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BEATING BREAST CANCER

BY ROGER WILLIAMS

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Mary Kay Peterson, a doctor at Radiology Regional Centers in Collier and Lee counties, spent years becoming a radiologist. She didn't make that effort so she could sit in a public place last week and watch that old bugaboo, fear, threaten to scare a woman to death.

"I kept my profession quiet as people sat there talking about what they did, and suddenly this woman asked me what I did," Dr. Peterson says. "And I told her I was a radiologist. And then it all came out." The woman admitted she had a mass

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There's much to fear at Naples' Fright Factory

BY KELLY MERRITT

Special to Florida Weekly

A new Halloween tradition is afoot in Naples. The Fright Factory, with two haunted houses in 20,000 scary square feet at 2320 Vanderbilt Beach Road (formerly The Picture Factory), opens at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1. Those who dare to enter can do so every weekend evening and on select Thursday nights this month.

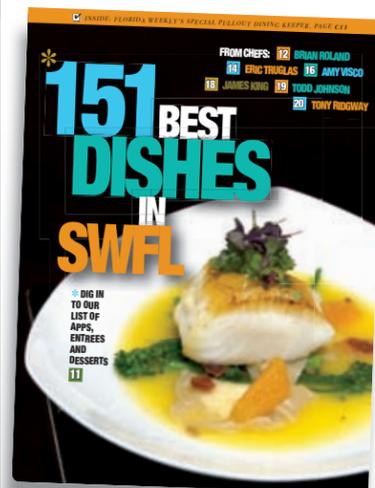
In the fashion of a traditional haunted house, Fright Factory's "House of Horrors" will have 3-D video imaging, extensive theatrical displays and actors in full, frightening makeup and costumes. Multiple props that come alive will assist a zombie in scaring the living daylight out of visitors. This creepy "open house" is sponsored by Levitan-McQuaid Real

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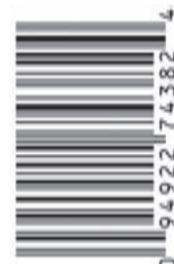
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Never send to know



John Donne, a 17th-century English poet and revered dean at St. Paul's Cathedral in London, wrote amorous and erotic poems in his youth, which suggests to me that it wasn't wasted. Later, he delivered luminous sermons from the pulpit that still thunder down the centuries and echo across cultures from equatorial Africa and the Asian east to the South, Central and North American west.

He told the truth, and it doesn't take just an Englishman to recognize it.

"No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main," he once said. "If a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as any manner of thy friends or of thine own were; any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind. And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."

In his world, men, women and children typically came and went more rapidly than in our world. Bells — the sound of bells made by masters of their music — filled the daily lives of nearly everyone, because nearly everyone lived within their sound, from birth to death. They were an English affect, a European affect that rang out notices of beginnings and endings, of weddings and funerals, of special days and special hours of a day, all the time.

In America, bells existed here and there only for a while. Now mostly they've faded into silence, sometimes carrying away with them that peculiar notion Donne took the liberty of branding into our psychic hides — the notion that we don't walk alone.

Americans, however, seem to walk alone whenever we damn well please, and sometimes when we don't. We have a capacity for solitude, sorrow, grief, despair, silent anguish and singly-borne loneliness that appears as boundless as our capacity for grinning at nearly everything, and making light of the bleeding.

I'm not averse to grinning or solitude or stoicism. But all of it makes me wonder: What would have happened if we'd never let the bells go? What if we'd let them ring our common humanity into our hearts and minds from matins to vespers — from morning to evening prayers — every day, wherever we presumed to call ourselves family or community or clan or tribe or church?

Would she then have killed herself only days after her 57th birthday, when so much seemingly remained for her to celebrate — especially a family who loved her unreservedly?

The mere act of raising that question is probably an affect on my part, just as the bells themselves were affects (lovely ones, in my opinion) of Western culture.

What we know now about people who remove themselves from the world suddenly — or at least what I know — is that they did their living in a place beyond reason. They did their living in anguish, in pain so extreme that mere words,

mere habitual treatment for depression, mere pharmaceutical or psychological interventions, couldn't alter their determination to quit the world sooner rather than later.

In harder and less palatable terms, perhaps, it comes down to this: Love — contrary to sentimental conviction — may not be enough. It may not conquer all, if all includes the profound anguish that leads to suicide.

Self-doubt is an unforgiving tyrant, of course. We wonder: Perhaps love conquers all if it's applied precisely and correctly, at the right time and place, in the right way, with the right gravity and force and conviction. Right love, let's call it.

All of us who loved her once or always — once in my case, and always in the case of her heartbroken family — wonder: Wasn't mine the right love? Could I have loved more or differently, and thus saved her?

A simpler form of the same question: Is it my fault?

I'm repeating what I believe, and what a friend of mine told me on the telephone last night: One must respect her decision.

That's not the traditional Western notion, which judges suicide as a sin. It also ignores the traditional inclination to view it as a kind of cowardice.

Instead, my friend insists that no one can determine if the decision was right or wrong, because no one can understand how large the burden was that she had to carry, or why she finally decided it wasn't worth carrying anymore.

We can only respect her decision —

and admit how much it has hurt us. "You have to take care of yourself," he said, speaking from experience, and for any who have suffered such an inexplicable, incomprehensible loss.

One thing is certain: She loved her family deeply, steadfastly and always, as hard as she was able. That isn't in dispute by me or them. So her decision to surrender — certainly irrational and misguided, as most decisions made in pain are — must not have been part of her love, only her suffering.

How can we, who loved her, therefore judge it?

But now this for us — this eternal, ringing silence. This absence of bells.

When we were young, she and I lived together, in London. We sat in St. Paul's one day beneath Christopher Wren's great dome that survived the Nazis and everything else, and quietly read out John Donne's sermon.

We heard bells all the time in those days, literally. We even printed a book of poems about bells by hand, on an Albion printing press once owned by William Morris, another English poet and artisan. I still have it.

We believed every word that Donne had said in his most famous sermon, and I believe it more than ever, now — now that I realize all of us are so deeply diminished by her loss.

Which is why I look to something else Donne once wrote.

I no longer believe, but I can still hope: "Death be not proud, thou some have called thee mighty and dreadful, for thou art not so." ■



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OPINION

Enough



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Special to Florida Weekly

William Voegeli wrote a book about the ever-growing welfare state in the United States and throughout the Western world titled "Never Enough." In the tea party, we hear the countervailing cry, "Enough!"

Everywhere it's been established, the welfare state has proven itself perpetually self-aggrandizing. Voegeli writes, "The American trend from 1940 to 2007 — steady growth of both the economy and the portion of the economy devoted to the welfare state — is evident in 12 other modern, prosperous democracies from 1980 to 2003."

The tea party bids to stand athwart this long-standing, seemingly inexorable trend. Even Ronald Reagan, whose rhetoric and intentions were forthrightly against big government, only managed to slow welfare-state spending to a rate of 0.9 percent annually over eight years — a stupendous accomplishment in the context of its otherwise routinely robust growth.

To achieve more than this will require a massive Republican sweep in the fall, followed up by a win in 2012. It will take masterly feats of public persuasion, coupled with countless victories in budgetary hand-to-hand combat — all sustained over time. Liberal defenders of the status quo will have history, inertia and proven scare tactics on their side. But, as Barack Obama likes to say, make no mistake: The rise of the tea party puts the fundamental direction of American government in play in a way it hasn't been since perhaps 1981.

It wasn't supposed to be this way after Mr. Obama's election. The financial crisis, though, didn't discredit the free market so much as the government policies that stoked the housing bubble and bailed out the banks and the auto companies. The much-anticipated crisis of capitalism quickly became an impending crisis of government debt, as Washington leveraged itself to the hilt in an era of painful private deleveraging.

With entitlements on an already unsustainable course, Mr. Obama added a new one in his health-care program, and sold it with every ounce of hubris and dishonesty he could muster. If tea

partiers had a plant in the White House on a Leninist mission to make things worse before they can improve, they couldn't have done much better than the Man from Hope and Change.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi surely knew she'd lose some seats by insisting on passage of the health-care law, but she couldn't have known she'd risk displacing the tectonic plates of American politics. If there's going to be a U-turn in American government, the rise of the tea-party movement is its necessary precondition. In retrospect, if \$1 trillion deficits and an increase in government spending from 20 percent to 25 percent of GDP didn't bring people out into the streets, it would have been lights out for limited-government conservatism.

It's become a trope that tea-party candidates don't have an agenda. That's not quite fair. "We're in favor of a lot of things and we're against mighty few," Lyndon Johnson said in 1964, on the cusp of the Great Society. Take his statement and turn it on its head, and you have the thrust of the tea-party agenda. Or, in a word: Enough. ■

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

GUEST OPINION

Torture in Iraq continues, unabated



amyGOODMAN

Special to Florida Weekly

Combat operations in Iraq are over, if you believe President Barack Obama's rhetoric. But torture in Iraq's prisons, first exposed during the Abu Ghraib scandal, is thriving, increasingly distant from any scrutiny or accountability. After arresting tens of thousands of Iraqis, often without charge, and holding many for years without trial, the United States has handed over control of Iraqi prisons, and 10,000 prisoners, to the Iraqi government. Meet the new boss, same as the old boss.

After landing in London late Saturday night, we traveled to the small suburb of Kilburn to speak with Rabiha al-Qassab, an Iraqi refugee who was granted political asylum in Britain after her brother was executed by Saddam Hussein. Her husband, 68-year-old Ramze Shihab Ahmed, was a general in the Iraqi army under Saddam, fought in the Iran-Iraq War and was part of a failed plot to overthrow the Iraqi dictator. The couple was living peacefully for years in London, until September 2009.

It was then that Ramze Ahmed learned his son, Omar, had been arrested in Mosul, Iraq. Ahmed returned to Iraq to find him and was arrested himself.

For months, Rabiha didn't know what had become of her husband. Then, on March 28, her cell phone rang. "I don't know the voice," she told me.

"I said, 'Who are you?' He said he

is very sick ... he said, 'Me, Ramze, Ramze. Call embassy.' And they took the mobile, and they stop talking."

Ramze Ahmed was being held in a secret prison at the old Muthanna Airport in Baghdad. A recent report from Amnesty International, titled "New Order, Same Abuses," describes Muthanna as "one of the harshest" prisons in Iraq, the scene of extensive torture and under the control of Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki.

As Rabiha showed me family photos, a piece of paper with English and Arabic words slipped out. Rabiha explained that in order to describe in English what happened to her husband, she had to consult a dictionary, since she had never used several of the English words: "Rape." "Stick." "Torture." She wept as she described his account of being sodomized with a stick, suffocated repeatedly with plastic bags placed over his head, and shocked with electricity.

Not surprisingly, as detailed in the Amnesty report, the Iraqi government said that Ramze Shihab Ahmed had confessed to links to al-Qaida in Iraq. In a January 2010 press conference organized by the Iraqi Ministry of Defense, videotapes were played showing nine others confessing to crimes, including Ahmed's son, Omar, who, showing signs of beatings, confessed to "the killing of several Christians in Mosul and the detonation of a bomb in a village near Mosul."

Malcolm Smart, director of Amnesty International's Middle East and North Africa program, told me in London, "there's a culture of abuse (in Iraq) that has taken root. It was certainly there during the days of Saddam Hussein, but what we wanted to see from 2003 was a turning of the page, and

that hasn't happened. So we see secret prisons, people being tortured and ill-treated, being forced to make confessions ... the perpetrators are not being held to account. They're not being identified."

After that brief, interrupted phone call that Rabiha received from her husband, she did call the British government, and its embassy in Iraq tracked Ahmed down in al-Rusafa prison in Baghdad. Normally with a cane, they found him in a wheelchair. Rabiha has a photo of him taken by the British representative.

Amnesty reports that there are an estimated 30,000 prisoners in Iraq (200 remaining under U.S. control). The condition and treatment of the Iraqi prisoners is considered by the U.S. to be, Smart says, "an Iraqi issue." But with the U.S. continuing to pour billions of dollars into its ongoing military presence there, and to fund the Iraqi government, the treatment of prisoners is clearly a U.S. issue as well. Amnesty has launched a grassroots campaign to spur further action to secure Ahmed's release.

Meanwhile, Rabiha al-Qassab, isolated and alone in north London, spends time feeding the ducks in a local park, which her husband used to do.

She told me: "I talk with the ducks. I say, 'You remember the man who gave you the food? He is in a prison. Ask God to help him.'" ■

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

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15 MINUTES

It's a wild, wild world for the Slaby family

BY PAMELA V. KROL
Special to Florida Weekly

Wherever the wild things are, that's where you can expect to find Grace and John Slaby. The couple are the founders and directors of the Kowiachobee Animal Preserve, a nonprofit facility in Golden Gate Estates where they care for injured, homeless or otherwise needy animals of all kinds. And when they say all kinds, they're not kidding.

Among the many creatures residing in the Kowiachobee compound that adjoins the Slaby residence are Florida panthers, a South American jaguar, an Asian leopard, an African tortoise, a green iguana and an ostrich — as well as a bevy of farm animals that visitors are invited to feed and pet.

John Slaby and his wife share a deep passion for animals, which ultimately led to their founding of Kowiachobee (which means "big cat" in the native Seminole language). The two met while working at the Menagerie Foundation, a big cat sanctuary in Naples that has since closed. "Grace was working with the panthers and I was a volunteer," John says, noting that neither of them had originally planned for animal-related careers.

"I'm an electrician by trade and my wife is a registered nurse," he says. "But we both have a fascination for animals, and caring for them is something that seems to come naturally to both of us."

Because the Kowiachobee Animal Preserve is in a residential area, safety is of paramount importance. "We have multiple layers of fences and specifically designed enclosures, especially for the big cats," John



COURTESY PHOTOS

Far left: Ashlie Slaby and Blaze, a young miniature horse

Center: Grace with Majesty, a Percheron draft horse

Left: John holding a chocolate skunk

says. And the nine-year-old facility receives a state safety inspection twice each year.

In addition to caring for animals, another major goal of the Kowiachobee facility is outreach and education. The Slabys open the preserve to visitors to allow them to see, touch and learn about animals they otherwise most likely would never encounter face-to-face. Habitat and animal conservation are key themes, as well as responsible pet ownership and the hazards of releasing non-indigenous pets in to the wild — a dangerous practice which, among other things, has resulted in a large population of Burmese pythons and other non-native species in the Everglades.

"Education is a major component of what we do," says John, adding most of Kowiachobee's lessons are geared to elementary-aged children. He says the preserve is visited by roughly 200 to 300 people each year includ-

ing school, scout and other kids groups as well as by interested locals and tourists.

The Slabys also provide traveling exhibitions. "We're often invited to bring animals to the local schools," John says. "Going in to the schools or having school children come to the preserve to visit is very rewarding. Very often we get thank-you letters from the kids that we've visited, and I am always surprised and thrilled to see how much they have learned and retained. It makes us feel good to know that we are having an impact."

"If we can help kids to better understand the natural world and the results of their actions on wildlife and on the environment, then we feel we have made a positive and lasting difference in the community."

Though neither Grace nor John is originally from Florida — he's from Chicago and Grace is from New Jersey — they've come to think of Naples as home and of

shares our love of animals and enjoys the fact that we can all spend time together working as a family."

Running the preserve is expensive, and the Slabys rely on donations and contributions from businesses and private individuals to keep things going.

"We believe that we're providing the public with a valuable resource and are pleased and grateful for the support we receive," John says. "We feel fortunate that we can do something that we enjoy and believe in every day. We're very lucky."

As are the animals in their care and the people who encounter them through a trip to the preserve or a visit from the Slabys. ■

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The "Big Reveal" will take place the evening of Thursday, Nov. 18, at Naples Bay Resort.

Deadline for nominations is Friday, Oct. 1. ■

You're invited to a Pepsi party

Lighthouse of Collier is throwing a Pepsi Refresh Project Party from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, at the center at 424 Bayfront Place. Based on total



number of online votes cast, Lighthouse of Collier ranked 149th among 1,200 projects in the Pepsi Refresh competition for a \$250,000 grant. Even though the Collier County program didn't win the grand prize, its staff and volunteers want to say thank you to the community. Everyone is invited.

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Monday, October 11 at 10:15 a.m. • The Island at Shell Point



Research shows that how we age is affected more by our lifestyle choices and mental activities than by genes. Lynn Wallen, PhD, Cognitive Fitness Facilitator, will offer attendees a guide to keep your brain sharp at any age. The cost is \$10. To sign up, please call (239) 454-2054.



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Thursday, October 14 from 1-3 p.m. • The Woodlands at Shell Point

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Germany Today

Friday, October 15 at 2 p.m. • The Woodlands at Shell Point

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Tuesday, October 19 at 7 p.m. • The Island at Shell Point

Opera Naples' semi-staged Scenes from the Great Operas concert will feature selections from three of opera's most cherished works: Mozart's The Magic Flute, Verdi's La Traviata and Bizet's Carmen. The concert will be performed in costume with light scenery and piano accompaniment by Robin Shuford Frank, and a cast of eight regional professionals will be joined by nationally recognized Tenor, Brian Cheney. Tickets are \$15 each. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call (239) 454-2067.



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Monday, October 25 at 7 p.m. • The Island at Shell Point

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After nine years in Fort Myers, celebrated chocolatier Norman Love has signed a lease at Parkshore Plaza in Naples for the second location of Norman Love Confections. Construction on the chocolate salon will begin soon with a projected opening prior to Christmas.

"This has been a long time coming," Mr. Love says. "We've always wanted a presence in Naples, and the timing is right to expand into a new market."

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in her breast, her husband's first wife had died of breast cancer, and her insurance had expired — creating a tar pit of emotional stress that so far had left her too frightened even to extract herself and get a mammogram.

That fear could kill her if she continued to surrender to it, Dr. Peterson surmises. Although one in eight women are diagnosed with breast cancer sometime in their lives, and the best way to survive it is universally acknowledged as early detection, about 40,000 will die of breast cancer this year, most of them needlessly, Dr. Peterson believes.

In Southwest Florida alone, the mortality rate will likely number about 200, just as it did last year, according to figures provided by Susan G. Komen for the Cure of Southwest Florida, one of the most prominent and comprehensive nonprofit organizations established to fight the disease.

Most of those mothers, daughters, sisters and grandmothers could be saved if their tumors were detected in time — although that isn't as easy as it sounds. Now widely established, the five-year-old digital mammography is significantly more sensitive than once-upon-a-time breast inspections, but when women don't check themselves periodically and seek annual mammograms, problems can occur.

"I still believe that if it wasn't for digital, my tumor wouldn't have been diagnosed for another year," says Fern Dennis, the system director of ambulatory operations at the outpatient center of Lee Memorial Health System's new single-campus cancer center, The Sanctuary, in Fort Myers. Ms. Dennis was diagnosed with the disease last year and underwent a double mastectomy.

"If you have fibrous tissue in your breasts, and a lot of women do especially as they get older, it can hide things," she says. "That tumor may have been in me for years before I found it."

The new technology

What now distinguishes Southwest Florida from any other region in the nation for oncology and breast care are a handful of cutting-edge machines, three of them known as TruBeam and manufactured by Varian, a California company.

"Only here, of all places in the nation, are there three of these within 50 miles of each other," says Fred Fangman, the director of Premier Radiation Oncology Care Centers, which has one of the TruBeam machines at its new office in Fort Myers.

21st Century Oncology has the other two machines — one of them in the practice's Naples office and the other in Fort Myers at The Sanctuary.

"They run in the \$5 million to \$6 million range," notes Sharon McDonald, vice president of oncology at The Sanctuary. "We used to have to do radiation only in two dimensions. Now it's in three dimensions. It's much, much faster, which is easier on the patient, and there is no margin for error."

Eric Lee, director of clinical physics for 21st Century Oncology, stood in a large and nearly silent room empty of everything but the machine itself last week, completing the final calibrations required to put it into operation beginning this week.

"TruBeam relies on computer algorithms along with precise mechanical engineering. It weighs many tons, and it will rotate to within a millimeter of a



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A woman demonstrates the Sentinel Vanguard machine, part of Southwest Florida's arsenal of technology for fighting breast cancer.

required point," he explained, moving the machine silently with the touch of a button. "So we can take plain radiographs and capture exit radiation and see the patient in one treatment position from all (angles) and in all dimensions."

At once, this machine can do a variety of tasks — PT or CT scans among them — then "attenuate or modulate the beam" not only to radiate the tumor, but to radiate the center of the tumor in such a way that the rest of it is obliterated, but without damaging any surrounding tissue, Mr. Lee says.

The fact that patients — often elderly or in pain or simply uncomfortable — will not have to lie utterly still for long periods of time, or move and twitch, thus risking damage to healthy tissues or inaccurate readings, could make a world of difference to some. Now, treatment might take about 90 seconds.

"The new radiation therapy is guided by this acronym: IGRT," explains Ms. McDonald. "Imagine Guided Radiation Therapy."

Unfortunately, conditions were not always so favorable for patients.

"I was in radiation back when it caused a lot of damage to people," because it wasn't precise, recalls Mr. Fangman, who spent the first 15 years of his career as a radiation therapist.

"But I love to be in this industry now, because I've seen it turn around, and I've seen the good that radiation can do."

And not only radiation, but the combined effects of various treatments for the many breast cancer patients who struggle with the disease.

"Here we have a team of people to do the diagnosis quickly — within 24 to 48 hours, even if tissue has to be withdrawn (in a biopsy)," says The Sanctuary's Ms. Dennis. "A year ago, a diagnosis may have taken a month. Now it's a week."

Her own experience was one of the first in the new model, and the discovery of a tumor in one breast happened by chance. The facility was just gearing up, and doctors were testing the equipment on volunteers. Ms. Dennis agreed to let them try the equipment on her because it was time for her annual mammogram.

"They used digital mammography on me, and the radiologist the same day did an ultrasound, and it showed the mass. Next day, they did a biopsy, all of it right here," she recalls.

(Now only a year later things have changed for the better. With brand new technology, the biopsy, if necessary, could be done simultaneously with an MRI, for example.)

The biopsy tissue went to the lab, and came back showing a ductal carci-

noma, she says.

She opted for surgery, not radiation or chemotherapy, and she had to endure two operations to save the breast. But in neither case did the borders come out clean, she explains.

After some soul searching and a clear-eyed recognition of what other factors might affect her (both her mother and grandmother had suffered breast cancer), she decided not to remove one breast, but both.

"I am now so glad I did that," she admits.

It was traumatic at the time, however.

"The physical pain was nothing," Ms. Dennis says. "The mental anguish was terrible. Even though you know this could happen to you, when it does it just takes your breath away."

Now, digital mammography (Lee Health Systems has five of the \$500,000 machines) combined with ultrasound is the standard in identifying tumors long before they become life threatening. But even a year ago when Ms. Dennis had to face breast cancer, she couldn't avail herself of today's technology.

Along with TruBeam, The Sanctuary also has a Vanguard-manufactured machine called Sentinelle, designed specifically for care of breasts (and surrounding tissue such as lymph nodes in armpits) with MRI treatments.

"So the normal process is this," Ms. Dennis explains. "First you do a breast mammogram, then you do a breast ultrasound, then a breast MRI."

"The Sentinelle is for the breast MRI, and you can also do a biopsy under the MRI with it."

Another technology new to the country and the region that will significantly alter the sophistication of treat-

ment is called elasticity, used in conjunction with the ultrasound, explains Dr. Rie Aihara, executive director of regional breast care at 21st Century Oncology's Sanctuary location.

"We can catch things at an earlier stage now, whether a mass or calcification, but we can't always tell if it's a cancer," she explains. "Let's say you have a non-palpable mass you can see on the ultrasound. Now, elasticity will allow you to compare the stiffness of this region to surrounding tissue. Almost always, malignant tumors are very solid and firm, much firmer than surrounding tissue, so this can come up with a color map comparing the density of tissues. And some studies suggest that it's almost the equivalent of a tissue biopsy."

But the tissue biopsy remains the gold standard of care, she adds — and if it has to be done, it has to be done, even though 80 to 90 percent of the time, the results will prove negative.

Better that than risking a life by ignoring a problem, she concludes

Changing care models

In Southwest Florida, care and especially detection capabilities are better than ever before. Patients have an unprecedented range of treatment options that reflect not only the most advanced technology in the nation or the world, but a new level of competition among caregivers here.

The logistics of care in the region now stands at a crossroads, a fact that will likely affect not only breast cancer patients but many other cancer patients, as well.

On the one hand, Lee Memorial Health System's new cancer campus offers an evolving and tidy version of one-stop shopping. In the case of breast cancer, every aspect of outpatient care from initial mammogram to radiation and chemotherapy exists on site.

Fashioned loosely after much larger treatment centers such as Moffitt Cancer Center, M.D. Anderson or Memorial Sloan-Kettering, the Sanctuary brings together doctors who represent the various disciplines required to treat a single diagnosis of breast cancer. As such, it's aimed at drawing patients from at least five counties on the Southwest coast, among them Collier, Lee and Charlotte where about 1.3 million people live.

"Along with 21st Century Oncology, we're trying to make this a destination site," Ms. McDonald says.

Ms. McDonald is given significant credit by her colleagues for turning the idea of a destination site into a reality: bricks, mortar, glass, steel, a generously cultivated meditation garden (the gift of philanthropist Berne Davis and her late husband, Sidney Davis), a boutique shop designed to outfit and adorn cancer patients with everything from prostheses to special undergarments and jewelry, and multi-million-dollar imaging machines that can simultaneously perform tissue biopsies or radiate tumors.

"From a physician's standpoint, a destination place might not be as important because physicians don't have to be in one place to communicate," says Dr. Aihara.

"But if you look at it from the patients' standpoint, they still have to travel for care. So having everything, including the various doctors they need in one place, makes it easier, and expedites care."

On the other hand, doctors in off-site private practices can communicate at unprecedented speeds, as if they shared the same physical treatment space, and they offer many patients essential travel options along with extremely attentive care, they say.

In some cases they are also begin-

in the know

To learn about financial help getting breast care in Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties, to inquire about the nature of care and providers, or to offer aid or time to help those with breast cancer, contact any of the following:

>> **Susan G. Komen for the Cure**, Southwest Florida: www.komenswfl.org or 498-0016.

>> **Bosom Buddies Breast Cancer Support** (Collier County and Bonita Springs): www.bbbcsi.org or 417-4600.

>> **Partners for Breast Cancer Care** (Lee County): www.pfbcc.org or 454-8583.

>> **Virginia B. Andes Volunteer Community Clinic** (in Port Charlotte): www.volunteer-care.org or (941) 766-9570.



ning to use the same new technology — still less than a month old — to treat their patients by working with care organizations that have invested in them.

“We can give you the best technology in the world, along with the most caring (medical attention),” says Fred Fangman, executive director of Naples-based Premier Radiation Oncology, which has a new office in Fort Myers.

In the eyes of Dr. Peterson, a dedicated care center such as The Sanctuary — which she nonetheless takes pains to praise — only has value to some.

“When you look at the demographics of patients from south to north, a dedicated center might not serve all their needs very well. Are you going to force women (living from east or north Lee County to Charlotte County) to drive to South Fort Myers whenever they need something?”

And the destination sites may not be as efficient as they appear in theory, she adds.

“In our practice, we aren’t forcing patients into a mecca Moffit or a mecca Anderson where they might sit for 10 hours. And how do you plan for the patient that will need a surgeon at that time, when she comes in, or plan for a person to sit with an ultrasound machine and keep it open for the next person who needs it? So how efficient is this?”

“It sounds really cool, and everybody could come and it can put a name on the community. But what about the Spanish woman in Lehigh or Immokalee who can’t make it to the mecca, and what about the mother or grandmother who has kids and grandkids and can’t bring them with her there?”

Competition and access

What competition among caregivers means remains uncertain, although Mr. Fangman judges it helpful to those in need.

“Competition is good,” he insists. “Good for the community. If there’s no competition in the area then there is no incentive for cancer centers to have the best technology because there’s no added reimbursement for that.”

“You add a competitor in the same area with superior technology, and in order for other cancer centers to compete, they must upgrade. When you do that, the patient wins. Because regardless of where the patient goes, they will get topnotch technology.”

The effects of this top-notch technology or changing treatment models in the business of care are too new to judge.



Joetta Abbazio, an 18-year survivor, founded Bosom Buddies in Naples.

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But one thing is certain about care programs, say doctors and administrators: Fear, either of treatment itself or the economic burdens treatment might impose on a patient or a family, is needless.

“There is always a way to pay for mammograms — we will find a way,” insists Miriam Ross, the executive director of Susan G. Komen for the Cure of Southwest Florida.

And not just mammograms, but any treatment required.

