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## 'RESCUE ME'

Local shelters are full of animals that need homes

BY ELLA NAYOR

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IF OPIE COULD TALK, HE WOULD PROBABLY chat about the good old days he had at his previous home. You know, stuff like napping on the couch, watching birds flit by on the lanai and getting excited about his favorite snack. But he's a dog and he's not talking. However, we do know a thing or two about his life today. The Teddy bear-like Rottweiler mix is a guest at the Gulf Coast Humane Society

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## Wetland mitigation methods may not protect enough

BY BILL CORNWELL

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Southwest Florida generally gets high marks for its efforts to protect its wetlands, but a recently completed study indicates that the long-term outlook might not be as favorable as we have been led to believe.

The analysis, conducted by the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, concluded that "(w)hile the total area of wetland acreage and functional decrease can appear relatively small... it is important to understand that this permitted wetland elimination is gradually reducing the total extent of coastal wetlands..."

In essence, while it appears that wetland reduction is nonexistent, we actually are losing small chunks of this valuable ecological resource. Over time, this can lead to serious environmental consequences.

Wetlands are vital. They act as buffers against flooding, wind and waves. They help to purify water that courses through them, and they provide sanctuary to a wide variety of reptiles, fish, mammals, birds and plant life.

"One of my favorite quotes comes from John Adams," says James Beever, a co-author of the study. "He said, 'Facts are stub-

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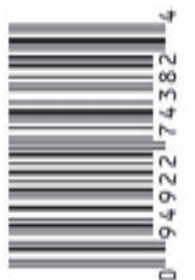
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## COMMENTARY

## Side effects may include price gouging

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Anyone who watches the nightly news on any of the three non-cable networks can draw only one conclusion: We are a very sick nation. You see, the viewership of these shows skews toward those approaching what are euphemistically known as the "golden years." Thus, the sponsors of these telecasts tend to be corporations whose principal pursuit is the manufacture of pharmaceuticals that are designed to extend these so-called golden years, no matter how debilitating and dreadful they may become.

Tune in the newscasts of ABC, CBS or NBC and you'll see what I mean. You'll find that we are a people who are beset with dry eyes, constipation, acid reflux, clotted legs, erectile dysfunction, soaring cholesterol and blood pressure, depression, anxiety, gout, bipolar disorder, weak bladders, diminished lungs and narrowed arteries. About half of the time of these commercials is devoted to the side effects that can result from the wonder drugs — side effects that, ranging from excruciating erections lasting into the next millennium to bloody projectile vomiting to just plain old death, seem much more frightening than the maladies they were intended to alleviate.

But the real question is why we are we subjected to these commercials at all? They are bunched most tightly during

newscasts, but they play out across our screens throughout the day and night on all channels. Why do drug companies target laymen, who know nothing about medicine or medicines, for such intensive advertising?

The answer is simple: Because it works.

I have a friend who is a doctor and has been in practice for many years. He says he cannot recall a day in which at least one patient has not demanded a prescription for some drug he or she has seen advertised on television or in a magazine.

This, my doctor friend say, presents a dilemma. Very often another, less-expensive drug will do just as well. And, sometimes, the demanded drug is inappropriate. If a less-expensive alternative will suffice, he tries to reason with the patient. That rarely works.

"Those commercials are really well done," he says. "My patients strongly buy into what they see on television. I usually give in and write the script they want."

If the drug is inappropriate, he simply refuses to prescribe it, and that often leads to lengthy arguments, ugly scenes and wasted time, he says.

The television commercials are only the most visible aspect of how the big pharmaceutical companies manipulate and rip-off the consumers of American health care.

My doctor friend, for example, is a man of utmost integrity and a superb physician. I would entrust my life and the lives of my children with him. Yet, he travels the world at the expense of drug compa-

nies promoting certain medications. He only touts drugs he regularly prescribes and believes to be highly beneficial, but I still find this practice to be highly distasteful and I have told him so. Drugs companies have flown him, first class, to places to like Hawaii and London and put him up in five-star hotels so he could praise their products in front of other physicians.

"I don't see anything wrong with that," he says.

I do, but apparently I am a voice crying in the wilderness.

Reuters reported last year that more than 17,000 doctors and health-care providers received cash payments from seven major drug companies to promote their products. Shockingly, more than 380 of the doctors, nurses, pharmacists and other providers who were compensated were paid more than \$100,000 in 2009 and 2010.

In exchange for payments, Reuters reported, "doctors were sometimes urged to recommend 'off-label' prescriptions of drugs, meaning using them for conditions they are not approved for."

Such payments are not illegal, nor are they considered to be improper by current standards. It is important to note that these payments covered only seven companies; 70 other pharmaceutical companies refused to disclose their payments, although they will be required to do so by 2013 under President Obama's health reform act.

During the Bush administration, the big pharmaceutical companies received their greatest windfall ever in the form

of the Medicare Part D prescription drug benefit plan. As part of this deficit-busting legislation, it was decided that the United States government would not be allowed to negotiate the price of prescription drugs for Medicare recipients. The Veterans Administration can negotiate, but, as a sop to the drug industry, negotiation was taken off the table for Medicare. This resulted in a \$25 billion windfall for the pharmaceutical industry.

So, you might ask, what are the drug companies doing with all this cash? Are they accelerating cancer research? Are they looking for new medications to treat horrific afflictions like Lou Gehrig's disease?

Well, not exactly.

What they are doing is producing more commercials and advertising aimed at inducing ignorant consumers to demand drugs and medications they may or may not need.

According to one study, drug companies spend about 24 percent of their sales-driven revenue on marketing and advertising and about 13 percent on research.

The net result of all of this promoting and hustling and the greasing the palms of doctors, nursing and pharmacists is that over the last decade, the average price of a prescription in the United States has risen from \$30 to \$68.

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# OPINION

## The AA+ presidency

**richLOWRY**

Special to Florida Weekly



A few months ago, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner predicted with unshakable confidence that there was “no risk” of a downgrade of U.S. debt. In fact, he argued, “things are better than they’ve been if you want to think about the prospects for improving our long-term fiscal position.”

In his self-assured cluelessness, Geithner reflected the president he serves. Upon taking office, President Barack Obama gravely misread the historic moment. He has brought us to a dangerous pass where a few slips — another sharp recession, a spike in interest rates — could bring on another terrifying economic crisis. To borrow his own put-down of Congress during the debt-ceiling fight, he’s an AA+ president of an AAA country.

Financial crises like that of 2008 always create vast overhangs of debt, but Obama believed he should heedlessly add more. And he’s never once “pivoted” to responsibility.

In February, six months before the

downgrade, Obama offered a budget that increased spending and the debt. After 10 years, the deficit still would have been more than \$1 trillion. In April, four months before the downgrade, Obama delivered a gimmicky budget speech with no specifics. On April 11, just seven days before S&P assigned a negative outlook to our AAA rating, White House press secretary Jay Carney said the president wanted a debt-ceiling increase with no deficit reduction whatsoever.

Now that the downgrade is upon us, the administration is lashing out. It reeks of desperation and blame-shifting, but, hey, this is the way the game is played down at AA+.

Geithner scolded S&P: “They’ve handled themselves very poorly. And they’ve shown a stunning lack of knowledge about the basic U.S. fiscal budget math.” His huffiness is badly misplaced. Whatever S&P’s failings, it’s not under the misimpression that it’s OK to spend 40 percent more than you take in, which is the basic error in “budget math” of Geithner’s boss.

S&P had barely acted before every Democratic henchman hilariously deemed it “the tea party downgrade.” S&P does complain about “political brinkmanship” in Washington. But what does it expect in a divided gov-

ernment? We had a blissfully united government for two years in 2009-10, and it gave us a historic spending blowout vastly more irresponsible than the debt-ceiling deal.

The reason is fundamentally political — “elected officials remain wary of tackling the structural issues required to effectively address the rising U.S. debt burden.” Tea-partying House Republicans don’t suffer from this endemic deficiency. The Ryan budget undertook precisely the containment of entitlements that, S&P says, “we and most other independent observers regard as key to long-term fiscal sustainability.”

To this point, Obama has put ideology and cute partisan games above the national interest in leadership worthy of AA+. He thought he could spend as much as possible in his first two years, and a favorable business cycle and rhetorical repositioning would bail him out before 2012. He didn’t count on reality having different plans.

Now, S&P has blown the whistle. Like all political malefactors, the administration isn’t sorry for what it did; it’s sorry it got caught. ■

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

## San Francisco Bay Area’s BART pulls a Mubarak

**amyGOODMAN**

Special to Florida Weekly



What does the police killing of a homeless man in San Francisco have to do with the Arab Spring uprisings from Tunisia to Syria? The attempt to suppress the protests that followed. In our digitally networked world, the ability to communicate is increasingly viewed as a basic right. Open communication fuels revolutions — it can take down dictators. When governments fear the power of their people, they repress, intimidate and try to silence them, whether in Tahrir Square or downtown San Francisco.

Charles Blair Hill was shot and killed on the platform of the Bay Area Rapid Transit or BART system’s Civic Center platform on July 3, by BART police officer James Crowell. BART police reportedly responded to calls about a man drinking on the underground subway platform. According to police, Hill threw a vodka bottle at the two officers and then threatened them with a knife, at which point Crowell shot him. Hill was pronounced dead at the hospital.

Hill’s killing sparked immediate and vigorous protests against the BART police, similar to those that followed the BART police killing of Oscar Grant on New Year’s Day 2009. Grant was handcuffed, facedown on a subway platform, and restrained by one officer when another shot and killed him with a point-blank shot to the back. The execution was caught on at least two cellphone videos. The shooter, BART officer Johannes Mehserle, served just over seven months

in jail for the killing.

On July 11, major protests shut down the Civic Center BART station. As another planned protest neared on Aug. 11, BART officials took a measure unprecedented in U.S. history: They shut down cellphone towers in the subway system.

“It’s the first known incident that we’ve heard of where the government has shut down a cellphone network in order to prevent people from engaging in political protest,” Catherine Crump of the ACLU told me. “Cellphone networks are something we’ve all come to rely on. People use them for all sorts of communication that have nothing to do with protest. And this is really a sweeping and overbroad reaction by the police.”

The cellular-service shutdown, which was defended by BART authorities who claimed it was done to protect public safety, immediately drew fire from free-speech activists around the globe. On Twitter, those opposed to BART’s censorship started using the hashtag #muBARTak to make the link to Egypt.

When the embattled Egyptian dictator Hosni Mubarak shut down cell service and the Internet, those in Tahrir Square innovated workarounds to get the word out. An activist group called Telecomix, a volunteer organization that supports free speech and an open Internet, organized 300 dial-up phone accounts that allowed Egyptian activists and journalists to access the Internet to post tweets, photos and videos of the revolution in progress.

“We were very active — Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, Syria — trying to keep the Internet running in these countries in the face of really almost overwhelming efforts by governments to

shut them down,” Telecomix activist Peter Fein told me. “Telecomix believes that the best way to support free speech and free communication is by building, by building tools that we can use to provide ourselves with those rights, rather than relying on governments to respect them.”

Expect hacktivist groups to support revolutions abroad, but also to assist protest movements here at home. In retaliation for BART’s cellphone shutdown, a decentralized hacker collective called Anonymous shut down BART’s website. In a controversial move, Anonymous also released the information of more than 2,000 BART passengers, to expose the shoddy computer security standards maintained by BART.

The BART police say the FBI is investigating Anonymous’ attack. I interviewed an Anonymous member who calls himself “Commander X” on the “Democracy Now!” news hour. His voice disguised to protect his anonymity, he told me over the phone: “We’re filled with indignation, when a little organization like BART ... kills innocent people, two or three of them in the last few years, and then has the nerve to also cut off the cellphone service and act exactly like a dictator in the Mideast. How dare they do this in the United States of America.” ■

— Denis Moynihan contributed research to this column.

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

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The 30-by-56-foot Patriot Flag that is touring the country in memory of the victims of 9/11 and in honor of rescuers and those who continue to serve comes to Naples on Wednesday, Aug. 23. A brief ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. at IberiaBank, 2150 Goodlette Road N., across from Coastland Center. Everyone is welcome.

The flag has been traveling across the country from San Diego, Cali., since Sept. 10, 2010, and has logged approximately 109,995 miles,



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In addition, the bank will present a free lecture, "Scams: Awareness and Protection" as part of its Iberia In the Round series at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30, at the bank's 775 Airport-Pulling Road location. The lecture is open to all, but seating is limited. Doors open at 6 p.m. Reserve a seat by calling 430-1639.

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## Public meetings on the schedule about county, schools redistricting

Several meetings are on the calendar allowing the public to review proposed changes to district boundaries of the Collier County Board of Commissioners and the District School Board of Collier County. After a brief staff presentation, the audience will be encouraged to comment and ask questions. Everyone is welcome.

The District 1 meeting (although anyone from any district can attend any meeting) has already taken place; subsequent meetings are set for 7-9 p.m. as follows:

■ **District 2: Thursday, Aug. 18,** at Veterans Community Park, 1895 Veterans Park Drive, Naples

■ **District 3: Tuesday, Aug. 23,** at the Golden Gate Community Center, 4701 Golden Gate Parkway, Naples

■ **District 4: Tuesday, Aug. 30,** at the county's Growth Management Division Planning & Regulation office, 2800 N. Horseshoe Drive, Naples

■ **District 5: Monday, Aug. 29,** at Immokalee Community Park, 321 N. First St., Immokalee

The proposed redistricting maps can be viewed at [www.colliergov.net/redistricting](http://www.colliergov.net/redistricting).

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# RESCUE ME

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in Fort Myers — actually more of a long-term resident. Opie has been at the shelter for nearly three years. That's 21 in dog years — which makes Opie middle-aged.

Opie is just another victim of the current economic downturn. His owner told Gulf Coast Humane Society staff that he could no longer afford to take care of Opie. The laid-back dog is one of many canine and feline casualties of a nationwide economic malaise. But to David Stroud, executive director of GCHS and other regional animal shelter directors, Opie is not just a number. He's a homeless pet capable of feeling and in need of a loving family. He is just one of many dogs, cats, potbelly pigs, horses, goats, and even ducks that have wound up at shelters.

"It's one of the most heartbreaking things we see," Mr. Stroud said.

Leaders at shelters in Lee, Charlotte and Collier counties find themselves working together unlike any other time in their histories in order to help pets find homes.

Mr. Stroud and the other area shelter directors are not waiting for bluer skies to spread along the economic horizon. They, after all, are the stewards of helpless critters that cannot wait for people to have more money again or for unemployment figures to look rosier. There is too much at stake. Lives depend on it.

Opie is a rarity since he has remained a happy dog despite living most of his time in a cage. Many other pets become depressed after being caged for too long. Once a pet breaks down mentally, he or she often must be euthanized to prevent further suffering. For reasons such as these, shelter officials are finding and using creative methods to get pets adopted and keep their facilities running well despite slashed funding, budget cuts, internal political conflicts and in many cases, greater intake numbers because of people losing their jobs and homes.

For GCHS, resolving internal conflicts and reaching out to the community and working with other shelters and rescues has made a huge difference in finding homes for animals.

## Hard times, greater need

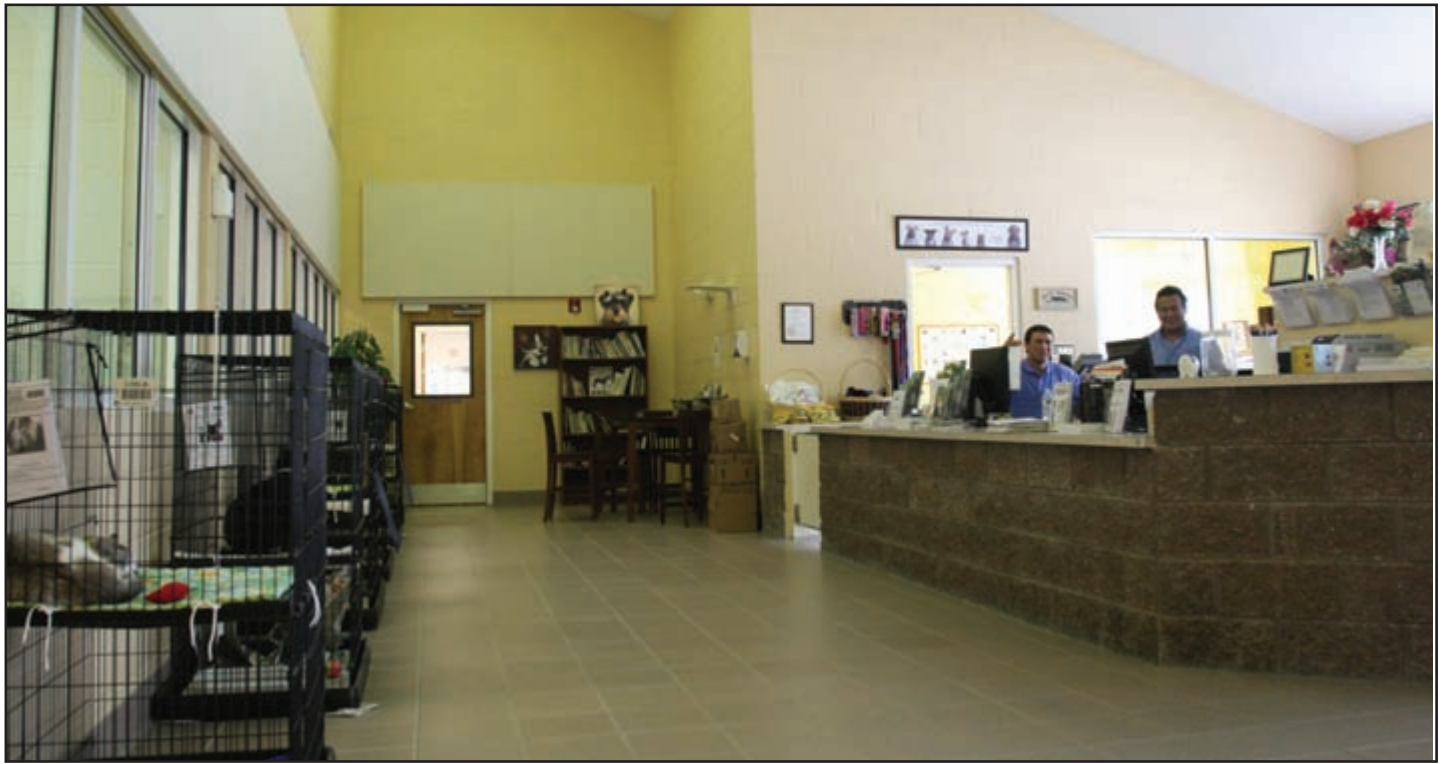
Intake numbers from neighboring shelters have also increased. In 2009, GCHS took in only one animal from another shelter. In the last year and a half, the Fort Myers nonprofit has taken in nearly 900 pets from other shelters. Its adoptions are also up 28 percent — a fact Mr. Stroud attributes to programs such as off-site adoption events.

The shelter has also been fortunate with its raising and management of funds. A year ago, the shelter was struggling financially. Its coffers are now filling to the point where Mr. Stroud and the board are working to build an endowment that will keep the shelter operating indefinitely.

With a series of successful fundraisers including a calendar showcasing the shelter pets, regular exposure at community events like Yappy Hour at the Bell Tower Shops and a race in March, the shelter's finances are in good health.

## Partnering prevents deaths

Donna Ward, the director of Lee County Domestic Animal Services, works with Mr. Stroud to ensure adoptable pets have a place to go. LCDAS is required, as the designated county facility, to take the injured, sick and aggressive pets brought



Scenes from Collier County Domestic Animal Services.

VANDY MAJOR / FLORIDA WEEKLY

in by animal control officers. That means Ms. Ward and her staff must use ingenuity and creativity to find space for everybody. Contrary to common belief, county shelters such as LCDAS do not look to euthanize for space. This is why working with area shelters is paramount to the lives of pets. She networks with GCHS, which takes owner-surrendered pets. This lowers intake numbers for LCDAS, which helps balance out sometimes-flat adoption numbers.

"We're elated," Ms. Ward said. "In the past couple of months, they have really stepped up to the plate."

In light of the economy, LCDAS has created a number of other programs and services to help keep homeless pet numbers down.

Some of these programs include an aggressive spay and neuter program, community pet pantry and low-cost veterinary services.

They seem to be working.

So far this year, more than 2,000 people have used the community pet pantry. That's about 2,000 pets that didn't have to lose their homes because their owners couldn't afford to feed them. With the low-cost vet care, food pantry, low-cost spaying and neutering for needy families and trap, neuter and release program, the agency has created enough programs that Ms. Ward believes there are no excuses for people to allow animals to go homeless.

Collier County Domestic Animal Services took in more than 8,000

other shelters and rescues have also made a big difference in the lives of pets.

Humane Society Naples has a caged area specifically for adoptable CCDAS pets, said Michael Simonik, executive director for HSN.

County agency directors say that while nonprofit shelters open their doors for adoptable pets, it allows the government agencies to focus on other tasks, such as getting strays home and educating residents how to stay in compliance with laws.

"Our success is working in concert with other agencies," said Amanda Townsend, director of CCDAS.

The area shelter staffs even formed a networking organization, the Southwest Florida Animal Welfare Professionals Networking Group. The group meets once a month to discuss ideas that work at their respective shelters and to brainstorm new ones.

At The Animal Welfare League in Port Charlotte, staff works from two separate buildings on campus to meet homeless pets' needs. Though the group has a state-of-the-art facility, it depends on area rescues, volunteers and neighboring shelters to help out when all the cages are full.

"We'll do anything to get them a home," said Sharon Thomas, executive director of AWL.

Dry and wet food are needed for the shelter's pantry. The nonprofit shelters depend on donations and community support for help.

Another bright spot that has seemingly spawned from the economic downturn is more people are adopting from shelters like the Humane Society Naples. Mr. Simonik said adoptions have increased over the last several years because more people would rather buy a pet at the shelter than shell out top dollar to a breeder.

The shelter is preparing to open an adoption center in the Coastland Center mall this September inside a former pet shop.

It's this evolution of local shelters from insular pounds to caring pet centers that network with other facilities that seems to be having an impact in the lives of creatures great and small.

"I believe in networking," Ms. Thomas said. "We're all here for the same reason." ■



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Lee County Domestic Animal Services Public Relations Officer Ria Brown holds Shonna, who is available for adoption.



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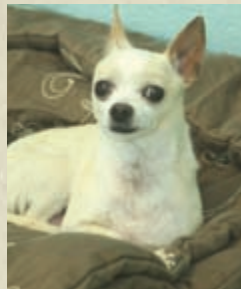


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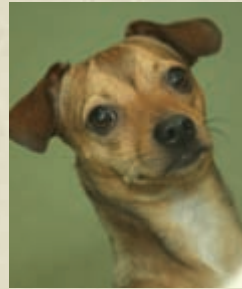


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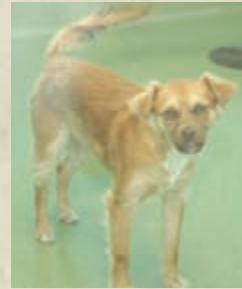
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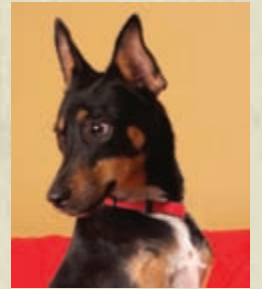
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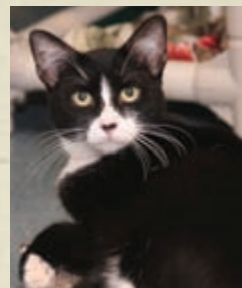
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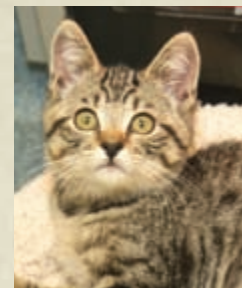
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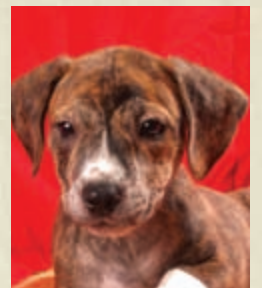
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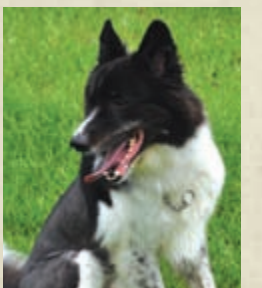
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## Synagogues show documentary to raise awareness of captive Jew

When Gilad Shalit turns 25, it will be the sixth birthday he will spend without his family and friends; the sixth birthday he will spend as a captive of Hamas terrorists who kidnapped him in a cross-border raid near Gaza in June 2006.

