

## NEW BUILDINGS



Back in charge: James Billie wins Seminole Tribe chairmanship

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James Billie, the controversial former chairman of the Seminole Tribe of Florida who pioneered the Indian gaming industry in the United States, has hit the jackpot. Mr. Billie, who was forced from his position as head of the Florida Seminoles nearly a decade ago, will be sworn in as the new chairman of the tribe on June 6 in Hollywood. The ceremony will mark a serendipitous comeback by Mr. Billie, who reclaimed the chairman's job in a landslide during the tribal election earlier this month.


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four-year term.
Mr. Billie could not be reached for comment regarding his upset victory.

Mr. Billie, 67, won 58.4 percent of the 1,757 ballots that were cast in the election, according to the Associated Press. In doing so, he defeated two-term Chairman Mitchell Cypress, who was regarded as the favorite in the contest. Mr . Billie will serve a

Four years ago, Mr. Billie sought to regain the post he had lost after tribal leaders forced him from office amid charges of financial misdeeds and a sexual harassment complaint. He denied wrongdoing on all counts and vowed to win back his job. But in the elections of 2007, he was denied a spot on the ballot because of alleged irregularities involving residency requirements. Mr. Billie's 22-year reign as chief of the Seminoles was marked by flamboyance and controversy. A battle-hardened veteran of

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## The seducer, the fornicator and a man named Judy <br> become a movie superstar and governor



Sexual misconduct has been much in the news as of late, and the sordid stories that have dominated the headlines do not reflect well on the males of our species. Let's be honest. It has not been a good couple of weeks to be a man.

While it could be argued this is an appropriate time to take a metaphorical baseball bat to the collective heads of all men, there was an incident right here in Florida that offers a glimmer of hope. Indeed, I submit (and will later in this column prove) that the Sunshine State has produced a man of such noble gallantry that he has committed the 21st Century equivalent of Sir Walter Raleigh flinging his cloak across a puddle in advance of Elizabeth I.
Before I unveil my new hero, let's first address the ugliness.
In New York, Dominique Strauss-Kahn, the former chief of the International Monetary Fund, was charged with the attempted rape of a hotel maid. So powerful and famous is Mr. Strauss-Kahn that in rarified salons of Paris, Washington and New York he is known simply as "DSK." I shall now, however, refer to the 62 -yearold disgraced global banker and politician as "DOM" (Dirty Old Man).
DOM was widely regarded as the person most likely to unseat the unpopular French President Nicolas Sarkozy in next
year's election. DOM was to run as a candidate of the Socialist Party and, like any good socialist, he was ensconced in a $\$ 3,000$-a-night hotel suite in Manhattan when the alleged attack took place.
DOM has a well-documented history of aggressive womanizing that borders on the predatory. But none of this was seen as much of a liability in France. To the French, sex is only scandalous if you're not getting any.
DOM was years ago dubbed the "great seducer" - a sobriquet he relished and nurtured. He must be quite the sweet talker, because the guy who showed up for arraignment looked something like a cross between a Hobbit and Gerard Depardieu.
DOM is using his legendary charm as a defense. He apparently will claim that whatever sexual contact occurred was consensual.
His lawyer's version goes something like this: DOM emerged naked from the shower, and the 32 -year-old chambermaid (who is a native of Guinea, where French is spoken) was immediately and overwhelming smitten by the sight of this pallid dumpling of a man.
"Sacre bleu!" she must have been thinking if we are to accept this improbable scenario. "Ici vient le grand seducteur!"
(The above roughly translates into idiomatic English as: "Hot damn! Here comes the great seducer!")

As the yucky details of the DOM case unfolded, another sex scandal exploded on the opposite coast.
Arnold Schwarzenegger, the steroidenhanced body builder who went on to
of California, admitted to fathering a child out of wedlock some 14 years ago. This love child (the mother is a housekeeper who worked in the Schwarzenegger home for more than 20 years) and a son Mr. Schwarzenegger fathered with his now-estranged wife Maria Shriver were born less than a week apart.
As with DOM, Mr. Schwarzenegger has an extensive history of tawdry and unwelcomed behavior that borders on the criminal. One entertainment website said in 2003 that Mr. Schwarzenegger was widely known for his enthusiastic "breast-fondling and butt-grabbing." This became a campaign issue when he first ran for governor, but Ms. Shriver leapt to his defense and that pretty much put the matter to rest - at least until this latest bombshell went off.
That Mr. Schwarzenegger turned out to be more "The Fornicator" than "The Terminator" should come as a shock to no one. And given the mess he made of California as governor, I'm betting many of the state's voters feel The Fornicator did to them what he did to his housekeeper.
Now, on to something more upbeat. Down around Key West a 37 -year-old woman was arrested for grooming her nether region with a razor while driving a Thunderbird. A neat trick, if you can pull it off. Unfortunately, Megan Mariah Barnes couldn't, and her car plowed into another vehicle, slightly injuring its occupants. Ms. Barnes, who was on her way to a date with a boyfriend, sped from the scene and was later apprehended down the road. Everyone - except perhaps Ms. Barnes and the
folks who were bruised in the collision - got a chuckle out of this weird tale. But overlooked and ignored was the extraordinary role played by her ex-husband.
It seems that Charles Judy, the former husband, was in the car and, while sitting in the passenger's seat, actually took the wheel and steered the Thunderbird so Ms. Barnes could tidy herself. Mr. Judy also tried to take the fall for Ms. Barnes (who the day before had been convicted of DUI and had had her driver's license revoked).
Mr. Judy and Ms. Barnes switched seats before the cops showed up so it would appear he had been behind the driver all the while. This ingenious plan was foiled when it was noted that Mr. Judy suffered burns to his chest when the passengerside airbag deployed - something the driver's airbag did not do.
Think about this. Here is a man who not only helped his former wife get spiffy for an assignation with another fellow but was willing to go to the hoosegow on her behalf as well.
For those who insist gallantry is dead, I offer Charles Judy as Exhibit A to the contrary. I attempted, without success, to speak with Mr. Judy - as much to congratulate him as to interview him. Call me a head-in-the-clouds romantic if you will, but I'd like to believe he was unreachable because he was out helping another damsel in distress.
So damn The Fornicator and DOM and all others who disgrace the gender. For one brief, shining moment, a simple chap named Charles Judy has yet again made me proud to exclaim that, yes, I am a man. $\quad$ -


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## OPINION

## The persecution of Boeing


H.L. Mencken defined Puritanism as the haunting fear that someone, somewhere may be happy. The National Labor Relations Board is haunted by the fear that a company somewhere might be creating jobs with a nonunionized workforce.
Boeing has run afoul of that fear by investing more than $\$ 1$ billion in a new plant in the right-to-work state of South Carolina. With only the flimsiest legal justification, the board wants to force Boeing to reverse course and locate the facility with its current operations in Washington state, where its workers are unionized.
The NLRB's claims are laughable on their face, although Boeing -- trying to run a business in a highly competitive global market -- can be forgiven for missing the joke. The board accuses Boeing of "interfering with, restraining, and coercing" its union employees in the exercise of their rights by making a thoroughly understandable business decision.
The CEO of Boeing stands accused
of saying the company could ill-afford the "strikes happening every three to four years in Puget Sound." In a memo, paraphrased in the NLRB complaint, Boeing management said it wanted "to reduce vulnerability to delivery disruptions caused by work stoppages." What's notable about these statements is that they are so obvious, they should go without saying.
As the NLRB itself notes, Boeing suffered strikes with some regularity, in 1977, 1989, 1995, 2005 and 2008. These job actions weren't good for business, or the unions wouldn't have undertaken them: Their express purpose is to exact pain on the company. The logic of the NLRB's position is that businesses shouldn't notice strikes, and if they do, they should learn to like them and never factor their potential cost into investment decisions.
There are rules against "runaway shops" (i.e., picking up and moving a plant to evade a union) and against retaliating against workers for striking or organizing. Boeing's decision to expand its business into South Carolina is manifestly none of those things. It is leaving its Washington state facility intact. In fact, Boeing has expanded it, adding 2,000 jobs. When the Charleston facility
is brought online, Boeing will build 10 of its 787 Dreamliners a month - seven of them still in Washington state.
If every company were abusing its workers by continuing to employ them and adding to their ranks, the unemployment rate wouldn't be 9 percent. The NLRB can't point to any Boeing worker in Washington who has been harmed -let alone restrained or coerced -- by the company's decision to hire additional workers in South Carolina.

The desperation of President Barack Obama's NLRB is understandable. It is fighting a losing battle against the inexorable erosion of the supports of the semi-guild system of 20th-century unionization. In its overreach, though, it is creating yet another disincentive for business to locate in union-heavy blue states. What company wants to risk having to fight a union and the federal government for years in court just to defend a common-sense business decision?
Clearly, Boeing made a grave mistake in its labor relations. It should have located its production in South Carolina from the beginning. -

- Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.


## Electronic brownshirts trumped again



Judy Ancel, a Kansas City, Mo., professor, and her St. Louis colleague were teaching a labor history class together this spring semester. Little did they know, video recordings of the class were making their way into the thriving sub rosa world of right-wing attack video editing, twisting their words in a way that resulted in the loss of one of the professors' jobs amidst a wave of intimidation and death threats. Fortunately, reason and solid facts prevailed, and the videos ultimately were exposed for what they are: fraudulent, deceptive, sloppily edited hit pieces.
Right-wing mediapersonality Andrew Breitbart is the forceful advocate of the slew of deceptively edited videos that target and smear progressive individuals and institutions. He promoted the videos that purported to catch employees of the community organization ACORN assisting a couple in setting up a prostitution ring. He showcased the edited video of Shirley Sherrod, an African-American employee of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which completely convoluted her speech, making her appear to admit to discriminating against a white farmer. She was fired as a result of the cooked-up controversy. Similar video attacks have been waged against Planned Parenthood.
Judy Ancel has been the director of the University of Missouri-Kansas City's Institute for Labor Studies since 1988. Using a live video link, she coteaches a course on the history of the labor movement with professor Don Giljum, who teaches at University of Missouri-St. Louis. The course comprises seven day-long, interactive sessions throughout the semester. They are video-recorded and made available
through a password-protected system to students registered in the class. One of those students, Philip Christofanelli, copied the videos and, he admits on one of Breitbart's sites, that he did "give them out in their entirety to a number of my friends." At some point, a series of highly and very deceptively edited renditions of the classes appeared on Breitbart's website. It was then that Ancel's and Giljum's lives were disrupted, and the death threats started.
A post on Breitbart's BigGovernment.com summarized the video: "The professors not only advocate the occasional need for violence and industrial sabotage, they outline specific tactics that can be used." Ancel told me, "I was just appalled, because I knew it was me speaking, but it wasn't saying what I had said in class." She related the attack against her and Giljum to the broader attack on progressive institutions currently:
"These kinds of attacks are the equivalent of electronic brownshirts. They create so much fear, and they are so directed against anything that is progressive - the right to an education, the rights of unions, the rights of working people - I see, are all part of an overall attack to silence the majority of people and create the kind of climate of fear that allows for us to move very, very sharply to the right. And it's very frightening."
Ancel's contact information was included in the attack video, as was Giljum's. She received a flurry of threatening e-mails. Giljum received at least two death threats over the phone. The University of Missouri conducted an investigation into the charges prompted by the videos, during which time they posted uniformed and plainclothes police in the classrooms. Giljum is an adjunct professor, with a full-time job working as the business manager for Operating Engineers Local 148, a union in St. Louis. Meanwhile, the union acceded to pressure from the Missouri

AFL-CIO, and asked Giljum to resign, just days before his May 1 retirement after working there for 27 years.
Gail Hackett, provost of the University of Missouri-Kansas City, released a statement after the investigation, clearing the two professors of any wrongdoing:
"It is clear that edited videos posted on the Internet depict statements from the instructors in an inaccurate and distorted manner by taking their statements out of context and reordering the sequence in which those statements were actually made so as to change their meaning.'

The University of Missouri-St. Louis also weighed in with similar findings, and stated that Giljum was still eligible to teach there.
On April 18, Andrew Breitbart appeared on Sean Hannity's Fox News program, declaring, "We are going to take on education next, go after the teachers and the union organizers." It looks as if Ancel and Giljum were the first targets of that attack.
In this case, the attack failed. While ACORN was ultimately vindicated by a Congressional investigation, the attack took its toll, and the organization lost its funding and collapsed. President Barack Obama and Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack apologized to Shirley Sherrod and Vilsack begged her to return to work. Sherrod has a book coming out and a lawsuit pending against Breitbart.

Let's hope this is a sign that deception, intimidation and the influence of the right-wing echo chamber are on the decline.

- Amy Goodman is the host of "Democracy Now!," a daily international TV/radio news hour airing on more than 900 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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Predicted to be an early summer smash hit at the box office, Warner Brothers' "The Hangover Part II" found the cure for coordinating and filming water scenes and stunts with a Naples-based company. Marine Team International is owned and operated by the family that owns and runs Cruise Naples.
Capt. Lance Julian, a familiar face around Tin City and Naples Bay, led the crew that traveled to Thailand to shoot four water scenes, including one major stunt, for "The Hangover Part II." Opening in theaters on May 26, the movie stars Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms and Zach Galifianakis. When the friends travel to Thailand for a wedding, it's all fun and games - until something goes seriously awry.
"When I read this script, I realized this production would have its challenges, such as demanding scenes in one of the busiest rivers in the world," says Capt. Julian, who is the co-founder, president and marine director of Marine Team International. The team, which also managed water safety for everyone involved in the film, has been behind the scenes in a similar capacity for films including "Titanic," "Red," "Water World," "The Thomas Crown Affair," "The Thin Red Line" and "I Love You Phillip Morris."
They also provided marine coordination, logistics and water transport for the reality TV show "Survivor" in seasons six through 13 and assisted with season 14 in Fiji.
Capt. Julian and his son, Capt. Harry Julian, founded Marine Team International in 1994 to provide consulting, project management and production services for commercial marine projects and for water-related feature films, television programs, commercials, videos, documentaries, etc. They moved the company's headquarters from Hawaii to Naples in 2009 and still operate a location in their home country of New Zealand as well.
Capt. Julian says Cruise Naples plans to extend its products this year by introducing "Eco and Thrill" adventures drawing from Marine Team International's experiences in the film industry and commercial nautical world.
For more information, including a complete listing of films and film credits, visit www.marineteam.net and www. cruisenaplesflorida.com. ■


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## HEALTH

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Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Glades and Hendry counties.
Uncertain and full of trepidation, his young patient and parents can hear a child down the hall crying, "No, no, no." At first, the press and proximity of other lives and other struggles is unnerving to the family of newcomers at hand. But before long, Dr. MacArthur has answered detailed questions from the parents and coaxed the boy out of a stoic state of fear and into a game room for a go at pinball. There, the good doctor proves himself a wizard of long experience.
He leaves the patient, finally, with these simple words: "It's going to get bet ter."
Indeed it is, although pain may be part of the process.
But Dr. MacArthur's words ring with a resonance that echoes out far beyond the parochial concerns of the occupants of a single room on a single hallway in Lee's sprawling, single system of hospitals and specialty treatment centers - the largest public facility in Florida that operates without a single cent of local tax support, and the seventh-largest such institution in the nation, according to Lee officials.
Highly rated across the board, the Lee Memorial Health System is supported by a patchwork of government medical programs, private insurers of individuals and the startling but difficult-to-quantify generosity of private benefactors.
Almost counter-intuitively, while the region has been saddled since 2007 with the worst effects of a national recession, and while politicians both federal and state have been belting it out since the Clinton administration over how to pay for the increasingly heavy demands of health care with diminishing resources, fortuitous constellation of ingenious officials at hospitals in Lee, Collier and Charlotte counties were not only planning but putting into effect striking new improvements to meet the needs of the extended community.
"Being the largest hospital system in Florida and the second-largest in the nation that oper ates without any tax support, we've been
 able to take risks tha permitted us to remain viable without the public helping us," says Jim Nathan, president and CEO
 of the Lee system. And Lee's leaders aren't the only ones taking risks. At Naples Community Hospital, Dr Allen Weiss, president and CEO, with his team of managers, faces a different set of economic and social factors, but one similar challenge: to make improvements in the midst of hard times.
New technologies and savvy arrangements or rearrangements of logistics and resources are making that happen.
In Naples, for example, the rooms are getting smarter - 64 of them, to be exact, on the North Naples campus.
"They're state-of-the-art, computerwired patient rooms that will enhance the experience of the patient and his or her family, while educational opportunities are incorporated into the hospital routine," explains Dr. Weiss.
Not only will patients and families learn a lot more, and more quickly, about
what's happening to them - putting them in the advantageous position of being able to ask better questions and collaborate in their care with doctors but new medical personnel will be able to participate and learn too, through the Smart Rooms.
That's just one example; there are many.
At the Charlotte Regional Medical Center, part of Health Management Associates, hard times have not prevented the center from buying a da Vinci Surgical System. The robot, of sorts, allows surgeons or teams of two to operate from a console with such precise focus that large incisions are often unnecessary, blood loss is greatly reduced and patients recover more quickly.

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"This is at the cutting edge," says Dr. Arvind Sharma, a urologist who led a team to remove a cancerous prostate two weeks ago, in his first operation with the da Vinci.
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"Although the da Vinci is robotic, it's not a robot," Dr. Sharma notes. "It's simply a tool that a surgeon uses, such as a scalpel. Ultimately, the machine is only as good as the surgeon using it.'