“We (fund) mammograms, biopsies, surgical lumpectomies, mastectomies — one patient might cost us \$150 and another might cost us \$20,000 or more,” says Joetta Abbazio, president of Bosom Buddies, a nonprofit organization that helps uninsured or underinsured breast cancer patients in Collier County and Bonita Springs.

“We work with all Lee hospitals — with anesthesiologists, oncologists, radiologists and therapists, and pathologists, as well as surgeons. We call them our partners in health, and they’ve all agreed to do services for us at drastically reduced rates,” explains Janet Darnell, executive director of the non-profit Partners for Breast Cancer Care in Lee.

Like Bosom Buddies or Partners for Breast Cancer Care — and like the local government health office in Charlotte County — Komen uses grants, charitable donations and the seemingly endless pro-bono compassion of the medical communities in the region to open doors for all patients.

As part of that unarguably compassionate system, Dr. Peterson responded both bluntly and with kindness to the troubled and frightened woman she encountered last week.

“I told her, ‘Don’t let excuses stop you.’ And I gave her my number,” she admits.

Reaching out

New technology, old technology and big-hearted bedside manners can’t help anybody, however, unless women (and the small percentage of men who fall victim to breast cancer, maybe 1 percent of all patients, says Dr. Aihara) can gain easy access to care.

Need is prominent everywhere, especially in the aftermath of recession, Ms. Darnell says.

“In 2009 we screened 2,258 people, and we helped 1,451,” she says (patients have to meet various guidelines for low income and residency to qualify for help). “But what’s interesting is that in 2007 and 2008,” she adds, “we helped 626 people and only about twice that number came in and applied. So it’s doubled. I think the economy helped.”

“They’re out of work, losing their homes.”

And you can bet that if that many people seek help so they can get standard breast care, a lot more are avoiding help because they’re either too proud to ask for it, or they don’t know it’s available for those who cannot pay.

That will cost lives.

But state-of-the-art help continues

to be offered to everybody, even when it’s not profitable to the providers.

Mr. Fangman says that the cost of the new TruBeam machines is probably too high to allow cancer centers to make much money on them. But access to the technology is there because it should be there, he adds.

For people who cannot get to a cancer center or doctor’s office, Radiology Regional Centers offers mobile mammography.

That it sometimes might not be cost effective doesn’t matter to many caregivers.

“We started questioning patients and asking, ‘How can we help you with health care?’ One is finances, but another is access,” says Dr. Peterson.

“In the downturn, some people don’t have their cars anymore. Yes, there’s public transportation, but people don’t have access to health care as much, anymore. And it’s such an easy exam. With digital mammography, images are so pristine, that we think we can put that on the van and do (a world of good).”

Many of the women who run organizations such as Bosom Buddies and Partners for Breast Cancer Care, among others, are cancer survivors themselves. They understand the fear and difficulty women face when diagnosed with the disease.

It probably makes a huge difference in how much and how far the medical community as a whole reaches out to all women here.

“We’re all breast cancer survivors,” says Joetta Abbazio, whose greatest hope, she says, is that her nieces and grandnieces will never have to face what she has faced (Ms. Abbazio is an 18-year survivor).

Since she started Bosom Buddies 17 years ago, it’s dispensed about \$3 million in help to less fortunate women. That kind of effort has occurred up and down the coast — and still it’s not enough, many believe.

But there is cause for hope in the long term.

“I’m quite optimistic. Even if you look at the last five years, there’s been a tremendous increase in survival because of early detection as well as treatment,” says Dr. Aihara.

“We’re getting so much research, not only with tumor cells but in terms of how and why it metastasizes — and we know it’s not straightforward. So it will help us, and that will lead to increases in survival.”

“That’s different from prevention. I don’t think we’re going to reach the era of prevention. We don’t know why it happens, whether cells are genetically acquired versus environmentally acquired — it’s probably multifactorial.”

“But better treatments will increase in the next 20 or 30 years.”

Especially in Southwest Florida.

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“Once you hear the word ‘cancer,’ your mind shuts off and you’ll need someone to ask those important questions.”

— Beth Freitas

Naples twins outpace cancer, stay on track together

BY KELLY MERRITT

Special to Florida Weekly

There’s perhaps no better time for Beth Freitas and Meg Crandall to celebrate than Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Fifteen years ago, when the identical twins were 48 years old, Beth was diagnosed with breast cancer after discovering a lump. Prompted by her twin’s diagnosis, Meg had a mammogram and learned that she, too, had the disease. (Their two younger sisters also had their first mammograms, which showed no signs of cancer. There was no family history of the disease.)

Beth had discovered the lump in her breast in November 1995 and had a mastectomy the following month. Three months later, in March 1996, Meg had her mastectomy. Today, both twins are cancer-free. Their sisters have remained cancer-free and are participating in a national, long-term sister study for siblings of breast cancer patients.

Meg and Beth grew up spending summers on the waters of Long Island, N.Y. When they were in their early 30s they started running for exercise and never stopped. To date, the part-time residents of North Naples have completed more than 100 marathons.

They believe being in strong physical shape helped them with their recovery from breast cancer.

“At six week post-op, I ran a marathon,” says Beth.

“I did the Boston Marathon six weeks after my mastectomy,” says Meg. “It’s amazing, but you find the strength you didn’t know you had.”

That strength has been inspirational to many women and their families. The twins have used their illness and recovery to help others through marathons and speaking engagements.

“We’ve won our battles, but the war is not over until there’s a cure,” Beth says.

Lack of family history doesn’t mean you’re safe from breast cancer, she adds. “Take care of yourself,” she stresses.



Twin sisters Beth Freitas, left, and Meg Crandall, basking in the glow of a three-day, 60-mile walk for breast cancer, circa 2001.

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“Get yearly physicals, do breast self-exams and get your diagnostic tests.”

The twins credit “the right combination” of family, friends and physicians for their successful fight(s) against breast cancer. That winning combination included a buddy to accompany each of them to every doctor appointment they had during the process of diagnosis and treatment.

“Once you hear the word ‘cancer,’ your mind shuts off and you’ll need someone to ask those important questions,” Beth explains.

Something else they urge patients to do: “Tell people what’s going on,” Beth says, adding, “Especially tell other women. We need to share the experience.”

When a woman with breast cancer shares her experience, other women are inspired to have mammograms, do self-exams and take better care of themselves.

A diagnosis of cancer involves many personal decisions, and sharing information can help, Meg says. “Once you win the breast cancer lottery ticket, you want to better your chances for survival,” she says. “Nobody tells you all the practical stuff, so you need to share your information and also hear from and about others” who have fought or are fighting the disease.

Sharing for strength

At www.komen.org, the website for Susan G. Komen for the Cure, there’s a place for women to share their breast cancer stories. The introduction to the section reads: “One single story can inspire, teach and provide hope for millions of women and men across the globe. And whether it’s a story of survivorship, or information about innovative research or complementary treatments, the power of someone’s

words can have an impact greater than you would ever imagined.”

The following are excerpts from individual stories:

- “I remember as if it were yesterday, my mom sitting at the kitchen table with me and nonchalantly saying, “Pam, I found this small lump in my breast.” Immediately the tears began to flow from my eyes. My emotions ranged from sad to scared to angry to extremely angry.” — Pamela Townsend

- “Once I felt like I knew everything that was going on, and I had some type of control of my body, I started to feel better. I went into the surgery with a smile on my face. It was the day I would become a survivor.” — Cecilia Sisneros

- “Hope keeps us going! It’s been 24 years since my first breast cancer diagnosis and nine years since my second breast cancer and Stage 4 bone cancer diagnosis, and I am happy to still be a survivor!” — Phyllis Longman

- “Cancer is not prejudiced. It doesn’t care how old or how young you are, how rich or poor, what color your skin is or whether you are male or female. It will strike anyone at anytime. I am the first in my family to have breast cancer, but now my daughter is at greater risk. She is my reason for fighting for a cure.” — Jackie Dillard

Early detection is key

The American Cancer Society suggests the following recommendations for early detection of breast cancer:

- Women age 40 and older should have a mammogram every year, even if they are in good health. Although mammograms can miss some cancers, the ACS stresses they remain a very effective way to find breast cancer.

- Women in their 20s and 30s should have a clinical breast exam as part of a regular exam by a health expert, preferably every three years. After age 40, women should have a breast exam by a health expert every year.

- Women in their 20s should do regular breast self-exams and report any changes in how their breasts look or feel to a doctor or nurse right away. ■

beating breast cancer

>> **Janet Darnell**, executive director of Partners for Breast Cancer Care, a Lee County-based nonprofit:

“To qualify for help with us, patients have to have a Social Security number. They have to live in Lee County full time for at least one year. They have to have a Lee photo ID. And they have to have a doctor following their care, so they come to us with a prescription for a mammogram or ultrasound.

“Their income can be up to and including 200 percent of the poverty level. So if you’re a single person, you can have an income of up to \$21,000 or a single mom with one child, \$29,000. For a family of three — a married couple with a child, for example — you can earn up to \$36,000. For a family of four, it’s \$44,000.”

>> **Dr. Mary Kay Peterson**, a community activist and radiologist at Radiology Regional Centers:

“Insurance companies (in several states) were not paying for health care for these young women. So here we made all these great strides for the last 50 years, but seeing women backing away — in part from fear of mammograms and in part

because of economics — is really discouraging. And then we have the U.S. Preventative Health Care Task Force saying, ‘By the way, you don’t have to get a mammogram at 40 or do your own exam,’ which is completely wrong in my opinion. So things aren’t ideal.

“But the women in the community have access to care, not only with funds, but they also have access to mental and emotional support with the American Cancer Society.

“It’s important to know that. A woman may be well dressed, well spoken, extremely well read, but afraid. It’s not just money, it’s not just economics, it’s not just not having a car — it could be your own fear that could hurt you.”

>> **Fred Fangman**, executive director of Premier Radiation Oncology Care Centers in Naples, Bonita Springs and Fort Myers:

“We’re the first (along with Lee Memorial Health System) in Southwest Florida to offer the new technology called TruBeam, a machine manufactured by Varian, the world leader in cancer radiation equipment. It’s been about 20 years in development. This

is the first time they’ve had a fully integrated therapeutic machine with imaging capabilities on top of treatment capabilities, that thinks faster.

“It images the patient with pinpoint accuracy. When everything is positioned correctly, radiation comes on and radiates cells. We were the second machine up and running in the state. Only four have been installed.”

>> **Joetta Abbazio**, president of Bosom Buddies, a nonprofit organization that helps the uninsured or underinsured in Collier County and Bonita Springs:

“I have made and lost so many good friends. “The one that really touched me the most was a young girl — I think of her as a young girl although she was 37 — who became like my adopted daughter. She was from the Philippines, her family was here, and she was a nurse at what was then called Cleveland Clinic. She had breast cancer for four years, and she died two years ago — her name was Carmella Asanion.

“People can imagine what it’s like, but you don’t really know unless you’ve had this. We try to make it easier for people going through this. We’ve been

there ourselves, it’s a drastic diagnosis to get. But what I like to tell the girls is this: Breast cancer is a temporary inconvenience. You can get over it.”

>> **Dr. Rie Aihara**, medical director of regional breast care, part of the Regional Cancer Center of Lee Memorial Health System at The Sanctuary:

“The key points for women to remember are these:

“One, self-awareness. Yes, we have all these new technologies, but unless you go get these mammographies, they can’t help you. So remind a friend, get a screening — awareness is key. And for people who have previous breast cancers or genetic predispositions, they need to be surveyed a lot more closely than the general public.

“Second, therapy is becoming more individualized. Talk to people who went through it, but keep in mind that just because a friend did it, it may not be the same for you.

“Women need to understand that therapy is changing. Be aware of comparing your plan to other people’s.”



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>> 5-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1
Downtown Naples
Runners and walkers welcome. Only those wearing 2-inch heels (men included) will qualify to win a prize. Register at the tennis courts on Park Street. Special appearance by The Radio City Music Hall Rockettes to kick off the race at 6:30 p.m. Pink lighting ceremony in Sugden Plaza at 6:45 p.m. Cool down and cocktails at Café Lurcat at 7 p.m. Registration: \$20. Proceeds benefit the Garden of Hope & Courage and Susan G. Komen for the Cure-SWF Affiliate. Info: 435-3742.

Barbells for Boobs

>> 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2
Crossfit Blaze
5465 Jaeger Road, Naples
The fitness center has a mini-boot camp, the Amazing Grace workout, smoothies for sale, a silent auction and more to benefit Mammograms In Action. \$20 donation to participate in the workout. Info: www.barbellsforboobs.org.

Live Life Well Expo

>> 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5
Three Oaks Banquet Center, Estero
Massages, health screenings, facials, entertainment and more from more than 50

vendors who want to raise awareness and funds for Partners in Breast Cancer Care. Sponsored by Empowered Networking. Info: e-mail info@empowerednetworking.com.

Bras for Life

>> 5:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5
Art League Marco Island Center for the Arts
1010 Winterberry Drive, Marco Island
Juried exhibition and silent auction of bras that have been decorated by local artists as well as a special pink bra signed by actress Annette Benning. Admission: \$5 for Art League Marco Island members, \$10 for others. Proceeds benefit Susan G. Komen for the Cure-SWF Affiliate and the American Cancer Society-Marco Island. Info: 394-4221.

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Premier showing
>> 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6
Regal Stadium 20, Naples; 597-4252
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Bell Tower 20, Fort Myers; 437-2020
This docudrama chronicles the life of Namrata Singh Gujral as she is diagnosed and treated for breast cancer. Also featured are Nancy Brinker, the founder of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, and survivors including Melissa Etheridge and Olivia Newton-John. Info: www.1aminute.com.

The Trek Breast Cancer Awareness

Bicycle Ride
>> 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 9
Coconut Point, Estero
Sponsored by Trek bicycle dealers across the

country, the casual ride is open to all ages and abilities. Choose to pedal the 10-mile or 25-mile route. All proceeds benefit the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. Registration: \$25. Info: 591-8735.

For the Girls

>> 7-10:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14
Fifth Avenue South, Naples
Sidewalk performances, cancer organizations and breast cancer survivors handing out pink beads and pink carnations. "Pink" specials at restaurants and retailers. Rain date: Thursday, Oct. 21. Info: 435-3742.

Spirit Girls Night Out

>> 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14
NCH, Downtown Naples
This educational evening focuses on positive attitudes and actions to increase breast cancer awareness, wellness and bone and joint health. Reservations and info: 552-7554 or www.spiritofwomen.com.

Fi(gh)T for the Cure

>> Friday, Oct. 15
Macy's, Coastland Center Mall
Whether you're looking for a great basic bra or a whole new style, Wacoal and Macy's fit experts are ready to help during complimentary fittings. Wacoal will make a \$2 contribution to Susan G. Komen for the Cure for each fitting, and an additional \$2 donation for each purchase made. Take 15 minutes to meet with a Wacoal fit expert and contribute to an important cause. Appointments suggested. Info: 434-1442.

Divas Night Out "Pink" Party

>> 6-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15
La Miranda Nails & Spa
287 N. Collier Blvd., Marco Island
Dress up in pink and enjoy music and dancing, a pink carpet, pink champagne and pastries and pink nail art, plus a raffle and various items to purchase, all to benefit the American Cancer Society-Marco Island. Cost: \$25 in advance (purchase at the spa, the Marco Island Chamber of Commerce or the American Cancer Society) \$35 at the door. RSVP: 970-0178 or e-mail lamirandasp@yahoo.com.

Octoberfest

>> 3-9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16
Fifth Avenue South, Naples
Guess how many pink balloons are stuffed in a Volkswagen. Eat stone crabs in the tent at Trulucks. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Susan G. Komen-SWF Affiliate.

Carve for the Cure

>> 6:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, at Robb & Stucky
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Lunch & Learn at Rookery Bay center

The Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center launches its Lunch & Learn lecture series at noon on Wednesday, Oct. 6. Programs will take place on the first Wednesday of each month through April, with each session featuring an expert discussing an environmental topic, and lunch provided by Carrabba's and Costco Naples.

Susan Denham, an FGCU graduate research fellow at the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, begins the series with a discussion about her research on local sea grass beds. Ms. Den-



Susan Denham

ham is receiving funding from NOAA for her study on light limitations and sea grass growth.

The Wednesday, Nov. 3, lecture will be by Ed Carlson, executive director of the Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary.

Lunch & Learn lectures are free for Friends of Rookery Bay members and \$5 for others. Space is limited to the first 50 people who reserve a spot by calling 417-6310.

The learning center is at 300 Tower Road in Naples, near the intersection of U.S. 41 and Collier Boulevard on the way to Marco Island. ■

Family fun flares up for Fire Prevention Awareness Day

The Collier County Fire Marshals and Fire Chiefs associations invite kids and parents to the second annual Fire Prevention Awareness Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, at Fleischmann Park. All local fire districts will have booths set up, as will the Florida Division of Forestry, Collier County Emergency Medical Services, the sheriff's crime prevention and SWAT teams and representatives from the local chapters of the American Red

Cross and the American Cancer Society. Special appearances will be made by Smokey Bear, Sparky the Fire Dog, Patches and Pumper. Activities will include puppet shows and fire safety house tours, plus up-close looks at more than a dozen fire trucks and assorted emergency vehicles.

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Author will address open house at PACE Center for Girls

In honor of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, PACE Center for Girls-Collier at Immokalee is holding an open house from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday Oct. 6.

Guest speaker Nancy Koerner, author of "Belize Survivor: Darker Side of Paradise," will discuss domestic violence with PACE girls and guests.

Ms. Koerner says she wrote her book in hopes of inspiring other women to make the brave and often painful choices that ultimately will lead to their redemption and autonomy. Although these choices are critical, she says, they often come at a nearly unsustainable cost. Nevertheless, she stresses, the price of inaction



PACE Center for Girls-Collier at Immokalee

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can be deadly. "My overall intent is to reaffirm the courageous spirit of the underdog and

celebrate the unquenchable inner spark of humanity," she adds. Following her presentation, Ms. Koerner

will sign copies of her book and will donate a portion of all purchases to The Shelter for Abused Women & Children.

Representatives from local agencies, including The Shelter and Delta Family Counseling, will be on hand to offer information. Light refreshments will be served.

The PACE Center for Girls-Collier at Immokalee is a community-based, gender-responsive prevention and academic program that provides girls and young women with an opportunity for a better future through education, counseling, training and advocacy.

For more information, contact Marianne Kearns at 377-9860 or visit www.pacecenter.org/collier. ■

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Programs raise awareness about domestic violence

The Shelter for Abused Women & Children presents a series of activities in October for National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Coming up in the first two weeks of the month:

■ **Educating with Emery Boards**
2-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2

Volunteers will hand out emery boards imprinted with The Shelter's 24-hour crisis line — 775-1101 — at 16 Publix locations from Marco Island to Bonita Springs.

■ **Youth Symposium**
1-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, at Hodges University, 2655 Northbrook Drive, Naples

Co-sponsored by Hodges University and The Shelter's Youth Advisory Council, this event is for teens, parents, educators and others who seek an end to dating violence. Shelter advocates and presenters will delve into the concepts of healthy relationships and explain the signs of dating abuse.

■ **Immokalee Linguistics Community Meeting**
9-11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12

This event focuses on services available for children and domestic violence victims in Immokalee.

■ **Healing Arts Exhibit Opening Reception**
5-6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14

This exhibit will remain in place through December in Building J at the Collier County Government Complex. Artwork has been created by victims of domestic violence who are in The Shelter's innovative Healing Arts program.

■ **Women of Color Caucus**
Friday, Oct. 15

Held at The Shelter in Naples, the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence Women of Color Caucus will focus on identifying critical needs throughout the state.

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

Library computer users must have cards

Beginning Friday, Oct. 1, Internet access and use of lab computers at any Collier County Public Library will require a valid CCPL library card, a non-resident CCPL library card or a guest pass.

Library cards are free to all Collier County residents and entitle the cardholder to up to 90 minutes of computer use per day. A non-resident library card costs \$10 per month and entitles the cardholder to up to 90 minutes of daily computer use per. A non-refundable guest pass is \$5 per 30 minutes of computer use per day.

All library cards and guest passes can be

obtained from the circulation desk at any CCPL location.

Computer use refers to computer stations with Internet access and office applications, not to library catalog searches from computers on the library floor.

■ **Fall book sale**

The CCPL Fall Book Sale takes place during regular library hours Friday, Oct. 22, through Saturday, Oct. 30, at the South Regional Library, 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway. Members of the Friends of the Library enjoy a sneak preview from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21. ■



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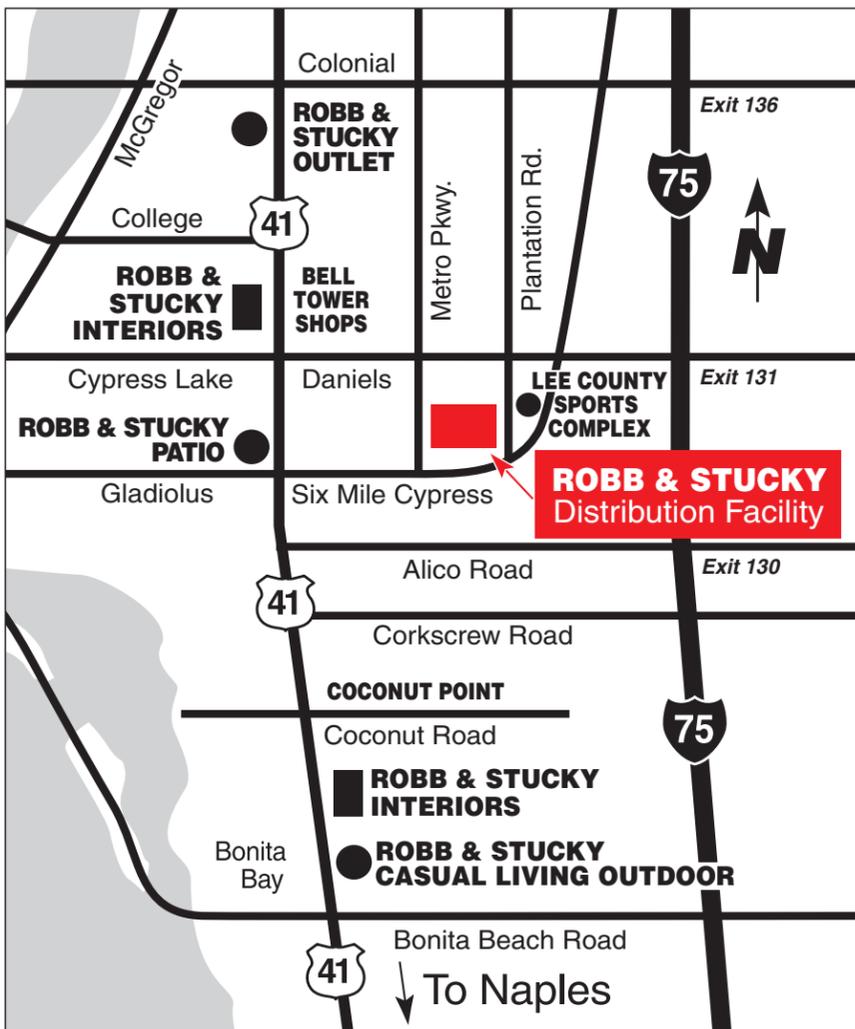
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Here's the entire terrifying schedule:

- Friday and Saturday, Oct. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23 and 29-30: 7 p.m. to midnight.

- Sunday, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 14 and 31: 7-10 p.m.

- Thursday, Oct. 21 and 28: 7-10 p.m.

High school students are encouraged to announce the name of their school upon entering Fright Factory. At the end of the month, the three schools mentioned most often will win a donation to their band programs. First place is \$1,000, followed by \$500 and \$250.

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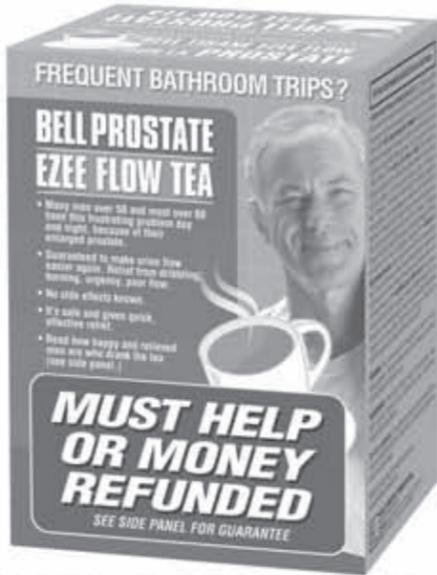
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As part of the centennial celebration of scouting, Collier County scouts of all ages are hosting games and challenges for the public from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, at Sugden Regional Park. The fun will include the third annual Kinetic Bike Relay Race.

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

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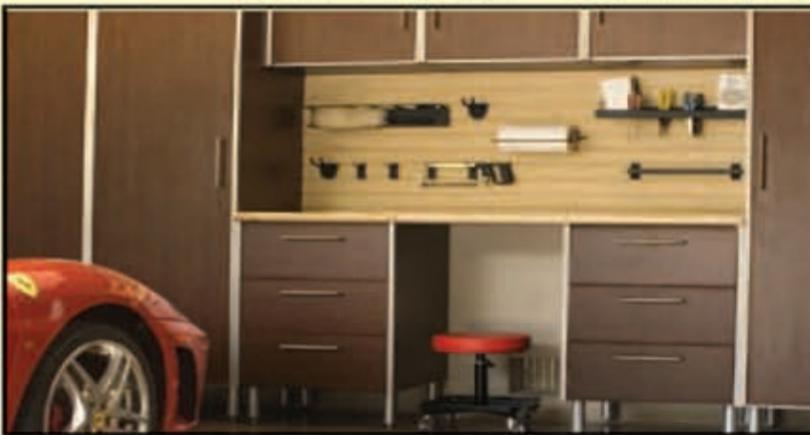


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Eden honors autism advocate

Eden Autism Services Florida has named Elly Hagen the recipient of its first Advocate of the Month award in recognition of efforts to increase awareness, raise funds and provide leadership in support of autism.



HAGEN

Ms. Hagen has a 12-year old son with autism and has been involved with advocacy efforts since his diagnosis. She has served as chairperson of Walk Now for Autism Speaks and has lobbied at the state and national levels on autism issues. She is a member of the Southwest Florida Autism Spectrum Collaborative, which is working to create an autism assessment and treatment center at The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida.

To nominate an advocate for autism, submit the person's name, contact information and a 50-word summary of why he or she should be selected to Taire.Malloy@edenservices.org, or call 992-4680. ■

STRAIGHT TALK

Celebrating rehab success stories and more

We have so many good things happening at NCH that sometimes it's hard to keep up. Let me highlight just two of them.

First, we celebrate our rehab facility with great pride during National Rehabilitation Week.

We treat more than 1,000 patients yearly in our 60-bed, 5 South Rehab Unit. Many of these patients are recovering from acute injury such as stroke or trauma; others suffer chronic debilitating conditions and are eager to regain their productive lives. Our team has continued its 21-year tradition of full accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, whose examiners validated our services as of the "highest quality."

Approximately 18 percent of rehab patients have had a stroke and require an intensive program to regain mobility, self-care skills and the ability to communicate.

"These types of conditions not only affect the patient, but also the family," says Heather Baker, administrative director of the Comprehensive Rehabilitation Center. "It's important when choosing a rehab provider that the family learns about the outcomes of services provided," she says, adding stroke patients served at NCH have a higher functional gain, and the percentage of patients



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returning home is greater than the national average.

One special part of our rehab celebration was "Just Deserts," on Sept. 28, when we recognized several of the many who have made spectacular rehab recoveries, including:

- Rob C., a young stroke victim who came to our 5 South Rehab Unit requiring total assistance. He was unable to swallow, and he communicated by pointing to a picture board. He left the unit able to drive a power chair and to get by with minimal assistance. He has a great and supportive family, who along with the rehab team laughed a lot and cried a lot throughout his stay with us.

- Geri S., a man of "few words but very talkative eyebrows," according to therapist Sally Tillotson. Geri suffered a stroke after open-heart surgery but was determined and ambitious. He even had a loyal and caring ex-wife who "wouldn't let him get away with a thing," according to one of his therapists.

- Ian B., who was determined to recover from day one. Sandy Hutchinson and Deb Pignatiello said he was like a sponge wanting home-

work to do back in his room and was a huge cheerleader for his fellow patients. Ian even had a fellow musician entertain everyone at happy hour, while Ian danced.

Another thing we celebrate this week is Chief Nursing Officer Michele Thoman, who recently conducted her third set of forums introducing the new nursing Internet website on our internal site, www.MyNCH.org.

Gerald McGinnis, our Cerner R.N. colleague, displayed upcoming changes in documentation, spurred by suggestions from PowerChart users and the Shared Governance Information Technology team. We will soon migrate to central monitoring, where all medical surgical beds on both campuses will have cardiac monitors in one location. We will add 801 intravenous smart pumps, which nurses and doctors control remotely, to download patient information to the electronic medical record.