Two Naples synagogues, Temple Shalom and Beth Tikvah, in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Collier County, invite the Jewish community and friends of Israel to mark Mr. Shalit's birthday by attending the screening of a documentary about his story.

The showing of "Family in Captivity" will begin at 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 28, at

Temple Shalom, 4630 Pine Ridge Road. The acclaimed, 59-minute documentary, produced with the full cooperation and participation of the Shalit family, intimately chronicles the human angle of Mr. Gilad's kidnapping and the efforts and ordeal of his loved ones as they struggle to bring him home.

Jewish communities throughout the world have shown this film over the summer, and the local Jewish community is proud to join the efforts to raise awareness about Mr. Shalit and his family's plight.

Advance registration is required for this free event. Call the Temple Shalom office at 455-3030 to register. ■

## Temple Shalom will honor its preschool director



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Temple Shalom Sisterhood will honor Seyla Cohen for 20 years of dedication and commitment to the temple preschool during a celebration beginning at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, in the social hall.

Ms. Cohen, who grew up in Turkey and moved to America with her new husband in 1985, started working at the temple preschool when her son,

Jeremy, was 2 years old. Days of spending hours of joyful teaching with her young charges carried her through the difficulties of a divorce and raising her child on her own.

In 2007 she was promoted to director of Temple Shalom Preschool and has since established several new programs, including a parent involvement program, a computer lab, a kinder-prep program and Friday Shabbat celebrations with Rabbi Miller and Cantor Azu.

For reservations and information about the celebration of Ms. Cohen, call 777-2889. ■

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## Milking it

Berjuan Toys is already selling its Breast Milk Baby online (\$70) and expects to have it in stores later this year. The doll works by the child—"mother" donning a halter top with flowers positioned as nipples, and when the baby comes into contact with the a flower, sensors mimic sucking sounds. Although dolls that demonstrate toileting functions are already

on the market, breastfeeding activists are more enthusiastic about this one, hopeful that girls' comfort with breastfeeding will result in decreased bottle-feeding later on. (Opponents have denounced the doll as forcing girls to "grow up" too soon and with choices too complicated for their age, which according to the manufacturer is as young as 3.) ■

## The continuing crisis

► Frances Ragusa, 75, was back in court in Brooklyn, N.Y., in June claiming child support she said was never paid by husband Philip Ragusa, 77, in their divorce settlement of 33 years ago. (The "children," of course, long ago became adults, but the \$14,000 judgment has grown, with interest, to about \$100,000.) Ms. Ragusa told the *New York Post* in July that she called her ex-husband several months earlier to discuss the amount but that he merely began to cry. "Don't let this case go to trial," she recalled telling him. "(If you think I'm going to forget it, Phil, you're stuck on stupid.)"

Department of Human Services. The San Francisco agency would ban the sale of all pets in the city limits, from dogs to gerbils to goldfish. ("Why fish? Why not fish?" asked one exasperated commission member, bristling at criticism.) Animals sold as food for other animals would be included but not animals sold as food for humans. Day care centers in Colorado would be required, if it made dolls available at playtime, to have dolls of three different races.

► Carole Green was fined \$1,000 in July by a court in Leavenworth County, Kan., for littering the property of the same Bonner Springs resident "most afternoons" for the past two years. Ms. Green apologized and said the charge was a complete surprise. She said when she starts out in her SUV every day, and drinks a bottle of tea, it just happens that she finishes it at about the same spot on her journey — in front of Gary Bukaty's property — and that's where she tosses the bottle. She promised to stop.

► A Southampton (England) University researcher told an academic conference in Stockholm in July that his work, demonstrating that women who stop smoking even after becoming pregnant will have healthier babies, is important because he found that pregnant women rationalize continued smoking, in part to have smaller babies that will be less uncomfortable to deliver.

► Rules to assure correct, "progressive" behavior were recently proposed by the San Francisco Commission of Animal Control and Welfare and the Colorado

► The City Council of Gould, Ark. (pop. 1,100), voted in July to make it illegal for its citizens to form "groups" without written permission from the council. (The mayor and the city council are feuding over the budget, and the council, attempting to stifle lobbying by a group supporting the mayor, has taken down all "groups" — except that the ordinance appears to blatantly violate the First Amendment.) ■

## Plan B

Jonathan Schwartz called 911 in New York City in July to report that he had stabbed his mother to death. A few minutes later, but before police arrived, Mr. Schwartz called back 911 to report

a correction: "No, she committed suicide." (The mother's body was found with multiple stab wounds, and police, notwithstanding Mr. Schwartz's "correction," charged him with murder.) ■

## The Pervo-American community

Jerry Prieto, 38, pleaded guilty in July in Benton County, Wash. (possession of methamphetamine and "malicious mischief with sexual motivation"), and was sentenced to 45 days in jail. Mr. Prieto had been arrested with the drugs in October 2010 in a stall at a highway rest

stop. According to the prosecutor, Mr. Prieto had written sexual notes on the floor with a felt-tipped pen and drawn an arrow pointing directly to his stall. (As a condition of his sentence, Mr. Prieto is allowed in rest-stop bathrooms only for "traditional" purposes.) ■

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# MITIGATION

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At the heart of the matter is something called "wetland mitigation." Simply put, mitigation takes place when a wetland area is destroyed or altered for development. Such development could involve dredging, new roads, home and business construction or any activity that adversely affects or destroys the wetland. By law, when such destruction takes place, a similar wetland in the general vicinity is either created, preserved, enhanced or restored. Ideally, the process of mitigation means that any wetland destruction is equal-

ly offset by mitigation elsewhere.

The planning council examined the methods used to determine mitigation to see if one was actually superior in protecting these environmentally sensitive areas and keeping the delicate ecological balance in order.

"We wanted to make sure that the methods to determine mitigation are in fact resulting in no net loss of wetlands," says Whitney Gray, who along with Mr. Beever wrote the study. "We were looking at the quality of mitigation."

The study examined three methods commonly used and widely accepted in assessing wetlands in the field at 118 sites in Southwest Florida. The methods studied were Wetland Rapid Assessment Procedure, Uniform Mitigation Assessment Method and Hydrogeomorphic Method, or HGM.

"HGM was the most effective in identifying and quantifying wetland functions of

coastal wetland ecosystems," the study concluded. The researchers found that the other two methods of wetland assessment deliver a "mitigation ratio" that results in a "system-wide net loss of both wet function and wetland acreage..."

According to the Army Corps of Engineers, HGM is based on the position of the wetlands in the landscape, the water source and the flow and fluctuation of the water once in the wetland.

By employing HGM as the standard for mitigation, Mr. Beever and Ms. Gray say the likelihood of truly replicating a destroyed or modified wetland at another location increases.

The study has been passed along to the EPA for further review.

According to Mr. Beever, the study is intended to be used as a guide for workers in the field. It does not require any governmental agency to adopt its recom-

mendations. It is a guideline.

"This is not an anti-development approach," says Ms. Gray. "It is rather an attempt to find ways for development and the environment to coexist. We don't set policy. In the end, the policy makers will do with it what they want."

Mr. Beever says initial reaction from the field staff has been "positive," which doesn't surprise Ms. Gray.

"We really aren't recommending wholesale changes to the way we do things," she says. "We are tweaking the system we already have."

But even minor tweaking can reap big benefits, and Mr. Beever says the ultimate goal is to achieve a state of harmony in Southwest Florida's wetlands.

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

■ A tournament to benefit **Drug Free Collier** takes place Saturday morning, Sept. 17, at Lely Resort. Registration is \$80 per player. The event is a project of Gaining Associates In Naples, in conjunction with the Leadership Collier Foundation. For more information, visit [www.gaingolf.com](http://www.gaingolf.com).

■ The second annual **Golfing for Charity** to benefit the Harry Chapin Food Bank is set for Friday morning, Oct. 7, at West Bay Club in Estero. The \$100 registration includes cart and green fees, two beverages on the course and a post-tournament party.

Registration and payment may be made by sending checks, payable to SERVPRO of Collier County/Fort Myers South, 5605 Second St. W., Lehigh Acres, FL 33917. For more information, call Shannon O'Neill at 430-9300.

■ The 20th annual **Florida Gulf Coast University Founders Cup** to benefit the FGCU Foundation is set for Friday, Oct. 14, at Pelican's Nest Golf Club in Bonita Springs.

Registration is \$2,000 per foursome. A championship sponsor level for \$2,500 includes a four-player team and logo on a sponsor's golf towel.

For more information or to register, call Michele Kroffke at 590-1074, e-mail [mkroffke@fgcu.edu](mailto:mkroffke@fgcu.edu) or visit [www.fgcu.edu/foundation](http://www.fgcu.edu/foundation).

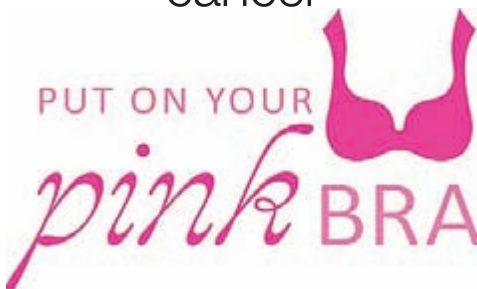
■ **The Mental Health Association of SWF** hosts a tournament to benefit its Children's Mental Wellness Program on

Monday, Nov. 14, at TwinEagles Golf & Country Club. For more information, call 261-5405 or visit [www.mhaswfl.org](http://www.mhaswfl.org).

■ **First National Bank of the Gulf Coast** hosts its third annual charity tournament Saturday, Oct. 15, at the Hideout Golf Club. Beneficiaries are Eden Autism Services Florida and Voices for Kids of Southwest Florida. Continental breakfast will precede the 8:30 a.m. shotgun start, and lunch will also be provided.

For information about registration and sponsorship opportunities, call Heather Gessel at 325-3750 or e-mail [heathergesel@fnbofgc.com](mailto:heathergesel@fnbofgc.com).

### Help make strides against breast cancer



The American Cancer Society-Collier County's "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" 5K walk steps out Saturday morning, Oct. 29, from the Village on Venetian Bay.

Participants in the noncompetitive walk follow Gulf Shore Boulevard from the Village north to the end and back.

For information about starting a team, volunteering or becoming a sponsor, call Stacey Deffenbaugh at 839-0680 or e-mail [stacey.deffenbaugh@nbc-2.com](mailto:stacey.deffenbaugh@nbc-2.com).

A "Put on Your Pink Bra" kickoff party for the walk takes place from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23, at Bayside Seafood Grill at The Village on Venetian Bay. Team members who have already registered, as well as anyone interested in forming a team, are invited to enjoy appetizers and soft drinks, get fundraising ideas, meet fellow walkers and decorate a pink bra for the "Making Strides" walk. Pink bras have been donated by Olga and Warner; the American Cancer Society will provide

decorating supplies. RSVP by Aug. 19 by calling Dawn Pallett at 261-0337 or e-mailing [dawn.pallett@cancer.org](mailto:dawn.pallett@cancer.org).

For more information about "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer," contact Melissa Wolfe at the American Cancer Society-Collier County by calling 261-0337, ext. 3860, or e-mailing [Melissa.wolf@cancer.org](mailto:Melissa.wolf@cancer.org).

### 5K fun walk/run will benefit FGCU health education center

The Kleist Health Education Center on the campus of Florida Gulf Coast University will host the "Come Run With Us" 5K fun walk/run Saturday morning, Sept. 17. Fees from registration will help the center continue its health education programs throughout the Southwest Florida community.

Registration begins Aug. 20. Details are at [www.fgcu.edu/khec/events.asp](http://www.fgcu.edu/khec/events.asp). For more information, call 590-7459.

### Captiva triathlon for kids and adults

The inaugural Galloway Captiva Triathlon takes place Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 17-18, at South Seas Island Resort on Captiva Island.

The Saturday competition for ages 6-9 will consist of a 100-yard swim, 1.5-mile bike ride and ½-mile run. Ages 10-13 will compete in a 200-yard-swim, a 3-mile bike ride and a 1-mile run.

The adult triathlon on Sunday will consist of a ¼-mile swim, a 10-mile bike ride and a 5K run, all on Captiva Island. Registration is capped at 500.

The Galloway Captiva Triathlon is the first event organized by Southwest Florida Events Inc., a nonprofit corporation dedicated to combining fun, fitness and support for local charities through multisport events. Community Cooperative Ministries Inc. will benefit from the Captiva event. For registration or more information, call Angie Ferguson at 246-2920, go to [www.captivatri.org](http://www.captivatri.org) or find Captiva Tri on Facebook.

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## 'Tailgate for Life' will replenish blood supplies

The NCH Community Blood Center is teaming up with Beasley Broadcasting, Patric's Restaurant and the businesses at Mission Square West Plaza for the "Tailgate for Life" blood drive from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 23-24.

Former Miami Dolphins defensive star Kim Bokamper will make celebrity guest appearances throughout both days, encouraging everyone to "get on the ball, donate blood and pass life on to someone in need."

All successful blood donors during "Tailgate for Life" will receive a \$5 Pat-

ric's Restaurant gift card, a \$10 gas card and gift cards from Sylvan Learning Center, Sugar Palm Café Bakery and Sports Clips (while supplies last). Donors will also become eligible for drawings for prizes including Tampa Bay Rays game tickets, Fort Myers Miracle tickets, a 10-passenger cruise from Cruise Naples and gift cards from Lu Lu Belle Children's Boutique. The summer grand prize drawing will be for four adult, two-day passes to Busch Gardens in Tampa with lodging at Wingate by Windham.

For more information, call 436-5455 or visit [www.givebloodcbc.org](http://www.givebloodcbc.org). ■

## School's in, and so is after-school program

The Boys & Girls Club of Collier County is enrolling children for the new school year and expects a record attendance of more than 1,500 students for its after-school programs that include homework help, visual and performing arts programs, career education, music and art with certified teachers, and more.

New this year, free dinner will be

served to everyone enrolled.

Children in grades one through 12 in the Collier County School District are eligible. Open enrollment applications are available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday at BGCCC headquarters, 7500 Davis Blvd. next to the Santa Barbra Boulevard intersection.

For more information, call 325-17154 or visit [www.bgccc.com](http://www.bgccc.com). ■

## Girls invited to Teen Sisterhood at the Y

Parents of girls ages 10-15 can enroll their daughters in the Teen Sisterhood program at the Greater Naples YMCA.

Teen Sisterhood provides fun, structured and educational sessions that explore the various issues today's young women face and help them develop self-confidence and character values that enable them to deal with those issues in a healthy way.

The program consists of five sessions led

by strong, positive, adult female role models. The first of five sessions takes place on Monday, Sept. 12, with ages 10-12 meeting from 6-7 p.m. and ages 13-15 meeting from 7-8 p.m.

Cost for all five sessions of Teen Sisterhood is \$35 for YMCA members and \$70 for non-members. For registration or more information, call the Greater Naples YMCA at 597-3148 or visit [www.yncapalms.org](http://www.yncapalms.org). ■

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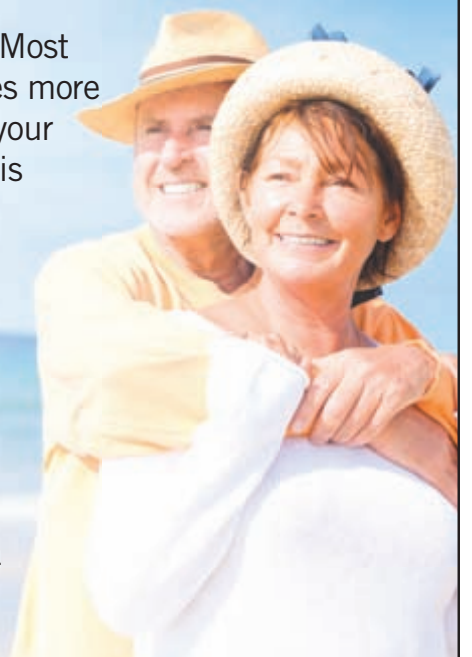
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## Physicians Regional has free lectures

Physicians Regional Healthcare System presents the following hour-long programs at Physicians Regional-Pine Ridge, 6101 Pine Ridge Road:

- 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23: "Robotic Arm Knee Surgery," presented by orthopedic surgeon Jon Douchis.
- 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24: "Newest Advances in Shoulder Surgery," presented by orthopedic surgeon Steven Goldberg.
- 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25: "Strategies to Help Cope with Abdominal Pain," presented by Dr. Anthony Vernava III.

Attendance is free, but seating is limited. For reservations or more information, call 348-4180 or visit [www.physiciansregional.com/events](http://www.physiciansregional.com/events). ■

## Free screening for autism disorder

The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, in partnership with the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida, offers a free monthly autism spectrum disorder screening for toddlers 18 months to 5 years of age. The next screening will be from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26, at the Bonita Springs Family Health Center, 26800 S. Tamiami Trail.

It is estimated that one in every 150 children is diagnosed with some form of autism spectrum disorder, making it more common than childhood cancer, juvenile diabetes and pediatric AIDS combined. Early intensive behavioral intervention can make an immense difference not just in the development of the child, but in their families as well.

The ASD screening is conducted by the neurosciences center at The Children's Hospital, under the guidance of pediatric neurologist Jose Colon and administered by an advanced registered nurse practitioner. A physician referral is not required.

To schedule a screening, call 343-6838. ■

SEE HEALTH, A23 ►

# Beyond a spoonful of sugar

## Researchers look for new ways To get teens to take their meds

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Skipping doses of medicine or taking it at the wrong times can worsen a patient's condition and lead to costly complications.

A consortium of researchers in the United States and Canada, including at the University of Florida, has received a \$2.5 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to test techniques that might increase medication adherence in perhaps the most challenging population of patients: teenagers.

"Newer medicines and technologies have improved the lives of people with illness. But such improvements have much less of an effect if patients don't take their medicines on time or use the technologies appropriately," says Dr. Vikas Dharnidharka, division chief of nephrology in the UF College of Medicine department of pediatrics and one of the study's investigators.

"Teenagers who have chronic diseases really struggle with being adherent," Dr. Dharnidharka adds.

As part of the five-year grant, researchers will study whether a menu of techniques, including a high-tech pillbox, will improve how well adolescent kidney transplant patients stick to

their medication regimens.

The pillbox, produced by MedMinder, is connected to a monitoring service that tracks when patients take their medicine. The device can also send reminders — via text, e-mail or phone calls — about when a dose is due, something the researchers hope will appeal to tech-savvy teens.

Study participants will be able to choose what options on the pillbox will best work for them. They also will work with health professionals to discuss what hinders them from taking their medications and develop plans to tackle these obstacles, says Dr. Beth Foster, an associate professor of pediatrics at McGill University in Montreal and the grant's primary investigator.

Using MedMinder's Maya device, patients can also pinpoint problem times and patterns, like always forgetting to take a dose on Saturday mornings.

After an organ transplant, patients must take drugs that suppress the immune system so the body does not fight off the new organ. Not taking them or even just deviating from the medication schedule can have dire consequences, Dr. Foster says.

"(Non-adherence) is probably the single most important reason for graft losses and rejections," she says. "If you look at the risk of graft failure related to the age of patients and plot it, you can see a hump during the adolescent years. It is definitely the highest-risk interval, and the reason is likely adherence. Adherence dips during this period."

The researchers also will examine how outcomes differ from patients in the Canadian and U.S. health systems.

Although their study focuses on kidney transplant patients, the researchers think the findings will translate to patients with other chronic diseases and conditions as well.

"It could be something that could be applied across all populations for all chronic conditions," Dr. Dharnidharka says. "We often spend 20 years developing new drugs, but they will have a limited effect if patients don't take them." ■



## STRAIGHT TALK

## Teamwork at its best helps make a miracle happen

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The message was chilling, but the tone was calm: "Thirty minutes to live," neurosurgeon Mark Gerber said to Michele Thoman, our chief nursing officer, on a Saturday afternoon two weeks ago. He was talking about an infant with a head injury. With the baby's life hanging in the balance, NCH teamwork would never be more important.

I won't keep you in suspense. Now, two weeks later, the child is well and at home, doing what any normal 7-month-old does, except for the temporary physical and occupational therapy for the next few months at an NCH outpatient facility. Jill Zollar, R.N., and ER Coordinator at our North Naples hospital, picks up this miraculous story.

Emergency Medical Services entered the waiting room with a mother who was

cradling the vomiting infant. R.N. Jessica Walsh quickly called the mother into the triage room, where the mother pointed to a fist-sized hematoma (bruise) on the baby's head. The baby was pale, lethargic and had a low heart rate.

Ms. Walsh immediately involved Dr. John Lewis (who was on call and is also co-chairman of our ER physicians, chairman of the board quality committee and an NCH board member). R.N. Julie Stoner quickly executed Dr. Lewis' orders for oxygen, an IV and a CT scan of the head, which showed a large blood clot on the brain (an epidural hematoma). Pediatric intensivist Debbie Lopez and registered respiratory therapist Beverly Ward then arrived and never left the baby's side thereafter.

Together, Drs. Lewis and Lopez called Dr. Mark Gerber, one of our five neurosurgeons on call all the time. Dr. Gerber, in his car that Saturday afternoon, pulled over, got out his iPad and viewed the CT results. (NCH is among the 200 top IT hospitals in the country; we can view radiology

results anywhere with Internet access.) Dr. Gerber's instant conclusion: The baby would be too ill to transfer out of town. He had all the necessary neurosurgical instruments at the NCH downtown campus, where we do the majority of brain surgery, and arranged for the baby's emergency transport there.

Anesthesiologist Rob Statfeld had already finished his Saturday morning surgery schedule and had just arrived home. Earlier in the week, he graciously agreed to cover on Saturday afternoon for a colleague who had another engagement. Dr. Statfeld had extensive experience with pediatric trauma in his former practice, and as he drove back to the hospital, he considered plans for anesthesia and the equipment he would need for an infant. Fortunately, Dr. Lopez keeps a pediatric cart full of equipment in the downtown ER, just in case it's needed. It was.

Sarah Holton, assistant OR director in North Naples, who recently joined NCH after five years of pediatric surgical experience at Nemours/Alfred I duPont Hos-

pital for Children, also headed in to assist OR staff Rose Echols, Lily Mangovski, Cheryl Marshall and Matt Roberts.

The baby was resuscitated with blood, emergently cross-matched at NCH North Naples lab by Peter Kubetschek, and transported downtown, where Dr. Statfeld, with Dr. Lopez in the OR as well, administered the anesthetic and Dr. Gerber performed successful neurosurgery. All stayed for most of the afternoon, while the patient was cared for by R.N.s Linda Yerger and Kelly Whitfield.

Finally, as the baby emerged from anesthesia and one of his pupils started to react to light, a second CT scan showed stabilization and the child was transferred to the McDonald Seacarium where R.N.s Brittany Cassan, Patty Devarenne and Jenna Randall continued the care. The baby was saved.

A miracle? Certainly. But it was a miracle because of teamwork at its best among highly trained professionals.

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# HEALTH

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## Six-session class for caregivers

Right at Home, a home-care service in Bonita Springs, presents a class to help family caregivers reduce stress, improve self-confidence, communicate feelings better, balance their lives, increase their ability to make tough decisions and locate helpful resources.

The next session will meet from 1-4 p.m. Fridays, Sept. 2-Oct. 2. A donation of \$25 to help defray the cost of a workbook is suggested, but is not required. Classes meet at Right at Home, 4061 Bonita Beach Road. Refreshments are served, and space is limited. Register by calling 343-2751. ■

## Geriatric psychiatrist on diagnosing dementia

The Mental Health Association of Southwest Florida presents Naples psychiatrist Daniel Deutschman with a lecture about "Delirium/Dementia Diagnosis and Treatment" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, at MHA headquarters at 2335 Tamiami Trail N. Mental health professionals can earn one CEU.