## Building for the future

And a hospital system is only as good as the men and women guiding it especially at a time when community and society pressures to provide more for less seem to be increasing.
So-called "safety net hospitals" such as those in the Lee system, for example, account for about 12 percent of Florida hospitals, but they provide 50 percent of charity care and 43 percent of Medicaid. Not only that, but growth here outpaced that in Florida as a whole by 41 percent to 18 percent in the last decade. And the region Lee serves includes a population of those 65 and older that number almost twice the national average -24 percent as opposed to the national average of 13 percent. By 2030, the region will average 34 percent.

In the meantime, seniors use healthcare services twice as frequently as everyone else, they stay twice as long, and their care is measured at twice the intensity, according to Lee system numbers.

But the economic risks made on behalf of seniors and everybody else, as Mr Nathan aptly puts it - risks made in Collier, Lee and Charlotte hospitals alike


- are now about to pay off in a series of improvements ranging from large to smaller.
Especially at Lee Memorial Health
System.
For example, there's a new, much more spacious Children's Hospital about to arise on the east side of HealthPark. It will be attached by two floors to the current care center, while remaining a separate entity. The hospital promises the advantages not only of more and more comfortable space, but of windows and sunlight - not simply the light of good doctors.
There's the new Park Royal Psychiatric Hospital that will provide many more beds and a stronger focus on the mental health of older patients.
There's a new 7,000-square-foot Col-
lier County Children's Hospital Clinic - part of the Lee system - designed to


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The state-of-the-art da Vinci Surgical System is in use at NCH and Physicians Regional hospitals in Naples, at Lee Memorial Health System in Fort Myers and Charlotte Regional Medical Center in Port Charlotte.

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follow-up care, including care with the region's finest specialists, for Collier children with extraordinary medical problems treated initially at The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida in Fort Myers. (Lee's Children's Hospital provides the only services of its kind in neonatal care, oncology and other specialties, between Miami and Tampa, so travel is inevitable for some patients and parents in Collier or Charlotte counties.)
There is a new flagship Regional Cancer Care Center that offers complete, state-of-the-art care for patients at a single site - yet another benefit never before available to patients in the region. And on the smaller, but no less important, side, Lee's Trauma Care Center, which has saved many lives in part by allowing patients to reach its $24 / 7$ dedicated trauma doctors in "the golden hour" - realistically about the first 30 minutes after a calamity - has a newly acquired helicopter that can take the pressure off the sole aircraft used for the last two years.
That will make a difference not only in Lee County, but in Collier, and parts of Charlotte, Hendry and Glades, from all of which traumatized victims have been saved in the Trauma Center, in recent years.
For those who hate paperwork, finally, there's a new, much more efficient, online billing system in Lee that makes clear every step of the process - which will sound like a small thing only to the uninitiated, who have never wandered like lost souls through a disorganized billing process.
None of this is easy, especially post-recession. Which raises the question
of the ultimate state-of-the-art gift to residents, visitors and all citizens alike: superb and superbly trained men and women who staff it all.
In Lee, for example, there are 9,500 employees, including 1,200 doctors who use the system's resources, or work exclusively in it
And though they are often considered last, Mr. Nathan insists, they are not least.
"The one thing I feel the least fulfilled about in my many years at Lee Memorial Health System are these amazing, talented people, who are never recognized enough for the phenomenal services they provide, in an extremely challenging community."
We say amen to that
Here is a closer look at some of the vital new non-human improvements in the region's medical care, made on behalf of all of us, by variety of forwardthinking leaders in health care:

## New Children's Hospital <br> of Southwest Florida:

America's newest children's hospital will never be a beautiful thing to a child first arriving.
But to parents who will always be frightened for their children, the new structure will become a Mecca.
Not one that sprang up over night, either. "We started to travel this journey because of a lack of bed capacity," says Kathy Bridge-Liles, vice president The Children's Hospital at HealthPark Medical Center.
Everybody needed beds. So who gets them first? The children, of course. And when they get those new beds, others open up for older patients elsewhere in the hospital.
Here it is by the numbers: $\$ 226$ million, including a $\$ 198.1$ million tower with a soaring glass atrium, 50 new pediatric beds added to the existing 98 beds for a total of 148 beds, a 68 -bed neonatal intensive care unit and a 20 -bed emergency department for children only. And let's not forget the spin-off benefits: a six-story parking garage right there.
Six stories and 400,000 square feet with a new children's emergency room. A separate MRI and pediatric imaging department, along with separate and selfcontained areas for surgery preparation and surgery recovery. Since 25,000 children made visits to the medical center's all-purposes emergency room last year, the new children's ER will take significant pressure off the current ER.
If you happen to have $\$ 50$ million or so lying around looking for a good cause - or any portion of that - here it is, suggests Dr. Eman Salman, a pediatric oncologist and the interim medical director of The Children's Hospital at HealthPark Medical Center in Fort Myers. That's how much officials hope to raise from philanthropists, who have proven themselves far beyond expectation in times past.
"The new building will really help us decompress the ER," says Ms. Bridge-Liles. "It's a win-win-win. Adults get the ER beds they need, and we bring all children's services together. Parents will take their children to one building."
If they have to. In which case, it won't be as bad as they think, and no matter how extreme or unusual their condition, "they won't have to go as far," says Dr. Salman.

## Collier County Children's <br> Hospital Clinic:

The reasoning behind the Lee Memorial Health System's new, centrally located 7,000 square-foot colorfest of a clinic in the Polaris Center on Immokalee Road in North Naples is a simple statistic: one in every four patients arriving at Children's Hospital about 40 miles north of Naples
hails from Collier County.
Such children may still have to travel to Lee for a first consultation; but for second, third or tenth consultations, which often happens in difficult cases, they will not have to drive so many miles. In fact, doctors and staff are sometimes the ones doing the driving, for the sake of children.
The clinic itself, meanwhile, is a state-of the-art design with children in mind. Tests rely on video games, or colorful climbing apparatuses, or blocks of color set at precise distances to measure walking skills, or other ingenious methods.
Specialties practices here include endocrinology, neurology, nephrology, oncology, hematology, allergy and immunology, and orthopedics, with future plans to add pulmonology and cardiology.

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## Jewels in the NCH crown:

In one of the nation's premier community hospitals, things just got even better. By year's end, 64 new "smart rooms" completely wired to connect them to the latest computer technologies that advance care literally at the speed of light, right from the bedside, will be occupied.
They offer not only peerless technology, but privacy too, part of the NCH conversion from semi-private to private rooms.
Thus, says President and CEO Dr. Allen Weiss, the community-wide system will jump from 681 to 715 beds, with 325 at the North Naples campus. That campus will also include two new large operating rooms and the operative support area

NCH is not just tech-savvy, however. The hospital is also looking ahead to preventive care, which is where the Telford Building downtown comes in. The hospital will completely refurbish this site to provide both medical education and public education, which means that healthy people can stay that way, here, where health through prevention is the goal.

Finally, although long known for its superb cardiovascular care, NCH is now bringing together a team of 15 cardiologists, who will be headquartered at the Briggs Wellness Center.

The aim, says Dr. Weiss, "is to have an integrated diagnostic and therapeutic approach to cardiovascular disease. This new combined team anticipates having a national presence and becoming a medical destination, thereby adding further to the growth of our region."

The idea of which, alone, makes the heart beat faster.

## Lee Memorial Health System's Park Royal Psychiatric Hospital:

For years or even decades, one of the significant weaknesses in medicine on the southwest coast has fallen under the category of comprehensive behavioral care.

In nine months, that will change. Beginning next February, Park Royal Psychiatric Hospital, centrally located at HealthPark in South Fort Myers, will open its doors not only to offer strong outpatient programs, but 76 beds in 72,200 square feet of space for adults 18 and over, with a special focus on geriatric problems.


## A Smart Room at NCH

The two key words in this new effort, suggests Jim Harper, president of Park Royal, are "compassionate and comprehensive."
Indeed, it will seem both for the patients and families who have scattered seemingly to the four winds for care, in the past.

## Lee Memorial's new patient billing:

Don't laugh, not unless you've wrestled with medical billing in the past, and discovered it to be fun and easy (in which case you may need to check into the new Park Royal Psychiatric Hospital).
While others may play with bricks and mortar and hundreds of thousands of square feet of new space and new medical teams or technologies sometimes almost seemingly capable of bringing back the dead, somebody has been doing the grunt work, as they used to say. Lucky for all of us.
In this case, that includes the creation of a new website (www.MyLeeBill.org) that can take you through the steps like Disney can take a tourist through the rides. It's almost fun, for God's sake.
"We know hospital bills can be confusing," says Anne Rose, vice president of the Lee System Revenue Cycle, "and we wanted to make the process as patient-friendly as possible."
If numbers crunchers don't usually talk like that, then rest assured they almost never talk like this, either: "Our patients don't stop being our patients when they leave our facilities."
To prove it, the new billing system comes complete with human beings, who will also help if the computer just isn't your thing.
If little cartoons designed to help with each step don't, and if sample letters provided in case an insurance carrier denies coverage of something, and if instant online access to your bill isn't good enough, and if the glossary of terms just won't do it for a good explanation, a pro will be waiting for you to help.
True to form, Ms. Rose explains it this way: "The needs of our patients and loved ones come first, no matter if they're receiving medical treatment or need help
settling their account."
These people, in other words, are not going to show up in the middle of the night and repossess your car. One more thing: "We'll continue rolling out improvements and new features to make the site even more patient friendly," says Ms. Rose. That's what we like to hear.

## Charlotte Regional Medical Center's da Vinci robotic tool:

This is one cool million-dollar telesurgical machine (the surgeon operates controls and watches a screen), made by a company called Intuitive Surgical and known rather ambitiously as the da Vinci Surgical System.
For good reason. Just as Leonardo da Vinci was able to do different things with each arm or hand at the same time, this machine relies on arms. And video, and - as any great machine - a very skillful human being
Although the machine relies on a console with high-def video where two surgeons can work the controls at once, the action takes place with the four robotic arms emerging from a bedside station.
Each comes equipped with an endoscopic camera and the ability to carry a variety of instruments, giving the surgeon a 3-D image of the site, and complete control of the knife, as it were.
"The da Vinci translates the surgeon's hand, wrist and finger movements into precise movements of the miniaturized instruments on the tip of the robotic arms," according to hospital literature. "The arms allow a greater range of motion and dexterity than the human hand and wrist. And a feature known as "motion scaling" allows the surgeon to adjust the sensitivity of his hand movements to the corresponding micro-movements of the instruments."
What all that means, ultimately, are much smaller, more precise incisions, shorter hospital stays, less pain, less blood loss, shorter hospital stays, and quicker recoveries.
"In the case of certain cardiac surgeries in which the chest must be cut open and the ribs separated, the da Vinci can instead sneak between the rib bones to get to the heart," according to officials. "That
 alleviates the dreaded roughly 10 -inch scar left by traditional open heart surgery. So major surgery becomes minimally invasive surgery."
In the first surgery using the da Vinci early in May, a patient named Thomas (the hospital would not provide his last name), lost his cancerous prostate, while two surgeons who had trained three weeks on the machine worked the console.
"I had no fear, knowing that Dr. (Arvind) Sharma would be doing the surgery," he said. "You have to have a good doctor behind the wheel."
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# 26 college-bound seniors receive Pelican Bay Founders Fund awards 

In 1991, a group of golf club members from Pelican Bay decided to raise scholarships funds for children of staff members at Club Pelican Bay. Their mission soon expanded to include students throughout Collier County.
Over the past 20 years, the Founders Fund has awarded $\$ 2$ million in scholarships to 479 local students. For the 2011-12 academic year, 23 recipients are Collier County students and three are also children of Club Pelican Bay employees. This year's winners are:

■ Margit Mikkelsen and Alina Winschel - Barron Collier High School

- Sophia Kyle - Community School of Naples
Haylee Stokes - Everglades High School
■ Alexis Schlaupitz, Camila Perez, Katherine Estrada and Xiomara Brio-so-Rubio - Golden Gate High School

■ Tania Saade, Kristi Balavage and Danielle O'Connell - Gulf Coast High School
■ Brenda Gutierrez, Maria FrancoMunguia and Yaresly Trejo - Immokalee High School

- Dennis Alas and Bailey Quinn

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- Maritza Payan - Lorenzo Walker
$\square$ Nicholas Dudley, Michael Lopez and Brittany Hunter - Naples High School
■ Nathan Andrus - Palmetto Ridge
High School
■ Christie Kuzma and Elba Campos
St. John Neumann High School
■ Pierce Bittner, David Lucks and
Chris LaCivita - Club Pelican Bay
Founders Fund scholarships are renewable each year for students who keep a B average. For more information, call Sue Davenport at 593-0124 or 597-2244 or visit www.thefoundersfundinc.org. $\square$


The Pelican Bay Founders Fund scholarship winners for the 2011-12 acad photos from the awards ceremony on page C25.

## Vitelli awards go to youth orchestra members

Four members of the Philharmonic in sound engineering; Mr. Holder will Youth Orchestra have been named recipients of the 2011 Joyce Anne Vitelli Scholarships awarded by the Philharmonic Center for the Arts.
Morgan Block and Cameron Holder each received $\$ 8,300$. Mr. Block plans to attend Florida State University, where he will major in music with emphasis attend Hope College in Michigan and major in chemistry.
Rafael Rivas and Frankie Vitiello each received $\$ 4,000$ scholarships. Mr. Rivas will major in music performance at Florida Southern College; Mr. Vitiello plans to major in the classics (Latin/Greek) and economics at Florida Gulf Coast University.

## Naples Press Club awards two scholarships

The Naples Press Club has awarded scholarships for $\$ 1,000$ each to two students who plan to study journalism or a related field in college. The Terrence J. Miller Renewable Scholarship for the 2011-12 school session was awarded to Oscar Santiago of Golden Gate High School and Steven Waller of St. John Neumann High School.
Mr. Santiago plans to attend Edison State College-Naples and study communication and graphic design. Mr. Waller is bound for the University of Central

Florida to study radio/television broadcasting.
Two other students will have their current NPC $\$ 1,000$ scholarships renewed for the 2011-12 school year. They are Caitlin Crum, a 2007 graduate of Naples High School who is majoring in communications/public relations at Florida State University, and Nicole Groll, a 2008 graduate of Palmetto Ridge High School who is studying mass communications at the University of South Florida-St. Petersburg.

## Five Collier students among RMHC recipients

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida has awarded $\$ 1,000$ RMHC U.S. scholarships to 12 high school seniors throughout Southwest Florida.

From Collier County, the following five students are recipients: Juan Marante, Tania Saade, Yenny Ramirez-Lee, Dennis Alas and Hilary Thoemhe.

## St. Patrick Foundation takes stock in higher education

The Naples St. Patrick Foundation has funded a four-year scholarship to pay for one Collier County student in the Take Stock In Children program administered by the Education Foundation of Collier County.
Jim McEvoy of the Naples St. Patrick Foundation announced the $\$ 7,500$ gift.

Through a partnership with the Florida Prepaid Scholarship Foundation, Take Stock can match the donation and purchase a scholarship that will provide two years of tuition to a community or vocational school and two years of tuition to a Florida state college.

## UNDERCOVER HISTORIAN

## Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park honor founders

BY LOIS BOLIN
Special to Florida Weekly
I'm often asked what qualifies me to talk and write about history. My usual response is, "Because I'm Southern, and Southerners love their families and their family's families."
And what is history, really? It's talking (or writing) about someone who's done something worth talking about. Such "doings" are wrapped around a time and place that hold some kind of meaning. The depth of that meaning depends upon the proximity of blood or heart relations.
This place I came to live some 30 -plus years ago has a unique history complete with its own lore and characters that transcends time and socio-economic barriers.
Earlier this month, I was invited as a representative of Naples Backyard History to attend the Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park Founders Day Luncheon. It was important that Lavern Norris Gaynor, the co-founder of Naples Backyard History, be in attendance because the refurbished garden there was being dedicated that day and was being named Dellora's Garden in honor of her mother.
Ms. Gaynor decided that Mary Ellen Hawkins, Collier County's state representative from 1974-1994 (first woman and Republican from Collier County to hold that seat), should also attend, as it was Ms. Hawkins who ensured that Delnor was part of the state park's name.

## A heart connection

Although they never met, Joe Wiggins and Dellora Norris had a special connec-


Thinking of how Joe Wiggins might have looked back in the day, Rod Wiley staged this photograph of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park Ranger Bruce Nichols sitting on the beach at Wiggins Pass.
tion to this last undeveloped barrier island in Collier County. Not much information can be found about Mr. Wiggins, other than a few records from the late 1800s noting that he was a homesteader who built his bee-keeping establishment on a foundation originally laid by the Calusa Indians, and that their canals served as the pathway to his apiary and trading post, where he traded with the Indians and settlers alike.
One hundred years later, a woman would take her visiting daughter to the area and insist: "You must tell your father to do something. We have to protect this area." That woman was Dellora Norris,
and her daughter, who saw the area more times than she can count, is Ms. Gaynor. Eventually Lester Norris, Dellora's husband, gave in to the badgering and on April 24, 1964, Mr. and Mrs. Norris arranged to purchase the parkland for Collier County through their St. Charles, Ill., charities. The Board of County Commissioners of Collier County originally named the park Delnor Park, as a tribute to Mrs. Norris, who loved the area because it reminded her of Key Island (its correct name - not Keewaydin), the land she and her husband had purchased in 1945, where the much beloved Keewaydin Club once stood. In 1970, when the state
purchased the area from the county, it was renamed Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Recreation Area. The Norrises made possible the construction of several facilities there.