And as new members of the National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators, we will conduct a confidential nursing survey. We hope all our nurses will participate in order to help us continue to improve the care we provide. ■

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

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PET TALES

Frightfully fun Indulge your dog in Halloween, but be safe

BY GINA SPADAFORI

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When did Halloween become such a big holiday? It's second only to Christmas, it seems, for decorating and celebrating, with special stores full of frightful fare and merchandise hitting all other retailers before summer is over.

It's all in fun, of course, and whenever pet lovers have fun, our pets are usually included.

But holidays are often anything but fun for many pets. While we humans love the change in routine with the parties, the guests and the decorations, our furred and feathered family members too often find the disruptions disturbing — and sometimes dangerous.

Like all holidays, Halloween is not without its hazards. The two biggest problems are injuries and poisoning — and animal emergency clinics traditionally see plenty of both. When you're planning to include your pet in holiday plans, keep pet protection in the mix.

With the increase in activity around the neighborhood, cats and dogs get nervous, and some will take off if they can. That means an increase in the number of animals hit by cars. Other times,

animals may be a cause of injury: All those costumed young visitors can trigger territorial instincts or fear responses in some dogs, who may then become a bite risk.

The best solution for nervous pets is to confine them for the evening in a crate or a quiet room far from the front door or any holiday festivities.

Many animal-welfare groups warn that black cats are at special risk around Halloween, claiming that cultists pick up the animals for ritual torture. Such concerns have led many shelters to halt the adoption of black cats in the days before Halloween.

In truth, such cruelties are so poorly documented that they surely happen rarely, if at all. Your black cat is more likely to be killed by a car than a cultist, since it's difficult to see a black cat in the dark. But the threat of either is more than reason enough to keep him inside.

If you keep your pets confined safely inside the house, you will eliminate one source of risk. Keeping them away from the goodies will take care of the other risk.

Candy is a problem more for dogs than

for cats because cats are generally picky about what they eat. Not so for many dogs, who'll wolf down candy (wrappers and all) if given the opportunity, giving many a serious case of what veterinarians call "garbage gut." While chocolate really isn't the deadly threat many believe, a small dog who gets a large amount of dark chocolate does need veterinary intervention. A bigger threat to all pets, though, is from candy and gum sweetened with Xylitol. It's deadly stuff for pets, so keep it out of their reach.

And finally, what about costumes for pets? If it makes you happy, go for it. Your dog doesn't care if he has a biker jacket, sunglasses, an ear-hugging visor or even a colorful bandanna. He'll put up with most anything you put on him, as long as it means spending more time with you.

If putting a costume on your dog means you'll fuss over him and maybe take him somewhere interesting, like the costume contests that are everywhere these days, then sure, it's a no-lose proposition. Dress up your dog and have some fun.

Do make sure that any costume you choose or make meets common-sense standards: It's comfortable and nonrestrictive, inedible, and it doesn't involve anything that could be hazardous, such as dye or paint. There has never been a wider selection of silly stuff for pets at retailers, so you can pick up a costume or two easily.

I've dressed up my pets before, and I have to say that my favorite costume of all time — a first-place prize-winner at more than one contest — was also the cheapest and easiest. I purchased a package of round white dots from an office supply store, and put them all over my black retriever. His "Reverse Dalmatian" get-up got laughs everywhere we went. ■



Pets of the Week



>> **Cleocatra** is a 4-month-old, spayed and microchipped "Hemingway" (extra toes) domestic short hair. She's very friendly and loving.



>> **Lennon** is a sweet, 8-month-old neutered Russian blue mix. He has cute white mittens and is going to be a big guy.



>> **Scrabble** is an outgoing, 3-month-old neutered Labrador retriever mix who loves children and other pets.



>> **Tiger Belle** is a 1-year-old spayed brindle Labrador retriever/boxer mix. She is housebroken and walks nicely on a leash.

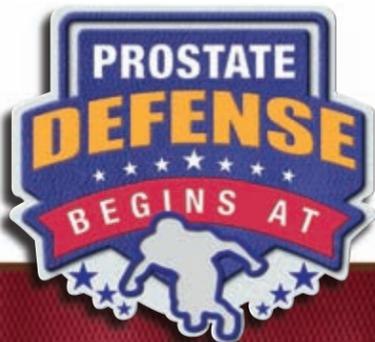
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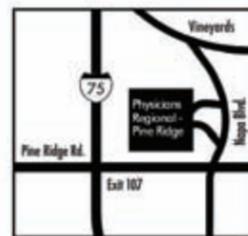
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"one fish two fish red fish blue fish black fish blue fish old fish new fish some are red and some are blue. some are old and some are new.

some are sad and some are glad. and some are very, very bad. why are they sad and glad and bad? i don't know. go ask your dad."

— all quotes herein: Dr. Suess

Theodore Suess Geisel, the son of German immigrants, inherited the family brewery one month before Prohibition. In college, he was caught drinking gin in his room with friends. Due to that infraction, he was prohibited from continuing as editor of his college humor magazine, Jack-O-Lantern. Undaunted, he began to work under the pen name "Suess." When he graduated, he became "Dr. Suess." In 1937, during his return Atlantic Ocean voyage, the rhythm of the ship's engines inspired him to write his first children's book. Dr. Suess used other pen names, too. Sometimes he spelled his name backwards. At other times, he called himself "Rosetta Stone."

"some are thin and some are fat. the fat one has a yellow hat. from there to here, from here to there,

funny things are everywhere. here are some who like to run. they run for fun in the hot, hot sun. Oh me! Oh my! Oh me! Oh my! what a lot of funny things go by. some have two feet and some have four. some have six feet and some have more. where do they come from? i can't say. but i bet they have come a long, long way."

The Rosetta Stone is a fragment of a stele, an inscribed stone pillar. This stele was erected in 196 BCE, a decree by a congress of priests that granted themselves a tax exemption. It was erected in the ninth year of the reign of Ptolemy V, who became pharaoh and god at age five. This young boy was thrust into this position after the murder of his parents by his father's mistress and her brother/lover. After they tried to take political control, there was a revolt that resulted in the murderers' murder. The frightened boy-king Ptolemy was forced to give assent to the killing of his mother's killer. The Rosetta Stone stele gave thanks to the priests who supported the revolt by granting them tax exemptions.

There was a rubric for this kind of proclamation. First, the gods were identified and praised, then the priests. Then the boy Ptolemy himself was given a feast for which were created special rites and rituals of garlands and sacrifices. The boy's sacred name was Epiphanes Eucharistos. Both of these words come from the Greek: Epiphanes from the word for

appearance, manifestation; Eucharistos from the word for grateful.

Although both the words of the boy's sacred name have meaning in Christian doctrine, it is interesting to note that in 392 CE the stele was broken in accord with the prohibition of non-Christian structures. The broken black granite piece now called the Rosetta Stone was found 300 years later, part of the foundation of a fortress, by French soldiers in Napoleon's Egyptian campaign. It was subsequently seized by the British, spirited away on a gun carriage.

The text of the Rosetta Stone is not remembered for its content, but rather because the text appears in three languages: ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs (language of the gods), a more modern Egyptian script (language of documents), and ancient Greek (language of the street). The government center of that time was in Alexandria, Greece, but the older scripts honored the older traditions of Memphis, Egypt. Although none of the texts were complete due to the smallness of the fragment, the ancient Greek was translatable. So when it was understood that the same text appeared in each of the languages, the stone became a key to unlock the meaning of the hieroglyphs. In 1822, in Paris, Francois Champollion decrypted the ancient hieroglyphs.

The term Rosetta Stone has come to mean a small representative sample that can be used in decryption, as a clue to understand a larger whole. And like the

boy king's sacred name, we are grateful for appearances that bring realization.

"we see them come. we see them go. some are fast. and some are slow. some are high. and some are low. not one of them is like another. don't ask us why. go ask your mother."

Perhaps the specific story of the Rosetta Stone text could be seen as less significant than its decrypting structure. And yet, to where does the decryption lead? Are we not taken to other stories, or to stories about stories, or to stories about stories?

Primary in the heart vision of this pirate is manifestation of the face of a young boy who is himself narrated into stories of god, of pharaoh, of orphan, of lover. This face is awakened epiphany for which the only response can be gratitude. This face creates opportunity to love. This face is mirror and light.

Pirates play with sunken treasure of stories bidden and unbidden, spoken and unspoken, from under earth and underwater and within fire and flying in air. Spacious and spirited we play. ■

— 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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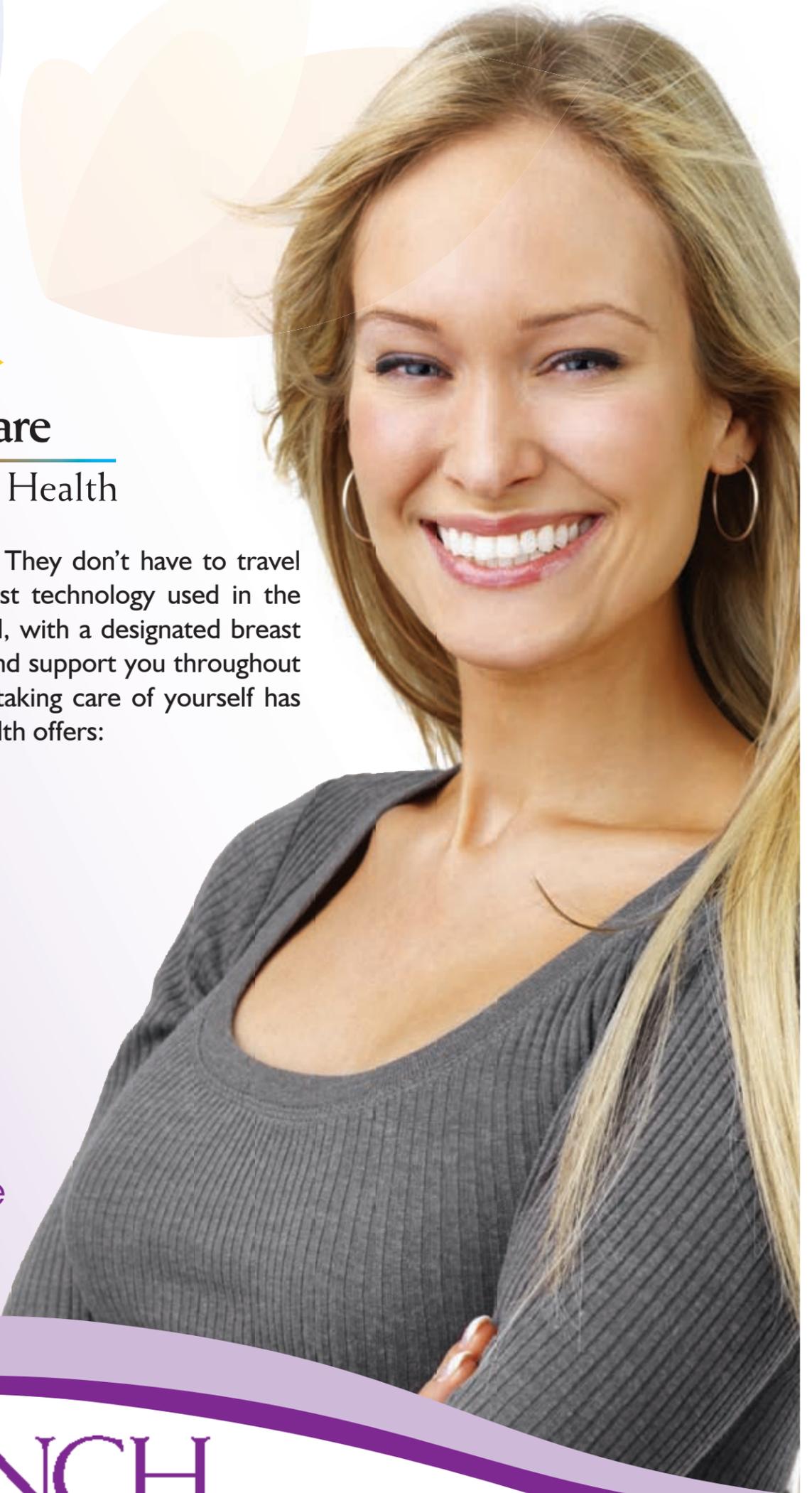
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— Tony Detzi, vice president of operations for Spirit Halloween



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A man dressed as Gumby waves at cars in the hopes of pulling shoppers into the Halloween Megastore off of U.S. 41.

Scaring up profits

BY BILL CORNWELL

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The first signs that Halloween draws nigh usually are seen in drug stores and grocery stores. Cardboard cutouts of black cats and witches abound, and aisles are choked with monster-sized bags of candy, which usually contain single, individually wrapped pieces.

But these are just the tips of a very big iceberg — the small stuff that people purchase on the way home from work or as an afterthought or impulse.

Real, honest-to-goodness Halloween shopping — for costumes and decorations — is big business. Very big business. In fact, the National Retail Federation estimates that American adults will spend \$5.8 billion to celebrate Halloween this year, which is about a \$1 billion increase over last year's sales figures. Increasingly, specialty shops — some of which "pop-up" in August or long about Labor Day and then close shortly after Halloween — are where true connoisseurs spend a lion's share of

Halloween shopping expected to top last year

their fright-night budget.

Southwest Florida mirrors a national trend toward "pop-up" stores that specialize in Halloween-related items. These stores generally begin their operations around Labor Day and remain open until a day or two after Halloween.

Spirit Halloween, a New Jersey-based firm, is the most prominent of these pop-up operations. Nationally, Spirit operates more than 850 pop-up stores in the United States and Canada. Most of its temporary stores are in malls and strip centers. It has five stores in Southwest Florida — two each in Fort Myers and Naples and one in Port Charlotte. Spirit has operated in Fort Myers for six years and in Naples for four years.

In Fort Myers, the average Spirit store is about 30,000 square feet, while

stores in Naples average about 20,000 square feet, said Tony Detzi, Spirit's vice president of operations. The stores each employ about 15 to 20 associates and an assistant manager and a manager. All the jobs, except the manager's, are part-time. The jobs last for the duration of the Halloween shopping season, he said. Spirit opens its stores around Labor Day and closes them a day or two after Halloween.

"We've bucked the trend (during the recession)," Mr. Detzi said last week during a telephone interview from Miami, where he was inspecting Spirit stores. "Last year was a record year, the best year we've ever had. When times are bad, people still want to go out and have a good time."

There is a rule of thumb in Halloween retailing: Older customers spend less. Buyers in the 18-to-45 age range are the most prized by Halloween retailers. Since Southwest Florida tends to skew

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Wall Street sequel reflects realities of the investment world



In a bit of clever marketing, Naples' local Mercedes Benz dealership hosted a private party and showing of "Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps" at Mercato's Silver Spot Cinema. The car is featured throughout the sequel to the 1987 classic, "Wall Street."

For my guest, the movie was fascinat-

ing but not a quick or easy up-take. After the movie, the recap was, "Wow! Wasn't that great!" but, seconds later, was followed by, "What was it all about? I guess you would understand it."

Yes, I "got it" but I am a veteran of Wall Street. What about others? Quite possibly many other *Florida Weekly* readers will watch the movie and have the same reaction as my guest's. (And, for those in the know, don't think that whispering frequent explanations to your unknowing companions during the movie will work. "That's supposed to be Hank Paulsen," "They're talking about Goldman Sachs"

or "That's Bernanke!") Those comments will accomplish nothing except to irritate fellow moviegoers.)

Here is some background that might be helpful before you watch the movie and a Wall Street veteran's thoughts about what the movie portrays well.

The setting: winter 2008 and the beginnings of the unraveling of the sub prime mortgages and related credit default swaps. Gordon Gekko — a character in the vein of Ivan Boesky or Michael Milken, both of whom made fame and fortune in merger and acquisition arbitrage in the 1980s — is being released from a long

stint in prison for insider trading and other fraud charges.

He is re-entering the world penniless but with a complete understanding of the underpinnings of the impending financial crisis. He understands the degree of leverage, the nature of poor assets leveraged and the egos, greed and flawed thinking of the parties running many of the at-risk banks and hedge funds. Also, he is joining the list of reformed criminals who write while in jail and publish when out of jail. This book allows entrance into

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his former world and into the life of his daughter.

The movie's love story is clear: Gekko seemingly seeks reunion with his daughter who is still wounded by her father's crimes and failures as a family man. The daughter, despite her disdain for her father and his dealings, falls deeply in love with a man who works in the same New York City financial world.

It is the fast-paced investment story that causes confusion in the uninitiated viewer. The fictitious investment-banking firm of Keller Zabel, which employs his daughter's lover, is "going down." Not just any firm, it is a U.S. Government bond dealer, a position considered to be a semi-extension of the U.S. Treasury in that the firm takes bids for bond issuance. U.S. dealer status is special to the government and to all its customers. Given Keller Zabel's sub-prime woes and ultimate distress price tag, the failing firm is a Bear Stearns look-alike.

In the movie, the founder of this firm has private meetings with the New York Federal Reserve Bank in an attempt to stay alive. Also around the negotiating table are principals from other investment houses. These firms could/ might/ will play a role in keeping the firm out of bankruptcy. In the real world, Bear was kept alive; Lehman was allowed into bankruptcy.

The only bidder for the failing firm in the film is a rather sleazy partnership. (Sometimes the partnership looks like an investment banking firm and sometimes like a hedge fund.) The deal offered by this partnership requires huge govern-

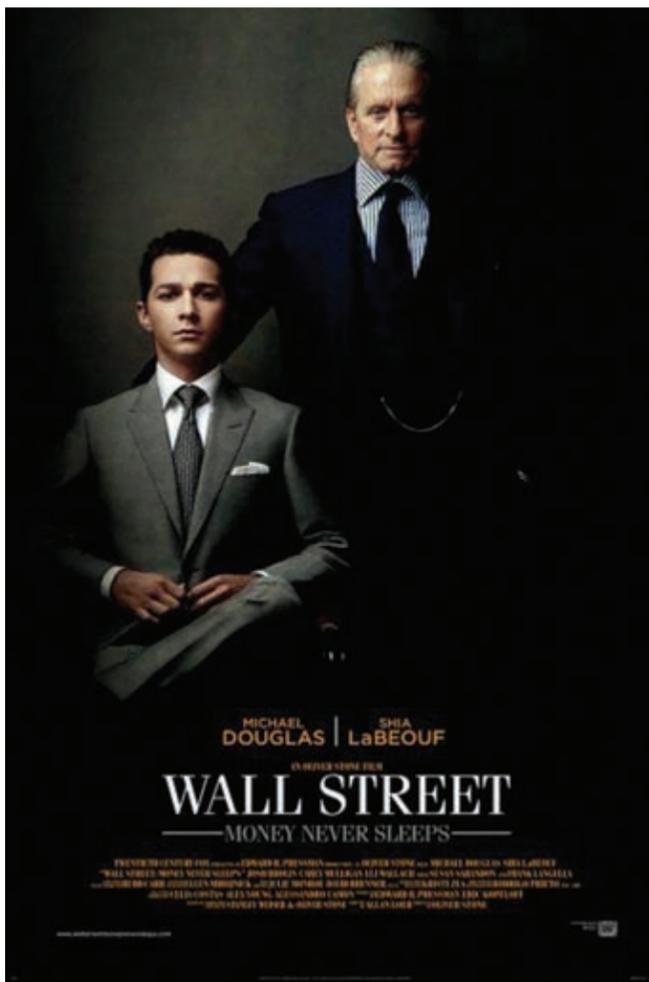
ment guarantees. Again, these facts are akin to Bear Stearns' merger, which required such guarantees.

In the course of the negotiations, it is clear that there is no love lost between all the parties: the Treasury acting in unison with the Fed, the failing firm and the acquirer.

The tall and large, bald-headed man leading the negotiations is supposed to be a none-too-happy Hank Paulsen, secretary of the treasury; he is to relay the bad news (the size of these guarantees) to the president.

The acquirer seeks revenge against Keller Zabel and effects such revenge through a lowball acquisition price. The basis of the "bad feelings" is that the acquirer had troubles in the dot com bust of 2000; the Fed's attempts to orchestrate financial support from other investment firms (a mini-bailout) at that time was rejected by the Keller Zabel and it made life incredibly hard for this acquirer. Is this simply a fabricated story line? Does this film have any basis in reality? Do these sorts of things really happen?

Absolutely. In 1998, Long Term Capital Management was a "quant" fund run by geniuses, that is, until it became a failed fund bailed out by non-geniuses. Bear Stearns, among many other major investment firms, was asked to participate in the bailout and they refused. The bailout did proceed but it left bad feelings on The Street. And some think that some



many a hedge fund holding short positions in those stocks) made it impossible for the two firms to fund themselves. They could not participate in the overnight repo market because an investment firm cannot open for business if it can't roll its debt.

Another confusing storyline has one of the partners of the acquiring firm having made a fortune in the past by shorting the stock of his own firm. What sense does that make? A lot. Like Enron, if you know your firm is going to fail, you dump the stock. In the film, the bad guy sets up an offshore hedge fund to short his stock — something he couldn't do in the U.S. The villain is last found sitting in front of a Bernanke look-alike and being told of impending charges... not that it would happen that way in reality.

There is no question that the movie gives some insight into how the excesses of money and power held in the hands of some men (mostly men) translate into opulent lifestyles, God-like self-perceptions and gross corruption. It also makes clear that business on Wall Street is not just a bunch of trades and contracts; it also consists of a world of good and bad relationships where trust is sometimes broken and ethics are alternately upheld and ignored.

If you're going to invest in a ticket to the movie, my advice is to read a few simple articles about the 2008 crisis and brush up on your financial lingo. ■

— Jeannette Rohn Showalter is a Southwest Florida-based chartered financial analyst.

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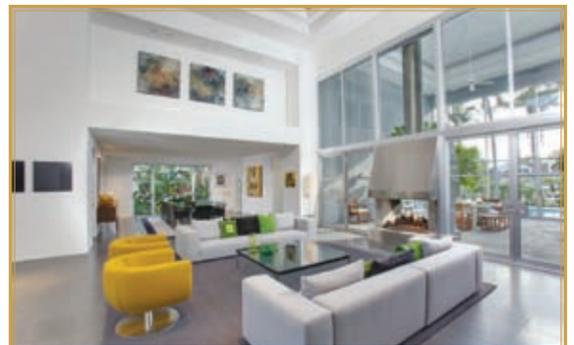
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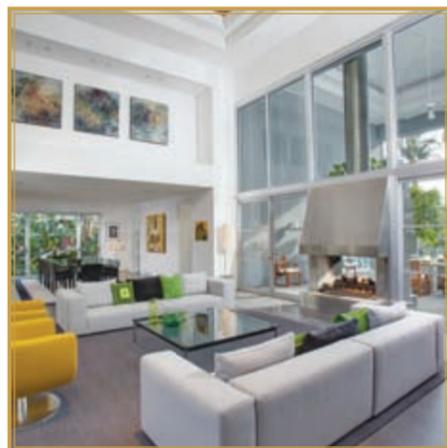
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The 2010 Business Hall of Fame, Collier County dinner and awards ceremony will take place at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. 2010 laureates Dr. William Figlesthaler, managing partner/shareholder at Specialists in Urology, and Len Zaiser, president, CEO and founder of Structure Medical, will be honored and inducted into the Collier County Business Hall of Fame in recognition of their professional accomplishments and commitment to the community.

Business sponsorships are available

and include tickets to the event. Tables of 10, which include two reserved seats for students, are \$1,800 (silver sponsor level). Tables of five are \$900 (bronze sponsor level) and include a reserved seat for one student. Individual seats are available for \$250 each.

Sponsors also are needed to support student admission, which is \$125 per ticket. Junior Achievement students who attend the event have an opportunity to interact with local professionals and practice their etiquette skills. Additionally, half-page advertisements are available in the event program book for \$500.

To reserve tables or individual tickets or to become a sponsor, call 225-2590. Proceeds benefit local Junior Achievement programs.

Junior Achievement is dedicated to inspiring and preparing young people to succeed in a global economy. Through a network of volunteers, the local organization provides in-school and after-school programs for students in Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties that focus on three key content areas: work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy. For more information, visit www.JAS-WFL.org.

Community foundation plans conference

The Community Foundation of Collier County hosts the eighth annual Professional Advisors Conference from 8 a.m. to noon Thursday, Oct. 28, at

the Hilton Naples. Presentations will include:

■ **“The State of Charitable Planning,”** by Ramsay Slugg, J.D.; U.S. Trust, Bank of America Private Wealth Management;

■ **“Family Business Succession Planning,”** by Gerald Le Van of Upchurch, Watson, White & Max;

■ **“Why Civility Matters,”** by Gregory Holtz of Private Client Reserve at US Bank; and

■ **“Estate Planning War Stories,”** a panel discussion moderated by Ellen Vanderburg of Key Private Bank with Ken Krier of Cummings & Lockwood and Robert Landon of Dunwoody, White and Landon

Registration is \$50, and seating is limited. Call Susan Barton at 649-5000 or e-mail sbarton@cfcollier.org.

Gulf Coast Venture Forums ready for the new season

Gulf Coast Venture Forum chapters in Naples and Sarasota, in conjunction with the Florida Venture Forum and the Tamiami Angel Fund, are getting ready to kick off the 2010-II season.

The Sarasota launch is Wednesday, Oct. 13, at the Hyatt Regency Sarasota; the Naples kick off is Thursday, Oct. 14, at The Naples Grande. Both events will begin with registration at 5:30 p.m., followed by presentations from 6-7 p.m. and a reception from 7-8 p.m.

The Naples chapter kick-off will feature special guest speaker John Ransom, managing director and director of health care research with Raymond James & Associates. His topic will be “Reading Vital Signs: How emerging health care trends and legislation will affect market performance and investing.”

“Entrepreneurs and investors understand that successful negotiations come from understanding each other’s goals with an appreciation for the current and future economic realities,” says Gulf Coast Venture Forum President Tim Cartwright. “Insight and experience are valuable commodities, and these kick-off events offer priceless advice and counsel from longstanding, successful entrepreneurs and investors in our community.”

The kick-off events are open to the public. Admission is \$65 in advance and \$75 at the door. For more information or to pre-register, visit www.floridaventureforum.com.

ENMA elects officers

The newly formed East Naples Merchants Association elected the following officers at its September meeting at Greenlinks Golf Resort and Conference Center in Lely Resort:

Chairman: Shirley Calhoun, owner of Ad Depot and publishers of the Lely Resort Resident and Guest Guide; vice chairman: Garry Fleisch, owner of Beef O’Bradys in Naples Town Center; secretary: Natalie Anguilano, owner of Eagle Packaging Products; and treasurer: Jack Marsh, a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker.

ENMA was formed to enhance the image and profitability of member companies through advocacy, information and networking opportunities. Annual dues are \$60, and anyone involved with a business in East Naples is welcome.

Business after Business meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at Greenlinks Golf Resort and Conference Center. The next meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 21. Tammie Nemecek, president and CEO of the Economic Development Council of Collier County, will be the guest speaker.

For more information, call Ms. Calhoun at 435-9410 or Ms. Anguilano at 643-3600.

Publication features Naples multi-family office

Naples-based Legacy Family Office was recently featured in ZILLION International. Legacy founder and president Tamara Surratt was interviewed for the article that explains why multi-family offices are quickly becoming the wealth and family management choice of high net worth families.

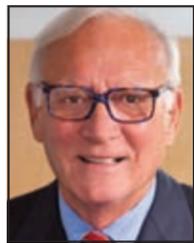
First published in 1999, ZILLION International is a bi-monthly, English-language magazine that features in-depth reports on trends, strategy and technological developments in the global business community.

The sole multi-family office profiled in the magazine, Legacy stands alongside international companies considered innovators in their fields.

“A multi-family office’s services go far beyond that of a traditional wealth management firm,” Ms. Surratt says. “We not only offer investment advice, but also lifestyle and family philanthropy management and financial education for younger family members. We like to think of ourselves as a long-term partner to our client families, working hand-in-hand with them to ensure their wealth lasts and is used in line with their values.”

Multi-family offices make sense for families that have significant wealth, but do not want to pay to establish a private family office, Ms. Surratt adds. “We can leverage the collective assets of all our clients and negotiate lower maintenance and investment fees with the big firms.”

Legacy Family Office provides tailored, holistic solutions to help families of exceptional wealth preserve and grow their financial capital as well as their human, social and intellectual family capital. Advisors work with families to implement customized plans designed to meet family goals and transfer wealth to future generations.



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older in its demographics, one would think that Halloween spending here would be on the low end. Not so, said Mr. Detzi.

“That assumption isn’t true,” he said, adding that Spirit, which is privately held, does not release sales figures. “Actually, business in Naples and Fort Myers has been good. This is a good market for us.”