Attendance is free. Registration is required and can be completed by calling Brian Follweiler at 261-5405 or e-mailing [bfollweiler@mhaswfl.org](mailto:bfollweiler@mhaswfl.org). ■

# CHS pediatric psychologist participates in research on obesity in Latino children

BY CONNIE DILLON  
Special to Florida Weekly



Dr. Javier Rosado came to Immokalee so he could work with CHS Healthcare patients as a postdoctoral Psychology Fellow from the Medical Humanities & Social Sciences Department at the Florida State University College of Medicine. He has been at the Isabel Collier Read Medical Campus working with our CHS staff in the area of health psychology since September 2008.



ROSADO

This integrated pediatric psychology service is available at our pediatric practice in Immokalee and offered to all CHS pediatricians as a support service. The goal is to integrate pediatric psychology services into usual pediatric care in order to enhance patients' and families' health outcomes, psychological adjustment and functioning and disease management. This may include, but is not limited to, difficulties with medical treatment adherence, preparation for and adjustment to medical procedures/ hospitalization, helping increase patient self-management of chronic disease and support of treatments that require behavioral changes. Dr. Rosado received his Ph.D. in

counseling psychology and human systems from FSU. He completed a predoctoral internship training program in clinical and community psychology at Yale University School of Medicine and received his bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary social science at the University of South Florida. In 2009, he received a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to further his work with migrant children and families. Soon after, in November 2010, he passed his Florida psychologist licensing and accepted a fulltime faculty position with FSU to continue serving CHS patients in Immokalee.

Dr. Rosado is one of only 20 researchers funded by the RWJF through Salud America, a national research network to prevent obesity among Latino Children.

The \$75,000 grant involves conducting a two-year study on how rural clinics and school health programs inform Latino parents about their children's weight, specifically during well-child visits.

Concern for obesity among Latino children escalated when, in 2006, a study by the Mathematica Policy Research Group found 25 percent of Latino children are considered obese by age 3.

Through the use of structured interviews conducted by FSU staff after the child's office visit, CHS families

will be asked to talk about the routine medical check-up. They will be asked to assess information given to them by the physician relating to their child's weight. The study will look at the family's awareness, post-visit, of weight-related facts and information. Several tools will be used to examine study outcomes, and how those outcomes will be shared with the service providers.

Dr. Rosado will continue work on the RWJF grant through the end of this year.

The Isabel Collier Read Medical Campus is a Federally Qualified Health Center with clinic management, including patient enrollment, run by CHS Healthcare staff. It also serves as a training site for FSU medical students and psychology postdoctoral fellows. The medical complex, which includes Marion E. Fether Medical Center, offers the community primary medical services in pediatrics, family medicine, adult care, dental, obstetrics /gynecology and behavior health services.

CHS Healthcare has been delivering primary care to Collier County residents for 34 years as a private, not-for-profit, "safety net" health-care provider. The CHS network has 12 locations, including the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile, throughout Collier County. ■

— Connie Dillon is the executive director of the CHS Healthcare Foundation. For more information, visit [www.Collier.org](http://www.Collier.org).

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# EXCURSIONS

## Summer song



My dog gives me wonderful presents. It just doesn't seem like it at the time. When he turned 15 and was no longer able to fly, I dreaded the 4,000-mile drive to our summer hideout in Oregon. That journey soon evolved into a backroads transcontinental exploration, a highlight of our year. Wally turned 20 in July. His fragile health and triple-digit temperatures mid-country have postponed that trip this year. Every time it looked like he was rallying, or the national weather was settling into normal patterns, a flare-up kept us homebound. As July turned August, it became clear there would be no summer exit this year.

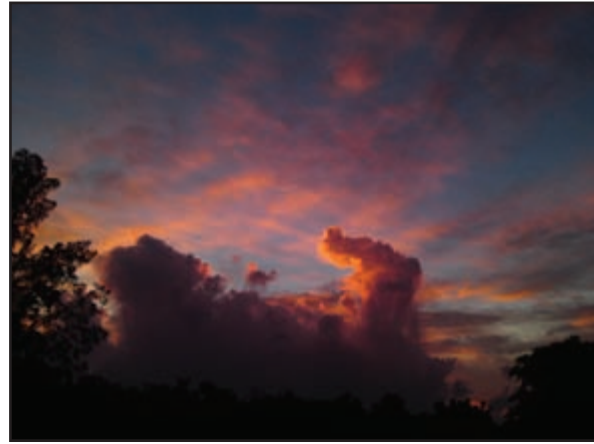
My initial funk from being denied the mild climate of the Pacific Northwest has once again turned into appreciation of a gift from Wally: An opportunity to taste the rare wine of a Southwest Florida summer.

I wasn't an instant convert. Getting up at daybreak to pull weeds started as an effort to avoid the direct summer sun. Sunrise, I found, happens quickly and beautifully. Goldshot and bleeding, those summer skies became a welcome precursor of another day's birth. Slowly I began to see growth patterns and flowering in the garden that had been missed during my usual absence. Instead of coming back to an overgrown mess, there came opportunity to shape and propagate plants dur-



ing the rainy season's abundance. This was the time of birth and growth in the subtropics. Tiny lizards scattering everywhere, the fecund viscosity of the air itself — new life infused every space.

The boil and gather of afternoon clouds also established a pattern: mid-day's giant cumulus building to a crackling, wind-swept wall of rain surging across the river. Working outside as the storm approached was like being in the shadow of a great animal, its breathing and presence filling the world until all is released in a cataclysm of downpour and lightning. Watching the water run to low ground between flashes and the applause of thunder became a lesson in topography, a chance to see the subtle elevations of the



property delineated by courses of runoff where all had appeared featureless before. Jalousies were rolled open to taste the change of temperature and force of the wind, an opportunity to connect with the way earlier generations lived with and appreciated the drama of a Southwest Florida monsoon.

Living on this slender spine of stone between two oceans, temperatures rarely reach triple digits despite our proximity to the tropics. Stalled air is soon flushed by the exchange of pressure between Atlantic and Gulf. Summers spent in south Louisiana and east Texas were never as temperate, mid year in the high desert of New Mexico and Arizona dust-choked and near sparse by comparison. Fair weather residents, as I had been, miss the personal transformation experienced by year-round Floridians. The body and mind accept the heat and wet until sweating through outdoor work feels renewing. Roofers, landscapers and other outdoor

workers become nearly invincible as they grow stronger and tougher with this season of extremes. The weakness and lack of purpose painted by pundits over whole generations dissolves in the presence of Floridians who get things done year round. There is a sense of solidarity in those who remain. Fewer cars, less crowds. More time for please, thank you, and offers of help.

Summer brings juvenile snook to the creek outside my home, rolling under mangrove

cover where freshwater meets the brackish Caloosahatchee. Porpoise pen mullet against the seawall in hunting displays equal to the choreography of a wolf pack. Manatees take the opposite approach, bobbing aimlessly up the creek for a drink. Not as often as in past years, an alligator's knobby head glides by on a mission to the marsh up river. Traffic sounds are rare, but so is silence. The air is alive with buzzy chatter from ibis seeking grubs in the floritam; a Cuban tree frog's rusty hinge. The insistent hum of summer life.

School has started, unnaturally soon. A harbinger of seasonal change, it won't be long before we see and feel the shift of nature and residents. Every day, the posted time for sunrise and sunset slips by a minute or so. Migrations will begin, bringing birds, fish and people back from their summer adventures. This year, mine began and continues in Southwest Florida. Thanks again, Wally. ■

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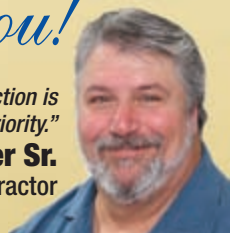
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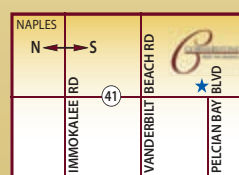
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# PET TALES

## Dealing with pet loss

Lack of understanding makes grieving more difficult

BY INGRID KING

Special to Florida Weekly

Those of us who consider a pet a member of the family will sooner or later experience the pain of loss, and it can be as devastating as the loss of any loved one.

That doesn't mean you'll get much sympathy from those who don't see pets the way you do.

"Much of society is not aware of the strength of the human-animal bond, so pet loss is often seen as 'disfranchised loss,' meaning it is not socially recognized," says Joelle Nielsen, a veterinary social worker at The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

"For some, the insensitivity of others can be more painful than the grief from the actual loss," says Marty Tousley, a bereavement counselor at Hospice of the Valley in Phoenix. "Most people don't tell someone to go get a new spouse or child within a month of one dying."

Knowing that you're not alone in your grief is important, as is realizing that the loss of a pet is a unique experience for each individual. Factors that play into how the loss is handled include whether the death was sudden or followed a prolonged illness, whether the pet owner had to elect euthanasia, whether it was the first time the person experienced losing a pet, and the person's living situation. Single pet owners for whom the pet was a primary



For people who live alone, the loss of an animal companion can be even more difficult to endure.

source of emotional support tend to have more difficulty recovering.

Here are some tips to help you cope:

■ **Mark the pet's passing with some sort of ritual.** Rituals such as memorial services and burial ceremonies are an accepted part of human loss, and can be just as healing after losing a pet. Even something as simple as lighting a candle

in your pet's memory can help.

■ **Find supportive family and friends.** Not everyone will be able to handle your grief. It is important to find people who are comfortable letting you cry, listening while you talk about your pet or just sitting quietly with you.

■ **Find a pet-loss hotline or support group.** Many veterinary schools offer free pet-loss hotlines staffed with trained volunteers who will listen and offer compassionate support. Pet-loss support groups can also be found through pet cemeteries or crematories, shelters, and veterinary hospitals.

"Pet-loss groups are not the same as group therapy," says Tousley. "Their purpose is to offer a safe, structured place where people bound by the experience of loss can come together."

Numerous online support groups are available 24 hours a day. Both Nielsen and Tousley recommend that pet owners who feel unable to function normally or who feel that they are not progressing in their grief process seek professional help.

■ **Allow yourself time to grieve.** While it's not healthy to get stuck in your grief, pretending that nothing is wrong is equally unhealthy. "A person's grief is legitimate and real, regardless of anyone else's comments, behavior or opinions," says Tousley. Nielsen adds, "You are not 'crazy' — what you are experiencing is normal."

The old adage that time heals all wounds applies to pet loss as well. As you work through your grief, you'll find that there will come a day when you'll wake up in the morning and your first thought will not be about how much you miss your pet, but about a happy memory of the time you spent together. ■

## Humane society open house set for Saturday

Humane Society Naples holds its annual "Fur, Fun and Food" open house from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20.



Visitors are invited to tour the shelter, meet the HSN "cat whisperer," learn about dog agility and training and sample dishes from local restaurants, with a portion of food ticket sales benefitting the shelter.

Non-food donations for the animal shelter — bleach, new or clean used towels, hand-sanitizer, etc. — are welcome.

The NCH bloodmobile will be on-site for those who would like to give blood.

Also coming up at the shelter is "Downward Dog Yoga: Yoga with Your Dog," at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8. Bring your own four-legged best friend, or enjoy the company of a shelter dog during the yoga session. Cost is \$15. Sign up by Sept. 5.

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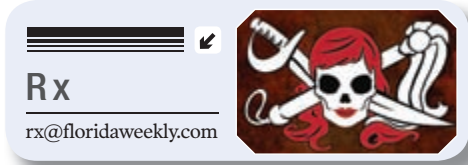



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# MUSINGS

## Purlieu



*"That accounts for the bleeding, you see. Now you understand the way things happen here."*  
— White Queen,  
*Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*

*"Deer-stalking would be a very fine sport if only the deer had guns."*  
— W. S. Gilbert

*"As you see, my reflexes are as sharp as my mind! And my blade even sharper!"*  
— Sherlock Holmes

*"Trials of the Demon!"*  
— in *Batman: The Brave and the Bold*

*"If you know where you were going, that would not be a-Musing."*  
— Rx, note to self

*"In the middle of the plains, in the middle of the games, who knew there'd be a mountain?"*  
— Swong

So here I am, not much of a pirate really. More a wraith. Barely adrift on a raft in an endless see. Not much of a raft really. More like a single log. Or really more like a bit of a stick. A splinter, really. Tired of a-musing me-self, of feeling the family jewels slipping between

boney fingers. Neither hot nor cold. Not really both hot and cold. Remember the game: You're getting warmer....warmer....hot....hotter....oh, cooler....cold.

So I'm a looking. Wondering. Searching the memory archives. Investigating.

The word "investigate" comes from the Latin word meaning "to track." To track by following "in" the "vestigium" or footprint. So it goes in the forest.

By forest, we usually mean a large, tree covered expanse. But in medieval England, forest meant royal forest, tracts of land including heath, grassland and wetland that were owned by the king.

These lands supported game, mostly deer, for the exclusive hunting by royalty. In late 12th and early 13th century, fully a third of southern England was royal forest. There, forest law applied. This law ensured that the venison, the animals of the chase, and the vert, the greenery that sustained them, were exclusively for the royal pleasure.

Now, if buck or doe escaped the royal forest and caused damage outside, they could be killed by the aggrieved commoners. Exiting the royal forest meant entering the purlieu, the place just beyond the forest edge. John Manwood, in his 1598 Treatise of the Lawes of the Forest, defines purlieu as "a certain territory of ground adjoining unto the forest which was once forest land and afterwards disafforested by the perambulation made for the severing of the new forests from the old." This perambulation, also called the beat-

ing of the bounds, was a walking on the land to mark a redefining of royal boundaries.

And who better at bounding royal redefinition than Alice's White Queen? For her, if it's jam every other day, it's never jam today. She claims that this is the giddy effect of living backwards, of having memory that remembers best what happened the week after next. The Wonderland White Queen bleeds first and pricks later.

Is that the then when we hear the baying of the hunting hounds? Like Sherlock who is ever wearing his signature deer-stalker hat, I have been doing some investigating of my own. My own memory, that is.

So, like in the beginning here, bemusing on the floating splinter, the investigating adrift seems to find its own inspirational and expiring Yeth Hound, the headless yet wailing beast never seen by mortal eyes, not even by the Baskervilles. Met 'em before?

I looked for him. Had we passed in the forest? And I could find no sounds or sight or touch. No smell or taste. Not of him, nor of any forest creature. Just pho-



tos found, and story books. But no thing, not really. The past archive slipped, a way without a trace. No present; nothing to be given. No experience.

Just like an old movie, someone is saying: Why don't you see me some time, and come? There may be purple mountain majesty, plain song fruit prints, and murmurs in the forest .

I know this is indecipherable. Remember: Non-sense. ■

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

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## Taking it slow and easy

### *Long-term rentals a resilient niche*

BY ROGER WILLIAMS

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You know you want to — you want to take “the long-term vacation” just once in a lifetime, or for the rest of your life, defining yourself as a true independent.

Now might be a good time to plan and execute that glorious maneuver along the Southwest coast. At this unusual moment in economic time, brokers say, long-term vacation rentals range from surprisingly affordable to unambiguously opulent.

The market will suit many, in other words — not just a few.

One thing, though: You can't define

long-term as merely a couple of weeks. The minimum long-term stay up and down the coast is generally considered more than 28 days, part of a new trend in long-term vacation rentals, especially in upscale resort communities.

“Long-term vacation renters are typically from the Northeast and tend to be middle-age retired or semi-retired couples that will want a home large enough to accommodate visiting family members periodically during their stay,” explains Randy Bacik, the CEO at Royal Shell Vacations based on Sanibel. Mr. Bacik spoke through Don DeLuca, a spokesman for Royal Shell.

Remarkably, it's both a buyer's and a seller's market, when it comes to long-term vacation rentals, he suggests.

“The long-term rental activity is much better now as many more people are renting as opposed to buying,” Mr. Bacik notes.

“Investors are still taking advantage of the low home prices and are much more successful at renting those investment homes. There are some areas where we have more demand for long-term rentals than inventory to fill the requests.”

Bottom line: how much and for what?

“Prices vary depending on the location, type of property, amenities, etc.,” Mr. Bacik says. “Minimum pricing begins around \$3,000 month and maximum pricing can reach up to \$45,000 a month.”

If that top-end deal raises the specter of insolvency, don't flinch just yet.

“Best value on the island, 2 kayaks, Adult & Kid bikes, pvt. Beach, WiFi,” reads an ad for vacation rentals at [www.homeaway.com](http://www.homeaway.com). You also get three bed

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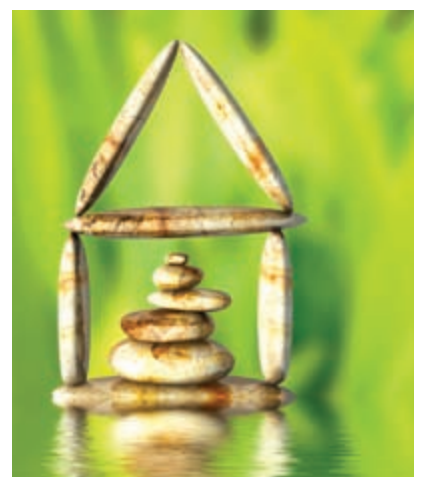
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The chamber's Wake Up Naples, and more networking events. **B8-9** ►



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A lesson about stocks and return on equity. **B6** ►



#### Real Estate

NABOR report encouraging; state stats, not so much. **B11** ►

## Preferred Travel has the ticket for GrowFL

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Preferred Travel of Naples has been selected to receive free technical assistance from the state-funded GrowFL program.

The travel company was founded by Wilma Boyd in 1984 and belongs to the Signature Travel Network, a worldwide group that offers savings, amenities and privileged access experiences on luxury cruises, tours, hotels and adventures.

Ms. Boyd says the GrowFL designation means “growth and expansion” for



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“As a second stage company, it is beneficial to have access, guidance and support from our peers. GrowFL's expertise and assistance in providing key information

Preferred Travel's 45 employees. The benefit of research provided by GrowFL experts will guide the local firm in making decisions and setting strategies that will help shape the company.

on market penetration, technology and core strategy will help in decision making and strategy,” she says.

Part of the Florida Economic Gardening Institute, GrowFL was created in 2009 by the Florida legislature and is based at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. When selecting businesses for the program, the institute looks for companies that have the potential for success, according to Tom O'Neal, execu-

utive director of the Florida Economic Gardening Institute.

“Preferred Travel of Naples is ideal for the program as it has shown that it has the potential to succeed and it continues to grow,” says Dr. O'Neal, who also is associate vice president for UCF's office of research and commercialization.

From its Naples headquarters, Preferred


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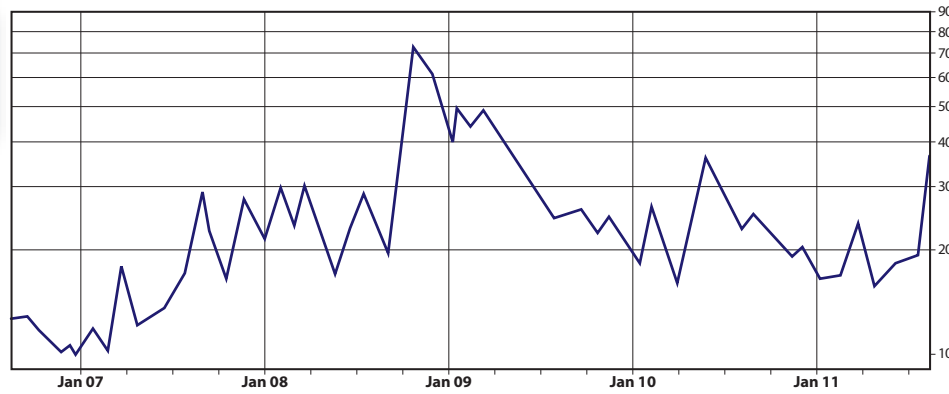
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## Volatility by the numbers

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Volatility Index S&P 500



Of particular importance last week to the investor with a traditional bond/ equity buy and hold portfolio was the volatility in the U.S. equity market. In daily terms, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 5.5 percent, up 4 percent, down 4.6 percent, up 3.9 percent and, finally, closed up 1.1 percent. After such a tumultuous week and tremendous news coverage of the same, what can be written of incremental value or insight?

It's useful at this time to discuss volatility measures: what they mean, how they're measured, whether equity volatility can be minimized and whether U.S. equity investors have been adequately rewarded for enduring the volatility of the past 11 years.

This column covers two measures of volatility: Beta and VIX.

Most investors understand Beta, which measures the degree with which an individual stock, portfolio or an asset class will move with the broad market. If the stock or portfolio moves in exact tandem (up or down) with the market, it would have a Beta of 1.0. A Beta of greater than 1.0 implies that the asset moves more (e.g. more up or more down) than the market; a Beta of negative 1.0 means the asset moves in the exact opposite direction of the market. In portfolio construction, investors want to reduce Beta without

giving up return.

Much has been written in this column about how to reduce the Beta of a portfolio. Sure, there can be a shift to nonpaying cash or painfully low-paying U.S. bonds. But for many, these are non-solutions.

In simple terms, "though my readers tire of hearing, they might soon be heeding" some counsel to include alternative assets in a traditional portfolio for the very reason that they are an asset class which is uncorrelated to stocks and bonds as they have low or even zero correlation to equities. (Source: 1983 study by Dr. John Lintner, a Harvard professor, titled "The Potential Role of Managed Commodity-Financial Futures Accounts in Portfolios of Stocks and Bonds"; recently updated and confirmed by the CME Group.)

Unlike cable news stars who might be inclined to promote what they already own ("talking their book"), I am "talking a strategy"... a strategy rarely explained, promoted or included in individual invest-

tor portfolios. Mainstream media and many financial advisers continue to label alternative assets as "too risky". Compared to what? To rockin' rollin' equities?

In my opinion, the most prevalent market risk statistic is the Chicago Board Options Exchange Market Volatility Index, called by its ticker symbol, VIX.

Some people call it a fear index but it really measures both fearful or exuberant expectations for the S&P over the next 30 days. It is quoted in percentage points and the percentage represents the expected annual change in the S&P. Suffice it to say, a 15 percent (annualized) VIX translates into an expected monthly change (up or down) in the market of some 4 percent. Per the calculation, this monthly volatility has a 68 percent or better (one standard deviation from the mean expectation) likelihood of happening.

So what is a normal VIX reading? Well, equities have been very volatile since 2000. For most of 2011, the VIX was between 15 percent and 20 percent but, with the recent

equity decline of the past three weeks, the VIX has reached 47 percent two times this past week and closed at 36 percent. Those figures, in effect, say that a lot more volatility is expected over the next 30 days and over the next year. (Source: Yahoo Finance VIX historical charts)

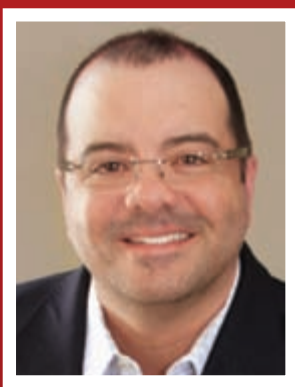
The U.S. equity market has been volatile and expectations are for continued volatility. It is my opinion that the world's problems are not going away for a long time and that if we couldn't jump start the economy with meaningful growth after the trillions already spent, another go-around of Fed Quantitative Easing, if such does happen, might well be just pushing on a string.

You might want to revisit your risk/reward expectations for equities and also reconsider your portfolio's allocations so as to include assets not correlated to equities. You might want to consider inclusion of trading systems that take positions based on technicals and/or trading systems using money management rules or with capabilities to assets as well as go long. Always consult your advisers as to the suitability and if your advisers are not having these discussions with you, then consider expanding your circle of professionals. ■

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Stephan to retire from Junior Achievement



STEPHAN

Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida has announced the retirement of Victoria Stephan, who has served as president of the organization for 11 years.

During her tenure, student participation in JA programs designed to promote work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy have grown 425 percent and now serve 10,079 students in Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties. Today, JA programs are part of the mandated curriculum in both Collier and Lee counties. Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida also launched its CEO Academy summer camp program for high school students under Ms. Stephan's leadership.

The Southwest Florida office has received numerous honors from JA Worldwide in recognition of its program growth and operating surplus. JA Worldwide awarded the office with a Bronze Summit Award in 2004 and Silver Summit Awards in 2005, 2007 and 2008. In 2009, Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida received its first Gold Summit Award and a Peak Performance Award from JA Worldwide. Most recently, the organization earned the 2011 Gold Summit Award, which recognized program growth reaching an additional 1,500 students during the 2010-2011 school year.