## History's value

The greatest gift the Friends of DelnorWiggins Pass State Park gave at their Founder's Day Luncheon was not just two speakers who knew the facts on the founding history of the state park; they gave the gift of love and respect often not seen in today's time. The Friends funded the garden themselves and named it in honor of Mrs. Norris after learning of her love for the area.
The Norris family and many others in our area have made countless contributions to the community. Too often they are forgotten - or, in order not to be forgotten, the families are asked to ante up to keep the name alive.
Henry Adams, a great grandson of John Adams and one of America's greatest historians, said historians must not try to know what truth is, if they value their honesty; for if they care for their truths, they are certain to falsify their facts.
The fact is, the Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park set a new standard in honoring history this month. I hope it's a standard that will be modeled for years to come as the memory of Joe Wiggins and Dellora Norris lives on in the hearts of these Friends.

- To learn more about becoming a member of the Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park, call 597-6196 or visit www. delnorwiggins.org.


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Through Thursday, June 2 , donors can view the K is
for Kids "Power of the Word" art exhibit in the gallery on the second floor in the records office at the same location. The exhibit showcases works by local middle school students who were invited to visually express the power of words and the importance of reading. From more than 140 entries in the art contest, 28 finalists
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Legal Aid Service will hold three free education events focusing on medical care and consumer law issues. Senior attorney Robert Bencivenga will discuss medical care issues, and attorney Albert Batista will present information regard-
ing consumer law issues. Meetings are set for:
■ 1 p.m. Thursday, May 26: Immokalee Public Library, 417 N. First St., Immokalee. Spanish and Creole interpreters will be on hand.

■ 3 p.m. Thursday, May 26: Cypress Run Apartments, 550 Hope Circle, Immokalee. Spanish and Creole interpreters will be present.
■ 1 p.m. Friday, May 27: Golden Gate Public Library, 2432 Lucerne Road, Naples. Spanish interpreters will be present.
For more information, Call Legal Aid Service of Collier County at (866) 5065553.

## Citizens committee elects officers, directors

The Greater Naples Better Govern- Jrennan, Jim Carter, David Farmer, Linda ment Committee has elected the follow- Penniman, Doug Rankin, Bob Raymond, ing members to serve as officers on the Ms. Saunders, Bill Spinelli, Ms. Tiffany, board of directors for the coming year: Sally Tiffany, president; Rhona Saunders, vice president; Dave Trecker, secretary; and Jim Brennan, treasurer. Re-elected to two-year positions on the board were: Mr .

Mr. Trecker and Lou Vlasho.

For more information about the Greater Naples Better Government Committee, call Ms. Tiffany at 595-9345.

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Mr. Sobczak's encyclopedic effort is divided into two major sections of approximately equal size. The first section is the field guide itself. Defining the region as including Sarasota, Charlotte, Lee, Collier, Glades and Hendry counties, the author provides detailed information on the birds,
mammals, reptiles and amphibians to be found here. He employs an efficient set of symbols and abbreviations to map basic facts of size (for birds, length, wingspan and weight), degree of endangerment, where found, the various names applied to the species and so forth. He also provides vivid descriptions of each creature's appearance, behavior, habitat and diet.
Blending information and entertainment, he entices his readers to move beyond the passive engagement of entering a book. He urges them to engage directly and actively with their fellow creatures. Whether introducing the green iguana, the Everglades mink, the pileated woodpecker, the Florida banded eater snake or the lowly nutria, he gives each critter its due. Often, his discussions are leavened by humor and wit.
Where to engage? That's what the second half of the book is all about.
Nature lovers will revel in Mr. Sobczak's survey of "managed lands" available for public exploration and enjoyment in this six-county region. More than 2,000 of the region's 6,000 square miles are under federal, state or local public or private management, providing countless opportunities for birding, hiking, kayaking, camping and just plain meditation. The author provides information about 162 destinations, 61 in elaborate detail and the others in a more compact overview.

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## WRITERS

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This latter half of the book is arranged by county, with a north-to-south plan within each chapter.
With Mr. Sobczak as our guide, we can travel from Sarasota's Mote Marine Laboratory and Aquarium to Punta Gorda's Peace River Wildlife Center to Boca Grande's Gasparilla Island State Park to the Naples Botanical Garden and to various ecodestinations out
east in Hendry and
Glades counties. Many of these destinations are well known, while others are relatively obscure. The author locates each entry not only by address, but also by GPS coordinates. You won't get lost.
One glory of "The Living Gulf Coast" is the author's thoroughness and enthusiasm. Another is the attractive layout that includes more than 600 color photographs by award-winning masters like Dick Fortune, Sara Lopez, Alan S. Maltz, Judd Patterson, R.J. Wiley, David Siebel, Bob Gress, David Irving and Heather Green.
Is this a complete nature guide to the area? Not quite. However, supplemented by Mr. Sobczak's earlier "Living

Sanibel: A Nature Guide to Sanibel \& Captiva Islands" (Indigo Press, 2010), the missing pieces fall into place: fish and shellfish, insects and plants as well as the unique barrier island environment.
I can't imagine two more essential volumes for Florida's nature lovers than "The Living Gulf Coast" and "Living Sanibel." Between them, the natural riches of Southwest Florida are given abundant and loving exploration. These books are great additions to any personal library, and they make great gifts as well.
Mr. Sobczak writes: "I pray this book will help everyone understand the need to protect and preserve these precious landscapes and the wild things that roam them, because now, more than ever, we need them just as much as they need us. Without them, we are nothing more than selfish fools living in an empty house. We can, and will, do much better than that if we care enough about the future of this wonderful world we live in."
Amen to that! $\quad$
— Philip K. Jason, Ph.D., United States Naval Academy professor emeritus of English, is a poet, critic and freelance writer with 20 books to his credit, including several studies of war literature and a creative writing text.

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■ In Bonita Springs: Raptor Bay Golf Club and The Colony Golf and Country Club;

- And in Fort Myers: Pelican Preserve Golf Club.
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## Hit the links

Here are some charity golf tournaments coming up in the area:

The Economic Development $\Rightarrow$ Council of Collier County holds its fourth annual golf tournament Friday, June 3, at the Club at Tiburon. Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. precedes the 8 a.m. shotgun start. Registration is $\$ 150$ per person, $\$ 600$
for a foursome or $\$ 1,000$ for a corporate team.
For more information, call 263-8989 or e-mail beth@enaplesflorida.com.

(2)The Lee County Bar Association ) is hosting a golf tournament to benefit Voices for Kids of Southwest Florida on Saturday, June 4, at Old Corkscrew Golf Club. VFK is the financial support arm of the Guardian ad Litem program that recruits and trains volunteers to advocate for children in the court system.
Registration begins at 7 a.m. and the shotgun start is at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$90 per person. For registration and sponsorship information, call Nanci DuBois at 334-0047, e-mail info@leebar.org or visit www.leebar.org.

The 20th annual Florida Gulf (3) Coast University Founders Cup to benefit the FGCU Foundation is set for Friday, Oct. 14, at Pelican's Nest Golf Club Non in Bonita Springs. The day
 begins with lunch in the clubhouse before the 1:15 p.m. shotgun start. Dinne and awards reception will follow the tournament. Registration is $\$ 2,000$ per foursome or $\$ 500$ for individuals. A championship sponsor level is available for $\$ 2,500$ and includes a four-player team and logo on a sponsor's golf towel. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available.
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## Schedule of Events

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## RSW-Denmark nonstop flights set to take off for the summer

Weekly nonstop service between time RSW has offered nonstop service Southwest Florida International to Scandinavia and will be the only Airport and Aalborg, Denmark, $\quad$ nonstop flight between Aalbegins June 21 and will run for five weeks, ending on July 19. Comefly, a Scandinavian tour operator, will offer the Monarch Airlines flights every Tuesday aboard a Monarch Airlines A330 aircraft with 358 seats.
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## MEMORIAL DAY

## Marco bank

 displays flags, memorabiliaIberiaBank on Marco Island welcomes the public to view an exhibit of Presidential American flags adorned with cords, tassels and American eagle finials as well as veterans' memorabilia on display through Saturday, June 18. The flags are on loan from Rick Borman, president of the Naples Town Hall Distinguished Speaker Series. Numerous local veterans have contributed other items to the display.
Although the bank will be closed for business on Monday, May 30, the lobby will be open for visitors immediately after the Memorial Day ceremony at the Marco Island Cemetery. Bank manager Keith Dameron will serve refreshments until 3 p.m.
The patriotic exhibit will remain in place until the bank's next shred party on Saturday, June 18. All proceeds from the event will benefit the veterans memorial project in Veterans Community Park on Marco.

## Collier County Veterans Council plans ceremony <br> A Memorial Day ceremony hosted

 by the Collier County Veterans Council takes place Monday, May 30, at Hodges Funeral Home at Naples Memorial Gardens. The prelude will begin at 9:45 a.m., with a formal ceremony scheduled from 10-11 a.m.U.S. Navy Lt. Tim Richardson, who served in Desert Shield/Desert Storm 20 years ago, will be the keynote speaker. Remembrance and special honors will be rendered for Sgt. Linda Pierre, U.S. Army, who was killed in Afghanistan on April 16 this year. Full military honors including the folding of the Flag of Honor, presentation of a memorial wreath and rifle salute and taps will be rendered.
"In these unsettled times, it is critical that all citizens pause to pay homage
and give honor to those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in developing and maintaining our country," says James Elson, president of the CCVC.

Decoration Day, created in May 1868, was intended to pay honor to the hundreds of thousands of soldiers who died in the Civil War. April 12, 2011, was the 150th anniversary of the mortar round that was the opening fire of the War Between the States.
Lunch will be served after the ceremony. Hodges Funeral Home at Naples Memorial Gardens is at 525 111th Ave. N .


The patriotic display in the lobby at IberiaBank on Marco Island

Patriotic concertgoers can
give to scholarship
The Philharmonic Center for the Arts partners with the Sergeant Linda Pierre Memorial Scholarship during the annual Patriotic Pops concerts. Concertgoers will be able to donate to the scholarship fund before, during and after performances that begin at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, May 26-28.
The Sergeant Linda Pierre Memorial Scholarship honors the 28 -year-old Immokalee native who died on April 16 in Afghanistan. Donations will be used to provide scholarships to Immokalee High School graduates. A committee consisting of Immokalee community leaders and representatives of Immokalee High School will award the scholarships.
For more information about the scholarship, contact Tim Nance at 641-5414. For tickets and information about the concerts, call 597-1900 or visit www. thephil.org.



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## CLUB NOTES

Bonita Zontians seek nominations for Woman of the Year
The Zonta club of Bonita Springs is seeking nominations for its 2011-12 Wolman of the Year. The award will be presented at the annual Glass Slipper Ball set for Friday, Nov. 18, at The RitzCarlton Golf Resort.
Since 1988, the club has selected a Woman of the Year who has played a key leadership role in local charitable organizations and foundations. Many recipients have worked hard on women's issues that represent the heart of the club's mission to improve the circumstances of women everywhere.
Past winners include: Jane Wheatley, Arden McCurdy, Cherrill Cregar, Fran Luessenhop, Nancy Near, Marjorie Rubacky, Patsy Graham, Nancy Keefer, Diane Lepola, Barbara DuFrane, Jacqueline McCurdy, Marie Tranovich and Jane Hogg.
The deadline for nominations is Wednesday, June 1. Submit a brief biography including the nominee's education and careers, charitable organizations she is or has been involved with and her perspective on the community's strengths as pertaining to women's issues. E-mail nominations to Patty Gift, club president, at patty.gift@morgankeegan.com.
In other news, the club installed officers and new board members for the coming year at its May meeting. They are: Patty Gift, president; Maggie Petraits, president-elect; Flo Rogers, treasurer; Michele "Shelly" Gentile, sec-
retary; and new board members Y'Vonne Murray and Dawn Rocco-Babon. Returning board members are Karen Berens and Denese Mattrey.

## Get acquainted

 with newcomersThe 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 every month at country clubs throughout the area. Prospective members are invited to coffee at $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. 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.

For more information, e-mail bonitanewcomers@gmail.com. $\quad$

## Christian women

 plan June luncheonThe Naples Christian Women's Connection meets from 11:30-1:30 p.m. Friday, June 3, at Quail Creek Country Club, 13300 Valewood Drive. NCWC is a part of Stonecroft Ministries. For reservations or more information, call 597-8798. $\quad$


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## New classes to help blind and visually impaired

Lighthouse of Collier's Center for Blindness and Vision Loss offers two classes to help those who are blind and visually impaired gain independence. New sessions are beginning soon in:
■ Daily Living Skills - Class meets from 9 a.m. to noon every Monday, June 6-Aug. 29. This class is designed for anyone who has been recently diagnosed with macular degeneration, cataracts, tunnel vision or other eye conditions. Participants learn how to socialize, navigate, communicate and feel safe in a sighted world.
$\square$ Coping with Vision Loss - Class meets from 1-3 p.m. every Monday, June 6-Oct. 17.
Both classes meet at Lighthouse of Collier headquarters, 424 Bayfront Place. Attendance is limited, and registration is required. Call 430-3934.

For more information about Lighthouse of Collier, visit 222.lighthouseofcollier.org.

## Lifestyles After 50 coming June 10

The second annual Lifestyles After 50 Expo takes place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, June 10, at North Collier Regional Park. The county and Senior Friendship Centers will serve free lunch as a way to encourage and enhance social interaction among seniors in the community.
For more information, contact Kristina Rodriguez at 275-1881 or visit www. friendshipcenters.org. $\quad$

## Free workshop about congestive heart failure

Those caring for someone suffering from congestive heart failure can learn patient- and self-care techniques at a SEE TO YOUR HEALTH, A27

## 'Writing for Wellness' essay winner draws on her personal experience

## FLORIDA WEEKLY STAFF REPORT

 news@floridaweekly.com"Emotional Eating and the Desire to Look Good," an essay by Bar ron Collier High School student Caily Horbal, won first place in a contest at the school sponsored by BistroMD. The "Writing for Wellness" competition drew 120 entries; Ms. Horbal's essay (see excerpts at right) was chosen as the top one from among 12 finalists.
"What the judges found particularly compelling about Caily's essay was her real-life perspective on the topic," says Dr. Caroline Cederquist, medical director of the Cederquis Medical Wellness Center in Naples and founder of the BistroMD diet meal delivery program. As the grand prizewinner, Ms. Horbal received a $\$ 500$ college savings bond. The other finalists in the contest were Alexa Ballenger, Jessica Ceder quist, Tara Cioffi, Emma DeFrancesco, Faleesha Fernandez, Coope Fulcher, Dani James, Jessica Klahm, J.D. Mankiewicz, Stacia Moyer and Austin Nolz.


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## Growing and changing to fulfill a mission of caring and curing



Our mission is to care for patients and cure sickness. Our core competency is execution; in other words, we get things done. In that spirit we recently celebrated National Hospital Week, "a celebration of the history, technology and dedicated professionals that make our facilities beacons of confidence and care," according to its organizers.
Those ideals were showcased when Scott Wiley, director of respiratory therapy, invited COO Phil Dutcher and me to visit recently with the 25 -member North Naples Hospital respiratory therapy team.
These health care professionals add value at the bedside of our sickest patients - from premature newborns to frail, fail-
ing geriatric patients. Our respiratory therapy team has an average of 19.5 years of experience, with more than half of that here at NCH.
The technology employed by respiratory therapy has become more and more complex. The North Naples campus has evolved over the past 22 years to include sicker, more complicated patients (from pre-school drowning victims to end-stage lung disease to severe congestive heart failure). Many patients who previously would not have survived now are comforted, educated and go home intact.
Patients doing poorly and about to take a turn for the worse can be rescued by our SWAT team (Stabilize While Awaiting Therapy). Respiratory therapists are core members of this team, and many times they are preferred partners by nurses assisting a patient who is developing trouble.
Once, there were expected complica tions to being on a respirator (breathing machine). Today, those complications are
almost gone. We have not had a pneumonia induced by a respirator in more than 15 months in any of our 58 ICU beds on either campus. The length of stay in the ICU and on the respirator is also coming down as respiratory therapists, along with critical care physicians and ICU nurses, move patients as quickly as possible to breathing on their own.
With these new and better abilities to change the course of disease, the sophistication and size of the equipment needed has grown markedly. Unfortunately, the respiratory therapy department's footprint has lagged behind in size. Over the next year, as the North Naples campus undergoes yet another metamorphosis, this essential department will be reborn in a larger, more functional area.
In other developments at the North Naples campus, we will add 64 new private rooms to the fifth and sixth floors of the Baker Tower. These will include six "Gulf View" rooms to match those at the
downtown campus. These new floors will include an educational center/conference area on each floor with nursing stations at both ends of the floor, which lessens the distance between patients and nurses. We also plan to make each of these rooms a Smart Room with the latest computer technology to give the patient and his/her family a safer, more educational and comfortable experience. Smart Rooms recognize whenever a caregiver enters the room and share this information with the patient. We will also begin a project to migrate the radiology department closer to the emergency room, where most of the need for X-rays arises. And we are adding to state-of-the-art operating rooms as well.
Five years ago, before the Baker Tower was started, we predicted there would be construction continuously at North Naples for a decade. So far, we're right on track.
Stay tuned for the latest in caring, curing and "getting things done."

## TO YOUR HEALTH

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free workshop from 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, June 29, at the Ispiri community center on the Avow Hospice campus. Participants will receive practical advice from Avow staff on reducing caregiver stress and increasing patient comfort. Topics include:
■ "Understanding Congestive Heart Failure: How the Disease Manifests and Progresses," presented by Dr. Paul Mitchell;
■ "Tips for Taking Care of the CHF Patient: Real-life Techniques for Increasing Comfort and Improving Quality of Life," presented by Mary Brodeur, R.N.; and
■ "How to Ease Your Worries and Physical Stress with Music, Self-Massage, Guided Imagery and Other Techniques," presented by Karla Mramor, LMT-BC, and Louise Kenny, LCSW.
Registration in advance is requested. Trained Avow Hospice volunteers may be available to sit with patients while their caregivers attend the session.
To register or for more information, call 649-3689.