Although the stores operate seasonally, work at Spirit’s New Jersey headquarters (where 55 people are employed) goes full-throttle all year.

“We get the stores torn down and merchandise shipped back by the middle of November,” he said.

Spirit’s buyers leave for Asia the day after Halloween on scouting trips for new items, Mr. Detzi added. Around Jan. 1, the company begins scouring the U.S. for prime locations for stores for the upcoming season. Pop-up stores often get sweet deals for their locations — especially in this depressed real estate market — because owners are often desperate to fill empty space, even if it is only temporary.

Spirit Halloween is a division of Spencer Gifts, the mega company that has a dominating mall presence throughout North America. Spirit Halloween was started by an entrepreneur in San Francisco who was unable to raise enough capital to grow the company to its full potential. When Spencer Gifts purchased Spirit in 1999 (for a price that Mr. Detzi would not disclose) there were fewer than 100 stores.

“Before (Spirit was purchased) Spencer owned Halloween in the malls,” Mr. Detzi said.

Now the company seeks to rule the market everywhere.

Industry analysts say that one reason for the optimism regarding Halloween spending this year is because it falls on a Sunday. Generally, Halloweens that take place during the weekend spawn more activity. (Last year was an exception. Halloween was on a Saturday, but spending nationally was down from 2008.)

In a tongue-in-cheek move last year, Steven Silverstein, Spirit’s CEO, went to Washington, D.C., to “lobby” on Capitol Hill for Halloween to be made an official holiday that always falls on Saturday. Mr. Silverstein was accompanied on his mission by “supporters” dressed as Wonder Woman, Popeye, Scarecrow and Dorothy.

While Mr. Detzi noted that the move was aimed at generating attention for Spirit Halloween and not in actually generating legislation, there is no doubt that a permanent designation of Halloween to Saturday would boost



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Above: Shoppers try on outfits down the aisle from a display of animated ghouls at the Halloween Megastore.



Left: The Spirit store in Naples.

industry revenues.

But even without such a move, Halloween remains an occasion that ranks with Christmas and Thanksgiving to some of its most devoted fans.

Stacie Dunn spent last visiting Halloween specialty stores in Fort Myers, seeking bargains for her 8-year-old daughter and 4-year-old son.

“It can be quite costly,” she said, standing outside the sprawling Halloween Megastore on S. Cleveland Avenue. “I’ll probably spend about \$50 to \$75 total on both children for their costumes. I will look here and then at a couple of other places to see where we can find the best bargains. Generally, we start looking sometime in August for our Halloween stuff.”

Brandy Dentzau, assistant manager

at the Halloween Megastore, said customers like Mrs. Dunn are the rule, not the exception.

“Around Aug. 1 is when we start to see people looking in earnest (for Halloween paraphernalia),” she said. “It picks up from there.”

The Halloween Megastore is one of those rare places that remain open all year. In the non-peak months, Ms. Dentzau said the store does a brisk business in providing costumes for theatrical groups, school productions and people who need unusual garb for parties and the like. And for those who prefer a more permanent form of appearance alteration, the Halloween Megastore also boasts an adjoining studio that offers tattooing and body piercing.

For most of the year, Ms. Dentzau

said the Halloween store employs two people. As the witching day draws closer, the store adds staff and, at its peak, hires 10 additional workers (five who work in sales and five who work in security to prevent shoplifting).

In a sign of the economic times, Ms. Dentzau said the store received more than 200 applications this year for the five sales slots. Business has remained strong throughout the recession, she said.

“People who love Halloween, really love it,” she said. “We have people who come in all the time, just to look at the costumes and see what’s new.”

“Many of the grown-ups take it more seriously than their children,” said Ms. Dentzau at the Halloween Megastore. “People come in here and just walk around, looking. They are fascinated by the masks and the costumes. It’s a very big deal for them.”

In a strange twist, Ms. Dentzau added: “Adults are a bigger shoplifting problem than teenagers or children. We’ve had women come in and try to slip out with masks or whatever. Sometimes their children are with them. We take security seriously, so we usually catch them. Can you imagine how embarrassing it is for a kid to have their mother shoplifting at a Halloween store?”

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My Dunbest Investment

Drank the Kool-Aid

My dumbest investment was drinking the company Kool-Aid. I bought shares of stock in my employer, Humana, for around \$62 apiece, and rode them down to \$32 before the smelling salts kicked in. What an investment hangover.

— S.M., online

The Fool Responds: Humana's stock chart has been bumpy in recent years, partly due to prolonged uncertainty over how our nation's health-care reforms would affect it. The reforms we got, though, seem promising for companies such as Humana, driving newly insured new customers to it. With shares back up above \$50 recently, investors don't love the company unanimously, but many expect it to outperform the market, given its revenue growth, low debt, strong cash flow and reasonable valuation.

Still, promising though it may be, no single stock should make up the bulk of your investment portfolio, even if it's your employer. ■

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Good Diluted Earnings

QI read an earnings report recently that showed a profit of \$1.26 per "diluted" share. What is a diluted share?

— M.K., Abilene, Texas

AA company's bottom-line profit, or "net income," is divided by its total share count to arrive at its earnings per share (EPS). The EPS is sometimes reported in two ways, as "basic" and "diluted."

Basic EPS uses the number of shares that currently exist, while diluted EPS is more conservative, including shares that could exist, if people exercised existing stock options, for example. Other securities that could be converted into common stock are also accounted for. Diluted EPS is the better number to look at.

QIf a company is reporting increased losses per share instead of increased profits, should I avoid it?

— S.O., Augusta, Ga.

AMaybe, but not necessarily. Companies sometimes make or spend a lot more in one year than another — perhaps because they've introduced a popular new product or have ramped up their research expenditures.

Imagine the young Drive-Thru Dentistry (ticker: DRILZ) company. Let's say it lost about \$20 million in 2008 and \$60 million

in 2009, though its revenues nearly doubled during the same period. Some investors see numbers like this and run the other way, preferring to invest only in companies reporting steadily increasing profits. That's not crazy.

But those willing to take on more risk may still consider buying, if other factors are compelling. These folks might figure that for emerging startups like DRILZ, this is the time when they should plow available money into advertising and growing the business. They reason that the time for profits is later, once the company has amassed a huge customer base. ■

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The Motley Fool Take

Reinventing Microsoft

Microsoft (Nasdaq: MSFT) became dominant by shunning hardware and controlling the code that powered it. However, change is afoot.

Hardware isn't totally new to Microsoft. It has long sold Microsoft-branded peripheral products such as keyboards, and its foray into gaming gave it experience designing hardware systems.

In fact, the expertise Microsoft acquired from designing the Xbox and Xbox 360 is underappreciated.

Microsoft recently bought a "micro-architecture" license from Arm Holdings to develop its own processor cores around Arm's technology. This suggests

that Microsoft wants to get more involved with designing the hardware that melds with its software. If the company had more expertise in this area, maybe its promising Courier tablet concept would have lived to compete with the iPad. Instead, it seems to have stagnated before being canceled.

The licensing purchase gives the impression that Microsoft is willing to push the envelope in finding a way to make its mobile operating system relevant again.

Hey, it's a long shot, but it beats the status quo. The software Microsoft is dead — long live the new Microsoft. (Microsoft is a "Motley Fool Inside Value" pick. "Motley Fool Options" has recommended a diagonal call position on Microsoft.) ■



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Last week's trivia answer

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(Answer: Service Corporation International)



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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.

► **The Developers Council of the Collier Building Industry Association** meets at 8 a.m. Friday, Oct. 1, at CBIA headquarters, 4779 Enterprise Ave. Call 436-6100 or visit www.cbiamet.com for more information.

► The next **CVB Advisory Roundtable of the Collier County Convention and Visitors Bureau** takes place from 9-11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6, at Bayside Seafood Grill & Bar at the Village on Venetian Bay. RSVP by e-mailing jenniferleslie@colliergov.net by Friday, Oct. 1.

► **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 Building Industry Association** holds its monthly mixer from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, at Action Automatic Door, 275 Airport Road S. Cost is \$10 for CBIA members. Register by Oct.

10 at www.cbiamet.com or by calling 436-6100.

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

► **Lee-Collier Business Women** members and guests meet for lunch and networking at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, at Roy's in Bonita Springs. Cost is \$16 for LCBW members and \$20 for guests. A Naples meeting is set for Tuesday, Oct. 26, with the location TBA. RSVP at www.leecollierbusinesswomen.com or by calling 985-0400.

► **The Christian Chamber of SWF** meets from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, at North Naples United Methodist Church, 6000 Goodlette Road. Reserva-

tions required. Call 481-1411 or visit www.hischamber.org.

► **The Collier Building Industry Association** and the **Florida Home Builders Association** hold a reception for CBIA members and FHBA members from around the state from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22, at Florida Builder Appliances, 27180 Bay Landing Drive. Cost is \$20 for CBIA members. Register at www.cbiamet.com or by calling 436-6100.

► **ABWA Neapolitan Chapter** meets for dinner and a program at 5:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month at Bel-lasera Hotel. Cost is \$26 for members and member-sponsored guests, \$30 for others. Reservations are due by noon on the Thursday before each meeting date. Next meeting: Oct. 26. For more information, visit www.abwaneapolitan.org. ■

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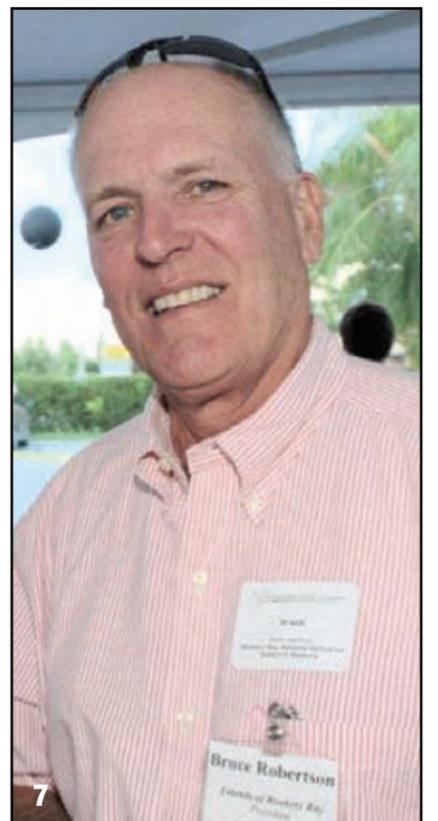
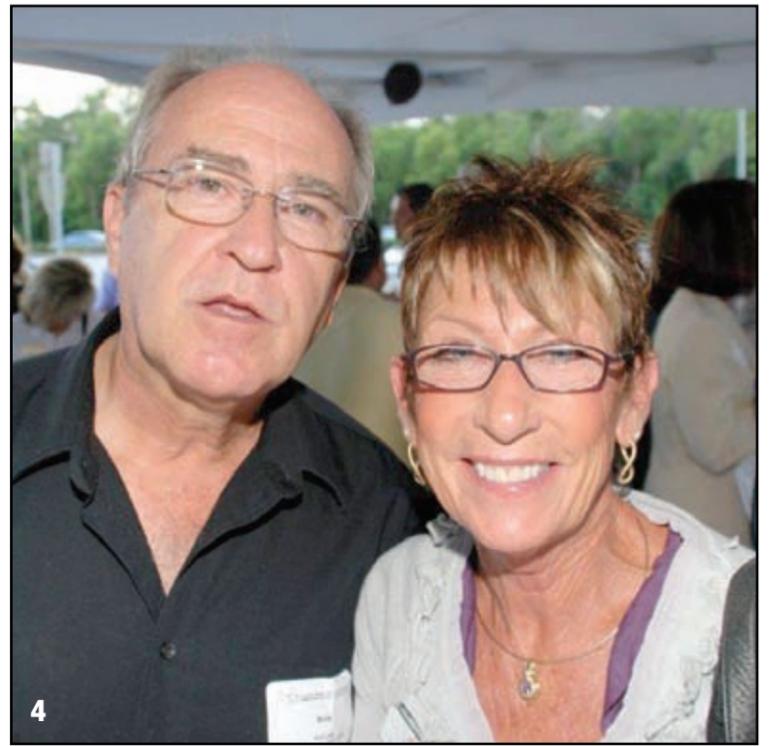
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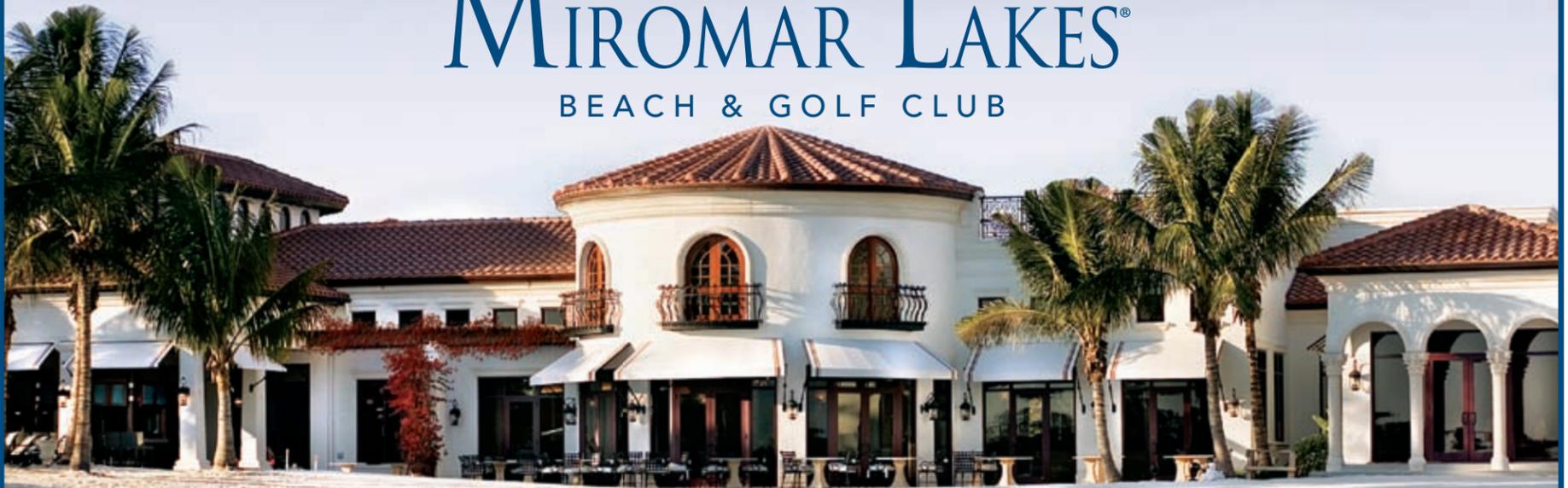
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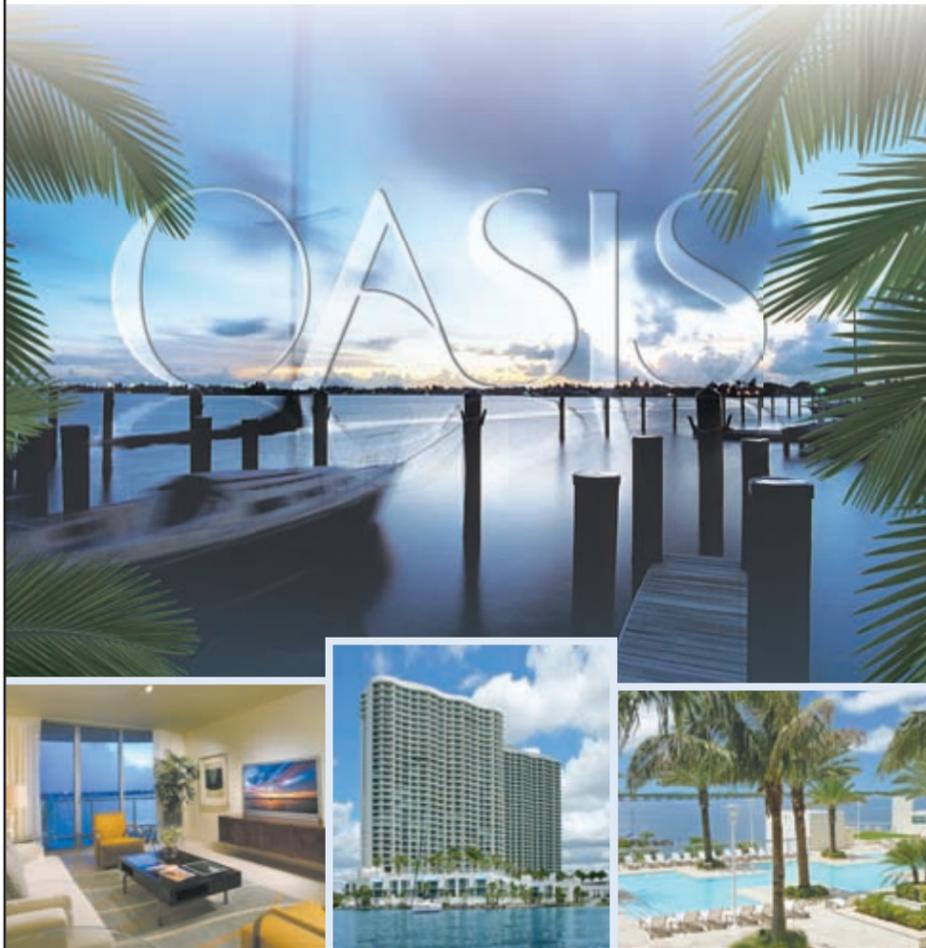
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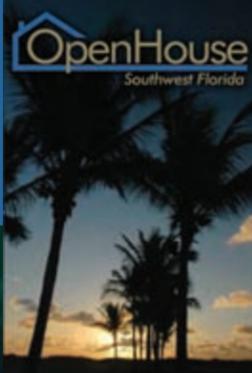
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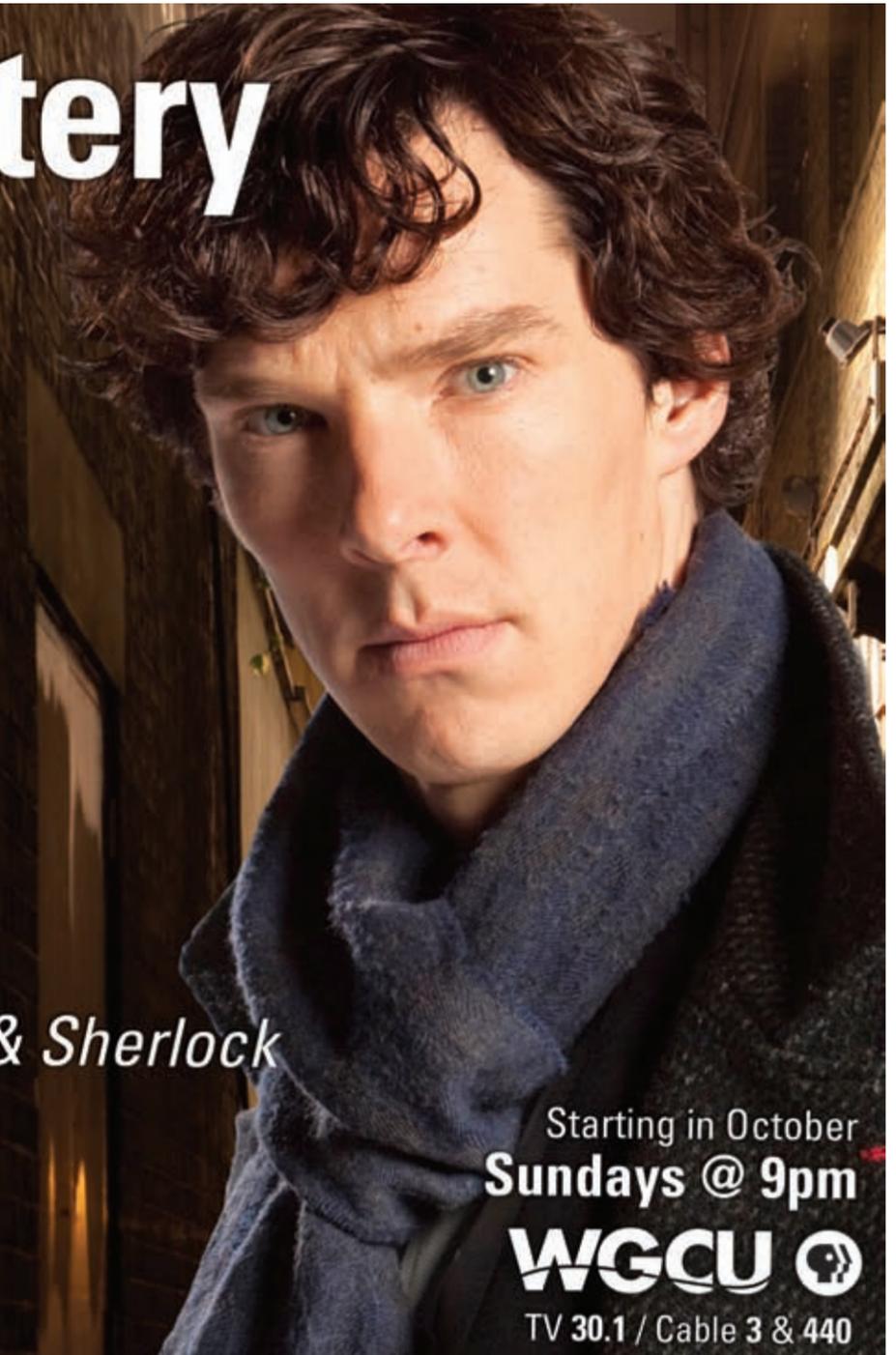
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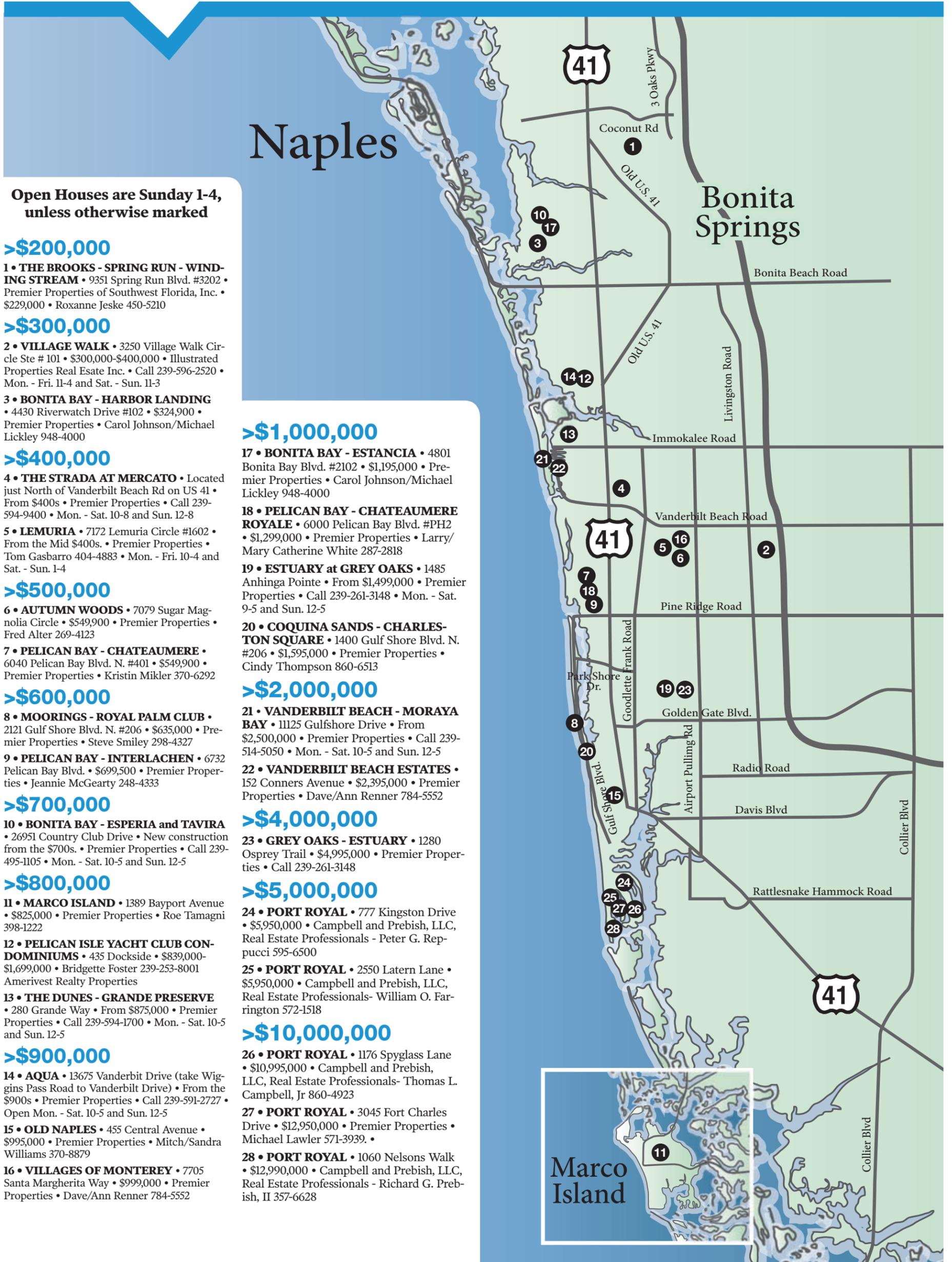
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BONITA BAY - BAY WOODS ▲
Exquisitely detailed 4BR plus den, 4.5 bath home with 3-car garage. Private view of lake and nature preserve. **\$3,395,000**
Carol Wood/Claire McMahon | 822-3709



BONITA BAY - SPRING RIDGE ▲
Lush landscaping, spectacular golf views, 4BR/5BA custom home satisfies all wants and needs. **\$1,995,000**
Gary L. Jaarda/Jeff Jaarda | 248-7474



BONITA BAY - OAK KNOLL ▲
A captivating, custom elegant lake front estate home! Three golf courses, fitness, tennis, Beach and Golf Clubs. **\$1,499,000**
Mary Catherine/Larry White | 287-2818



BONITA BAY - WOODLAKE ▲
This expansive pool home offers 6BRs, den, loft, 6 full and one half-bath. Designed for privacy, immaculate. **\$1,450,000**
Roxanne Jeske/Linda Perry | 450-5210



BONITA BAY - COCONUT ISLE ▲
Fabulous 3BR+den villa. Many upgrades: Hardwood floors, newly painted interiors & salt water pool filter system. **\$1,295,000**
Connie Lummis | 289-3543



NEW LISTING
BONITA BAY - COCONUT ISLE ▲
Stunning with casual elegance! Lovely 3BR+den. Meticulously maintained. Spacious & open living space. **\$1,200,000**
Connie/Max Lummis | 289-3543



BONITA BAY - MIRA LAGO ▲
Professionally decorated, 3BR, 2.5BA on golf course. Family room, formal dining and living rooms. Courtyard pool. **\$1,099,900** | Harriet Harnar | 273-5443



BONITA BAY - BERMUDA COVE ▲
Wonderful & spacious 3BR/3BA villa home. Volume ceilings, hardwood floors, tropically landscaped lanai with pool. **\$899,000**
Connie/Max Lummis | 289-3543



BONITA BAY - ANCHORAGE ▲
Spectacular, updated 3BR+den villa. S. lake views, W. preserve views. Impeccable pool & spa area, guest cabana. **\$895,000**
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BONITA BAY - CREEKSIDE ▲
Masterfully designed living space overlooks 6th fairway! Study, 4BR, family room. Heated pool/spa, AquaLink. **\$829,000**
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ESPERIA & TAVIRA ▲
26951 Country Club Drive (Sales Center) Breathtaking views over Bay Island Golf Course, Estero Bay & the Gulf. An idyllic community devoted to golf, parks, marina & more! **New construction from the \$700s**
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BONITA BAY - MONTARA ▲
Aiiy 3BR+den villa. Great room plan has 17" tile on diagonal, glass-enclosed tiled lanai. Lake view. **\$679,000**
Cathy Lieberman/Cindy Reiff | 777-2441



BONITA BAY - THE HAMPTONS ▲
Fresh paint, many new features, tile floors, 3BR/3BA + den. World-class golfing community, marina, private beach. **\$549,000** | Doug Davlin | 272-5060



BONITA BAY - ARBOR STRAND ▲
Charming cottage-like villa, 3 bedrooms or 2 bedrooms+den, 2.5 baths & family room. Private pool & spa. Furnished. **\$549,000**
Cathy Lieberman/Cindy Reiff | 777-2441



BONITA BAY - BAY HARBOR ▲
SW exposure & preserve views. Bright, open plan 2BR/2.5BA plus den villa, screened-in lanai, built-in grill & spa. **\$549,000**
Cathy Lieberman/Cindy Reiff | 777-2441



BONITA BAY - TUCKAWEYE ▲
Charming villa with heated pool, three bedrooms, two baths, great room plan & vaulted ceilings. Turnkey furnished. **\$525,000** | Harriet Harnar | 273-5443



BONITA BAY - THE HAMPTONS ▲
Unmatched lake/fairway views, SE exposure, corner location. Immaculate 3BR, custom features. Partially furn. **\$499,000**
Gary L. Jaarda/Jeff Jaarda | 248-7474



BONITA BAY - WATERFORD ▲
Location, location, location! Great room plan 3 bedrooms, 3 baths. Neutral palette. Endless community amenities. **\$449,900** | Billie Jans | 980-0522



NEW LISTING
BONITA BAY - WEDGEWOOD ▲
Carefree living in 3 BR with fairway views. Updated w/ 20" tile on diagonal, granite & stainless. Two-car garage. **\$338,000**
Carol Wood/Claire McMahon | 822-3709



OPEN SUN. 1-4
BONITA BAY - HARBOR LANDING ▲
4430 Riverwatch Drive #102 - NEW NEW! Everything has been replaced from the door hinges on up. HVAC replaced in 2008. **\$324,900**
Carol Johnson/Michael Lickley | 564-1282

Bonita Bay lifestyle offers 5 golf courses, 18 tennis courts, 8 miles of walking and biking trails, 3 waterfront parks plus a private beach park on the Gulf of Mexico.



