians here all the time," she said. "It's one of the best nights of the week."

She never cared for guitar players, though, Eve said — until she heard Rex Bongo, a guitarist with shaggy black hair to his shoulders. On this night he wore a cut-off T-shirt with a FedEx logo on it as he played blues riffs in the style of some of his influences, Jimi Hendrix and Stevie Ray Vaughan.

Mr. Bongo, 42, plays for his band the Cornbread Brothers. "Blues is kind of my thing," he said. "This is just a very, very cool jam. It's a very cool place to meet musicians."

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Fridays at Nita's Sweet Bean Café

Fort Myers

On Friday, Sept. 18, 32 musicians performed during the open mic at Nita's Sweet Bean Café. It's one of the best-attended open mics in the area, and the audience tends to be one of the more attentive ones. The show runs from about 7 p.m. to midnight.

"It's a work in progress," owner Nita Flores said. "It's taken a couple of years to build it up... It's what we like to call a labor of love."

Ms. Flores started giving out "play passes" last week for performers who signed up and couldn't play so they'd get first dibs the next week. People traditionally start showing up around 6:30 p.m. when the doors open. Often 20 acts are signed up within an hour.

"Some nights it can be a grueling task," Ms. Flores said. "You have four or five people who come in and are a band, and you have to break them down to get one person back on the stage. It's a constant balancing act. In a lot of ways, I'm very fortunate. I have good people running sound and good people who come out and support the venue... "We have such a wealth of talent here.

"It's rewarding in the sense of being able to have a venue where all these people can get together and feel comfortable and feel welcome and network, because they do. They form a network between themselves. That was my vision to see them collaborate and network, and they're doing that."

The performers range from high school students to seniors.

"Some nights are just magical," Ms. Flores said. "It's just like, where do these people come from, and why haven't we heard them before?"

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Thursdays in the Park

Punta Gorda

Gilchrist Park begins to fill up with cars around 6 p.m. for Thursdays in the Park. Soon different groups of players, depending on their style of music, set up "circles" under shelters or on the grass.

On busy nights, there can be up to nine circles going, said Michael Haymans, an attorney who created Thursdays in the Park about 20 years ago with his friends.

"I'm about the only one that still goes over there from the earliest days," he added. "It's grown into something bigger than what some people are comfortable with. It's sort of like the river that flows. It's always the river, but it's always different water, a swirl and mix of people."

Taken together, all the people who come to the park to play are known by regulars as The Guitar Army. The music usually lasts until about 11 p.m.

One group of musicians on Thursday, Sept. 17, set up under a shelter by the seawall and kept a sign-up list of players on a dry-erase board. There was a steel guitarist, an older man named "Bam-Bam" on drums, 82-year-old Carol Dunn on accordion, and others. The players attracted a large crowd, mostly middle-aged to seniors, who sat at picnic tables under the shelter or in folding chairs out on the lawn. Many of the songs were classic country offerings from the era of Merle Haggard or Hank Williams Sr.

Bruce Judson Eddy, a songwriter for more than four decades, stood in the darkness next to the stairs that lead up to the main gazebo, as other musicians tuned their guitars.

"You get different levels of players," he said. "Sometimes things work, and sometimes you get people that should've stayed in their living rooms a little longer. But that's the idea (of an open mic)."

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Monday at Grumpy's Ale House

Naples

Five musicians piled on stage at the smoky bar and pool hall reached the frenzied peak of "Mustang Sally."

Owner of Naples Park Music and open mic maestro Denny Scott played a honey-blond electric guitar. The drummer played so hard it looked as if the set might fall apart. Saxophonist Evan Barr delivered a flurry of notes, culminating in a spectacular sustained blast that sounded like a cross between a car horn and a screaming cat. The bassist played a slow, slinky slide. A long finale roared to its conclusion and was met with only mild clapping. The sparse crowd at Grumpy's continued conversations or sipped beer. Someone sank a ball on one of the four pool tables. The musicians didn't mind.

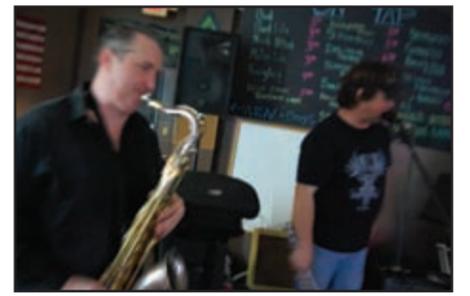
"I come down here because everyone plays different styles and it's fun," Mr. Barr said.

Although horn players and guitarists often line up 20 deep to play in winter, Mr. Scott said, the crowd is at its thinnest this time of year. Monday, Sept. 13, was the 87th week running for his open jam. It runs from about 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Some of the musicians who showed up play in local bands. Attorney and guitarist Evan Pilavis comes to blow off steam from his job, which he says is quite stressful. "You have no idea," he said in between sips of bottled water.

It was a disparate and hospitable group of players.

"They're not really a formed band, just bits and pieces of people," said Ronnie Setters of the Rock Bottom Blues Band.



EVAN WILLIAMS/FLORIDA WEEKLY

Evan Barr plays sax alongside Denny Scott at Grumpy's Ale House.

In his early 60s, he boasts a wide grin and longish gray hair. "We all support each other."

"Tie-dye Ted," a skinny middle-aged gentleman with long hair, bare feet and, of course, a tie-dyed T-shirt, got up on stage by himself and played folksy acoustic songs.

Mr. Scott leaves an open invitation for a player of any skill level to show up. He'll even let you borrow his guitar. And the other musicians will back you up if you ask.

"We want to make people who sit at home and play 'Guitar Hero' real guitar heroes," he said.

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Thursdays at The Loft

Punta Gorda

Annette Collins and Don Northrup met playing at Thursdays in the Park three or four years ago and formed their band Harbor City Blues. Now they're the house band at The Loft, which has its own blues-based open jam session on Thursdays starting at about 9 p.m.

Harbor City starts things off, followed by an up-and-coming act for 45 minutes or so, and then Harbor City returns and invites other musicians to join in.

"We try to keep it for musicians who have worked at their craft a little," Mr. Northrup said.

Vivian Timko took over the space in March. She envisions the bar and eatery as a place to "relax, enjoy music, good food, great drinks. When you leave, you can't wait to come back."

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in the know

>> Here are some more open mic nights worth checking out around Southwest Florida (calling ahead is recommended):

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Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits

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431-7928; www.fredsindiner.com

The Island Pub

5-8 p.m. Mondays, jazz jam with house musicians
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This week's symphony

■ **Russian Masters** – The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra performs "From Russia with Love," a program featuring works by six Russian masters, at 8 p.m. Sept. 25 at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

■ **Symphony Sampling** – The Joint at Cape Harbour in Cape Coral hosts the Southwest Florida Symphony for a "Sampling of the Symphony" subscription party from 5:30-7 p.m. Sept. 29. Enjoy special performance by concertmaster Reiko Niiya and meet Maestro Michael Hall. 418-0996 or www.swflso.org.

Thursday, Sept. 23

■ **Disney Enchantment** – Germain Arena presents Disney on Ice "Princess Wishes" today through Sunday. www.ticketmaster.com or (800) 745-3000.

■ **Jazz Jam** – Sit in on Jebry's Jazz Jam 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. with Bob Zottola, Stu Shelton and John Lamb. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.

■ **That Thursday Thing** – Enjoy live music from 6-11 p.m. at CJ's Thursday Thing, CJ's on the Bay, Marco Island. Outside entertainment from 6-9 p.m., inside from 8-11:30 p.m. 389-4511.

■ **Open Mic** – Naples Flatbread & Wine Bar in Miromar Outlets and on Naples Boulevard hosts open mic nights from 6:30-9:30 p.m. www.naples-flatbread.com.

■ **Quiz Night** – The English Pub hosts Quiz Night at 8:30 p.m. 2408 Linwood Ave. 775-3727 or www.naplesenglishpub.com.



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Mickey and Wendy Renee will compete in the grand finale of "SWFL's Got Talent!" on Sept. 28 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point. Festivities include a guest appearance by former "American Idol" finalist and Fort Myers resident Vonzell Solomon.

Friday, Sept. 24

■ **Little Women** – Opera Naples performs the Louisa May Alcott classic at 7:30 p.m. tonight and Sunday at United Church of Christ. 514-7464.

■ **Free Concert** – Miromar Outlets presents The Bunche Band from 6-8 p.m. in the Restaurant Piazza.

■ **Live Music** – Bob Zottola and the Expandable Jazz Band entertain from 5-8 p.m. at Shula's Steak House, 5111 Tamiami Trail N. 430-4999.

■ **Tickling the Ivories** – Pianist Kary Regragui plays in the lounge at Angelina's Ristorante in Bonita Springs beginning at 7:30 p.m. every Friday and Saturday. 24041 Tamiami Trail.

Saturday, Sept. 25

■ **It's Your Move** – The Southwest Florida Chess Club invites players

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Phil Keoghan, host of "The Amazing Race" on CBS, will give a free presentation at 7 p.m. Sept. 26 at the Seminole Casino Immokalee, followed by a meet-and-greet and photo opportunity.

of all ages and abilities to find 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.

■ **Story Time** – Bring the little ones for 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.

■ **Kids Party** – Miromar Outlets hosts a free monthly kids birthday and ice cream party from 11 a.m.-noon at Cat Country Playland. Kids up to age 12 whose birthdays are in September are invited to come celebrate. Sign-up suggested at www.catcountry1071.com.

■ **Shiver Me Timbers** – Capt. Black and his crew of pirates take over Collier County Museum from 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. in celebration of National Museum Day. 252-8476. See story on page C1.

■ **All that Jazz** – The Naples Jazzmasters perform from 2-4 p.m. at The Norris Center. 213-3058.

■ **Dance Night** – USA Dance SW Florida Chapter 6049 hosts "Mall-Ball: Dance and Dine Date Night" from 6-9 p.m. at Miromar Outlets. Free admission.

■ **Car Cruise** – A monthly Car Cruise is set for 5-8 p.m. in downtown Fort Myers. 332-4443.

■ **Dinner and a Show** – The Naples International Film Festival presents Dinner and a Movie at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. Enjoy a meal, the film "My Favorite Year" and a Q&A about the movie. \$49. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

Sunday, Sept. 26

■ **TV Host** – Phil Keoghan, host of "The Amazing Race" on CBS, gives a free presentation at 7 p.m. at the Seminole Casino Immokalee, followed by a meet and greet and photo opportunity. www.seminoleimmokaleecasino.com.

■ **CS&N** – Crosby Stills & Nash perform at 7:30 p.m. at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers. 481-4849 or www.bbmannpah.com.



A monthly Car Cruise is set for 5-8 p.m. Saturday in downtown Fort Myers.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO



COURTESY PHOTO

Stephanie Ogilvie and Caitlin Cairns will compete in the final round of "SWFL's Got Talent!" on Sept. 28 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point.