Dance class and support group for Parkinson's patients

The Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida provides several regular programs and services for those who have

Parkinson's disease and their caregivers.
■ Free dance classes: 1 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday at Fleischman Park.
■ Support group meetings: 1 p.m. every Tuesday at Bentley Village; 10:30 a.m. every Thursday at PASFL headquarters, 2950 Tamiami Trail N. Free and open to the public. For more information, call 417-3465.

Take the time to give blood
Community Blood Center locations in Collier and south Lee counties always welcome donors to replenish blood supplies. Donors can give at CBC donation centers or at the bloodmobile as it makes its rounds.
In Naples, the blood center is at 311 Ninth St. N. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Tuesday. Call 436-5455.
The Bonita Springs center is at 9170 Bonita Beach Road. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Thursday and Friday. Call 495-1138.

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## BILLIE

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the Vietnam War and an alligator wrestler of wide renown, he piloted airplanes and helicopters owned by the tribe and generally conducted himself in a fashion that was guaranteed to attract attention. The signal accomplishment of his tenure was the establishment of Indian gambling facilities, which became models that have been emulated by other tribes across the United States.
Mr. Billie was the driving force behind the tribe's opening of a highstakes bingo operation in Hollywood in 1979. Not content with a bingo parlor, he and the tribe aggressive legal designed to make noles a major the gaming indusToday, the ribe owns the
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## Hard

Rock Hotel \& Casifranchise, which it purchased six years ago for nearly $\$ 1$ billion, and operates six other casinos around the state, including one in Immokalee.
Although the tribe refuses to disclose financial details of its privately held businesses, it is estimated that it takes in nearly $\$ 2$ billion annually from its gaming operations alone. Proceeds from the gaming empire are used to pay dividends to


James Billie released an album in 1986 and a 20th anniversay CD in 2006.
each of the tribe's 3,200 members who live in Florida.
According to at least one source, each tribal member receives a stipend of $\$ 14,000$ a month from the gambling operations, and the top leadership fares

Left: The Seminole Tribe of Florida purchased the Hard Rock franchise in 2006. Below: The Seminole Casino in Immokalee.

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far better than that.
When Mr. Billie was pushed from office, his salary was said to be about $\$ 315,000$ a year, which made him the highest-paid elected official in the state. Today, the chairman's salary is reported to be more than $\$ 1$ million, although the tribe will not confirm that figure.
Although Mr. Billie left under a cloud, his successor, Mitchell Cypress, and the elected tribal council that served under him were dogged by accusations of financial mismanagement and neglect.
Despite the tribe's repeated pronouncements that issues such as health care and treatment for substance abuse were top priorities, life expectancy for the average Seminole in Florida dropped from 59 years to 48 years over a 10 -year period beginning in 1999. A newspaper examination of deaths occurring in the first eight months 2008 revealed that the overwhelming majority of deaths involving tribal members could be traced to drug and alcohol abuse.
When he first sought the chairman's post in 1979, Mr. Billie campaigned on a promise to improve health care and living conditions. $\quad$


## Nominate a do-gooder for an award

The Everglades Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals is soliciting nominations for its 2011 Innovation in Philanthropy and Outstanding Fundraising Executive awards.
The Innovation in Philanthropy award is presented to an organization or group of individuals that have fostered positive change in the Naples philanthropic community through increased productivity, a new service/ product/program or a multi-party collaboration.

The Outstanding Fundraising Executive award honors an individual who practices his/her profession in an exemplary manner and who has at least 10 years of professional fundraising experience, among other criteria.
Deadline for nominations is Aug. 1.
Anyone can make a nomination.
AFP members are also encouraged to nominate a Distinguished Volunteer before Sept. 1.
Visit www.afpeverglades.afpnet.org or e-mail afp.everglades@gmail.com for nomination forms or more information.

The awards will be presented at the National Philanthropy Day reception Thursday, Nov. 10, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Tickets for the reception will go on sale in October.
The Everglades Chapter of AFP was formed in 1994 and has more than 50 members from throughout Collier County.


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# Pool cautions 

Swimming is good for dogs, as long as you watch out for hazards BY GINA SPADAFORI

## Special to Florida Weekly

Many dogs enjoy swimming as much as people do, and cool times in the local swimming spot or backyard pool are one of the best parts of warmer weather. But you have to look out for your pet around water, since even the strongest, most enthusiastic swimmers can get into trouble.
The keys to water safety for dogs: prevention, preparedness and awareness.
■ Prevention: No dog should be given unsupervised access to a backyard pool or a neighborhood pond or creek. Swimming pools are best fenced-off for safety. And if that's not possible, they should be equipped with alarms that sound when the surface of the water is broken by a child or pet falling in. Escape tools like the Skamper-Ramp (skamper-ramp.com; 800-842-6543) are a good idea, but it's better to prevent pets from getting in unsupervised in the first place.
Prevention also includes teaching your pet what to do when he's in the pool. Dogs don't get the idea that the steps are on one side only, and they may tire and drown trying to crawl out the side. If your pet likes to swim, work with him in the pool to help him learn where the steps are, so he can get out easily.


Like many dogs, retrievers usually love swimming and take to it naturally.
Finally, obedience training is extremely important. Your dog should come when called, even when swimming, so you can call him back before he heads into deeper water or stronger currents. Emergency shortcut: Always carry extra retrieving toys. A dog who's heading out into a dangerous area after a ball or stick can often be lured back into shore with a second item thrown closer in. It's no substitute for training, but it could save your dog's life.
■ Preparedness: Before letting your dog swim in any natural surroundings, survey the area for safety. Rivers and oceans can change frequently, and an area that was safe for swimming one visit can
be treacherous the next. Consider currents, tides, underwater hazards and even the condition of the water. In the late summer, algae scum on the top of standing water can be toxic, producing substances that can kill a pet who swallows the tainted water. When in doubt, no swimming. Better safe than sorry.

One of the best things you can do is to take courses in first-aid and CPR for your pets. Many local Red Cross chapters offer these classes, and some veterinarians may also teach them in your community. A dog who's pulled out near death from drowning may be saved by your prompt actions - if you know what to do.

If your dog isn't much of a swimmer, or is older or debilitated, get him a personal flotation device. These are especially great for family boating trips because most have sturdy handles for rescue when a pet goes overboard.
■ Awareness: Be aware of your dog's condition as he plays. Remember that even swimming dogs can get hot, so bring fresh water and offer it constantly. When your dog is tiring, be sure to call it a day. A tired dog is a good dog, but an exhausted dog is in danger of drowning.
Be particularly careful of young and old dogs. Both can get themselves into more trouble than a healthy adult dog with lots of swimming experience. Young dogs can panic in the water, and old dogs may not realize they aren't as strong as they used to be. Keep them close to shore, and keep swimming sessions short.

Swimming is great exercise and great fun for all, and with these few simple precautions you can keep the cool times coming, with safety in mind.

Pets of the Week


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

## Sfumato


"I'm gonna keep on lovin' you. Cause it's the only thing I wanna do. I don't wanna sleep. I just wanna keep on lovin' you."

- REO Speedwagon
"The abolition of ...the illusory happiness of the people is the demand for their real happiness. To call on them to give up their illusion about their condition is to call on them to give up a condition that requires illusion."
- Karl Marx
"Pretty woman, walkin' down the street. Pretty woman, the kind I'd like to meet. Pretty woman: I don't believe you. You're not the truth. No one could look as good as you."
- Roy Orbison
"Girl is on my mind. Girl is on my mind." - The Black Keys
"Many dreams have been brought to your doorstep....Are you real, Mona Lisa?"
- Nat King Cole

Everything I needed to learn I learned in Paris. At the Louvre. At the feet of the Mona Lisa. I know she has become a cliche to most, a scorned object to many. With Warhol's 30 copies she was put on equal footing with Marilyn Monroe, Elvis Pres-
ley and Campbell's soup. Dali's self portrait look-alike didn't help either. Nor did Duchamp's cheap copy, mustachioed and inscribed "L.H.O.O.Q.," letters read aloud in French that sound like "She has a hot ass." Sapeck's "La rire," the laugh, shows La Gioconda smoking a pipe
The pipe dream of all this irreverence only makes me love her more.

Leonardo began painting her in 1503 , in Florence. He worked on her for four years, never reaching completion. Then, after moving to France, he worked on her for three more years. Da Vinci claimed never to have finished any painting. Others felt that Mona was completed in 1519, just before her artist died.
Walter Pater, the mid-19th century symbolist, wrote about her. What he wrote was used as the first poem in Yeats' 1936 "Oxford Book of Modern Verse." Pater sees her as "older than the rocks among which she sits. Like the vampire, she has been dead many times, and learned the secrets of the grave.
"And has been a diver in deep seas, and keeps their fallen day about her; and trafficked for strange webs with Eastern merchants; and, as Leda, was the mother of Helen of Troy, and, as St. Anne, was the mother of Mary; and all this has been to her but as the sound of lyres and flutes, and lives only in the delicacy with which it has molded the changing lineaments, and tinged the eyelids and the hands.

In her enigmatic smile, she is this eternal woman.

Yet her utter lack of facial hair, her hav-

ing not even eyelashes or eyebrows, was once believed to be a reflection of the merely contemporary fashion. The genteel of the day perceived all facial hair as undesirable and pluckable. Now it is claimed that it was repeated cleansing, not temporary fashion, that washed away Mona's brows and lashes.
Not only the subject of such petty concerns, La Gioconda has also inspired anger and violence. She has been stolen. She has been accosted with acid, rocks, red paint and a teacup. Today she lives behind bulletproof glass.
But it is not with any of this that I am entranced.

Sfumato is the Italian word meaning to vanish or to shade. This word is used to
describe one of the classic Renaissance painting modes. And it is the use of this technique in da Vinci's portrait that seems to enchant me.

Sfumato is like low-contrast photography. It creates a veil of smoke between the viewed subject and the one who sees. A brightness is given to pure darks; the pure brights are softened. This technique begins with painting a translucent dark. While this dark is wet, an opaque light is painted into it.
The dark darkens the light. And the darks are lightened.
The experience gone thus is lucid, vibrant, ardent awareness of "the between" mysteriously between the object perceived and the one viewing. This is a new clarity, a fresh focus. Da Vinci described it as being "without lines or boundaries."

So, where is the enchantment, really?
Seeing Mona Lisa, neither object nor viewer vanishes. No dead shades. It has all been the same shade all along. Gone thus, it is the spell itself that has been broken. Clearly, the girl is on my mind..
But what does Mona Lisa see when she looks at me?

Ah, we're not in Paris anymore.
$-R x$ 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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## Florida Weekly wins 23 state awards for writing, design

Building on last year's designation as the state's best weekly newspaper by the Florida Press Association, Florida Weekly picked up 23 writing and design awards for work published in 2010. Contest organizers announced the winners' names last week. Final placing (first, second or third place) will be announced at FPA annual convention in St. Petersburg on July 1.
Staff writer Roger Williams led the
vidual graphic.
Florida Weekly also won awards for its "Best of" special section and its website development.
Florida Weekly is locally owned and publishes newspapers in Greater Fort Myers, Greater Naples, Charlotte County and Palm Beach Gardens with a combined circulation of 80,000.
The FPA Better Weekly Newspaper Awards are open to monthly, semi-monthly, weekly, semi-weekly and tri-weekly newspaper members.

## MONEY \& INVESTING

## Real estate investment trusts offer tax incentive



Long gone are the days of the 4 percent two-year CD or treasury bills. As such, the investor who is hungry for safe and healthy yields has largely gone unsatisfied. But there might be some opportunities for extremely high yields in a very misunderstood equity sector: mortgage real estate investment trusts or REITs.
True, there is wisdom to not "reach for yield" as incredibly high dividend yields suggest greater-than-acceptable risks. The risk with high dividends is that the dividend will be severely cut.
More specifically, the concern is that management is denying the harsh reality that financial collapse is at their doors. If not that, the company might be known to be paying the dividend from sources of capital other than operating cash flows (i.e. the sources for the dividend are thought to be non-sustainable).
The other thought is that if these high dividend-paying companies are not too good to be true, then Wall Street analysts and gurus would have found them out and bid up the price until any pricing inefficiency is eliminated. But, investors have also come to understand that sometimes market inefficiencies exist and persist for a long time.
Not all investors know what it means to be a REIT. These entities most often
own real estate - commercial, apartment building, industrial, shopping malls, hotels, timberland, farmland, etc. And some invest in mortgages.
What makes a REIT different from other corporate entities is their unique favorable taxation; they are not double taxed on distributions as are corporate dividends, which are taxed first as corporate income and then taxed as a dividend at the personal income level. Rather, the distribution made by REITs is taxed only at the shareholder level as ordinary income dividends. The IRS' requirement for that taxation privilege is that 90 percent of a REITs annual income MUST be distributed to owners.
There are three types of mortgage REITs: those that only buy federally insured mortgages from the U.S. agencies of Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and Ginny Mae (known as agency mortgage REITs or AMreits); those that only, or largely, buy private or uninsured mortgages (known as mortgage REITs or Mreits) and those that buy both types of mortgages (known as hybrid REITs).

But how they finance their assets and the extent of leverage depends upon their asset type.
Because the banks trust the federal agency's explicit guarantee of principal and interest, the AMreits can borrow from the banks at $0.20-0.25$ percent and leverage at levels of $\$ 8$ of debt for every dollar of capital.
So, though the mortgages are low yielding ( 3.5 percent average portfolio yield), the incredibly low borrowing
costs allows a very large "spread" or profit. Now, multiply the "spread" by the degree of leverage and you get a return on net equity of 20 percent and higher. And from this a high dividend of 14 to 20 percent can be paid.
Are the assets good? As good as the agencies' guarantees. Will Freddie and Fannie ever default? It is possible, but it is a low, low probability in the current environment.
Will the spread remain large? No, eventually the spread will narrow as the economy improves. But until the fat lady sings, until Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke stops saying that rates will remain low for the foreseeable future, it would seem that the spread will remain very good.
So how does this group grow if it is always paying out its income? It issues additional amounts of stock, called secondary offerings, which happen like clockwork, often once a quarter. It raises capital in order to take on more debt in order to buy more mortgages as the 90 percent distribution does not allow growth through retention of earnings, So what happens with a secondary? The AMreit stock generally goes down on the news of the secondary and then rises through the quarter in anticipation of the declaration of the hefty quarterly dividend. Once the stock goes ex-dividend (or trades without right to the dividend), then the stocks drop and then the cycle is repeated. Pretty boring; pretty profitable boring.

One caveat: If the AMreit is issuing stock below book value, the secondary is
not accretive to shareholder value (not a good thing). Conversely, the secondary is good for shareholders if it is issued at above book value even though the immediate market reaction might be, or is often, an initial decline in stock value. The Mreit group is generally not leveraged as AMreits; these REITs cannot get low rate bank financing using private mortgages as collateral. Unlike the AMreit's hefty dividends returns of 14-20 percent, this group offers 10-14 percent dividends; its portfolio is largely private mortgages issued prior to 2009 (at higher rates) but bought after the financial crisis at oft times 50 cents on the dollar. So the unleveraged yield of 5-7 percent translates into a 10-14 percent return on net assets.
No question that AMreits, Mreits and hybrid mortgage REITs entities get hurt if there is a precipitous rise in interest rates, but that rise might still be a year away. And if the interest rate rise is coincident with an improved economy, then the market might perceive the Mreit mortgage assets to be of much higher quality....a buffer of sorts. And many of these entities hedge or lay off a certain amount of their interest rate risks.
As always recommended, speak to your advisers as to suitability. No doubt, the merits of investing in mortgage REITs is much debated and your experts might well warn against this exposure. $\quad$

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## ON THE MOVE

## Awards \& Recognition

- Robert Ball, executive director of the Lee County Port Authority, has been named 2011 Airport Professional of the Year by the Southeast Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives. Mr. Ball joined the LCPA in 1993 and has served as executive director since 1996. He has served as president of the Florida Airports Council as well as a member of its board of directors. He holds a bachelor's degree in air commerce/flight technology from the Florida Institute of Technology and is a licensed private pilot.

Board Appointments

- Todd Caruso has been appointed to the board of directors of Investors' Security Trust Company. Mr. Caruso is a certified public accountant and partner in the firm of McHale Caruso Scullion \& Knox, Scullion \& Knox,
CPAs. He is also a certified health care
 business consultant.

■ Christopher Bray, managing director and co-founder of Willow Street Advisors LLC, has been elected chair of the board of trustees for the Community Foundation of Collier County. Effective July 1, Mr. Bray will succeed Dolly Bodick Roberts, who will continue to serve on the board as immediate past chair.
In addition, the following new members have joined the board: JoAnna Bradshaw, Kim Ciccarelli Kantor, Pat Jilk, Rev. Dr. Kathleen Kircher, Suzanne Lount, Richard Munro, Deborah Russell, Mario Valle and Jennifer Walker. The board's newest trustee emeriti, each of whom has served two, three-year terms, are Jeffrey Erickson, Duane Stranahan Jr. and William Thomas.