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Sweeping views of the Gulf along with gorgeous sunset and sunrise vistas. Enjoy the full-sized pool, sauna & exercise room. Private marina and beach access. **FROM \$1,295,000** | Call 239-948-4000



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Outstanding bay & golf views from extended terraces. Remarkable residences. Roof-top entertaining area, theatre, resort-style pool. Private marina and beach access. **FROM \$995,000** | Call 239-948-4000



OPEN SUN. 1-4
ESTANCIA ▲ 4801 Bonita Bay Blvd. Captivating Gulf views! Luxurious residential tower, semi-private elevator vestibules. Upscale finishes. Resident manager, fitness center & tropical pool/spa area. **FROM \$799,000** | Call 239-948-4000



OPEN SUN. 1-4
ESPERIA SOUTH ▲ 4951 Bonita Bay Blvd. Luxurious high-rise living. Explosive views of Estero Bay, Gulf & golf. Resort-style amenities, covered & screened-in lanais adjoining the lagoon style pool/spa. **FROM \$675,000** | Call 239-948-4000



OPEN SUN. 1-4
VISTAS ▲ 4751 Bonita Bay Blvd. Views over the Gulf of Mexico, bay and Bay Island golf course. Private, five 18-hole courses, marina, beach facilities & more. Carefree living. **FROM \$499,000** | Call 239-948-4000

RIVERWALK 3371 Myrtle Oak Court - Gracious traditional custom 4BR+den/3.5BA home on a 1/2 acre+ lot. Three-car garage and oversized heated pool. **\$1,199,000** | Cathy Lieberman/Cindy Reiff | 777-2441

ANCHORAGE 27599 Riverbank Drive - Spectacular waterfront villa! Courtyard pool and protected inlet views. Beautifully appointed 3 BR+den, great room. **\$1,175,000** | Cathy Lieberman/Cindy Reiff | 777-244

BERMUDA COVE 26240 Isle Way - Well-kept 3BR/3BA, former model offered turnkey. South facing pool & spa overlooking lake. Private guest cabana. **\$745,900** | Cheryl Mease | 691-8104

BAY HARBOR 27099 Shell Ridge Circle - Rare 2-story detached villa w/ 3BRs loft/den, 4BAs. Lake view, dramatic volume ceilings, lovely great room. **\$629,900** | Connie/Max Lummis | 289-3543

BAYVIEW I 4811 Island Pond Court #503 - Gulf and Bay views! Leaded glass front door, 10" ceilings, 3 BR, 3BA, plantation shutters, electric storm shutters. **\$574,000** | Carol Johnson/Michael Lickley | 564-1282

MONTARA 3253 Montara Drive - Charming 2BR/2.5BA+den villa with S. exposure & preserve view. Home is handicap accessible. Furniture negotiable. **\$519,000** | Cathy Lieberman/Cindy Reiff | 777-244

HAMMOCK ISLE 26001 Hammock Isle Court #101 - Private golf course views from this 2 bedroom + den, 3 bath residence. Two-car attached garage. Turnkey furnished. **\$469,000** | Cathy Lieberman/Cindy Reiff | 777-244

THE HAMPTONS 26851 Wyndhurst Court #102 - Panoramic lake & golf course views, 3BR/2.5BA, glassed-in lanai. Five 18-hole golf courses, marina & beach club. **\$459,000** | Gary L. Jaarda/Jeff Jaarda | 248-7474

HAMMOCK ISLE 26021 Hammock Isle Court #101 - Overlook the 7th fairway & preserve! Very private end residence, numerous custom features. Walk to Estero Bay Park. **\$435,000** | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210

LAKE VILLAS OF WEDGEWOOD I 26881 Wedgewood Drive #201 - Recently refurbished 3BR with new tile in the living areas, tile counters in kitchen & new refrigerator. **\$389,000** | Cathy Lieberman/Cindy Reiff | 777-244

WATERFORD 3311 Glen Cairn Court #204 - Unobstructed lake and fairways views! In excellent condition, 2nd floor 3BR/3BA end condominium. Two-car garage. **\$359,000** | Bet Dewey | 564-5673

OAKWOOD VILLAS 27105 Oakwood Lake Drive - Immaculately kept, updated villa. Serene views, tasteful upgrades, recently painted interior, new A/C in 2010. **\$355,000** | Cheryl Mease | 691-8104

HAMMOCK ISLE 26010 Hammock Isle Court #101 - S. facing 1st floor 3BR carriage home next to clubhouse/pool & across from park. Golfing & boating available. **\$329,000** | Carol Johnson/Michael Lickley | 564-1282

BAY POINTE 26944 Montego Pointe Court #102 - Beautiful 1st floor 3BR/2BA condominium, 2-car garage. Marina, beach, golf & tennis available. Turnkey furnished. **\$329,000** | Gary L. Jaarda/Jeff Jaarda | 248-7474

HARBOR LANDING 4511 Riverwatch Drive #101 - Perfect NW to SW lake views. First floor 2BR+den. Glassed-in lanai, new features, near beach tram, dining & marina. **\$328,000** | Linda Sonders | 860-0119

BAY POINTE 26908 Montego Pointe Court #102 34134 - Quiet 2BR/2BA retreat at the end of a cul-de-sac, westward lake view. Golf, marina, acres of preserves. Furnished. **\$319,900** | Brian Nelson | 572-2903

BAY POINTE 26956 Montego Pointe Court #101 - Sunsets from glassed-in lanai, tastefully decorated 2BR+den corner residence. Community pool, spa & exercise room. **\$319,500** | Trudy Sayers | 398-8901

HARBOR LANDING 4510 Riverwatch Drive #101 - Neutral appointed, turnkey furnished 3BR/2BA has long southern lake views. Move-in ready, many recent updates. **OPEN SUN. 1-4**
\$314,900 | Carol Johnson/Michael Lickley | 564-1282

HARBOR LANDING 4521 Riverwatch Drive #102 - Warm furnishings accent this well maintained end 2BR+den. Peaceful lake view. Walk to huge pool/clubhouse. Turnkey. **OPEN SUN. 1-4**
\$314,000 | Carol Johnson/Michael Lickley | 564-1282

CROSSINGS 3260 Crossings Court #13 - Long lake views. Furnished 2 BR+den, 30 ft. wide screened lanai, 2-car garage. Walk to fitness center & clubhouse. **\$309,000** | Cathy Lieberman/Cindy Reiff | 777-244

HARBOR LANDING 4471 Riverwatch Drive #101 - Very private, quiet SW preserve view, 2BR+den/3rdBR, 1st floor coach home. Many new features throughout. **\$308,000** | Cathy Lieberman/Cindy Reiff | 777-244

WEDGEWOOD 26890 Wedgewood Drive #204 - Turnkey magical 2BR/2BA + den golf course view home. Impeccable, new appliances & all new furniture, 2-car garage. **\$299,900** | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210

WEDGEWOOD 26876 Wedgewood Drive #102 - Huge price reduction! Unbelievable price for 3BR/3BA + 2-car garage! Open first floor carriage home, large lanai. **\$299,000** | Carol Wood/Claire McMahon | 822-3709

WEDGEWOOD 26911 Wedgewood Drive #201 - Remarkably fresh and clean, light and bright. Sunsets over lake. Three bedrooms, 2 baths, volume ceilings. **\$288,900** | Maryanne Kennedy | 405-0266

CROSSINGS 3330 Crossings Court #201 - Patio space outside and inside galore! Fantastic park-like setting, golf, lake/preserve. Walk to Club amenities. **\$269,900** | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210

HARBOR LAKES 27031 Lake Harbor Court #102 - Turnkey furnished, and recently painted from top to bottom! Two bedroom, 2 bath home with 1-car garage. Lake view. **\$265,000** | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210

GREENBRIAR 4130 Bayhead Drive #204 - Beautifully updated 2 BR/2 BA plus den condominium. Dramatic golf course and long marsh views, turnkey furnished. **\$259,900** | Cathy Lieberman/Cindy Reiff | 777-244

SANDPIPER 4100 Lake Forest Drive #114 - Incredible wildlife & lake views, 1st floor 3BR with newer appliances, ceramic tile & wood flooring. Tennis/pool. **\$252,000** | Harriet Harnar | 273-5443

SANDPIPER 4181 Lake Forest Drive #1522 - Updated decor, many new features! Heated pool/spa, 2 tennis courts, golf & social memberships available. Furnished. **\$229,000** | Harriet Harnar | 273-5443

WILD PINES 3651 Wild Pines Drive #104 - Enjoy nature views from this completely updated sparkling cottage, new A/C, lovingly maintained, turnkey furnished. **\$151,500** | Cathy/Jim McCormick | 850-4278

SANDPIPER 4241 Lake Forest Drive #514 - Quiet location, lovely pool & tennis area. Pretty garden views, 2BR/2BA plus den entry level residence. Furnished. **\$177,500** | Billie Jans | 980-0522



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

OPEN SUN. 1-4



GREY OAKS - ESTUARY ▲ 1280 Osprey Trail - "Mariana" Model. Panoramic lake and fairway views abound. Boasting 6,910 SF A/C, 6BRs. **\$4,995,000** | Call 239-261-3148



PARK SHORE - ARIA ▲ Beachfront "04" plan with Gulf, Bay & City views! Custom designed, decorated and furnished 3BR/3BA. Pet friendly. **\$2,550,000** | Anne Killilea & Bette Helms/Marion Bethea | 261-6200



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



THE BROOKS - SHADOW WOOD WOODSEGE ▲ Carefully designed, custom 3BR+den, 3-car garage. Screened lanai has pool, spa, fireplace. **\$1,269,000**
Roxanne Jeske/Jack Despart | 450-5210
OPEN MON - SAT: 10-5 & SUN: 12-5



AQUA ▲ 13675 Vanderbilt Drive - A coveted lifestyle with resort-style amenities. Generous 3 & 4 bedroom floor plans with 3,500 SF of living space. Overlook the Yacht Harbor, Gulf & preserves. Direct deep-water access boat slips. **Values beyond belief Priced from the \$900s.** 239-591-2727

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



PELICAN MARSH - ISLAND COVE ▲ Gorgeous sunset views from expanded lakeside lanai. Furnished 3BR/3BA detached villa. Social/golf club memberships. **\$599,000** | Sharon Kaltenborn/Terri Moellers | 248-1964



PORT ROYAL AREA ▲ "Villa Solitaire", an exclusive one-of-a-kind Mediterranean estate located a door step away from the Gulf. 7,768 A/C SF. **\$7,900,000**
Philip N. Collins | 404-6800



PELICAN BAY - JAMESTOWN ▲ Lakeside masterpiece, SW exposure, custom designed to bring the indoor & outdoor living spaces together. Pool/spa. **\$3,900,000** | Sharon Kiptyk | 777-3899
Open Mon.-Sat:10-5 & Sun: 12-5



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



BAY COLONY - MARQUESA ▲ Corner 3BR, 2610 A/C SF and features marble/carpet flooring. Peaceful Gulf, Bay & preserve views. **\$1,500,000**
Leah Ritchey/Ray Couret | 289-0433



BONITA SPRINGS - ARROYAL ▲ This riverfront property includes a 30' x 19' covered boat dock w/lift. Sold furnished with 4 bedrooms & 3 baths. **\$1,200,000**
Connie Lummis | 289-3543



STONEBRIDGE ▲ Country Club living! Custom 4BR/3.5BA+den estate home overlooking preserve. Vaulted 55' screened heated pool/spa. **\$885,000** | Patrick O'Connor | 293-9411



VANDERBILT BEACH - SAUSALITO ▲ A unique Bayfront property has deeded beach access to Gulf across the street. 3BR/3BA penthouse. Deeded boat dock. **\$699,000** | Gayle Fawkes | 250-6051



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



MARCO ISLAND ▲ Slocum-Christian waterfront with 243 ft. of direct access water frontage. Great docking facility. Quality built. **\$6,900,000**
Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133



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



OLD NAPLES - CASA BELLA ▲ Updates include faux paint, hand rubbed finishes & built-ins. Elevator. Plunge pool, outdoor kitchen & fireplace. **\$1,825,000**
Beth Hayhoe McNichols | 821-3304



PINE RIDGE ▲ Close-in, yet private neighborhood. Picturesque home overlooks lakeside dock. Separate 2BR guesthouse, 1 acre+. **\$1,395,000** | Sue Black | 250-5611



COQUINA SANDS - CHARLESTON SQUARE ▲ Bayfront 3BR with upgrades & furnishings. Beach is across the street. Hurricane Harbor views. **\$1,095,000**
Carolyn Weinand | 269-5678



MARCO ISLAND ▲ 1389 Bayport Ave. Built in 2006 and remodeled in 2009. FURNISHED 4BR/3BA. 3,000+ A/C SF. AMAZING upgrades! Three-car garage. **\$825,000** | Roe Tamagni | 398-1222
OPEN SUN. 1-4



VILLAGES OF MONTEREY ▲ Lakeside, elegant 4BR/4.5BA pool home with loads of superb living space. Family room, den, loft and SW exposure. **\$699,000**
Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



PELICAN LANDING BAYCREST ▲ The ONLY Baycrest villa with a WESTERN exposure, view of LAKE & GOLF & ITS OWN POOL! 2BR/2BA+den or 3rd BR. **\$439,000** | Pam Umscheid & Stephanie/John Coburn | 948-4000



MARCO ISLAND - MADEIRA ▲ Beachfront 4 BR+den, 7,414 total SF. Rookery Ambassador Membership included, & 100' boat slip lease included. **\$5,950,000**
Chris/Laura Adams | 404-5130



MOORINGS ▲ Exceptional Bay views, 131 feet on the water, 2 docks & boat lift, 3BR/4.5BAs, office, covered lanai, pool & spa. **\$3,495,000**
Michael Lawler | 571-3939
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ESTUARY AT GREY OAKS ▲ 1485 Anhniga Pointe - The perfect Naples life! Sophisticated amenities & superlative homes set amid natural preserves. Championship golf; minutes to beaches, shops & dining. **Villas from \$1,795,000.** Estate homes from \$2.9 million. Estate homesites from the \$795,000 | 239-261-3148



WYNDEMERE - LODGINGS ▲ Expansive golf views, 5BR + family room estate, 1.5 lots. Pool and spa. Membership is required. Furnished. **\$1,375,000**
Kathryn Hurvitz/Marilyn Moir | 659-5126



COVE TOWERS - CARIBE ▲ Endless views of the Gulf/Bay & preserves! Impeccably maintained 3BR/3.5BA+den. Resort amenities. Offered turnkey. **\$995,000** | Pat Callis | 250-0562



FIDDLER'S CREEK - BELLAGIO ▲ Beautifully furnished and decorated former 3BR model pool home with western exposure lake views. Golf/beach/marina. **\$749,000** | Michelle Thomas | 860-7176



PARK SHORE LANDINGS ▲ Walk to beach. Remodeled 2BR + den has every upgrade you could need! Spectacular Bay views from AC lanai. **\$695,000** | Larry Roorda | 860-2534
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THE STRADA AT MERCATO ▲ Located just North of Vanderbilt Beach Rd. on U.S. 41. Mercato features residential, retail, Whole Foods Market, restaurants and more. **Upscale contemporary living from the \$400s** | Call 239-594-9400



GREY OAKS ▲ Fabulous 5BR+den, garage parking for 4 cars. Entertain outdoors, tropical pool/spa, lake views. **\$5,350,000**
Lynn Anderson/Carolyn Weinand | 290-6674



AQUALANE SHORES ▲ S. exposure 5BR, 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



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



MOORINGS ▲ Blocks to the beach. Decorator ready 4BR+den with 3,914 SF A/C. Two story. Key West exterior, lanai has pool & spa. **\$1,350,000**
Mary Catherine White | 287-2818



NAPLES CAY - THE CLUB ▲ Incredible views of the Gulf! Updated 2BR+den. Pool, spa, tennis, steps to beach, dining and shopping nearby. **\$995,000**
Paula Sims/Julie Rembos | 262-6600



VINEYARDS - VILLA FLORENZA ▲ Private setting, upgraded, detached 3BR+den villa. Heated pool/spa. Memberships available, Turnkey furnished. **\$745,000**
Mitch/Sandi Williams | 370-8879



THE BROOKS - SHADOW WOOD TAMARIND PLACE ▲ Waterway & preserve views from this 2BR+den. Three-car garage. Oversized lot. **\$649,900**
Cathy Lieberman/Cindy Reiff | 777-2441
OPEN MON-FRI: 10-4 • SAT/SUN. 12-5



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

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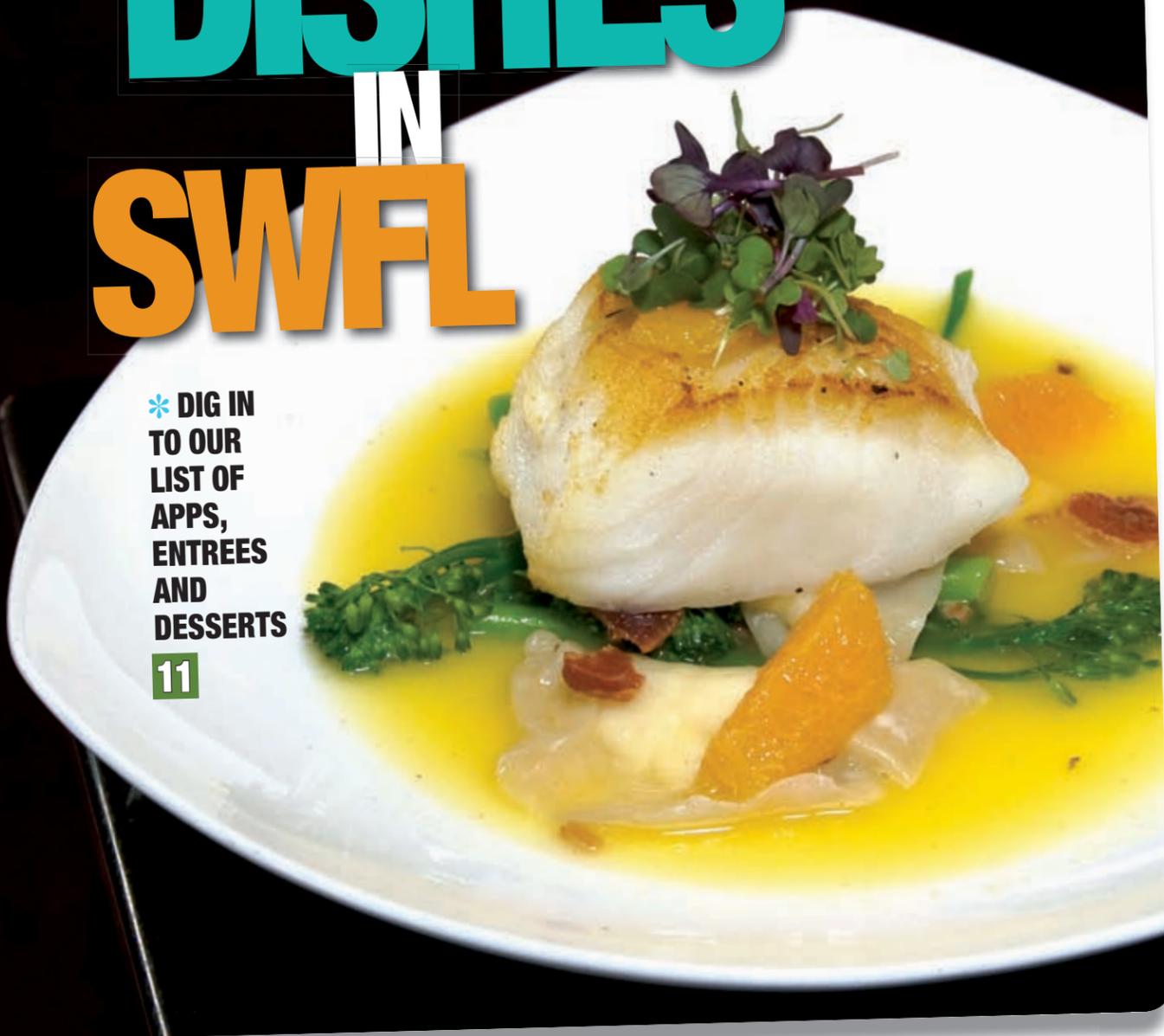
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WEEK at-a-glance



Vow to see it

A new season for The Naples Players opens with a musical about marriage. **C8 ▶**



'Images of Hope'

Photographs of Immokalee settle into their permanent home. **C9 ▶**



Come out! Come out!

SWF Gay and Lesbian Pride Festival taking shape. **C23 ▶**

Florida Weekly launches Freestyle fiction and poetry contest

Winners will get to rub elbows with the pros

For several months, we've enjoyed reading and printing stories sent in by readers for our writing challenge series. Despite the fact there was no remuneration offered, readers pulled out the laptops, fired up their imaginations and dusted off their Strunk and White.

Now that we know the audience can write, we're turning them loose on a challenge we're calling the Freestyle fiction and poetry contest. Winners in each of two categories will receive a ticket to the Sanibel Island Writers Conference, running Nov. 4-7 at BIG ARTS.

There are two contest categories: Fiction and Poetry. One winner in each

category will receive one ticket — a \$350 value. Unlike prior writing challenges, this one doesn't come with a photo as a prompt. We ask that compositions have some connection with Southwest Florida; beyond that purposefully vague request, participants are free to take this wherever they'd like.

Fiction submissions should not exceed 2,800 words. Poetry should not exceed 75 lines. There is no minimum requirement.

To qualify for the contest, e-mail submissions must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22. Send to freestyle@floridaweekly.com.



floridaweekly.com. Depending on which category one is entering, the subject line should read as follows:

"freestyle_fiction_title_of_your_composition" or "freestyle_poetry_title_of_your_composition."

Entrants should be able to go to the conference. Tickets will be in the entrant's name only. If a winner cannot attend the conference, we ask to be notified so

that we can pass the ticket on to the second-place winner. No transfers — it's only fair.

Florida Weekly will print the best entries, and winners will be notified by Monday, Nov. 1. Thanks and good luck. ■



A nice reflection

Antiques expert Terry Kovel explains the practical purpose of fancy mirrors. **C26 ▶**

SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

Study abroad relationships struggle at border crossing of real world



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Leave it to the satirical fictitious newspaper *The Onion* to capture the spirit of American higher education with its recent article, "Report: More Colleges Offering Dick-Around Programs Abroad."

"The chance to spend every night partying in pretty much the same way they would have at home is an experience they'll never forget," a fake university official said.

The Onion mock-quotes a university senior, "It's the best thing I did in college."

The plot line and the characters are all invented, but still the fake newspaper gets it just right. The study abroad experience is the defining moment for many college students. It marks a time for even fewer restrictions than regular college life, a time for the hedonism and abandon that have come to characterize travel overseas.

The only part *The Onion* forgot to mention was the inordinate amount of sleeping around that also goes on during semesters abroad (although the 2005 fake report "U.S. Foreign Policy Hurting American Students' Chances Of Getting Laid Abroad" came close). Studying abroad has become a semester-long booze-fest punctuated by random hook-ups. And if Americans abroad are willing to capitalize on the lib-

erties offered by a tour overseas, then so are the locals they come across.

It's hard not to be cynical about these cross-cultural romances that spring from studies overseas. Yes, love is blind. Sometimes it has to be deaf and dumb, too. Or so you would think when you meet these couples who share 20 words of a common language.

But my cynicism is not always justified.

A beautiful friend of mine recently married her French boyfriend — whom she met during study abroad. The two survived a 10-year relationship, and now they're joined in matrimony.

I know other couples who have made the magic of cross-cultural love work, too. But for every pair of like-minded lovers, I can name 10 where the motivations — on one part, at least — were less than honest. These often stem from encounters with foreign lotharios, men who profess instantaneous and overwhelming love for the American women they meet. They say "I love you" while they drive you in their taxi; they offer to father your multinational children while they sell you fabric in the marketplace.

When my friends abroad tell me about their latest loves, I try not to be skeptical. But sometimes even love has trouble transcending international boundaries.

A young friend who is studying overseas giggles when she tells me about the boys



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she meets. They send text messages to her phone, offer to meet up for tea, want to take her dancing. Sometimes they say they love her.

"But they don't even know me," she says.

I can tell she thinks it's charming, that she's seduced by their flattery. I want to warn her about their affections, but she would only laugh. This is part of her study abroad experience, after all — a time outside the constraints of reality.

Who am I to bring her back to the real world? ■



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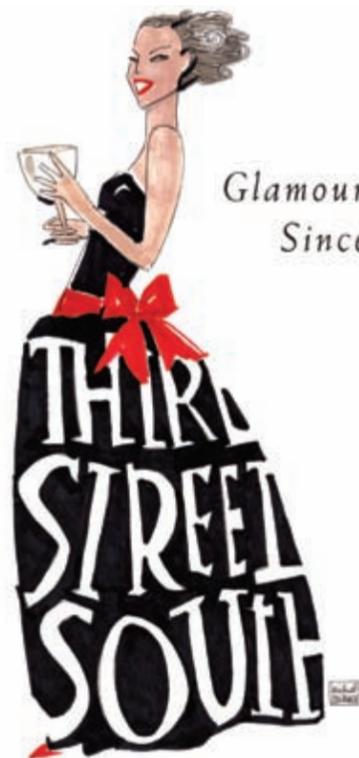
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WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Theater

■ **I Do! I Do!** - The Naples Players present the musical "I Do! I Do!" at the Sugden Community Theatre Oct. 6-30. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org. See story on page C8.

■ **I Love a Piano** - A salute to Irving Berlin, through Oct. 2 at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Fort Myers. 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.

Symphony

■ **Brass Quintet** - Bach 'n' Rock, a chamber-style concert featuring the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra's Brass Quintet and percussionists, is set for 3 p.m. Oct. 3 and 8 p.m. Oct. 5 at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

■ **Family Fare** - The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra presents "The Composer is Dead," the first Family Fare concert of the season, at 3 p.m. Oct. 10. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

Thursday, Sept. 30

■ **Art Walk** - The Center for the Arts Studios at the Promenade at Bonita Bay presents Art Walk from 4-7 p.m. at 26811 S. Bay Dr., Bonita Springs. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ **Jazz Jam** - Jebry's Jazz Jam happens tonight 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.

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

■ **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.naplesflatbread.com.

Friday, Oct. 1

■ **First Friday** - Enjoy music, food and more fun from 6-9 p.m. at Mercato. 403-2204 or www.mercato.com. See story on page C24.



COURTESY PHOTO

Blues great B.B. King performs at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1, at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. Tickets start at \$79. Call 597-1900 or visit www.thephil.org.



COURTESY PHOTO

On its 10th American tour since 1996, The Kiev Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, the only private orchestra and chorus in the country of Ukraine, performs at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, for the season's opening Hyacinth Series concert at Moorings Presbyterian Church. Call 261-1487.

■ **Sweet Dreams** - A talk on "Dream Interpretation" with Andrew DeLong starts at 7 p.m. at Barnes & Noble, Waterside Shops. Experts with the Naples Dream Lab interpret dreams. 598-5200.

■ **Book Group** - The Twilight Fan Book Club meets at 7 p.m. at Barnes & Noble in Waterside Shops. Discuss the

long-awaited conclusion, "Mockingjay." 598-5200.