Ms. Stephan's retirement is effective Dec. 2. A search committee is identifying candidates for the position in hopes that a successor can be in place within approximately three months to allow for a brief overlap in service with Ms. Stephan and a smooth transition of leadership.

Junior Achievement is the world's largest organization dedicated to inspiring and preparing young people to succeed in a global economy. Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida Inc. provides in-school and after-school programs that focus on three key content areas: work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy.

For more information, contact the Southwest Florida office at 225-2590 or visit [www.JASWFL.org](http://www.JASWFL.org). ■

### Leonard named Zonta's Woman of the Year



LEONARD

Trish Leonard has been named 2011 Woman of the Year by the Zonta Club of Bonita Springs. A former president of the club and leader of numerous business groups and nonprofit fundraising efforts, Ms. Leonard will receive the award during the club's third annual Glass Slipper Ball set for Friday, Nov. 18, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort.

Ms. Leonard is the director of marketing for Florida Gulf Coast University's Small Business Development Center Office and president of TLC Marketing and Cre-

ative Services. She led the initial funding efforts for the Ronald McDonald House at The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida and has been instrumental in the "Love That Dress!" fundraising event for the PACE Center for Girls. She is the founder of the Commercial Sales Industry Professionals of Southwest Florida and is known to many for her years of service as the membership director for the Bonita Springs Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Leonard is the current president of the European American Network; vice chair of the board for the city of Bonita Springs Arts in Public Places; a board member of the Speakers Assembly of SW FL; committee member of the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County 2011 golf tournament; member of the Art League of Bonita Springs; and affiliate member of BEAR-Bonita/Estero Association of Realtors. ■

### Summer interns gain experience at the chamber

The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce has hosted four interns this summer who have made significant contributions to the nonprofit organization while complimenting their academic courses of study.

The interns are: Nathalie Grajales, Meline Jacques, Nicholas Lynch and Lauren O'Neal.

A 2006 graduate of Barron Collier High School, Ms. Grajales is from Paris, France. She earned an associate paralegal degree from the Universite Pantheon Sorbonne-Paris I and is a second year student in Modern Languages at the Universite Sorbonne Nouvelle-Paris III. During her internship,

she has helped create systems to assist the chamber's Council for Visitors in Collier County in applying for foreign visitors from the State Department.

Ms. Jacques, a 2008 graduate of Golden Gate High School, will receive a bachelor's degree in finance from Florida State University in 2012. Her internship work has also involved the Chamber's CIVIC program to assist the chamber in applying for foreign visitors from the State Department. In addition, she is assisting the chamber's finance department with W-9 compliance. Her community activities include volunteering with the Haitian Culture Club and SISTUHS Inc.

Mr. Lynch will graduate from Lorenzo Technical High School, where his course of study focuses on architecture and engineering, in 2014. In 2006, he participated in the People to People Leadership Ambassadors sponsored by the Dwight D. Eisenhower Foundation to enhance leadership skills. This summer, he is working closely with the Leadership Collier Foundation to create an alumni database.

A native Neapolitan, Ms. O'Neal graduated from Johnson and Wales University in North Miami. She holds an associate's degree in business administration and a bachelor's in business management with a concentration in human resource management. During her chamber internship, she has worked closely with the programming and events department and helped coordinate the annual trade show for members.

For information about interning with the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, contact Mike Reagen, president and CEO of the chamber, by calling 403-2904 or e-mailing Lori Freiburg at [lori@napleschamber.org](mailto:lori@napleschamber.org). ■

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As soon as one steps from the elevator into the residence's private lobby, the dramatic design and penchant for detail is immediately inspirational. Working with both abundant natural light and specially engineered lighting, the residence comes alive with wide planked bamboo flooring and custom Bartel wooden doors.  
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### PORT ROYAL - GALLEON DRIVE

This enchanting Port Royal residence offers a tropical motif, including rich wood finishes, stone flooring, and tongue and groove ceiling treatments. There are direct views of Limpkin Cove with ample green space for gardening and outdoor entertaining. Port Royal Club membership eligibility.  
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# RENTALS

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rooms, two baths, a large screened porch, a 50-inch plasma television and a spacious kitchen, plus the use of a community pool.

The ad is attractive, the photos are appealing, the place, located in the Dunes, is only minutes from either the Gulf Beach or the bay on Sanibel Island, and it sleeps 10.

“We just finished a complete home renovation in late September 2009 (with) fresh paint, new carpet, new tile and all-new furnishings,” adds the owner, Michelle Hedden, a Georgia resident.

What could be better, or a better deal? That depends on personal taste, time and budget.

Although the temperamental and even bi-polar economy has created this new trend, in some areas it's a not-so-new trend, suggests Lee Leatherwood, broker of the rental division for Premier Southeby's International Realty, headquartered in Naples.

“I've been doing rentals here for 15 years and I've seen a culture developed for owners, with strict rules for rentals — that's true from Naples to Lely to Bonita,” she observes. “Out of hundreds of condo associations or homeowners associations in Collier County, maybe only 10 or less offer weekly rentals. And they're heavily policed. So this has always been a bit of a long-term vacationer spot.”

That's by design — the design of the code planners decades ago who sought a stable community without many transients, Ms. Leatherwood suggests. In contrast, Fort Myers Beach was designed and coded to rent to short-term vacationers.

To make the trend even more interesting from a business standpoint, brokers in Naples are looking for the longest rent contracts they can get for their clients, because the tight rental rules usually allow only two or three 30-day leases per year.

“If you've used up your 30-day options, you can't do a 30-day rental again until the following January,” she says. “So people who call us and want a 30-day lease get put on a waiting list.”

Each community has its own particular twist on the trend, however, as Deb



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**Demand for long-term rentals at Royal Shell Vacations often surpasses the amount of inventory.**

Sestilio points out.

A broker for Fishermen's Village Realty in Punta Gorda, Ms. Sestilio sees a new strong trend in longer-term vacationing from clients in the Midwest or Northeast, where the devastating winter weather last year remains on their minds this year.

“We're seeing more people want to come and stay longer, maybe longer than six months, from places like Michigan or upstate New York,” she explains.

“We consider seasonal contracts anything under six months, and long-term contracts anything over that. The seasonal folks tend to look for a finished unit, maybe a condo with amenities where they can go to the pool, or enjoy community barbecues or walk to Fishermen's Village. The longer-term rentals don't always require all that.”

Certainly the longer trend in vacations requires more time of renters,

whether long-term is defined as one month or more than six months. Such renters often tend to be either retired baby boomers, or people who don't mind devoting all four weeks of a vacation to a single beautiful spot.

“Families with kids generally don't get that much time, and if they do, they usually want to spend two weeks with grandma and two at Disney, or something,” notes Ms. Leatherwood.

They also have money, although people willing to vacation out of season or on the edges of a season won't necessarily break their banks, even in upscale communities.

At Fishermen's Village Realty, Ms. Sestilio offers long-term or seasonal rentals ranging from a high of about \$3,500 a month in season, to about \$1,800 a month at the low end.

In Vivante at Punta Gorda, for example, the top-end money would get a three bedroom, 2½ bathroom condo in a gated community with pools, spas,

tennis courts “and all of the other amenities,” she explains.

The less expensive rental might be a condo in an older neighborhood in Punta Gorda Isles, but it would have a pool or a boat dock or easy access to Fisherman's village, the sprawling shopping and eating mall built on and over the water in downtown Punta Gorda.

For the 3,800-square-foot Sanibel home owned by Michelle Hedden, meanwhile, prices for the next two months — September and October — are listed in the homeway.com ad as a mere \$1,900 or \$2,200, respectively.

Wait until mid-December through March, though, and the price jumps to \$5,200 per month.

Oh, and pets?

No problem at Ms. Hedden's home, if they're small. And that's almost always negotiable, owners say.

Children, by the way, are not considered pets, generally. ■

# TRAVEL

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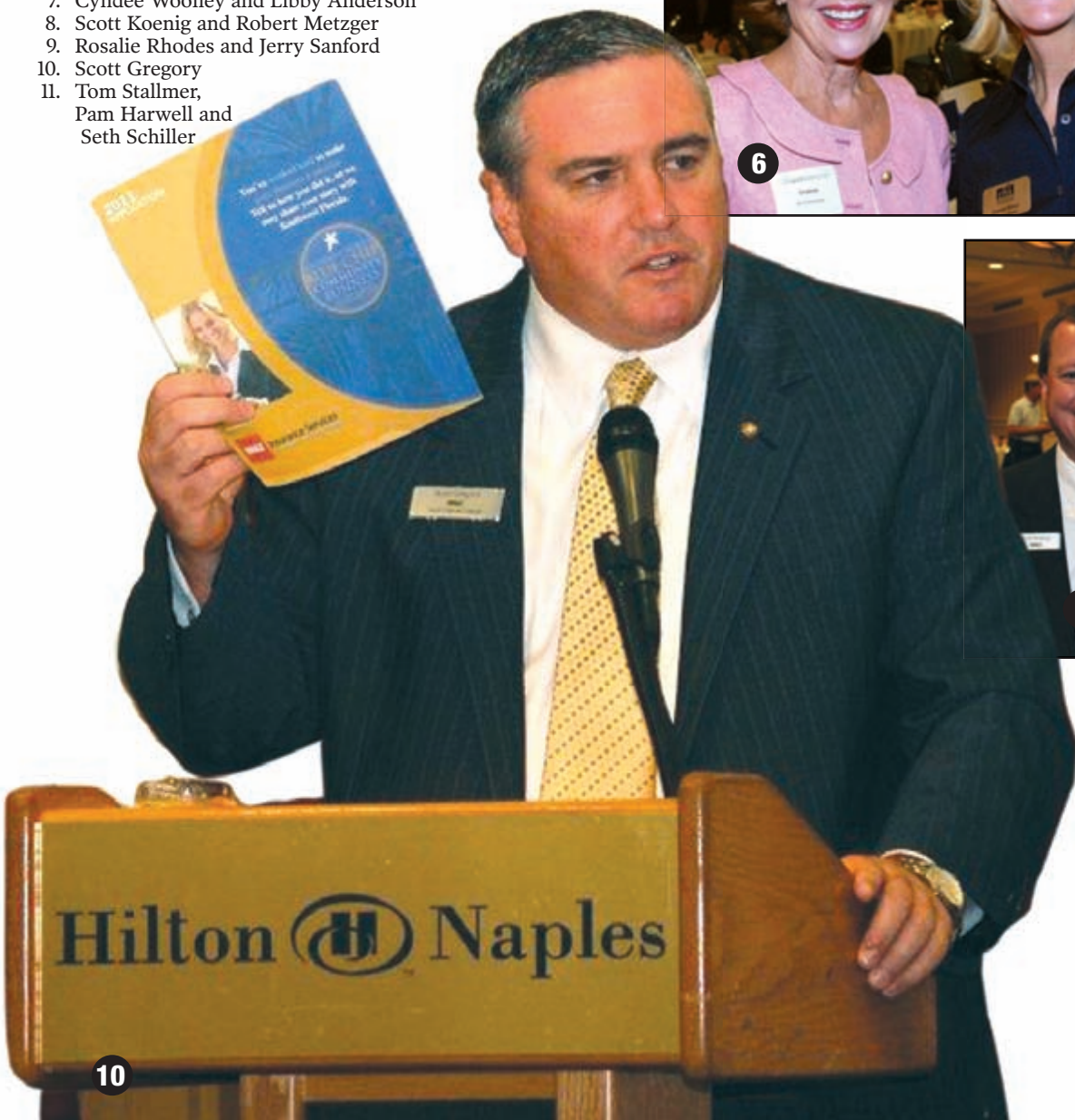
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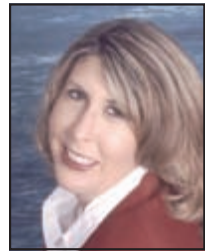
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HASKINS

from Washington, D.C., and has been an associate with Coldwell Banker for nine years, specializing in gated communities in Estero. Ms. Kephart is originally from Lynchburg, Va., and has been a mortgage broker with Fifth Third Mortgage for 25 years, specializing in residential home loans.



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**Jo Ellen Nash** was recognized as July's top listing producer in the Naples office of Royal Shell Real Estate.

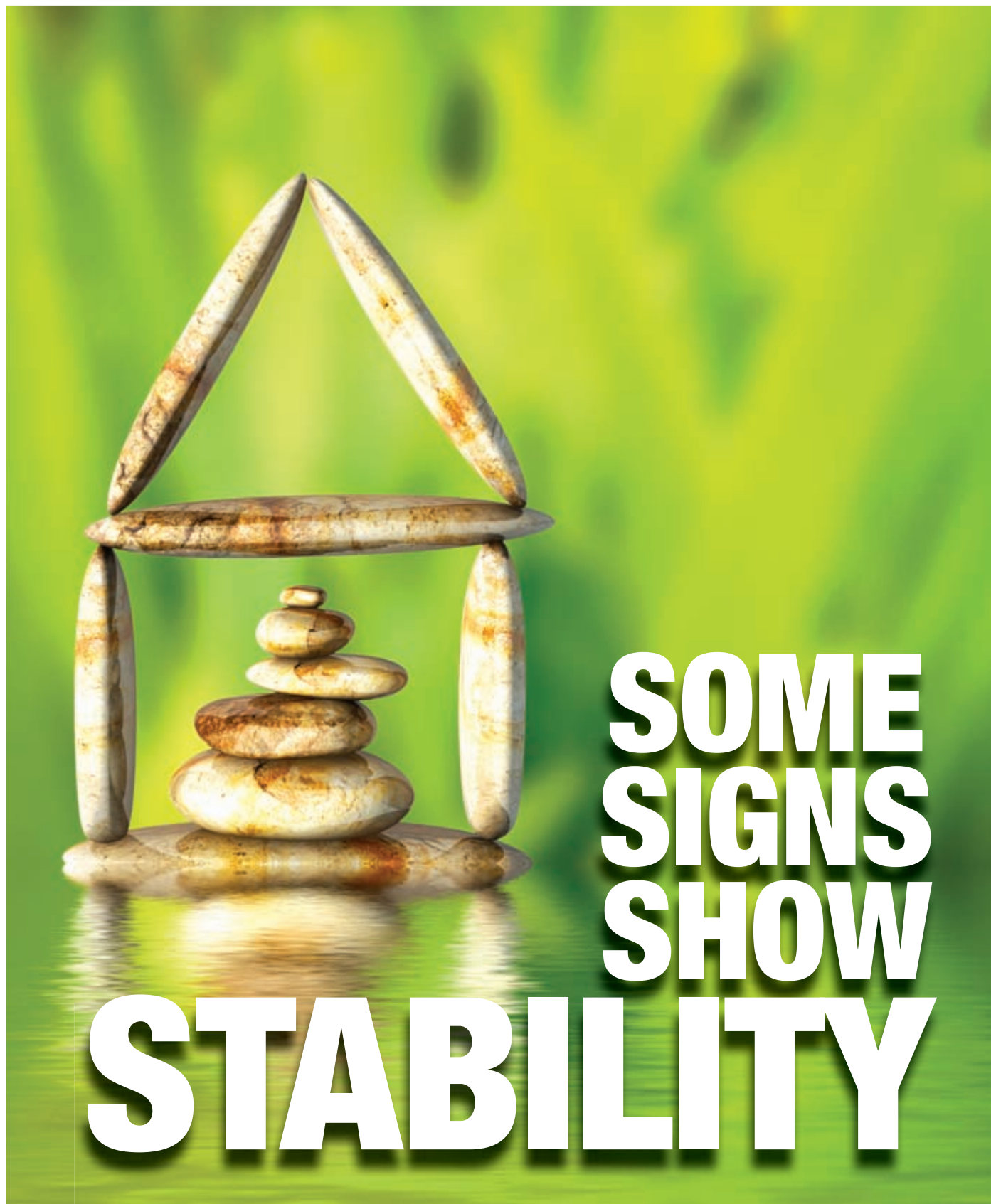
**Ashley Knie** has joined LandQwest Commercial as the company's retail services coordinator responsible for assisting with marketing and leasing for the firm's retail assignments as well as collateral development, sales material and business development. Ms. Knie previously served as marketing coordinator for the leasing team at Cushman & Wakefield in Atlanta, and prior to that was a project manager with Bovis Lend Lease Inc., working on the St. Regis Hotel and Residences project in Buckhead. She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Florida.

**Linda Roberts** has joined the Old Naples office of Engel & Völkers and will cater to British and European clients in the Pelican Bay area. Ms. Roberts spent her early adult life working in Europe, Spain, Tunisia and France and moved to the Naples/Bonita Springs area in 1998. She is a certified international property specialist as well as a certified residential specialist.



ROBERTS

**Aldee Rosenberg**, a sales associate in the Fifth Avenue South office of Coldwell Banker Previews International, represented the buyer in one of the highest-priced residential real estate transactions year-to-date in Naples' Port Royal community. Listed by Gulf Coast International Properties, the 7,600 square-foot estate at 3520 Gin Lane closed on Aug. 9 for \$8.25 million. ■

*NABOR numbers indicate local inventory down 19 percent***SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY**

Key indicators such as pending sales, inventory and the median closed price show signs of real estate stability during challenging economic times, according to a report released by the Naples Area Board of Realtors, which tracks home listings and sales within Collier County (excluding Marco Island).

Overall pending sales increased 2 percent, with 775 contracts in July 2011

compared to 760 contracts in July 2010. The median closed price for properties over \$300,000 increased 2 percent to \$550,000 for the 12 months ending July 2011 compared to \$540,000 for the 12 months ending July 2010.

"The fact that we are not seeing volatility in the residential real estate market is positive. Home prices and sales are level but seem to be trending upward, inventory is declining, the average days on the market are declining — all indi-

cators of the stabilization process," says Tom Bringardner, president and CEO of Premier Commercial Inc.

John Steinwand, president of Naples Realty Services, adds a decrease in the percentage of non-traditional sales, foreclosures and short sales is contributing to the stabilization. "This is good news for the real estate industry," he adds.

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## Larsen offers continuing education classes

Larsen Educational Services presents several opportunities for licensed real estate professionals to complete 14 hours of continuing education credits to maintain their state licenses.

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- Aug. 27 and 28, 3073 Horseshoe Drive S., Naples
- Sept. 24 and 25, 1400 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers

Classes meet from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuition is \$99.

For registration or more information, call 344-7510 or visit [www.LarsenEd.com](http://www.LarsenEd.com). ■

## REIS hosts property development experts

Local government officials and real estate experts will discuss "Challenges and Strategies for Property Development Today" during a seminar presented by the Real Estate Investment Society of Southwest Florida from 8 a.m. to noon Thursday, Sept. 22, at Pelican Preserve Town Center in Fort Myers. Topics include:

- How can government agencies assist with difficult properties?

- What constitutes due diligence?
- Where are the legal land mines?
- What are the options for re-positioning challenged properties?

A question-and-answer session will follow each if several segments.

Registration is \$25 for REIS members, \$15 for college students and \$45 for others. Reservations are required by Sept. 16. Sign up at [www.reis-swfl.org](http://www.reis-swfl.org). ■





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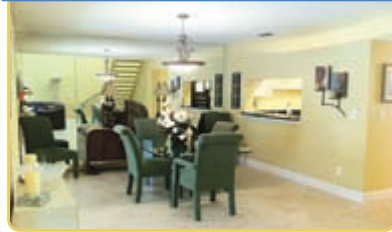
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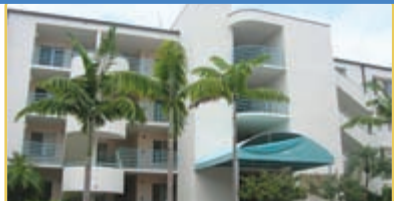


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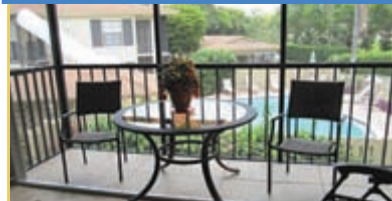


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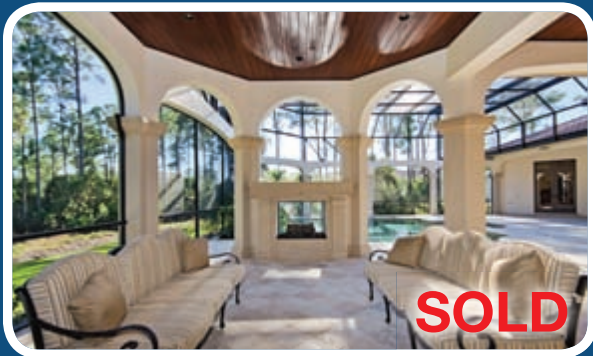
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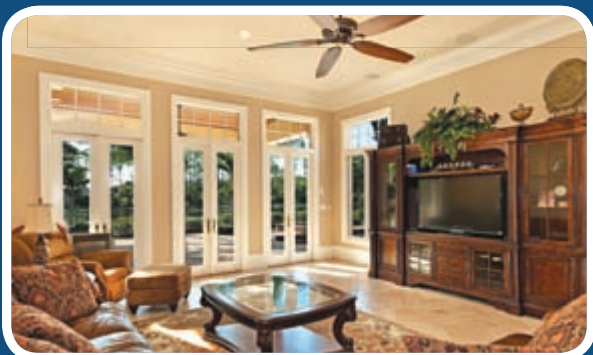
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In July 2011 the Naples area saw 87 foreclosed sales compared to 250 in July 2009.

In addition, "There were more closed sales recorded in the first seven months of 2011 (8,110) than there are available in the current inventory (7,010), which sends an encouraging message to consumers that our market is stabilizing," says Kathy Zorn, broker/owner of Florida Home Realty.

Other highlights of the latest NABOR report:

- Overall pending sales for the 12 months ending July 2011 increased 3 percent, with 10,030 contracts compared to 9,785 contracts for the 12 months ending July 2010.

- Single-family home pending sales increased 3 percent in July 2011, with 447 contracts compared to 432 contracts in July 2010.

- Condo sales for the 12 months ending July 2011 increased 3 percent, with 4,108 sales compared to 3,995 sales for the 12 months ending July 2010.

Brenda Fioretti, NABOR president and managing broker of Prudential Florida Realty, says current inventory — 7,010 properties — represents a drop at a rate of 19 percent for this period. "This is the lowest we have seen since tracking the available inventory in April 2007," she says.

Since April 2007, inventory has declined by 5,000 units, according to the report. "Investors continue to purchase properties in the Naples area, which is helping in the reduction of available inventory," says Mike Hughes, vice president of Downing-Fry Realty.

To view the entire report, visit [www.NaplesArea.com](http://www.NaplesArea.com) ■

# UF survey shows outlook in decline

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Economic worries and continued acrimony among lawmakers have claimed yet another casualty: The outlook for real estate markets in Florida declined slightly through the second quarter of 2011, according to a new University of Florida survey.

The Survey of Emerging Market Conditions, conducted quarterly by the Kelley A. Bergstrom Center for Real Estate Studies at the Warrington College of Business Administration, concluded that economic and political worries were key components in the decline.

"Uncertainty in the direction of the economy and the political gridlock in Washington weigh on respondents' minds," says Tim Becker, director of the Bergstrom Center. "This prevents companies... from investing in personnel. Consumers, uneasy about their own jobs and the slow economic growth, continue to limit spending, which drives a significant portion of gross domestic product," he adds.

UF's Commercial Real Estate Sentiment Index declined for the first time since the third quarter of 2009, with high unemployment figures playing a role in that decline.

"Even though unemployment in Florida improved in many markets, the pace of change and the still-high levels are affecting the pace of improvements in the real estate markets," Mr. Becker says.

One of the measures used to gauge the health of the residential real estate market is the absorption rate, which



is the rate at which the inventory of homes for sale is being sold; the higher the rate, the more active the market. In the latest UF survey, the outlook for new single-family home absorption declined because of the struggling economy, but the outlook for condominium absorption increased for the third consecutive quarter to a new survey high. Mr. Becker says a large influx of foreign investment in Florida's condo sector is a reason for the improvement.

The outlook for prices of new single-family homes and condominiums increased this quarter, as did expectations for occupancy for apartments and condo conversions. Respondents believe current occupancy levels warrant price increases in line with inflation despite a sharp drop in apartment investment, he says.

The outlook for industrial occupancy declined for both warehouse and flex space, but the outlook for investment in warehouse space increased. The outlooks for occupancy in office and retail space also declined, but respondents believe occupancy levels will stabilize.