- New members on the board of directors of The Naples Players for 201112 are: Joel Banow, David Corban, Tom Fioretti, Janus King, John Lane, David McCurry and Claire Skinner.
- Val Trotman has been elected chairman of the board for Fun Time Early Childhood Academy. Jinny Johnson and Priscilla Washburn have joined the board as new members.
- Mitzi Spence Magin has been
 appointed to the advisory board of Catholic Charities of Collier County. In addition to volunteering for Catholic Charities, Ms. Magin offers her time to St. Ann Parish, the St. Ann School board of directors and school foundation, St. John Neumann Catholic

High School, The Blessed Edmund Rice School of Pastoral Ministry and Professional Givers Anonymous. She was honored as one of 2010's "Women of Initiative" by the Community Foundation of Collier County.

■ June Ricks and Ellen Rindfleisch have joined the board of directors for Voices of Naples as directors at large. They join the following officers of the organization for 2011-12: Mariellen Lemasters, president; Jack Smith, vice president; Sally Ward, secretary; and Arland Waters, treasurer.

## Business Development $\overline{\overline{\underline{1}}}$

■ Pam Fultz has joined LifeBridge Solutions LLC as director of business development. She is responsible for client and referral development, outreach and marketing activities and community education. LifeBridge Solutions provides family transition coaching and caregiver support services along with daily money management, medical billing advocacy, household transitions and estate administration support. Ms. Fultz holds an associate of arts degree in communications arts from Sinclair Community College and a bachelor's degree in communications studies from Wright State University, both in Dayton, Ohio.

## Nonprofit Organizations

■ Becky Higgins has joined Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice Inc., as director of development. A former public and Catholic school teacher, she previously served as director of community campaigns for
 United Way of Sarasota County.

■ Donna Kordek has joined the Guardian ad Litem/Voices for Kids Program in Collier County, recruiting volunteers to speak up for abused, neglected and abandoned Collier County children. Her position is provided through a United Way grant. A Guardian ad Litem volunteer, Ms. Kordek is a nine-year Naples resident and business owner. She has been the spokesperson for several Fortune 500 companies and has worked locally on fundraising and public relations campaigns with The Naples Zoo, the American Heart Association and the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

- The Boy Scouts of America Southwest Florida Council executive board has named Randy Braun, senior vice president and senior commercial banker for Fifth Third Bank-South Florida, chairman of its Alligator District. $\quad$


## BUSINESS BRIEFS

## EDC solicits nominations for awards

The Economic Development Council of Collier County is accepting nominations for its 2011 Excellence in Industry awards. The EDC has also launched an Excellence in Industry awards website. Designed and donated by 4What Interactive, www.excellenceinindustry.com has information about applications, sponsors and past winners.
The Excellence in Industry awards honor the best companies in Collier County that exemplify the use of innovation and a responsible approach to economic diversification and business and community enhancement. Awards are presented in the following categories: Entrepreneurship, Business Expansion, Innovation, Newcomer, Export Excellence, Green-to-Gold and Civic Responsibility.

The EDC encourages any company or organization to apply or to nominate other companies for the awards. Sponsored by Moorings Park, Gulfshore Insurance, IberiaBank and Structure Medical, the awards luncheon will be held Thursday, Sept. 15, at the Hilton Naples. Sponsorship opportunities are available.
For more information about applying for or sponsoring the Excellence in Industry awards program, contact Beth Sterchi at the EDC by calling 263-8989, ext. 105, or e-mailing Beth@ eNaplesFlorida.com. Visit www.ExcellenceinIndustry.com to download an application form or reserve tickets to the luncheon.

## Learn how to SCORE with word-of-mouth

Word-of-mouth is considered the most cost-effective and practical way to build an existing business. SCORE Naples presents a workshop devoted to understanding and applying the best word-of-mouth techniques to grow your business from 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 1, at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce.
"Building business with and through existing customers should be the top priority for all companies," says presenter Frank Friend, director of education for SCORE and a consultant in loyalty management. "Loyal customers stay longer, buy more and - most importantly - they act as advocates for your company with that valuable and free marketing method called word-ofmouth."

Attendees will learn a simple way to determine which of their customers are loyal and which are not. They will learn ways to increase retention and referral rates, and how to calculate the lifetime value of their customers.
Registration is $\$ 35$ per person. Sign up at www.scorenaples.org or call the SCORE office at 430-0081 between 9 a.m. and noon any weekday. $\quad$ -

## Chamber welcomes new members

The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce welcomed the following 39 new members in March and April:
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To learn more about any of the above, visit the chamber's online business directory at www.napleschamber.org.

For information about chamber membership, contact Don Neer, new member services manager, by calling 403-2906 or e-mailing don@napleschamber.org. $\square$

## Job search

## support group meets weekly

A job search support group for downsized employees of local businesses meets at 10:30 a.m. every Monday at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. The group is geared toward white collar, administrative and professional workers, rather than trade and service workers. Emphasis is on networking, resumes, interviewing skills and best practices for a successful transition.

Participants should come prepared to discuss who they are, what type of opportunity they seek and what makes them good candidates for jobs. Assistance is available to those who are still working through these topics.

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## Fool's School <br> The Buffett and Munger Show

In late April, around 40,000 Berkshire Hathaway shareholders flocked to Omaha to listen to Chairman Warren Buffett and his partner, Charlie Munger, answer their questions for five hours.
Here are some snippets from the annual meeting, paraphrased:

- On America's future: The potential of America has not been used up, but the rest of the world is starting to catch on. Over the next 100 years, we'll have 15 , maybe 20 , lousy years, but we'll end up far ahead of where we are right now.
- On railroads: They should have a good year, as they're becoming more competitive economically.
- On attractive sectors: Buffett and Munger would both invest considerable time learning more about technology companies if they had many more years ahead of them. Energy, too.

On currencies: Currency-related investment is a bet. Almost all currencies have declined in value over time, due to inflation.

- On gold: They remain rather bearish on commodity investing in general, viewing it like this: You buy and hope that someone else is willing to pay more for it later. Take all the gold in the world, put it together in a cube. You can climb on it, fondle it, polish it - it isn't going to do anything.

Buffett recommends buying productive assets (such as a business) instead of speculating in commodities. Munger quipped, "There's something peculiar about buying an asset that will only go up if the world goes to hell."

- On index funds: Buffett thinks most people would do well to buy broad-market index funds (such as those based on the S\&P 500 or the total stock market) if they're going to invest consistently over time.
- On taxes: Munger noted that hedge fund managers in America are getting lower tax rates than physics teachers. "That is demented."
We'll offer more nuggets next week. In the meantime, read Buffett's letters to shareholders at www.berkshirehathaway.com.


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abroad. My name, now abbreviated, used to evoke a famous work by Thackeray. My stock has gained an average of more than 14 percent annually over the past 20 years. Who am I?

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## The Motile Fool Take

## Auto Bailouts Worth It

Ford is making money hand over fist and gaining around the world. Solidly profitable General Motors is the China sales king and is investing heavily in a new lineup of products. And Chrysler has just returned to profitability with help from partner Fiat.
As key competitors Toyota and Honda reel from the effects of the Japan disaster as well as problems of their own making, each of the once-Big Three are thriving despite a U.S. auto sales rate that remains well below pre-2008 levels. So how do you feel about those auto bailouts now?
While Ford didn't need the kind of aid that GM and Chrysler got, it nevertheless benefited from the bailouts. If its rivals had
collapsed, many of Ford's suppliers might have followed suit.

The bailouts helped make possible one of the great turnarounds in business history. They also kept hundreds of thou sands of Americans employed, preventing a bad recession from becoming something worse.
But will we ever be paid back? Yes - and maybe. Chrysler is aiming to pay off its loan soon. General Motors has technically paid its loan back in cash and stock, but a higher stock price is needed for Uncle Sam to break even.
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## My Dumbest Investment Ponzi Oil

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Yes, brother Ponzi had had his way with me. I had certificates of ownership issued by the state of North Dakota, but several others had the same serial numbers on theirs! I received a compensation check from the Treasury for a whopping \$25. Had I kept those Exxon shares, they'd be worth more than $\$ 380,000$ today
-M.J., Los Angeles
The Fool Responds: Such ventures are often very speculative. Though they look promising, there's little you can count on And if crooks are running the show, you'll really be in trouble. Stocks may seem less exciting, but at least their financials tend to be audited.

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

## Last week's trivia answer

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( Answer: Bunge )

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## Ask the Fool <br> Mutual Fund Basics

QThey feature the pooled money - of many investors that is managed by a company of professionals. Mutual funds make sense for most people, since few of us have the time or skills to choose investments carefully. Instead, we can tap the services of pros, who will increase our wealth for a modest fee. At least, that's how it's supposed to work.

There are many kinds of mutual funds. Some invest just in stocks, others in bonds, and some in both. Some focus on large companies, others on small companies, and others on a mix. Some seek income through dividend- or interest-paying securities, and others aggressively seek fast-growing firms. Some specialize in one industry (such as energy or biotechnology) and others in a region (such as Africa or Latin America).

Unfortunately, many professionally managed mutual funds don't do so well for their investors, due to hefty fees or manager problems, such as poor investment choices or a counter-productive focus on short-term results. To combat this, it makes a lot of sense to just opt for broad-market index funds, which tend to have very low fees and invest only in the stocks of major indexes, such as the S\&P 500. Over the long run, these have outperformed most managed, nonindex funds
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## GRADS

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chief financial officer for the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce; Brian Presley, senior partner, Presley Beane Financial Services in Punta Gorda; Michael Reagen, president and CEO the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce; Robbie Roepstorff, president, Edison National Bank in Fort Myers; Reinhold Schmieding, founder and president of Arthrex Inc. in Naples; and James Seals, Circuit Court judge, Juvenile Dependency Division, Fort Myers.
Here is a sampling of their observations and insights on the challenges facing this year's graduates.

## Finding a job

This can be truly scary in today's depressed job market.
"Seek out and ask for help from at least three people who know how to job search," advises Dr. Reagen. "Go online for tips. Go to a good library or bookstore and research how to search, including how to craft a hardcopy and Internet resume."


Dr. Bradshaw counsels graduates to keep an open mind about their career opportunities. "Your first job may not be the one you desire the most, but you'll be able to use the skills you learn
as you progress in your career."
Mr. Schmieding echoes this thought "Be prepared to locate anywhere, with minimal or no income, for the right learning expe rience," he says.


## Financial planning

"Things happen," says Mr. Presley. "I would suggest learning from the beginning to make a best case, middle case, worst case scenario on your finances and not over commit to car payments, TVs, trips, etc. Build up some reserves
for negative events.'
Mr. Schmieding says that recent graduates must accept the reality of their situation. "Be prepared to live sparsely," he says. "Learn to live and be happy with a roof over your head and something to eat. The rest is earned through sac rifice, ambition and achievement."
"Learn to cook and shop prudently for groceries," adds Judge Seals. "Avoid eating out as the default meal plan."
On another front, Ms. Larson reminds graduates "that those student loans will kick into repayment status as sure as the sun will rise every day - plan for it!"

## Acquiring new skills

This trait alone can set you apart from your competitors.
"General business skills are a dime a dozen," says Mr. Schmieding. "Try to learn skills that are unique and not taught in school. Learn skills no one else has."

Don't ever think that something is not 'your thing,"' says Judge Seals. "Educationally, I trained to be an engineer, then a businessman, then a lawyer. What I do a lawyer. What I do now is very far from EMERICH my formal training.'
Dr. Reagen says grads should keep an open mind about what their true skill set is.
"Don't rule out a particular company or a specific kind of job before you really know what you are talking about," he says. "Do not make decisions ahead of time, and make no decision unless you have two or more equally valued alternatives."

## Staying positive

Life is neither fair nor easy. Struggling to get established in a career and in a new life can seem overwhelming at times. Perseverance and optimism are essential.
"Don't let a bad economy or any other negative be your excuse not to reach your highest career goals," says Ms. Roepstorff. "You will get there if you remain motivated and positive."

Being realistic about your initial goals will help you lay a foundation for future success, says Mr. Presley.
He explains: "If you understand

that we are in a recession and (that you probably can't maximize your current position, you make the best deal available until you get to the other side of the recession and then reposition using your skills and added experience."
While adjustments to career plans and life goals may be necessary, Mr. Emerich stresses that remaining true to your principles and beliefs is paramount.
Here's how he puts it: "I think the key to success in the business world or in our own personal relations with family and friends is to try to put the other person first. It runs counter to human nature, but it is what I have found to have brought me what successes I have enjoyed. If a person can give - and give without expectation of return - then frequently the bounty of life in businesses and in relationships comes back in a form greater than what you gave."

## Finding your passion

All of the successful people surveyed agreed that passion is a vital element in any form of success.
"It is of paramount importance to work with people who are honest, loyal and share your visions and ideas," says Ms. Roepstorff.
Mr. Schmieding says passion flows from a fearless resolve and a willingness to take risks.
"Don't hesitate, go for it," he urges. "You never know how careers, or life,
can turn out. Take hold of forming your own destiny; don't let destiny take hold of you."
"How do you find (passion)?" asks Ms. Larson. "Stay exposed. Expose yourself to new organizations, movements, hobbies, etc. Keep your mind open to experience as much of life as is possible. You will know (what your passion is) when you feel it."
Judge Seals, who took a circuitous path to his place of passion as a member of the judiciary, says remaining aware of your circumstances is key.
"Chances are you and your passion will find one another," he says, "and you will be highly motivated to learning the skills necessary to be effective at it. Think wisely and strategically and keep the faith."
Sometimes, the judge observes, passion has a way of sneaking up on us.
"Keep in mind that chances are your passion may discover you, not you your passion," he says.
None of the people who contributed to this article claimed to have a secret formula for success. But all of them had - through trial and error and determination - attained fulfillment in careers that they find satisfying, meaningful and enjoyable. That alone makes their words well worth heeding. In the end, however, members of the Class of 2011 will have to find their own unique ways of building solid, successful lives, both on the job and off.

## BUSINESS MEETINGS

■ The Collier County Medical Society and members of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce Executive Club will meet for networking from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 2, at Blue Martini in Mercato. RSVP by June 1 at www.napleschamber.org/events.

- Wake Up Naples with the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 8, at the Hilton Naples. The meeting is sponsored by the Naples Airport Authority. Guest speaker Robert Cohen will discuss "The Evolution of the TSA: Where We Are and Where We're Headed." Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.
- The Collier County Lodging \& Tourism Alliance holds its next meeting at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 8. Guest
speaker will be Jack Wert, executive director of the Naples, Marco Island and the Everglades Convention and Visitors Bureau. In addition, Steve McIntire, president of the alliance, will give an overview of the organization. Prospective members from the local tourism industry are welcome. Attendance is free, but reservations are required by June 1. Contact Pam Calore at pam.cclta@gmai.com.
$\square$ The Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce holds its 17th annual B2B Expo at Vi at Bentley Village from 4-7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 9. Booth reservations must be made by Wednesday, May 30. Call 992-2943 or visit www.bonitaspringschamber.org.
$\square$ The Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce hosts State Rep. Kathleen Passidomo with a legislative update at

Business B4 Breakfast from 8-9 p.m. Wednesday, June 8, at Bistro Soliel. Cost is $\$ 15$ per person. Reservations are due by June 6 and can be made by calling 394-7549 or e-mailing Vicki@marcoislandchamber.org.
$\square$ The Real Estate Investment Society of SWF meets at 11:30 a.m. Friday, June 10, at Pelican Preserve in Fort Myers. Guest speaker Jeff Kottkamp will present his analysis of the recently completed Florida legislative session. Cost is $\$ 25$ for REIS members and $\$ 35$ for others. Reservations are required by Saturday, June 4, and can be made online at www. reis-swfl.org.

■ The Collier Building Industry Association holds its next general membership meeting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, June 16, at Olde Cypress. State Rep. Kath-
leen Passidomo and Sen. Garrett Richter will present a recap of the 2011 legislative session. Cost is $\$ 25$ per person, and reservations are required by June 14. Call 4366100 or visit www.cbia.net.

- Business Before Business with the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce takes place from 8-9:15 a.m. Thursday, June 23, at Cozmo the School. Registration by June 21 is $\$ 5$ for members and $\$ 30$ for others. Call 992-2943 or visit www.bonitaspringschamber.orb.
"Success in the City" is the theme of the 2011 trade show sponsored by the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce from 3-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18, at the Naples Beach Hotel \& Golf Club. To reserve an exhibit space, contact Brenda O'Connor at Brenda@napleschamber.org.

Florida top choice for international buyers

## SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The U.S. continues to remain a top destination for foreign buyers as international purchases surged by $\$ 16$ billion this year, one of the highest increases in recent years.
This is according to the National Association of Realtors' 2011 Profile of International Home Buying Activity. According to the survey, total residential international sales in the U.S. for the past year ending March 2011 equaled $\$ 82$ billion, up from $\$ 66$ billion in 2010. Total international sales were split evenly between nonresident foreigners and recent immigrants, while combined total domestic and international existing-home

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## REAL ESTATE NEWSMAKERS

- Molly Grup, ASID, has joined Ficarra Design Associates Inc. at its new location in North Naples. Ms. Grup has eight years of experience in residential interior design. She has designed model homes in Grey Oaks, Mediterra, Port Royal, Aqua and the Strada at Mercato and has received numerous Sand Dollar and Pinnacle awards from the building industry. A member of the American Society of Interior Designers, she earned a bachelor's degree in interior design from Adrian College in Michigan.


## - Thomas Andrea, Lois Hilger,

 Nicholas Naples and Jill Nesbitt have joined the Uptown office of John R. Wood Inc. Realtors.Mr. Andrea, a former general contractor, is part of the Laurie Bellico team. Ms. Hilger studied real estate law, real estate practice and real estate appraisal at the University of Maine in Augusta and is a member of the Naples Area Board of Realtors.

Mr. Naples moved to Southwest Florida from New York City in 2004 and is a member of the Naples Area Board of Realtors.
Ms. Nesbitt worked as a dental hygienist in her husband's dental practice before joining the real estate profession.

