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BY ROGER WILLIAMS
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Cupid costs money: Can you afford to date?

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CUPID'S ARROW STRUCK AND YOU'RE SEEING stars — and dollar signs. That sucker went right through your heart and stabbed your wallet.

Dating is expensive and it's not tax-deductible. Do you know how much you spend on a one-night stand? Or a long-

distance relationship? I do.

Even though I just got married (we saved a bundle by going to Vegas to say our vows, but that's for another story), I can look back and tell you without a doubt that dating is expensive. Dating smart, however, is less so.

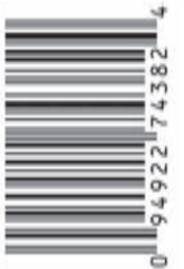
A competitive 'sport'

How much do you want for that je ne sais quoi?

Beauty, charm and allure that reels 'em in isn't cheap. So why do you need it? Because

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COMMENTARY

Giddyup, Johnny, and Godspeed

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The last time I saw John Bunch he was vanishing into the foreboding night like Capt. Ahab setting out in pursuit of Moby Dick: "They plunged like fate into the lone Atlantic," wrote Melville.

It wasn't quite that bad, of course, but almost. John was just departing the prettiest little low-key beach retreat in Florida, Jensen's Twin Palm Marina on the west Coast's Captiva Island, run by the Jensen brothers. They're John's kind of people. Mine, too.

As midnight approached, he was only trying to get home to Bokeelia, lying three or four miles east across the black water on the naked northern nose of Pine Island like a distant, twinkling bar. Not star, bar. But given John's history and personality, his departure reminded me of the white whale's ship-borne pursuers. He plunged like fate into the lone northern stretches of Pine Island Sound.

John is a maverick from what I can see, and a man of compulsion, like Ahab. There are other similarities, too. They both chase fish (Ahab chases bigger, paler fish); they both use boats (Ahab's comes equipped with sails and John's relies on a 225 horsepower Honda that gets 3.5 miles to the gallon); and they're both captains.

Ahab is known as a wacko, but John is known as Capt. John "Giddyup" Bunch, a respected fishing guide rated one of the best for those who want to ply the waters of

the Southwest coast.

And I don't care where you claim to "live" — Peoria, Palm Beach Gardens, Punta Gorda or Punkin Center, Kansas (one of my favorite places). If you haven't plied those waters you haven't actually lived. Not at least around here.

Henceforth, I shall quit first-naming John and call him Capt. Bunch, with all due respect.

When it comes to compulsion, the biggest difference between Capt. Bunch and Capt. Ahab is that Capt. Bunch's compulsion won't get everybody else around him killed, like Capt. Ahab's. When you go out with Capt. Bunch, you will come home with the fish. The fish will not go home with you.

On the contrary, Capt. Bunch is in the nonprofit business of saving lives, or least hearts and minds — those of American servicemen and women coming back from war, on leave, and seeking a vacation, a wedding ceremony, a respite from duty and a chance to have all that without going into deep debt (enlisted troops in particular do not make diddlyquat).

So, in 2005 he founded — and he remains the incarnate — Operation Open Arms (www.operationopenarms.org).

The organization is one with the man. It has a single, white-whale compulsion, if you will: "To provide service men and women visiting Southwest Florida every conceivable benefit during their two-week combat leave or return from a foreign duty station," he explains.

Without them having to pay for it, of course.

That's why so many merchants and business owners support him in the effort, start-

ing with the Jensen brothers.

Capt. Bunch is nothing if not honorable. He doesn't use the term "nonprofit" like almost every other outfit with 501(c)(3) status uses it — as a chance to do some good while making a very comfortable salary for the managers, founders or top dogs.

Nonprofit compensation can range from roughly half-a-million dollars a year or more (various health or hospice organization leaders pull down that money), to \$80,000 or \$100,000 for managers of feet-on-the-ground help outfits for the poor or the besieged-by-emergency.

By contrast, "nonprofit" in the context of Capt. John "Giddyup" Bunch means just that. Absolutely no profit for anybody, including him. No payroll whatsoever for being OOA's receptionist/secretary/answering service/director/founder.

Which may make me the only commentator in America describing the nonprofit thing literally, at least at this moment in time.

In seven years, Capt. Bunch has managed to recruit roughly 150 businesses to help provide soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines the hallmark standard of real thanks: a warm embrace of more than words.

He helps them marry and honeymoon. He organizes free limo service, lodging, restaurants, fishing charters, golf, tennis, kayaking, boating, emergency dental care (that's no small thing for troops, sometimes). And he provides them something he understands well: treatment of post traumatic stress disorder.

Now in his 60s and raised on the barrier islands of South Carolina, Capt. Bunch is a former Marine (1969 to 1975) who did not enjoy, with his peers, a welcome-home embrace from many Americans when they returned from foreign duty

stations such as Vietnam.

The young men and women he's helped during the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq — about 1,900 of them so far, he says — will get that embrace from Operation Open Arms and its generous contributors if they come to Southwest Florida, and need or want it.

"This is the real secret of OOA," he says. "You can demonstrate your love of country instead of flapping your jaws about it. We've helped 1,976 U.S. troops, provided 92 free weddings, and I've done more funerals than I wish to remember."

I find that extraordinary.

But it won't last forever, unless Capt. Bunch can get some help from the rest of us. After all, he isn't going to do this forever.

You think it's because he's tired? Don't count on it. In fact, he's newly married. But tired might have a little something to do with it, too.

What he needs to do now, he figures, is change his approach.

Here's what he told me he needs.

"OOA needs a professional grant writer. OOA needs an office. OOA needs an administrative assistant. OOA needs a director to soon take my place. Most of all, OOA needs contributions to pay for all the things associated with a legit charity, like the American Red Cross has. They have a well-paid staff. They have a beautiful office, vans and cars. They have an advertising budget.

"I go to the post office after a charter hoping to see a check in Box 101."

I don't think Capt. Bunch cares about some of that — the beautiful office and what-not.

But he could use some help, and so could the young men and women coming home from very difficult places.

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OPINION

Rich man, poor us



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F. Scott Fitzgerald began his short story "The Rich Boy" with a pair of simple, declarative sentences that still resonate 87 years later: "Let me tell you about the very rich. They are different from you and me."

The difference between the very rich and the rest of us has been much in the news as of late — thanks mainly to Mitt Romney and his propensity for making boneheaded and insensitive statements that call attention to the dissimilarities that figured so prominently in Fitzgerald's fiction.

But not even the keen-eyed Fitzgerald, who studied the peculiar ways of the economic elite as an archaeologist might scrutinize a midden heap, could have envisioned the spectacularly gauche and distasteful display that is playing out in Palm Beach County. When poor taste by someone of great wealth in Palm Beach gains worldwide attention, well, you know it must be a lollapalooza, for poor taste among the ruling class in Palm Beach is positively de rigueur.

At the epicenter of this uproar is John Goodman, a 48-year-old multimillionaire (possibly billionaire) polo czar/playboy from Wellington. Mr. Goodman, you see, has adopted Heather Hutchins, his 42-year-old paramour.

Yes, you read that correctly. The blonde, lithesome Ms. Hutchins is now legally Mr. Goodman's daughter, while she also remains his, (how should I put this?) main

squeeze. Gracious, I thought such goings-on were restricted to the backwoods.

This is distasteful enough on its face, but what really has the tabloids and the hoi polloi howling is that it appears the adoption may be a sophisticated legal gambit to shelter financial assets, which could be at risk in a civil suit brought by the parents of 23-year-old Scott Wilson. Mr. Wilson was killed in an automobile accident that, according to a sheriff's report, occurred in the wee hours of Feb. 12, 2010, when Mr. Goodman's speeding Bentley ran a stop sign in Wellington and broadsided the young man's Hyundai Sonata. Mr. Goodman's tank-like vehicle, the report said, pushed Mr. Wilson's smaller car into a canal. Police reports say Mr. Goodman fled the scene on foot, leaving the young man to drown in his submerged automobile. Tests administered hours after the accident placed Mr. Goodman's blood alcohol level at 0.177 — more than twice the Florida limit of 0.08 that is the standard for driving while intoxicated.

This case has elicited public outrage from its onset. It took Palm Beach County authorities more than three months to bring charges against the well-connected Mr. Goodman, who is heir to a fortune based on the manufacturing of air-conditioning and heating equipment. And attorneys for Mr. Wilson's parents in the wrongful-death lawsuit have contended for more than a year that it is difficult to establish Mr. Goodman's true net worth because much of his fortune is tucked away in places like Lichtenstein and Bermuda.

Mr. Goodman faces the possibility of 30 years in prison if he is convicted of criminal charges associated with the accident. He is

set to be tried on those charges next month.

This adoption business is something of a last straw for many. It is viewed as the ultimate testament to the manner in which the extraordinarily wealthy can maneuver, manipulate and game the system.

Mr. Goodman's lawyer issued a statement that, in effect, scolded us for beholding this adoption with a jaundiced eye. The attorney, Daniel M. Bachi, said in the written statement that the adoption was merely intended to guard a trust that benefits Mr. Goodman's two minor children. I am not certain how adopting one's lover accomplishes that task, but Mr. Bachi insists it is so. The lawyer's statement put the value of the trust at "several hundred million dollars."

I'm no lawyer, and perhaps nearly four decades in the news business have made me something of a cynic, but this just doesn't look right. I also wonder how this will play with prospective jurors who might sit in judgment in the criminal case.

About a year ago, I sat down with Darrell Bowen, the mayor of Wellington and a friend of the accused millionaire. At that time, Mr. Bowen speculated the Mr. Goodman's exalted status and immense wealth might ultimately be his undoing.

"There are a lot of people out there saying, 'This guy's a rich jerk who thinks he can get away with anything,'" the mayor told me.

It is safe to assume that anyone who held that opinion a year ago, pre adoption, will not have his mind changed by Mr. Goodman's most recent stunt.

John Goodman is indeed very different (in many ways) from you and me. And for that we should give thanks. ■

GUEST OPINION

The right 'Partnership' can ensure the good life

BY BOB MURRAY

Special to Florida Weekly

Here I am a retired senior living in Naples, very much appreciating the life I have enjoyed here for the last 13 years. We bought a condo, as neither of us wanted the work of a house anymore, and we love it. We really enjoyed the first several years here, knowing that we had secured a place in the sun that we could afford and that was serviced by the many businesses in place in this once-thriving community.

And then it all started to go downhill.

Today we have many half-empty condominiums, far too many empty storefronts and closed businesses that once prospered in a community seen as paradise to so many.

I wasn't worried before; according to U.S. Census Data, people over the age of 65 make up more than 26.4 percent, or approximately 84,900 persons, of the population here in Collier County (compared to about 17 percent for the entire state). In 2000, that number stood at 24.5 percent; that continuous growth implies a better lifestyle here than elsewhere.

With a population today of about 321,000, that's quite a number of us who decided to take up residence in this beautiful place.

But frankly, after several years of continuing decline, it doesn't look as good anymore.

Many young families left this area after the first and second year of the recession, especially those with construction trade skills. Why? Foreclosures hit like a

hailstorm; there were few holdouts, and eventually even they left. Collier County had lost more than 13,000 construction jobs by 2009.

Young families — who are needed so desperately — made the move before they would be destroyed by the very serious economic downturn.

Service personnel were next; tourism was seriously down, and that meant layoffs in the hotel industry — and more foreclosures.

With all of those people leaving, it was inevitable that businesses would close. Sales were so weak it was impossible for many to keep the doors open.

I must admit now to being anxious. Consider this: In the year 2000, 53.8 percent of the Collier population was between 19 and 64 years of age. By 2010, that number had shrunk to 52.1 percent.

As we, the older folk and baby boomers, retire and age, the need for services, especially medical services, increases significantly. Health-care workers are reported to be unavailable in many places throughout the U.S., but so far it seems we're OK here in Collier County... for now. There are those seeking to lure health-care workers here in order to ensure that we maintain the quality of life we have grown used to, but it will take a good deal of help from the community in the form of an accepted and supported economic development program. Compounding this is the fact that work for spouses of those intended health-care workers is limited, and we are known for a cost of living higher than most. Keeping those workers will be the next major

effort if we are to succeed.

Consider this: The proposed total millage (state and local tax rate) for just the county public schools is 5.274 mils for 2012. That translates to about \$1,005 for a house appraised at \$200,000. With services in decline and too many stores closed (making supplies and consumables a challenge to obtain without long drives), how long might it be before retirees start deciding to avoid that investment in Collier's children and make a bee-line for another community?

What to do? Because Collier's Economic Development Council gave up its last breath in late 2011, there was a vacuum where an investment effort should be, and that wasn't working for stakeholders. Fortunately, many of them recognized the need to get us back on track, and that includes our local government.

The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce took steps to take on some of the EDC programs that support existing businesses. The chamber is not going to become another EDC, but rather it has formulated a means through what is to be called "The Partnership."

I am excited by this. I believe it to be one of the central means to revitalization of Collier's business, and that means to me the revitalization of mine and so many seniors' dreams of staying here, living the good life for many more years to come. ■

— Bob Murray serves on the board of directors for the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce.



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'Mayor Bill' has served his community well



For several years, Mayor Bill Barnett has been a weekly guest on my show. He's always a terrific guest because he's comfortable discussing city news, restaurants, politics, current events or any topic that comes to mind.

Because of term limits in Naples, his last day as the mayor of Naples is Wednesday, Feb. 15. But he's far from done on the city scene. Bill was one of four candidates who sought three seats on Naples City Council; as the top vote-getter, he'll join Dee Sulick and Theresa Heitman on the council.

I'm not eligible to vote because I'm not a resident of the city of Naples, but if I were, I would have voted for Mayor Bill. 2012 marks his 39th year as a Naples resident and property owner. He and his lovely wife, Chris, have five children and eight grandchildren, six of whom live in Naples.

Bill was successful in business before becoming an elected official. In 1973 he opened a Scotti Muffler franchise. Two years later, he bought the Toyota dealership here and in

1978 added the BMW dealership. He sold his car dealerships to Germain in 1983.

He was elected to the City Council in 1984 and served until he "termed out" in 1992, returning as mayor in 1996. He "termed out" again in 2000 and sat out another four years before being elected mayor, again, in 2004. His term ended in 2008, but due to an overwhelming voter referendum in 2006, he was able to serve an additional term (the referendum allowed the mayor to serve two consecutive terms, as is the case with City Council members). He ran again in 2008 and received more than 85 percent of the vote.

Mayor Bill received national notoriety when he appeared frequently on CNN, The Weather Channel and other media outlets during Hurricane Wilma. His commentary was calming and reassuring to all of us and our friends across the country in the face of the media's attempt to "awfulize" the situation.

After the storm, when FEMA didn't deliver bottled water when promised, the mayor was quoted by CNN, "Don't commit if you can't deliver."

Not only has Bill been an outstanding public servant, he's given of his time, talent and treasure to many charitable causes on the Para-

dise Coast since 1973. To name just a few: He's a past president of the American Cancer Society and the Mental Health Association of Collier County. He's a board member emeritus of the Collier County YMCA. He's the recipient of the Naples Daily News Citizen of the Year Award and was chosen as one of Gulfshore Life magazine's Men and Women of the Year. And he is the current chair of the advisory board for the Holocaust Museum and Education Center of Southwest Florida.

Mayor Bill also gives generously of his time as a guest speaker, parade grand marshal and auctioneer at many charitable and public events through the year. Accessible, friendly, engaging and loquacious, it's no wonder he has remained a popular public official for nearly three decades.

I'm certain John Sorey will do a terrific job as our city's new mayor. Bill Barnett is now on Naples City Council, but to me, he'll always be "Mayor Bill." ■

— Bob Harden is the producer and host of "The Bob Harden Show," airing from 7-8 a.m. weekdays at www.bobharden.com. The show is archived for listeners' convenience.