Land investment and capital availability also declined.

The apartment market continues to be the best performing asset class, Mr. Becker says, adding changing demographics and continued home foreclosures have increased growth both in supply and rental rates.

"The race is already on to find new development opportunities to address the coming shortage of quality units in major markets," he says.

The hospitality sector also has been healthy, as an improving tourism market has improved hotel performance as seen by increasing occupancy and daily rates, Mr. Becker says. The number of visitors to Florida in the first quarter rose by 3.3 percent to more than 23 million, he adds. The dollar's weakness against foreign currencies is driving more foreign tourism, which is leading to an increase in investment from foreign investors into Florida.

"Overall, the future remains uncertain and will continue to depend on policies from Washington that affect both spending and job growth over the coming quarters," he concludes. "Positive steps in either or both of those areas with have a positive impact on real estate markets."

The survey is the most extensive of Florida professional real estate analysts and investors conducted on an ongoing basis. The total number of participants in the current survey is 172, who represent 13 urban regions and up to 15 property types. ■

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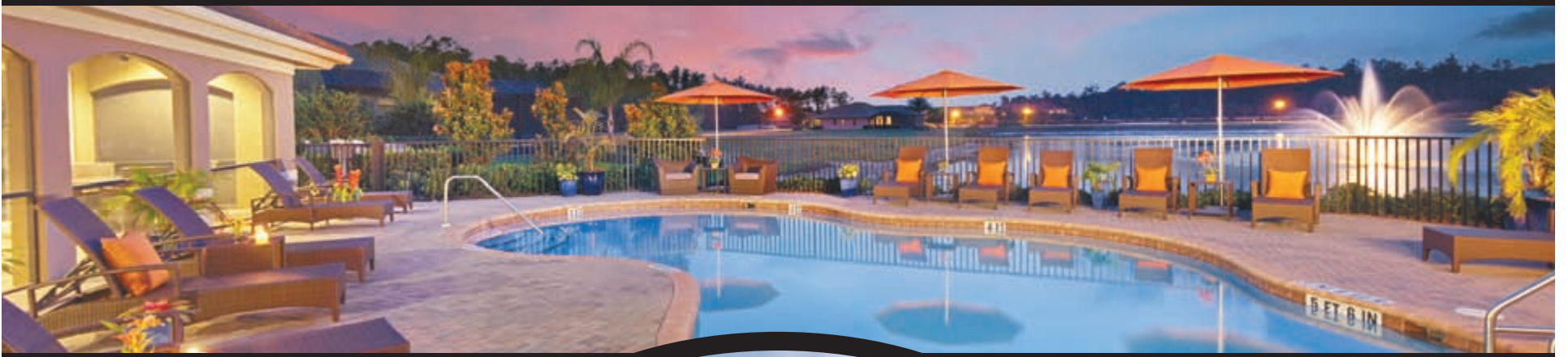
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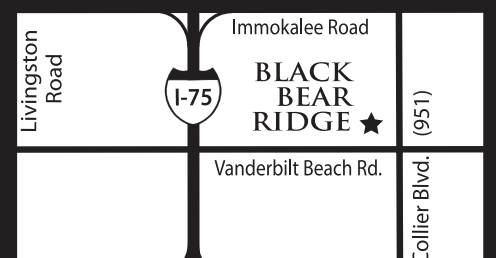


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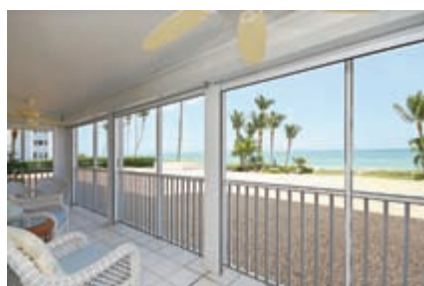
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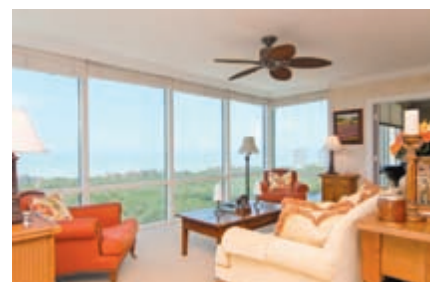
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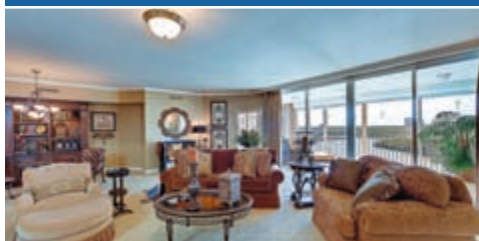
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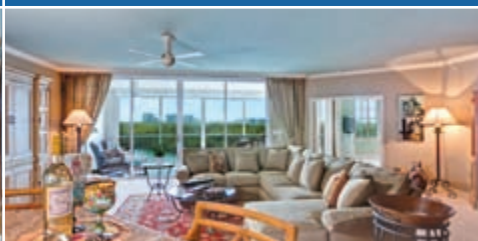
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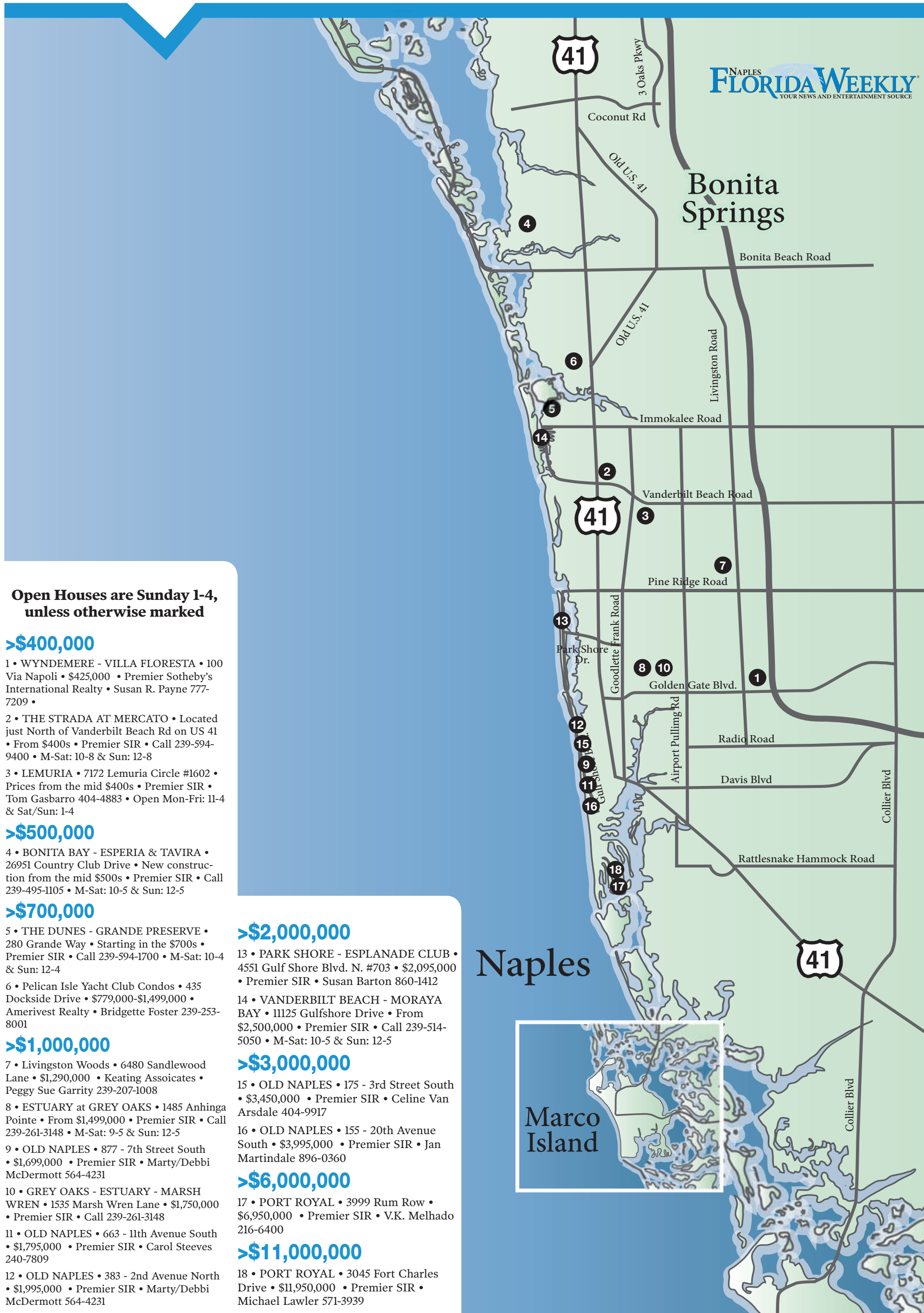
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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

WEEK OF AUGUST 18-24, 2011

A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE

## HANDS UP



### FOR LISA CONGDON'S COLLECTION OF COLLECTIONS

BY NANCY STETSON

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THE DISEMBODIED HANDS RANGE IN COLOR from albino white to pink and beige to a warm mocha brown. Some grasp baby bottles, while others are curled into defiant fists. Some hands lie open, expectantly, palms up, while others seem to be flashing gang signs.

They're Lisa Congdon's collection of baby doll hands, just one of the hundreds of collections she's amassed.

A couple of years ago, the San Francisco-based artist and illustrator was searching for something to revitalize herself artistically. It was

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Above: Day 260 consists of a collection of doll hands. Artist Lisa Congdon challenged herself to photograph one of her collections every day for one year.

Left: Ms. Congdon shops at an antique mall.

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### Chatting with the chef

Karen Feldman catches up with M Waterfront Grille's Brian Roland. C27 ►

## Friends of Library announces lecture series authors

Four best-selling authors have been engaged for the 2012 Nick Linn Lecture Series sponsored by the Friends of the Library of Collier County. Limited tickets remain available for the programs that take place at the Naples Grande on:

- Monday, Feb. 13: **Brad Meltzer**
- Monday, Feb. 20: **James Rollins**
- Tuesday, March 13: **Andrew Gross**
- Monday, March 26: **Lisa See**

Mr. Meltzer's newest thriller, "The Inner Circle," is in bookstores now. He is the No. 1 *New York Times* bestsell-

ing author of "The Tenth Justice" as well as "the Book of Fate," "Dead Even," "The First Counsel," "The Millionaires," "The Zero Game" and "The Book of Lies." In addition, he is the Eisner Award-winning author of the critically acclaimed comic book "Justice League of America," the co-creator of the TV show "Jack & Bobby" and the host of "Brad Meltzer's Decoded" on The History Channel.

Mr. Gross's "The Dark Tide" was nominated for the Best Thriller of the Year Award by the International Thriller Writers. In addition to several bestsellers penned on his own, he coauthored

with James Patterson five No. 1 international bestselling novels, including "Judge & Jury" and "Lifeguard." Also with Mr. Patterson, he co-wrote six novels that became The Women's Murder Club Series. Mr. Gross's latest novel, a standalone titled "Eyes Wide Open," is described by Kirkus Reviews as "an emotional, frightening study of evil with believable characters and a relentless pace."

A co-founder of International Thriller Writers Inc., Mr. Rollins is the bestselling author of seven thrillers in the Sigma Force series. He wrote the blockbuster movie novelization, "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull" along

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# SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

## Why working at home is romantically compromising



The online humor site The Oatmeal is one of my favorite time wasters. Apparently a lot of other work-at-homers love it too, hence The Oatmeal's hilarious strip, "Why working at home is both awesome and horrible."

In the awesome section: No more waking up unnaturally early, less time spent in the car and a flexible schedule. In the last panel of the comic strip, a man phones his office-bound friend.

"Hey man, I'm driving a dump truck full of lingerie models to the park for a game of nude laser tag. Wanna go?"

"I can't," the friend says. "Work etiquette requires that I sit in a gray office under dull fluorescent lights in the same eight-hour timeframe as a bunch of other pale, sallow people."

At least he has equity.

But working from home is not all nude laser tag. Sure you can phone in to conference calls in your underwear, but as The Oatmeal lays, out the experience can also be horrible.

"Hey man, where ya been?" a guy asks a friend who is six months into the working-from-home-adventure. "Haven't seen you around."

Unshaven and unkempt, the friend stammers out a response. "Home work

at. Not go out much. Daylight not see. English is speak becoming hardness."

The two bump into each other again six months later. All the house-ridden man can manage is "Hooba porkrind!" before he pees on the floor.

When I spend too much time at home, my romantic barometer goes on the fritz. I'll call a 1-800 number for some small item and the next thing I know I'm chatting up the customer service rep. When they try to shuttle me off the phone — "Well, thanks for calling" — I know it's time to get out of the house.

Last week I phoned my bank and the young man on the line asked me to spell my last name.

"H-E-N-D"

"T? Like tango?"

"No, no," I said. "D. Henderson. Like, Harry and the Hendersons."

The man's voice brightened. "I remember that movie. I was a kid when I saw it." He paused, as if he were searching for something. "I bet you were, too. It looks like we're about the same age." Apparently, he was searching my account information. "Did you hear they're remaking 'Howard the Duck?'"

"You're kidding."

"Can you believe it?"

I started to ease into the conversation, the way I would with a suitor, before I caught

myself. Customer service reps are not substitutes for dating, even if we do have similar movie tastes. I thanked him for his time and forced myself to hang up. I took a quick shower, dressed and climbed into my car. I needed some real-life romance.

As I cruised down the road, I checked out a guy on a bicycle.

"Not bad," I thought.

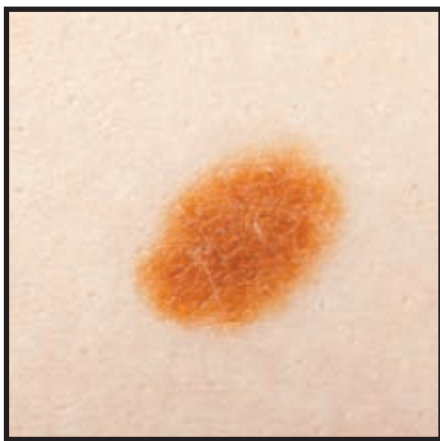
Traffic slowed down as I neared, and he stopped to talk to another man on the sidewalk. I had time to get a good look at my man's smile — missing his two front teeth — and watch him bum a cigarette off the other guy.

Hooba porkrind, indeed. ■

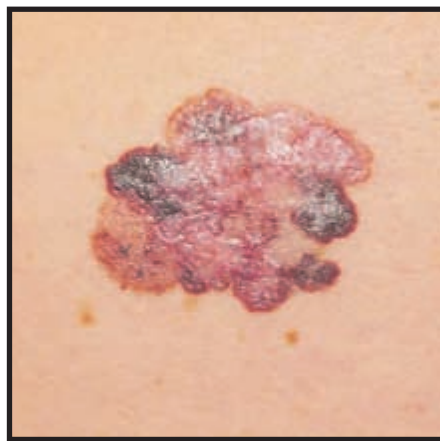
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## Marie 'Blaze' Barnett, performance artist

**>> Describe your art form.**

I am a "flow artist" and I dance with different props. For the performance art of fire dancing, the prop is soaked in white gas and then lit. I use "fire poi" (two balls on metal chains), fire hula hoops, fire fans and a fire hoop skirt. There are different moves that you learn and then choreograph. It's a very physical art form that demands grace, skill and physical fitness.

**>> Where can we see you perform?**

I like to perform at fundraising events and milestone birthday parties. My fire-dancing troupe performs mostly at private events.

**>> Where did you grow up?**

Raleigh, N.C.

**>> What did you want to be when you were growing up?**

An actress or a veterinarian.

**>> How long have you been a performer?**

Since I was about 22.

**>> How has living in Naples inspired you?**

Since I started fire dancing, I have met the most wonderful people... drummers, dancers, singers. Naples residents inspire and lift me up. The beach inspires me.

**>> Are you a full-time entertainer? If not, what is your other job?**

When I'm not fire dancing, I am an environmental architect.

**>> How does your art contribute to our community?**

I believe that flow arts are a moving meditation and an emerging art form. Fire dancing is cutting-edge and exciting.

**>> How do you use technology in your work?**

I connect through Facebook, and I have a website.

**>> Outside of your art, what are you passionate about?**

"Green" architecture.

**>> What are you reading now?**

"The Rise of the Creative Class" by Richard Florida.

**>> What would you want to be if you weren't a performance artist?**

I can't imagine not being an artist.

**>> Which entertainer would you most**

**like to meet, and what would you ask them?**

Madonna. I would ask her about her early days.

**>> What is your favorite quotation?**

"While I dance, I cannot judge, I cannot hate, I cannot separate myself from life. I can only be joyful and whole. That is why I dance." — Hans Bos

**>> Any guilty pleasures?**

Chocolate martinis!

**>> Website:** www.blazenaples.com. ■

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## AUTHORS

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with six standalone adventure thrillers, and is also the author of the Jake Ransom Series for kids and adults.

Ms. See is the author of the critically acclaimed international bestseller, "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan," which was released in 2005. The film adaptation is in theaters now. Other

titles by Ms. See include "Flower Net," "The Interior," "Dragon Bones," "Peony in Love" and "Shanghai Girls." Her latest novel, "Dreams of Joy," continues the story of Pearl and May from "Shanghai Girls." Ms. See served as the west coast correspondent for Publishers Weekly for 13 years and wrote the libretto for the opera based on her nonfiction book "On Gold Mountain," which premiered in June 2000 at the Los Angeles Opera.

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toward the end of 2009, and “I felt like I needed to be recharged creatively,” she recalls. “I wanted to start a project that would challenge me creatively in a different way than what I do every day, which is draw and paint.”

She also planned to document it on the Internet, so she’d be held accountable.

She entertained a few ideas, but the one that appealed the most was taking a photograph every day of one of her collections and posting it online. On occasion, she’d draw or paint an imaginary collection.

So Ms. Congdon began Collectionaday.com, posting a different photograph or drawing daily, throughout 2010.

She went from Day 1 (20 vintage erasers) to Day 365 (seven New Year’s party favors.) In between, 362 other odd assortments include the plastic baby arms and vintage pool cue chinks, golf tees, bread bag ties, shoelaces, bobbins, napkin rings, wooden and plastic clothespins, sales receipts, bingo cards, thread, twigs, feathers, river stones, old signage, sepia photographs, cookie cutters, paint brushes, matchboxes, hat pins and mid-century kitchenware.

The website drew thousands and, a few months into the project, garnered national press. Ms. Congdon was on an NPR photo blog, quoted in a *New York Times* article about the lure of objects and featured in the February 2011 issue of *Martha Stewart Living* magazine, which flew her and her Scandinavian kitchenware to New York City to be photographed.

(Martha Stewart collects old brass plates or platters, Ms. Congdon says. Other collectors featured in the article amassed vintage metal dollhouses, sewing patterns and travel books.)

Midway through the year, she signed a book deal, though that hadn’t been her goal in starting the blog.

“A Collection a Day” was released by the Canadian publisher Uppercase earlier this year. In 400-plus pages, the book contains all 365 collections, as well as some introductory essays. It comes in its own collectible tin.

“It’s the size of a brick,” Ms. Congdon says. “Small and thick.”

Signed copies can be purchased for \$35 at [collectionaday.big-cartel.com](http://collectionaday.big-cartel.com).

## Evoking nostalgia

The images are visually intriguing, the subject matter unexpected.

Ms. Congdon’s work reminds you of what it was like to be a kid, when the world was new and everything was infinitely fascinating. She plays with color and pattern, grouping her collections in various ways: by color, by shape, by size, by purpose.

“For the most part, I was grouping by the thing it was,” she says.

Many of the objects are vintage.

“I think old things are appealing because they evoke some kind of nostalgia, or they remind people of things that we don’t do anymore, like letter writing by hand,” she says. “Or maybe people are just attracted to things that people used to use a lot: school supplies or sewing supplies... I think everyone’s come into contact with them, at some point.”



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Above: Lisa Congdon’s home

Left: Day 187

Below: The cover of Ms. Congdon’s book

Younger generations, people in their 20s or early 30s, probably don’t have a relationship to a lot of things in the book, she says. “But if you’re over 30 or 35, either you used something I photographed, or you knew someone who did: ‘Oh, I remember my grandmother used to have those needle packs in her sewing basket.’ Or, ‘I remember I used those crayons in school.’”

## Grouping is key

The other reason people are drawn to these collections is because of how they’re arranged, she theorizes.

“(Some are) ordinary things that by themselves wouldn’t be that interesting, but put them together in a group and arrange them in an interesting way, and all of a sudden you’ve got a work of art,” she says.

A collection of plastic leaves recalls Matisse cutouts. Twine wrapped



and color; the way she groups her items makes viewers pay new attention to old objects.

As a child, she had a couple of collections. Her first was Madame Alexander dolls, gifts from her mother and then her grandmother. “I never had more than six

or seven of them,” she says. She also collected plastic horses.

“I was really into collecting and arranging things in my room. My mother always used to nag me to clean my room, and by that, she meant: Take things off the floor, make my bed, vacuum.

“But my favorite part was to take everything off the shelf, dust them, and put them back. That was the only part I enjoyed. I think that stuck with me throughout my life.”

Of all her collections, Ms. Congdon’s mid-century Scandinavian kitchenware is her favorite.

## A guiding principle

For her blog, she had a rule: All the photographed collections had to be hers. She wouldn’t borrow a collection from anyone.

“My friends would say, ‘I have a collection of such-and-such. Why don’t

you borrow it and photograph it?’ and I would say, ‘Not unless you want to give it to me. I have to own everything.’”

A few people did give her collections, including an array of light bulbs. Ms. Congdon photographed them and also drew a picture of them for her book. “I loved how they came out in the photograph,” she says, adding she’d collect more light bulbs if she had a place to display them. “They’re hard to find,” she says. “It’s sculpture... they’re really beautiful: very thin glass, and they have beautiful wire inside.”

## Collecting and creating

As an artist and illustrator, Ms. Congdon, is in good company; many artists collect images and objects, keeping them in their studios.

“I think there’s a connection, whether it’s physical, or photographing them, or visually memorizing them, between collecting and the creative process,” she says. “It’s where we get our inspiration — from looking at things. It’s what evokes memories or emotions for us. Music and smell do that, too.”

She counts among her clients Poketo for Target, Urban Outfitters, American Greetings, Harper Collins, Random House, Chronicle Books and Trader Joe’s. She did 150 illustrations for “The Dictionary of Extraordinary Ordinary Animals,” scheduled for release Sept. 27 by Running Press.

But doing the blog and the “Collection a Day” book was “a really interesting ride,” she says. She’s thinking about doing another “year-of” project in 2012 and posting it on the Web, but it won’t be related to collections.

“I feel that this particular project is done,” she explains. “I did enjoy what I set out to do. I didn’t set out to publish a book or make a blog people would enjoy visiting. For me, it was a personal creative challenge. Even though all these other things happened, I still feel like in the end, the personal creative challenge was valuable, and one of the best things to come out of it.” ■



around cardboard look like a fiber art piece. Two rows of pink and red vintage golf tees look like an exhibit of alien teeth from some futuristic nature museum. And four plastic wishbones in a row could pass for a minimalist sculpture.

Other common items among Ms. Congdon’s collections: twigs, river stones, rolls of colored tape, paintbrushes.

She has a keen eye for composition



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- **Aug. 19-21:** Sharkabet art exhibition. Rookery Bay. 417-6310 or [www.rookerybay.org](http://www.rookerybay.org).
- **Aug. 19-21:** Photography of Clyde Butcher. Marco Island Historical Museum. 642-1440 or [www.colliermuseums.com](http://www.colliermuseums.com).
- **Aug. 19-21:** Historic Palm Cottage tours. Naples Historical Society. 261-8164 or [www.napleshistoricalsociety.org](http://www.napleshistoricalsociety.org).
- **Aug. 19-21:** Everglades City students: Emerging Art of the Everglades. Museum of the Everglades. 695-0008 or [www.colliermuseums.com](http://www.colliermuseums.com).
- **Aug. 20:** African honey badgers premiere. The Naples Zoo. 262-5409 or [www.napleszoo.org](http://www.napleszoo.org).

■ **Aug. 20:** Museum matinee: "The Littlest Rebel." Collier County Museum. 252-8476 or [www.colliermuseums.com](http://www.colliermuseums.com).