- Steve Suddeth was the Top Listing Producer for the month of April in the Naples office of Royal Shell Real Estate.
- Karen Sweatlock of John R Wood Inc. Realtors has been named London Bay Homes' 2010 Realtor of the Year. The award comes with a grand prize trip for two on a transatlantic cruise aboard the Queen Mary II.
- Dave Clements, Luann Collins, Pam Doyle, Ken Kraynak, Lauren Twente and Debra Valentine have joined the Bonita Springs office of John. R. Wood Inc. Realtors.


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## Outdoor area

## Award-winning model in Estuary at Grey Oaks sells

## SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The Mariana, a 7,000-square-foot model by Covelli Development Group in Estuary at Grey Oaks, has sold. The announcement was made by Premier Sotheby's International Realty. The home at 1280 Osprey Trail has six bedrooms, five full baths, a powder room, pool bath, theater room, cherry
wood paneled library and an 1,100bottle wine room.

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The Mariana also earned awards for Best Home over $\$ 3.5$ million, Best Kitchen Design, Best Theater, Best Outdoor Living, Best Master Suite and Best Interior Design in the 2010 Sand Dollar competition sponsored by the Collier Building Industry Association.
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Mr. Clements, a native of North Carolina, worked for 30 years as a procurement manager for an international engineering and construction corporation before moving to Bonita Springs in 1997. He is a member of the Bonita Springs-Estero Association of Realtors.
Ms. Collins moved to Southwest Florida from Columbus, Ohio, in 1984 and previously owned and operated Paragon Florida Realty and Paragon Property Management. She and her family own Jaguar Data Systems, a marketing and direct mail company in Fort Myers.
Ms.Doyle,amember of the Bonita SpringsEstero Association of Realtors, moved here from Columbus, Ohio, where she worked with Coldwell Banker, almost 20 years ago.
Mr. Kraynak is a
 graduate of Queens College and a member of the Bonita Springs-Estero Association of Realtors.
Ms. Twente is a former television news anchor in Chicago.
Ms. Valentine has been a multi-million dollar agent in Maryland and Pennsylvania and now brings her 25 years of experience to Southwest Florida and the John R. Wood team.

## FOREIGN

## From page B9

sales in the U.S. were $\$ 1.07$ trillion.
Historically, foreign buyers have been attracted to property ownership in the U.S. for a number of reasons. U.S. homes are generally less expensive than comparable foreign properties, homes in this country are viewed as a secure investment, and the U.S. market offers rental opportunities and long-term appreciation potential.
More recently, Realtors have noticed new factors motivating foreign buyers. Many U.S. colleges and universities have a significant number of international students, and some foreign families are purchasing U.S. properties in college areas so their child has a place to live. Another source of international demand is foreign executives temporarily working in the U.S., some of whom prefer to purchase a residence instead of renting.
Almost every state had at least one international transaction in the past year. The four states with the heaviest concentration of international buyer activity have remained the same over the past five years. Florida had 31 percent of total international transactions this year, the most of any state. California had 12 percent, Texas had nine percent, and Arizona rounded out the top four with six percent of international transactions.
Recent international buyers came from 70 different countries, up from 53 countries in 2010. For the fourth consecutive year, Canada was the top country of origin, with 23 percent of sales to foreigners. China was the second most popular country of origin, with nine percent of international sales this year.


Tied for third were Mexico, the UK and India. Argentina and Brazil combined reported an increase in foreign sales with 5 percent, up from 2 percent in 2010. The top five countries of origin accounted for 53 percent of international transactions in 2011.
The average price paid by an international buyer was $\$ 315,000$ compared to the overall U.S. average of $\$ 218,000$. However, 45 percent of international purchases were under $\$ 200,000$. This price segment has grown significantly over the years, most likely due to overall price declines in the U.S. as well as the strengthening of some foreign currencies.
Foreign buyers are primarily interested in three factors when deciding where to buy in the U.S.: proximity to their home country; convenience of air transportation; and climate and location. Generally, the East Coast attracts European buyers. The West Coast remains popular for Asian purchasers. Mexican buyers are traditionally attracted to
the Southwestern markets. Florida is most popular among South Americans, Europeans and Canadians.
Similar to last year, 28 percent of Realtors in 2011 reported working with an international client. Fifty-five percent served at least one foreign client, while the bulk of international transactions were handled by a small percentage of Realtors. Only 8 percent of members obtained 50 percent or more of their transactions from international clients.
Sixty-one percent of foreign buyers purchased a single-family home while 36 percent bought a condo/ apartment or townhouse. In addition, 62 percent of international purchases were reported as being all cash. This percentage is significantly higher than all-cash purchases for domestic buyers, mostly due to the differences in international credit reporting standards. Financing challenges continue to be a major hurdle for international buyers, with 32 percent reporting these as their reason for not buying a home. Many Realtors reported that their foreign clients faced mortgage financing issues, as well as problems with legal, tax and immigration laws.

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- Captain Slap LLC has purchased a 3,000-square-foot industrial building at 3639 Bayshore Drive for $\$ 305,000$ from John Ernest Schneider Trust. George Atkinson and Doris Taylor of CB Richard Ellis, Fort Myers/Naples represented the buyer, and Lee Ann Moates of Moates Realty represented the seller
■ Discovery Day Academy has leased 6,250 square feet of office space at 3480 Pelican Colony Blvd. from Vatter Investment LLC. Patrick Fraley of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction.

■ Dr. Carl Liebert Jr., M.D., has leased 900 square feet of office space at 848 First Ave. N., \#220, from Professional

Arts Building. Patrick Fraley of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction.
■ Germain Real Estate Company LLC has purchased 4.15 acres of land on Pine Ridge Road for $\$ 2,525,000$ from Pine Ridge Investors of Naples LLC. David Stevens of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction.
Goodwill has leased 10,000 square feet of retail space at Freedom Square, 12683 Tamiami Trail E., from Centro Properties Group. Walt Nelson, Dan O'berski and Matt Fredrickson of CB Richard Ellis, Fort Myers/Naples represented the tenant.


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The unique over-sized lot is only one of the fabulous features this $3 \mathrm{BR}, 2.5 \mathrm{BA}$ plus den has to offer. Upgraded throughout with tile in living areas, new stainless appliances, granite, private pool with lake view and more! \$379,000


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VASARI COUNTRY CLUB ALTESSA IIIA Super upgraded 3 BR/ 25 SA -den home with an
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## ARTS \& ENTERTAINMENT

WEEK OF MAY 26-JUNE 1, 2011
A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES ARTS \& ENTERTAINMENT SCENE


## 'Pinkalicious!' promises to take the (cup)cake

## BY NICOLE GROLL

Special to Florida Weekly
Pinkalicious Pinkerton is a precocious little girl who loves everything and anything pink, from her clothes to her shoes to her fairy wings and wand. "Pink is the perfect state of mind," she pontificates.
When she and her mom bake pink cupcakes, it's no

Needless to say,
bles up one after another, not even leaving one for her little brother to enjoy. What happens next, however, is a sur 6phons $\begin{aligned} & \text { prise: Pinkalicious turns pink } \\ & \text { from head to toe - even her }\end{aligned}$ pinky fingers.

The doctor prescribes the only known cure for a Pinkititus predicament: a diet of everything green and only green. surprise that Pinkalicious happily gob- Pinkalicious doesn't find a Brus-
sels sprouts burger, French-fried lima beans and an asparagus milkshake very appetizing. Her brother, however, eats every bite - and turns green with envy because of all the attention his sister is getting. And that's just part of the fun.
Based on a popular children's book of the same name written by Victoria and Elizabeth Kann, "Pinkalicious! The Musical!" opens Saturday, May 28, at the Sugden Community Theatre.

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Sweet Baby Ben
Ben Taylor sings to a sold-out crowd, and more fun times around town. C21, 22, 25 -

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## SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

## What it takes to get a date



I just don't get it. I was at a house party on a recent Saturday night at an apartment complex hilariously called Melrose Place. The gathering was in the courtyard around a pool, and people drank and talked and made awkward attempts at dancing while music played from a stereo inside.
I showed up in my standard going-out attire: something with bare shoulders and a flowing hemline, a strapless dress that reached to the floor. Just the right amount of skin, I thought. Just the right amount of sexy-without-really-trying. But trying, of course.
My friends and I poured drinks in the kitchen and made our way to the pool. We sipped and chatted and moved our hips to the music. We waited for the men to approach. Over time, they did and my friends peeled off from the circle. Petra in her low-cut chemise; Mara in her tight dress. And me? I politely sipped my drink, waiting. And waiting. Waiting until I finally gave up.
By the end of the night, my friends had handed out their numbers and scheduled rendezvous for the week ahead. I had worked my way through a bottle of wine. On the way home, they tittered
about the great guys they met. I sulked in silence.
Dispirited, I phoned my friend Gabe the next day.
"Not one man approached me last night," I wailed into the receiver. "Why don't men talk to me?"
"I imagine your intelligence and inde pendence are intimidating," Gabe said. The kind of answer I like to hear.
"But what's the real reason?" I said.
Gabe was quiet for a few seconds. "They don't think you're easy," he said finally.
I didn't say anything on my end of the phone. Gabe must have thought I needed further explanation. "You don't look slutty," he clarified.
I laughed. Well, there's that. "If I don't look slutty, does that mean I look boring?"
"It means you don't look easy. Unfortunately, that's what most people at bars or clubs are looking for."
"So how do I look approachable?"
Gabe reflected.
"Men are simple creatures," he said after a pause. "If you want to attract somebody, you need to look like you want sex. The opposite of classy."
I thought of my younger, wilder days when I wore miniskirts and see-through tops and had a date every weekend. But I wised up over time and eventually realized the finer principles of relationships. Namely, just because you're down for a good time doesn't mean you're
to attract somebody, you need to look like you want and women find a meeting point.
Women are supposed
to use our sex appeal
to attract a man, but
once we pique his interest we better not make good on that promise. Otherwise we become a passing a pas.
 sex..."

Men use sex appeal to judge a woman's availability for the night. What comes afterward is another story.
The answer then is a woman has to be just enough sexy, just enough available and just enough easy for a man to approach. The trick, of course, is knowing where to draw the line.

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## Naples pops conductor leads National Symphony Orchestra In Memorial Day, July 4 concerts

Jack Everly, principal pops conductor of the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, will conduct the National Symphony Orchestra for the 2011 "National Memorial Day Concert" and "A Capitol Fourth," two of PBS's highest-rated programs, which air live from the West Lawn of the United States Capitol.
Mr. Everly has been principal pops conductor for the NPO since 2009. In addition to having guest conducted the NSO for the past 10 years, he is the former music director of the American Ballet Theatre, a position to which he was appointed by Artistic Director Mikhail Baryshnikov. He has conducted numerous shows on Broadway and is
also principal pops conductor of the Indianapolis and Baltimore symphonies and the National Arts Centre Orchestra of Ottawa, Ontario.

The "National Memorial Day Concert" honors the service and sacrifice of American men and women in uniform, their families at home and all those who have given their lives for our country. It airs live from 8-9:30 p.m. Sunday, May 29.
"A Capitol Fourth" will air at 8 p.m. Monday, July 4. Both programs are broadcast on PBS before a concert audience of hundreds of thousands, and millions more at home, as well as on the American Forces Network to troops serving around the world. $\square$

## Philharmonic presents area's best organists

Some of the best organists in Southwest Florida will perform a wide range of music on the 3,604-pipe Casavant organ at the "Festival of Great Organ Music" at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 5, at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. Participants are members of the Southwest Florida Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, including the following well-known organists from local churches and other performance venues:
Sandra Averhart
Jonathan Birner, Grace Lutheran Church, Naples
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Selections will include classic organ works from all periods of music history. Tickets are $\$ 20$ for adults and $\$ 15$ for students. For more information or to order tickets, call 597-1900 or visit www. thephil.org. $\quad$


## OUT

## From page C1

WGCU, presents a special free screening of "Out in America" at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 4, at the Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers. The film will air nationwide on PBS stations on Wednesday, June 8, during Gay Pride Month.
"One of the cornerstones of PBS is to give viewers opportunities to explore worlds that they traditionally would not be a part of," says Dan Nelson, development director for WGCU Public Media. "When I learned from the show's producer that two of its 'stars' live in Florida, we decided to bring together our viewers and members to meet Ruthie and Connie and celebrate the diversity of Southwest Florida and the high quality programs available on WGCU."
Ms. Kurtz and Ms. Berman live in West Palm Beach. Both will attend the Fort Myers screening and a reception afterward.
The two women are no strangers to publicity.
In 1988, they sued the New York City Board of Education for domestic partner benefits, winning the landmark case in 1994. They've been interviewed by Phil Donohue and Geraldo Rivera and were the subject of a 2002 documentary, "Connie and Ruth: Every Room in the House."
"We have been very public for a very ong time," Ms. Kurtz said in a phone interview. "We have a website and a blog. We are able to really let our hair down in all ways to get the message out Things have changed, but not enough that I can sit back and accept and be appreciative. There's more to be done."
"Out in America" filmmaker Andrew Goldberg agrees, though he didn't set out to make a political film. He wanted to pan away from politics and zoom in on the diversity within the LGBT community and the commonalities its members share with the rest of the world.
"When you turn on the TV, it's almost always something like marriage equality, bills and laws," Mr. Goldberg said in a phone interview from New York. "Part of the reason I wanted to make this is because there's no frank discussion about just being lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender.
"I asked a gay friend of mine how much of his life he spent talking about all these issues in the headlines, and he said, 'Most of my life is not much different from anybody else's."

## Tremendous progress made

Mr . Goldberg interviewed hundreds of people all over the country to find those featured in the hour-long film.
There are "the Harolds" - one black Harold, one white Harold - who've been together 45 years. There's a man who used to be a woman and a woman who used to be a man. There's a gay cowboy as well as a gay minister, a lesbian professor and a lesbian country music star.
Their conversations about coming out of the closet, fighting discrimination and AIDS and finding love are stitched together with news footage chronicling 60 years of changing American attitudes toward the LGBT community. A clip from a Miami TV station shows cops using entrapment to arrest gay men in 1965. Mike Wallace gravely discusses the psychology of "the homosexual" in a black-and-white news report. Fastforward to lesbian couples marrying on courthouse steps.
"We've made a tremendous amount of progress," activist Robyn Ochs says in the film. "There are rights that exist now that would have been unimaginable 15 years ago."
None existed when Ms. Berman and Ms. Kurtz fell in love in 1974. Both were married and had children. Ms. Berman


TWO CAT PRODUCTIONS / COURTESY PHOTO
Harold Herman and Harold Mays have been together 45 years.


TWO CAT PRODUCTIONS / COURTESY PHOTO Mike Hartman was an "out" cowboy in Oregon before the movie "Brokeback Mountain" was released.


TWO CAT PRODUCTIONS / COURTESY PHOTO
Country music star Chely Wright, who came out as a lesbian, is featured in "Out in America."
was a teacher and school administrator; Ms. Kurtz was a bookkeeper. They'd known each other since the 1950s when they were neighbors in Brooklyn, but love blossomed later.
"We have a long history - two married women, five children, 21 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren," Ms. Berman said. "And it wasn't easy. We knew we couldn't stay in our marriages once we fell in love.

After more than three decades together, the women finish each other's sentences, phone each other several times a day when they're apart and aren't shy about dancing in front of the "Out in America" cameras.

Their relationship is like a tandem bicycle, they say.
"Nobody has to say, 'Start with your left," Ms. Berman says.

Straight people tend to think of gays and lesbians only in terms of sexuality, the couple believes, so they only see part of the picture.
Ms. Berman: "They put us in the bedroom."
Ms. Kurtz: "We are in every room functioning."

Ms. Berman: "We celebrate holidays, go to the movies, socialize with non-gays as well as gays. We go to theater, the opera. We have a full, rich life. The only difference is we have to be concerned about our finances together and who can visit in the hospital."

## Hatred still out there

News of people coming out of the closet might not raise eyebrows as much as it used to, and a handful of states have even approved same-sex marriage. But


COURTESY PHOTO
Ruthie Berman and Connie Kurtz were the subject of a 2002 documentary titled "Connie and Ruth: Every Room in the House." They've also been interviewed by Phil Donohue and Geraldo Rivera.
that's a far cry from full acceptance and equality nationwide.

As recent headlines proved, there are still young gay men killing themselves to escape public torment and personal hopelessness. There are still people like the Rev. Fred Phelps preaching that "God hates fags."
"Toxicity and hatred are so contagious," Mr. Goldberg said, adding that's why films like 'Out in America' that bring human faces and personal narratives to the public arena are still needed. "We can never have too many of these things.
"Most people don't hear any of this. The film shows that (gays and lesbians) can have long-term relationships, have grandchildren."
Growing up in Chicago, Mr. Goldberg, who is straight, said he was taught "all sorts of bigoted things." But the lessons of hatred never took hold in him. He couldn't see that being gay was any different than, say, having brown hair.
In he was in college in the early 1990s, a male roommate came out of the closet and Mr. Goldberg was shocked to see how others reacted to the revelation.
"What he was doing was disliked by a lot of people - friends and family," Mr. Goldberg said. "His family was not warm at all. I kept thinking, ‘Why is this so horrible?' That stayed in my mind, this sort of dishonesty we're all living with."

## in the know $\boldsymbol{\underline { \underline { ~ ( ~ } }}$

>> "Out in America," a PBS documentary >> Free screening: 2 p.m. Saturday, June 4 at the Alliance of the Arts, Fort Myers. Reservations required. Call $590-2506$.
>> Television premier: 9:30 p.m. Wednes day, June 8 , on WGCU-TV


Matt Striegel as Peter Pinkerton and Whitney Bunch as Pinkalicious.