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

Monday, Sept. 27

■ **Sweat the Small Stuff** – Test your trivia knowledge starting at 7:30 p.m. at The Pub at Mercato. 594-9400.

Tuesday, Sept. 28

■ **Talent Finale** – The grand finale of "SWFL's Got Talent!" is set for 5:30-9 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point. Festivities include a guest appearance by "American Idol" star Vonzell Solomon. 418-1441.

■ **Chic Accessories** – Enjoy refreshments and learn from an expert stylist at Tiffany & Co. how to mix, match and layer chic jewelry looks from 7-10 p.m. each Tuesday in September. 5435 Tamiami Trail N., Waterside Shops. 592-6188.

■ **MoTown Tunes** - Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits presents Omar Baker with favorites from Motown from 6-9 p.m. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928 or www.freds-diner.com.

■ **Bring the Team** – Boston Beer Garden Team Trivia competition begins

at 9 p.m. 2396 Immokalee Rd. 596-2337.

Wednesday, Sept. 29

■ **Art on Marco** – Enjoy new art, music and refreshments from 5-8 p.m. at Betty Newman Art in The Esplanade, 740 Collier Blvd. on Marco Island. 784-4436. www.bettynewmanart.com.

■ **Steppin' Out** – Vergina on Fifth Avenue hosts a 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** – It's 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

■ **Art Walk** – The Center for the Arts Studios at the Promenade at Bonita Bay presents Art Walk from 4-7 p.m. Sept. 30 at 26811 S. Bay Dr., Bonita Springs. View artists as they create and enjoy live music. 495-8989 or www.art-centerbonita.org.

■ **More Art Walk** – Stroll downtown Fort Myers and enjoy gallery exhibits during the monthly Art Walk from 6-10 p.m. Oct. 1.

■ **Exhibit Opens** – The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs hosts an opening reception for the "Women Call for Peace" exhibition and a Campus Open House from 6-8 p.m. Oct. 1 at 26100 Old 41 Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ **Date Night** – The Naples International Film Festival hosts Dinner and a Movie at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts on Oct. 5. Enjoy a meal, the film "Stagecoach," starring John Wayne, and a Q&A about the movie. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

■ **Underground Art** – The North Naples Arts Alliance invites art lovers, decorators and designers to the season's first "Underground Art Wednesday" from 6-9 p.m. Oct. 6. Visit five independent artists' studios and three galleries in the Pine Ridge Industrial Park. 821-1061.

■ **Ahoy!** – The fifth annual Fort Myers Beach Pirate Fest takes place Oct. 8-10 on Old San Carlos Boulevard (727) 322-5217 or e-mail piratefestinfo@aol.com.

■ **Pickin' and Grinnin** – The Norris Center kicks off the fall season with The Bluewater Acoustic and Bluegrass Series with Allen Mills and Lost & Found from 7-10 p.m. Oct. 9. \$18 in advance, \$21 at the door. 213-3049.

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Crossbows, big hair and choking: Awkward family photos



Somewhere in our history, we all have photos we'd rather no one else see.

I'm not talking about wild-weekend-at-the-hotel, "Oh, don't worry, no one will ever see these" photos. (Though really, you should know better.)

And I'm not even talking junior high portraits, weird-fashion-craze-of-the-moment photos where you think you look so cool, or photos with an ex.

I'm talking family photos.

The ones where you, or someone else in your family, or maybe just everyone, looks really goofy.

- Or odd.
- Or awkward.
- Or all three.

I know I have a few of those photos hidden away in my albums.

There's the Christmas one where our entire family is lined up in front of the Christmas tree. It was during my teenage moody phase. I've long forgotten what happened before the photo was snapped, but there's my family, all happy and smiling, and there's me, scowling, with eyes that look as if they could shoot lasers through a bank vault door.

Or there's the photo of my siblings and me taken at the local playground. My oldest brother's wearing a coat he coaxed our mom into sewing for him out of fake fur. You can tell the fur's fake, because it has a huge brown-and-white plaid pattern on it. He stands there proudly. I'm the one in the red pleather jacket and long, straight hair. The four of us are arranged on some strange kind of concrete climbing equipment that looks as if Jean Arp had designed it. We look like a cheap album cover for some Cowsills-wannabes.

Photos such as these have been show-

ing up on the web lately (though not mine, thank goodness), on a site called Awkward Family Photos. Located at www.awkward-familyphotos.com, the site is exactly what it says: unusual family photos that contain some form of awkwardness.

It's not mean-spirited or snarky, just humorous.

The site's motto: Spreading the awkwardness.

All you need to do is take a quick look and view one or two photos to understand why, in the couple months since its creation, this site has gone viral.

Not only are the photos funny, but they're oddly appealing in a strange way. You can't help but think about the people in them and wonder what they were thinking, what motivated them to take some of the photos they did.

We all know that families do strange things. Generally, they do them in the privacy of their own homes, and unless they're our own family, we're not privy to what they're doing.

But now we know that families also do strange things in the presence of a camera. In fact, for some of them, it seems that the appearance of a camera actually inspires them to do odd things.

According to the evidence on this website, some feel compelled to dress in matching winter sweaters or outfits. One family even

One studio shot shows a family of four. The bald and bearded father is wearing a clergy collar...and shorts! Next to him, the son, dressed up in shirt and tie, has his hands around his mother's neck, as if he's choking her. The sister, looking like a young Molly Ringwald, just looks on.

Choking photos seem to be a thing with some families. Who knew? There's another studio shot, with a family in front of a blue and white quilt. The father has his hands firmly around his son's neck. This photo was a Father's Day finalist for the site, and they titled it "The Choker 2."

There are wedding photos galore. One shows the bride and groom peeking around the corner of a stone wall. The groom is standing directly behind his wife, and you can't see his hands, making it look as if they've gotten a head-start on the honeymoon.

Then there's the couple who have just gotten married, apparently, in City Hall. They stand, proudly displaying their marriage license. On the marble wall behind them, it says "Marriage License Bureau." Unfortunately, directly underneath, it also says "Mental Health Dept."

There are pregnancy photos. One shows a husband and wife, outside, facing each other. We can see by the woman's profile that she is indeed pregnant. But her husband, standing opposite her, also looks pregnant. He's wearing a black T-shirt with a white question mark on the belly.

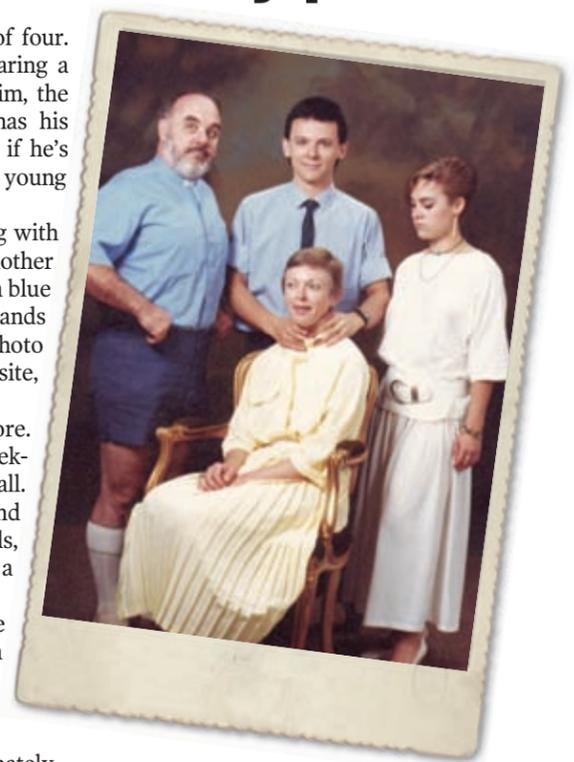
Another strange photo shows nine women gathered around a pregnant woman in a chair. Each woman has her hand on the woman's abdomen. I suspect it's a baby shower photo, but it's undeniably weird. (The caption reads: "Grandma lasted the longest at 2 days, 14 hours.")

Possibly one of the most awkward pregnancy photos on the site is a black-and-white shot in which the husband and wife are naked. The woman is covering her breasts, and her husband is directly behind her, pressing against her. It's not that pregnancy automatically makes a woman look awkward — there are plenty of photos of voluptuous pregnant women — but that these two look so awkward in their own skin.

Neither one is looking at the camera, but looking downwards. It's attempting to be an arty shot, but not quite working.

Visitors to the web are invited to leave comments, with everyone trying to top each other. Some are funnier than the photo! In response to this photo, one poster asked "What are they looking down at?" Someone responded: "Their clothes!"

Another poster says that the photo is awkward because they're trying to show the beauty of the human body while simultaneously trying to cover it up and hide it.



On the site you can see a number of amateur photos where things obviously weren't planned well. One of those is a hysterical family shot with a girl on a couch and her mom, dad, and brother behind her. Because of the awkward angle, the mostly empty red couch takes up most of the photo; the family looks legless and as if they're avoiding the girl.

Then there are professional shots where the photographer tried to do something fancy and it just didn't work. This includes a shot of eight people, all barefoot and in dressed in various shades of blue, watching an older couple kiss. (I suspect it's the couple's children and grandchildren looking on.)

There's nothing wrong with older people kissing, but the photo just looks weird, awkward. It doesn't look spontaneous at all.

There's a professional studio shot of a family... and each one is holding a crossbow.

There are people with mullets. Little kids with half perms, half mullets. Families where everyone has Big Hair. A hairy teen crouched in a wrestling pose. A family posing alongside a walrus whose massive genitalia is on display.

The site was started by two screenwriters, Mike Bender and Doug Chernack. It's now so popular, they receive hundreds of submissions a day, and have just signed a book deal with Three Rivers Press.

To paraphrase Leo Tolstoy, happy families are all alike, but every awkward family is uniquely awkward in its own way.

Now where's that photo of Grandma? ■

>> This column originally ran on June 24, 2009. Nancy Stetson will be back from her tour of Broadway next week. We expect her to share any and all awkward photos from her trip.



dressed up as characters from Winnie the Pooh. (The father, dressed as Eeyore, is down on all fours.)

There are studio family shots, one with a baby making an obscene gesture, another with a baby who, at the moment the shutter clicked, decided to grab his grandmother's breast.



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BY REV. VANN ELLISON
Special to Florida Weekly

It's hard to imagine that concealed within our community are more than 900 homeless adults. Even more alarming is the number of homeless children in Collier County — approximately 1,300 each year. As the recession continues to take its toll, these children with no permanent home attended public school last year, says Cynthia Rodriguez-Schweisthal, homeless liaison for Collier County Public Schools.

Today, the face of a homeless person isn't limited to a disheveled, intoxicated man who aimlessly roams the streets. The homeless are just as likely to be your co-worker, an employee from a Naples Fifth Avenue restaurant, the middle-aged couple who (used to) live next door or a single mother and her children.