## Theater

- **Elsewhere** - By Theatre Conspiracy, Fort Myers, through Aug. 27. 936-3239 or [www.theatreconspiracy.org](http://www.theatreconspiracy.org). See review on page C8.
- **Run For Your Wife** - By the Off Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers, through Aug. 28. 278-4422, by [www.BroadwayPalm.com](http://www.BroadwayPalm.com).

## Thursday, Aug. 18

- **High Style** - Find out about the latest fashions during a Style Session at Marissa Collections, 1167 Third Street S. 687-1148, [TinaFarnsworth@MarissaCollections.com](mailto:TinaFarnsworth@MarissaCollections.com) or [www.MarissaCollections.com](http://www.MarissaCollections.com).
- **Just for Laughs** - Comedian Corey Holcomb performs tonight through Sunday at the Off The Hook Comedy Club, 599 S. Collier Blvd., Marco Island. 389-6900.

## Friday, Aug. 19

- **Live Tunes** - Hear the Bug Tussle



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**Sweet!** Marco Presbyterian Church holds its annual Sundae Sunday starting at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21. Kids can enjoy a 30-foot long sundae in the courtyard at 875 West Elkcam Circle. 394-8186 or [www.marcochurch.com](http://www.marcochurch.com).

Ramblers at 7 p.m. at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits, 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.

## Saturday, Aug. 20

- **Fur, Fun and Food** - Humane Society Naples holds an open house from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring the family and enjoy samples from area restaurants. 370 Airport-Pulling Road. 643-1555.
- **Grrrrr** - Golden Retriever Rescue of Southwest Florida is on hand from noon-3 p.m. for Bass Pro Shops' Next Generation Weekend. Meet rescue volunteers and get acquainted with adoptable goldens at Gulf Coast Town Center. 369-0415, [info@grrswf.org](mailto:info@grrswf.org) or [www.grrswf.org](http://www.grrswf.org).
- **All That Jazz** - The Naples Jazz Masters perform from 1-3 p.m. at The Norris Center. \$15 per person \$25 for two. 213-3049.
- **Hot Cars** - Florida Hot Rods & Hogs hosts a free Corvette Show from 4-7 p.m. at Seminole Casino Immokalee, complete with music by Tommy Tunes. 997-0047 or [www.flhrh.com](http://www.flhrh.com).
- **Music Walk** - The monthly Music Walk starts at 7 p.m. in the Fort Myers River District. 332-0161.

## Sunday, Aug. 21

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- **Funny Guy** - Comedian Brian Regan takes the stage at 7 p.m. at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers. 481-4849 or [www.bbmannpah.com](http://www.bbmannpah.com).

## Monday, Aug. 22

- **Film Night** - The Fort Myers Film Festival Summer Independent Film Series begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, Fort Myers. Showing tonight: "Beat Boxing: The Fifth Element of Hip Hop." 810-6323.

## Tuesday, Aug. 23

- **In the Pink** - The "Put on Your Pink Bra" kick-off party for the American Cancer Society's upcoming Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5K walk takes place from 6-8 p.m. at Bayside Seafood Grill & Bar at the Village on Venetian

Bay. Meet fellow walkers and decorate a pink bra for display at the walk. RSVP to 261-0337 or [Dawn.Pallett@cancer.org](mailto:Dawn.Pallett@cancer.org).

■ **Diamond Jubilee** - Robert Nunes brings "An Evening with Neil Diamond" to the Pewter Mug from 8-10:30 p.m. Dinner and show, \$35; show only, \$15. Reservations required. 12300 Tamiami Trail N. 596-6844.

■ **Face Time** - Enjoy a complimentary Ultimate Glow facial at Marissa Collections. By appointment only. 1167 Third Street S. 687-1148, [TinaFarnsworth@MarissaCollections.com](mailto:TinaFarnsworth@MarissaCollections.com) or [www.MarissaCollections.com](http://www.MarissaCollections.com).

## Coming up

■ **Art in Bonita** - The Center for the Arts of Bonita Spring presents Art Walk at the Center for the Arts Studios at the Promenade at Bonita Bay from 4-7 p.m. Aug. 25. 495-8989 or [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org).

■ **SummerJazz** - The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club presents Monique and NuVite on Aug. 27 and Blue Dice on Sept. 24. Concerts are from 7-10 p.m. on the lawn overlooking the Gulf of Mexico. 261-2222 or [www.naplesbeachhotel.com](http://www.naplesbeachhotel.com).

■ **Sunday Art** - The Kathleen Bradford Studio/Gallery hosts "Summer Sundays" from 1-4 p.m. Aug. 28. Meet the gallery artists, enjoy refreshments and register to win artwork. 4259 Bonita Beach Road. 776-6844 or [www.artistkb.com](http://www.artistkb.com).

■ **Love That Dress!** - PACE Center for Girls-Immokalee holds its first "Love That Dress!" sale and party from 6-9 p.m. Aug. 31 at the Naples Grande. \$25 per person. 657-2400 or [www.pacecenter.org/collier-at-immokalee](http://www.pacecenter.org/collier-at-immokalee).

■ **Celebration of Courage** - A ceremony honoring and remembering the rescuers and victims of 9/11 takes place from noon to 2 p.m. Sept. 11 at the Marriott Beach Resort & Spa on Marco Island. \$30 for adults, \$12 for children. 331-0908 or 642-9122.

■ **Remembering 9/11** - The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra presents "In Remembrance: A Concert to Honor the Victims of the 9/11 Attacks" at 8 p.m. Sept. 11 at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. \$30 for adults, \$15 for students. 597-1900 or [www.thephil.org](http://www.thephil.org).

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## Classical voices needed for Bach Ensemble

The Bach Ensemble of Naples is holding auditions for classical singers to be part of its 10th anniversary performance of J.S. Bach's Mass in B Minor.

Auditions will take place by appointment from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, and also from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, at Grace Lutheran Church in Naples.

The ensemble will perform the Bach piece on Friday, March 9, at the church.

Those who would like to try out should prepare a song of their choice. To schedule an audition, call 732-1055.

For more information about the group, visit [www.thebachensemble.org](http://www.thebachensemble.org). ■

## Marco center seeks 'Fins, Fur and Feathers'

Art League, Marco Island's Center for the Arts, is opening its doors to wild-life for the month of September. "Fins, Fur and Feathers" is a juried art exhibit showcasing the diverse denizens of the great outdoors.

Artists working in all media are encouraged to deliver up to two submissions to the art center at 1010 Winterberry Drive, Marco Island, between 10 a.m. and noon Thursday, Sept. 1. Judging will take place Friday, Sept. 2.

An opening reception is set for 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13. For more information, call 394-4221 or visit [www.marcoislandart.org](http://www.marcoislandart.org). ■

## Philharmonic Youth Chorale welcomes new voices

Singers between the ages of 7 and 17 are invited to audition for the new season with the Philharmonic Youth Chorale on Saturday, Sept. 3, at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. The chorale performs with the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra.

Audition selections should be no more than two minutes long, and a copy of the song must be provided for the Philharmonic's accompanist. All auditions must be with piano accompaniment, not to recorded music or a cappella. Applicants will be asked to match pitch and, depending on their musical background, might be asked to sight-read.

Under the direction of James Cochran, the Youth Chorale rehearses weekly on Saturday mornings with breaks that coincide with public school vacation schedules. Annual tuition is \$125. The one-time music fee is \$25. Some scholarships are available.

For more information or to schedule an audition, call 254-2642 or e-mail [jlawfer@thephil.org](mailto:jlawfer@thephil.org). ■

## Naples Players has parts for 'Final Adventure'

The Naples Players will hold auditions for "Sherlock Holmes, The Final Adventure" beginning at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at the Sugden Community Theatre.

From the 1889 play by Arthur Conan Coyle and William Gillette, the play has been adapted for modern staging by contemporary playwright Stephen Dietz.

At the end of his career, the world's greatest detective finds a case too tempting to ignore. Sherlock Holmes is surrounded by elements his fans expect: danger, intrigue, humor and suspense. Joined by Dr. Watson, he matches wits with arch-enemy Professor Moriarity and meets Irene Adler once again.

"Sherlock Homes, The Final Adventure" will be directed by Dallas Dunningan. The cast of 12 includes roles for six to 10 men ages 20-mid to 60s and two women, ages 25-45.

Rehearsals will begin Oct. 10, and the show will run Nov. 22-Dec. 17 on the main stage. Perusal scripts are available for 72 hours, with a \$20 deposit, at the box office.

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## ARTS COMMENTARY

# Two's company, three's a crowd in quirky 'Elsewhere'

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Celia lives in her childhood home by herself.

She's desperately lonely, but her agoraphobia prevents her from going out. Her only contact is Teddy, the deliveryman who brings her packages to her door daily.

She used to have a fiancée, but, she explains, "He died. (Pause.) It happens."

It happens quite a lot. As Celia says, people around you keep dying, and then you die, too.

Ravenous for company, she asks the deliveryman in for a meal. Teddy, a lackadaisical kind of guy who seems to just let life happen to him, says yes.

And when she then asks — insists, actually — that he stay with her permanently, he agrees to that, too.

She's just persuaded him to share her bed when her sister Amanda shows up.

And the dynamics instantly change.

So begins "Elsewhere," a quirky and thoroughly entertaining dark comedy playing at Theatre Conspiracy through Aug. 27. Written by Adam Szymkowitz, "Elsewhere" was the second-place winner in last year's New Play Contest. ("Cynthia's Lament," the first place winner, already played at Theatre Conspiracy last season.)

After seeing this full-fledged production of "Elsewhere," I'm thinking it should have been the first-place winner instead. It's a well-written play, deceptively simple, with situations that keep bringing surprises and lines that keep bringing laughs.

Mr. Szymkowitz knows what he's doing. His work contains layers and, like a good comic, he knows how to slip in moments of truth and hit you with a punch to the gut while you're laughing. His characters are longing for human connection, to not feel so isolated.

He comments not only on sibling rivalry and human insecurities, but on death and life and love and the nature of male-female relationships.

Jenny Smith plays Celia at full-tilt, almost manic at times. She doesn't seem to possess that internal censor that keeps people from blurting out everything they're thinking. (At one point, she tells her sister, "You've outlived your wel-

come!") She's a non-stop talker, while Teddy is stingy with his words and emotions, almost Heminwayesque.

While we don't experience them as stereotypes, they certainly embody those associated with men and women: Celia likes to talk about her feelings and thoughts and is complex, while Teddy is very simple and non-reflective.

Jordan Wilson, who plays Teddy, is a master at playing these Keanu Reeves not-a-thought-in-my-head roles. To borrow Gertrude Stein's line, there's not much there there with this character.

Celia likes to ponder things and is very inquisitive; Teddy likes to eat and sleep. He says he's always wanted to paint, but he never has the time for it. (Mr. Szymkowitz is probably commenting here on artist wannabes — those who want to have painted or written or filmed, but don't really have the passion for it. They just want to say they're a painter or writer or filmmaker.)

It's Celia who pushes for the relationship to go further; Teddy allows himself to be pushed.

With Amanda's arrival on the doorstep, Mr. Szymkowitz takes sibling rivalry to a whole new level.

Denise Scott plays Celia's sister like a femme fatale, glamorous and breezy and flirtatious. Her every line drips with suggestiveness. She's obviously the prettier, more popular sister who enjoyed the bulk of the male attention even in high school. It's a Christina Hendricks kind of role, and Ms. Scott sinks her teeth into it and delivers flawlessly.

Director and Theatre Conspiracy founder Bill Taylor has done an excellent job of directing and staging here. The sets are minimal (no walls — only a window hanging in space, and one or two doors.) Yet somehow, it manages to have a surreal, Pee Wee's Playhouse feel to it. And Celia's bedroom scenes are done a la "Hairspray," giving us an aerial view of Celia and moonlight shining through venetian blinds.

This is one of the best-staged plays I've seen at Theatre Conspiracy; even the scene changes with minimal but bulky props (dining room table, bed) are executed swiftly, to the music of The Art of Noise.



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Jenny Smith and Jordan Wilson star in "Elsewhere" at Theatre Conspiracy.

This is Theatre Conspiracy at its best, putting on a top-notch production and introducing its audience to a new play.

You should go and see it — and not because there's not much else happening in the area culturally right now, but because it's funny and smart and entertaining. And it'd be a shame to miss it. ■

**in the know**

- >> "Elsewhere"
- >>When: Through Aug. 27
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- >>Cost: \$18
- >>Info: 936-3239 or www.theatreconspiracy.org



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# GIVING

## Volunteering with The von Liebig

BY SARAH ADAMS

Special to Florida Weekly

The reasons for volunteering at The von Liebig are as varied as the 900 volunteers themselves. Some have a passion for the arts, others a desire to give back to the community, and many simply want to meet interesting people and have some fun. Whatever the reason, volunteers are the heart and soul of this Southwest Florida institution, and there's plenty of room for more.

Every year, The von Liebig's art festivals attract more than 50,000 guests to downtown Naples and the Mercato shopping district. Their gallery exhibits,

art studios and lecture series bring in another 15,000 visitors. With such an active program, The von Liebig relies on the time and talent of hundreds of local men, women and students willing to pitch in and pull it all together.

Finding assignments to match volunteer interests is easy since there's so much to do. Some enjoy working at The von Liebig's downtown location setting out food and checking-in guests at gallery openings, leading docent tours, working on grant applications or helping with administrative tasks. Others like being outdoors at the festivals serving as gate attendants or information booth volunteers, or keeping watch over artist's sta-



**ARTScool interns, standing:** Xylia Horgan, Ashley McGowan, Nicole Graney, Gabby Donofrio, Ben Zuk, Veronica Rabanal, Evyn Graefe, Sarah Kusher and Chris French.

**Seated:** Miriam Horgan, Isabella DiPasquale and Summer Horgan



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Dianna Rehla in the gift shop



Katie Burgess and Linda Johnson volunteering at the New Year's Art Festival.

tions. There's something for everyone who wants to participate.

The volunteer with the greatest number of donated hours is Dianna Rehla. This retired heart and transplant nurse and hospital administrator stumbled upon the art center one day while enjoying downtown Naples. She has been a staple of the art center for more than three years working in The von Liebig's gift shop. "What I like most about volunteering is the opportunity to meet people. From Europe to Alaska, to my home state of Connecticut, you never know who will walk through the shop," shares Dianna.

"It's opened up another world for me," says Linda Johnson, a volunteer who helps manage all the other volunteers for the festivals. "I love art and being part of the Naples community... Plus, I've made lots of friends."

For high school and college students, there's another reason to consider giving a few hours to The von Liebig: It qualifies for community volunteer credits at school. Not only that, the staff is welcoming and eager to cultivate a new generation of supporters. ■

— Sarah Adams is a volunteer at The von Liebig Art Center. To learn more about opportunities at the center, call 262-6517, ext. 105, or e-mail Yvonne.Gibb@naplesart.org to learn more.



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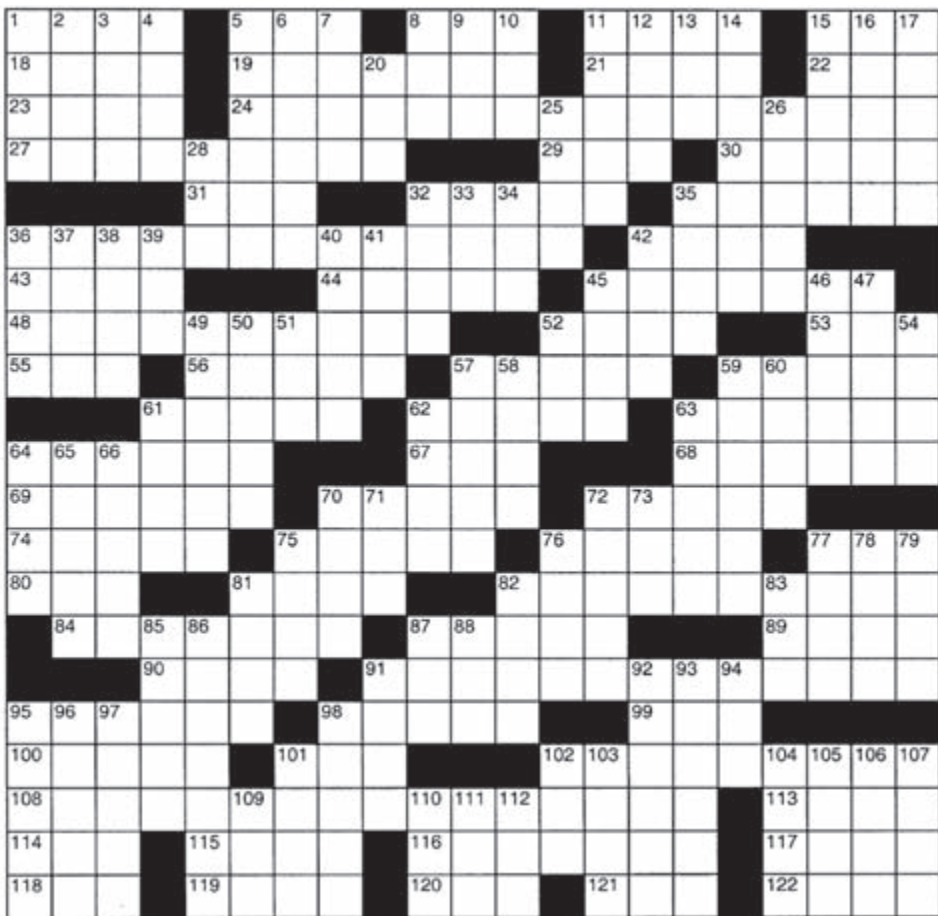
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  - 8 Jaffe of "Ben Casey"
  - 11 Implored
  - 15 Married Mile.
  - 18 TV's "What's My --?"
  - 19 Snobbery
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  - 22 Mare's morsel
  - 23 Doris Day refrain
  - 24 Start of a remark
  - 27 Exhausted
  - 29 Move like mad
  - 30 Discernment
  - 31 Hosp. area
  - 32 Acclaim
  - 35 Like wormwood
  - 36 Part 2 of remark
  - 42 Stance
  - 43 Khartoum's river
  - 44 Herber of football
  - 45 Carnivorous plant
  - 48 Euclid's home
  - 52 Liverwurst or fruitcake
  - 53 Emulate Aladdin
  - 55 Present for pop
  - 56 Must-haves
  - 57 Underneath
  - 59 City near Montpelier
  - 61 Beardless dwarf
  - 62 Heiss on the ice
  - 63 Heraldic garment
  - 64 Scavullo apparatus
  - 67 Psychic Geller
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  - 69 Lacking principles
  - 70 Savalas role
  - 72 Fad
  - 74 Mettle
  - 75 "The Chosen" author
  - 76 With 61 Down, "Jurassic Park" star
  - 77 Swab
  - 80 High rails
  - 81 Obligation
  - 82 California city
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  - 87 Opportunity to overeat
  - 89 One of the Osmonds
  - 90 Summer stinger
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  - 113 Cartoonist Goldberg
  - 114 Menu phrase
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  - 119 Curtiss of "Spartacus"
  - 120 Oyster's home
  - 121 Tofu base
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  - DOWN**
  - 1 To boot
  - 2 Chicken —
  - 3 Memo start
  - 4 Within view
  - 5 Dennis, for one
  - 6 Solar —
  - 7 Bee flat?
  - 8 "— Duke"
  - 9 Deciduous tree
  - 10 2001, to Tiberius
  - 11 Braid
  - 12 Like a wet noodle
  - 13 Diva Marton
  - 14 He's got a lot of pull
  - 15 Dewy
  - 16 Dull
  - 17 A great composer?
  - 20 Cassidy or Koppel
  - 25 Coal carrier
  - 26 Restaurant freebie
  - 28 "— the season . . ."
  - 32 Sicilian smoker
  - 33 Tai — (martial art)
  - 34 Emulate Pinocchio
  - 35 William of "Hopalong Cassidy"
  - 36 Petite pest
  - 37 "— Marleen" ('81 film)
  - 38 Away from the wind
  - 39 Gender
  - 40 "Jude the Obscure" author
  - 41 Spring flower
  - 42 Deere thing
  - 45 "— #1" ('61 hit)
  - 46 Pianist Claudio
  - 47 Acts catty?
  - 49 Arctic jacket
  - 50 Sherpa site
  - 51 Singer Kiki
  - 52 "Alice" spin-off
  - 54 Eliot's "Adam —"
  - 57 Ehud of Israel
  - 58 Estrada or Satie
  - 59 "Le Pere Goriot" author
  - 60 Competent
  - 61 See 76 Across
  - 62 King canine
  - 63 Pageant prop
  - 64 Poirot's concern
  - 65 Plentiful
  - 66 Timid
  - 70 Japanese port
  - 71 Baseball's "Master Melvin"
  - 72 Bel —
  - 73 Furrow
  - 75 Cop's target, for short
  - 76 Glasgow girl
  - 77 Saharan nation
  - 78 Algerian seaport
  - 79 Sudden pain ending
  - 81 Health measure?
  - 82 Comic Mort
  - 83 — -di-dah
  - 85 Basketball's Patrick
  - 86 Most melancholy
  - 87 Suitable
  - 88 LAX letters
  - 91 Put the metal to the metal
  - 92 Rita of "The King and I"
  - 93 Vigor
  - 94 Playground game
  - 95 Morocco's capital
  - 96 Boxer Griffith
  - 97 George of "Just Shoot Me"
  - 98 Loony Lee
  - 101 Flutist Herbie
  - 102 Nobelist
  - 103 Journalist Jacob
  - 104 "Armageddon" author
  - 105 Berg opera
  - 106 Rose lover?
  - 107 Oliver of "Gladiator" ('84 film)
  - 110 Wheel part
  - 111 Chemical ending
  - 112 Find the sum

SEE ANSWERS, C9

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## HOROSCOPES

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)**  
Romance comes to unattached Leos and Leonas who have been waiting for Cupid to target them for far too long. Domestic purr-fection is also enhanced for paired Felines.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)**  
You need to take a much-needed break from that demanding project before too much energy-draining tension sets in. And don't be ashamed to ask for help.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)**  
Change makes demands that you might find unwelcome at this time. But instead of concentrating on the short run, look toward potential benefits down the road.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 2)**  
You have a gift for reviving projects that seem beyond repair. Use that same ability to restore a relationship that seems to have turned from loving to lifeless.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)**  
Expect to be asked to use your combined wisdom and humor to resolve a problem. After all, folks not only value your advice, they also like how you give it.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)**  
Most people consider you solid and steady. But you also can be quite capricious (which is a Latin word for "describing the behavior of Goats") when it suits your needs.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)**  
People treat you as you wish to be treated. So if you want

a change in your relationship, make it happen. Also expect someone to reveal some long-held secrets.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)**  
Stay with the decision you made, despite a sudden torrent of advice to the contrary from well-meaning people. Remember: You know your needs better than anyone.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)**  
The typically tidy Ram or Ewe might want to butt out until things are settled on the home front. But get involved and let your Ovine sense of order help restore domestic tranquility.

■ **TAURUS (April 30 to May 20)**  
The Bovine's flair for fine-tuning complicated fiscal dealings comes in handy when an unexpected financial problem arises. Stay with it until it's resolved to your satisfaction.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)**  
Family aspects remain strong. There might be some unresolved difficulties, but continued attempts to smooth things over eventually prove to be successful. A major purchase looms.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)**  
A promise that was made but never kept suddenly re-emerges in your life. You now have to decide if you're still interested in what it offers or if you've moved past it.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You like things tidy, with no loose ends. You also enjoy research and would make an excellent investigative reporter or scientist.

By Linda Thistle

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# LATEST FILMS

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Is it worth \$10? Yes

In Jackson, Miss., in the early '60s, Confederate flags waved high. Men were manly, women were feminine, and African-Americans were second-class citizens. "Separate but equal" was both a rallying cry for white people and an egregious mistruth, as racial equality was an impossibility in the bigoted Jim Crow south.

Like many civil rights polemics, "The Help" is rife with heartache and hatred, but it also carries a sense of hope for both its white and African-American heroines. It is also, as it was at the core of Kathryn Stockett's best-selling novel, a story about female empowerment and finding personal justice in an unjust world.