Talking points with Bill Barnett

- Something you'll never understand:** Politics.
- Something your mother was always right about:** That she couldn't cook.
- What makes you laugh:** Just about anything.
- Last book read:** "The Affair" by Lee Child.
- Something people would be surprised to find out about you:** I'm an avid doo-wop collector.
- High school job:** Undercoating cars for a Chevrolet dealer.
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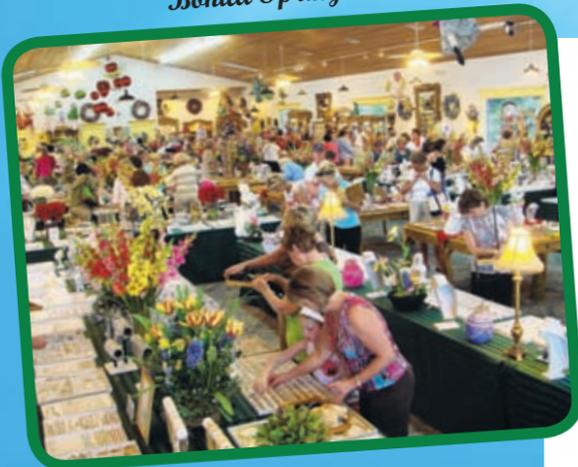
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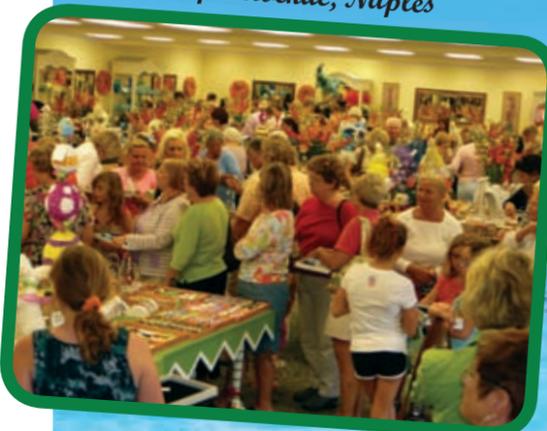


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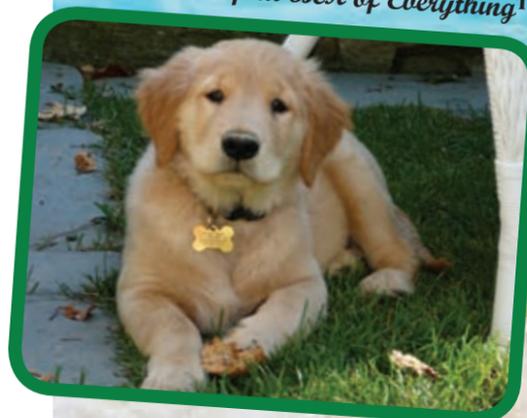
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Iraq in the last 11 years. The cost of the Vietnam War, according to the U.S. Defense Department, was \$173 billion, which amounts to about \$770 billion in 21st-century dollars. None of those costs include decades of care for those who come home mentally or physically war-torn.

Instead, this is the story of death by war, and thus death by American intention: by what we decide as a single people of countless variation to accomplish together with arms and our own red blood.

Like any other death, death by war becomes a deeply personal family matter, sought by none, suffered and endured by all. But unlike any other, the "all" of a death by war is the American family.

At its core live the heartbroken people related by blood, marriage or battle to those whose military records now include a KIA after their names. They have lost the most, and they pay the real price of war in ways the rest of us don't.

Here, *Florida Weekly* offers several of their voices in an unvarnished look at what they have been asked to contribute to our causes with the blood of their sons, daughters, parents, siblings or spouses in recent American wars.

For these families who live faceless among us, the bloody conflicts formally signed off in Vietnam or Iraq, for example, did not conclude on formal dates such as April 30, 1975, or Dec. 15, 2011.

They did not end yesterday or today. They will not end next week, or next month or next year, even if governments declare them ended. For those who remember, they will have no end.

That's what we learn from the men and women whose stories you may read here.

Living mostly in the region stretched from Naples north to Port Charlotte, they were chosen by *Florida Weekly* at random from among the members of about 35 families who came together for the first time recently at the bequest of the American Veterans Traveling Tribute (www.avtt.org).

That nonprofit organization is devoted to the sometimes seemingly arcane notion that as Americans, we're all in this together.

That may be true, except when we get cut off and ambushed by politics or war.

"We were massacred; 64 of my men died that day, and all were wounded," recalls retired Army Lt. Col. Albert Clark Welch, who appeared in Fort Myers recently to remember a man and a friend killed following his orders: the affable, sometimes rebellious 2nd Lt. Harold "Pinky" Durham.

In a ceremony for so-called Gold Star families — the military tradition dates to World War I to honor mothers and families of those lost in battle — Lt. Col. Welch stood with Lt. Durham's sister, Genie Durham Horton, before a replica of the Vietnam Memorial wall in Washington, complete with all 58,253 names of the Vietnam War dead.

She was living in Naples with her mother and attending college in Tampa at the time of her brother's death. It happened on Oct. 17, 1967, almost 45 years ago — but not for the families and friends of the dead. For them, it will always have happened just yesterday.

"I miss him every day," Mrs. Horton, now 63, said of her big brother early this week.

With his 142-man rifle company ambushed and about to be overrun by a veteran Viet Cong force of 1,400 that had been lying in wait, then-1st Lt. Welch ordered Lt. Durham, his forward observer, to call in artillery fire on the



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The American Veterans Traveling Tribute brought its replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall to Hammond Stadium recently. Another wall bearing the names of soldiers who have died in later wars accompanied the replica.



Harold "Pinky" B Durham Jr. won the Medal of Honor posthumously. His sister, Genie Durham Horton, touches his name on the wall.

American positions.

Lt. Durham purposely carried out the order from an exposed position that allowed him to see the enemy. He also fought back with a rifle, aided other wounded men after suffering serious wounds himself, and continued to call in fire on the enemy. He single-handedly established a protective cordon of artillery fire around the surviving Americans, which is why all their names are not on the wall, Lt. Col. Welch says.

Near death, Lt. Durham was able to warn the men near him of Viet Cong soldiers approaching their own positions unseen, and executing the wounded as they came. That warning saved their lives.

He died with the radio receiver still clutched in his hand, according to the account taken from battlefield witnesses and included with his award for valor, bestowed by the president with the approval of Congress. Lt. Durham received the nation's highest medal posthumously: the Medal of Honor.

"On that horrible day, my men did the very best they could. (But) it was not enough," Lt. Col. Welch said. He has also been nominated for a Medal of Honor for his actions that day, for which he now holds the Distinguished Service Cross, the nation's second-highest medal.

But it was not over on Oct. 17, 1967, nor was it over two years later with the

award of the Medal of Honor, nor at war's end, in April of 1975, when the last American helicopter left Saigon.

Then came the real price of war, the one paid by Lt. Durham's family — the same price paid by the families of all the dead, on our behalf.

"My brother was one of these people who could do anything," Mrs. Horton recalls.

"He always survived and I thought he always would. I was going to the University of Tampa, and when they called me on the phone to tell me, I could not believe it. I screamed bloody murder in my dorm room and in the hallway."

Two agonizing days later, she received a letter.

"The strange thing is how God works. My brother's birthday was Oct. 12 and he died on the 17th. But a few days before he died, he sent a letter reminiscing about all the things we had done, and what he remembered. It was unlike him (to sit around reminiscing). I could always pull that letter up and read it. So he knew what was happening."

A mostly muted voice will always whisper: Could this death have been avoided if better decisions had been made? That haunting question, whether political or tactical, is part of the burden the survivors have to bear all their lives.

History ultimately reveals whether decisions to take up arms and to pay that terrible price have merit, or prove



Dan Hurley, president of Rolling Thunder Chapter 2, reads the names of fallen comrades.

tragically foolish, or unfold as something in between.

And history also comes studded with disgruntling facts. For example:

*While the rest of us have been tripping off to work or the store or the restaurant or the boat or the golf course for the last decade, fewer than 1 percent of Americans have fought the wars on terror.

*About 4,500 Americans were killed in Iraq, and 1,700 have died so far in Afghanistan, including 20 (18 men and two women) who came from Southwest Florida. Before that, almost 60,000 died in Vietnam. Eighty came from the region.

*The children of servicemen or women who repeat tours in the wars because other Americans do not volunteer are much more troubled, emotionally, than other children, studies show — thus their lives are likely to be harder in the future because of the sacrifices made by their parents now.

Nonetheless, those facts and the questions that arise from them are rarely central to the burden-bearers among us, the ones who continue to suffer from death by war.

Their single question is apolitical and much simpler, and it stems from the real price of war: Does our sacrifice have value in your lives?

How the rest of us respond to that question — how we view and treat the burden-bearers among us — in some way defines who and what we are as a people.

What they remember

It always starts with a visit or a phone call to the family. A Department of Defense notice appears, too, like this one, from 2007:

“The Department of Defense announced today the death of a soldier who was supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. Spc. Karen N. Clifton, 22, of Lehigh Acres, Fla., died June 21 in Baghdad, Iraq, of wounds suffered when her vehicle was hit with a rocket-propelled grenade. She was assigned to the 554th Military Police Company, 95th Military Police Battalion, Kaiserslautern, Germany. For more information related to this release, the media may contact the 21st Theater Support Command public affairs office at 011-49-631-413-8184.”

And then time marches on. For many, the work of such organizations as the American Veterans Traveling Tribute creates the opportunity for therapeutic healing through shared remembrance, they say.

The men and women below who agreed to speak with *Florida Weekly*, took advantage of such shared remembrance recently.

Sponsored by AVTT, the event included listings of most or all of those killed in Vietnam, Afghanistan and Iraq and histories and details of every war since World War II.

Here's what some said.

■ **Genie Durham Horton, sister of Army 2Lt. Harold “Pinky” Durham, Ga. and Naples:**

“My brother spent four years in the Army working on helicopters, and he did a tour in Vietnam. In his spare time, he helped orphans who couldn't read or write, and he liked them. He became sort of attached. Then he got out, but he went back to OCS (Officer Candidate School), and on one of his leaves he came down to Florida to see us.

“I kept begging him: ‘Please don't go back. Please don't go back.’ But he had gotten to know some of these people, and he said he felt called to it. I said,



DURHAM

‘You don't have to go back.’ He said, ‘Whether it's what I believe in or not isn't the issue, or whether I think I should be there. I have a commander who says we're going to go, and I have a God, and we're going.’

“That was the difficult part. But I knew that my brother knew what he was doing.

“The way it all happened, he didn't have to do what he did. But he allowed that and he saved many men, and I believe it was a choosing.



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Families gather to pay their respects to loved ones at Hammond Stadium.

“My oldest brother, Johnny, took it really hard. It took seven or eight years for him to adjust to what happened, and then he made a beautiful memorial in his home, to Pinky.

“So it was awful for Johnny, and not as difficult for me. My parents were divorced, but it brought them together.

“I would say, as sad as it is, that when all this started happening some years ago (survivors from the battle getting together), it was the beginning of guys from Vietnam talking to each other and meeting in hotels. And that was a blessing. They'd never been able to talk before.

“I went to a meeting in Vegas, and a guy walked in and gave me his name, and said, ‘I was on the other end of that radio when your brother called in that fire.’

“I began to realize — there have been so many blessings because of the death of my brother. That battle — I have seen more people come to know the joy of understanding each other, being able to talk. I've seen people's lives change around this.

“It is always a tragedy, and you have say that, to admit that. But, is there a possibility that good could come out of evil? To me there is. And we can chose to be a victim or we can chose to say, ‘Life must go on. This is or was the plan for this person.’

“For me, I will always need to say, ‘What can I do to make life better for those I come in contact with?’ Because if my brother could do something like that, I know I can do this.”

■ **Barbara Bremerman Ballard, sister of Marine PFC Dale Bremerman of Naples:**

“It was very hard on both of my parents... I don't want to go into that.

“For others who may have to experience this, I would say each family has



BREMERMAN

to deal with this individually, in their own ways.

“My bothers and sisters were in their early teens, and I was the oldest — I was three years older than Dale. I think they missed out on his guidance, the kind of guidance an older brother can give. And Dale and I had a very good relationship. He was a very kind soul. He wasn't a typical teenager, he was a polite person, a very sweet guy. Most of his early years and into his teens he was an altar boy at St. Ann's. We lost our youngest sister a year ago, and it kind of made us stronger, closer.

“So when I was scheduled to go up to the Gold Star event, my siblings wanted to put down things they remembered for me to say. And it's funny, their memories weren't the same as mine. We used to live on the water, and Dale had a little skiff, a real little one, and he would take them out on the bays and teach them things. They remembered that. He's still part of us.”

■ **Beverly Faircloth, sister of Army Spc4 Cullie Wilson Bryant, Fort Myers and Punta Gorda:**

“Cullie was just full of life, and he was funny. If he could, he would joke with you. He was never a hard-to-get-along-with person.



BRYANT

“My mother signed him into the Army when he was 17. And he was only 18 when he was killed. I think he just wanted some adventure in his life. And something different. At that time, that's what you did.

But it was hard on us.

“All I can say about getting through it is, religion is some of it. And we come from a staunch family — we took care of our own, so to speak. We just braced up. That's what happened and you had to accept it, regardless of anything else.

“But were we and are we proud of him? Oh God, yes. Lord have mercy, yes. Everybody was. My oldest brother was there in Vietnam first, but he made it home. Eventually it gets a little easier. You never forget, but you have to deal with it. For us the war doesn't just end. Families are the ones that have to pick up the pieces, and they have to keep going.”

■ **Bill Eggers, Vietnam veteran and father of Army Capt. Dan Eggers, Cape Coral:**

“A reporter from one of the Naples newspapers called us on Memorial Day, May 31, 2004, two days after Danny died. She asked me: ‘What does Memorial Day mean to you now that your son was killed in action two days before this holiday?’

“I remember telling her that Memorial Day always meant a lot to me. Having come home from Vietnam in one piece, it was just another holiday off from work, but I always tried to attend the memorials, especially in the last 20 years. As they say, you spend the first

20 years trying to forget the war, and the last 20 trying to remember.

“So Memorial Day wasn't a real personal grieving time then. However, in one day, this Memorial Day took on a whole new meaning. When the organist played ‘God Bless America’ for the final song at Sunday Mass the day after Danny died, it was impossible to keep my emotions contained, nor could anyone else in our family.



EGGERS

“I attended a memorial service on the 31st and really discovered that the national anthem took on a whole new meaning. To this day, my eyes well up when I hear it. It really is a fitting anthem for our country.

“But in the big picture, it was a kick in the pants for me to lose my terrific son in a war. While in Vietnam 40 years ago, my buddies and I often said we were glad to be there in hopes that it would end all hostilities in the future so our kids wouldn't have to be in a position to serve our country needlessly.

“We all thought, knew and agreed that Vietnam was a political mess, that we had gotten in over our heads years ago.

“We all saw the mass demonstrations on college campuses. I personally got into a fist fight with two kids on my campus (didn't know if they were students or not) attempting to hoist our Stars and Stripes upside down. Looking back, I think we looked at it as the ‘war to end all wars.’ We were young and naive!

“Having to be called up to serve in Vietnam was an insult — having a child die in a subsequent war was an injury.

“Operation Enduring Freedom (the war on terrorism) was a knee-jerk reaction to bona fide terrorists that invaded our shores. I wholly supported the invasion of Afghanistan because credible evidence pointed the finger to that country. At least in my opinion, our U.S. fighting forces were in Afghanistan for a legitimate purpose.

“So my son and all the others who died — they died in actual defense of our great country.

“Our family attended the memorial for Danny and another Green Beret soldier at the United States Army Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, N.C. We left with the Army Catholic chaplain, who had something clenched in his right hand.

“He said he knew Capt. Eggers when he was in Afghanistan, and he said Danny had a strong faith. He remembered that out of the six confession and masses he gave, Danny attended five of them. He was on a mission during the sixth one.

“The chaplain unfolded his hand to reveal the St. Phillip and St. Michael medals Danny was wearing when he died. He presented them to Danny's oldest son. This event gave the Eggers family a great feeling of comfort and closure.

“Subsequent to that was the meeting the Eggers family had with President George Bush. He faced Danny's brothers and sisters and told them that he ordered Danny to that war, that Danny had done his duty well and that he, the president, was very, very sorry that Danny was killed in defense of our nation.

“To the older siblings, this was an honest, bold and sincere explanation from Danny's Commander-In-Chief, as the president put it. It was tearful for both the president and our family. Wow, and a year later the U. S. Army re-named the Combined Forces Compound in Kabul, Afghanistan, Camp Eggers.” ■



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Bill and Margaret Eggers with their children and grandchildren. The Eggers family lost their son, Army Capt. and Green Beret Dan Eggers, on May 29, 2004, in Afghanistan.