Homelessness can happen to anybody, but the number one cause is being alone. When most people hit a rough patch in life such as divorce, unemployment, substance abuse problem, illness or injury, they call family, friends or co-workers.

However, some people don't have anyone who can help in their time of need.

When a person is alone and gets injured, he can be released from the hospital but unable to care for himself and without anyone who can help. At least once a week, St. Matthew's House receives a call from the hospital asking about someone who is ready to be discharged with no place to go.

These are the people Naples-based St. Matthew's House serves.

Every year, St. Matthew's House, the only emergency housing and recovery program in Collier County, prepares and serves an average of 160,000 meals, distributes more than 10,000 bags of groceries and provides shelter to more than 2,000 men, women and children who need a place to live and help rebuilding their lives. Our Old Firehouse Feeding Ministry, at our original location, serves meals twice a day, every day to anyone who is hungry. Last year alone, we served more than 30,000 meals at this facility alone.

In the last fiscal year, through housing, direct assistance and feeding programs, St. Matthew's House helped more than 5,000 working poor, 2,200 of whom were children; of those children, 171 were residents of the shelter with their families.

Among the most common misconceptions about St. Matthew's House is that it's a flophouse, a place where drunkenness and crime are condoned. Nothing could be further from the truth.



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The staff and volunteers work closely with the Collier County Sheriff's Office to make sure those who live in our facilities behave in a safe and responsible manner.

Three St. Matthew's thrift stores provide opportunities to train and employ people who might otherwise not be employable. These stores also enable the working poor to receive clothes and household items they need, and generate income to support the mission and operation of St. Matthew's House.

The organization also runs SMH Catering, an in-house commercial enterprise that helps provide income for the program's operation and that also trains servers who can then enter the region's thriving hospitality industry with the skills needed for success.

St. Matthew's staff and volunteers go to sleep each night knowing there are kids sleeping in the woods and families that lack the most basic necessities. It could be someone you know. One day, it might be you.

Since 1987, St. Matthew's House has served the hungry and homeless of Collier County, building a program that nourishes them physically and spiritually, while helping them become sober, successful members of society. When they turn their lives around and become functioning members of society, it benefits the community as a whole as well as them as individuals.

We invite you to learn more by taking the Tour of Hope at St. Matthew's House, which includes a complimentary lunch served in our dining hall. For more information, call 774-0500 or visit www.stmatthewshouse.org.

— Rev. Vann Ellison has been president and CEO of St. Matthew's House since 2004. Immediately prior to SMH, Ellison was senior chaplain at the Collier County Sheriff's Office.



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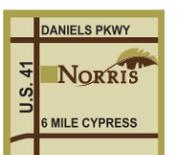


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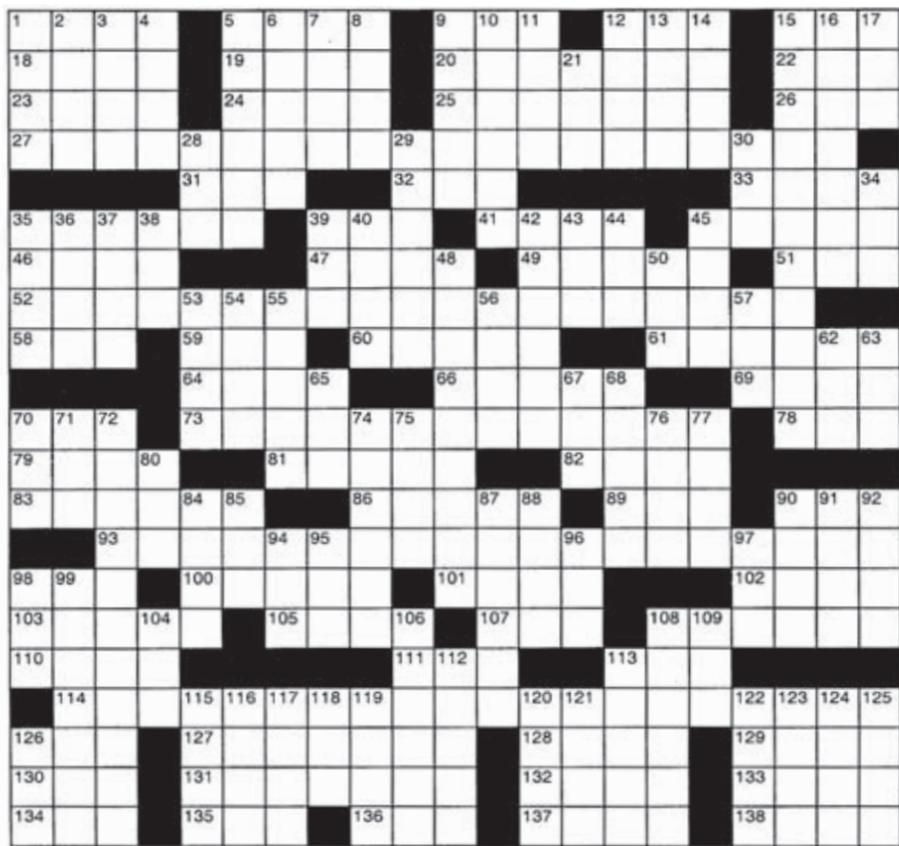
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SEE ANSWERS, C9

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HOROSCOPES

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Trying to resolve a workplace problem with a longtime associate can be difficult. Consider bringing in an impartial third party to help you both reach a mutually acceptable solution.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** This is a good time to assess your current career situation. Consider whether you have a chance to move up where you are now, or if you should look elsewhere.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** With education being a dominant part of this week's aspect, one of the things you might want to think about is taking courses to enhance your career opportunities.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** You might have a problem trying to stay focused on a matter you'd rather not deal with. But the sooner you do, the sooner it will be resolved and out of the way.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** An unforeseen complication creates a difficult problem. But things get resolved once you use your ability to turn negative situations into positive experiences.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** The Pisces penchant for doing the right thing at the right time helps you deal with a particularly troublesome situation. Consider your best option, and act accordingly.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** A workplace change doesn't seem to have turned out quite as you'd hoped.

Never mind: Just treat yourself to a healthy dollop of that Aries self-confidence, and you'll soon view things differently.

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Some of the support you might have hoped for in a difficult situation might not be there. But you have the strength to rely on your own capabilities if you must. Good luck.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** A disagreement with a longtime friend can be painful, but it also can be a learning lesson. Insist on a full and complete airing of views. You'll both come away the better for .

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** A stalled relationship can be restarted with some give and take on both sides. And while it could take more time than you expect, don't rush it. Be patient, and let it happen naturally.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** An opportunity to move a long-stalled project from concept to construction might be opening up for the Big Cat. Meanwhile, be prepared to spend more time dealing with family matters.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Use your Virgo organizational skills to line up support to help you deal with a sticky workplace problem. A personal matter also might be helped with friendly intervention.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** Although you might sometimes seem rigid in your views, your love of justice makes you a trusted friend everyone can rely on.

By Linda Thistle

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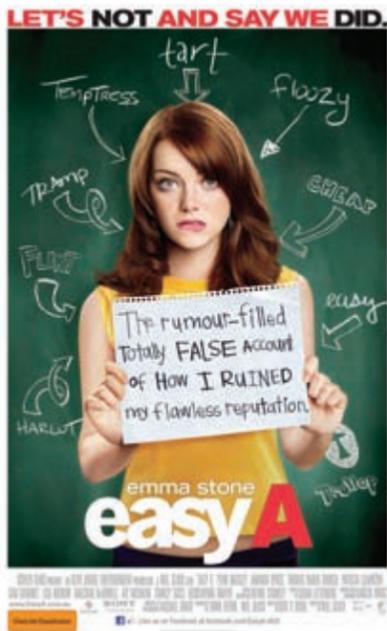
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LATEST FILMS

'Easy A'



★ ★ ★ ½
Is it worth \$10? Yes



Of all the talented young actresses working today, none have a brighter future than Emma Stone. She's funny and smart. She's pretty, but not glam sexy. She has a natural, easy screen presence that makes her acting look effortless. She's a pure, genuine talent who makes smart decisions, then makes the most of her decisions.

The 21-year-old star of "Zombieland," "The House Bunny" and "Superbad" gets her first true headline opportunity in "Easy A." And she nails it.

Ms. Stone plays Olive, a whip-smart high schooler who's ignored by her classmates. And because she's a nobody, she doesn't think her little white lie to best friend Rhi (Aly Michalka) about losing her virginity will amount to much of anything. Boy, is she wrong.

Soon the entire school is hearing about Olive's fictional sex life, and because she's getting more attention than ever, she rolls with it. When Brandon (Dan Byrd), who is gay, asks her to "fake sleep" with him, she obliges because she feels sorry for him. This pseudo-romp happens at a party, which allows Olive's reputation to grow exponentially fast.

Ever the businesswoman, Olive decides to use her newfound status as the school slut to "fake hook-up" with guys for money: They give her gift cards, she lets them tell people they hooked up. Seems like a fair trade — until, of course, things go too far, meaning Olive might lose the guy (Penn Badgley) she really has a crush on.

Olive is a great character because she acknowledges what other people think about her, but doesn't let that define her. She also seems to get along better with adults than she does people her own age. For example, she's more friends with her parents (Stanley Tucci and Patricia Clarkson) and favorite teacher (Thomas Haden Church) than she is their daughter/student. In contrast, she can't stand it when Christian good-girl Marianne

(Amanda Bynes) tries to "save" her from a life of sin.

Director Will Gluck and writer Bert V. Royal also recognize and play with standard teen comedy conventions. By both spoofing and paying homage to the likes of John Hughes, Mr. Gluck keeps a light, airy tone that perfectly accentuates the consistent humor and involving story. This self-awareness allows the fact that Olive just happens to be reading Nathaniel Hawthorne's "The Scarlet Letter" in English class to be an ironic parallel to the story, largely because Olive acknowledges how tacky it is when movies do this.

Mark my words: Ms. Stone's star is on the rise, and if she continues to make solid choices, the sky is the limit for her career. The material in "Easy A" is good enough that another actress could have made it work, but Ms. Stone makes it great. ■

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in the know
>> After Emma Stone's audition, she recorded a scene into her webcam and e-mailed it to director Will Gluck. "I took the disc with that scene to the head of the studio and said, 'This is the girl,'" Mr. Gluck notes.

CAPSULES

REVIEWED BY DAN HUDAK
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The Tillman Story

★★★★½
(Dannie Tillman, Marie Tillman, Stan Goff) This searing documentary takes a look at the discrepancy between the way ex-NFL player Pat Tillman really died in Afghanistan in April 2004 and the way the U.S. government tried to falsely anoint him as a martyr. The outrage from the Tillman family — and the government's resistance to retract its statements — are shocking and infuriating. But as hinders many documentaries, director Amir Bar-Lev isn't able to achieve much balance with the other side of the story, i.e. why the government did what it did. Whether Mr. Bar-Lev was shunned when/if he attempted to do so is inconsequential; the

film is a fascinating, contemptuous look at a family on a mission and a government superpower in desperate need of support for its war. Rated R.