■ **Peaceful Exhibit** - The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs holds an opening reception for the "Women Call for Peace" exhibition from 6-8 p.m. at 26100 Old 41 Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

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

Saturday, Oct. 2

■ **Dads and Daughters** - A Daddy and Me Princess Brunch is set for 8-10 a.m. at Veterans Community Park, 1895 Veterans Park Dr. 566-2367.

■ **It's Your Move** - The Southwest Florida Chess Club invites players 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. today and Sunday. Regular admission applies; free for Garden members. 643-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.

■ **Electronic Books** - Learn how

to get the most from your Nook electronic reader during "NOOK Knack" at 1 p.m. at Barnes & Noble in Waterside Shops. 598-5200.

■ **Big Boy Toys** - The Big Boy Expo with cars, boats and more "toys" takes place today and Sunday at Germain Arena, Estero. www.germainarena.com.

■ **Peace Day** - The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs holds Family Activity Day for the "Women Call for Peace" exhibition from 1-3 p.m. every Saturday in October. 26100 Old 41 Road. Tour exhibition and enjoy art activities related to peace. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ **Singles Mingle** - Singles are invited to meet and mingle beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Waterside Seafood & Grille Co. at Miromar Outlets, Estero. www.Miromaroutlets.com.

Sunday, Oct. 3

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

Monday, Oct. 4

■ **More Jazz** - Enjoy Jebry's Jazz Jam session from 5-8 p.m. at the Island Pub, 600 Neapolitan Way. 262-2500.

■ **Sweat the Small Stuff** - The trivia competition begins at 7:30 p.m. at The Pub at Mercato. 594-9400.

Tuesday, Oct. 5

■ **Marco Art** - The Art League of Marco Island's First Tuesday Art @ 5 Social takes place at 1010 Winterberry Dr. 394-4221.

■ **Island History** - The Marco Island Historical Society presents "Making Mound Houses," a program by Theresa Schober, from 7-8 p.m. in the Rose Auditorium, 180 S. Heathwood. Free. 389-6447.

■ **Dinner and a Show** - The Naples International Film Festival presents "Stagecoach" at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. The evening starts with catered dinner and ends with a post-film discussion. \$49 per person. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.



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COURTESY PHOTO

Taker a closer look at Tired by Brad Hermann, above, at Sweet Art Gallery during the season's first Underground Art Wednesday from 6-9 p.m. Oct. 6 in the North Naples industrial park north of Pine Ridge Road between Taylor and Airport Pulling roads. Sweet Art Gallery at 2054 Trade Center Way is one of several galleries and studios open for the evening. 597-2110 or www.thesweetartgallery.com.

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

■ **Team Up** - Team trivia competition begins at 9 p.m. at Boston Beer Garden, 2396 Immokalee Rd. 596-2337.

Wednesday, Oct. 6

■ **Let It Be** - "Rain, a Tribute to the Beatles" begins at 8 p.m. at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts today and Thursday. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

■ **Steppin' Out** - Vergina on Fifth Avenue hosts a dance contest beginning at 8 p.m. 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.

■ **Faculty Recital** - The Bower School of Music at FGCU presents its Classical and Jazz Faculty Recital at 7:30 p.m. in the new recital hall. Free and open to the public. 590-7209.

Coming up

■ **Village Nights** - The Village on Venetian Bay hosts Village Nights from 6-9 p.m. Oct. 7. 403-2204.

■ **Koi Fish Painting** - The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs hosts Alla Prima, Alla Fun (Koi Fish) from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Oct. 7 at the Promenade at Bonita Bay, 26811 S. Bay Drive, Space 168. \$42 per person. 495-8989 or www.artcenter-bonita.org.

■ **Ahoy!** - The fifth annual Fort Myers Beach Pirate Fest takes place Oct. 8-10 on Old San Carlos Boulevard. www.FortMyersBeachPirateFest.com or piratefestinfo@aol.com.

■ **Pirate Ball** - In conjunction with the Fort Myers Beach Pirate Fest (above), the Pirate Ball takes place from 7-11 p.m. Oct. 8 at Ugly's Waterfront Bar, 1131 First St. An adult costume contest starts at 10 p.m. (727) 322-5217 or (561) 792-9260

■ **Ad Libbing** - Naples City Improv performs at 8 p.m. Oct. 8 at The Norris Center. \$15. 213-3049.

■ **Fall Bazaar** - Messiah Lutheran Church puts on its annual craft bazaar from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 9 at 5800 Golden Gate Parkway. 455-2520.

■ **Local Authors** - Barnes & Noble in Waterside Shops hosts several local authors for a meet-and-greet beginning at 2 p.m. Oct. 9. 598-5200.

■ **Race Time** - A Demolition Derby and Team Racing start at 7 p.m. Oct. 9 at the Collier County Fairgrounds. Gates open at 6 p.m. \$10, kids under 12 admitted free. 455-1444 or www.colliercountyfair.com.

■ **Tattoo Contest** - A "Hoist the Colors... and Show Us Your Tats" contest starts at 4 p.m. Oct. 9 at the Matanzas Pirate Stage on Old San Carlos Boulevard as part of the Fort Myers Beach Pirate Fest. Entry fee is \$10. 463-7273.

■ **Bluegrass Favorite** - The Norris Center kicks off its 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.

■ **Show Band** - The Music Maker Big Show Band concert is set for 2-4 p.m. Oct. 10 in the band shell at Cambier Park. 596-6413.

■ **Family Movie Night** - It's Outdoor Family Movie Night from 7-10 p.m. Oct. 16 at Cambier Park. 213-3058.

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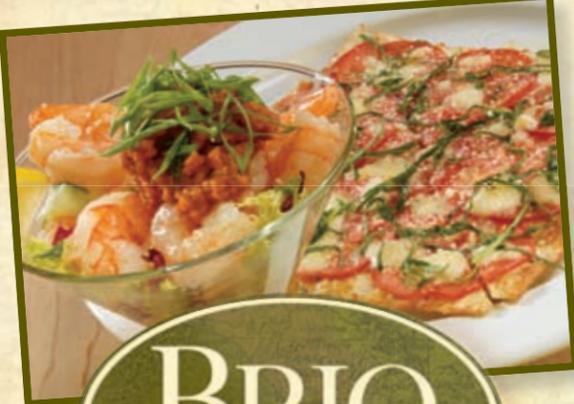
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The musical production presented by The Naples Players runs Oct. 6-30 at the Sugden Community Theatre. It stars a cast of two: real-life husband-and-wife and popular Naples Players Mary Anne McAvoy McKerrow and John McKerrow, who have appeared in previous productions including "Mame," "Much Ado About Nothing" and "Anything Goes."

Producer David Merrick's production

of "I Do! I Do!" opened on Broadway in December 1966 and ran for 560 performances. Mary Martin and Robert Preston comprised the original cast; Carol Lawrence and Gordon MacRae replaced them later in the run. Carol Burnett and Rock Hudson starred in a national tour, and the film adaptation starred Julie Andrews and Dick Van Dyke.

Showtime at the Sugden Community Theatre is 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$10 for students up to age 18. For more information, call the box office at 263-7990 or visit www.naplesplayers.org. ■



Theatre Conspiracy premieres 'Cynthia's Lament'

Theatre Conspiracy presents the world premiere of the comedy "Cynthia's Lament" Oct. 8-23 at the Alliance of the Arts in Fort Myers.

Winner of Theatre Conspiracy's 13th annual New Play Contest, "Cynthia's Lament" was chosen from more than 300 entries from across the United States, Canada and England. It tells the story of a wildly successful romance novelist, Cynthia Silver, who seems to have it all. In fact, she even has a little extra, namely a penis.

The world premiere is directed by Theatre Conspiracy Producing Artistic

Director Bill Taylor. Playwright Paul Lawrence will attend the show and discuss his work afterward with the audience on opening night Friday, Oct. 8, and again Saturday, Oct. 9.

Show time is 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with one matinee at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$10 for students. Opening night playgoers get to name the price they pay. Thursday tickets are buy one, get one at half price.

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'Images of Hope' settles into its permanent home in Immokalee

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In an effort to raise awareness of Immokalee to the greater Collier County area, the Community Foundation of Collier County in 2009 sponsored "Images of Hope: Immokalee - Looking Forward Looking Back," a photographic journey of Immokalee by Brynn Bruijn.

The project included an exhibition of works selected from the published book of the same name. These photographs were chosen to convey an authentic and illuminating portrait of Immokalee and the people who live and work there. The exhibition, organized by the Community Foundation and the Naples Museum of Art was sponsored by Lowry Hill Private Asset Management.

lee Nonprofit Networks board of directors, executive directors, staff and volunteers to the exhibition and a luncheon, which were made possible by the support of Lowry Hill.

The foundation has been providing technical and education support to nonprofits serving the Immokalee area for 11 years. This small, agricultural community of 25,000 swells to 40,000 during season, due to the influx of migrant farmworkers that plant and process 70 percent of the nation's vegetables between October and May. The demands on the nonprofit organizations providing basic human services and education in the area are great, and the need for strong, well-funded organizations is critical.

In response, the foundation established the Immokalee Nonprofit Network. Recently, three funds were established to help support the encouraging collaborative efforts among nonprofits and governmental agencies.

• The Early Childhood Learning Fund was created to provide scholarships for 1,500 children. Every dollar is matched by the state. The Early Childhood Collaborative is also working with the current providers toward a coordinated client intake and referral program.

• The Immokalee Housing Collaboration Fund is designed to support both the preservation and expansion of affordable living in Immokalee neighborhoods. Currently there are only 6,000 housing units for the population of Immokalee.

• The Emergency Relief Fund provides food, rent and utilities vouchers to people in crisis. Every dollar reaches those in need through a coordinated system of care.

Donors can maximize their philanthropic dollars in these areas by giving to one or all of the funds. The Community Foundation oversees the distribution of dollars and helps to coordinate services through the efforts of consultant Barbara Cacchione. ■

— *The Community Foundation of Collier County manages more than 400 funds established by charitable individuals and organizations and offers donor advised funds. For more information, call 649-5000 or visit www.cfcollier.org.*



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1. Mother & Me: In addition to her mother, this woman supports her son and nephew in this trailer without electricity, gas or water.

2. Anguish: Heritage, ancestry and birth matter greatly in Immokalee's cultural spectrum. Religion, however, dominates as a powerful source of comfort, support and hope.

3. In Vogue: Finally in their new home built by the Empowerment Alliance, this couple expresses the joy that they are feeling. Their fondest hope, which was fulfilled, was to occupy their new home before the husband, suffering from failing vision, totally lost his eyesight.

"Images of Hope" premiered at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts, where, during its 10-week exhibition, more than 5,000 individuals experienced the power of the photographs and had the opportunity to learn more about this community that is so near to Naples, but so very different. Many expressed their appreciation that Immokalee, which is a vital part of the fabric of Collier County, was made more understandable and accessible through this body of work.

In September 2010, the exhibit was installed in its permanent home at the Immokalee ITECH conference center.

To celebrate this milestone, the Community Foundation invited the Immoka-

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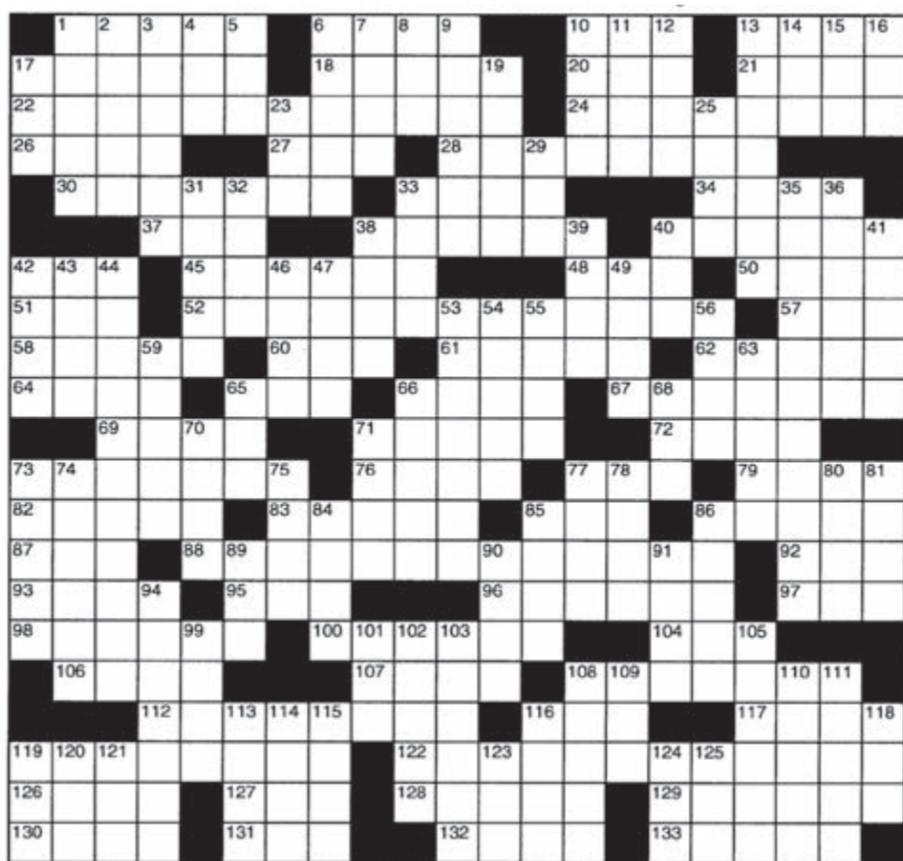
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 - 17 State
 - 18 Build
 - 20 He'll give you a squeeze
 - 21 Singer Adams
 - 22 Egyptian manipulator?
 - 24 German rock group?
 - 26 Thames town
 - 27 ___ blond
 - 28 Quick comeback
 - 30 Furtiveness
 - 33 Encounter
 - 34 Luke's book
 - 37 Baseball stat
 - 38 Feudal tenant
 - 40 "Lohengrin" role
 - 42 "Pshaw!"
 - 45 Wind instrument?
 - 48 Galley feature
 - 50 Asta's father
 - 51 Pie ___ mode
 - 52 Indian restaurant?
 - 57 Church bench
 - 58 Mississippi mound
 - 60 Help
 - 61 Actress Rivera
 - 62 Got up
 - 64 Tragic monarch
 - 65 Bar
 - 66 supply
 - 67 Noggin
 - 69 A bit of Bach
 - 71 Bandleader Shaw
 - 72 Sitarist Shankar
 - 73 Prep school
 - 76 Sheepish sounds
 - 77 Seville shout
 - 79 "Beowulf," e.g.
 - 82 More naive
 - 83 ___ of robins . . .
 - 85 Bartok or Peron
 - 86 Islamic deity
 - 87 Speedometer abbr.
 - 88 Senegalese sitcom?
 - 92 Khan
 - 93 Mayberry town drunk
 - 95 "The Lady ___ Tramp" ('37 song)
 - 96 Maintenance workers
 - 97 Hither's mate
 - 98 Contemptible
 - 100 Good luck charm
 - 104 ___ de plume
 - 106 Film site?
 - 107 Worm-out
 - 108 TV's "___ Shade"
 - 112 Seminole shoe
 - 116 Whitney or Mintz
 - 117 On one's ___ (alert)
 - 119 Italian actor?
 - 122 Sensible Czech?
 - 126 Duel tool
 - 127 Season firewood
 - 128 Dieter's dish
 - 129 "___ Fideles"
 - 130 Ward (off)
 - 131 Evergreen tree
 - 132 Sup in style
 - 133 Soprano Fleming
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 - 1 Blind parts
 - 2 "Untouchable" Ness
 - 3 Klemperer of "Hogan's Heroes"
 - 4 Actor
 - Tognazzi
 - 5 Energy
 - 6 Rover's restraint
 - 7 Roguish
 - 8 Hound or hamster
 - 9 A great many
 - 10 "Waterloo" group
 - 11 Yorkshire feature
 - 12 Gasp
 - 13 Tosses aside
 - 14 "Deep Space Nine" role
 - 15 Actress Ullmann
 - 16 Wahine's wreath
 - 17 Master
 - 19 Banyan and baobab
 - 23 Scoundrel
 - 25 Close
 - 29 School grp.
 - 31 Residence
 - 32 Brindisi bread
 - 33 Artist Franz
 - 35 Libyan baseball maneuver?
 - 36 Most confident
 - 38 Nullify
 - 39 Like some sheep
 - 40 Prospector's prize
 - 41 Loser to
 - Truman
 - 42 Cinderella's soiree
 - 43 Nautical adverb
 - 44 Cuban game-show figure?
 - 46 Jai ___
 - 47 Lean
 - 49 PDCQ, politely
 - 53 Overlay material
 - 54 Massenet opera
 - 55 Aachen article
 - 56 Darling dog
 - 59 Carve a canyon
 - 63 "Bolero" composer
 - 65 Jewel
 - 66 Impetuous
 - 68 Prior to, to Prior
 - 70 Semester
 - 71 Encourage a culprit
 - 73 Iron clothes
 - 74 Paris, to Helen
 - 75 Tropical tubers
 - 77 Ellipse
 - 78 Chad or George
 - 80 Othello's inducer
 - 81 Detective Charlie
 - 84 Linguist
 - Chomsky
 - 85 Redact
 - 86 Torch's crime
 - 89 ___ and yang
 - 90 Hair part
 - 91 Composer Thomas
 - 94 Prepared cherries
 - 99 Morlocks' prey
 - 101 Donkey
 - 102 Tanker and trawler
 - 103 "Lord Jim" author
 - 105 Kitten gear
 - 108 Manage to miss
 - 109 Compete
 - 110 Din
 - 111 "Beau ___" ('39 film)
 - 113 Potter's need
 - 114 Circus sigh
 - 115 Once again
 - 116 Richard of "Love Me Tender"
 - 118 Sault ___ Marie, MI
 - 119 Ring counter
 - 120 Do Little work
 - 121 Kyoto coin
 - 123 Actress MacGraw
 - 124 Deface
 - 125 Citrus

SEE ANSWERS, C9

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HOROSCOPES

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** A suggestion about a policy change could create heated reactions. Keep your mind open and resist joining in with naysayers unless they can show a real basis for their position.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** While potential career changes warrant your interest, don't ignore current job responsibilities. A personal relationship can also benefit from more of your attention.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Don't guess at what the facts might be if you hope to make the best decision possible. The wise course is to ask direct questions and act on the answers you get.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Your efforts involving that pesky problem should soon show positive signs of being resolved. This would allow you to shift some of your focus in another direction.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** While you enjoy well-deserved praise for getting a difficult job done, there's no time to relax. A new challenge looms. Expect more support from a once-strong critic.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** You might still have explaining to do about your decision, but support grows as you continue to make your case. You also might want to start making plans for the upcoming holidays.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Your moodier side might emerge this

week. But the dark period should pass in time for the party-loving Lamb to go on a happy gambol with some very special people this weekend.

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Yet again, you show your skill at being able to indulge in your love of the arts this week while still taking care of practical matters, including some still-unfinished business matters.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** A potential change might appear to be what you've been looking for. In any event, consider both the negative as well as the positive possibilities before making any sort of decision.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Relationships continue to dominate your aspect this week on a mostly positive level, with just a few problem areas you can smooth over. Also, try to be flexible about travel plans.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** You love being on center stage, and while you absolutely purr at the sound of all that praise, be careful not to take on too many commitments at the expense of time spent with loved ones.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** You might feel that you need to get involved in a matter concerning a friend or relative. But while the issues appear to be cut and dried, they might not be. Get more facts before you act.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You insist on making decisions based on facts, not on popular opinions. Have you considered a career in science?

By Linda Thistle

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BY KAREN FELDMAN
Florida Weekly correspondent

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA'S RESTAURANT SCENE JUST keeps growing and improving. It's tough to narrow down the choices, first deciding where to dine and then figuring out which of the many dishes are worth the money and calories. Luckily for you, we've sampled hundreds of restaurant offerings around the region, picked some of our favorites and enlisted help from area chefs to assemble this A-list of gastronomic delights. While menus change — and dishes come and go — if the exact dish shown isn't available, there's likely to be something similar among the offerings.

^ Orange-miso glazed Chilean sea bass with goat cheese dumplings, apple-smoked bacon, baby broccolini and Florida orange broth at M Waterfront Grille in Naples

151 BEST DISHES IN SWFL

{ COLLIER COUNTY }

DISHES LOCAL CHEFS TO EAT

- Duck with lingonberries and port wine reduction at Alexander's** — Chef Alexander Bernard does duck proud by pairing it with tart lingonberries and port wine.

4077 Tamiami Trail N., Naples
262-4999; www.alexandersnaples.com

- Rigatoni with sausage at Anthony's Trattoria** — Fat tubes of pasta capture the rich mélange of tomatoes, mushrooms, basil, pork sausage and a host of spices in this elegantly simple dish.

935 Airport Pulling Road N.,
Naples, 566-1100;
www.italianrestaurantnaplesfl.com

- Dumpling combo at AZN** — Life's too short to settle for just one type of dumpling, so try a trilogy — pork, shrimp and vegetable, for example — with savory sauces and crunchy salads that complement each.

Mercato
9118 Strada Place, Naples
593-8818; www.Aznrestaurant.com

- Napoleon at Bamboo Café** — Its namesake may have been diminutive, but the pastry served here stands tall, with layers of Chantilly cream, fresh berries and a thick pillow of puff pastry on top. C'est magnifique!

755 12th Ave. S., Naples, 643-6177;
www.Bamboocafefrenchhome
cooking.com

- Crawfish cakes at Bay House** — In a creative twist on the crab cake, the chef uses crawfish, seasons them well and fries them to perfection,

then serves them with sweet Georgia peaches and spicy tartar sauce.

799 Walkerbilt Road, Naples
591-3837; www.bayhousenaples.com

- Plum lamb at Bha! Bha! A Persian Bistro** — Gently braised chunks of tender lamb, dried plums and butternut squash come together in an exquisite tomato-pomegranate sauce.

847 Vanderbilt Beach Road,
Naples, 594-5557;
www.bhabhapersianbistro.com



brian ROLAND
EXECUTIVE CHEF, M
WATERFRONT GRILLE

His orange-miso-glazed Chilean sea bass with goat cheese dumplings, apple-smoked bacon, baby broccolini and Florida orange broth at M Waterfront Grille — "The creaminess of the goat cheese dumplings paired with the saltiness of the smoked bacon and miso balances well with the citrus broth. Decadent yet refreshing!"

4300 Gulf Shore Blvd. N., Naples
263-4421; www.mwaterfrontgrille.com

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>> Chef Brian Roland

- Butternut squash ravioli at Angelina's** — "Dressed with a savory citrus butter and topped with truffled almonds, this has been a favorite of mine for years. Chef Nick (Costanzo) created the perfect marriage of savory and sweet. The truffled almonds add an element of surprise with each bite."

24041 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs
390-3187; www.angelinasofbonitasprings.com

- Paella Negra Catalana at IM Tapas** — I'm a big fan of very well prepared authentic foods, and Chefs Isabel Pozo Polo and Mary Shipman have done a wonderful job of representing this authentic Spanish classic. Lobster, clams, mussels, shrimp, scallops and fish in their most natural form, paired with a heavy accent of saffron, chorizo, garlic and tomatoes that consumes the calasparra (a type of Spanish bomba short-grain rice grown in Spain's Calasparra region). Spain at its best!

965 Fourth Ave., Naples
403-8272; www.imtapas.com

- Korobuta pork belly with fig croutons and plum sauce at Sea Salt** — "Pork fat rules! Chef Fabrizio (Aielli) has shown us how quality ingredients should be left alone to speak for themselves."

1186 Third St. S., Naples
434-7258; www.seasaltnaples.com

- Pan-seared scallops on a bed of maple creamed spinach with toasted prosciutto at Wyld's Café** — "Chefs Mike Smith and John Federici created this dish carefully. Again, it's all about balance. The maple spinach offers a great accent to the scallops, and the toasted prosciutto has a little crunchy and chewy texture to it that keeps me coming back for more."

4271 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs
947-0408; www.wyldscafe.com

- Veal saltimbocca at Café Italia** — This well-executed version of the classic dish features thin slices of veal topped with a just-sweet-enough brandy sauce, prosciutto, provolone and a hint of sage.

2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples
596-5600; www.mycafeitalia.com

- Paté at Café Lurcat** — Velvety rich chicken liver pate, tender-crisp French beans and crostini form a feast for all the senses.

494 Fifth Ave. S., Naples
213-3357; www.cafelurcat.com

- Apple and cress salad at Campiello** — Chill out with a refreshing apple and watercress salad topped with roasted beets, pistachios and yogurt.

1177 Third St. S., Naples
435-1166; www.campiello.damico.com

- Shiny slippery shrimp at Charlie Chiang's** — Crisp tempura shrimp are tossed with a garlicky vinegar-srirachi sauce that adds just the right bite.

12200 Tamiami Trail N., Naples
593-6688; www.charliechiangs.com

- Caribbean caramelized mahi mahi at The Dock** — For an explosion of tropical flavor, hunker down over a plate of caramelized mahi with sweet plantains and a crispy boniato cake accompanied by chimichurri beurre blanc and pineapple salsa.

12th Ave. South at City Dock, Naples
263-9940; www.dockcraytoncove.com

- Bangers and mash at The English Pub** — Try a jolly good version of bangers and mash — three fat English sausages paired with garlic mashed potatoes and gravy.

2408 Linwood Ave. E., Naples
775-3727; www.naplesenglishpub.com

- Saumon fume au café at Escargot 41** — Sea-salt-cured salmon coated in coffee and hickory smoked results in rich flavor that's enhanced by capers, onions, sour cream and toast points.

4339 Tamiami Trail N., Naples
793-5000; www.escargot41.com

- Tempura shrimp lollipops at EVOO** — Fried shrimp on a stick with sweet and spicy almond sauce makes a nice starter to share.

13240 Tamiami Trail N., Naples
444-2020; www.evoo-bistro.com

- Cuban nachos at Fernandez the Bull** — Thinly sliced plantains take the place of tortilla chips topped with savory chicken (or beef), a creamy orange sauce, capers and parsley, forming an appetizer that eats like a meal.

1265 Airport Road, Naples
659-2996; www.fernandezthebull.com

- The Doctor at Food and Thought** — Chug The Doctor, a freshly squeezed juice, and get your fill of carrots, beets, apples, celery, lemon, ginger and parsley. You can just feel your arteries unclogging.

2132 Tamiami Trail N., Naples
213-2222; www.foodandthought.com



CUBAN NACHOS AT FERNANDEZ THE BULL

Tuna chips at Fuji Sushi Bar & Asian Bistro — This creative dish features raw tuna, avocado and scallions dressed with a slightly spicy sauce, sesame oil and sesame seeds and served with tortilla chips. Think of them as Japanese nachos.

6355 Naples Blvd., Naples
593-5550; www.fujinaples.com

Carrot cake at Handsome Harry's — Take a friend or two and prepare for a gigantic slice of four-layer cake with cream cheese frosting and a side of hand-churned vanilla ice cream. Considering it contains carrots, I'd count this as a vegetable.

1205 Third St. S., Naples
434-6400; www.handsomeharrys.com

Chorizo in cider at IM Tapas — Sliced chorizo sausage sautéed in onion-studded Spanish cider is a simple but richly flavored dish.

965 Fourth Ave. N., Naples
403-8272; www.imtapas.com

Lomo a la Huancaína at Inca's Kitchen — Citrus-marinated beef tenderloin sliced thin and topped with onions and creamy queso blanco sauce is but one of the flavor-packed Peruvian specialties served here.

11985 Collier Blvd., Naples
352-3200; www.incaskitchen.com

Vegetarian pho at Loving Hut — Customarily a meat soup, this vegan outpost's version using soy protein along with all the usual accoutrements — noodles, fresh basil, jalapenos, lime, bean sprouts and aromatic seasonings — lacks nothing in flavor and substance.

975 Pine Ridge Road, Naples
254-9090; www.lovinghut.us/naples

Zabaglione at MiraMare — An ethereal custard studded with diced cantaloupe, grapes, blueberries, strawberries and, for good measure, whipped cream. So light it couldn't possibly have any calories!

4236 Gulf Shore Blvd. N., Naples
430-6213; www.miramarenaples.com

Escargots at M Waterfront Grille — Tender escargots join with wild mushrooms, wilted spinach, Boursin cream and French bread, creating a dramatic symphony of flavors and textures.

4300 Gulf Shore Blvd. N., Naples
263-4421; www.mwaterfrontgrille.com

Real deal crab cake at Naples Tomato — This dish is just what it says: a mound of succulent lump crabmeat with just enough breading to hold it together.

14700 Tamiami Trail N., Naples
598-9800; www.naplestomato.com

Braised lamb shanks at Noodles Italian Café and Sushi Bar — Wine, garlic, rosemary and bay leaves enhance the natural flavors of the tender lamb, served over house-made fettucine.