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Regulatory zaniness

A 2007 federal energy independence law required companies that supply motor fuel in the U.S. to blend in a certain cellulose-based ingredient starting in 2011 — even though (as the Environmental Protection Agency well knows) the ingredient simply does not now exist. A *New York Times* reporter checked

with the EPA in January and found that the companies will still have to pay the monetary penalties for noncompliance (and almost certainly the even-stiffer penalties for 2012, since the ingredient is still two or three years from development). “It belies logic,” said a petrochemicals trade association executive. ■

Cultural diversity

■ Two dozen religious leaders in India's Karnataka state are, as usual, protesting the annual, centuries-old Hindu ritual in which lower-caste people roll around in food leftovers of upper-caste people. “Hundreds” performed the exercise at temples, according to a January *Times of India* report, believing that contact with sophisticates' food will alleviate pernicious skin conditions.

in washable fiberglass and conduct an education campaign in which “gods” implore pedestrians to hold their saliva until they've crossed the bridge.)

■ Far away from Karnataka, in the urban center of Calcutta, India, engineers are trying to save the historic Howrah Bridge from collapsing due to corrosion from spit. A half-million pedestrians (aside from the frenzied vehicle traffic) use the bridge every day and frequently spit their guthka and paan (half-chewed betel leaf and areca nut and slaked lime) onto the steel hangers that hold up the bridge — thus reducing the hanger bases by 50 percent in just the last three years. (Engineers' immediate remedies: cover the bases

■ On Nov. 5, the 220 inhabitants of Coll, an island off the coast of Scotland, endured the first “crime” that any of the residents could remember. Someone vandalized the public lavatories at a visitors' facility, doing the equivalent of about \$300 damage. A constable was summoned from a nearby island to investigate, but seas were rough, and he had to wait for two days for the ferry to run. One Coll resident vaguely recalled an incident at a pub once in which a man threatened to throw a punch (but didn't), and another remembered that someone took whale bones left on a beach by researchers (but later gave them back). According to a *Daily Telegraph* report, the culprit is “still at large.” ■

Latest religious messages

■ The U.S. Air Force Academy last year installed an \$80,000 rock garden/fire pit on its campus for use by several “Earth-based” religions (pagans, Wiccans, druids, witches and various Native American faiths). For the current year, only three of the 4,300 cadets have identified themselves in that group, but the academy is sensitive to the issue after a 2005 lawsuit accused administrators and cadets of allowing too-aggressive proselytizing on behalf of Christian religions. For the record, the academy currently has 11 Muslim cadets, 16 Buddhists, 10 Hindus and 43 self-described atheists.

City Power and Praise Ministry in Winter Haven, but who has moved on to the Higher Praise Ministries in Lake Wales and who was allowed to work for the church despite a sex-crime rap sheet.

■ In separate incidents during one week in December in Polk County, Fla., four church pastors were arrested and charged with sex-related crimes involving children, including Arnold Mathis, 40, at the time working for the Saint

■ Just two weeks before the January worldwide Internet protest against proposed copyright-protection legislation, the Missionary Church of Kopimism in Sweden announced that it had been granted official government status as a religion (one of 22 so recognized), even though its entire reason for being is to celebrate the right to share files of information — in any form, but especially on the Internet. Swedish law makes such religious recognition easy, requiring only “a belief system with rituals.” The Kopimism website demonizes “copyright believers” who “derive their power by limiting people's lives and freedom.” ■

Milestones in government regulation

According to recent consumer-protection rulings by the European Food Safety Authority, sellers of prunes are prohibited from marketing them as laxatives, and sellers of bottled water are forbidden to offer it as preventing dehydration. In both cases, the commissioners referred to the underlying science of the body to defend their decisions, but the rulings were still

widely derided as anti-common-sense. Members of the European Parliament complained, especially given the current precarious state of the European Union itself. One parliamentarian challenged an EFSA policymaker to a prune-eating contest: If it's not a laxative, he said, let's see how many you can eat and not have your bowel function “assisted.” ■

Oops!

■ In December in Yamaguchi prefecture, Japan, a group of luxury car enthusiasts gathered and began a caravan to nearby Hiroshima, but one of the drivers, changing lanes, hit a median barrier and spun across the highway, resulting in a chain-reaction pileup involving 14 cars, including eight red Ferraris, a Lamborghini and two Mercedes-Benz. Drivers suffered only cuts and bruises, but “some” of the

vehicles were reported “beyond repair.”

■ David Dopp of Santaquin, Utah, won a fundraising raffle sponsored by the nonprofit organization “teamgive” in November — a Lamborghini Murcielago, valued at about \$380,000. He picked up his prize on Dec. 17, but six hours later, he spun out of control, knocked over several fence posts, and disabled the Murcielago's front end. ■



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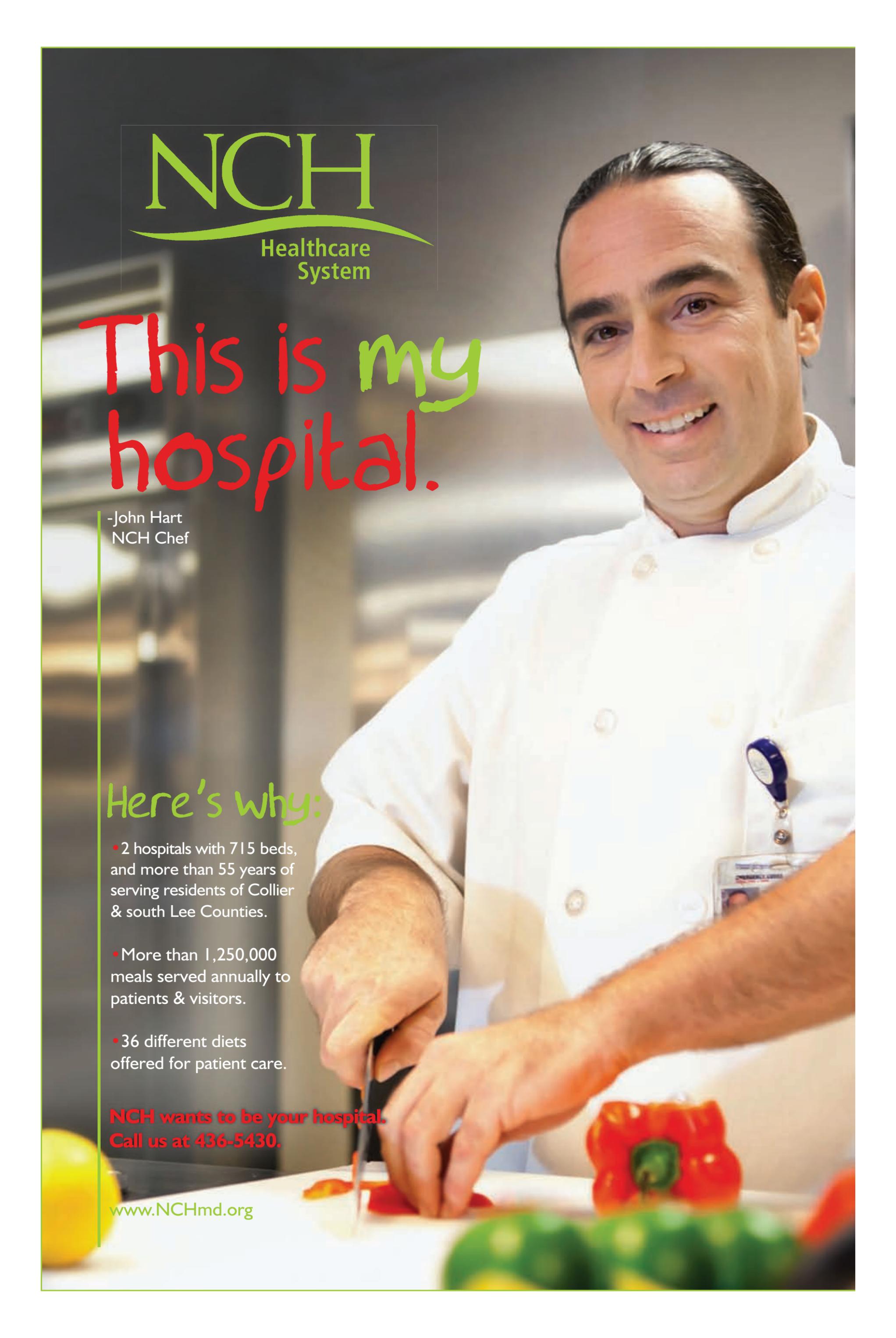
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Information and referral service goes live Feb. 11

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The Community Foundation of Collier County announces that the long-awaited Collier 211, an information and referral service for all citizens of Collier County, launches on Saturday, Feb. 11. Services will be available simply by dialing 2-1-1 or 263-4211 or by visiting www.collier211.org.

The backbone of Collier 211 consists of multi-lingual phone operators who are also trained as crisis counselors and who can connect callers in need of services 24 hours/day, 365 days/year, to available community programs. Information and referral services help individuals, families and communities identify, understand and effectively use programs offered by community nonprofits, government and for-profit service providers. Collier 211 will help eliminate confusion about who to call for help and will also reduce inappropriate calls to 9-1-1. All calls are confidential.

Collier 211 will provide information about services in numerous areas, such as:

- Basic human needs resources: food banks, clothing, shelters, rent assistance, utility assistance;
- Physical and mental health resources: health insurance programs

for adults and children, Medicaid and Medicare, maternal health, medical information lines, crisis intervention services, support groups, counseling, drug and alcohol intervention and rehabilitation;

■ Work support: financial assistance, employment training and placement, transportation assistance, education programs;

■ Support for older Americans and persons with disabilities: adult day care, congregate meals, Meals on Wheels, respite care, home health care and transportation services;

■ Children, youth and family support: childcare, after school programs, Head Start, family resource centers, summer camps and recreation programs, mentoring, tutoring, protective services.

As part of the Community Foundation's mission to build the capacity of nonprofits and the communities they serve, the data gained from 211 caller feedback will:

- Provide information to donors looking to support current community needs;
- Support community leaders needing extensive information and statistics for community planning; and
- Help community organizations become a better resource for their cli-

ents by tracking requests from callers and identifying gaps and/or duplications in services.

Collier is the last county in Florida to implement a county-specific information and referral service.

The Community Foundation led the effort to raise the funds needed to operate Collier 211. For the past 26

years, the foundation has responded to gaps in community services by providing staff time, building collaborations and raising awareness and needed funds from outside sources to address unmet needs.

For more information, contact Mary George by e-mail at mgeorge@cfcollier.org. ■



in the know

FAQs about Collier 211

■ **Why is the Community Foundation of Collier County launching Collier 211?** The foundation already has established the web-based Guide to Collier Nonprofits and the Center for Non-Profit Excellence. Collier 211 will complement this effort, as it will provide extensive data on community needs and services. By compiling, reporting and blending these data into comprehensive analyses, the foundation will offer a much-needed and "real-time" overview — a report card — of social services in our area.

■ **Who will benefit?** In addition to providing a critical service to residents, 211 data and reports will enable Collier County government, nonprofits and for-profit organizations to assess and modify their programs based on need. The information also will allow prospective donors to better understand community needs, and to more effectively invest their philanthropic dollars.

■ **How much will it cost?** The cost to operate Collier 211 will be approximately \$200,000 a year. The Community Foundation has committed to fund the program for three years, during which time it will also seek additional funds to sustain the program. Ideally,

a \$5 million endowment will be created to support Collier 211 in perpetuity.

■ **Who will operate Collier 211?** The Community Foundation has a grant contract for service from Switchboard of Miami Inc., a nonprofit organization with 40 years of experience in operating community information and referral services.

■ **How can an organization in Miami serve Collier County?** A Community Foundation full-time employee will ensure that all possible partners are participating, and that information is kept up-to-date. Operators will be trained to understand the Collier menu of services, and will refer to Collier-specific screens when responding to calls from our area.

■ **What organizations are eligible to be included in the referral listing?** All nonprofit organizations, government programs and for-profit organizations that have a sliding fee scale are eligible. The Community Foundation is helping identify contacts. To qualify, an organization must complete a Collier 211 form online and submit it to Switchboard of Miami. To learn more about eligibility, contact Brad Bailey by e-mailing collier211@gmail.com.

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A new partnership

Imagine Solutions, Philharmonic Center team up to bring conference back in 2013

Searching for Solutions Institute and the Philharmonic Center for the Arts have formed a partnership to spark creative dialogue on critical issues. The organizations have announced plans to bring the Imagine Solutions ideas conference back to the Phil in 2013, with a new format and price structure.

The 2013 Imagine Solutions conference will showcase thought leaders from a wide range of disciplines — science, economics, health care, public policy, energy, the environment and the arts — at an all-day event in mid-February 2013 and during a follow-up evening session one month later.

The theme of the 2013 Imagine Solutions conference will be “America at its Very Best.” In the coming years, the conference will expand to include multiple evening and afternoon sessions.

“The Phil is pleased to create a forum for stimulating thinking and dialogue on important issues. We are a strong supporter of lifelong learning, and the Imagine Solutions conference is a perfect fit with our mission,” Philharmonic Center CEO and President Kathleen van Bergen said in announcing the partnership with Randy Antik, CEO of Imagine Solutions. “We are delighted to be working with Imagine Solutions to bring important thought leaders to the Naples community.”

Mr. Antik said the Imagine Solutions/Philharmonic Center partnership is designed to “maximize the strengths of each organization. We plan to build on the success of Imagine Solutions, drawing on our network of outstanding



Randy Antik at the 2011 Imagine Solution conference.

speakers and leading-edge resources to create a nationally recognized conference at the world-class facilities of the Philharmonic campus.”

The nonprofit, non-partisan Searching for Solutions Institute was founded in 2008 with a goal of uniting the world’s top thought leaders with local problem-solvers who have the resources, connections and desire to make the world a better place. The conference has been developed with input and support from the Aspen Institute, the TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) conferences and the Milkin Institute.

As in previous conferences, participants for the 2013 Imagine Solutions conference are expected to include Nobel Prize laureates, education thought leaders, major voices in the arts, Time 100 and Fortune 500 honorees, renowned authors, scientists and economists and inspiring young leaders. National media partners for the 2013

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The Military Officers Association of Southwest Florida invites all present and former military members, their guests and the public to the MOASWWF Military Ball on Saturday, Feb. 11, at Club Pelican Bay.

Seating is limited to 250. Tickets for \$65 per person include valet parking, dinner and toasting wine. A silent auction will help raise money for military charities and local JROTC programs. Gift certificates and other donations for

the auction are welcome.

MOASWF supports to local JROTC programs, sends boxes to those serving in Iraq and Afghanistan and provides holiday gifts to children of St. Matthew's House. The group is a chapter of the Military Officers Association of America, an independent, nonprofit, politically nonpartisan organization.

For tickets or information about donating to the silent auction, call Jerry Bennett at 643-4343, ext. 229. ■

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conference will include The Economist, U.S. News and World Report, Scientific American, CNBC, Nova and the National Geographic Channel.

More than 20 thought leaders will speak at the Feb. 11, 2013, event, for which tickets are \$600. The partnership anticipates drawing more than 2,000 attendees for the two events planned for 2013.

Previously, the Imagine Solutions conference was limited to 500 participants each year. The event was first held at the Philharmonic in February 2010 and moved to the Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort in 2011.

Among the renowned speakers who participated over the past two years were former U.S. Comptroller General David Walker; soprano Measha Brueggergosman; Carter Roberts, CEO of

the World Wildlife Fund; conductor Benjamin Zander; doctor/clown/social activist Patch Adams; Debi Brooks, co-founder of the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research; Dean Ornish, founder of the Preventive Medicine Research Institute; global economy historian Niall Ferguson; Ann Veneman, former UNICEF director and U.S. Department of Agriculture secretary; Dennis M. Bushnell, chief scientist at NASA's Langley Research Center; best-selling author and life sciences expert Juan Enriquez; population geneticist Spencer Wells; and Wall Street analyst Liz Peek.

A number of initiatives in education, health care and social entrepreneurship have started both locally and at a national level as a result of the interactions between speakers and audiences at the first two Imagine Solutions conferences.