I'm Still Here ★★★★★

(Joaquin Phoenix, Casey Affleck, Antony Langdon) Joaquin Phoenix retires from acting to pursue a hip-hop career in director Casey Affleck's mockumentary that's both truthful and a grand hoax. There are some compelling, horrifying and hysterical moments, but ultimately this is a sad story about a lost soul. Not Rated. ■



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FLORIDA WEEKLY WRITING CHALLENGE

'Plenty'

BY LAURIE ANTON
Cape Coral

Jonathan sat in the outpatient waiting room while his wife, Gerri, without any coffee, water, oatmeal or morning muffins, reclined in her fashionable surgical gown, IV stuck in her left arm, and stomach gurgling.

Gerri had wanted to get the whole thing over as soon as possible.

They left to be at the hospital at 5:30 a.m. sharp, but the doctor was running late, and now Jonathan watched the couples and kids all piled together in the subzero temperature waiting room like frozen seafood in an illuminated fish market display. He couldn't help but notice the array of humanity, in need of some medical procedure that would cure them, make their lives better, remove facial wrinkles or eradicate a foreign body in their digestive tract.

Their discussion the night before was staccato, as always.

"Three kids are plenty," Gerri had said. "We have beautiful girls; waiting for a boy seems like asking God for a gift that he has already graciously delivered."

"I don't need a boy to be fulfilled," Jonathan mused. "I can teach our girls to be strong, live their dreams, fillet a fish, hunt and play baseball. It's really not a big deal," he fired back.

Jonathan's thoughts raced by when the nurse came to get him.

"Your wife is fine. She's a little drowsy, but she asked to see you. She's got some sense of humor, you know. Had us all in stitches."

Gerri suffered with migraines and had recurring bouts of lupus. She was allergic to almost everything, and now that she had finally made this decision, she knew it would give her ego a boost, a new lease on life, peace of mind and a new image to discover.

She had endured so many surgeries; the doctor told her he was going to tattoo her belly to cover all the scars.

Life had been a steady stream of ups and downs, medications, treatments. She knew that this time, for once, it was a decision she would make for herself, for all time.

And while she had plenty of years ahead of her, she told the nurses as her brain was still swimming in and out of anesthesia, she would live them as Jerry — a man, stripped of the tubes, the belly, the demands of lipstick, nail polish, mascara, pedicures, stockings, hormonal merry-go-rounds; a man, free to jump out of bed, run a comb through her hair, throw on comfortable pants with wild abandon.

Jonathan walked into the recovery room and saw his wife with the bandages wound unabashedly around her now ample chest. He held her hand and said, "You're as beautiful as ever. I couldn't ask for a lovelier wife."

She grinned with new allure. "You mean there aren't plenty of fish in the sea?"

"Ah... but you're the only mermaid I see."

Suddenly, the arctic air defrosted, in beams of radiant heat and light. ■



One more fish tale

We decided to release one more story based on our fish photo. Florida Weekly readers were asked to submit stories based on the photo seen at left. Our sincere thanks go out to everyone who participated.

Next Round



Based on the image above, send us a fictional narrative of 600 words or less. Florida Weekly will accept your original stories in Word format or pasted into the body of an e-mail until Friday, Oct. 8. E-mail them to opadilla@floridaweekly.com and we will print the best stories in the weeks to come.







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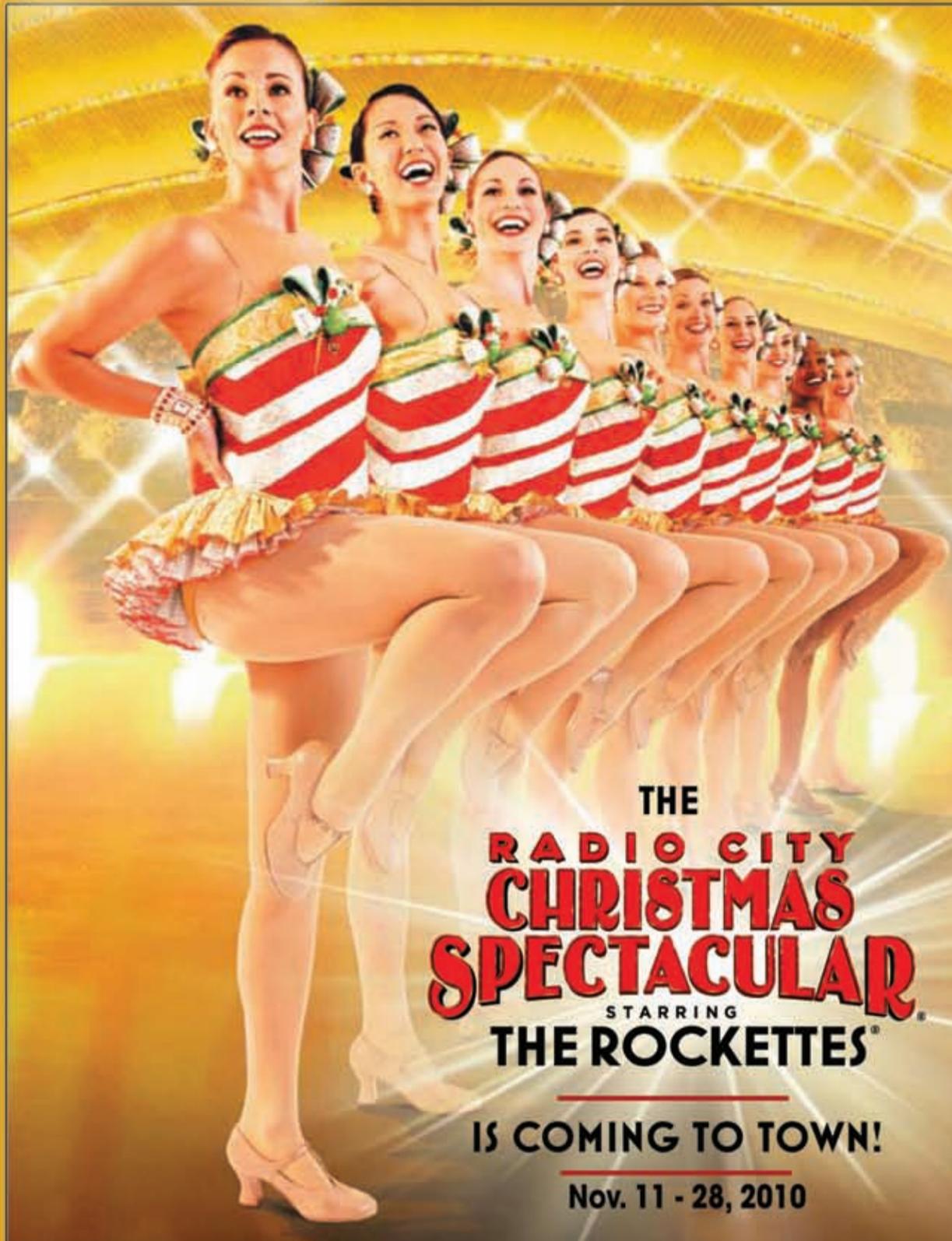
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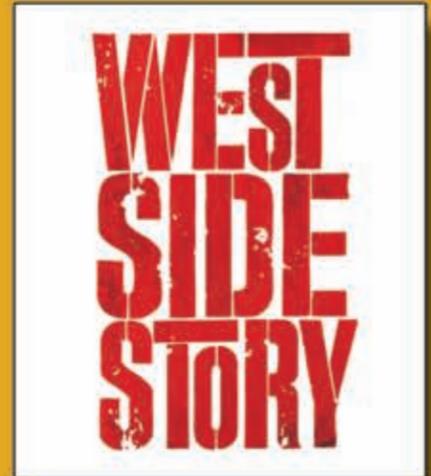
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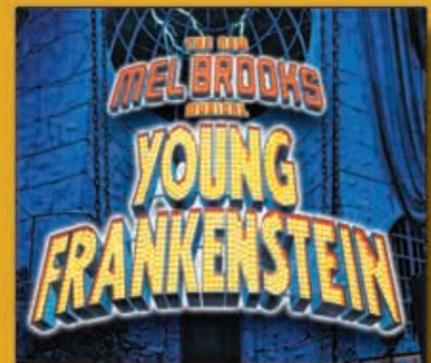
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FLORIDA WRITERS

When delicate bonds are stretched to the limit

“Fragile” by Lisa Unger. Shaye Areheart / Crown. 336 pages. \$24.

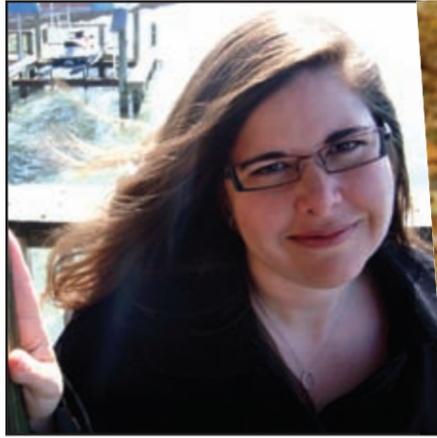
BY PHILIP K. JASON
Special to Florida Weekly

In The Hollows, a small town 100 miles from New York City, a rebellious teenager named Charlene disappears. Pressed into service is Jones Cooper, the head of detectives on the local police force. Concerned as well is his wife Maggie, a psychologist who has insights into Charlene as well as into Charlene’s mother, Melody, once a high school classmate, as was Jones and many other townspeople. The Hollows holds onto its young, who turn into its parents and then its retired grandparents — like Maggie’s declining mother, Elizabeth, once the high school’s principal.

One of Maggie’s patients is Marshall Crosby, a troubled boy at the edge of destructive behavior. He is the son of disgraced former policeman Travis Crosby — a high school crony of Jones’s — and grandson of the older Travis Crosby, retired from his mean-spirited reign as the town’s police chief.

Center stage for the Coopers is their son, Ricky, who considers goth-fashioned Charlene his girlfriend. Exactly how close they are is not clear, but Ricky has also been rebellious and secretive. What does he know about Charlene’s disappearance? What will he reveal?