1585 Pine Ridge Road, Naples
592-0050; www.noodlescafe.com

Pho at Noodle Saigon — A noodle soup that's really a meal contains a savory mix of brisket (or meat of your choice) in a cinnamon- and clove-scented broth to which you add copious amounts of fresh basil, bean sprouts, lime and jalapenos.

13500 Tamiami Trail N., Naples
598-9400; www.noodlesaigon.com

Crispy polenta fries at Olio on Naples Bay — These crunchy rods of polenta have great corn flavor enhanced by roasted mushroom demi-glace, parmesan cheese and white truffle oil.

Naples Bay Resort
1500 Fifth Ave. S., Naples
530-5110; www.olioonthebay.com

Peking duck at O'mei — It takes the kitchen a little while to prepare this dish, but patient diners are richly rewarded with succulent duck artfully on a plate, crunchy vegetables, hoisin sauce and tender pancakes that are as good as any I had in Beijing (aka Peking).

14700 Tamiami Trail N., Naples
254-8973; www.omeinaples.com

Gramma Cathy's Dutch apple pie at Patric's — Order breakfast or lunch if you must, but save room for a generous serving of this pie with its flaky crust, cinnamon-scented Granny Smith apples and perfect crumb topping finished off with a dollop of whipped cream. Heaven!

1485 Pine Ridge Road, Naples
304-9754; www.patrics.com

Dolmades at Pelagos Café — Soft, lemon-scented grape leaves full of tender, moist rice may cause diners to spontaneously break into a Greek line dance in the aisles.

4951 Tamiami Trail N., Naples, 263-2996

Tad's fried pickles at Pewter Mug — Crunchy pickles get a well-seasoned breading that's fried to a golden brown, then served with a zippy sauce. Don't knock it until you've tried it.

12300 Tamiami Trail N., Naples
597-3017; www.pewtermug41.com

Fish and chips at The Pub — If you've despaired of finding an authentic version of this seemingly simple dish, try The Pub's praiseworthy rendition.

Mercato
9118 Strada Place, Naples
594-2748; www.luvthepub.com

Spring rolls at Remy's Neighborhood Bistro — Filled with duck, vegetables and just enough seasoning, these crunchy spring rolls serve as a lively starter or small main dish.

2300 Pine Ridge Road, Naples
403-9922; www.remysbistro.com

Baby back ribs at Rib City — If you have to pick up a knife to eat these ribs, the restaurant chain picks up the tab. Considering how tender these babies are, I'm betting that hasn't happened yet.

www.ribcity.com for a list of locations in Collier and Lee counties and beyond

Apple galette at Ridgway Bar & Grill — Chef/owner Tony Ridgway's buttery short pastry filled with thinly sliced Fuji apples and topped with cinnamon ice cream is swoon-worthy.

1300 Third St. S., Naples, 262-5500;
www.ridgwaybarandgrill.com

Blue crab rolls at Riverwalk — Instead of a crab cake, try a roll featuring blue crab tucked inside tender phyllo dough served with sherry dressing and frisee.

Tin City, 1200 Fifth Ave. S., Naples
263-2734; www.riverwalktincity.com

Roasted veal loin at Sale e Pepe — For a fresh take on surf and turf, consider this appetizer of whisper-thin slices of chilled veal napped in a light cream sauce with a hint of tuna, briny capers and crisp hearts of celery.

Marco Beach Ocean Resort
480 S. Collier Blvd., Marco Island
393-1400; www.sale-e-pepe.com

Gelato at Sea Salt — Chef/owner Fabrizio Aielli is a master of savory dishes, but he also excels at intensely flavored homemade gelato in varieties such as pistachio, coconut, double chocolate and mango with green tea.

1186 Third St. S., Naples
434-7258; www.seasaltnaples.com

24-ounce porterhouse steak at Shula's — Eat like the big guys do, with a plate-sized aged Angus porterhouse.

Hilton Naples
5111 Tamiami Trail N., Naples
430-4999; www.donshula.com



PIZZA AT LITTLE SICILY TRATTORIA

Zuppa de pesce at Sophia's — If food were music, Sophia's zuppa de pesce would be an opera: full of drama, not to mention a mind-bending assortment of super-fresh seafood, including a split Maine lobster tail, clams, mussels, calamari and scungilli on house-made linguini, all bathed in a light but flavorful tomato sauce topped with basil grown in owners Jay and Camille Cherr's home garden.

3545 Pine Ridge Road; Naples
597-0744

Philly cheese steak at South Street — As befits a restaurant that takes its name from a well-known Philadelphia thoroughfare, South Street serves a faithful version of the city's sandwich with a choice of cheeses.

1410 Pine Ridge Road, Naples
435-9333; www.southstreetnaples.com

Brisket sandwich at Stage 62 Deli — Thinly sliced brisket like Bubbe used to make comes stacked two inches high on rye. A Dr. Brown's soda on the side is a must.

Mercato
9105 Strada Place, Naples
597-2800; www.stage62deli.com

Prime rib at Stoney's Steakhouse — Carved tableside on a silver-topped cart, this prime rib proves just how satisfying this cut can be, especially with a dollop of lively horseradish sauce.

403 Bayfront Place, Naples
435-9353; www.stoneyssteakhouse.com

House-made potato chips at Tavern on the Bay — Take a bite out of one of these crunchy chips full of potato flavor and you'll never go back to the bagged variety.

489 Bayfront Place, Naples
530-2225; www.tavernonthebay.net

Tuna tartare tower at Truluck's — More of a tuna trifle than simple tartare, this well-constructed dish features layers of raw tuna, crab, tomato, avocado, pineapple with soy reduction and creamy remoulade.

698 Fourth Ave. S., Naples
530-3131; www.trulucks.com

Seaweed and seafood trilogy at USS Nemo — Served in a lovely segmented dish, there's salmon and srirachi on wakame, miso-glazed sea bass on brown and red seaweed and lobster tempura on jet-black hijiki.

3745 Tamiami Trail N., Naples
261-6366; www.ussnemorestaurant.com

Pesca spada alla griglia at Vergina — Superbly grilled swordfish shares the plate with sauteed Swiss chard, roasted tricolor potatoes, kalamata olives and caper berry caponata.

700 Fifth Ave. S., Naples, 659-7001;
verginarestaurant.com

DISHES LOCAL CHEFS TO EAT



>> Chef Eric Truglas

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His own croquet monsieur at French Bread Oven — "You can't go wrong with a great ham and cheese sandwich made from scratch with country bread. French comfort food for everyone. Try it with a Burgundy Morgon."

Two locations:
13550 Reflections Parkway, Fort Myers 454-9100
8793 Tamiami Trail E., Naples 732-7774; frenchbreadoven.org.

Duck curry at David Wong's Pan Asian and Sushi — "Great flavor, crispy duck, great balance between sweet coconut and spicy curry, with baby bok choy. Enjoy with a Kirin Japanese beer."

25301 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs
992-5600; www.davidwongspanasian.com.

Steak tartare at Cru — "Chef Harold Balink's steak tartare reminds me of a dish I can only get when I am in Paris. Great with an Oregon pinot noir like Domaine Serene."

Bell Tower Shops
U.S. 41 and Daniels Parkway, Fort Myers
466-3663

Eggs Benedict at The Lighthouse Café — "It's a great place for breakfast, even in the afternoon. Try it with a mimosa."

362 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel
472-0303; www.lighthousecafe.com

Pulled pork barbecue with fried okra and fried green tomatoes at Hogbody's Bar & Grill — "Southern cuisine at its best, when

I need a fix of fried food. Eat with a Bud beer."

10440 Bayshore Road, North Fort Myers
543-8800; www.hogbodies.net

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Kota psiti at Agora — A well-seasoned and roasted chicken is a wondrous thing, and this Greek-inspired version is inspired in its simplicity.

3448 Marinatown Lane,
North Fort Myers, 995-3100;
www.theagorarestaurant.com

Organic salmon two ways at A Table Apart — Here's a dish that thrills with a lightly blackened salmon with yuzu beurre blanc and chills with a refreshing citrus salmon ceviche.

4295 Bonita Beach Road,
Bonita Springs
221-8540; www.atableapart.net

Flan at Azucar — Of all the luscious desserts served here, this rich, creamy classic rules.

3326 Del Prado Blvd.,
Cape Coral, 549-2833

Bananas foster bread pudding at Bayfront Bistro — Dense, chewy, banana-flavored bread pudding with whiskey sauce and vanilla ice cream is a meal unto itself.

4761 Estero Blvd., Fort Myers Beach
463-3663; www.bayfrontbistro.com

Tower of tuna at Biddle's — This east-meets-west tartare features marinated tuna layered with avocado, salsa, wakame and a ginger glaze.

12984 S. Cleveland Ave., Fort Myers
433-4449; www.biddlesrestaurant.com

Braised short ribs at Bistro 41 — Fork-tender beef ribs (with pancetta chevre sage mashed potatoes and smoked tomato demi-glace) have the look and texture of barbecue without the jarring note of vinegar.

Bell Tower Shops
U.S. 41 and Daniels Parkway,
Fort Myers 466-4141;
www.bistro41.com

Escargots at Blue Coyote Supper Club — Tender snails lovingly sautéed in tomatoes, onions, basil and garlic — suitable for royalty.

9854 Caloosa Yacht and
Racquet Club Drive, Fort Myers
432-9222; www.bluecoyoteclub.com

Vegetable plate at Blue Water Bistro — No one will mind eating their veggies here when they can choose seven from the list of 14, including addictive sweet potato fries, broccoli kung pao, onion rings with chipotle barbecue sauce and tomatoes with olive oil and fresh basil.

Coconut Point
23151 Village Shops Way, Estero
949-2583; www.bluewaterbistro.net



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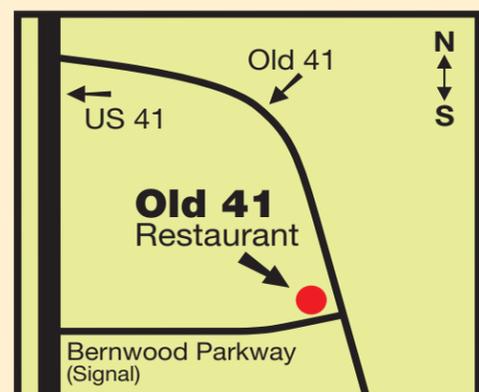
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DISHES LOCAL CHEFS ♥ TO EAT

Shrimp pomegranate at Blue Windows Bistro — It's a pairing that might not immediately appeal, but one taste of these babies swathed in tart-sweet sauce (the secret is Pama liqueur) will change that view forever.

15250 S. Tamiami Trail, Fort Myers
849-0622; www.mybluewindows.com

Buffalo wings at Buffalo Chips — Even the most skeptical Buffalonians melt at the taste of these wings, served with — what else? — Frank's Original Red Hot Sauce.

26620 Old 41 Road N.,
Bonita Springs, 947-1000;
www.buffalochipsrestaurant.tv

House-made ravioli with chicken at Café Cibo — Tender pasta pillows mingled with grilled chicken, mushrooms, pine nuts, roasted garlic and an elegant rosemary cream sauce celebrate the subtle side of Italian fare.

12901 McGregor Blvd.,
Fort Myers, 454-3700

Guacamole at Cantina Laredo — It's hard not to salivate Pavlovian style when a server rolls up the tableside cart filled with avocados, jalapenos, cilantro, lime juice and secret seasonings to prepare guacamole to your specifications.

Bell Tower Shops
5200 Big Pine Way, Fort Myers
415-4424; www.cantinalaredo.com

Mixed seafood ceviche at Cape Seafood Shack — Crunchy red onions, tender shrimp, fish, octopus and squid bathed in a sweet-hot citrus marinade: a warm-weather feast.

603 Del Prado Blvd. S.,
Cape Coral, 242-0065

Veggie burger at Chef Brooke's Natural Café — This one will change your mind about meatless burgers, with its chewy texture and rich flavor tucked into a wrap with lots of crunchy raw vegetables. Wash it down with an organic Googleberry (strawberry, banana and apple juice) smoothie.

1850 Boy Scout Drive, Fort Myers
332-2433; www.chefbrookeonline.com

Nachos with ceviche at Chile Ranchero — Crisp tortilla chips topped with marinated shrimp and fish, creamy avocado, diced tomato and hot sauce. Mmmmm... nachos!

11751 S. Cleveland Ave.,
Fort Myers, 275-0505

Oysters Chopafeller at Chops City Grill — Oysters on the half shell are dressed to impress when topped with crab, andouille sausage, spinach, smoked gouda and, just for good measure, a bit of garlic-vodka cream sauce.

Two locations:
8200 Health Center Blvd.,
Bonita Springs, 992-4677
837 5th Ave. S.,
Naples, 262-4677
www.chopscitygrill.com



Her own fried baby artichokes at Sunset Grill — "Creamy garlic herb stuffing, drizzled with smoked tomato aioli and marinated roasted peppers, the artichoke sits on a bed of balsamic mixed baby greens and is topped off with the peppers that are slow roasted over our hickory grill. They're a perfect comfort food as well as very addictive. Serve with a glass of chardonnay or something light and bubbly."

6536 Pine Ave., Sanibel
472-2333; www.sunsetgrillsanibel.com.

Red snapper sashimi in spicy ponzu at Blu Sushi — "A combination of the lightness of the citrus and the saltiness of the soy complemented this thinly sliced, fresh and sweet fish perfectly. Even after a several (sushi) rolls and octopus salad, we polished off the entire plate of snapper. I'd pair this with a glass of sake or something light and bubbly."

Two locations:
13451 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers
489-1500
Gulf Coast Town Center, Estero
334-2583
www.blusushi.com

Lamb curry at India Palace — "When it comes to lamb dishes at India Palace, I've sampled them all. My favorite is lamb korma with kashmiri naan. Just thinking about the perfect combination of spicy and sweet korma sauce with the rich

and tender bites of lamb makes my mouth water. This goes perfectly with a glass of zinfandel, Riesling or a mango lassi.
11605 Cleveland Ave., Fort Myers
939-2323; www.indiapalacefortmyers.com

Spicy Pecan Crusted Goat Cheese Salad with Wood Grilled Scallops at Sunshine Seafood Café & Lounge — "The combination of creamy goat cheese, crunchy and spicy pecans, smoky scallops and the sweet and tart vinaigrette make this light salad delectable and satisfying. This would be delicious with a chilled glass of sauvignon blanc."

8750 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers
489-2233; www.sunshineseafoodftmyers.com.

Soup and sandwich at Chef Brooke's Natural Café — "A couple of years ago I found out the dreadful news that I was gluten intolerant. At Chef Brooke's, I can order almost everything on her menu, like her soup and a pumpkin-fig muffin or her curried chicken salad with figs, crushed almonds and peas with a side of spicy potato salad and broccoli slaw. She even provides the gluten-free bread, so there's no need to sneak some in your purse. Not only is her food delectable, it's healthy. I would treat myself to a naturally sweetened soda with the curried chicken."

1850 Boy Scout Drive, Fort Myers
332-2433; www.chefbrookeonline.com.



>> Chef Amy Visco

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Three-way duck at Crave — A crisp-skinned leg, tender breast with blackberry sauce and tasty little bacon-wrapped liver makes for a simply ducky feast.

12901 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers
466-4663; www.cravemenu.com

Scallops in truffle cream at Cru — Tender scallops. Truffle cream. Squid ink linguine. 'Nuff said?

Bell Tower Shops
U.S. 41 and Daniels Parkway,
Fort Myers, 466-3663

Papaya salad at David Wong's — Shredded green papaya mixed with peanuts, tomatoes, long beans and chili-lime dressing equals crunchy, sweet, sour and spicy Asian soul food.

5301 S. Tamiami Trail,
Bonita Springs, 992-5600;
www.davidwongspanasian.com

Chicken mole at El Azteca — The magical Mexican sauce mole, with its smoky ancho chili and chocolate, takes chicken to a higher plane.

1918 Del Prado Blvd. S., Cape Coral
574-0056; www.elazteca.heliohost.org

Capelli alla Ninetta at Fabio's — Tonno (dark Italian tuna), peas, onions and garlic may have been an economical meal for chef/owner Ed Ciminati's family in the Old Country, but it's a special treat at his restaurant here.

4150 Hancock Bridge Parkway,
North Fort Myers, 656-5727

Coconut cream pie at Farmer's Market — Smooth, silky coconut cream crowned by ethereal meringue atop a tender crust is so good, it's worth a trip all on its own.

2736 Edison Ave.,
Fort Myers, 334-1687;
www.farmersmarketrestaurant.com

Mixed fruit tartlette at French Bread Oven — A simple but elegant French sweet, these single-serving tarts boast lightly sweet pastry cream, fresh berries, kiwi and other seasonal fruits and a light glaze in a tender pastry shell. It's like eating a spring day.

13550 Reflections Parkway, Fort Myers
454-9100; www.frenchbreadoven.org

Spinach and artichoke dip at French Connection — Warm, cheesy dip served with multi-colored tortilla chips makes a great dish to share with a friend, which is what the connection is all about.

2282 First St.,
Fort Myers, 332-4443;
www.frenchconnectioncafe.com

Mick's mixed berry smoothie at Fresh Planet — We don't know who Mick is, but we love this refreshing blend of blackberries, raspberries, strawberries, bananas and apple juice.

Gulf Coast Town Center
9902 Gulf Coast Main St.,
Fort Myers, 267-4440



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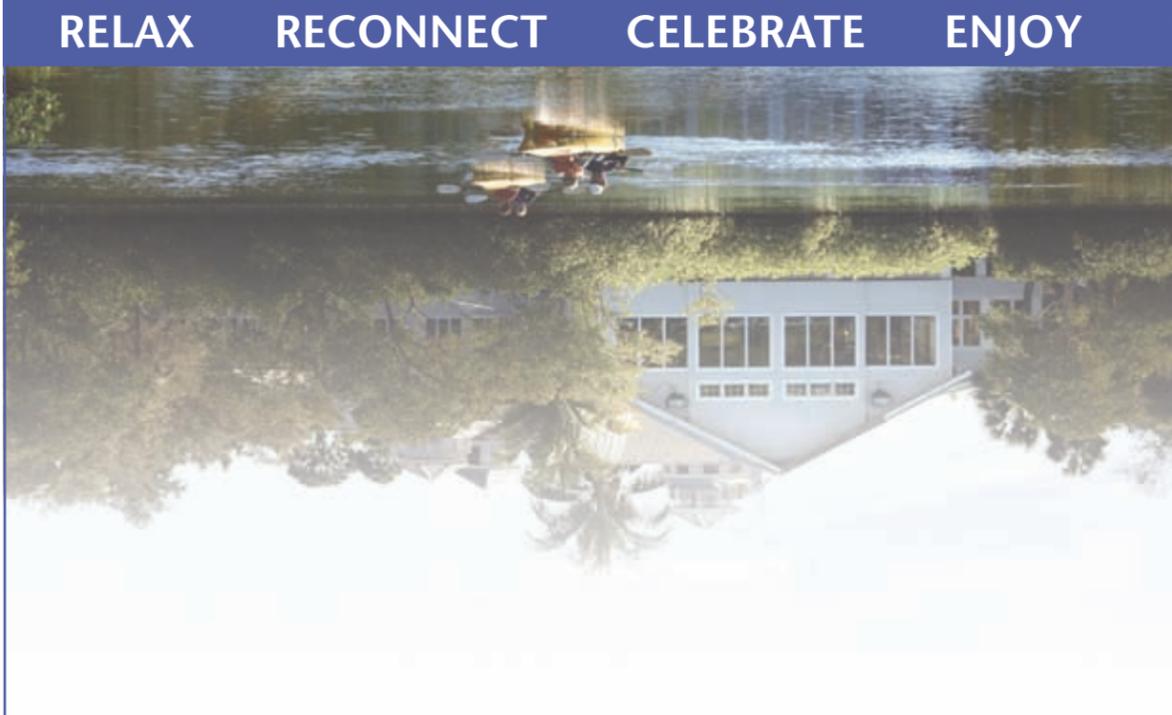
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Royal Palm Square
1400 Colonial Blvd.,
Fort Myers, 936-8118

Ropa vieja at Hemingway's — Literally translated as “old clothes,” this flavorful Cuban dish combines shredded skirt steak, tomatoes, onions and garlic simmered for hours until the flavors marry. Hemingway’s tomato chili sauce adds zing.

Coconut Point
8001 Plaza Del Lago Drive,
Estero, 495-7240;
www.hemingwaysislandgrill.com

Mussels marinara at Il Pomodoro — Mussels volunteer to leap into this garlic-laced red sauce (Note: Save the garlic rolls for dipping).

9681 Gladiolus Drive,
Fort Myers, 985-0080;
www.ilpomodororestaurant.com

Dahl soup at India Palace — An aromatic blend of creamy lentils and soulful ginger, this is just as effective as Jewish chicken soup in curing what ails you.

11605 S. Cleveland Ave.,
Fort Myers, 939-2323;
www.indiapalacefortmyers.com

Grilled vegetable plate at The Joint — It’s not hard to get the recommended seven to 11 servings of vegetables when they’re expertly grilled and served with creamy gorgonzola-walnut polenta.

Cape Harbour
5785 Cape Harbour Drive,
Cape Coral, 542-0123;
www.capeharbourdining.com

Sautéed snapper at Keylime Bistro — Fresh fish, simply sautéed with white wine and shallot sauce: elegant, light and refreshing.

DISHES LOCAL CHEFS ♥ TO EAT



CHEF/CO-OWNER,
TABLE 209

His own prosciutto-wrapped grilled prawns, with romesco sauce, orange and fig salad and shaved pecorino at Table 209 — “I first did this dish in Seattle and have always enjoyed it. All the components stand out yet complement each other and make the dish layered and balanced in its flavors.”

209 W. Olympia Ave., Punta Gorda
(941) 639-3990; www.table209.com

Mussels at Bayside Seafood Bar & Grill — “Sautéed with chorizo, sofrito, sherry and a light shellfish broth, then finished with aioli. The broth is very flavorful, much like a paella without the rice. Grilled ciabatta and aioli bring it all together.”

The Village on Venetian Bay
4270 Gulf Shore Blvd. N., Naples
649-5552; www.baysideseafoodgrillandbar.com

Gouda-stuffed veal chop with saffron risotto and port demi-glace at Old Captiva House — “It has a well-seasoned, crusty outside, and the gouda and herb stuffing round out the flavor nicely.”

Tween Waters Inn
15951 Captiva Drive, Captiva Island
472-5161; www.tween-waters.com

11509 Andy Rosse Lane,
Captiva Island, 395-4000;
www.captivaaislandinn.com

Paella Valenciana a la Cabral at La Trattoria Café Napoli — Chef/owner Gloria Cabral-Jordan’s rendition of this montage of seafood, sausage and saffron rice is masterful.

Villas Plaza
12377 S. Cleveland Ave.,
Fort Myers, 337-9014

Pork scaloppini at Yabo — “With mushrooms, tomato, cream, topped with spinach and mozzarella, I love the overall richness of the dish. The flavors are classic.”

16681 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers
225-9226; www.yaborestaurant.com

Any doughnut at Bennett’s Fresh Roast — “You rarely find a good doughnut anymore, and at Bennett’s they really have perfected the art — crisp texture outside and light and airy inside. Just a great product.”

2011 Bayside Parkway, Fort Myers
332-0077; www.bennettsfreshroast.com



>> Chef James King

Pizza at Little Sicily Trattoria — Longing for a taste of genuine New York pizza? Head to Little Sicily and watch as a member of the Tumminello family handcrafts and cooks a first-rate pie, then dig in.

814 S.W. Pine Island Road,
Cape Coral, 772-7285

Sopecitas at Maria’s — Pancake-like corn masa rounds are layered with refried beans, onions, hot sauce, cheese and chicken. They come in orders of three, which is a good thing, because one is never enough.

27080 Old 41 Road,
Bonita Springs, 495-1868

Calzone at Maria’s — I learned long ago never to eat anything bigger than my head, but I’ll make an exception for this oversized turnover made of pizza dough and stuffed with ricotta, mozzarella and any combo of vegetables and meats you’d like, served with hearty marinara.

1224 S.E. 46th Lane, Cape Coral
945-6006; www.mariasonline.com

Philadelphia cheese steak at Old 41 — Leave it to a family of Philadelphia transplants to bring an authentic version of this wondrous creation from the City of Brotherly Love to the heart of Bonita Springs.

25091 Bernwood Drive,
Bonita Springs, 948-4190

Hot mango roll at Origami — The heat of the spicy tuna wrapped in rice and seaweed topped by cool yellowtail and sweet sliced mango needs no wasabi or soy to enjoy.

13300 S. Cleveland Ave., Fort Myers
482-2126; www.sushiorigami.com

Duck confit flatbread at Naples Flatbread — Juicy chunks of duck, tender sautéed figs and crumbly Gorgonzola on a fresh-from-the-oven flatbread combine to become something greater than the sum of their parts.

Two locations: Miromar Outlet Mall
10801 Corkscrew Road,
Estero, 495-3528
6434 Naples Blvd.,
Naples, 687-3454
www.naplesflatbread.com

Coconut shrimp at Parrot Key — A dozen perfectly fried shrimp served with fruit coulis and a prime view of Estero Bay.

2500 Main St., Fort Myers Beach
463-7333; www.myparrotkey.com

Red curry with shrimp at Phensri Thai — Thai curry is hard to describe but harder still to forget once you’ve tasted the sensuous blend of seasonings teamed with coconut milk, vegetables and shrimp served mild, medium, hot or (five-alarm) Thai hot.

4085 Hancock Bridge Parkway,
North Fort Myers, 599-4639;
www.phensri-thai-restaurant.com



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Barbecue chicken pizza at Pizza Fusion — Free-range chicken meets red onions, garlic, fresh basil, three kinds of cheese and tangy barbecue sauce on a thin pizza crust.

12901 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers
337-7979; www.pizzafusion.com

Molten lava cake at Roy's — A lot of restaurants offer a version of this dessert, but Roy's has perfected the balance of tender chocolate cake and rich, creamy chocolate lava that oozes out when you cut into it.

Two locations:
The Promenade at Bonita Bay
26831 South Bay Drive,
Bonita Springs, 498-7697
475 Bayfront Place,
Naples, 261-1416
www.roysrestaurant.com

Hot and sour soup at Sakura Chinatown — This brown broth filled with veggies and tofu looks deceptively simple, but getting the balance of spice and sour right isn't so easy. Sakura Chinatown knows the secret.

15271 McGregor Blvd.,
Fort Myers, 332-0888

Grilled wild salmon at The Sandy Butler — Wild salmon has plenty of flavor on its own, but a thin layer of Boursin and a classic beurre blanc prove worthy partners.

17650 San Carlos Blvd., Fort Myers
482-6765; www.sandybutler.com

Braised lamb shank at Sasse's — Savory, long-simmered lamb that falls off the bone is wonderful enough, but mild Italian sausage, lentils and polenta make it better still.

3651 Evans Ave., Fort Myers
278-5544; www.sassesitalian.com

Pad Thai at Siam Hut — We're a long way from Thailand, but it would be hard to find a better version of this classic dish of chewy rice noodles, egg, peanuts, bean sprouts, scallions, chicken and secret ingredients that make us return again and again.

4521 Del Prado Blvd. S., Cape Coral
945-4247; www.siamhutcapecoral.com

Mushroom and Swiss burger at Stevie Tomato's Sports Page — When it comes to bar food, Stevie Tomato's a winner, particularly when it comes to burgers made of Angus beef, cooked to order and served on a toasted sesame bun with your choice of toppings and crisp fries.

www.stevietomatossportspage.com
for locations

Lamb chops at Stonewood Tavern and Grill — A deconstructed rack of lamb, marinated in rosemary and garlic, pairs well with cabernet demi-glace and mashed potatoes.

Two locations:
7091-9 College Parkway,
Fort Myers, 936-0143
7935 Airport-Pulling Road,
Naples, 593-0001
www.stonewoodgrill.com

His own bouillabaisse at Rumrunners — "It isn't always on the menu, but my guests know I can do it just about any night it's requested. I had bouillabaisse at two restaurants in Marseilles, France, and mine is better."

Cape Harbour,
5848 Cape Harbour Drive, Cape Coral
542-0200; www.capeharbourdining.com

Chicken wings at Lee Roy Selmon's — "They're different from everywhere else. They most likely use a sweet brine on them, then smoke them and then grill them. I like to drink Blue Moon draft beer with them."

5056 Daniels Parkway, Fort Myers
690-3287; www.leeroysemons.com

Kobe steak at Blue Coyote Supper Club — "It's real (Kobe) and

a good grade at that. We go there with a table of four and get one steak. Chef Josh (Mitchell) will slice it up and it's more than enough for the table. I'll splurge on a good pinot noir — if they have Sea Smoke, then that's the victim."