At the center of the story is Eugenia "Skeeter" Phelan (Emma Stone), who returns home from Ole Miss to learn that the maid who raised her, Constantine (Cicely Tyson), is no longer with her family. Skeeter takes a job writing a housekeeping column for the *Jackson Journal* newspaper, but dreams bigger. Good for her.

When an editor (Mary Steenburgen) in New York tells Skeeter to come up with an original book idea, Skeeter fancies telling the stories of Jackson's African-American maids. It's a fine idea — but a dangerous one: Medgar Evers' murder happens in the middle of the film, and all forms of law and order are pasty white.

But Skeeter perseveres and soon has the help of Aibileen (Viola Davis), who works for Skeeter's friend Elizabeth (Ahna O'Reilly), and Minny (Octavia Spencer), who used to work for Skeeter's friend Hilly (Bryce Dallas Howard) and her mother (Sissy Spacek) but is now employed by social pariah Celia (Jessica Chastain).

It's all very secret, but not melodramatic. In fact, director Tate Taylor is careful not to overdo the bursting racism and instead offers a story focused on women trying to make a better life for themselves. Because he gets such strong performances from Ms. Stone, who proves drama is not beyond her scope, and Ms. Davis, who can do anything, the film is effective and moving in all the right ways.



At one point, Aibileen makes note of an interesting irony: That African-American maids raise white children for mothers who either don't know how or don't care to on their own. The maids change diapers, prepare food and regularly hug and kiss the children. This is expected of them. But at the same time, the maids aren't allowed to use white bathrooms, libraries, etc. It would be laughably dumb if it weren't so painfully true.

To his credit, Mr. Taylor points out this white idiocy but doesn't dwell on it, simply because we must accept that this is part of life in Jackson and move on. Skeeter, however, doesn't accept it — and because she doesn't, the story moves forward briskly and with purpose.

Is "The Help" good enough for awards consideration?

It's the type of socially important picture that Hollywood enjoys feeling good about itself for liking ("Crash"), but it lacks the hard-hitting punch needed to make it great. Still, it's a solid drama with strong performances, and it deserves to be seen by those who have and have not read the book. ■

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in the know

>> Director Tate Taylor and author Kathryn Stockett grew up together in Jackson, Miss., and have been best friends since they were 5 years old.

## CAPSULES

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### Tabloid ★★ ★

(Joyce McKinney, Jackson Shaw, Kent Gavin) Academy Award-winner Errol Morris' documentary follows a former "beauty queen" (Ms. McKinney) whose devotion to the man of her dreams leads to gunpoint abduction, manacled Mormons, oddball accomplices, bondage modeling, magic underwear and more. It's certainly crazy, but there are times Mr. Morris moves too fast; after 88 quick minutes, you'll wish the film slowed down and told you more. Rated R.

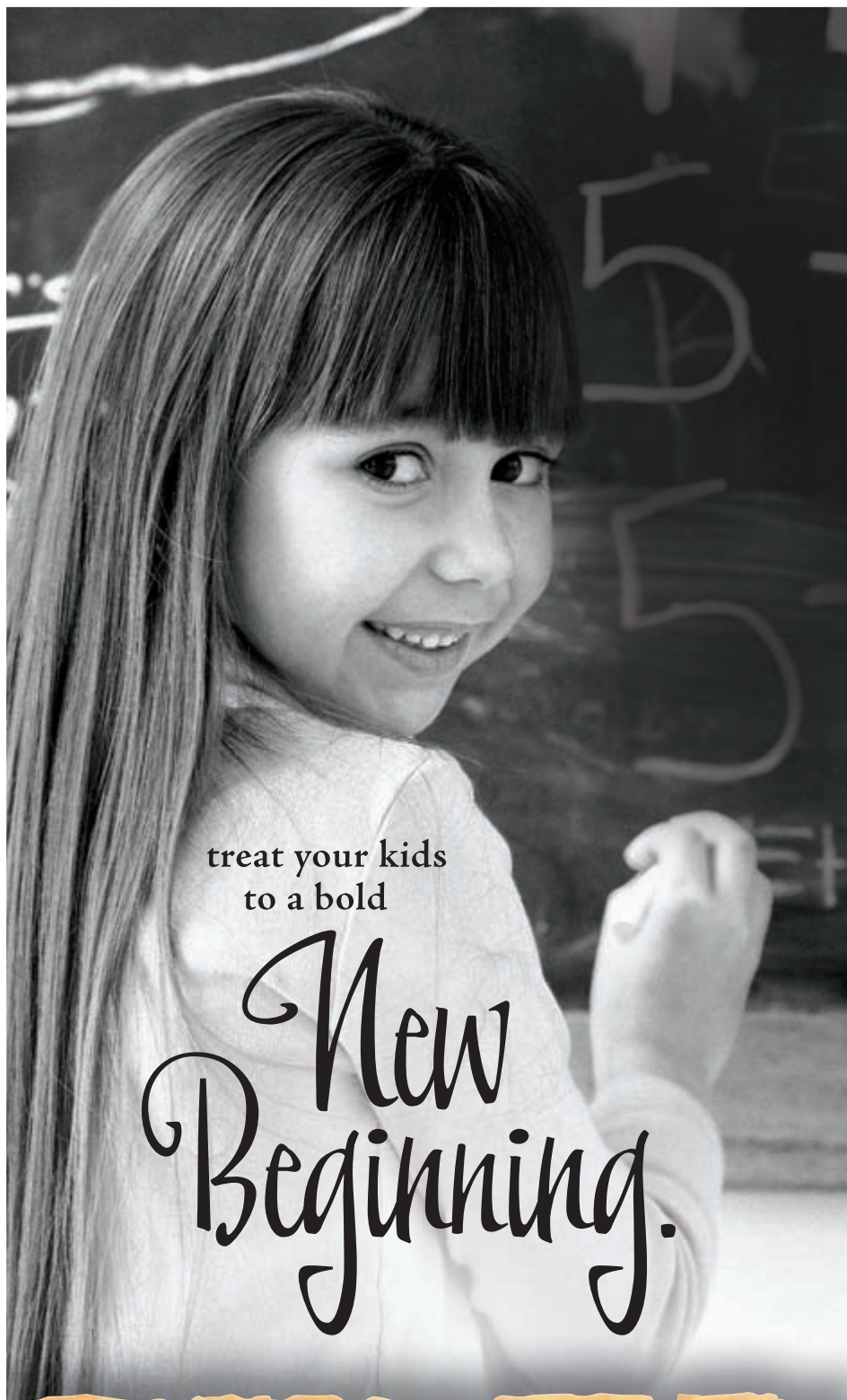
### The Change-Up ★★ ★

(Ryan Reynolds, Jason Bateman, Olivia

Wilde) Best friends Mitch (Mr. Reynolds) and Dave (Mr. Bateman) switch bodies and assume the others' life, and they couldn't be more different. This is a funny comedy with a story that grows naturally and makes sense, meaning you don't mind its predictability. Rated R.

### Rise of the Planet of the Apes ★★ ★

(James Franco, Andy Serkis, John Lithgow) In this prequel to the "Apes" franchise set in modern-day San Francisco, an Alzheimer's cure is tested on apes until one of them (Mr. Serkis) gets sick of being mistreated and starts a rebellion. The motion capture animation and visual effects are stunning, but the story never gets going. Rated PG-13. ■



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## Immokalee casino sculpture celebrates 'Unconquered Spirits' of the Seminoles

"Unconquered Spirits," a 3-D sculpture by Naples artist Tim Parker that depicts the eight clans within the Seminole Tribe of Florida, was recently unveiled and will hang permanently from the ceiling in the new Paradise Room at the Seminole Casino Immokalee.

"This sculpture serves as a significant symbol of the Tribe's heritage for our guests," the casino's James Gibson said at the unveiling ceremony, which was attended by members of the Seminole Tribe of Florida board of directors, among others.

Mr. Parker's semi-abstract painting showcases the clans of the Seminole Tribe of Florida: Wind, Bird, Panther, Otter, Bear, Snake, Deer and Big Town. "It was an honor to create artwork depicting the unconquered spirit of the Seminole Tribe clans that continue to thrive in the mod-



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**Top:** Tim Parker's sculpture is more than 30 feet wide.  
**Above:** Tony Sanchez, Dorothy Scheffler and Joe Frank at the unveiling at the casino.

ern world," he said.

As an artist, Mr. Parker added, "A unique installation piece is a dream job and for me, the larger the better. This has 16 different sections, is more than 30 feet wide when all hung together, and two-sided. I am quite pleased with the final results and would like to thank the folks at the casino for giving me the creative freedom and opportunity."

Mr. Parker earned a degree in art from Parsons School of Design in New York City and an MFA from Adelphi University. His work has been featured at several galleries across South Florida and can be found in many private collections.

For more information about the artist, visit [www.art2d.com](http://www.art2d.com).

For information about Seminole Casino Immokalee, call 658-1313 or visit [www.seminoleimmokaleecasion.com](http://www.seminoleimmokaleecasion.com). ■

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**CRISPY CALAMARI**  
with a sweet and sour mustard sauce 9.4

**ROASTED CANDY CANE BEETS**  
Humboldt Fog chevré cheese, pistachio nuts, citrus and micro lime basil  
Drizzled with "Indian River" orange infused oil and 7 year old balsamic 10.3

**"BEST EVER" NEW ENGLAND CLAM CHOWDER**  
with freshly steamed little neck clams and oyster crackers 6.0

**HAND ROLLED SHRIMP AND BEEF SPRING ROLLS**  
with shiitake mushroom, ginger and soy  
Served with mandarin-mango BBQ sauce 8.7

**SHORT STACK OF "3 CRAB" - LOBSTER CAKES**  
hand made mixture of Maine lobster, jumbo lump, king and stone crab  
Served with a sauce of sundried tomatoes, roasted garlic and champagne 12.7

**ROASTED OYSTERS CHOPAFELLER**  
in a garlic-vodka cream with king crab, andouille sausage, spinach and smoked gouda 9.9

### RAW BAR

**TUNA TATAKI**  
fresh sushi grade tuna with a citrus-togarashi "yum yum", special ponzu #10, Tokyo city rice, wasabi and pickled ginger 11.6

**YELLOWTAIL**  
with compressed watermelon, Hawaiian island black sea salt, papaya, shiso and a citrus-sambal dressing 10.7

**TUNA CHOP**  
ribbons of sashimi style tuna tossed in a light soy with yuzu infused avocado, jumbo lump crab and mache  
Topped with orange caviar 11.1

**UHU**  
sashimi of paper thin deep water snapper with serrano chili, sesame seeds and fresh cut chives. Served with a yuzu "sizzling" soy drizzle 9.4

**SPICY HAWAIIAN ROLL**  
colorful array of shredded bluefin tuna, hamachi and nairagi in a spicy sushi rice roll with jalapeño "yum yum", ponzu and pickled ginger 7.6

**SHRIMP COCKTAIL**  
4 "true" jumbo shrimp served with a yuzu - mustard sweet and sour and classic cocktail sauce 11.8

**LITTLE NECK CLAMS ON THE HALF SHELL**  
8 little neck clams served on ice with cocktail sauce, lemon and tabasco 9.2

**OYSTERS ON ICE**  
an assortment of east and west oysters such as Kumamoto, Fanny Bay, Cape May Salts, Malpeque, Blue Point and others  
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(6) 12.7 additional oysters 2.3 each

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### SALADS

**CITY STYLE**  
"chopped" wedge classic of baby iceberg, Great Hill Blue cheese, applewood smoked bacon, beefsteak tomatoes, candied walnuts and micro cress 6.9

**STEAKHOUSE CAESAR**  
crisp romaine, red oak and radicchio with parmesan croutons and toasted garlic chips in our homemade dressing 6.3

**WATERMELON "CHUNK" SALAD**  
with Laura Chenel chèvre cheese, spinach, mixed baby greens, sundried raspberries, fresh herbs and pecans in a yuzu - berry dressing 7.5

**ORGANIC GREENS**  
a selection of organic lettuces, baby boston, arugula and fresh herbs with pumpernickel croutons, Cherokee Purple tomatoes, cracked soy nuts, sun-dried cherries and sunflower seeds  
Served with a classic champagne - honey mustard vinaigrette 8.9

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Petite Filet (7oz.)	26.1	Dry Aged Strip Steak (14oz.)	31.1
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Jumbo Filet (14oz.)	35.6	Dry Aged Porterhouse (24oz.)	35.6
Chicken "Chop" (12oz.)	15.9	Grilled Lamb T-Bones (3)	28.8
		Dry Aged Rib Eye (22oz.)	35.6

### ADD-ONS

Choose any item to complement your steak or entree  
King Crab 9.2 • Shrimp Scampi 7.6 • Lobster Tail 18.0  
Blue Cheese Encrusted 5.2 • Peppercorn Encrusted 3.6

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Bernaise • Blackberry Cabernet • Asian BBQ • Chipotle Infused Apple Sauce  
Cognac - Green Peppercorn • Creamy Horseradish • Black Vinegar Teriyaki 2.0

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HAWAIIAN TUNA	23.9	PARROT SNAPPER	25.2
WILD SALMON	21.2	BLACK GROUPER	20.5

### COMPLEMENTS

Please choose 1 free side item to accompany your GRILL selection.

CREAMED SPINACH-CRISPY ONIONS	PARMESAN TRUFFLE FRIES (add 1.0)
CAULIFLOWER SMASH (a low carb alternative!)	LOADED MASHED POTATOES with cheddar cheese, bacon bits, green onion and sour cream
SLICED BEEF STEAK TOMATOES with extra virgin olive oil and arugula	ROASTED SWEET POTATO with maple and brown sugar butter
FRESH STEAMED BROCCOLI	SEA SALT BAKED POTATO with applewood bacon bits and chive-sour cream
STEAK HOUSE "WILD" MUSHROOMS with sherry, demi, black pepper and cream (add 3.0)	STEAK OR SWEET POTATO FRIES with "popcorn" salt and telicherry pepper
ROASTED BUTTERNUT SQUASH with brown sugar and almonds	FOUR CHEESE MAC
FRESH CORN CREME BRULEE (add 2.0)	SMASHED "NEW" POTATOES

Additional side items may be chosen for 6.4

### ENTREES

**FILET OF BEEF 3 WAY**  
Oscar - jumbo lump, king crab, freshly made hollandaise and asparagus  
Au Poivre - strawberry chevré cheese crust and cognac - green peppercorn sauce  
Rosini - foie gras, black truffles, porcini mushrooms and blackberry cabernet sauce 38.4

**CHRIS' BRAISED SHORT RIB**  
18oz. braised short rib with port wine BBQ  
Served with roasted rainbow peppers, parsnip whipped potatoes and chipotle infused apple sauce 25.9

**KUROBUTA PORK CHOP**  
glazed with an apricot-whole grain mustard  
Served with sautéed spinach, roasted yukon gold potatoes and an apple jack caramelized onion jus 27.9

### SEAFOOD

**BLACK PEPPER SEARED TUNA**  
crispy crab spring roll, yuzu beurre blanc, asian mixed green "stir fry" and pomegranate oil 25.9

**CEDAR PLANK ROASTED WILD SALMON**  
blackened and served with maple - miso butter sauce, "low carb" cauliflower smash and sautéed fresh spinach 22.0

**PAN SEARED BLACK GROUPER**  
with wild mushroom risotto and a sauce of screaming hot rock shrimp, tomatoes, garlic and white wine 23.0

**KING CRAB LEGS**  
1 pound "extra giant" Dutch Harbor steamed king crab  
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<b>Chicken Caesar Spring Roll</b>	7.1
<b>Tequila Roasted Oysters</b> , chal-a-peño stuffing	7.9
<b>Nectar Island Hot Wings</b> add Ghost Chile (and waiver!)	6.3 9.3
<b>Tuna 3 Way</b> : Tataki, Poke, Sushi	11.6
<b>3 Crab - Lobster Cake</b> , Palm Island remoulade	11.9
<b>Crunchy Calamari</b> , sweet and sour citrus sauce	9.2
<b>Morning After Mussels</b> , bloody mary broth, jalapeño - citrus spiced vodka	9.5
<b>Coconut Shrimp in a Basket</b>	7.1
<b>Homemade Tortilla Chips</b> , fresh tomato salsa	3.7

### SUSHI

<b>Spicy Tuna Roll</b>	7.1
<b>California Roll</b>	7.6
<b>Tempura Hamachi Roll</b> , with Tuna Volcano	9.2

### COCKTAILS

<b>Gulf Shrimp</b> - 21 each 51-60ct (count to a pound)	7.5
<b>Panama Whites</b> - Large, 8 each 21-25ct shrimp	9.1
<b>Classic Combo</b> - 2 oysters, 2 clams, 3 each (21-25ct) shrimp	9.5
<b>King Crab Cocktail</b> , yuzu mustard sauce	11.9
<b>Little Neck Clams</b> (6), lemon, cocktail sauce additional clams add 1.5	7.1
<b>Ultimate</b> - king crab, snow crab, shrimp cocktail, oysters, clams and mussels (min. 2 people) each	14.5

### OYSTERS

<b>Moonstone</b> (Rhode Island)	2.2
<b>Onset Inlet</b> (Washington State)	2.0
<b>Penobscot Bay</b> (Maine)	1.8
<b>Deer Creek</b> (Washington State)	1.8
<b>Leavins Oyster Box</b> (Florida)	1.2
<b>Kumamoto</b> (Humbolt Bay, CA)	2.3
<b>Blue Point</b> (Connecticut)	1.4

### SOUPS

<b>Soup of the Day</b>	cup 3.9	bowl 4.6
<b>Crab and Corn Chowder</b>	cup 4.4	bowl 5.1
<b>Key West Conch</b>	cup 3.9	bowl 4.6

### SALADS

<b>Big Green Summer Salad</b> - choice of dressing	4.7
<b>Apple, Walnut, Romaine</b> , blue cheese dressing black pepper and prosciutto	5.5
<b>Bistro Salad</b> , mixed greens, watermelon, pecans, sunflower seeds, chevre cheese, raspberry -yuzu dressing as entree	13.4 6.3
<b>Classic Caesar</b> , grana padana cheese, homemade croutons	4.7
<b>The Big Ugly</b> - iceberg, heirloom tomatoes, bacon, carrots, blue cheese dressing, berry balsamic	5.5
<b>Blackened Salmon</b> - mixed greens, arugula, cucumber, bacon, tomato, maple - miso dressing	12.7

### SIDES 3.9

Steamed Broccoli	Ugly Tomato EXVO
Wild Mushroom Risotto add 1.2	Onion Rings
Roasted Sweet Potato	Fresh Zucchini Pomodoro
Sea Salt Baked Potato	Roasted Butternut Squash
Loaded Baked Potato add .60	Roasted Corn and Parmesan Cous Cous
French Fries	3 Cheese Au Gratin Potatoes
Coconut Sticky Rice	Cheesy Lobster Baked Potato add 1.2

### PASTAS

<b>Chicken Shanghai</b> - pulled chicken, spicy peanut infused soy, noodles, Thai basil, broccoli	13.5
<b>Shrimp Vodka Penne</b> - crispy prosciutto, hearts of artichoke, vodka tomato sauce, basil, pesto	14.0
<b>Spaghetti and Crab</b> - pasta with jalapeño, blue and king crab, red pepper, parmesan	14.3
<b>King Crab Alfredo</b> - cracked crab legs, fettucine, black pepper - parmesan cream	15.6

### COMBOS

<b>Fried</b> - hand breaded shrimp, scallops, calamari, fresh haddock, slaw	15.6
<b>Broiled</b> - fresh Atlantic flounder, large dry pack scallops, little neck clams, shrimp scampi, slaw	16.3
<b>Grilled</b> - Maine lobster tail, skewered shrimp, flounder, large dry pack scallops and slaw	20.4
<b>Shrimp</b> - hand breaded shrimp, shrimp scampi, Gulf shrimp cocktail, slaw	14.8
<b>Paradise</b> - Maine lobster tail, snow crab, shrimp scampi, fried shrimp	20.7

### SURF AND TURF

<b>Steak and Shrimp</b> - 12oz. center cut NY strip steak or 7oz. filet, shrimp scampi, sea salt baked potato	20.4
<b>Steak and Lobster</b> - 12oz. center cut NY strip steak or 7oz. filet, split whole Maine lobster tail, sea salt baked potato	23.6
<b>Steak, Shrimp and Lobster</b> - 12oz. center cut NY strip steak or 7oz. filet, split whole Maine lobster tail, shrimp scampi, sea salt baked potato	26.0

### SPECIALTIES

<b>Fresh Grouper Scampi</b> - black grouper, gulf shrimp, sun dried tomato - white wine sauce, linguini	19.9
<b>Seared Tuna - No. 1 quality</b> - coconut - pineapple rice, togarashi butter sauce, ponzu, wasabi, ginger	21.8
<b>The Great Fish Sandwich</b> - beer battered, lettuce, tomato, onion, on brioche bun, "Bistro" slaw and fries	12.7
<b>Chipotle Baby Back Ribs</b> - with bistro slaw and choice of fries, sea salt baked or roasted sweet potato	18.0
<b>Mahi Mac</b> - macadamian encrusted mahi mahi, grilled pineapple - togarashi sauce, island rice	18.2
<b>Captain's Cut</b> - miso glazed sea bass, wasabi crumb, carrot miso-soy, Asian stir fry	23.1
<b>Classic Snow Crab dinner</b> - with bistro slaw and choice of fries, sea salt baked or roasted sweet potato	14.3
<b>Blackened Salmon</b> - bourbon brown sugar glaze, jalapeño - pecan butter, spinach, parmesan cous cous	15.9
<b>Bistro Veg Plate</b> - pick 7 sides	11.9

### STEAKS AND CHOPS

Served with your choice of 2 sides

<b>NY Strip Steak</b> (12oz.)	19.6
<b>Filet of Beef</b> (7oz.)	20.3
<b>Chicken Chop</b> (12oz.) Chipotle BBQ on request	12.7

### BURGERS

<b>Classic</b> - ½ lb bistro burger, lettuce, tomato and onion	8.7
<b>Black &amp; Blue</b> - black peppercorn seared, gorgonzola and American blue cheese	9.5
<b>Triple Cheese &amp; Bacon</b> - American, jack and cheddar cheese with peppered bacon on a brioche bun	9.5
<b>Black Jack</b> - black Angus burger, jack cheese, jalapeños, red tomato salsa, guacamole, cilantro and red onion	9.5
<b>Cowboy</b> - chipotle BBQ, applewood smoked bacon, hand cut onion rings and "better" cheddar	9.5

### BEERS

Bud Light	3.6	Cigar City Jai-Alai	4.4
Miller Light	3.6	Holy Mackerel Golden	5.2
Affligem Blond	4.4	Barney Oatmeal Stout	6.8
Napa Smith Amber	4.4	Rastafa Rye 22oz	7.2
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# CONTRACT BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

## Thinking things through

West dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

<b>NORTH</b>			
♠	6 4 3		
♥	A 8 7		
♦	10 7 6 4		
♣	K J 7		
<b>WEST</b>			
♠	J 10 9		
♥	K 6 5 4		
♦	9 5 2		
♣	9 5 2		
<b>EAST</b>			
♠	A K 7 5 2		
♥	2		
♦	Q J 3		
♣	8 6 4 3		
<b>SOUTH</b>			
♠	Q 8		
♥	Q J 10 9 3		
♦	A K 8		
♣	A Q 10		

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥

Opening lead — jack of spades.

Good card-reading is an art unto itself. Declarer does not actually see the defenders' hands as each card is played, but many times he can visualize their holdings just as if they were in open view.

Take this case where South was not sufficiently alert to a situation he could have deduced without much effort. He ducked the spade lead, East winning with the queen and returning a spade to dummy's ace.

Declarer could count eight sure tricks

and saw that the ninth might come from a finesse in either diamonds or hearts. He stewed mightily while deciding which one to take and finally settled on the diamond finesse. West won with the king and cashed his spades, and South went down one.

The simple fact is that declarer's cogitations were basically misplaced. Rather than trying to decide which finesse to take at trick three, he should have expended the bulk of his energy on determining the meaning of West's opening lead.

West's five-of-spades lead was highly revealing. It was inconceivable that he would have led the five from a holding of, say, the K-Q-J-5-4, in which case he would have led the king. Declarer could therefore assume that East had the king, queen or jack, which in turn meant that the ace was the right play from dummy at trick one.