For more information on the 2013 Imagine Solutions conference, contact Mr. Antik at Randy@imaginesolutionsconference.com or call Ms. Bergen at 254-2601. ■

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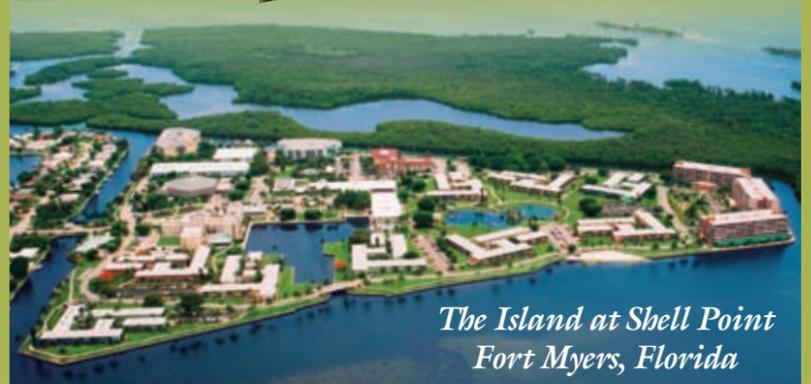
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Participants will learn about new traffic laws and refresh their defensive driving skills. Those ages 55 and older who complete the class might be eligible for a discount on auto insurance.

Since 1979, AARP safe driving classes have helped millions of drivers stay safe on the roads. Although the course is geared to drivers 50 and older, attendance is open to all. AARP membership is not required, and there are no tests to pass.

Cost is \$12 for AARP members, \$14 for others. Make a reservation by calling 732-5310. ■



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■ **“Searching Public Records using CollierClerk.com”** will take place from 2-4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, at South Regional Library on Lely Cultural Boulevard. Participants will learn how to find out if someone has a court record; look up official records such as a mortgage, deed or homeowner association documents; pay a traffic citation; check jury duty numbers; or file a tenant eviction or small claims case. Information about how to apply for a passport or marriage license is also on the clerk’s website.

Register by calling 252-7542.

■ **“Residential Tenant Evictions”** is set for 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, March 21, at Headquarters Regional Library on Orange Blossom Drive. Attendees will learn the most common reasons why landlords evict tenants and about the role of the clerk’s office in a tenant eviction action. Although attendees will be able to ask questions or discuss case scenarios, the clerk’s office cannot provide legal advice.

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Rookery Bay exhibit showcases Florida photographs by Floridians

Works by 25 Florida photographers have been chosen for the 2012 "Photography Annual" exhibit on display through March 31 at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center and sponsored by the United Arts Council and Friends of Rookery Bay.

Clyde Butcher served as juror for the exhibit. Chosen from among 55 entrants are works by: Paul Allen, Chad Anderson, Timothy Bath, Kevin Boldenow, James Branan, Marc Damon, Corky Ditkof, Laurie Meehan-Elmer, Terry Fitzgerald, Jim Freeman, Muffy Clark Gill, Dennis Goodman, William Hofer, Nancy Job, Mary Lundeberg, Tyler MacDonald, Paul Marcellini, Karin Smith, Ashley Snizek, Teresa Tru-



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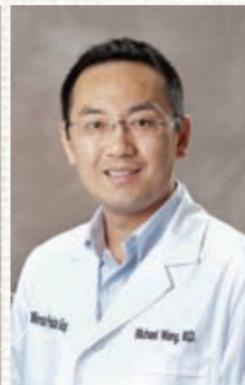
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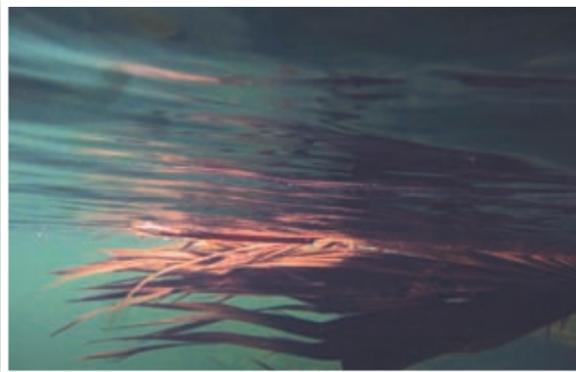
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The Friends of Rookery Bay organization connects people with Southwest Florida's dynamic estuarine environment through education, engagement and stewardship by supporting the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve. The 110,000-acre reserve is home to more than 150 species of coastal birds as well as endangered sea turtles, manatees, dolphins and many mammals.

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Front row: Lake Park Elementary School fifth grade students Christian Wright and Connor McIntire. Back row: Javier Brenes, Walmart market manager; David Webb, education manager at the Conservancy; Larry Graham, co-manager of Walmart store #5391; and Rob Moher, vice president of development and marketing at the Conservancy.

Walmart Foundation grants will help Conservancy expand its school programs

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The Conservancy of Southwest Florida has received a \$50,000 grant from the Walmart Foundation to support “Learning Adventures” in area schools. Over the past two years, Walmart has supported education initiatives at the Conservancy with grants totaling more than \$80,000.

Through the “Learning Adventures” program, Conservancy of Southwest Florida environmental education naturalists visit Collier and Lee county schools to teach the next generation of environmental leaders about Southwest Florida’s natural treasures.

The most recent grant was presented to Conservancy staff and leadership on Feb. 1. Javier Brenes, Walmart market manager for Southwest Florida, attended the presentation.

“We know it is important to give back to the communities we serve, and after listening to the educators and kids here today, we now have a greater understanding and appreciation of the real-life impact of the gift,” Mr. Brenes told the gathering.

Curt Witthoff, science coordinator for Collier County schools, and Lee Hughes, science coordinator for Lee County schools, both expressed their

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The trust's mission is to employ research results to craft long-term conservation strategies to ensure the health and vitality tarpon, bonefish and permit.

In addition to the presentations, the

evening will include beer, wine and hors d'oeuvres as well as a raffle and silent and live auctions for fishing rods and reels, golf outings, artwork and trips to Mexico, the Bahamas Costa Rica and more.

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appreciation to Walmart for supporting the Conservancy youth education programs.

Christian Wright, a fifth-grader at Lake Park Elementary School in Collier County, told the group about how the Conservancy programs, many of which include live animals taken on classroom visits, have helped him and his classmates understand the beauty and importance of the region's ecosystems.

Suzette Nolan and Nicole Hughes, principals at Avalon and Shadowlawn elementary schools respectively, expressed their thanks to the Conservancy and Walmart for helping them

reach their educational goals for their students, many of whom live in economically challenged situations.

"The grant enables the Conservancy to expand our programming to reach more than 4,500 students, exposing them to our mission and igniting their interest in environmental education," Andrew McElwaine, Conservancy president and CEO, told the gathering. "We are grateful to the Walmart Foundation."

About the Conservancy

The Conservancy of Southwest Florida focuses on the critical environmental issues of Southwest Florida with a mission to protect the region's water, land and wildlife through environmental education, science and research, policy and advocacy and wildlife rehabilitation. For information, call 262-0304 or visit www.conservancy.org. ■

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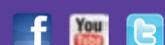
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The 400-unit hall is modeled after apartment-style living and features two floor plan options, one with two bedrooms, two baths and another with four bedrooms, two baths floor. Each unit has a full kitchen, washer/dryer and furnishings. Meal plans will be available in combination with leases.

LightHouse Commons is scheduled to open in August 2012.

Student residents will also enjoy an on-site recreation room, fitness center, mail center, two-story lobby and sitting area, conference room, computer lab and study room on each floor, and a private parking lot with parking available for each resident.

Residents will have secure access

via key cards, and a security officer will be in the lobby 24 hours a day. A fulltime ESC staff member will live in LightHouse Commons along with eight resident advisers.

Housing is available on a first-come, first-served basis with a \$100 reservation fee applicable to the first payment.

LightHouse Commons is the first "living and learning" community at Edison State College and is designed to provide a full campus life experience," says Amy Teprovich, ESC director of student life. In addition to apartment-style living, the hall will offer various extracurricular activities, she adds.

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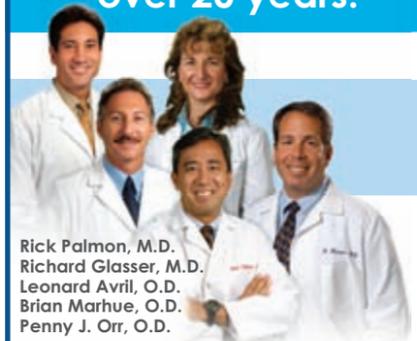
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CUPID

From page 1

dating has become very competitive. 100 million Americans are single, according to the 2010 US Census report, and the most popular dating site today has 20 million members, of which 1.3 million have paid subscriptions. You're probably thinking, what is she talking about? I could date for the rest of my life with statistics like these.

Exactly.

Rethink purgatory. If you're not careful and you don't date to win, you WILL be dating for the rest of your life. And here's an idea of what you'll spend.

One-night stands (Cheap thrills? Think again)

You brush them off as sport, but Quicken and Turbo Tax say not so fast.

■ **The taxicab home:** \$50 (or the parking ticket on your car because you left it somewhere to walk home with him: \$35)

■ **Extra lattes and aspirin for your hangover:** \$15

■ **Replacing the Cosabella bra and panties you lost during the evening:** \$100

■ **De-briefing brunch with your best friends:** \$35

■ **Four pints of Ben & Jerry's ice cream you consumed while waiting for him to call:** \$16

■ **Extra-large pizza delivery when you realize he's not going to call:** \$25

You've picked yourself up off the floor and decided you're going to find Mr. Right. Great. Now save yourself the \$150 psychic fee and the \$9.99 for a Magic 8 ball (outlook not so good) and think about what the census says: There are 88 unmarried men for every 100 unmarried women over the age of 18, and 61 percent of unmarried people over the age of 18 are women. Gulp.

High-end gyms: The new nightclubs

Men are visual and they love to work out, so if you look good and you're working on your fitness, you're going to have his attention. A typical 24-hour fitness-type membership is about \$350 a year. On the other hand, home gyms cost about \$10,000, which is actually a lot cheaper over the course of a lifetime; but save the home gym for after you're married, because high-end gyms are the new nightclubs.

For a membership fee of about \$1,500 a year, you can get fit, meet men and get to know them on the treadmill or at the bar —the smoothie bar. Budget big for sexy, cute workout clothes that show off your physique.

- **Gym membership:** \$1,500/year
- **Yoga studio class pass:** \$1,200/year
- **Gym shoes, clothes, equipment:** \$2,000/year

The endorphins are flowing and you're going to take the next step...

Get the groom by being groomed

Men want women who look like they can be taken everywhere — to business dinners, on exotic vacations and home to meet the family and friends. The cost of NOT keeping yourself up is good dates.

Not wanting to get naked because you forgot to shave your legs or wax your hello kitty is a really poor excuse for avoiding intimacy or last-minute pool parties, and not wanting to put on a bathing suit because you've neglected the gym could cost you Mr. Right. You want to be ready to go at all times, so you should consider grooming a necessary dating investment.

■ **Haircuts:** \$75 every two months = \$450/year

■ **Color:** \$100/month = \$1,200/year

■ **Tipping at hair salon:** \$1,650/year

■ **Christmas gift:** \$100/year

■ **Waxing:** \$100/month for legs, bikini and underarms = \$1,200/year

■ **Tipping aesthetician:** \$240/year

■ **Christmas gift:** \$50/year

■ **Mani/pedi:** \$40 every two weeks = \$960/year

■ **Tipping:** \$192/year

■ **Facial:** \$75 every other month = \$450/year

■ **Cosmetics and fragrance:** \$500-\$1,000/year

■ **Massage:** \$150 three times a year = \$450/year

■ **Annual total:** \$7,942

You've made the investment so far, so you might as well go all in. Stopping now would be a mistake. Time to go shopping.

Clothes-ing costs

Clothes might make the man, but the right clothes will make the man want to date the woman who's wearing them.

Hate shopping? Treat it like going to the dentist — not doing it will cause you more pain than making regular visits and taking care of business.

Having too few clothes is just as bad as having too many clothes, and when it comes to clothes, more isn't necessarily more. In "Think & Date Like a Man," a book I wrote for women who want to find, get and keep Mr. Right, I advise women on what to buy, how much to spend and how to maintain good pieces. Among the must-have pieces: lovely lingerie, a fabulous cocktail dress, a flattering bathing suit. Be on a first-name basis with your local tailor.

■ **Average monthly clothing budget:** \$250-\$1,000 (depending on your

income)

■ **Dry-cleaning and tailor costs:** \$100/month = \$1,200/year

You look amazing. You feel amazing. You're going to amp up your confidence by letting the world see you.

Online dating

Photos are crucial. A good photo will generate interest in your profile, whereas a less than flattering one will land you home alone. And no photo is a waste of the membership fee. Consider having a professional photographer take some shots for you.

Don't bother with free dating services if you want a serious relationship. You get what you pay for. Lots of people throw their profiles up on dating services just to see what comes back, without being seriously interested — or even seriously single.

■ **Photos:** \$250

■ **Online dating services:** \$50/month per service (use more than one)

You're getting dates and you want to bring some home to see what it's like to have them in your abode...

Your love shack

Your home doesn't have to be a mansion or have a view of the gulf, but men will want to hang out at your house if it's the kind of place that makes them feel like you're an asset because you know how to make them feel like king of a castle they could get used to. It's a mystique you're creating — a mystique that costs money.

■ **Two sets of Egyptian cotton sheets:** \$500

■ **Two sets of comforters, duvet covers and shams:** \$600

■ **Scented candles:** \$300/year

■ **Flowers:** \$100/month: \$1,200/year

■ **Man food you wouldn't normally buy:** \$250/month = \$3000/year

■ **Fluffy towels:** \$500

■ **Housekeeper (if you're working full time):** \$400/month = \$48,00/year

(Single moms need: Regular babysitters: \$10/hour, so \$60/date night twice a week = \$120/week or \$6,000/year)

Decide who you want to be in a relationship, and then focus in on being that person to get the guy...

Want to be a trophy wife?

Start by looking like one. Go high-end on every category I've mentioned, and consider the plastic surgeon's office as your new salon.

■ **Injections don't really count as surgery, but you should count on paying a plastic surgeon for maintenance.**

■ **Breast augmentation, lifts and other personal improvements that insurance won't cover:** \$10,000-\$25,000

■ **Replace dental whitening products you buy at the drug store with cosmetic dentistry veneers:** up to \$40,0000

■ **Like to travel?** Save up your frequent flyer miles, or be prepared to pay first-class rates. And you're not going to want to wait for the plane with everyone else, so shell out the extra couple of hundred dollars a year to become an airline executive club member, where you'll meet men looking for trophy wives.

Cougar costs

Want a younger man? Demi Moore allegedly spent between half a million and several million on plastic surgery — and kept the guy for a long time.

You don't have to go all-out Demi, but you probably will have to invest in some youthful measures. And you're going to have to pick up the tab a lot more often than you would with an older man who's more advanced in his career. You might also want to pay for his clothes and grooming.

Sugar baby

Looking for that older gentleman? Start dining at expensive steak houses and sushi restaurants where these men eat regularly. (Cha-ching!) Spring for a French class, as he's probably going to want you to travel with him (passport: \$125). Start reading classics and bestsellers, as well as the *Wall Street Journal* and *The New York Times* so you can make conversation. And take some golf lessons (\$150/lesson) at upscale courses and private clubs where these guys play.

Long-distance relationships

Mutual monthly visits include cross-country round-trip tickets in coach (about \$400 with 14 days notice, so six trips on your tab = \$2,400). Add-on travel costs are about \$2,000 for airport transport, parking your car at the airport, boarding your dog at the kennel, etc. And make sure you have an unlimited data plan to send him alluring photos to remind him what he's missing.

Break-up costs

■ **Tissues:** \$20.

■ **A therapeutic makeover to help you forget who you were when you were with him:** \$500

■ **A shredder at Best Buy to get rid of his photos and love letters:** \$59.

■ **A copy of "Think & Date Like A Man," so you don't find yourself in this position again:** \$8.99.

■ **Re-booting the system to start again:** You do the math! ■

— April Masini — nicknamed "the new millennium's Dear Abby" by the media — is the best-selling author of four books, as well as the critically acclaimed *www.AskApril.com* advice column and forum.