## PINK

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Performances are set for 2 and 4 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday through June 26 in the Toybe Studio, where some members of the audience might even have to help Pinkalicious in her quest for more pink cupcakes.
Megan McCombs, a veteran director with The Naples Players and its KidzAct troupe, says she has wanted to stage "Pinkalicious" for some time, but there challenges to overcome. Of most importance, and the most obvious: How would they make Pinkalicious pink?
It wasn't easy, but Ms. McCombs and crew came up with a somewhat practical plan that doesn't involve paint. For that, Whitney Bunch, who stars as Pinkalicious, is most appreciative.
Music for "Pinkalicious" is by Lisa Federico. Dolores Fetrers is the stage manager, and Mike Santos designed the set.
In addition to performing in the starring row, Ms. Bunch is the show's choreographer. Now 25 years old, she started dancing when she was a toddler and was teaching her own classes by the time she was 14. "Pinkalicious" is the first Naples Players production for which she has auditioned.
Ms. Bunch allows that taking on the dual roles of leading lady and choreographer has not been easy. "It was hard to see it (the choreography) in my head and then turn around and do it," she says.
Completing the cast of "Pinkalicious" are:

- Lifelong Neapolitan Kristin Cassidy as Mrs. Pinkerton, Pinkalicious's very busy, very uptight mother. Ms. Cassidy's real-life daughter (who is not pink) helps out backstage.
- As Mr. Pinkerton, Les Prebble has the pleasure of being able to improvise in every performance of "Pinkalicious." He promises no show shows will be the same.
- Matt Striegel, who graduates from Barron Collier High School in early June, as the pesky little brother, Peter


Pinkerton.
"This story is really great to get lost in and have fun," Mr. Striegel, who's acted with The Naples Players in several shows over the past three year, says. A big fan of musicals, he says he especially likes "Pinkalicious" because of how happy it is.

Florida Gulf Coast University adjunct professor of education, Beverly Canell as Dr. Wink.

- Sharon True as Allison, Pinkalicious's best friend. Last but certainly not least, the Naples cupcake boutique known as Sassy Cakes fills a critical role in the production of "Pinkalicious."

Sassy Cakes owner Bayah Boczen-Harrison says she'll turn out about 450 bitesize pink cupcakes to carry the show from rehearsals through the final curtain. The order includes sweet treats for openingweekend audiences as well as the three to five cupcakes that Pinkalicious helps herself to in every performance.

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May 26-28: Patriotic Pops. Naples Philharmonic Orchestra. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

- May 27-29: Naples Zoo Celebrates Memorial Day weekend. 262-5409 or www.napleszoo.com.
- May 28-29: Storytime in the Children's Garden. Naples Botanical Garden. 643-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.

May 28-29: Coppelia. Naples Ballet. 732-1000 or www.naplesballet.org.

May 29: Opera Scenes for Teens Opera Naples. 514-7464 or www.operanaples.com.

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1 Pinkalicious - By The Naples Players at the Sugden Community Theatre May 28-June 26. 263-7990 or www. naplesplayers.org. See story on page Cl .

- See How They Run - By Theatre Conspiracy, Fort Myers, May 27-June 11. 936-3239 or www.theatreconspiracy.org.


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"Moon Over Mangrove" is one of several paintings created over a period of 18 months in Everglades National Park by Miami Springs artist Linda Apriletti. The works comprise an exhibit titled "The Uncommon Beauty of the Everglades" on display through June 4 at the Museum of the Everglades in Everglades City. 695-0008 or www.colliermuseums.com.

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## Thursday, May 26

■ Art Reception - Napes Backyard History hosts a reception for Alan Maltz, official wildlife photographer for the state of Florida, from 5-8 p.m. at the Old Naples Museum, 1170 Third St. S. $774-$ 2978 or www.naplesbackyardhistory.org.

Art Walk - The Center for the Arts Studios at the Promenade at Bonita Bay holds Art Walk from 5-8 p.m. at 26811 S. Bay Dr. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

## Saturday, May 28

String Along - The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra performs "Magic Carpet Strings: Carnival of Animals!" at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www. thephil.org.

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■ Jazz It Up - Songstress Nevada Wilkins, accompanied by Gary Goetz on the paino and other local musicians, performs at 2 p.m. June 5 at Community Congregational Church of Naples. $\$ 10.15300$ N. Tamiami Trail. 597-1000 or www.ccenaples.org.

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■ Local History - Learn about Marco Island pioneers Mary and Charles Olds as they are portrayed by Kathy and Ed Miracco at 2 p.m. June 7 at Headquarters Library, 2385 Orange Blossom Drive. Free. 593-0177.

- Movie Night - Gulf Coast Town Center presents a free screening of "Over the Hedge" as part of its Cinema Under the Stars series on June 7. Movies start at 8:30 p.m. in the Market Plaza courtyard. www.gufcoasttowncenter.com.
- The King's Speech - See the Academy Award-winning film at these Collier County public libraries: South Regional, 5 p.m. June 7; Headquarters, 2 p.m. June 8; Naples Regional, 2 p.m. June 9; and Marco Island, 2 p.m. June 15. Free. 263-7768.
- Island-Style Fun - The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents "Live at the Promenade!... Caribbean Party" featuring the island sounds of John Frinzi and Jon Patti beginning at 7 p.m. June 9 at 26811 S. Bay Drive, Bonita Springs. $\$ 15$ for members, $\$ 20$ for others. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.
- Hello Summer - The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs hosts an opening reception for the "Well, Hello Summer" exhibition from 6-8 p.m. June 10. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.
- Family Film - The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents a screening of "Spirited Away" at 7 p.m. June 13 at the Promenade at Bonita Bay, 26811 S. Bay Dr., Bonita Springs. \$5 children/\$8 adults. 4958989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.
- Opera in HD - See the Metropolitan Opera performance of "Madama Butterfly" broadcast live in high definition at area cinemas at 6:30 p.m. June 15. Also coming up: "Don Pasquale," June 22; "Simon Boccanegra," June 29; "La Fille Du Regiment," July 13; "Tosca," July 20; and "Don Carlo," July 27. Screenings are at the Hollywood Stadium-20 in Naples, Hollywood Coconut Point-16 in Estero and the Bell Tower-20 in Fort Myers. \$18-\$24. www.metopera.org/hdlive.
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## Exhibit of iPhone, Android photographs will raise funds for three charities

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downtown Fort Myers.
In One Instant Gallery of Photography will showcase 150 images captured on smartphones by Stephanie Davis, Mike Kiniry and Paul Rodino. Each of the 8 -by-10 images will be available for purchase for $\$ 30$, with proceeds designated for Hope Hospice, the Alliance for the Arts
 and Community Cooperative Ministries Inc.

The goal is to sell all 150 images and raise $\$ 1,000$ for each of the three organizations.
Mr. Rodino, who owns the gallery, says the idea for the show came up during a conversation with Ms. Davis, who had been taking iPhone photos and posting them to Facebook as a contrast to the social photography she does for her column "The Downtown Diva" in The News-Press.
"I thought doing a show of her work would be fun and show a different side of her for the public to see," Mr. Rodino says. "She then mentioned to me that Mike Kiniry shot a lot of images on his Android phone and was posting them to Facebook as well."
Mr. Rodino knew Mr. Kiniry from

As for his own smartphone pictures, Mr. Rodino has had several iPhone photographs chosen for the iPhone Photography Awards over the past couple of years. He's never shown them in public, however.
He saw the opportunity to combine the work of three photographers and make it a fundraiser as "a great way to kick off the summer season."
In One Instant Gallery of Photography s at 1526 Jackson St. in downtown Fort Myers. The show and sale on Friday, June 3 , will open at 6 p.m. and end at 9:30 p.m., or whenever all the photographs are sold. Mr. Rodino suggests arriving early in order to see the show in its entirety, as photos will be removed as they are purchased. $\quad$


## ARTISTS AMONG US

## Heidi Saletko

>> Where can we see your work?
I participate in both the Naples ArtCrafters and Naples Art Association art shows and festivals. My works are also on exhibit at the Oasis Visitors Center in the Everglades, at the Artist Boutique in Tin City and at Art, Etc. in Bonita Springs. My works will also soon be seen at the new Marco Island Historical Museum and at Randy's Fish Market.

## >> What is your art

 form?I make wall-hanging animal masks from recycled palm fronds. My medium is acrylic on palm frond. I also paint on canvas. My three-dimensional animal masks are as unique as the trees from which they came.

## >> How do you describe your style?

 Whimsical and imaginative. I've spent the past 15 years perfecting my craft. I call it "FrondZoo."
## >> What inspires you?

I am inspired by the beauty of nature, the subtle distinction in each animal and the true joy FrondZoo has given to me, my students and collectors.

## >> How has living in Naples inspired

 you?Being surrounded by so many varieties of palms has inspired me to create my artwork.

## >> Where do you work?

I work out of my home studio, where I am able to create in my own backyard.

## >> Are you a full-time artist?

I am a full-time artist and art teacher. I offer FrondZoo and canvas classes to children and adults throughout Collier and Lee counties.

## >> Where do you teach?

I teach classes at a variety of locations Masterpiece Mixers, Pelican Marsh, Divosta/Pulte Properties, The Ritz-Carlton and at my home studio. I have also taught at Family Art Night events for the United Arts Council.


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>> Outside of your art, what are you passionate about?
I am passionate about recycling, volunteering and the diminishing number of animals on our planet. Also, my sons Josh and Sam, and their baseball games - they play year-round!

## >> How do you contribute to the com-

 munity?My art inspires others to "think outside the box!"

## >> Who have you studied with?

I am a self-taught painter. I studied zoology and art history/composition at Bethany Lutheran College in Minnesota.

## >> Who is your favorite artist?

 Picasso- Artists Among Us is provided by the United Arts Council of Collier County. The council promotes all the arts in Collier County and provides education in the arts for at-risk students. For more information and a calendar of arts and cultural events, call 263-8242 or visit www.CollierArts.com.


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## HOROSCOPES

- TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Bravo to the determined Bovine. While others might give up, you continue to search for answers. Expect your Taurean tenacity to begin paying off by week's end.
$\square$ GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might want to consider stepping back from the task at hand for a while. This could help you get a betand what still needs to be done.
- CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your keen Cancerian insight should help you determine whether a new offer is solid or just more fluff ' $n$ ' stuff. The clues are all there, waiting for you to find them.
$\square$ LEO (July 23 to August 22) Being ignored is difficult for any proud Leo or Leona. But pushing yourself back into the spotlight might be unwise. Instead, let things work themselves out at their own pace.
$\square$ VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Trying to uncover a colleague's secret under the pretext of showing concern is ill-advised. Control your curiosity in order to avoid raising resentment in the workplace.
$\square$ LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Expect to hear good news about a loved one. Also, be prepared for some changes in several family relationships that could develop from this lucky turn of events.
$\square$ SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Some surprises are
expected to accompany a number of changes that will continue through part of next week. At least one could nvolve a romantic situation.
- SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You might be upset by some of your critics. But most of your associates continue to have faith in your ability to get the job done, and done well.
- CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A workplace goal hat suddenly seems out of reach is no problem for the sure-footed Goat, who moves steadily forward despite any obstacles placed in his or her way.
- AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Uncertainty about who is right and who isn't might keep you from making a clear-cut decision. Wait until you know more about what you're being asked to decide.
- PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Be careful to keep your emotions in check when dealing with a demanding personal situation. You need to set an example of strength for others to follow.
$\square$ ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Lots of possibilities begin to open up by midweek. Some seem more appealing than others. But wait for more facts to emerge later on before you consider which to choose.
■ BORN THIS WEEK: You have an extraordinary ability to rally people to do their best. You would be a treasure as a teacher.


## By Linda Thistle

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# 'Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides' 



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Is it worth \$10? No

You know that feeling when someone who's trying to impress you but acts weird because they can't relax and go with the flow? That's what it's like watching "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides." It's trying so hard to impress and entertain that it comes across as desperate and boring.
Johnny Depp said he wanted to simplify the story for this film after the convoluted mess of the last two "Pirates" movies. Director Rob Marshall's ("Nine") film is comparatively a bit simpler, sure, but there's still far too much going on. Why screenwriters Ted Elliott and Terry Rossio can't streamline their scripts (they've written all four movies) is anyone's guess.
Mr. Depp's Jack Sparrow is on a quest for the Fountain of Youth. But so are Barbossa (Geoffrey Rush), who's now working for the British crown; the King of Spain (Sebastian Arnesto), who sends his own fleet; and Blackbeard (Ian McShane), the pirate whose daughter Angelica (Penelope Cruz) has a history with Jack.
Throw in voodoo, zombies, a priest (Sam Claflin) and his beloved mermaid (Astrid Berges-Frisbey), and you have a lot of tangential moving parts that only distract from, and in no way add to, the main storyline.
Mr. Depp was an Oscar nominee the first time he played Jack, but at times here he's clearly going through the motions. At other times he's the only good thing the movie has going for it, as he continues to make Jack an incorrigibly lovable scoundrel.
It's also nice to see Mr. Rush return, but the new actors to the franchise (Mr. McShane and Ms. Cruz) have little impact.
As for the action, there's plenty of it too much, in fact, to the point where it gets redundant, especially at times when it's there for no discernible reason. Action

for the sake of action - such as the scene when Jack fights Angelica before they meet - is the worst type of action of all. This is also infuriating because it slows the story down with poorly edited, mindnumbing silliness. Worse, the 3D adds little visual appeal; no doubt this will play better on regular screens.
The end (including a brief scene after the credits), of course, sets us up for a fifth film, but we have to wonder if there's really a story left that's worth telling. By this point Captain Jack and company have exhausted numerous high-seas possibilities, and the franchise's once delightful charm is no longer anywhere to be found.
The first "Pirates" was a great swashbuckling adventure with a straightforward story of good vs. evil and Jack Sparrow stumbling about in the middle. The second and third films got away from this simplicity, meaning it's especially sad to see that the lesson has not been learned with the oversaturated "On Stranger Tides."
Watching these movies should be enjoyable - not like a chore. Where has all the fun gone? $\quad$

## in the know $\boldsymbol{k}$

>> Penelope Cruz was pregnant during filming, which led to wardrobe issues later in production. During some long shots, her sister stood in for her.

## CAPSULES

## REVIEWED BY DAN HUDAK

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## Meek's Cutoff $\star \star$

(Michelle Williams, Bruce Greenwood, Will Patton) In 1845, settlers struggle to survive as they travel the Oregon Trail and encounter a potentially dangerous Native American. The acting is fine but the story is painfully dull: It's 104 long minutes in which virtually nothing happens. Rated PG.

## Bridesmaids $\star \star 11 / 2$

(Kristen Wiig, Maya Rudolph, Rose Byrne) Unlucky in love and with little going for her, Annie (Wiig) even fails at being a good maid of honor for lifelong
best friend Lillian (Rudolph). Consistent laughs redeem the clunky pacing, extensive running time and scenes that run far too long. Rated R.

## Everything Must Go <br> 大 大

(Will Ferrell, Michael Peña, Rebecca Hall) An alcoholic (Ferrell) loses his job, wife and home in the span of a few hours, forcing him to live on his front lawn. You'd think the premise would make for a laugh-out-loud Will Ferrell comedy, but this is really a thoughtful drama with brief comedic interludes. Credit to Ferrell for giving a real performance rather than acting like an idiot as he usually does. Rated R. ■
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## BEACH READING

## ‘Minding Frankie’

By Maeve Binchy (Knopf Doubleday, \$26.95) REVIEWED BY ROSE M. CROKE Special to Florida Weekly

In her latest novel, bestselling Irish author Maeve Binchy delivers an emotional story about a single father who agrees to take guardianship of his terminally ill former-girlfriend's baby after the young woman dies in childbirth.
Noel, a recovering alcoholic, adapts to the demands of fatherhood as best he can in spite of the crushing weight of his ever-present demons. He soon realizes, however,
 a lyrical quality to Ms. Binchy's writing style as she reveals what's inside the hearts and minds of these flawed characters.

Fans of Ms. Binchy will be pleasantly surprised to see the reappearance of characters from her previous novels. While Ms. Binchy weaves them seamlessly into the story that he can't do it alone. Fortunately, he line, readers new to her work may feel has the help of a competent network of bogged down by remembering so many caring family and neighbors, all of whom ancillary characters and their relationrally around Noel and "mind" Frankie ship to the main characters.
while he works and attends evening In a tale where relationships aren't classes. But not everyone is so support- quite what they seem, "Minding Frankie" ive of this unconventional arrangement. explores unconventional families and Moira, a jaded social worker with fam- what it means to be a family. At the heart ily issues of her own, is convinced that of the story is Noel's moving relationFrankie would be better off in a foster ship with Frankie, and how she comhome.
Set in a close-knit working-class community in Dublin, Ireland, "Minding Frankie" is populated with a colorful cast of well-developed characters. There is
pletely changes his life and the lives of everyone around her in ways they could never imagine. "Minding Frankie" is a reminder that is really does take a village to raise a child. $\quad$ -

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This is the month we celebrate a holiday that goes back to 1868, after the Civil War. Flags were put on soldiers' graves in the North, and Gen. John Logan of the Union Army declared May 30 to be "Decoration Day" for the nation. Twenty-seven states celebrated it that year. Next, it became a tradition to have a Decoration Day speech and events in cemeteries. In 1866, the South celebrated its own holiday remembering Confederate soldiers, and by 1916 it was held each year on June 3, the birthday of Confederate President Jefferson Davis.
Gradually the holidays merged and came to be called "Memorial Day." Celebrations eventually honored soldiers who died in World War I and all the wars that have followed. The holiday was moved to a Monday in 1968 so a long weekend was available for family events, visits to graves of family members and soldiers, and parades, speeches and flag waving. Other days that call for flags include the Fourth of July, Presidents Day, Flag Day and Pearl Harbor Day.
Toymakers, even in Victorian times, realized that a flag on a toy made it attractive to a child, so many flags were
included in playthings. Althof Bergmann, a German toymaker, created a bell toy in 1875 that would charm anyone. Three people are riding a wheeled parade vehicle, and one of them is holding an American flag. When the toy was wound, it ran in circles or a straight line, the bell rang and the flag waved. It is a rare antique patriotic toy that expresses the spirit of flag-waving events.