Observe what happens in the actual case if declarer takes the first spade with the ace. Whatever East plays on the trick, the defenders cannot cash four spade tricks after declarer takes a losing diamond finesse at trick two. If West leads a spade to East's queen, East has no spade to return, while if West cashes the K-J of spades, South's ten becomes a stopper.

If it turns out that East's original holding is three spades headed by an honor, which certainly is possible, there's still nothing to fear. In that case, West started with only four spades, and nine tricks are assured. ■

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**KOVELS: ANTIQUES & COLLECTING**

**Why the weasel goes 'pop'**



the well-known "Pierce Piano Atlas." The 12th edition of the atlas was published in 2009. It lists piano makers alphabetically, with dates and serial numbers if available. Clarendon Piano Co. of Rockford, Ill., was in business from 1903 until 1930, when it was taken over by Haddorff Piano Co. Haddorff continued to make pianos using the Clarendon name until 1960. The serial number on your piano indicates that the piano was made in 1919.

What's a weasel? It's an animal, of course, but in some parts of Montana you might put weasels on your ice cream — because some Montanans call M&Ms "weasels." And in the 1700s, when the nursery rhyme "Pop Goes the Weasel" was composed, everyone knew the "weasel" of the title referred to a yarn winder. In the past, when women would spin and weave at home, they used special tools. After the wool was spun, it was wound by hand on a niddy-noddy or with the help of a yarn winder. The winder looked like a post on a footed platform. Attached to the post's side was a wheel of four or five "arms." If the wheel turned once, it had wound a set amount of wool, usually a yard. Each time the wheel turned, a wooden counter would move a notch until it hit a final peg and made a loud "pop." As the nursery rhyme said, "Pop goes the weasel." Today, a weasel (wool winder) can cost anywhere from \$30 to \$500.

**Q:** A tag on the inside of my piano says, "Clarendon Piano Co., Serial No. 87434." Any information on age?

**A:** Because you know the maker and serial number of your piano, you can find its approximate age by checking

**Q:** My doll is at least 100 years old. On her back are the words, "109-15, Dep, Germany, Handwerck." She is 29 inches tall and has her original hair. What can you tell me about this doll?

**A:** Your doll was made by the Heinrich Handwerck Doll Co., founded in Gotha, Germany, in 1876. The "109-15" is the mold number of the doll. "Dep" indicates that a trademark was registered at the local district court. A doll like yours in excellent condition could sell for close to \$1,000.

**Q:** My brother had a stringed instrument that looks like a zither but is called a Pianolin. It says "Patent pending. Sold by our Advertisers only, Price \$35, The Pianolin Co., New Troy, Mich." It has no date on it. Can you tell me anything about it? My brother died several years ago, and I don't know anything about the instrument.

**A:** The Pianolin was invented in  
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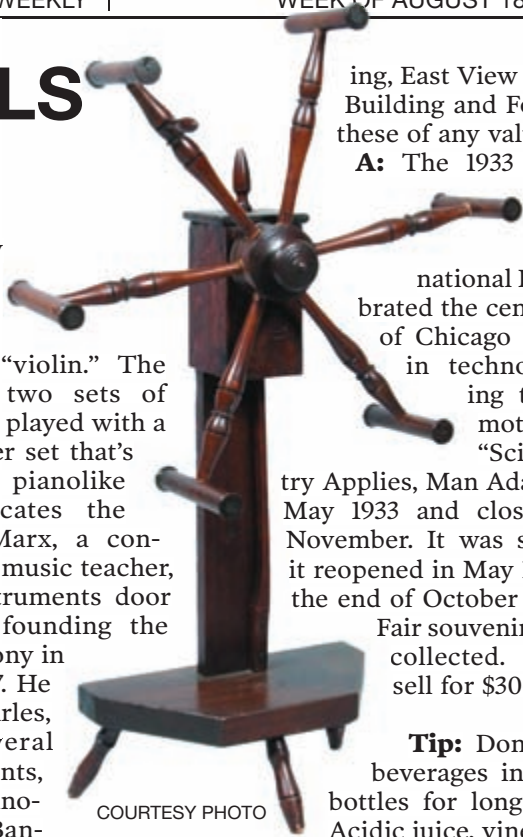
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# KOVELS

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about 1930 by Henry C. Marx. The name is a combination of "piano" and "violin." The instrument has two sets of strings, one that's played with a bow and a smaller set that's strummed. The pianolike "keyboard" indicates the melody notes. Marx, a concert violinist and music teacher, sold musical instruments door to door before founding the Marxochime Colony in New Troy in 1927. He and his son, Charles, invented several unusual instruments, including the Pianolin, Pianoette, Banjolin, Hawaii-Phone, Mandolin-Uke, Marx Piano Harp, Violin Uke and a guitar with only one string. Pianolas can be found marked either "Pianolin Co." or "Marxochime Colony" and with the location New Tory, Mich., or Mount Pleasant, Iowa. There are very few people who buy these unusual instruments, so prices are low, under \$100.

**Q:** I have four teaspoons from the 1933 World's Fair in Chicago. Each spoon pictures a building on the fairgrounds. The four I have are the General Exhibits Group, the Administration Build-



COURTESY PHOTO

**This wool winder, made in Pennsylvania in the 19th century, was refinished, so it sold for only \$34 at Conestoga Auction Co. in Manheim, Pa.**

ing, East View of Administration Building and Fort Dearborn. Are these of any value?

**A:** The 1933 Chicago World's Fair was called the Century of Progress International Exposition. It celebrated the centennial of the city of Chicago and the advances in technology made during that century. The motto of the fair was "Science Finds, Industry Applies, Man Adapts." It opened in May 1933 and closed the following November. It was so successful that it reopened in May 1934 and closed at the end of October that year. World's Fair souvenirs from all fairs are collected. Souvenir spoons sell for \$30-\$40 each.

**Tip:** Don't store foods or beverages in crystal bowls or bottles for long periods of time. Acidic juice, vinegar and alcoholic beverages will leach out the lead in the glass. It is unhealthy to drink the liquid. ■

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Tickets are \$75 in advance, \$85 at the door. To purchase a ticket or donate an auction items, e-mail Ms. Carlson at womensupportingwomen.naples@gmail.com. For more information about CAN, call 436-4763 or visit [www.cancerallianceofnaples.com](http://www.cancerallianceofnaples.com). ■



### C'mon to museum's inaugural Dream Gala

The Golisano Children's Museum of Naples will hold its inaugural Dream Gala beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 23, at C'mon in North Collier Regional Park. Gala chair Shelia Davis and her committee are hard at work planning an evening of adventure and discovery that will benefit Collier County's first learning environment devoted exclusively to the serious business of children's play. The 30,000-square-foot museum is set to open in early 2012.

For information about gala sponsorship opportunities, call C'mon at 514-0084 or visit [www.cmon.org](http://www.cmon.org). ■

### Place your bets on library casino night

The Friends of the Library of Collier County will hold the third annual "Red, White & Roulette" casino night Friday, Nov. 4, at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club.

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For tickets or more information, call 262-8135 or visit [www.collier-friends.org](http://www.collier-friends.org). ■

### 13 is lucky number for tea and fashions

Humane Society Naples holds its 13th annual Afternoon Tea & Fashion Show on Friday, Nov. 11, at the Naples Yacht Club. Sponsorships and auction items are being solicited now. For more information, call Ali O'Connor at 643-1880, ext. 18, or e-mail [events@hsnaples.org](mailto:events@hsnaples.org). ■

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## Guys will set sail for Make-A-Wish

A manly afternoon of cigars, beer, Shula's steaks and steel drums aboard the Naples Princess will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17.

Tickets are \$125. RSVP to Lesley Colantonio at 992-9474 or lcolantonio@sflawish.org. ■

## 'An Evening in Old Havana'

Guests will be transported to vintage Cuba for "An Evening in Old Havana" at the David Lawrence Foundation's signature destination-drive gala on Friday, Jan. 20, at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples.

From the décor to the cocktails and music, everything will be reminiscent of Havana's opulent social clubs of the 1930s. In keeping with the theme, women are encouraged to wear summery cocktail dresses, while the best-dressed men can don linen guayaberas

or tropical print shirts and smart fedoras.

Tickets are \$500 per person, \$1,200 per VIP patron and \$5,000 per table of 10. A variety of sponsorship opportunities and levels are also available.

For more information, call the David Lawrence Foundation at 354-1416. ■

## Hispanic business council plans gala

The Council for Hispanic Business Professionals will hold its third annual gala on Saturday, Oct. 8, at Kensington Golf & Country Club.

School on Wheels, an outreach of Guadalupe Society Services/Catholic Charities, has been chosen as the beneficiary of this year's event. School on Wheels helps migrant women in Immokalee learn basic English skills.

All are invited to enjoy the evening of Hispanic-style food and entertainment. For information about tickets and sponsorships, e-mail events@CHBPnaples.org or visit www.CHBPnaples.org. ■



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Registration is \$25 for adults and \$10 for kids younger than 15. Participants who raise \$50 for the cause will receive a Stiletto Sprint T-shirt, and those who raise \$250 will be invited to the VIP cool-down party at Café & Bar Lurcat.

Sign up in advance at [www.komen-swfl.org](http://www.komen-swfl.org) or beginning at 5 p.m. on the day of sprint.

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## Have a ball at The Ritz for NCH

The patients, staff, volunteers, donors and friends of NCH Healthcare System inspired the theme for the NCH Hospital Ball 2011: "This Is My Hospital." The black-tie evening begins at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples.

Tickets are \$475 per person. Proceeds will help create 64 Smart Rooms at the NCH North Naples hospital.

For tickets or more information, call Cynthia Bennett at the NCH Healthcare Foundation, 436-4511, or e-mail [foundation@nchmd.org](mailto:foundation@nchmd.org). ■

## Step out and dance for Sunlight Home

Sunlight Home for expectant women and teens invites everyone to put on their dancing shoes for an evening with Cahlua & Cream on Friday, Nov. 4, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club.

Tickets are \$60 per person. Proceeds will benefit mothers and babies at Sunlight Home, where they are empowered to overcome poverty, abuse and homelessness through education, training and spiritual growth.

For more information, call Linda Hale at 352-0251 or e-mail [Linda\\_lee\\_hale@yahoo.com](mailto:Linda_lee_hale@yahoo.com). ■

## Mental health association plans Halloween cruise

The Mental Health Association of SWF presents "Bone Voyage," a Halloween-inspired high-seas adventure aboard the Naples Princess, on Friday, Oct. 28. The ship sets sail at 5 p.m. and returns to the dock at 7:30 p.m. Costumes are encouraged but not required.

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## Getting in step for literacy

Literacy Volunteers of Collier County will hold the fifth annual "Dancing with the Stars for Literacy" on Friday, Nov. 11, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. LVCC teaches illiterate and non-English speaking adults to read, write and speak English.

A number of prominent Neapolitans are paired with professional dancers to perform. Prizes are awarded based on dancing ability as well as the amount of money dancers raise for LVCC.

For tickets or more information, call LVCC at 262-4448 or visit [www.collierliteracy.org](http://www.collierliteracy.org).

County children and adults with disabilities. For more information, call 596-2988 or visit [www.naplesequestrianchallenge.org](http://www.naplesequestrianchallenge.org).

## Be a goddess for an evening

Goddess Night 2012, an evening of pampering and enlightenment sponsored by the Naples Art Association, takes place Thursday, March 29, at The von Liebig Art Center. A champagne reception gets thing going, and guests enjoy a seated dinner and keynote speaker as well as their choice of informative breakout sessions.

For more information, call Aimee Schlehr at 262-6517, ext. 120, or e-mail [aimee.schlehr@naplesart.org](mailto:aimee.schlehr@naplesart.org).

## Saddle up for 'Bootstrap Boogie'



Naples Equestrian Challenge holds its sixth annual "Bootstrap Boogie" barn dance Saturday evening, Nov. 12, at NEC headquarters off Goodlette-Frank Road north of Pine Ridge Road. Live country-western music, a mechanical bull, line dancers and "Pony Pie Bingo" are all part of the fun.

NEC provides therapeutic riding and other equine-related programs for Collier

## Wishmaker's Ball is in 'Black and White'



The sixth annual Wishmaker's Ball to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation is set for Friday, Jan. 20, at the Hilton Naples. The evening's theme is "Black and White."

Individual tickets are \$200 and sponsorships start at \$3,000. Premium tables are also available starting at \$5,000. For tickets or sponsorship information, contact Lesley Colantonio at 992-9474 or [lcolantonio@sflawish.org](mailto:lcolantonio@sflawish.org).

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Breakfast with Pirates at Bella Luna, 10:00 a.m.  
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## VINO

## Summer is perfect time to find some new wines

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Summer is a great time to discover new wines (OK, well, there really isn't a bad time to discover new wines, but why wait?). During the slower summer season, lots of restaurants and retailers host tastings that afford you the opportunity to try some of these (see the food and wine calendar on the following page for upcoming events), but I'm also including some you might not stumble upon elsewhere.

Following are some wines that are new on the market and some that are new to our market. Either way, they are interesting offerings worth sampling.

Nick Nemeč, co-owner of Big Crush Distributing in Punta Gorda, continues to expand his company's line of boutique offerings, making interesting wines available for the first time in the region.

"Olabisi Wines is a boutique Napa winery that features vineyard designated, small production lots under 500 cases," he says. "With wild yeasts and minimal handling, the varietal character of the wine is more pronounced. Tolosa Estate Wines are dry farmed (no irrigation) in the Paso Robles area, which concentrates the flavor because the vines have to struggle."

Jason Adams, owner of Real Wine in Fort Myers, specializes in unusual offerings as well as helping clients find special lots and selections to build their collections. Among his new offerings: "The Francis Tannahill

Pinot Noir is a very small production from a private label from the husband and wife team (Cheryl Francis and Sam Tannahill) that part owns and makes all the wine at A to Z and Rex Hill," he says.

Here are some noteworthy offerings I like, as well as some that appealed to Mr. Nemeč and Mr. Adams. Not only that, they are low- to moderately priced.

Nick Nemeč's picks:

■ **Olabisi Mendocino Chardonnay Double Top Secret Vineyard 2008 (\$30):** "Big spicy citrus and white flowers aroma with a rich palate of melon and lemon, followed by a long drawn out finish."

■ **Olabisi Suisun Valley Syrah King Vineyard 2006 (\$30):** "Opens with a complex aroma of boysenberry and spices well integrated into the palate with red and black fruits and herbs."

■ **Tolosa Cabernet Sauvignon Paso Robles 2007 (\$17):** "Concentrated aromas and of black cherry, currant and toasty oak, and a touch of spice ending in a lingering finish."

■ **Tolosa Chardonnay 2008 (\$25):** "Pear and apple aromas with a touch of citrus follow through to the medium-bodied palate with hints of nutty oak and spice, ending with a long finish."

■ **Tolosa "No Oak" Chardonnay 2009 (\$20):** "Made from estate fruit from the Edna Ranch in Edna Valley. Light golden color with aroma and flavors of fresh tropical fruits and pear and a crisp lingering finish."

■ **Tolosa Edna Ranch Pinot Noir 2008 (\$25):** "Medium body and color with plum, cherry and cedar aromas and concentrated

flavors and a generous finish."

Jason Adams' picks:

■ **Andre et Michel Quenard Vin de Savoie Chignin-Bergeron 2008 (\$15):** "Bergeron is the name for Roussanne in the Savoie region (of France). Because this area is very mountainous and cooler, this version is a little lighter and lower in alcohol than the Rhone counterparts. This wine is a full-bodied white with no oak, and a deep dark golden color."

■ **Francis Tannahill The Hermit Pinot Noir 2006 (\$36):** "This wine is dark and brooding in style with serious minerality and organic earthiness in the nose, and elegant Oregon berry and cherry flavors and long finish."

■ **WillaKenzie Estate Pinot Gris 2010 (\$20):** "Clean and mineral with good acidity. Very much in the Alsace style, drier and less floral. Another big white with no malo(lactic fermentation) or oak."

Mr. Vino's picks:

■ **Dr. Heidemanns-Bergweiler Graacher Doktorberg Spatlese 2009 (\$40):** A classic German Moselle with a rich yellow color and ripe fruits aromas, this late harvest Riesling has rich intense flavors of ripe pineapple, peach and apricot and a balanced lively finish.

■ **Long Boat Sauvignon Blanc 2009 (\$15):** A light,

floral New Zealand wine, it has pineapple and stone fruits and a green apple nose, followed with peach and lemon lime and tropical fruit flavors, ending in a crisp clean finish.

■ **Lungarotti's Torre di Giano 2010 (\$15):** Italy's Umbria district is the home of this fresh white wine, straw-colored with a fruity bouquet of citrus fruit, orange blossoms and fresh fruit salad. It finishes dry and has good structure, with a delicate acidity and a long finish.

■ **Murphy-Goode All In Claret 2005 (\$25):** Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Petit Verdot combine their aromas of dark and red cherry with flavors of blackberry and spice, smoothed with barrel aging. An intense dark color and good fruit, ending with a long finish with a touch of tannin.

■ **Murphy-Goode Liars Dice Zinfandel 2008 (\$21):** A jammy bouquet with juicy flavors of black raspberry, black cherry, and blackberry, with soft round tannins and a lingering finish.

■ **Vesevo Falanghina 2010 (\$16):** This refreshing white wine from Italy's Campania district has a white flower and pear aroma, mingling with crisp citrus flavors and a tangy mineral finish. ■



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# FLORIDA WEEKLY CUISINE

## M Waterfront Grille's chef views world as his culinary classroom

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Brian Roland has packed a lot of experience into the dozen years since he graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y. He's backpacked and eaten his way through Europe, worked with top chefs in the New York City area and presented a dinner at the James Beard House in New York City, among other things. Area food lovers have likely sampled his cuisine at Chops City Grill (Naples and Bonita Springs), Cru (Fort Myers) or M Waterfront Grille in Naples, where he's been the executive chef since 2008. It's at the Village on Venetian Bay, 4300 Gulf Shore Blvd. Call 263-4421.

**Q: Tell us how about your culinary experience outside of M Grille?**

**A:** I was sous chef for macrobiotic Chef Patrick Verre at The TPC at Jasna Polana in Princeton, N.J., working seasonally at Maxwell's before landing a job at Chops in Naples. I was also fortunate enough to work for Chef Daniel Boulud at Restaurant Daniel and Café Boulud. He taught me to care for ingredients in a way that has stuck with me ever since. I moved to Cru after Chops, returning to Naples when owners Chris and Peter Sereno renovated Maxwell's and turned it into M Waterfront Grille.

**Q: How old were you when you realized you wanted to be a chef?**

**A:** I was about 15. I worked at a small Italian restaurant called Teresa's Café in New Brunswick, N.J., throughout high school, working my way up from dishwashing to food prep. Coming into the dining room at age 15 or 16, I realized I loved working in the restaurant and decided I wanted to go to culinary school.

**Q: How did you find your way to Naples?**

**A:** My grandparents lived in Naples and I thought it would be a great place to do my externship.

**Q: How would you describe your culinary style?**

**A:** I call what I serve at M "cutting edge continental cuisine," which I define as an innovative approach to regional cooking using the highest quality ingredients including organic, natural and



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**Brian Roland at M Waterfront Grille in Naples, where he's been the executive chef since 2008.**



Bottega, Ubuntu, Mustards, Dry Creek Kitchen and CIA Greystone and toured some great wineries. I can see this experience helping me grow professionally for years to come.

**Q: Who do you admire most and why?**

**A:** I admire my mother and father for guiding me and molding me into

sustainable products as much as possible. I try to think outside the box and bring my guests' dining experiences to the next level through complementary flavors, daring presentations and sophisticated wine pairings. Recently, I've explored molecular cooking, which has allowed me to challenge my diners' senses and palates in ways I was never able to achieve before.

**Q: Can you talk about a couple of high points in your career so far?**

**A:** Working for Chef Boulud and preparing a meal at the James Beard House (while at Cru) were both very special experiences. It was really rewarding to create dinners at the last three Southwest Florida Food and Wine Fests, too. Earlier this month, my dad and I took our first trip to Napa, where we ate at places like French Laundry, Bouchon,



the man I am today. Professionally, I'm inspired by Chef Verre and Chef Grant Achatz. I dined at Chef Achatz's Alinea in Chicago before his (successful) battle with tongue cancer. I just finished reading his book, "Life on the Line," and it's been a great inspiration.

**Q: You do a lot of collaborating with other chefs (such as the Summer Chef Series you are hosting this summer). What is it about teaming up with other chefs that appeals to you?**

**A:** I love having the opportunity to continue my education through working with other talented chefs. I think chefs are more willing to share ideas and experiences now than they were years ago. This form of communication has been a lot of fun for me. The Summer Chef Series has helped build great relationships with local chefs and resulted in creative dining experiences for our guests.

**Q: What ingredients could you simply not cook without?**

**A:** Fresh seafood, sea salt (all different types), seasonal produce and love

**Q: What are you likely to eat on a night off?**

**A:** Normally, I eat out and try different restaurants any chance I get. I will order the most creative dishes I can find and try new flavors. I'm a huge fan of artisanal cheeses, truffles, foie gras, lobster, gnocchi, fall flavors and, I have to admit, I have a big sweet tooth.

**Q: What are your hobbies?**

**A:** I enjoy riding my BMW K 1200 RS motorcycle, playing golf and basketball, dining, of course, and investing in the real estate and stock markets.

**Q: What's your favorite meal?**

**A:** A glass of pinot noir or a good sherry paired with a perfectly balanced paella containing all sorts of shellfish, chorizo, saffron, olives, tomato, garlic and spices

**Q: How do you view the relationship of food and wine?**

**A:** I believe they truly need each other. I enjoy exploring the synergies and contrasts in all the possibilities that food and wine have to offer. I believe that one can enhance the other in so many ways. Wine brings a certain dynamic to a dish that would not be achievable without it. ■

### food & wine CALENDAR

► **Thursday, Aug. 18, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Bethany Tait's cottage:** Holistic health coach Bethany Tait hosts a birthday raw food potluck party and demonstrates how to make raw strawberry pie; bring a raw food dish to share; 864 106th Ave. N.; 216-3468. Reservations required.

► **Friday, Aug. 19, 6-8 p.m., Whole Foods:** Take part in the first of what's planned to be monthly beer tastings with beverage specialist Joe Pais; \$5, Mercato; 552-5100.

► **Saturday, Aug. 20, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., The Good Life of Naples:** Shelly Connors demonstrates how to make Chinese dim sum; \$25, 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 514-4663. Reservations required.

► **Thursday, Aug. 18, 6-8 p.m., Cru Lounge:** 15 beers you've never tasted, plus hors d'oeuvres to match; \$15, Bell Tower Shops; 466-3663.

► **Wednesday, Aug. 24, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Fleming's:** Take part in a cooking class and three-course meal hosted by Chef David Gosset. This month's theme: fresh and healthy dishes; \$35, 8985 Tamiami Trail N.; 598-2424. Reservations required.

► **Wednesday, Aug. 24, 6-8 p.m., The Good Life of Naples:** Shelly Connors demonstrates how to make dishes that keep you cool in the kitchen; \$50, 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 514-4663. Reservations required.

► **Thursday, Aug. 25, 5:30-7:30 p.m.,**

**ABC Fine Wine & Spirits:** Join fellow wine lovers to taste up to 50 varieties along with hors d'oeuvres. Receive a complimentary wine glass, chat with the store's wine experts and sample a cigar (outdoors); \$10, 1000 Crosspoint Drive; 596-5434.

► **Saturday, Aug. 27, 9-11 a.m., Ridgway Bar & Grill:** Chef/owner Tony Ridgway helps students move beyond the four tastes — sweet, salty, bitter and sour — to the fifth taste, umami, a savory flavor found in a wealth of food. Students will participate in a blind tasting of several foods to test flavor identification skills and will cook a variety of entrees; \$75, 1300 Third St. S.; 262-5500 or visit www.ridgwaynaples.com.

### Farmers markets

► **Friday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.,** the Government Complex farmers market, 3335 U.S. 41 E.

► **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, in the Fright Factory at Olympic Plaza, 2320 Vanderbilt Beach Road behind Liberty Bank.

► **Saturday, 7 a.m.-noon,** the Bonita Springs Lions Club farm market, The Promenade, 26851 South Bay Drive, Bonita Springs.

► **Saturday, 8 a.m.-noon,** Freedom Park farmers market, 151 Golden Gate Parkway. ■

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