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FAITH NOTES

Cantors in the spotlight for concert

Collier County Hadassah presents a musical journey from Israel to Broadway beginning at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, at Temple Shalom. Ten cantors and cantorial soloists will present a program of Israeli, Sephardic-Ladino, Yiddish and Broadway music, and the Naples Klezmer Revival Band with Stuart Warshauer will join in creating "A Simcha in Song."

Cantor Donna Azu, Temple Shalom's first female cantor, will lead the program that celebrates 100 years of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America.

Cantor Azu's Persian roots influence her frequent use of melodic Sephardic/Ladino music of the Jews expelled from Spain who settled in the Middle East. Her Temple Shalom colleague, organist and choir director Peter Lewis, will provide accompaniment. Other voices in the program will include: cantors Faith Steinsnyder, Donna Goldstein (retired) and Aaron Kaplan and cantorial soloists Douglas Renfrow, Lawrence Dermer, Ann Newman, Jane Galler, Hari Jacobsen and Lori Cohen.

Tickets begin at \$50 (\$18 for ages 25 and under). Call Lauren Becker at 592-5304 or Lynn Weiner at 598-1009. ■

Rabbi will address temple sisterhood

Temple Shalom Sisterhood invites the community to hear Rabbi Adam Miller

discuss "Gender and Judaism: Where Do We Go From Here?" at a luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, at the temple at 4630 Pine Ridge Road.

Rabbi Miller began serving Temple Shalom in 2010, coming to South-west Florida from Temple Beth Am in Framingham, Mass. He was ordained at Hebrew Union College-Institute of Religion in 2003.

Cost of the luncheon is \$25 for Sisterhood members and \$30 for others. Call 348-8713 for reservations. ■

Prayer is topic at next Moorings program

Moorings Presbyterian Church continues its 2012 Distinguished Speaker Series at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 19, when Joan Gray of Atlanta presents "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Prayer but were Afraid to Ask." The series continues:

■ Sunday, March 4, Stephen Fowl, a frequent guest at Moorings Presbyterian services, discusses "Struggling with Scripture in a Divided Church."

■ Sunday, March 18, Dr. Bill Beckwith, founder of the Life and Memory Center and a specialist in memory disorders, will discuss "Remembering What Not to Forget."

Reservations are requested and can be made by calling 261-1487. For more information, visit www.moorings-presby.org. ■



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'Open Your Heart' for the Red Cross

Fine food and wine from select Naples restaurants and caterers, chocolates from Norman Love Confections, cigars, cognac and bourbon plus a Valentine's Day themed photo booth, boutique shopping and a display of custom-made ball gowns will fill the new Clive Daniel Home showroom as a benefit for the American Red Cross from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9.

Hostess for the evening is Heather Fitzhagen, marketing director at Condo & HOA Law Group and a celebrity dancer for "Starstruck 2012," the Red Cross' annual dance-off and gala that takes place Saturday, March 24, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point.

Tickets to "Open Your Heart" at Clive Daniel Home are \$50 per person or \$75 per couple and can be purchased at the door or at www.openyourheartredcross.eventbrite.com.

For tickets or more information about "Starstruck 2012," call 238-3401 or visit www.gulfcoastredcross.org.



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Empty Bowls event fills food bank coffers

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The fifth annual Empty Bowls soup lunch in Cambier Park raised more than \$42,000 for the Harry Chapin Food Bank, which translates into nearly \$260,000 in groceries that the food bank can distribute through its nonprofit agencies.

The net total includes sponsorships, silent auction proceeds and the sale of water and additional pottery bowls on top of the donated soup ladled into more than 2,000 bowls to feed those who came the park for lunch on Jan. 28.

John and Janet Smiedendorf of Bonita Springs arrived at 7:15 a.m. and waited patiently until 11 a.m. in order to be first in line to make a selection



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A conservator in Miami works on one of the paintings from the C'mon collection.

Grant will enable children's museum to conserve its art

The Golisano Children's Museum of Naples has received a grant through the Foundation of the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works to conserve three important works in the museum's collection of American paintings. Conservation work, which includes acrylic glazing, began in January and will take place in Miami over the next several months in collaboration with conservators at C'mon.

"We have been entrusted with all these paintings and we need to find ways to conserve them and make them available to the public through exhibit," says Joe Cox, C'mon executive director.

The museum's art collection has a focus on children and/or animals as the subjects. The three works currently being conserved are two oil-on-canvas paintings by the late Colleen Browning and one by the late Jon Corbino. They will be displayed in C'mon's Loos Art Gallery along with 11 other paintings in the museum's collection designed to help young visitors in their discovery of art.

To learn more about C'mon, visit www.cmon.org. ■



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'Bring a Book, Bring a Friend' to Barnes & Noble

The teen advisory team for the K is for Kids Foundation holds the fourth annual "Bring a Book, Bring a Friend" book fair and book drive from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at Barnes & Noble in Waterside Shops. The day includes two children's authors and book signings, a writing workshop for children, face painting and balloon art and a raffle for a basket of books.

Attendance is free and open to the public. Donations of new or gently used books for children are welcome.

For more information, call Karen Clawson at 596-5437 or visit www.kisforkids.org.

ABLE Academy to benefit from sale

True Fashionistas Designer Resale will donate 20 percent of all sales on Saturday, Feb. 11, to ABLE Academy. The center on Golden Gate Parkway helps children who have learning and social disorders building new behaviors through one-on-one instruction and small group therapy.

True Fashionistas owners Jennifer Johnson and Nanci Iuculano designate a different charity each month to benefit from proceeds on specific sales days.

Ms. Iuculano's own family has benefited from programs provided by Able Academy. "If we can help them raise funds to help other families offset the exorbitant expenses related to autism and other special needs, we welcome the opportunity," she says.

The resale boutique sells gently used clothing and accessories for men, women and children. Customers can bring clothing in and receive immediate cash, can trade for other items in the store or can consign their items and wait for a check.

In the Shoppes at Vanderbilt at the corner of Vanderbilt Beach and Airport-Pulling roads, the shop is open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 596-5044 or visit www.truefashionistasresale.com.

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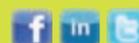


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2012 Men of Distinction will be honored at dinner

The Education Foundation of Collier County hosts the 2012 Men of Distinction awards celebration and dinner from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, at the Hilton Naples. This year's 10 Men of Distinction who will be honored for their outstanding commitment and service to the Collier County community are: Doug Campbell, Eugene Frey, Lt. Col. Paul Garrah, F. Craig Jilk, Tom McCann, West McCann, Bob Morantz, Sheriff Kevin Rambosk,

Keith Riley and George Walters Jr. Limited tickets remain available for the casual evening that begins with a cocktail reception hosted by Pinnacle Vodka. A silent auction is part of the fun. Tickets are \$150 and are available by calling the Education Foundation at 643-4755 or visiting www.GetOnTheBusCollier.org/Events.

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NONPROFIT NEWS

Church concert will benefit Foundation

British soprano Belinda Bradley and German pianist Joja Wendt join forces for an evening of entertainment to benefit The Immokalee Foundation beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at Naples United Church of Christ. Co-chairs for the evening are Eva Alexandra Countess Kendeffy and Kevin McGurgan, the Honorable Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Honorable Consul General of the United Kingdom, respectively.

Mr. Wendt's concerts have taken him around the world, from New York City's Carnegie Hall to the Siberian peninsula of Kamtschatka. He has performed with Jerry Lee Lewis, Chuck Berry, Fats Domino and Joe Cocker and composed the music for one of Germany's most successful films. He is currently part of the jury for the children's television project "Your Song," in which musical compositions by children have the chance of being performed by stars. Steinway & Sons has inducted him in the circle of the world's best pianists as a Steinway Artist.

Ms. Bradley has performed widely as an oratorio and concert soloist in places including the Barcelona Cathedral, Douai Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, Royal Albert Hall, Ripley Arts Centre and Teatro Consorziale di Budrio. Her recent operatic roles include Frasquita in "Carmen" (Associazione Culturale Scena Musicale di Bologna); Ludmilla in "The Bartered

Bride" (Edinburgh Studio Opera); Yum Yum in "The Mikado" (Edinburgh Savoy Opera Group); and Governess in "Turn of the Screw" (Advanced Performers Studio).

Benefactor tickets, which include a VIP reception after the concert, are \$100 per person; patron tickets are \$75. For more information, call 430-9122 or visit www.immokaleefoundation.org.

Join the Shelter as a Partner for Peace

The Shelter for Abused Women & Children encourages everyone in the community to join them in becoming Partners for a Peaceful Community making a pledge for peace to help create solutions to end violence in homes, schools, businesses, neighborhoods and communities across the globe.

"We really want people around the world to join us in helping to end violence by taking small daily actions that will, when done by many, lead to monumental change," explains Linda Oberhaus, the Shelter's executive director Linda Oberhaus.

The Partners for a Peaceful Community pledge is available at www.naplesshelter.org. Individuals are urged to download the pledge and have their family, friends, colleagues and neighbors join them in signing the document and posting it in a visible place as a reminder of their commitment to peace.

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Paddleboarders will make a splash on Naples Bay

The third annual Stand Up Paddleboard Luau Races to benefit Special Olympics Collier County will make a splash from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 5, at Bayfront on Naples Bay. Title sponsor is Noodles Italian Café & Sushi Bar; additional sponsorships are available at \$500 and \$1,000 levels, and donations are being solicited for the silent auction to help raise additional funds for the cause.



Three SUP division races will take place: open and the men's open. Trophies will be presented immediately following the last race at Shane's Cabana Bar.

Paddlers can register in advance at Noodles Italian Café & Sushi Bar and at Shane's Cabana Bar; day-of registration will begin at 9 a.m. Registration fee is \$25. Paddlers should bring their own boards, although some boards will be available at no charge from Naples Kiteboarding and True Water Sports.

Last year's race raised more than \$30,000 for Special Olympics Collier County. ■

Matt Berman of Noodles explains that the luau theme incorporating grass skirts, straw hats, leis, flowers and a Polynesian barbecue is a tribute to SUP's Hawaiian roots.

Sterling Oaks set for another Sneaky Pete's

The 13th annual Sneaky Pete's tennis tournament returns to Sterling Oaks from Feb. 18-25. Divisions include 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5 men's and women's singles and doubles as well as 7.0, 8.0 and 9.0 mixed doubles. Play is limited to two events per person.

Long-time Sterling Oaks club members Ross Lake and Victor Lisabeth played key roles in developing the tournament and in bringing it to Sterling Oaks. "Our idea was to develop a tournament that celebrates the typical club level player," Mr. Lisabeth says, adding the competition has grown

from 55 players to more than 150 last year. Registration is \$35 per player for either singles or doubles or \$60 for any two events per player. Entry fee includes a tournament T-shirt, a \$10 Sneaky Pete's gift certificate (first 175 entries) and a player party on Feb. 25. Winners and runner-ups in all divisions win additional gift certificates.

Registration deadline is 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, at www.sterlingoakstennis.com (click on Sneaky Pete's in the events menu). Draws will be posted on the website at noon Friday, Feb. 17. ■

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Golfing greats continue to sign up for ACE Group Classic at TwinEagles

The list of competitors for the 25th anniversary of The ACE Group Classic at The TwinEagles Club has expanded to include Champions Tour major winners Olin Browne, Russ Cochran, Fred Funk, Jay Haas and Mark O'Meara. The tournament takes place Feb. 13-19.

"The level of talent we have for this year's tournament speaks to the core of what makes the Champions Tour golf great: accomplished players and engaging personalities that fans of all ages can enjoy," says tournament director Lesley Baker. "We're thrilled about what the 25th anniversary of Champions Tour golf in Southwest Florida has in store for the Naples community."

Mr. Cochran, the defending Senior British Open champion, returns to Naples after finishing T3 in 2011. He will be joined by Mark Calcavecchia, who he beat last July to capture his first major title. The following week, Mr. Browne captured the 2011 U.S. Senior Open crown over Mr. O'Meara en route to recording the best season of his Champions Tour career. Mr. Browne turned in eight top-10 finishes and finished the year seventh in the Charles Schwab

Cup race. Mr. O'Meara, the 2010 Senior Players Championship winner, played well enough throughout his 2011 campaign to finish ninth in the Schwab Cup.

Mr. Funk and Mr. Haas each have three tour majors to their credit. Mr. Funk's titles came in a span of three years: the Tradition twice (2008, 2010) and the U.S. Senior Open in 2009. Mr. Haas most recently won the Senior Players Championship in 2009, preceded by the Senior PGA Championship in 2006 and 2008.

Overall, The ACE Group Classic field features 20 Champions Tour major winners. World Golf Hall of Famer Hale Irwin leads the field with seven major titles, followed by Allen Doyle and Loren Roberts with four majors each. Other major winners include Peter Jacobsen, defending champion Bernhard Langer, Graham Marsh and Craig Stadler, who each hold two major titles. Single-major winners also headed to TwinEagles are Michael Allen, Brad Bryant, Bruce Fleisher, Tom Kite, Mark McNulty, Jim Thorpe, Bobby Wadkins, D.A. Weibring and Fuzzy Zoeller.

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■ The family-friendly **2012 Baby Basics Biking and Walking Challenge** takes place Saturday, Feb. 11, at North Collier Regional Park on Livingston Road.

The third annual event include 100-km, 50-km and 25-km rides outside the park; a 2- to 10-mile ride inside the park; and a 1.5- to 6-mile walk inside the park. Bike rides outside the park begin at 7:45 a.m., and everything inside the park begins at 8:30 a.m. Breakfast will be provided by McDonald's and lunch by Wynn's Catering. Support for cyclists will be provided by Naples Cyclery, Big Momma's Bicycles and Trek Bicycle Store.

Baby Basics of Collier County provides free diapers to some 300 babies. Families are screened by local church and social service agencies; in order to be eligible, one parent must be working and the family can receive no state or federal cash assistance.

Entry fees for bicyclers and walkers range from \$10 to \$25. For more information, visit www.babybasicscollier.org.

■ The **Parkinson Association** of Southwest Florida holds its annual poker walk on Sunday, Feb. 26, at North

Collier Regional Park. Teams that raise \$500 by Jan. 30 will have their names placed on event T-shirts.

Registration on walk day begins at 8:30 a.m. and the trek begins at 9 a.m. Breakfast will be provided by Costco, and JetBlue has donated two round-trip tickets for a raffle (\$25 for three tickets).

For more information, call 417-3465 or visit www.pasfi.org

■ The **third annual Run for Music 10k and 1-mile walk**, presented by the players of the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra and members of the Naples Philharmonic League, takes place morning Saturday, April 7. All proceeds will benefit the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra and its youth music education programs.

The run and walk begin at Pelican Bay Boulevard west of U.S. 41 near the Philharmonic Center for the arts and end in front of the center. NPO musicians will line the route and perform during the race. There will also be live music



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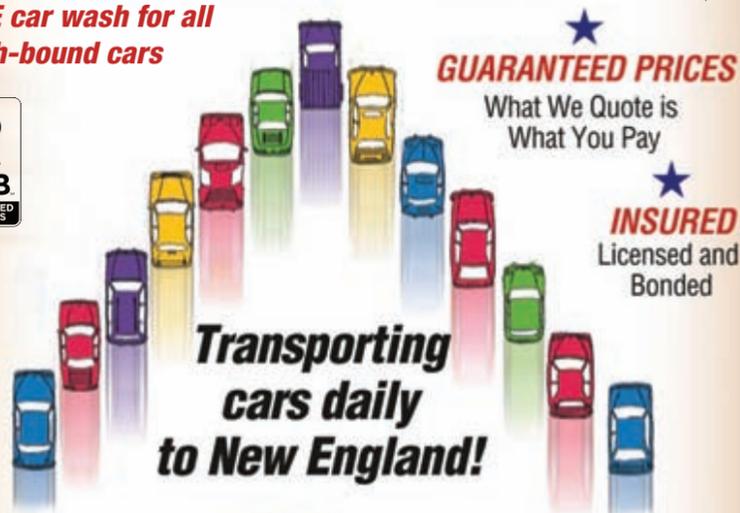
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■ **Relay For Life-East Naples** to benefit the American Cancer Society takes place Friday and Saturday, May 4-5, at East Naples Middle School. Walkers and anyone who wants to volunteer are welcome to join the effort.