Q: I found a collection of World War II paperback books that are sexually explicit. Nothing is left to the imagination. I was told they were given to our servicemen overseas. Is there a market for something like this?
A: The books you have were probably given to servicemen to explain the dangers of sexual activity in war zones. Erotica of all sorts sells, but there are laws or antique-show rules about how it is displayed, so it is rarely seen at shows or shops. Ask a local antiquarian bookseller how to sell this type of book in your area. If no one can help, try going online to antiquarian booksellers, shops or auctions that sell war memorabilia. It is part of our history and will be wanted by researchers. Many rare and artistic pieces of erotica, like early Japanese scrolls and prints that instruct new brides, are in museums and libraries today. And some things considered improper in the past are offered for sale today and do not offend anyone.

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Q: I have a silk scarf my grandpa bought for my grandma while he was serving in the U.S. Navy at Gibraltar during World War I. It is decorated with a group of flags, including those of Britain, France and the United States, and the words "Gibraltar Present" embroidered above them. I would like to know how much it is worth and how to store it.
A: The greatest harm to a fabric can come from strong sunlight and dirt. Keep the scarf out of direct sunlight. To store it, wrap it in unbleached muslin or acid-free paper. Do not wrap it in old newspaper, which may leave permanent stains. Don't store it in or on cardboard or unsealed wood. If the fabric is decorated with metal threads, it should not be washed. If it is dirty, it should be dry-cleaned. If you want to display the scarf, it can be mounted on acidfree backing or unbleached musunbleached musin and framed under glass. To remove wrinkles, iron on the wrong side with a warm iron. Value: about $\$ 50$.

Q: I have a Pearl Harbor pin that my uncle gave my grandma when he returned from serving in the Pacific during World War II. It is simply the written
words "Remember Pearl Harbor" with a pearl attached. I was wondering what the value is.
A: Many different pins were made commemorating the bombing of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. "Remember Pearl Harbor" was a popular slogan. Some pins, like yours, include a fake pearl. Others say "Remember" above a large set pearl, then say "Harbor" below the pearl. The rebus is often puzzling to those who are under 50 years old. Collectors call jewelry like this - brought back by soldiers, sailors and marines for their wives, mothers or girlfriends "sweetheart jewelry." Pins usually sell for $\$ 40$ to $\$ 50$.

Tip: When cleaning silver, use plastic or cotton gloves, not rubber gloves. Rubber not rubber silver tarnish faster. ■


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## Local TV reporter enlisted in 'Army Wives'

FOX 4 News anchor and reporter Amy Wegmann landed a role in the award-winning Lifetime Television Series, "Army Wives."
The episode is set to air at 9 p.m. Sunday, May 29. It was shot two months ago on location in Charleston, S.C
"It was a great experience," says Ms. Wegmann. "I have about six lines in the episode. The scene is very intense within the storyline. I had a blast."
The character role as a reporter wasn't much of a stretch for the veteran journalist.
"I can't give away anything, but yes, you'll see me with mic-in-hand, reporting from a dramatic scene of breaking news," she says.

The fictional drama follows the lives

of several Army wives and their families, through the ups and downs that come with military life. It features big-name stars like Kim Delaney, best known for her role as a detective on "NYPD Blue," and Catherine Bell from the "JAG" and the movie "Bruce Almighty."
Ms. Wegmann could not pass up the opportunity to appear on the show, considering she's a huge fan.
She says she's been watching "Army Wives" since the first season aired in 2007, adding she was hooked after the first episode. $\square$

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## Opera Naples Guild plans 'Summer Solstice’ evening

The Opera Naples Guild is holding a ous ways, including: volunteering in "Summer Solstice" evening of fine dining and entertainment beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, June 25, at Windstar Country Club overlooking Naples Bay. Young artists from the Opera Naples summer youth program will perform, and guests will be able to dance to live jazz.
Tickets are $\$ 80$ per person. For reservations, call 514-7464.
Membership in the Opera Naples Guild is open to all who want to be involved with Opera Naples in numer-
various capacities during the performance season and throughout the year; participating in educational outreach programs; attending dress rehearsals; participating in opera study groups, lectures and demonstrations; assisting with fundraising events; and traveling to performances by other opera companies.
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## PAST REPASTS

Here are some capsule summaries of previous reviews:
> Café Normandie, 3756 Tamiami Trail N.; 261-0977
This low-key outpost along U.S. 41 manages to provide delightful French fare and casual, laid-back hospitality, compliments of owner Benoit Legris. The wine list is brief but well chosen, a snapshot of wines that please the owner. You can't go wrong with mussels in Normandie cream sauce or the escargots de Bourgogne. Roasted duck with spicy peach sauce was a glorious variation on duck l'orange, and the shrimp and sea scallops au gratin were simple yet elegant. Din-

whisper-thin crepe Suzette. The service, Old World atmosphere and moderate prices all enhanced a wonderful meal. Beer and wine served.

Food: $\star \star \star \star 1 / 2$ Service: $\star \star \star \star$ Atmosphere: $\star \star \star \star$ Reviewed December 2010
> Food and Thought, The Gateway of Naples, 2132 Tamiami Trail; 213-2222
Organic fast casual might seem like an oxymoron, but not at Frank Oakes' Food and Thought. Step up to the counter secure in the knowledge that whatever you order will be organic and healthy, whether it's an all-fruit-and-vegetable smoothie (I loved the pina colada, with pineapple, papaya, mango, banana and pineapple coconut juice), a freshly made glass of juice (like The Doctor, a tangy blend of carrots, beets, celery, apple, lemon, ginger and parsley) or the solid food. The menu changes daily but always features a vegetarian entrée as well as poultry and seafood lots of side veggies, salads and wraps The salmon cakes were excellent, as were the smashed yams and pinto bean side dishes. I also liked the dilled potatoes and bright, still-crunchy collards. A large, chewy chocolate chip cookie and a slice of strawberry shortcake proved that food can be healthy and delicious at the same time. Dine at one of the nicely shaded outdoor tables if weather permits.
Food: $\star \star \star 1 / 2$ Service: $\star \star \star 1 / 2$ Atmosphere: $\star \star \star 1 / 2$ Reviewed June 2009
$>$ Old 41 Restaurant, 25091 Bernwood Drive, Bonita Springs; 948-4123

Diner lovers - especially those who appreciate the Philadelphia version - will rejoice at finding Old 41, which doesn't have the chrome-covered exterior, but possesses the heart and soul of a true diner, complete with hoagies, Philly cheese steaks and scrapple. I can attest that the cheese steak is a winner, consisting of thinly sliced steak, melted American cheese and grilled onions contained in a sturdy Amoroso Bakery roll. The fries that came with it were golden, crisp and devoid of grease. My companion's spinach, feta and onion omelet was well balanced, properly cooked and accompanied by just-right home fries. The boardwalk waffle sundae - a Carbon's malted waffle with two mounds of Royal Scoop ice cream, chocolate syrup, whipped cream and a cherry - was perfect for sharing. Service was great from start to finish. Beer and wine served.

Food: $\star \star \star \star \star 1 / 2$ Service: $\star \star \star \star$ Atmosphere: $\star \star \star \star$ Reviewed July 2010
> Pelagos Café, 4951 Tamiami Trail N., Naples; 263-2996

The management calls what's served here "Mediterranean soul food," and that's an excellent description. Primarily Greek, the menu also offers a smattering of other dishes from the region. Portions are large and most dishes are ample for two. I can recommend the fried calamari with its cinnamon-scented marinara, and a vegetable plate that contained roasted peppers, grilled artichoke hearts, beet salad and the best dolmades (stuffed grape leaves) I've had outside of Greece. The avgolemono soup, Greek salad and
gyro platter were spot on. Also delicious was a simply grilled mahi fillet topped with asparagus, artichokes, olives and cherry tomatoes. For dessert, one large wedge of baklava more than satisfied two of us. A bonus at Pelagos is its moderate prices. Odds are you'll have enough leftovers for another meal. Beer and wine served.

Food: $\star \star \star \star$ Service: $\star \star \star \star$ Atmosphere: $\star \star \star \star$ Reviewed March 2009

## -Sophia's Ristorante Italiano, 3545

 Pine Ridge Road, Naples; 597-0744This classic and classy establishment serves ultra-fresh Italian dishes along with house-made breads and desserts. From the warm bread with olive oil and tender-crisp broccoli rabe with spicy homemade sausage and crisp polenta to the vivid red tuna carpaccio with caper berries to the huge and delicious zuppe di pesce and desserts of tiramisu and sfogliatelle, this was an exceptionally good meal. Service was also excellent, including table checks by owner Jay Cherr, one of which included a visit with his young daughter, Sophia, on whom he and wife/co-owner Camille clearly dote. The ambience is lovely as well, reminiscent of trattorias found in Italy. Beer and wine served.

Food: $\star \star \star \star \not \approx 1 / 2$ Service: $\star \star \star \star \not \approx 1 / 2$ Atmosphere: $\star \star \star \star \not \approx 1 / 2$ Reviewed August 2010

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## FLORIDA WEEKLY CUISINE

## Restaurant specials heat up as summer approaches



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- Create your own dinner special with three courses from Sea Salt's a la carte menu for $\$ 29.95$ from 5-6:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. On Mondays from 4-6 p.m., it's complimentary mussels at the bar with purchase. Sea Salt is at 1186 Third St. S. Call 434-7258 for reservations
- Usually wine specials are good on traditionally slow weekday nights, but Café Normandie now offers a 50 percent discount on its entire wine list on Friday and Saturday nights. On Tuesdays, buy one entrée and receive a second one free. On Wednesdays, buy two entrees and receive a free bottle of wine. Thursdays are all-you-can-eat mussels day (regular menu also available). Café Normandie is open for lunch 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday and dinner starting at 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. It's at 3756 Tamiami Trail N. Call 261-0977.
■ Caffe dell'Amore's summer special menu features a three-course meal for \$29. Start with organic mixed greens with goat cheese, walnuts and cherries, then choose from lasagna alla Bolognese or hazelnut and goat cheese sachettini in fennel orange butter, and finish with house-made gelato. The deal is good all night, every night. The restaurant opens at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. It's at 1400 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. Call 261-1389 for reservations.


## Fred's fat and he's smokin'

Those who have dined at Fred's Food, Fun \& Spirits know the place is named for the owners' portly Chihuahua. In keeping with that theme, the restaurant's pet-friendly patio attracts canines and their people on a regular basis.
Now Fred is ready to bring the grub to you. Fred's Express, a meat smoker shaped like a train, offers smoked pork and other proteins and all the fixings for corporate events, private parties, fairs, fes-
tivals and fishing tournaments, among other events that bring barbecue-loving people (and pets) together.
For more information about Fred's Express, call 431-7928, visit www.fredsnaples.com or e-mail freds08@live.com.

## New menus at HB's on the Gulf

The Naples Beach Hotel \& Golf Club's beachfront restaurant, HB's on the Gulf, has introduced new lunch and dinner menus.

New lunch items include Tortuga shrimp (with jalapeno pepper wrapped in bacon and fire roasted); a mahi mahi taco; and a grilled tuna burger.
New dinner appetizers include seared jerk rubbed shrimp with coconut-Key lime tequila sauce; chicken bruschetta over hummus on a crostini with Mediterranean salsa; and the chef's appetizer sampler, which consists of a crab cake, jerk rubbed shrimp and chicken bruschetta. New entrees include macada-mia-crusted grouper medallions, poppy seed-crusted ahi tuna, Florida snapper and crab meat Napoleon and miso-glazed sea bass.
The restaurant also offers a complimentary bottle of Frog's Leap wine (chardonnay, sauvignon blanc, merlot or zinfandel, with cabernet sauvignon available at additional charge) with the purchase of two dinner entrees. The offer is good through Oct. 31, excluding holiday weekends or with other offers.
Lunch dishes start at $\$ 10.50$; dinner entrees range from $\$ 20.50-\$ 34$. It's open daily from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for lunch and 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. for dinner.
The resort is at 851 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. Call 435-4347 for reservations.


It looks like a train, but Fred's Express is really a meat smoker.


HB's on the Gulf at the Naples Beach Hotel \& Golf Club
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Noodles celebrates two decades
To celebrate the restaurant's 20th year in business, Noodles Italian Café \& Sushi Bar is offering specially priced dinners on the 20th of each month. It's too late to take advantage of the May evening, but on June 20 (and every 20th thereafter this year), enjoy a four-course dinner including salad, calamari, Italian Four Play and tiramisu for $\$ 20$ for two people. Other options: 20 -cent tiramisu or 20 percent off your entire check.
Noodles is at 1585 Pine Ridge Road. Call 592-0050 for reservations.

## Bamboo Café offers cruises, fondue

Whether it's rich cheese or decadent chocolate, it's now available in fondue form at Bamboo Café. The cheese fondue is a blend of French and Swiss varieties accompanied by artisanal bread, fingerling potatoes, vegetables and cornichons. It's $\$ 24$ per person, with a two-person minimum. The chocolate fondue features 54 percent Swiss couverture chocolate served with fruit and Madeleine cookies. It's $\$ 9$ per person with a twoperson minimum.
For another change of pace, consider a sunset
cruise aboard the 53-foot catamaran Sweet Liberty, with a two-course dinner at Bamboo Café either before or after the cruise. The package is $\$ 56$ per adult, $\$ 21$ for children 12 and younger. Reservations required.
Bamboo Café is at 755 12th Ave. S. Call 643-6177 for reservations.

## Alexander's takes a break

Chef/owner Alexander Bernard is taking his customary summer hiatus starting Saturday, May 28. He'll be closed through September. Alexander's is at 4077 U.S. 41 N. Call 262-4999 for details or a reservation on Thursday, May 26, or Friday, May 27.

## Angelina's sets summer hours

From June 1 through Sept. 30, Angelina's Ristorante will be closed on Sundays and Mondays. Dinner hours will be 5-10 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, with pianist Kary Regragui performing in the lounge on Fridays and Saturdays. The restaurant is at 24041 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs. Call 390-3187 or visit. www.angelinasofbonitasprings.com.

## New buffet opens in Bonita

Chen's Buffet has opened in the former Duval Street Seafood Company site at 26051 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs. The restaurant offers all-you-can-eat Chinese, American and Italian dishes as well as sushi. It's open 11 a.m. -9 p.m. daily. Call 390-0088.
food \& wine CALENDAR


#### Abstract

- Thursday, May 26, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Whole Foods: Raw food educator and fitness coach Bethany Tait demonstrates how to incorporate more raw food into your diet and shows how to prepare quick and delicious raw fare; $\$ 5$, Mercato; 552-5100 or online at www. acteva.com/go/LifestyleCenter. Reservations required. - Thursday, May 26, 5 p.m.-close, Bleu Provence: Sample Chateau Tour Bayard 2007 at a discounted price ( $\$ 30$ a bottle, $\$ 6$ per glass) and pair it with a charcuterie plate ( $\$ 9.99$ ) or veal tenderloin medallions (\$29.99); 1234 Eighth St. S.; 261-8239. Reservations requested.

■ Saturday, May 28, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Whole Foods: Celebrate the holiday weekend with a beef or veggie burger or hot dog, apple and drink. You can practice shooting hoops with the Florida Vision basketball team, and the kids can get their faces painted. Enter for a chance to win a $\$ 25$ gift card by cheering on a favorite team member in the apple pie-eating contest; $\$ 5$ for the meal, Mercato; 552-5100.

Monday, May 30, 5 and 7:30 p.m., Fred's Food, Fun \& Spirits: Tenor Maurice LoMonaco performs "A Night at the POPera" during this dinner show, with music from Puccini, Verdi, Pavarotti, Bocelli, Groban and more; $\$ 34.95,2700$ Immokalee Road; 431-7928. ■ Thursday, June 2, 6-8 p.m., ABC


Fine Wine \& Spirits: Sample from a variety of wines, enjoy hors d'oeuvres and chat with wine experts, receive a souvenir wine glass and sample a cigar (outdoors only); \$10, 6425 Naples Blvd.; 514-2316.

Wednesday, June 15, 6-8 p.m., The Good Life of Naples: Learn how to make creative Asian appetizers at a demonstration and cooking class; $\$ 50$, 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 514-4663. Reservations required.
■ Wednesday, June 15, 7 p.m., Angelina's Ristorante: The Summer Wine Dinner series focuses on French food and wine. This dinner features Burgundies from Cote du Beaune and food to match; 24041 S. Tamiami Trail,

Bonita Springs; 390-3187 Reservations required

## Farmers markets

Saturday, 7:30-11:30 a.m., Third Street South, behind Tommy Bahama's between Third Street and Gordon Drive.

- Saturday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., North Naples Green Market, Collection at Vanderbilt, northwest corner of Vanderbilt Beach and Airport-Pulling roads; 594-9358. The market spends the summer in 8,000 square feet of air-conditioned space across from Lifestyles Fitness.
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