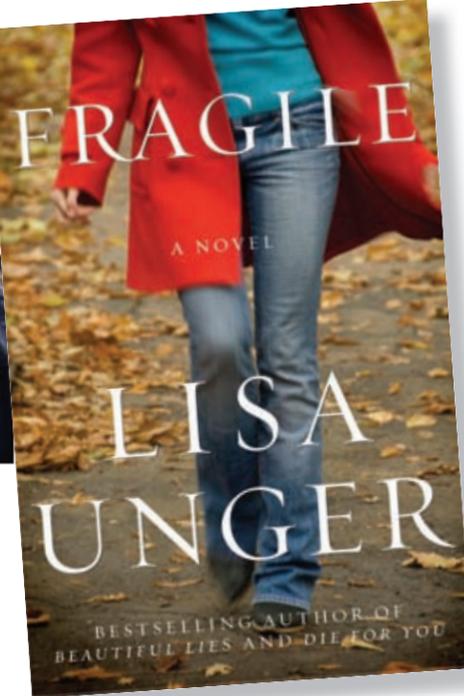
Is Charlene a runaway — or has she been abducted? Will she end up like one of her mother’s classmates, Sarah, who a generation back was found murdered shortly after her disappearance? Questions about



Charlene bring up memories of Sarah’s death — a closed case, but with some loose ends.

And why is Marshall Crosby, the son and grandson of abusers, trying so hard to find out if he is a good person or a bad person?

While Lisa Unger shows amazing skill at plot development, pacing, and projecting a rich sense of place, her talent in characterization — in plumbing the depths of her characters’ inner circumstances — is truly exceptional. Readers will be enthralled by the access they gain to each major character’s fluctuations of emotional temperature. Even more important in this novel is Ms. Unger’s penetration into the nuances of relationships between parents and children, husbands and wives, public and private roles, friendships and mere dependencies, the self as child and the self as adult. How strong, or fragile, are these ties?



As in Lisa Unger’s earlier novels, compelling and convincing psychological probing is her forte.

In the forefront of “Fragile” is how the bonds between Maggie and Jones are tested by the way each relates to Ricky. Both are worried about his moodiness, his choice of a girlfriend, and his insularity. Maggie tends to be open and supportive — doing all she can to maintain lines of communication, while Jones is suspicious, judgmental, and almost inaccessible. Their fights about Ricky heighten and inflame tensions in their relationship that have

been submerged through most of their marriage. The question of whether the Coopers will truly find one another again is as much a driving force in “Fragile” as what has happened to Charlene.

Another area of interest in “Fragile” attaches to the character of Charlie Strout, a mid-30s pest control specialist and would-be writer who gets a call from Maggie’s mother regarding noises in her attic. Charlie is initially portrayed as a loser, a college graduate who never got his act together. However, he connects with an attractive and kind woman, his company’s dispatcher, who draws him out and builds his confidence. Charlie, like everyone else, is aware of the Charlene issue, which strangely echoes Charlie’s own infatuation with a high school girl named Lily and the suspicion that was pointed his way when she disappeared, years ago, in his native Florida.

Ms. Unger slowly and carefully fashions and draws to an unexpected close a complex net of clues, observations, suspicions, and character traits. She takes readers into the thoughts of several major characters, opening up doors for the reader that are closed to the other characters; but the author only reveals just enough to raise more questions.

Though something of a departure from her recent thrillers, Lisa Unger’s “Fragile” shines with her signature talent and generates plenty of suspense. The microcosm of The Hollows is a fine laboratory for dissecting small town life in the age of Internet social networking, which plays an important role in this novel.

For this reviewer, Lisa Unger can do no wrong. ■

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Florida Gulf Coast University invites aspiring writers to attend the Sanibel Island Writers Conference Thursday through Sunday, Nov. 4-7, at BIG ARTS on Sanibel Island. Participants can attend a variety of workshops, panels, lectures and readings presented by writers and teachers.

"The conference is open to any aspiring writer who wants to create new work or refine a project already in progress," Tom DeMarchi, conference director and an instructor in the FGCU College of Arts and Sciences, says. "We invite anyone interested in reading, writing and publishing to attend."

Attendees participate in a variety of morning workshops in fiction, poetry, online publishing, humor, screenwriting, children's literature, memoir, songwriting and creative nonfiction.

Afternoon panels include workshops in publishing, freelance writing, journalism, obtaining a literary agent and the creative process.

Each evening will feature readings and book signings with two to three authors. This year's keynote speaker is Augusten Burroughs, and there will be a musical performance by Stanley Brinks. Participants registered for the entire conference can attend all events. Specific afternoon events and all nighttime events are open to the public.

Keynote speaker Mr. Burroughs chronicled some of his childhood experiences in the 2002 memoir "Running

with Scissors," which was later developed into a film. In addition to "Scissors," Mr. Burroughs penned a second memoir, "Dry" (2003), about his experience during and after treatment for alcoholism. His first novel, "Sell-e-vision" (2000), is in production as a feature film.

Mr. Brinks will conduct a songwriting workshop and perform a Friday night concert that is open to the public.

Veteran political journalist and publisher Martin Tolchin and his wife, public policy specialist Susan Tolchin,

will discuss their latest book, "Pinstripe Patronage: Political Favoritism from the Clubhouse to the White House... and Beyond" on Saturday afternoon. Their discussion is open to the public.

Literary agents Lisa Gallagher and Christopher Schelling will discuss how they recruit clients and manage their careers. Literary editors Jeanne Leiby and Nick Marino will hold panels on choosing which authors to publish, and how much they edit.

Other conference presenters include writers Steve Almond, Lynne Barrett, Bonnie

Jo Campbell, John Dufresne, Denise Duhamel, Beth Ann Fennelly, Tom Franklin, William Greenway, Kristin Hersh, Karl Iagnemma, Walter Kirn, Jeanne Leiby, Nick Marino, Campbell McGrath, John McNally, Debra Monroe, Keith Lee Morris, Robert Olmstead, Margo Rabb, Danielle Sellers, Jeffrey Thomson and Robert Wilder.

The cost for the entire conference is \$350, which includes all workshops, panels, lectures and readings. Registration is limited to 150 participants on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration forms are available at www.fgcu.edu/siwc.

For an additional \$50, participants can meet privately with a writer or editor to discuss a maximum of 10 pages of a pre-submitted manuscript. Space is limited for individual manuscript consultations. ■



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Keynote speaker Augusten Burroughs

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B.B. King plays at the Phil Oct. 1

Here's some of what's ahead on the program at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. For more information and tickets to any of these performances, call 597-1900 or visit www.thephil.org.

Russian masters fill orchestra program

The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra performs "From Russia with Love," featuring favorite works by six Russian masters, at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25. Stuart Chafetz will conduct.

All of the passion, mystery and beauty that make Russian music so uniquely

captivating are conjured up in this program of pieces by Rimsky-Korsakov, Tchaikovsky, Stravinsky, Prokofiev, Shostakovich and Khachaturian. From Shostakovich's effervescent "Festive Overture," which opens the concert, to selections from Stravinsky's enchanting "Firebird Suite" to Khachaturian's richly melodic "Masquerade Suite" and Tchaikovsky's hypnotic "Marche Slave," the many moods of great Russian music will be evoked in this musical feast — served for the Phil audience, from Russia with love.

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B.B. King brings blues to the stage

B.B. King, universally hailed as one of the most important blues guitarists of the last half-century, performs at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1. His groundbreaking music has defined the blues for a worldwide audience, and the 15-time Grammy Award-winner continues to thrill fans with his relentless passion for performing. The audience can expect to hear such King staples as "The Thrill is Gone," "When Love Comes to Town," "Everyday I Have the Blues," "Why I Sing the Blues," "Paying the Cost to Be the Boss" and many others.

Tickets to B.B. King start at \$79. ■

Brass, percussion make music together

"Bach 'n' Rock," a chamber-style concert featuring the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra's Brass Quintet and percussionists, showcases the diversity of the brass instruments in selections ranging from classical masterpieces to classic rock hits. Concerts are at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3, and 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5.

On the classical side, two Bach favorites will be performed: Contrapunctus No. 9 from "The Art of Fugue" and his famous, stirring Fugue in G minor. More recent works, transcribed for brass and percussion, will include popular songs by Queen, the Beatles, Chicago and other bands to complete this unique chamber music journey from Bach to rock.

Tickets to Bach 'n' Rock start at \$32 for adults and \$15 for students. ■

Let it 'Rain' with Beatles tunes

The award-winning "Rain," a multimedia experience the *Denver Post* described as "the next best thing to seeing The Beatles," comes to the Phil at 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 6-7. After its Florida engagements, the show goes straight to Broadway for an 11-week limited run.

For more than two decades, "Rain" has distinguished itself by delivering note-for-note performances, drawing from a repertoire of nearly 200 Beatles favorites, including "Hey Jude," "Revolution," "Come Together," Yesterday and more. All the music is performed live, with no pre-recorded tapes.

Tickets to "Rain" start at \$59. ■

First Family Fare promises fun for all

The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra presents a concert event for the whole family when it performs "The Composer is Dead," the first Family Fare concert of the season, at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10. Conducting the orchestra will be Kelly Corcoran, assistant conductor of the Nashville Symphony.

A collaboration between bestselling children's book author Lemony Snicket and acclaimed composer Nathaniel Stookey, "The Composer is Dead" is an uproarious whodunit in which every member of the orchestra is a suspect.

Other "to-die-for" works on the program include excerpts from Gounod's "Funeral March of a Marionette," Mahler's Symphony No. 5, Tchaikovsky's Finale from Symphony No. 6 and Beethoven's Funeral March from Symphony No. 3.

Tickets to "The Composer is Dead" start at \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. ■

Diana Ross comes to Naples

The inimitable Diana Ross makes her first-ever Southwest Florida appearance at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, at the Phil. The legendary pop icon will perform her greatest hits in a production that includes breathtaking costumes and stage designs along with live string and horn sections.

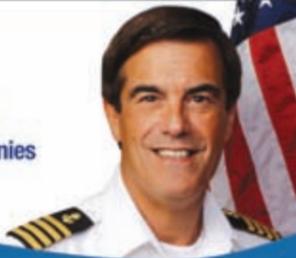
The winner of eight American Music Awards and a recipient of the Kennedy Center Honors, Ms. Ross has sold more than 100 million records and recorded 18 No. 1 hits. From her storied days with the Supremes to her extraordinary solo career, she is a music legend who sings the soundtrack of our lives.

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All NAA members are eligible to enter one piece now through Oct. 14. Exhibition space is limited, and eligible applications will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis. Artwork must be original, not from published photos and not executed under instruction.

All exhibiting members perform at least four hours of volunteer work assisting visitors during the exhibition time period.

The art center will hold a preview reception from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5. Exhibiting artists may bring one non-member guest free of charge. Other non-members are welcome at \$10 per person. At the end of the evening, a People's Choice Award of \$100 will be given to the artist receiving the most votes from reception guests.

For application details and more information, all 262-6517 or visit www.naplesart.org.

Juried shows coming up

Online registration at www.JuriedArtServices.com is now open for the following NAA-sponsored juried art festivals coming up this season:

- ▶ The 15th annual Downtown Naples New Year's Art Fair on Jan. 1-2, 2011 (application deadline Sept. 29).
- ▶ The 32nd annual Naples National Art Festival on Feb. 26-27, 2011 (application deadline Nov. 3).
- ▶ The second annual Mercato Fine Arts Festival on March 5-6 (application deadline Dec. 1).
- ▶ The 23rd annual Downtown Naples Festival of the Arts on March 26-27 (application deadline Dec. 29).