9854 Caloosa Yacht and Racquet Drive, Fort Myers
432-9222; www.bluecoyoteclub.com

Ricotta gnocchi at Sea Salt

— "Chef Fabrizio (Aielli's) gnocchi are to die for. I don't know how he makes them so delicate and airy without them falling apart, but as soon as you put them in your mouth, they just melt like cotton candy. Little pillows of heaven."

1186 Third St. S., Naples
434-7258; www.seasaltnaples.com

Double trouble dessert at Bistro 41 — "I love Chef Heath Hig-



ginbotham's warm lava cake because it has the trifecta of fresh berries, chocolate lava and vanilla ice cream. I like a sparkling moscato with it."
Bell Tower Shops, U.S. 41 and Daniels Parkway, Fort Myers; 466-4141; www.bistro41.com

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>> Chef Todd Johnson

Mussels with green curry at Sunset Grill — Fresh mussels bathed in magical green curry with Key limejuice, coconut milk and basil are a refreshing variation on the theme.

6536 Pine Ave., Sanibel
472-2333; www.sunsetgrillsanibel.com

Gulf fish stew at Sweet Melissa's — This homage to fresh seafood is as beautiful as it is delicious, with shrimp, scallops, clams, mussels and fish in a soulful tomato-saffron broth.

1625 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel
472-1956; www.sweetmelissacafe.net

Crispy whole snapper at Tarpon Bay — Never mind that the fish is staring at you from the plate. Just go about your business separating the succulent fish from the bones (or your server will do it), and don't forget about those terrific stir-fried vegetables with ponzu sauce.

Hyatt Regency Coconut Point
5001 Coconut Road, Bonita Springs
444-1234; www.coconutpoint.hyatt.com

Pepper-dusted tuna at Tarpon Lodge — Savory tuna gets a sweet-salty-spicy boost with mandarin-ginger-teriyaki sauce.

13771 Waterfront Drive,
Pineland (Pine Island)
283-3999; www.tarponlodge.com

Salt and pepper onion rings at Ted's Montana Grill — Large rings of sweet onions covered in crisp coating and fried to a golden crunch get a flavor upgrade with a side of creamy horseradish sauce.

Coconut Point
8017 Plaza Del Lago Drive, Estero
947-9318; www.tedsmontanagrill.com

Pizza at Tony Sacco's Coal Oven Pizza - The name says it all. Tony Sacco's coal-fired oven reaches 1,000 degrees, creating an exceptionally crisp and well-flavored crust on which you can pile gourmet toppings such as caramelized onions, kalamata olives and roasted mushrooms.

U.S. 41 and Andrea Lane, Fort Myers,
489-2625; and Coconut Point, Estero,
948-6697; tonsaccos.com.

Fried calamari at Two Meatballs in the Kitchen — Rings and legs perfectly fried and served with classic marinara.

8890 Salrose Lane, Fort Myers
489-1111; www.2meatballs.com

Rucola ravioli at Vapiano — Arugula-stuffed ravioli topped with tomatoes and pine nuts combine to create a creamy, chewy, crunchy treat.

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9924 Gulf Coast Main St., Fort Myers
454-1066; www.vapianoflorida.com



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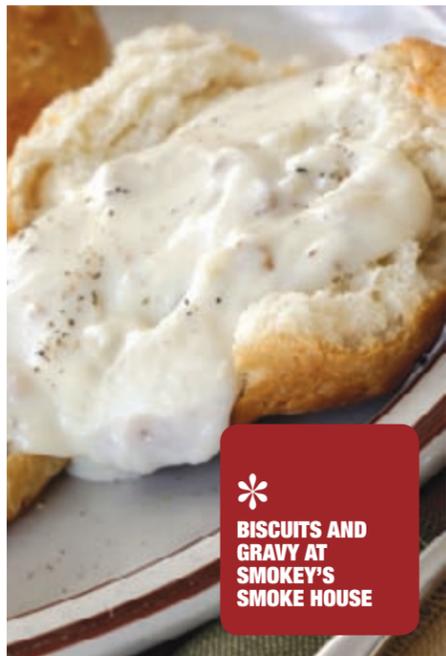
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Choritos a la chalaca at Santhino's Restaurant — This dramatic looking dish features giant mussels on the half shell topped with corn, lemon, red peppers, olive oil and spices.

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Pate at Table 209 — The menu here changes seasonally, but I fervently hope the pate remains forever. Exceptionally creamy chicken liver stars with a supporting cast that includes apple wood smoked bacon, a touch of Madeira, rosemary-pear conserve, olives, crackers and crostini. This dish could make a liver lover out of anyone.

209 W. Olympia Ave., Punta Gorda
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Yuca fries at Torch Bistro Sushi and Runtini Bar — There are lots of intriguing items on the menu here, but one of the standouts is a side dish: the hand-cut yuca fry stack, with the fries arranged like a metal infrastructure, each one crisp on the outside, creamy within, finished with spicy red chili sauce.

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FISH COOKING TIMES
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THICKNESS (inches)	FRESH (minutes)	FROZEN (minutes)
1/4	2½	5
1/2	5	10
3/4	7½	15
1	10	20
1¼	12½	25
1½	15	30
1¾	17½	35
2	20	40

SHRIMP COOKING TIMES: Boil liquid and add shrimp
Mediums (31/35 size) cook 3 minutes
Large (21/25 size) cook 4 minutes
Jumbo (10/15 size) cook 5 minutes
Remove shrimp and place them into ice water

FLORIDA LOBSTER TAILS: Place oven-ready tail into a shallow pan with a small amount of liquid (water or white wine). Bake at 450°F for 10 to 12 minutes. Bake to an internal temperature of 145°F.

SCALLOPS: Sauté or bake just heating center

SOFT SHELL CRAB: Flour, sauté until both sides are well brown, about 5 minutes total

SHELLFISH: Steam and remove from heat as soon as they open, avoid overcooking

SQUID: Soak in milk one hour, roll in buttered crumbs, bake at 450°F for 10 to 12 minutes

FROG LEGS: Soak in milk 1 hour, dry completely, roll in flour, sauté 5 minutes, add salt and pepper

COOKING METHODS

BAKING: Bake at 450°F using center rack

BROILING: Oil rack, place fresh fish 2-3" from burner

BLACKENING: Place fish in melted butter, season well, sear half of the cooking time in very hot skillet, flip and baste with more butter and finish searing

DEEP FRYING: Flour, egg wash, coat in breadcrumbs, immerse in 360°F oil, cook 4 min. per inch of thickness

GRILLING: Marinade or dry rub season, oil grate, baste often, turn once

SALTING: Season and flour fish, heat oil or butter in pan until wavy, add fish, cook half time and turn once to finish cooking

SEAR & BAKE: Season fish, pan sear both sides in hot oil, finish total cooking time in a 450°F oven

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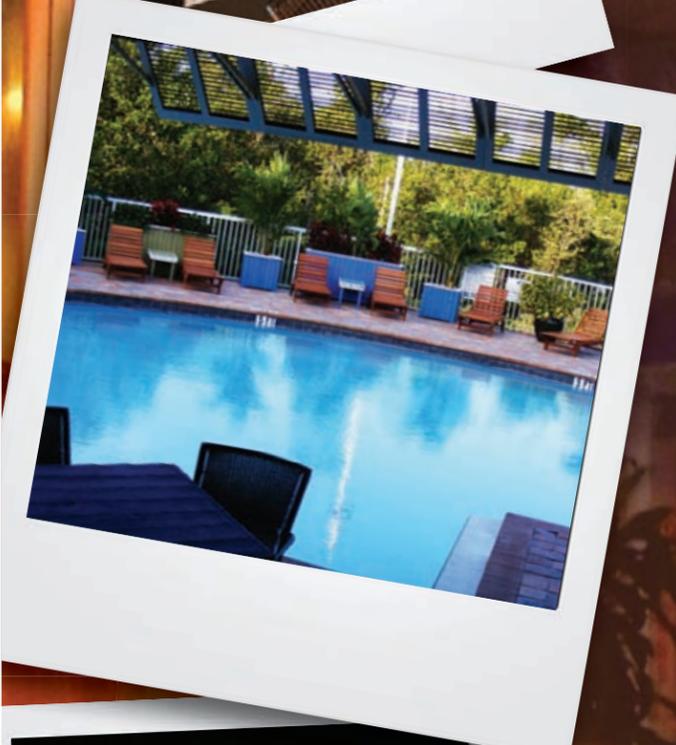
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Festival provides a chance to 'Come Out With Pride!'

"Come Out With Pride!" the second annual Southwest Florida Gay and Lesbian Pride Festival, is set for 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, on the campus of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Fort Myers, 1341I Shire Lane off Daniels Parkway. Just off Interstate 75, the location provides easy access for everyone from Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties.

The festival will have live entertainment, a vendor market, community service organizations, food, beer and more. It was founded out of a grassroots effort to put on a community celebration of the 40th anniversary of the 1969 Stonewall riots in New York City. It started with about 20 individuals representing area businesses, clubs, organizations and schools. Within six weeks, and with no money, little experience and only a few posters to get the word out, they organized a four-hour festival with more than 30 vendors and a stage packed full



of entertainment. The second annual event remains a 100 percent volunteer effort.

Why is Pride still relevant 41 years after the Stonewall riots? Organizers say that although the gay and lesbian, transgender and bi-sexual community has come a long way since 1969, there's still a long way to go in Southwest Florida. The festival helps raise awareness by showcasing gay and lesbi-

an organizations and those that support the area's gay and lesbian community.

Club sponsors of the 2010 festival are Bambusa in Naples and Tubby's in Fort Myers. Various bars and clubs will hold after parties to continue the festivities.

Vendors are still welcome, although space is filling up. For contracts and more information, visit www.pride-swfl.org.

Volunteers are always needed to help with set up, clean up and various duties on the day of the festival. E-mail volunteers@pride-swfl.org for details. ■

Nominate a 'Star' for UAC award

The United Arts Council of Collier County welcomes nominations for its 2011 Stars in the Arts awards. 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 form is available at www.collierarts.org. For more information, visit the website or contact Elaine Hamilton at 263-8242 or ehamilton@uaccollier.com. ■



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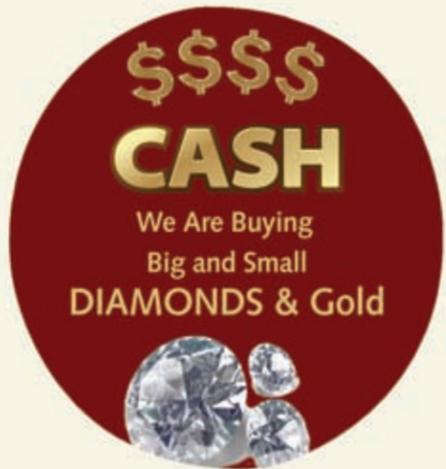
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Make it a Village Night on Oct. 7



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11-year-old Jessie Michaels Cohen will sing at Village Night on Oct. 7

Mark your calendar for the next Village Night, an evening of music and cookouts from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, at The Village on Venetian Bay.

Young Neapolitan singer Jessie Michaels Cohen will entertain next to Artichoke & Company. Night Train will take the stage adjacent to the fountain. Also on tap, the duo of Brandon Anthony and Marc Shapiro on acoustic guitars will be set up next to Mondo Uomo.

Visit www.venetianvillage.com for additional information and a complete listing of shops and restaurants in the center at 4200 Gulf Shore Blvd. N., just off Park Shore Drive. ■

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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. The program is free and all are welcome. Non-members are asked to make a reservation by e-mailing ikebananaples@me.com.

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

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. ■

Republican women resume luncheons

The Women's Republican Club of Naples Federated Inc. meets for luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on the second Friday of the month at The Country Club of Naples. The next meeting is set for Oct. 8.

Cost is \$20. For reservations, call Pat Wagner at 598-9833. For more information about the club, call 566-8138. ■

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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Before electricity, most people went to bed at sundown because their homes were dark. Candles, the glow of a fireplace and, by the 19th century, lamps using whale oil, lard, kerosene or gas added a little more light. The rich decorated their rooms with mirrors and polished brass, luster-decorated ceramics and other items that reflected light. Decorative mirrors used in homes usually do not serve such a noble purpose, but even today when your electricity fails, it is wise to put candles in front of a mirror to magnify the light.

Our ancestors also knew that a convex mirror, one that has a surface that curves out, creates even more reflected light. From about 1800 to 1820, the "girandole" was a popular mirror to hang on a wall. It has a convex mirror, gilded frame and candleholders attached so that candlelight is reflected in the mirror. These furnished light for evening gatherings.

Copies of antique girandoles are being made today, but the candles are now electrified. Elaborate antique girandoles sell for \$2,000 to \$20,000; recent copies sell for under \$1,000.

This classical girandole made about 1800 has all the features a collector desires. The mirror is convex, the frame is gilded pine and the top is a carved eagle. The four candles are held by scrolling arms and brass candle cups. Hammer price at a Cowan auction in Cincinnati earlier this year was \$20,000.

Q: I have a glass juicer with the name "Sunkist" embossed in the glass. When was it made?

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promote drinking orange juice. Juice was made by hand-squeezing fresh oranges at home using a reamer (the collectors' name for a juicer). A glass Sunkist reamer cost 10 cents back then. But you can buy new glass, plastic or metal reamers or collect old ones, including ceramic examples. Look for combination reamers: a figural pitcher with a reamer cover or an old wooden two-piece hinged reamer you press to make juice. The first patented reamer, dated 1889, was made in ceramic and metal versions. The Sunkist glass reamer is easy to find at prices from \$10 to \$50 online, but you would pay much less for it at a garage sale.

Q: I have an oval pendant given to me by my great-grandmother. I think she wore it in the 1920s. It's a piece of glass carved from the back and held in a sterling-silver mount. A silver filigree tree branch and a tiny enameled blue bird are on the front of the glass. It's about 2 inches long and is very delicate. What is this type of jewelry called? Value?

A: You probably have a pendant made from rock crystal, not glass. This type of jewelry, usually a pendant, is sometimes called "camphor glass" jewelry. It was very popular in the 1920s and '30s but has been out of style the past 25 years. Large modern pieces or very ornate jewelry with colored stones and glitter has been popular instead. Rock-crystal pendants are subtle and feminine, but fragile. It is not used in rings because it could be

easily hit and broken. The pendants usually are on a delicate white-gold chain about 16 inches long. Look for a "14K" mark somewhere on the pendant or chain. A chain and pendant sell for about \$300.

Q: I have an old bottle that's embossed "U.S.A. Hosp. Dept." Can you tell me who made it and how old it is?

A: Your bottle was made for the U.S. Army Hospital Dept. between 1863 and 1865, during the Civil War. The War Dept. had trouble getting enough medicine from pharmaceutical companies, so labs were set up to make the drugs they needed. Most of the bottles were made in Pittsburgh, but some were made in Baltimore and St. Louis. The bottles were crudely made and contained bubbles and flaws. Bottles were made in different colors and sizes and with several different styles of lettering. Some had paper labels.

Tip: Animation cels should be kept away from direct sunlight and high humidity. They should be framed with acid-free mats. ■

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Marco Islanders celebrate at the YMCA



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► **FRIDAY, OCT. 1, 9 p.m.**

Untold Stories Fish Fever: Sports Fishing in Southwest Florida

In 1885, the first tarpon ever taken on a rod and reel was caught near Punta Rassa — a fishing feat that lured hundreds of eager anglers to Southwest Florida in search of the “silver king.” A century later, anglers and commercial fishermen were battling over the dwindling bounty of the gulf.

► **SATURDAY, OCT. 2, 8 p.m.**
Antiques Roadshow: Unique Antiques

A showcase of some of the most outlandish, kitschy and downright morbidly fascinating antiques and collectibles of the series' last decade

► **SUNDAY, OCT. 3, 9 p.m.**

Masterpiece Mystery! Wallander: Faceless Killers

Wallander (Kenneth Branagh) investigates the slaying of an elderly couple at an isolated farmhouse. The fallout from the case leads the detective to doubt everything, including his abilities as a police officer. Alan Cumming hosts.

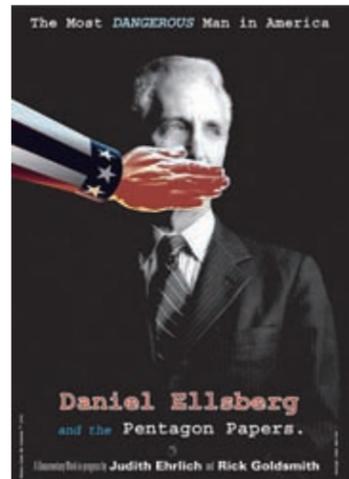
► **MONDAY, OCT. 4, 9 P.M.**

American Masters: A Letter to Elia

This is a biography and autobiography — Elia Kazan's life, his sense of himself as an immigrant, as an outsider, as an acclaimed film director.

► **TUESDAY, OCT. 5, 9 p.m.**

P.O.V.: The Most Dangerous Man in America: Daniel Ellsberg and the Pentagon Papers



A comprehensive look at the release of the Pentagon Papers in 1971 and the resultant political firestorm that may have sealed Americans' disenchantment with the war and the fate of the Nixon administration. It's also an intimate look into the conscience of a gifted and intelligent man who National Security Advisor Henry Kissinger told his staff was “the most dangerous man in America who must be stopped at all costs.”

► **WEDNESDAY, OCT. 6, 9 p.m.**
Great Performances: Macbeth

Director Rupert Goold adapts his gripping stage production of Macbeth — with Sir Patrick Stewart and Kate Fleetwood reprising their Tony-nominated performances — into this edgy film that relocates the bloody action to a nameless 20th-century netherworld. ■



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There's something (good and) fishy going on at Sea Salt these days. Chef/owner Fabrizio Aielli has installed a large glass case in the dining room in which he displays all manner of fresh seafood.

On a recent evening, there were whole grouper, various snappers, lobster, shrimp, squid, dorade and branzino glistening amid mounds of crushed ice. Customers are free to get up close and select whatever fish appeals to them.

"When we first opened, people didn't want to see the whole fish with the head on," Chef Aielli says. "But that's changed. They like to choose different fish and compare at the table."

One customer came in and took one look at a large black grouper on display, asked how many it would feed, then returned a short time later with a dozen friends in tow. When told it would take about two hours to cook the fish, the group settled in for drinks and appetizers.

The fish is deboned and plated table-side, which makes it showier still. Having recently sampled a delicious array of the case's offerings that had been simply grilled and seasoned, I can confidently recommend this outstanding addition to an already stellar restaurant.

Sea Salt is at 1186 Third St. S. Call 434-7258 for reservations.

Angelina's rewards program

As of Friday, Oct. 1, frequent patrons of Angelina's Ristorante will be rewarded through the Friends of Angelina's program. Cardholders receive one point for every dollar spent at the restaurant (excluding tax, gratuities and gift cards). Once they accumulate 500 points, they immediately receive a \$50 check credit. Unused points expire after two years.

"We appreciate our loyal customer base," says Ken Knief, the restaurant's general manager. "Our recent customer survey shows that over 80 percent of guests on any given day are repeat customers who dine at least once a month at Angelina's."

As of Oct. 1, the restaurant's hours are

5-9 p.m. Sunday and 5-10 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The summer wine special — 50 percent off any bottle of wine priced at \$175 or less — remains in effect through Oct. 31.

In other news, the restaurant recently donated a ton of food to the Lee County Domestic Animal Services' pet pantry, which helps struggling families feed their pets instead of relinquishing them.

The restaurant is at 24041 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs. For details, call 390-3187.

Bamboo Café plays guessing game

Its first "Guess What's for Dinner Tonight?" event was so well received, Bamboo Café is issuing another culinary challenge to patrons at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6.

Sample seven tasting portions of French classics (three appetizers, two entrees and two desserts) then attempt to identify them. French-themed prizes will be awarded and special guest Joelle Rossano, of Rose de Paris & Provence, will host. The dinner is \$38 per person.

Bamboo Café is at 755 12th Ave. S., in Old Naples. Call 643-6177 for details and reservations.

Women unite against cancer

Women Supporting Women will hold a fundraiser for the Cancer Alliance of Naples. The event celebrates breast cancer survivors and offers networking opportunities, entertainment, good food and fine wine.

The ninth annual Women Supporting Women event takes place from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, at Handsome Harry's Third Street Bistro.

The group hopes to top its 2009 event, for which 150 women turned out and raised \$21,000. Since its inception in 2001, the group has raised more than \$100,000 for the Cancer Alliance.

In addition to food and wine, there will be a silent auction and prize drawings from tickets sold at the door. Advance tickets are \$65 each. They will be \$75 at the door. Make checks payable



Chef Fabrizio Aielli inspects the seafood displayed in a new glass case in Sea Salt's dining room.



A platter of grilled seafood created from the night's fresh offerings at Sea Salt.

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to Cancer Alliance of Naples or send credit card details to Alice Carlson, 2730 Leeward Ave., Naples, FL 34103, or e-mail womensupportingwomen.naples@gmail.com.

Carve for a cure

The fifth annual Flying Pig Carve for a Cure will take place at Robb & Stucky Casual Living Outdoor in Bonita Springs from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16.

The event, for which area physicians and artists donate their time and talents to craft the Styrofoam pumpkins, will

benefit Susan G. Komen for the Cure-Southwest Florida Affiliate and The United Way of Lee County.

Besides auctioning off the artful pumpkins, the event includes a menu designed by The Flying Pig chef Lisa Fidler revolving around this year's theme, "Cirque Culinaire." Tickets are \$50 each, which includes food, wine and entertainment. For reservations, contact United Way at 433-2000, ext. 259.

Capital Grille fall faves

The Capital Grille has added some new menu items inspired by the flavors of the Pacific Northwest, including seared halibut with harvest vegetables and tenderloin of beef with morel mushrooms. For dessert, there's Washington apple tart with handcrafted

vanilla bean ice cream.

"The menu showcases our chef's culinary artistry, with artisanal twists on a uniquely American cuisine," says Peter Lopez, managing partner of The Capital Grille Naples.

The menu is available through Oct. 31.

The Capital Grille is at Mercato, on U.S. 41 north of Vanderbilt Beach Road. For reservations, call 254-0640 or visit thecapitalgrille.com.

Openings and closings

■ After a restorative six-week respite in California, chef/owner Alexander Bernard is back in the kitchen. Alexander's Restaurant has reopened for the season, serving lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and dinner starting at 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Prix fixe meals are available from 5-6:30 p.m. It's at 4077 Tamiami Trail N. Call 262-4999.

■ Café Italia's Naples location reopens Friday, Oct. 1. It's at 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. Call 596-5600 for reservations and information.

■ China Pavilion at the Pavilion Shopping Center at U.S. 41 and Vanderbilt Beach Road shut down suddenly earlier this month. ■

food & wine CALENDAR

► **Thursday, Sept. 30,** 5:30-7:30 p.m., Fleming's: The final 20 of the restaurant's new list of 100 wines by the glass debuts along with light hors d'oeuvres; \$25 (credited toward dinner the evening of the tasting), 8985 Tamiami Trail N.; 598-2424. Reservations required.

► **Thursday, Sept. 30,** 6:30 p.m., Ruth's Chris Steak House: Sample 12 wines along with a variety of appetizers; \$20, Coconut Point, 23151 Village Shops, Estero; 948-8888. Reservations required.

► **Friday, Oct. 1,** 7-9 p.m., Whole Foods Market: The monthly Mercato Summer Wine & Concert Series takes place featuring 25 wines from around the world along with cheese pairings; \$10, Mercato, 9101 Strada Place; 552-5100. Reservations recommended. Register online at www.aceva.com/go/LifestyleCenter.

► **Saturday, Oct. 2,** 9, 16, 23 and 30, 7:30-11:30 a.m., Third Street South: The weekly farmers market features fruit, veggies, cheeses, desserts, breads, flowers and many more items along with music; parking area behind Tommy Bahamas between Third Street and Gordon Drive.

► **Wednesday, Oct. 6,** 5:30-8 p.m., Decanted: Sample a variety of this Napa Valley winery's premium wines along with heavy hors d'oeuvres; \$15, with \$5 credit toward purchase, 1410 Pine Ridge Road; 434-1814. Reservations required.

► **Thursday, Oct. 7,** 5:30-8 p.m., Decanted: Take part in an Oktoberfest beer tasting featuring German beers, bratwurst and sauerkraut; \$5, 1410 Pine Ridge Road; 434-1814. Reservations encouraged.

► **Saturday, Oct. 9,** noon, Roy's Naples: Celebrate back to school with Roy's

Keikis' luncheon, inviting children 12 and younger and their parents for lunch and a show by The Amazing Kumar of Tin City Magic Shop; \$20 per child or adult, 475 Bayfront Place, Naples; 261-1416. Reservations required.

► **Sunday, Oct. 10,** 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Whole Foods Market: During "U Gotta Go Green Day," learn how long it takes a plastic bottle to biodegrade, see raw food demonstrations, bring the kids to make free bird feeders and learn about all the ways you can help live a greener life; free, Mercato, 9101 Strada Place; 552-5100.

► **Tuesday, Oct. 12,** 5:30-8 p.m., Decanted: Sample a variety of wines along with chocolates from Naples-based Royal Palm Chocolates; \$10, with \$5 credit toward purchase, 1410 Pine Ridge Road; 434-1814.

► **Wednesday, Oct. 20,** 5:30-8 p.m.,

Decanted: The Ultimate Throwdown features the store's wine distributors bringing several of their best wines for competition. Taste up to 30 wines and help determine the winners, which will compete in the finals in December; \$25, 1410 Pine Ridge Road; 434-1814. Reservations required (this event sells out).

► **Thursday, Oct. 21,** 6-9 p.m., Robb & Stucky Casual Living Outdoor: Join chef Lisa Fidler of The Flying Pig for an adult cooking class focused on making savory and sweet treats for Halloween. Costumes are optional; \$50, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs. For details, call 337-3744. To register, call (866) 206-3840. Reservations required. ■

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Naples Total Sales Increase at Least 47 Percent *Report Shows 9 Percent Increase in Median Closed Price*

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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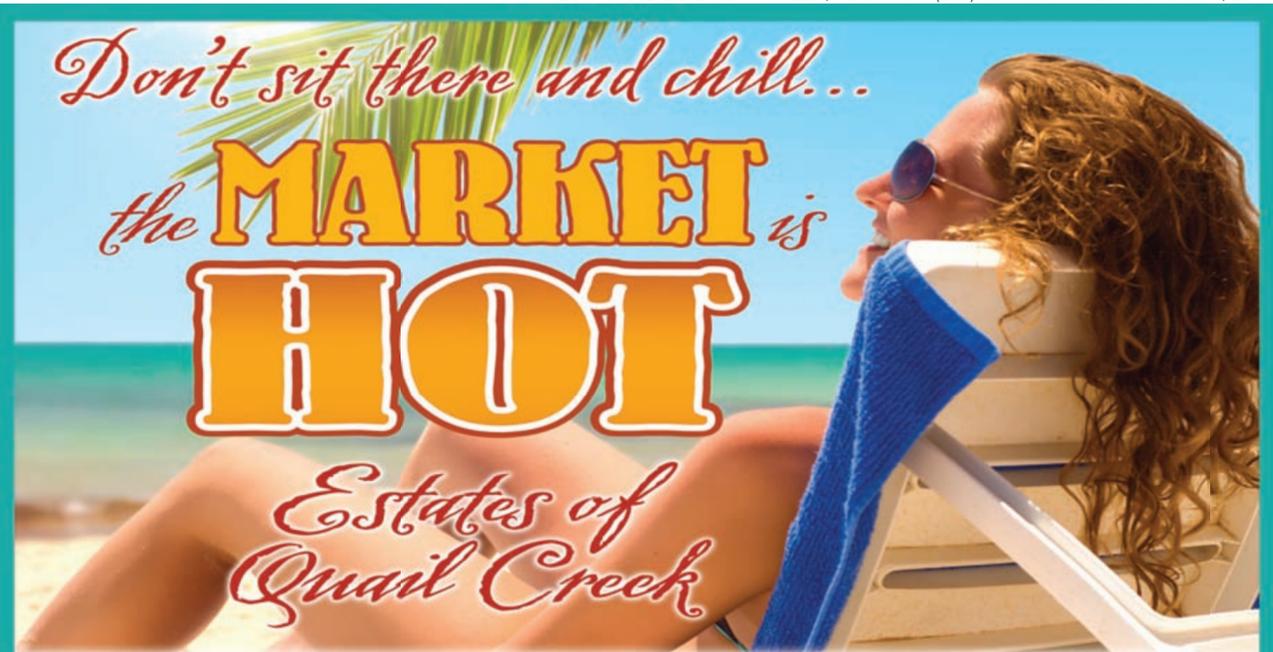
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