To learn more or to sign up a team, plan on attending a team party from 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, at the East Naples Fire Department, 4798 Davis Blvd. If you cannot attend the team party, more information is available by calling the American Cancer Society office at 261-0337, ext. 3861, or e-mailing Allison.Freeman@cancer.org.

Relay For Life events are held overnight as individuals and teams camp out at an athletic track, park or other gathering area, with the goal of keeping at least one team member on the track or pathway at all times throughout the evening. The events are held overnight to honor and mirror a cancer patient's journey through treatment.

■ **"Walk a Mile in Our Shoes,"** an awareness walk with a "sight" twist, takes place on Saturday, March 10. The

1-mile walk begins at Lighthouse of Collier headquarters at 424 Bayfront Place. Participants will be encouraged to wear special glasses that simulate vision impairment and that will be provided at the registration table.

Free for all ages, the walk is sponsored by Lighthouse of Collier as a way to raise awareness of the services the organization provides to the estimated 14,000 children and adults in Collier County who are blind or vision impaired.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. For more information, call 430-3934 or visit www.lighthouseofcollier.org.

■ The **2012 Southwest Florida Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure** is set for Saturday morning, March 12, at Coconut Point in Estero. The sanctioned 5K event also includes a non-competitive 5K run/walk and a 1-mile fun run/walk. More than 12,000 supporters attended the 2011 Southwest Florida Race for the Cure, proceeds from which allowed the Southwest Florida affiliate to make grants totaling \$1,015,235 to 13 local nonprofit agencies that provide breast cancer education, screening, treatment and support in Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties.

For registration and more information, call 498-0016, visit www.komenswfl.org or e-mail raceinfo@komenswfl.org.

■ The **Collier County March for Babies**, a 3-mile trek to benefit the March of Dimes, sets out at 6 p.m. April 28, at North Collier Regional Park off Livingston Road. For registration or more information, call 433-3463 or visit www.marchforbabies.org. ■

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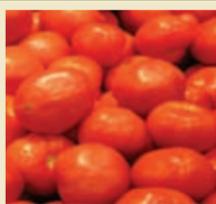


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Bentley Village will welcome Alzheimer's expert

More than 5.4 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease. Although there is no cure, studies suggest that strategies for overall healthy aging can help keep the brain fit and could be a deterrent to the disease.

Dr. Gary Small, best-selling author and educator about how to reduce the risk of getting Alzheimer's, will discuss his program at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 24, at Vi at Bentley Village.

Dr. Small's lifestyle program combines memory training and mental health workouts, healthy brain nutrition, stress-reduction strategies and aerobic and strength exercises.

"Our prevention program begins with an assessment that checks everything from recall to physical balance," he says. "Then, with a baseline established, it introduces the seven-day jumpstart program. It takes just seven days to begin to start protecting your brain from Alzheimer's."

Dr. Small is a professor of psychiatry and director of the UCLA Longevity Center at the Seemel Institute for Neuroscience & Human Behavior. His research, supported by the National Institutes of Health, has made headlines in the Wall Street Journal, New York Times and USA Today. Scientific American magazine named him one of the world's leading innovators in science and technology. He has written six books, including The New York Times bestseller, "The Memory Bible."

Sign up for the presentation at Vi at Bentley Village by calling 597-1121. ■

Blood center needs Type O donations

The Community Blood Center is in urgent need of Type O blood to replenish reserves in Collier County. Donors of all blood types are urged to give now, as demand increases during the winter/spring season.

Donate at the following Community Blood Center locations:

■ Naples: 311 Ninth St. N., on the first floor of the NCH Medical Plaza. Complimentary valet parking for all blood donors. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday; and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday. Call 436-5455.

■ Bonita Springs: 9170 Bonita Beach Road, in Sunshine Plaza. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Thursdays and Fridays. Call 495-1138.

For a list of Community Blood Center bloodmobile locations and times, visit www.givebloodcbc.org. ■

Bereavement group beginning soon

An eight-week bereavement support group, offered by Jewish Family Services, begins Thursday, Feb. 16, at JFS office at 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. The session will meet Thursdays from 10-11:30 a.m.

For more information or to register, call Margaret Passeri at 325-4444. ■

Living with multiple sclerosis

Local center helps patients deal with debilitating disease

BY CHUCK CURRY

Special to Florida Weekly

Robyn Smith misses dancing — the movement, the excitement and all that dancing brought to her life.

"I want to line dance," says the Naples resident who deals daily with multiple sclerosis, a progressive, debilitating illness that affects the central nervous system.

Ms. Smith was diagnosed with MS more than two decades ago. For a woman who worked a harvest in Kentucky and enjoyed gardening and found a passion in her beloved dance, MS has changed her life.

Today, she volunteers at her church and at The von Liebig Art Center as well as at the Multiple Sclerosis Center of Southwest Florida, a nonprofit organization that helps her and others with MS deal with the effects of the disease.

As a younger woman, Ms. Smith says, she was very active, "not in sports, but in hard work. I gardened, canned the harvest, worked in a greenhouse with all of the duties of carrying soil and plants and fertilizer, etc. It was hard work, but I enjoyed it."

She left Boston in the 1970s and moved to Naples, where she found a career in health care at Naples Community Hospital (today's NCH Healthcare System). Although she left the area to live with family in Kentucky on a farm, she returned to Naples in 2001 and has been here ever since.

Her first symptom of MS was the loss of vision in one eye, which she experienced in 1986. "It was actually my eye doctor who suggested that I might have MS," she says. "Having worked at NCH as an EEG technician, I knew that the illness wouldn't kill me but may shorten my life, so I just went my merry way and didn't let it bother me much," she adds.

While the vision issue cleared, it was the first step on the road to needing assistance in mobility.

MS can affect different parts of the body and seems to treat everyone dif-



ferently. It is often characterized by frequent exacerbations and remissions giving false impressions that one treatment or another may be helping.

About 400,000 people in the United States suffer from MS today. There is no known cause or cure.

Recent studies have introduced drugs that seem to ease the symptoms and level out the exacerbations. These treatments don't work on everyone, however, and they are expensive.

"At first, after diagnosis, there was little change in my life," Ms. Smith says. "But there were gradual changes in my body."

"What I noticed most was my lack of strength and stamina." She was also losing her balance, but holding her husband's arm helped.

Now, however, things that she used to do easily have become a chore. She uses a walker or a scooter to get around.

MS is a family illness. Only one person has it, but its effects impact the lives of the whole family. Divorce is rampant with MS, leaving the patient alone and often without support when needed. Even normal socializing becomes dif-

ficult as physical abilities decline.

Ms. Smith remains optimistic.

"On the bright side, I find that people are wonderfully helpful," she says. "They hold doors and are right there for me when I need help. I socialize with a lot of people with MS at the Multiple Sclerosis Center of Southwest Florida... We laugh a lot, and that keeps us going."

At 971 Third Ave. N., the local center provides many services, including massage, aqua and equestrian therapies, acupuncture, pilates, yoga, personal training, counseling, monthly luncheons and numerous social activities. There are about 275 MS clients on the center's roster. ■

in the know

The Multiple Sclerosis Center of Southwest Florida offers physical and social therapies as well as group activities for people having this illness for free or sometimes for a small co-pay. To support these programs, the center is holding a golf tournament, dinner and wine auction on Sunday, March 25, at Quail West Country Club.

For more information, call 435-1901.

A hospital where I would take my parents



I am fortunate to be in a position where every new workday has the potential to provide an unexpected sense of pride. But most importantly, as the CEO of Physicians Regional, my personal goal is to not just meet community expectations, but to exceed them.

As I have always said, surround yourself with the highest-quality medical professionals, provide the very best patient care possible, and your success will speak for itself.

However, there are also times when I have the opportunity to share extremely positive news about recent advancements and/or additions to our system: advances so significant that the benefits to the patients begin immediately,

yet often without much fanfare.

I am referencing the Neurovascular & Stroke Institute on our Pine Ridge Road campus and the additions of brothers Dr. Eric Eskioglu and Dr. Brian Mason to the Physicians Regional staff.

Drs. Eskioglu and Mason boast medical degrees from the University of Kansas and University of Missouri, respectively. While Dr. Eskioglu completed his neurosurgery residency training at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Dr. Mason completed his radiology residency training at Bridgeport/Yale-New Haven Hospital.

Dr. Eskioglu also completed a clinical research fellowship at the National Institutes of Health as well as a neuroendovascular surgery fellowship at the University of Florida. Dr. Mason completed an interventional radiology fellowship at the University of Oklahoma and a neuroendovascular surgery fellowship at the University of Wisconsin.

Both doctors diagnose and treat complex vascular disorders in the brain

and spine by using traditional open surgical approaches as well as a minimally invasive approach incorporating microcatheters inserted through arteries to directly treat the problem. Through extraordinary advances in medical science, this once evasive procedure has become a much more viable option for countless patients seeking spine and brain injury treatment options.

Perhaps nothing speaks more profoundly about the impact of these doctors and our new Neurovascular & Stroke Institute than the story of a 19-year-old patient named Emily. Due to a rare birth defect, for eight years Emily suffered daily bouts of severe dizziness and fatigue. During this same time period, her parents sought the assistance of literally hundreds of health-care professionals in Naples and Fort Myers and at the University of Miami and Johns Hopkins University.

Emily eventually was diagnosed with

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Physicians Regional-Collier Boulevard celebrates its fifth anniversary this month. Opening Feb. 5, 2007, the 212,400-square-foot facility was the first de novo hospital for Naples-based Health Management Associates. In addition to the hospital, the Collier Boulevard campus includes a four-story medical office building, the Hand Surgery Institute, Sleep Disorders Center, ENT Specialty Care Center and more.

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an artery pressing on the vestibular nerve (the nerve responsible for balance functions), which meant every heartbeat resulted in blood flow pressure crushing her vestibular nerve, leaving the vibrant, bright, 19-year-old practically bedridden.

Enter Dr. Eskioglu with a skull base surgical approach to decompress Emily's brainstem and the rest, as they say, is history.

If successfully treating a patient isn't enough reason to celebrate, let it be said I am equally proud of Emily. Despite her condition, she still managed to receive a full academic scholarship to Auburn University, where she is now in her

sophomore year. In her own words:

"I wondered if I was going to have to give up my dreams of completing my college education, of being a teacher or even eventually becoming a mother. Dr. Eskioglu responded to me as a person and not just a patient... he gave me back my life and my dreams."

I asked Dr. Eskioglu why he chose Physicians Regional. His simple, straightforward answer speaks for itself:

"I want to be at a hospital where I would take my mother and father."

Thanks to the talented and dedicated staff at Physicians Regional, I know it is a great place, not only for the mothers and fathers of everyone in our community, but for our sons and daughters, too. ■

— Todd Lupton is chief executive officer of Physicians Regional Health-care System.

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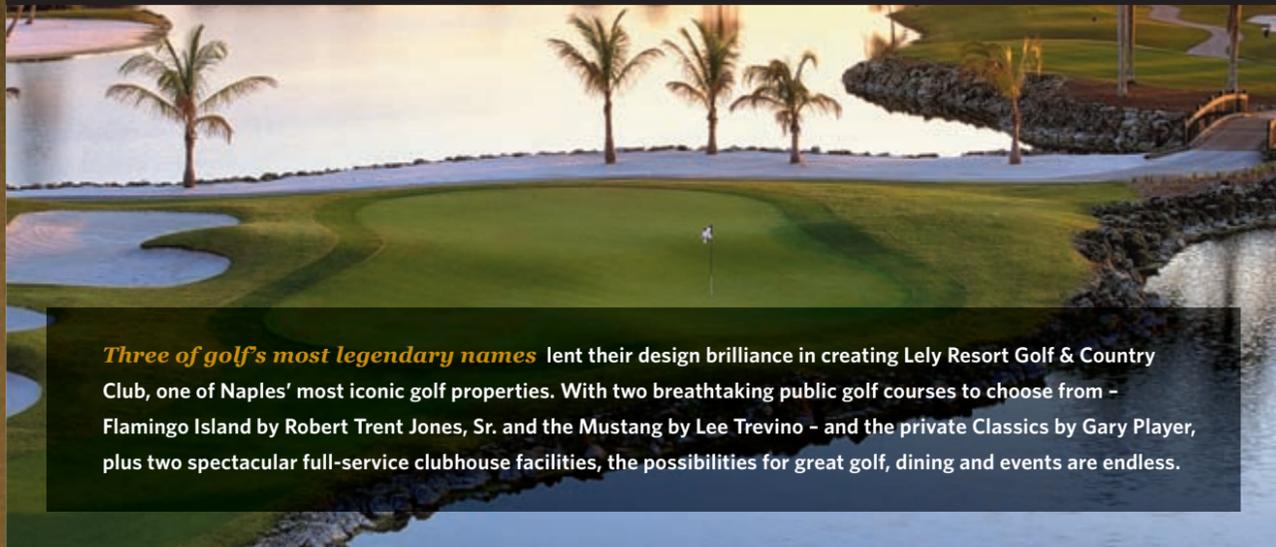
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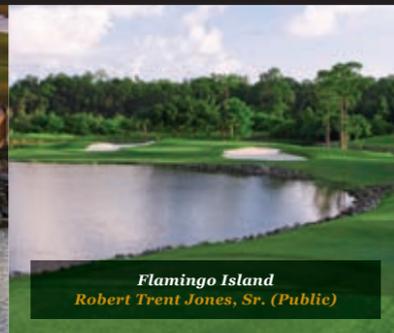
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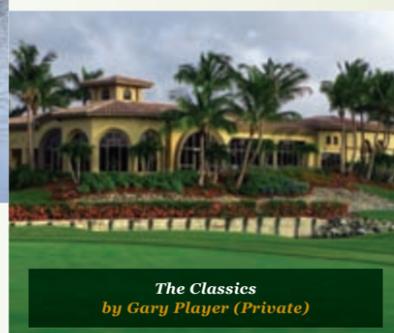
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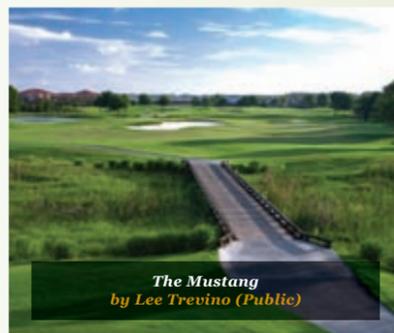
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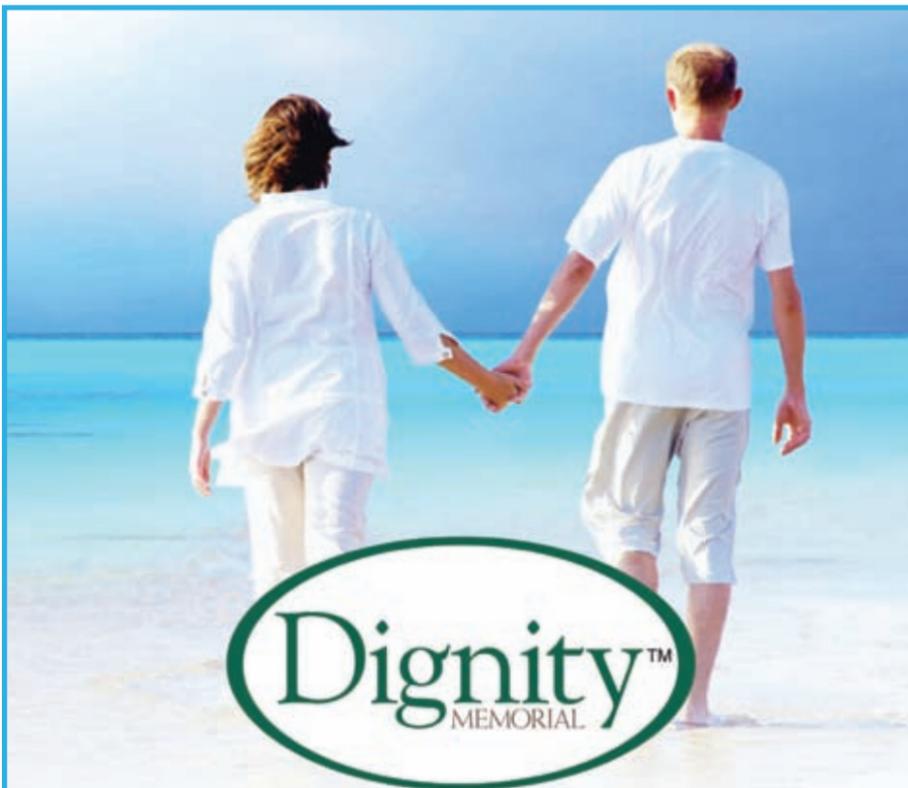