The deadline has already passed for applying for the season's first festival, the Naples Fall Fine Art & Craft Festival (formerly the Naples Renaissance Fall Art Festival), which happens Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 26-27.

Visit www.JuriedArtServices.com for complete registration details for the individual festivals. For more information, call Marianne Megela at the Naples Art Association, 262-6517, ext. 103, or e-mail marianne.megela@naplesart.org. ■

Nominate a 'Star' for UAC award

The United Arts Council of Collier County is soliciting nominations for its 2011 "Stars in the Arts" awards. Anyone can nominate an individual, a business or an organization in recognition of significant contributions to the local arts scene. Nominees can be patrons and donors, educators, emerging artists, new arts organizations, volunteers, visionaries, arts writers/critics and media organizations, among others. An award for lifetime achievement is also presented.

Deadline for nominations is Friday, Oct. 8. A nomination form is available at www.collierarts.org.

Those who have been nominated but not selected in previous years will automatically be considered for a 2011 Stars in the Arts award. A nomination form with updated information should be submitted, however.

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KOVELS: ANTIQUES & COLLECTING

Dummy boards are expensive companions

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Lonesome? Our ancestors filled their large homes with dummy boards, or "silent companions." These were painted figures made from flat, cut-out pieces of wood that could stand on the floor. Early examples had a hinged stand at the back, very much like those used on picture frames today. There is some controversy about how they were used in the 17th and 18th centuries.

Dummy boards shaped like children, animals, soldiers and servants may have hidden an unused fireplace during the summer. Some may have hidden in shadows to make it look as if the room were occupied, or as a joke to fool guests. Dummy boards are a type of early folk art, and have been copied. Very good copies were made in the 19th century and have now aged enough to confuse collectors. Modern versions picture 20th-century butlers or comic figures. Antique dummy boards can sell for thousands of dollars.

Q: I bought a chair from an elderly woman four years ago and would like some information about the maker. It has a paper label on the bottom of the seat that reads, "S. Karpen & Bros., Chicago-New York-Los Angeles." There also is a metal tag that reads "Karpen

Guaranteed Furniture."

A: Solomon Karpen and his brother Oscar began making furniture in their basement in Chicago in 1880. Seven more brothers joined the business between 1880 and 1894. S. Karpen & Bros. opened a factory in New York in 1919 and one in Los Angeles in 1927. The company was one of the leading manufacturers of upholstered furniture and the largest furniture manufacturer in the world at one time. Karpen was bought by Lawrence K. Schnadig in 1952 and merged with International Furniture Co. to become Schnadig Corp. The Karpen name was used on furniture made by Schnadig for several years.

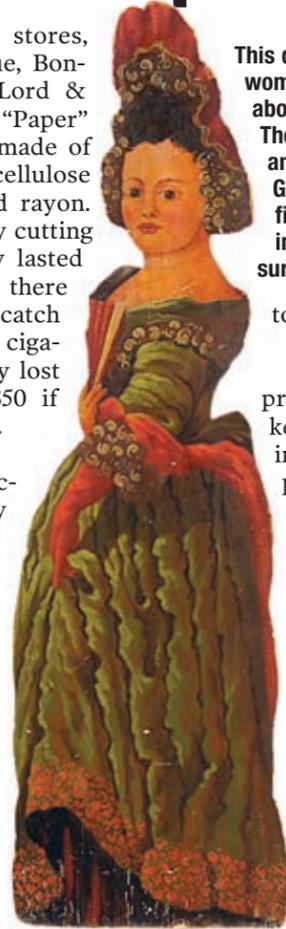
Q: I have a paper dress with a label inside that states "Hallmark, Island Paradise." It says it's made of 80 percent cellulose and 20 percent cotton, and is fire-resistant. I'm not the original owner, but the dress has never been worn. I'm told it's from the 1950s. I would like to know if the dress has any value, or if it's just a collector's item.

A: Your paper dress is not as old as you think. The first paper dresses were made in 1966 and were offered by Scott Paper Co. as premiums for \$1 plus 52 cents' worth of coupons from Scott paper products. The company sold about 500,000 of the dresses in two different styles. By 1967, several other companies offered paper dresses as premiums for their products. Hallmark sold paper "hostess" dresses that matched their party napkins and table-

cloths. Some department stores, including Saks Fifth Avenue, Bonwit Teller, Gimbels and Lord & Taylor, sold paper dresses. "Paper" dresses were not actually made of paper, but of a mixture of cellulose and nylon or cellulose and rayon. They could be shortened by cutting off the bottom and usually lasted for several wearings. But there was a risk that they could catch fire if worn too close to a cigarette or open flame, so they lost popularity. Value: about \$50 if the graphics are interesting.

Q: I have a Viennese chocolate set that belonged to my great-grandmother. I am 85 years old, so it is from the last quarter of the 1800s. The pieces are marked with a double circle with the words "Leonard" on top, "Vienna" in the middle and "Austria" on the bottom. Who made this set?

A: The mark you describe was used by P.H. Leonard, a New York City importing firm. Leonard imported white wares from several factories in Austria. The exact dates the company was in business are not clear. Some sources say Peter Leonard established his company in 1880 and went bankrupt in 1898. Others say his company was in business from before 1890



COURTESY PHOTO

This dummy board is shaped like a woman dressed in a style popular about 1800, when it was made. The pine figure is 42 inches tall and was offered for sale at Stair Galleries of Hudson, N.Y. The figure probably was displayed in a dark corner of a room to surprise visitors.

to c. 1908.

Tip: Photographs and printed material should be kept in archival boxes or in files or frames that have passed the PAT (Photographic Activity Test). Ask an expert for advice before you buy storage material. Archival is good, but PAT is best. ■

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CAN fundraiser celebrates women

The ninth annual Women Supporting Women Wine Tasting is set for 5:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, at Handsome Harry's, 1205 Third St. S. The annual fundraiser for the Cancer Alliance of Naples celebrates breast cancer survivors and provides opportunities for women to network with live entertainment, creative cuisine and selected wine pairings. Cost is \$65 per person in advance and \$75 at the door. The evening will include raffles for dining experiences, weekend getaways, spa packages, jewelry, clothing and more. For more information, visit Womensupportingwomen.naples@gmail.com. ■

Evening in India aids David Lawrence Foundation

The David Lawrence Foundation will host its signature fundraiser event, "India: An Exotic Journey," on Friday, Jan. 14, 2011, at The Naples Yacht Club, 700 14th Ave. South. Dinner, dancing, live entertainment and a silent auction will add to the excitement of this mystical themed event. East Indian attire is welcomed and encouraged.

A variety of sponsorship opportunities and levels are available. Tickets to the event are \$500 per person, \$1,200 per VIP patron and \$5,000 per table of 10. For additional information or to reserve a ticket, contact the David Lawrence Foundation at 354-1416. ■

Actress donates signed purse to Handbag Happy Hour

The eighth annual ICAN Handbag Happy Hour is set for Friday, Nov. 5. This year's event will be held at the Miramar Design Center in Estero starting with a 4 p.m. preview of the silent auction items and the party getting under way at 5 p.m. Donations have already started coming into the ICAN offices with the arrival of an autographed Pucci handbag from actress Gwyneth Paltrow.

In addition, Chico's FAS has signed up as the first major sponsor of the event and is also designing a one-of-a-kind purse for the live auction.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for corporations and individual business with packages that range from \$500 up to \$5,000.

The Handbag Happy Hour will consist of live and silent auctions plus a grab bag table of previously loved handbags. Tickets will go on sale soon at \$75 each and



will include admission, an open bar hosted by the Office Pub, heavy hors d'oeuvres and a fashion show. For more information, contact Mitch Haley at 337-2391, ext. 211 or by e-mail at mhaley@icanswfl.org. ■

Kick up your heels at Stiletto Sprint

To help kick off Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Downtown Naples Association presents the first annual Stiletto Sprint in downtown Naples the evening of Friday, Oct. 1, starting in front of the tennis courts behind The von Liebig Art Center and ending on Fifth Avenue South. Runners and walkers on all types of footwear are welcome, but only those in two-inch heels will qualify for the first and second place prizes.

City Councilman Gary Price has pledged to navigate the course in women's pumps and is collecting donations in hopes of raising \$10,000 for the cause.

A special pink tree lighting and appearance by the Radio City Music Hall Rockettes, will be held at Sugden Plaza following the race, thanks to Fifth Third Bank.

All proceeds will benefit the Garden of Hope and Courage at the downtown campus of NCH and the Southwest Florida affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

Registration for the Stiletto Sprint is \$20 per person and will begin at 5 p.m. behind The von Liebig. The race will step out at 6:30 p.m. The pink tree lighting and other festivities will begin at 6:45 p.m.

To sign up ahead of time, call 435-3742 or visit www.WAVV101.com.

To make a contribution to Councilman Price's effort, send a check made

out to Stiletto Sprint (with "Gary Price in Heels" in the memo line) to 800 Fifth Ave. S., Suite 103, Naples FL 34102. For more information, call 435-3742. ■

Doctors showcase their other talents

The Steinway Piano Society presents the sixth annual Physicians Talent Showcase on Tuesday evening, Oct. 19, at Sugden Community Theatre. Doctors from Lee and Collier counties are tuning up for the popular program that benefits the Neighborhood Health Clinic and the Steinway Piano Society Scholarship Fund.

Tickets for \$75 per person are available at the Sugden Community Theatre box office. For more information, call the Steinway Piano Gallery at 498-9884. ■

United Arts Council celebrates the arts

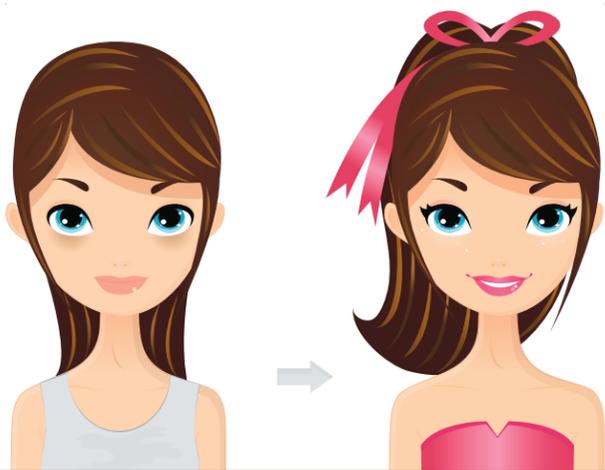
"Masquerade Madness," the kick-off party for the United Arts Council of Collier County's annual Celebrate the Arts Month is set for Saturday, Oct. 30, at the Hilton Naples. The event will include dinner, entertainment and auctions and will spotlight the area's arts and cultural organizations. Save the date and check www.CollierArts.com, for details. ■

Book your tickets for casino night

Friends of the Library of Collier County are betting in "Red, White & Roulette," their second annual casino night,

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to raise funds for the Collier County library system. The gaming and more fun begin at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, at St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church across from Headquarters Library. For more information, visit www.collierfriends.org. ■

Place your bet on this 'BIG Event'

A Las Vegas-themed "BIG Event" to benefit the Children's Learning Foundation takes place Saturday, Nov. 13, at the Naples Grande. NBC-S's Chad Oliver is the evening's host.