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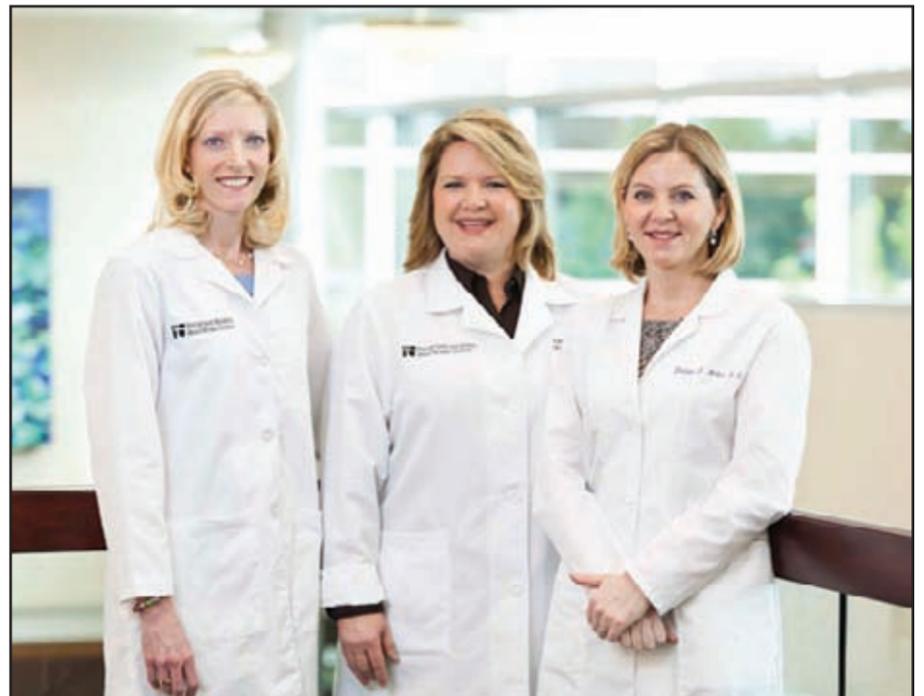
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Dr. Emily Clements, Dr. Catherine Harington and Dr. Jeannie Hilton

Complete Women's Care opens with two locations

Physicians Regional Healthcare System announces the opening of Complete Women's Care of Naples with two locations: at 2350 Vanderbilt Beach Road and at 8340 Collier Blvd. in the Medical Arts Building.

Complete Women's Care is accepting expectant mothers and women of all ages needing gynecological services. Among the specialties offered are well-woman evaluations; pre-conceptual care; infertility issues; management of pregnancy, labor and

postpartum care; menopausal care; birth control; permanent sterilization; minimally invasive laparoscopy, hysterectomy and endometrial ablation; tubal occlusion; and abdominal procedures.

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six years. A Pennsylvania native, she earned a bachelor's degree from Penn State University and a doctor of osteopathy from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She completed her general osteopathic internship in Lancaster, PA., and her OB/GYN residency at New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington, N.C.

■ **Dr. Emily Clements** - Dr. Clements began practicing in Mount Clemens, Mich., in 2004 and joined Physicians Regional in 2008. She has a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and earned her doctor of osteopathy from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, where she graduated sixth in her class and received the Psi Sigma Alpha National Osteopathic Honor Society and Sigma Sigma Phi Honor Society awards.

■ **Dr. Catherine Harrington** - Dr. Harrington has been practicing since 2004 and joined Physicians Regional in 2009. She earned her medical degree from the Ross University School of Medicine in Dominica, West Indies, and completed her OB/GYN residency at Cook County Hospital in Chicago. Dr. Harrington's medical specialties include high-risk obstetrics, adolescent gynecology and family planning.

For more information about Complete Women's Care of Naples, call 348-4098. ■

TO YOUR HEALTH

Free seminars at Physicians Regional

The following free seminars are coming up at Physicians Regional-Pine Ridge, 6101 Pine Ridge Road:

“Relief from Back Pain,” by orthopedic spine surgeon Robert Biscup, at 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9.

■ “MAKOplasty Robotic Hip and Knee Surgery,” by orthopedic surgeon Jon Douchis, at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14.

For more information or registration, call 348-4180 or visit www.physiciansregional.com/events. ■

Parkinson's patients and caregivers can find support

Thanks to a grant from the Women's Philanthropic Fund of the Community Foundation of Collier County, the Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida Inc. is able to offer free respite care to those who care for a loved one with Parkinson's disease.

PASFI also holds exercise, speech, dance and art therapy classes at locations in Naples and Bonita Springs for those who suffer from Parkinson's disease. Support programs for families and caregivers are also offered, and various opportunities are available for volunteers at PASFI headquarters, 2950 Tamiami Trail N.

Also, an anonymous donor has

offered to cover the costs of PASFI members taking part in a program at Naples Equestrian Challenge.

To sign up for any of the above or for more information about services and programs offered by PASFI, call Executive Director Ruth Hubing at 417-3465, e-mail pasfied@aol.com or visit www.PASFI.org. ■

Yoga, meditation offered for vets

Instructor Dina Radcliffe will begin a series of free yoga and meditation to help military veterans alleviate symptoms of stress and enhance their health and well-being. Hour-long classes take place at 1 p.m. Wednesdays at the Golden Gate Community Center.

Although participation is free, space is limited and reservations are required. Call Ms. Radcliffe at 280-9095. ■



Free counseling for caregivers

Caregivers of seniors ages 60 and older who are experiencing stress from changing life circumstances can obtain free peer counseling from the Mental Health Association of Southwest Florida.

Counseling is coordinated by Margot Escott, a licensed clinical social worker with MHASWFL. Call 261-5405 or e-mail mescott@mhaswfl.org. Ms. Escott can also provide information about the association's other services. ■

Lighthouse classes for visually impaired

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BY GINA SPADAFORI

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With all the pets I've had in my life, you'd think I'd have seen just about everything. And for the most part, that's true. But there's one thing I haven't dealt with because I've been both careful and lucky: I've never had a pet go missing for good.

I've come close a couple of times. A few years back, I was staying at my brother's house, while buying one home and selling another, when my smallest dog slipped through a gap in the fence. Fortunately, he immediately latched on to some nearby children who took him home and called the number on his ID tag.

Not long after moving into the new home, I lost my parrot, but that too ended happily. As with most successful recoveries of lost pets, it was the things I'd done before Eddie got out that brought him back home again. Eddie didn't fly away to a likely death because his wings were clipped to keep him from all but the lowest of flight patterns — and because we had a relationship of trust that extended beyond my front door.

Here is what you need to know if your pet bird takes wing:

■ **Prepare for possible loss:** Have your bird microchipped. Keep his wings clipped to prevent him from flying away, and make sure everyone in the family knows to keep doors and unscreened windows closed. In Eddie's case, I'd for-



The relationship you have with your bird may help you get him to come back to you.

gotten he was sitting loose on a playstand rather than in his cage. When I walked out the front door to get groceries out of the car, I didn't see him hop out behind me and didn't realize he was missing until after I'd put away the groceries.

■ **Don't waste time:** The longer your bird is out, the smaller the chance of recovery. Immediately start searching nearby. If you have some game you play that would elicit a response from your bird, start playing it. In Eddie's case, he responded immediately to my whistles because it's a game we play all the time

in the house.

■ **Lure your bird with favorite treats:** Eddie had climbed more than a dozen feet up into a nearby bay tree. His favorite treats didn't work on him — probably because he'd just had a big breakfast — but they might work with another bird or even with Eddie at another time. Because birds are more likely to eat at dawn and dusk, even a bird who's not immediately interested in treats may come into a familiar cage at feeding time.

■ **Use the hose, cautiously:** Because being sprayed from the hose is frightening and may injure the bird, don't go for this technique first. But it can be successful. In fact, a good soaking is finally what brought Eddie down after all else failed. He was so angry at the soaking that he was anxious to bite me, so I wrapped him in a towel for the safety of us both.

Had I not been able to collect Eddie relatively promptly, I would have put up fliers around the area and at the local bird shop, pet supply stores, veterinarians' offices (especially avian veterinarians) and pet shelters. And I would have taken out both print and online classified ads, all offering a reward.

More important than anything — keep up the search. Many birds are found days, weeks and months after they're lost, but they're found by people who don't know just who is looking for the pet. If you don't keep putting the word out, your bird may be lost for good, even if found. ■

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— Peggy Kessler, making inquiry in July, 2001, after receiving a diagnosis of stage IV pancreatic cancer

A: "We did a lot of tests on you, and I never saw one thing stamped on the bottom of your foot that said you were going to die in two months. You have no expiration date."
— Peggy's memory of the response she received from Dr. Alfonso Mellijor of the Cancer Treatment Centers of America

"E pluribus unum, my friends; sine qua non."
— Andrew Jackson, seventh president of the U.S.A.

"...and he smiled at me — pa rum pum pum pum. Me and my drum."
— Katherine K. Davis, Henry Onorati and Harry Simeone, "Little Drummer Boy"

There was a distinct telling, a memory: A promise that there would be no one quoting anyone in this column. Who promised? To whom was the

promise made? Upon whom can there be calling as a witness? How could there be a column without quotation, citation, insinuation, and conflagration? Is there witness protection?

Perhaps Andrew Jackson could be my witness. Who better to go for witness than the Old Hickory Dickory Doc slave owner who sent the natives packing, gave the enemy spoils to the victor, and was military governor of a Florida taken from both Spain and the Seminoles? When folks called him a jackass, the beast became the symbol of the Democratic party. Jackson was wounded so frequently in duels that he rattled like a bag of marbles. The populous loved him so much that he was called King Mob.

He knew it well: It is out of the many that there is the one. This is the essential condition: sine qua non. Wisdom comes out of many mouths it seems, out of both babes and jackasses. And seers,

perhaps. And we can read the words in many places. On the Great Seal and on our American currency.



condition. So a negative test would be very reassuring.

But we know that the default position, the null hypothesis, can never be proven. It can only be accepted or rejected. So, let's say we null hypothesize no expiration date, no wolf waiting, no thief at the gate, no problem. If we cry wolf and are wrong, we make a type I error, a false positive. If we do not sound the alarm and are wrong, we make a type II error, a false negative. And so?

Are we so adverse to the final verse?

The bottom line suffixed and suffused and submerged? Silent.

Peggy Kessler is still alive, living in Valley Springs, S.D., in a home she co-owns. She is a registered Republican. She answers her phone and her personal e-mail. Is that enough evidence to move you to reject the null hypothesis?

The sine qua non phrase first appeared in the work of Boethius in a longer form: *conditio sine qua non*.

This longer Latin phrase can be translated: But for this, that could not be. This sixth-century philosopher wrote about the weal of fortune and death. He wrote his most witnessed work, "The Consolation of Philosophy," while awaiting execution in exile. It is the imaginary dialogue between himself and Lady Philosophy, philosophy personified as a woman. Facing his own death, Boethius wanted to preserve the purity of the ancient knowledge.

Andrew Jackson continued his work. As do other drums and pirates.

Everything is sine qua non. And, so? How does that influence the null hypothesis witness protection program? ■

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

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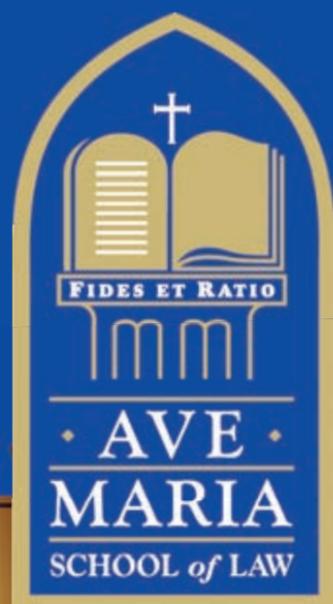


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*Rebates, tax credits matter
when it comes to going solar*



BY NANJI THEORET
Special to Florida Weekly

THE SEVEN NAMES ON THE BOARD AT Advance Solar & Spa in Fort Myers represent the typical Southwest Florida solar energy customer: They want to become more environmentally friendly, but they don't want to pay full price. These seven homeowners are waiting to snag thousands of dollars in rebates from Florida Power & Light before they make the leap to a solar water heater or a full-home photovoltaic electric system (which carry retail price tags of about \$4,500 and upward

of \$30,000, respectively).

Despite an existing 30 percent federal tax credit, it seems solar energy customers want even more savings, leaving local businesses in a holding pattern until additional rebates or credits take effect.

It's likely that FPL won't release its next round of \$15.5 million first-come, first-served rebates until the spring, and a bill that's winding its way through the Florida Legislature that would provide up to \$16 million in tax breaks for companies and homeowners that invest in renewable energy technology wouldn't take effect until 2013.

Not many solar retailers and installers are placing much faith in *any* state program. Florida's last effort left many residents in the dark, whittling down to just half of the promised rebate or none at all after the Governor's Energy Office, plump with \$31.5 million in federal stimulus money, failed to grant rebates on a first-come basis for those who installed more energy-efficient air-conditioning units or solar systems.

LTC Global, a Fort Myers company specializing in long-term care insurance, was eyeing a \$20,000 state rebate

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MONEY & INVESTING

Thinking about money on Valentine's Day



Feb. 14 is definitely not a day for lovers, husbands and wives, or those in the early stages of dating, to be talking about money issues.

Although you shouldn't talk about these matters, I can write about the intertwining of money and love... just don't you dare bring up the topic on Valentine's Day.

In past years, the Valentine's version of this column has answered dating questions laced with financial issues and has covered the importance of being able to openly talk about money with one's significant other. Why? Money, not sexual infidelity, is the number one reason for divorce. I would assume it's also the number one reason behind terminated engagements and dating relationships.

The traditional money relationship between a man and woman (where the man was the sole bread winner and called the shots) was long ago supplanted by the new model of women working and being part and parcel in decision making. There are even some relationships where the woman is the key or sole breadwinner, and the man is the domestic caring for children. The male as provider and protector is more often seen in modified form... and that is not to suggest that the

old version of relationships is better than the new, or that one is right and another is wrong. It's just how things are these days.

The current state of things makes it so very confusing for most who are dating... young or old. In a woman's mind, questions asked might be: "Does he pay for everything? Does he pay for the big things? Do I start to pay if engaged? Do we create a "kitty" for dating expenses if engaged? Maybe I should give him some big presents? Is his paying for everything a burden to him?"

Somewhat funny is that I, a 59-year-old, find myself talking to my 21-year-old daughter and son about these issues. Least to say, my old-fashioned ways seem so very odd to the younger culture.

Here are some thoughts and suggestions. If money is the number one reason for divorce, and you are thinking of getting married, you both might want to do a trial (money) run before being married. The trial run does not necessarily require that you live together.

You might want to agree on some amount of money that each would put into a kitty and then both of you would have to agree on how it was to be spent. Create some rules, some goals, some discussions, as inevitably, problems will arise. Not only do you want to know if there is commonality in thinking but whether you can work through money differences.

It might be a real eye opener as: some will allocate all available bucks to

sports but some might be dedicated to a large wardrobe. Some will sit in church, mosque or synagogue pew and pass the bucket and others will be busy writing the checks to place in the tin. What type of groceries? Generics, of course. Or will it be the highest quality brand names and organic produce? What shall it be: dollars in the bank or long-term investments? While one is tinkering with "do-it-yourself" repairs, another will be on the phone with a high-end decorator who charges \$20,000 per room.

It's better to find these things out before the altar.

For the younger couple, some of these issues will not be so important... and the "someday" expenditures are out of immediate reach. But for middle-aged or senior couples (those generally with more discretionary income), these issues are very real. Beyond that, lifestyles, behaviors, standards of living become increasingly entrenched. Even if they wanted to be different... they can't, but some can disguise it for a few months.

Now wouldn't all this be so incredibly obvious to a couple? Realistically, no.

When Cupid strikes, both are swooning in love and ever so convinced that money issues are: too base for discussion, unnecessary, or "small matters" resolved with ease after the wedding. Wait until they find out the truth.