Tickets for the semi-formal evening are \$35 and include casino chips and light hors d'oeuvres; VIP tickets include additional chips and entry to a VIP lounge. For more information, visit www.NaplesBigEvent.com. ■

'Remember When' for Sunshine Kids

The Parkshore and Ritz-Carlton offices of Prudential Florida Realty present "Remember When," a sock hop for the Sunshine Kids Foundation, on Saturday, Nov. 13, at Heritage Bay Golf and Country Club. Twist the night away at the 1950s-style party and help spread some sunshine for children with cancer. The fun will include jitterbug, twist and hula-hoop contests; costume contest; a silent auction; hors d'oeuvres and buffet dinner; and music hosted by Emma Lee.

The Sunshine Kids Foundation provides programs for young cancer patients

in hospitals across North America. Prudential Real Estate affiliates adopted the foundation as a network-wide charity in 1991.

Tickets to "Remember When" are \$50 per person and include two drinks. For reservations, call 595-4200. ■

Immokalee agency plans fundraisers

Immokalee Housing & Family Services is planning a "You're My Hero" luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, at the Naples Sailing & Yacht Club. Cost is \$50 per person, and funds will help IHFS in its mission to provide decent, safe and affordable rental housing with supportive social and educational services for farm workers and other low-income families in Immokalee.

IHFS is also planning a dinner dance on Tuesday, March 29, 2011, at the Hilton Naples. Tickets are \$100.

For more information or tickets to either of the above events, call 657-8335 or visit www.ihfservices.org. ■

Sea Salt evening will benefit missing, exploited children

Sea Salt on Third Street South is hosting a wine dinner to benefit the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children on Wednesday, Nov. 10. Four wine bars will be set up in the restaurant's Naples Room, and buffet dinner will be in the Sea Glass Room. Save the date and watch here for details. ■

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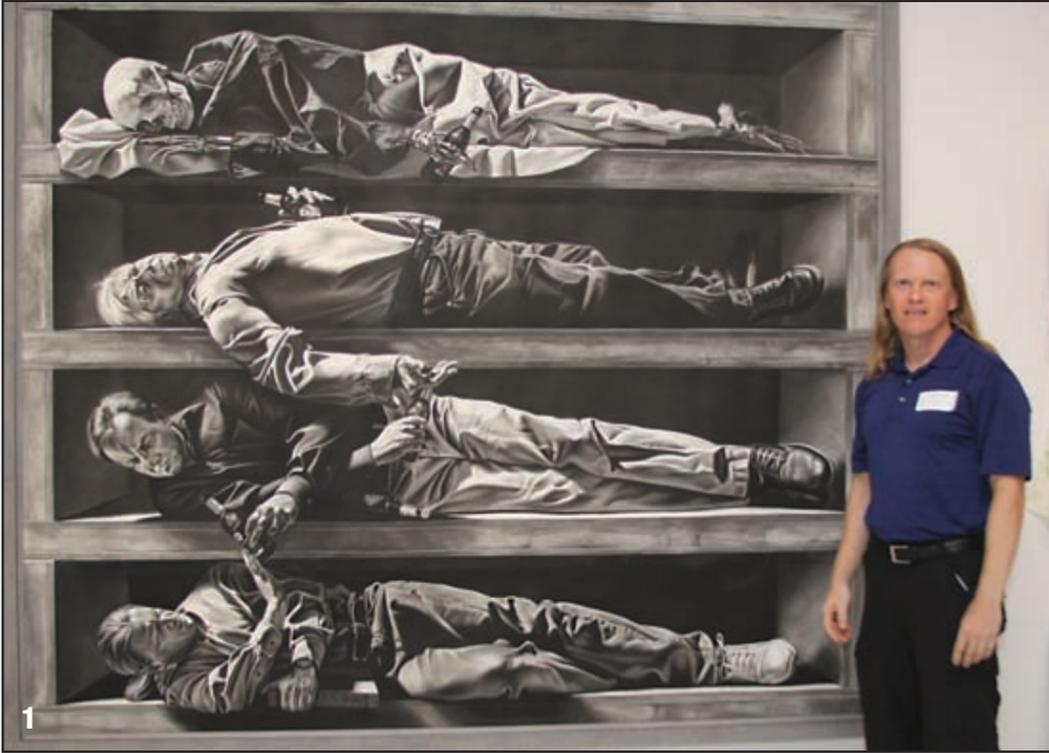
1. Models Christin Collins and Joe Chambers
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9. Nicole DebBusman, Pat Port, Bob Regan, Vicki Tracy, Suzanne Scott and Cari Cascio
10. Paul Parshall and Sue Letizia
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National Art Encounter 2010 Opening reception at The von Liebig Art Center



NANCY NEAL / COURTESY PHOTOS

1. Kevin Grass with his mixed media entry titled "Inheritance," which won Best in Show
2. Susi Daye, Nichole Kanny and Mary Hensel
3. Jennifer Schell, Kevin Grass, juror Denise Gerson, John Pender and Andrew Swan

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'Paws in Paradise' for Humane Society Naples

Tommy Bahama's hosts benefit for assistance and therapy dog program



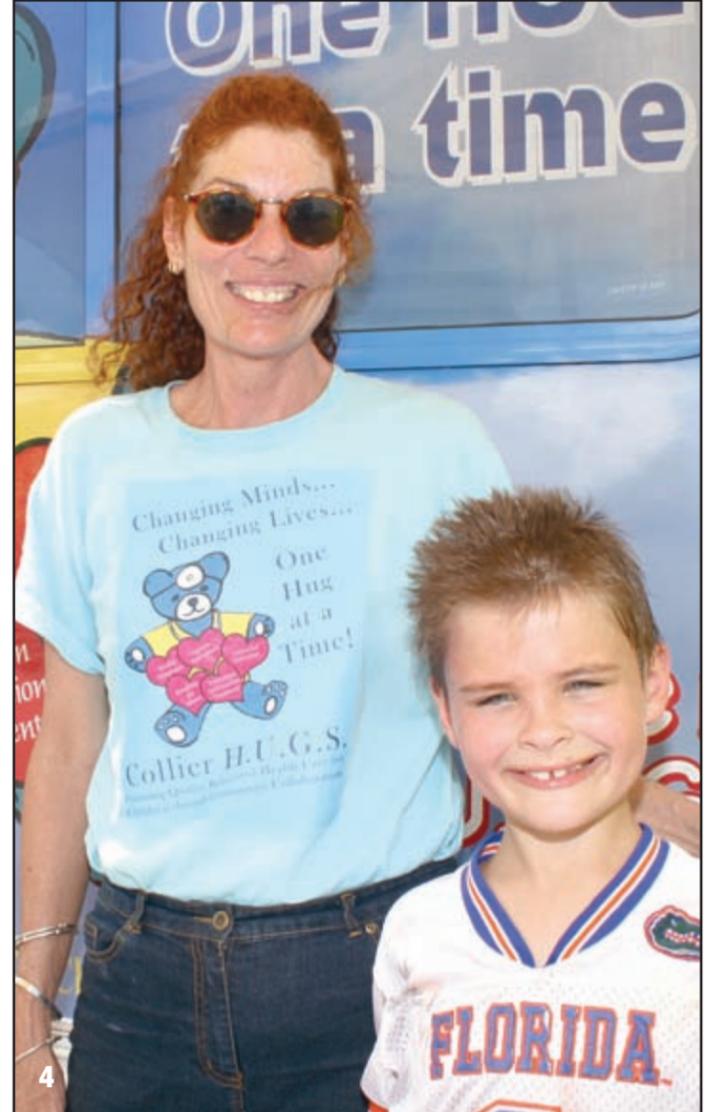
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1. Kim Hendershot and Lily
2. Ashley Jurgella and Chloe
3. Laura Scouller, Dr. Richard Maser with Pucci, and Ashley Scouller with Lucky
4. Susan Watson and Tango

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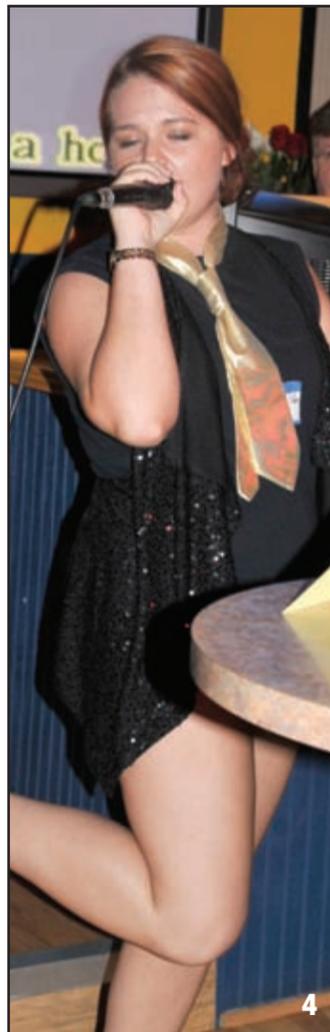
The inaugural Stroller Derby for Collier Child Care Resources A day of family fun at Edison State College-Collier Campus



HELEN CATLIN / COURTESY PHOTOS

1. Adriana Murillo, Kylie Mills and Dillan Flood
2. Nicole Howard, Naomi Gordon and Jessica Diasio
3. John Slaby and Bianca
4. Rosemary Schwager and Christopher Bryan Jr.

Grand finale in the 2010 'Bambusa Idol' karaoke contest



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1. Daniel Melvin
2. Lisa George
3. Vincent Gilbert
4. Lucy Harris
5. Christine Bradford
6. Sharon Adesso

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PAST REPASTS

Here are some capsule summaries of previous reviews:

► **Angelina's**, 24041 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 390-3187

This gorgeous remake of the old Sanibel Steakhouse is a knockout, especially the glass-enclosed tower with spiral staircase that shelters Angelina's stellar wine collection. Chef Nick Costanzo's Italian food is vibrant and imaginative. A ceviche trio — tuna, scallops and grouper with shaved fennel, grapefruit and yellow pepper relish — was as much a work of art as an appetizer. The house-made papardelle Capri (pasta with tomatoes, buffalo mozzarella, basil and Sorrento lemon olive oil) made an outstanding second course, followed by savory grilled lamb chops marinated in lemon and mint accompanied by arancini and yellowfin tuna al griglia with cannellini and lobster ragout. Warm zeppoli with a trio of dipping sauces makes a fine finish as do the \$3 desserts, which included mascarpone cheesecake with lemon curd and crème de menthe and chocolate panna cotta. Our server could have used some polish but those at other tables appeared to be doing better. Full bar.

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

► **AZN**, Mercato, 9118 Strada Place, Naples; 593-8818

This chic Pan-Asian establishment does a fine job of delivering the best of Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Thai, Indian and Vietnamese fare as well as intriguing cocktails, sake and a well-chosen wine list. Both the Shanghai spring roll and a dumpling combination (two each of

shrimp, vegetable and pork) were beautifully plated. The spring roll was crisp, with great texture and enhanced with a side of mango vinaigrette. Wanchai walnut shrimp wasn't as colorful as other dishes, but the fried shrimp bathed in lemon aioli and topped with honey-coated walnuts lacked nothing in the flavor department. Crispy duck is the restaurant's take on Peking duck and was quite crisp, as advertised. A creative signature dessert, a Fuji apple dipped in chocolate, caramel and nuts, then sliced, managed to taste both healthy and refreshing as well as rich and decadent.

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

► **Bay House**, 799 Walkerbilt Road; 591-3837

Nestled right along the edge of the mangrove-lined Cocohatchee, the dining room seems a throwback to the late '80s when it was built with an old boathouse ambience. Bay House is a rare establishment in which the caliber of the food matches that of the water view. Highlights from a recent dinner included crawfish cakes with Georgia peaches, sautéed scallops with poached shrimp, beet risotto and horseradish beurre monte; sockeye salmon with tarragon red wine sauce and cinnamon-dusted churros with fleur de sel caramel and cayenne fudge sauces. Service was exemplary, as was the wine list. Full bar.

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

► **Ridgway Bar & Grill**, Third Street South and 13th Avenue South; 262-5500

Chef Tony Ridgway and his business partner, wine expert Sukie Honeycutt, have been integral members of the Naples dining scene for more than two decades and they still deliver inventive food and intriguing wines with gracious hospitality. The menu features top-drawer ingredients — crab cakes full of big chunks of crab, shaved slices of grana padano atop a well-balanced Caesar, fresh Florida

seafood and a house-made apple galette with cinnamon ice cream that prompted sighs of contentment from all at our table. Whether it's comfort fare, such as a Bell & Evans herb-roasted chicken, or something more contemporary, like the grilled red snapper with mango salsa and potato and artichoke gratin, it's perfectly prepared and artfully plated. The staff is as polished and appealing as the menu. Full bar.

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

► **Stoney's Steakhouse**, 403 Bayfront Place, Naples; 435-9353

I'm generally not a big fan of steakhouses, but Stoney's is a noteworthy exception. An independent restaurant, Stoney's exudes grandeur and treats its customers like treasured guests while also providing great value and quality. From the oversized chairs with extra pillows for comfort to the vast wine list, the tableside preparation of prime rib, bananas Foster and cherries jubilee, and the stellar service, Stoney's makes a meal a special occasion. I can recommend the French onion soup (which comes with a pair of scissors for snipping the cheese), a lobster-stuffed portobello mushroom, the well-seasoned prime rib, grouper Provençal over Parmesan risotto and the aforementioned cherries jubilee. An added bonus: Entrees come with side dishes included in the price. Full bar.

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



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Besides the ever-present variety of oysters on the half shell, there's a full range of shellfish plus fin fish such as grouper, tuna and sea bass as well as less frequently seen varieties, such as lemon sole. The selection varies depending upon what's fresh and available.

The management also ensures that customers have plenty to choose from when it comes to beverages. Real Seafood's wine list has an appealing selection by the glass and bottle. It offers wine flights (small pours of three varieties), which is a great way to taste wines side by side and explore how they interact with food. Also available are flights of single-malt scotch, another nice touch.

We ordered a bottle of 2007 Duckhorn sauvignon blanc (\$65), a crisp, light wine with lemon and grapefruit on the nose and palate, along with a bit of pear and other fruits. It's a wine that works well with a multitude of seafood dishes.

Real Seafood's dining room is impressive, with a dramatic atrium in which stand stately potted palms as well as tables and booths with backs that resemble large clam shells. Imposing wood columns set the atrium off from the rest of the dining room. Conventional booths that run the perimeter of the room are also spacious and comfortable. Lights are low and devoid of glare, creating romantic ambience yet allowing customers sufficient illumination to read their menus and see their food.

It was a quiet September evening when we visited and only a handful of booths were occupied in the dining room. Perhaps the management opted to bring in only a skeleton staff anticipating a slow night, but it quickly became clear there weren't enough servers to handle what little traffic there was. Even the host wound up running food to tables, leaving new arrivals standing at the front door for extended periods.

Speaking of extended periods, it took our server 15 minutes to arrive at our table. She apologized, then disappeared again for 10 minutes before returning with wine and warm rolls. She made no table checks while we were eating, but the manager breezed by at the end of the meal to inquire, "Was everything as delicious as you expected?"

That's a question that clearly antici-



▲ **Salmon smoked three ways — hot, pastrami smoked and cured — along with a wasabi panna cotta (center) comprise Real Seafood's sampler appetizer.**

pates an enthusiastic "Yes!" and isn't the way to get an honest response from customers. The better question is: "How was your meal this evening?"

To that question, I might have responded with praise for the smoked salmon sampler (\$10.99) and grilled globe artichokes (\$9.99) appetizers, although we weren't as taken with some of the dishes that followed.

The sampler consisted of salmon cured three ways: cold, hot and pastrami smoked. Each moist segment had a distinctive flavor derived from the method by which it had been cured. A small mound of wasabi panna cotta, a cross between pudding and gelatin with a light green tint, added a soupcon of heat.

The grilled globe artichokes were cut into sections from which we could pluck the leaves, dip them in smoked tomato aioli and skim the flesh from each one with our teeth, finally forking up the hearts. This was obviously a messy process, but no extra napkins came with the dish. For artichoke devotees, the relatively low return might be worth the effort. Otherwise, consider a less labor-intensive option.

All entrees come with blue cheese cole slaw, a restaurant signature dish, although a house salad can be substituted for a small surcharge. The slaw was marred by



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▲ **Cornmeal-fried medallions of grouper sit atop a melange of warm vegetables.**

however, it needed better balance. Real Seafood is a concept on which many fish lovers might bite, but the food and service need more consistency if it's going to keep them hooked. ■



One order of strawberry-rhubarb crisp is plenty for two to share.

too much vinegar, which overpowered the other dressing ingredients, and the blue cheese, which rendered the concoction too salty.

My companion ordered shrimp Scorpio (\$22.99), attracted by the menu description that indicated the shrimp were baked with onions, tomatoes, herbs, feta cheese and ouzo. It was the promise of ouzo that made it so appealing. However, neither of us could discern a drop of the potent Greek anise-flavored liqueur in the dish that he received. On top of that, the shrimp were overcooked and the mound of rice served on the side was barely lukewarm.

I fared better with a chef's special of cornmeal-fried grouper medallions (\$28.99) served atop a mix of warm potatoes, green beans, caramelized onions and tomatoes, finished with remoulade. The fish was perfectly cooked, the crust crunchy and flavorful, while the vegetables beneath were tender-crisp and delicately seasoned.

We split an order of strawberry rhubarb crisp (\$4.95) with vanilla ice cream for dessert. The filling was tart while the crumb crust thick and sweet. It was served warm with the ice cream on top. Like the slaw,

in the know

Real Seafood Company
8960 Fontana Del Sol Way; (888) 456-3463

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

>> **Hours:** 4-9 p.m. Sunday; 4-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 4-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday
>> **Reservations:** Accepted
>> **Credit cards:** Major cards accepted
>> **Price range:** appetizers, \$4.99-\$11.99; entrees, \$19.99-\$38.95
>> **Beverages:** Full bar
>> **Seating:** Booths, conventional tables and chairs, stools at the raw bar (inside or out)
>> **Specialties of the house:** Oysters on the half shell, grilled globe artichokes, smoked salmon sampler, seafood gazpacho, Maryland crab cake, cioppino, paella Valenciana, parmesan-crusted George's Bank lemon sole, cornmeal-fried grouper medallions, N.Y. strip steak, King crab legs
>> **Volume:** Low to moderate
>> **Parking:** Free lot
>> **Website:** www.realseafoodrestaurant.com

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

food & wine CALENDAR

► **Thursday, Sept. 23-Wednesday, Sept. 29:** Whole Foods Market has teamed up with chef Ann Cooper, aka Renegade Lunch Lady, for a salad bar fundraiser; for every \$2,500 the Naples store raises, a local school receives a grant for a salad bar from Ms. Cooper; Mercato, 9101 Strada Place; 552-5100.

► **Thursday, Sept. 23 and 30, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Fleming's:** As the restaurant debuts its annual list of 100 wines by the glass, sample 20 each Thursday throughout September along with light hors d'oeuvres; check the website, www.flemingssteakhouse.com, for a list of selections served on a given night; \$25 (credited toward dinner the evening of the tasting), 8985 Tamiami Trail N.; 598-2424. Reservations required.

► **Saturday, Sept. 25, 7:30-11:30 a.m., Third Street South:** The weekly farmers market sets up in the parking area behind Tommy Bahama's between Third Street and Gordon Drive.

► **Saturday, Sept. 25, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., The Collection at Vanderbilt:** More than 30 vendors gather for the North Naples Green Market at the northwest corner of Vanderbilt Beach and Airport roads; 249-9480.

► **Wednesday, Sept. 29, 6-8 p.m., The Sauce Lady:** Ela Vivonetto, aka The Sauce Lady, demonstrates five-minute meals at weekly cooking classes through October; \$20, 1810 J&C Blvd.; 592-5557. Reservations required.

► **Thursday, Sept. 23, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Shula's Steak House:** Sample champagne paired with appetizers and Norman Love chocolates; \$20 for three champagnes (\$25 at the door) or \$50 for six champagnes (\$55 at the door), Naples Hilton, 5111 Tamiami Trail N.; 430-4999. To purchase tickets in advance, visit www.naplesbest.blogspot.com.

► **Friday, Sept. 24, 7 p.m., Ruth's Chris Steakhouse:** The steakhouse hosts a four-course Beaulieu Vineyard wine dinner, featuring Ruth's crabtini, New Orleans style barbecue short ribs, roasted tenderloin of North American bison and Ruth's classic banana cream pie, all paired with BV wines; \$79 plus tax and gratuity,

Coconut Point, Estero; 948-8888. Reservations required.

► **Tuesday, Sept. 28, all day, Whole Foods Market:** The market will donate 5 percent of the day's net sales to Eden Autism Services. Volunteers and staff from the organization will be on hand, and from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Eden's garden chef Jan Etzel will prepare dishes using produce from the organic garden; Mercato, 9101 Strada Place; 552-5100. ■

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