Talking about money sounds crass... but when is the right time? (Remember, Valentine's Day is not the right time.) Nevertheless, find a time to have the talk.

It does seem a bit tawdry to be talking about money this way. I really never heard my parents (who were forever deeply in love) raise the topic. They were both Depression-era children and both left executive positions (yes, my mother also) to serve in the armed forces during WWII. They were just so very appreciative of each other and to be alive. Money was relatively unimportant in their relationship. I can still hear my father saying, "Jeannette, it is only money." I am sure that weeks of non-stop bombings while reading radar on the Hornet molded my father's thinking.

Back to today's world where making a living is a different matter than in my parent's time. It is harder and harder to maintain a middle-class existence and for lower-income earners to rise above subsistence levels. So money really is not "only money."

Still, my father understood its place. Even for this commodities broker, it would be worth more than the best investment portfolio just to be able to hear him say those words again or to watch him with my mother.

And so, as we navigate the tricky intersection of love and money, it's important to remember which of those two is really the most valuable.

Happy Valentine's Day to all my readers! ■

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A job search support group for downsized employees of local businesses meets at 10:30 a.m. every Monday at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce.

The group is geared toward white collar, administrative and professional workers, rather than trade and service workers. It is not a job placement service. Emphasis is on networking, resumes, interviewing skills and best practices for a successful transition.

Participants should come prepared to discuss who they are, what type of opportunity they seek and what makes them good candidates for jobs. Assistance is available to those who are still working through these topics. Each session offers an in-depth look at tools and critical elements for a successful transition.

For more information, e-mail Karen Klukiewicz at kluk77@comcast.net. No advance registration is required, and there is no charge to attend. ■

ON THE MOVE

Awards & Recognition

The Ritz-Carlton, Naples, and **The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort** earned recognition as two of the 2012 Best Hotels in the U.S. by U.S. News & World Report. The Naples resorts were among 1,548 luxury hotels analyzed by U.S. News & World Report; 154 top-ranking properties were named to the list of the Best Hotels in the USA for 2012.

New Address

The Law Offices of **Sam J. Saad III** and Paradise Coast Title and Escrow LLC have opened a new main office at 851 Fifth Ave. N. in downtown Naples. The firm's office at 1575 Pine Ridge Road remains open as well.



Saad

Banking

Tina Blake and **Cathi Johnson** have joined IberiaBank and will work from the company's local headquarters on Goodlette Road. Ms. Blake, vice president/private banker, moved to Southwest Florida from Cornwall, England, in 1990 and has 24 years of experience in the financial services industry. Ms. Johnson has a dual role as vice president/branch manager and private banker. Originally from LaGrange, Ill., she started her banking career with Barnett Bank in Naples nearly 25 years ago. She serves on the board of trustees as vice president and treasurer for Youth Haven. Ms. Blake and Ms. Johnson both have earned the Accredited Wealth Management Advisor designation from the College for Financial Planning.



Blake



Johnson

her J.D. and LL.M. in taxation from the UF College of Law. She is a member of the Real Property, Probate & Trust Law Sections of the American and Florida bar associations and the Trust & Estate Section of the Collier County Bar Association. She is a 2004 graduate of Leadership Bonita and currently serves as chairman of the board of directors of the Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs. She has served as chair of the planned giving committee of the American Red Cross of Lee County and as a member of the Lee Memorial Health System Foundation development council for Estero/Bonita Springs.

Lisa Lipman, an attorney with Gray-Robinson P.A. in Naples, has been elected president of the board of directors of the Naples International Film Festival. Prior to her legal career, she was an award-winning journalist for The Associated Press in its Boston bureau for the Charleston, S.C., Post and Courier. She is a member of the Florida, Massachusetts and South Carolina bar associations and the U.S. District Court of Massachusetts. She is also a member of the Collier County Bar Association and the Estate Planning Council of Naples, as well as an executive board member of the Collier County Medical Alliance. She earned her juris doctorate from Boston College Law School, a master's degree from Northwestern University and a bachelor's degree from Union College.

Board Appointments

Mary Beth Crawford has joined the board of trustees of the David Lawrence Center and will assist with planning giving programs. As a principal in the Bonita Springs office of Cummings & Lockwood Private Clients Group, her practice focuses on estate and tax planning as well as probate and trust administration. She earned bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Florida and



Crawford

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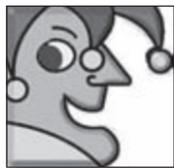
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There are some drawbacks to 529 plans. If the student doesn't go to college, there may be a 10 percent penalty on the earnings, depending on the circumstances (though you can also change the beneficiary if that happens). Additionally, the funds in the 529 plan account are handled by plan administrators, not by you — which is actually a plus for many folks. Finally, once the money is in the plan, it must stay there or in another 529 plan.

Still, 529 plans are many people's best bets. Some are much better than others, though, with lower fees and better performances. Learn more about many college financing topics at savingforcollege.com, college-board.org, and fool.com/college. ■

My Smartest Investment

Shaving Off Profits

My almost-dumbest investment was many years ago, when my broker tried to convince me to sell some 14 percent zero-coupon bonds (remember those days?) and buy some fund he was pushing.

I dumped him and his firm instead and did my own research ever since. My best investments over the years were a few stocks that tripled. In each case, as they ran up, I would sell amounts about equal to my original cost on each run-up. If they ultimately collapsed (some did), I would have at least captured some profit. If they did not, I would continue to hold a portion long-term.

My latest (and best!) investment has been Apple, which I sold in parts all the way up, making a nice profit and with still a nice holding for the long term.

— W.C., Syracuse, N.Y.

The Fool Responds: That's a conservative, but not crazy, move, selling a portion of your big winners. Regarding your broker, some brokers do make solid recommendations, but it's always good to find out if they will receive a commission for products sold to you. ■



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Last week's trivia answer

I trace my roots back to the purchase of a New York curtain-rod maker in 1903. I have acquired many companies over several decades, and today, based in Atlanta, I'm a consumer and commercial product giant. A big 1999 merger doubled my size and gave me my current name. My Brands That Matter include Sharpie, Calphalon, Irwin, Lenox, Levolor, Rolodex, Dymo, Shur-Line, Graco, teutonia, Aprica, Paper Mate, Waterman, Parker, Pelouze, Solano and Goody. More than 90 percent of U.S. households use at least one of my products, and my global annual sales approach \$6 billion. Who am I? (Answer: Newell Rubbermaid) ■



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Taxing gifts versus inheritances

Q If I inherit stock when a relative dies, am I taxed on the gains?

— C.L., Monticello, Minn.

A You're taxed on gains only when you sell. But to calculate your gain then, you'll need to know your "basis" in the stock. That's treated differently for gifts and inheritances (received from someone's estate).

With a gift of appreciated stock or property, your basis is the same one that the giver originally had. So you'll need to try to trace the cost all the way back to when the giver bought the asset. This can sometimes be hard.

With an inheritance, you get a "stepped-up" basis. Your basis is the fair-market value of the stock on the date of death of the donor. The estate's tax return should disclose the value of the stock at date of death.

Alternatively, if you know the date, you can get the stock price online at various sources (such as finance.yahoo.com), or even by calling your broker or the company's investor relations department and asking.

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Q What's the "closing tick"?

— A.M., Batavia, N.Y.

A It measures the buying vs. selling activity for the very last trades of the day.

To calculate it, take the number of stocks that ended on an uptick (i.e., their last trade occurred at a price higher than the previous one) and subtract the number that ended on a downtick.

A positive number suggests an overall upbeat day, while a large negative number would indicate a big sell-off in the market. ■

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Name That Company

I began in 1909, making airplanes from silk and bamboo. Today, based in Bethesda, Md., I employ some 126,000 people worldwide and am a major defense contractor, specializing in aeronautics, electronic systems, information systems and space systems. I rake in about \$46 billion annually and have an order backlog of \$78 billion. Lindbergh and Earhart both broke records in my planes.

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The Motley Fool Take

Give Buffett a Look

Many know Warren Buffett only for his calls for higher taxes on the wealthy and for his campaign to get fellow billionaires to donate much of their wealth to charity. For many decades, though, he's helmed Berkshire Hathaway (NYSE: BRK-B). You might want to consider it for your portfolio.

Under Buffett's leadership, Berkshire has risen from about \$12 per share in 1965 to more than \$116,000 per share recently. (Those are the class-A shares; we small investors can grab class-B shares for roughly \$77 apiece.) The company's growth has slowed over time, but it's still attractive.

For starters, there's diversification. It

owns dozens of companies, including a lot of insurers such as GEICO. There are also handfuls of furniture, jewelry, media, energy and housing-related companies, as well as such diverse businesses as Fruit of the Loom, Dairy Queen, See's Candies, Benjamin Moore, The Pampered Chef and Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad. Through stock, Berkshire owns 5 percent of IBM, nearly 7 percent of Wells Fargo and more than 8 percent of Coca-Cola, among many other holdings.

Berkshire Hathaway may not double overnight, but it can help you sleep well at night. Those who own the stock have Buffett and his deputies investing for them. (The Motley Fool owns shares of Berkshire Hathaway, IBM, Wells Fargo and Coca-Cola.) ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

■ **Bonita-Estero Market Pulse**, a program of the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, takes place from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 10, at Florida Gulf Coast University. For more information, call 992-2943 or visit www.bonitaspringschamber.com.

■ The **Collier County Bar Association** holds its next monthly membership luncheon at noon Friday, Feb. 10, at Carrabba's, 4320 Tamiami Trail N. Guest speaker will be Jeff Ahren of the Collier County Legal Aid Society. Sign up at www.colliercountybar.org.

■ The **Above Board Chamber** meets for lunch and a program about Internet marketing at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 13, at the Hilton Naples. Jim Henderson, owner and president of William C. Huff Companies, will discuss his company's use of social media networking. Reservations are required and can be made at www.aboveboardchamber.com. Non-members can attend two Above Board Chamber events before joining. For more information, call 910-7426.

■ The **Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** holds a welcome reception and orientation for new members from 8-9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, at the

chamber, 25071 Chamber of Commerce Drive. Call 992-2943 or visit www.bonitaspringschamber.com.

■ **PRACC, Public Relations, Marketing and Advertising Professionals of Collier County**, meets at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, at McCormick & Schmick's in Mercato. Cost of the luncheon and program is \$25 for members, \$30 for others. Reserve your place by calling 436-2105 or by visiting www.pracc.org.

■ The next **Business After 5** for members of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, at Bryan, Bradley &

Williams LLC, 3003 Tamiami Trail N. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ The **PC Business Users Group** will hear from a Collier County librarian about "Overdrive e-Books" from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, at Naples Regional Library. For more information, visit www.pcbug.org.

■ Members of the **Executive Club of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** will enjoy a cruise aboard the Naples Princess from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21. The members-only event is free. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events. ■

LIGHT

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when it installed a 10-kilowatt system to power the 13 air-conditioning units and other electrical needs of its large building on Presidential Court.

"The state sold it like the money was almost a guarantee," says Kathy Dollar, a regional sales representative for the brokerage and the project manager. "The rebate was enticing, and it seemed like a good move."

LTC Global was among a large pool of Florida applicants that received only half the promised amount, however, and the rebate took a long time to receive, Ms. Dollar says.

"It was disappointing that we didn't receive the full rebate, but I was looking at some of our old electric bills and we really have cut down on our usage. We're saving about half."

The state's botched program "put a black eye on the industry in 2010," says Aaron Fields, co-owner of Advance Solar & Spa, who Ms. Dollar credits with helping her company recoup its rebate. "They defaulted on quite a few people and it put a hurting on the entire industry for a short while."

Bill Long, owner of Stilwell Solar, which has offices in Charlotte, Collier and Lee counties, says the state program turned into "the biggest farce ever."

"The state rebate program left a sour taste in a lot of people's mouths," Mr. Long says. "People ended up with the same amount of rebate as people who put their application in right to the last day of the program."

FPL helped quell the skeptics last year when it launched a five-year pilot program offering \$1,000 rebates to residential customers who install a solar water heater and up to \$20,000 for photovoltaic systems and connection to the utility's grid. FPL's annual \$15.5 million distribution also offers up to \$50,000 per site for business customers that install solar water heating or PV systems.

Those first-come, first-served funds, released in March 2011, were claimed within hour. An additional \$5 million in unclaimed rebates for solar water heaters was shifted to the solar electric program and snatched up in 10 minutes last fall.

'A quick rush'

Incentives — whether rebates, the federal tax credit or proposed state tax breaks — are often good for business, compelling those sitting on the fence to take the leap, according to local companies that specialize in solar energy to warm pools and tap water or power homes.

Mr. Fields likens the additional savings to a gold rush, immediately attracting customers "who might have been interested all along. We get a quick rush, then a lull."

John McNichols of Key Power Services, which has supplied the sun's power to 15 off-the-grid homes on Keewaydin Island and Cayo Costa and installed two-dozen photovoltaic systems in homes on the mainland, describes rebates as a Catch 22 for business.

"Some people are willing to jump on installing a PV system but need a little help," he says. "Unfortunately, it makes others sit on the sidelines if they don't get the rebate the first time. No one will do anything between but sit on their hands. Rebates or incentives juice up our business."

Bonita Springs contractor Kathy Guyitt, president of DesignTech of Southwest Florida, says the cost of whole-home solar electric systems, though 40 percent cheaper than they were just a couple of years ago, is still a deterrent. Current clients in Golden Gate Estates balked at



Advance Solar & Spa Inc. has installed solar arrays on residential and industrial buildings throughout Southwest Florida.

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the \$50,000 price tag for a solar electric system that also included battery backup and transformers to keep the home powered after a hurricane.

"There was minimal return on investment," she says. "They never would get their money back in the lifetime" of the equipment.

Ms. Guyitt, a member of the Florida Green Building Council, instead encourages clients to begin with small steps by installing EnergyStar-rated appliances and impact glass windows that reduce heat absorption into the home. Her Golden Gate Estates clients, however, haven't entirely ruled out solar electric in their future, she says, adding their house includes roughed-in plans for a system, should additional rebates and tax incentives bring down the cost.

"Everyone likes to be green to a certain point of expense," says Mr. McNichols, who advises customers to take advantage of FPL's \$1,000 rebate on solar water heaters.

With solar heaters priced about \$4,500 locally, the FPL rebate plus 30 percent federal tax credit can produce a three- to four-year payback, he says.

The sun can make 90 percent of the hot water used in a home, says Mr. Fields, adding, "The local return on investment is the quickest in the state. A family of four can bring their electric use to heat water down to \$100 a year."

Pricing out of reach

Increased supply — more manufacturers are producing solar electric systems — is also helping to drive the market, says Mr. Fields. "People who were interested years ago are taking another look because of the prices."

But pricing, starting at about \$30,000, is still out of reach for the average Joe — even with the rebates and federal tax credits. Those who qualify for an FPL rebate could potentially see a payoff within seven to 10 years for a five-kilowatt system with a 40-year lifespan. Aid-

ing the investment is the ability to lock into current rates.

Without tax credits or rebates, Mr. Long says, whole-home solar systems take 25 years to recoup expenses. And his business, he adds, isn't influenced by rebates or state incentives. "Rebate programs don't dictate my business. It's a nice accessory that helps raise awareness for the solar work I do."

Locally, solar pool heating remains the top option for those looking for some energy savings. "It improves lifestyle, saves money and gives you more use of your pool," says Mr. Long.

"Solar pool heating is by far our more popular service," Mr. Fields says. "We do three to four pools day, probably two to three solar water heater jobs a week and one to two solar electric systems a month."

One of those systems was in Bonita Springs, where solar panels on a carport produce 20 kilowatts to power the adjoining Bonita Springs Recreation Center. Completed in November, the project was funded by a \$179,600 U.S. Department of Energy grant and is generating about \$400 a month, according to Mr. Fields.

A new proposal

Senate Bill 7202, submitted by the Senate Communications, Energy and Utilities Committee on Jan. 31 and with a vote anticipated as early as this week, revamps previous attempts by the state to entice homeowners and businesses to invest in renewable energy. Both Mr. Fields and Mr. Long say they'll wait until the bill passes before considering it an option to improve their business outlook.

"I haven't read the bill," says Mr. Long. "So many come up every year."

"Until they pass it, I don't even look at it," says Mr. Fields. ■



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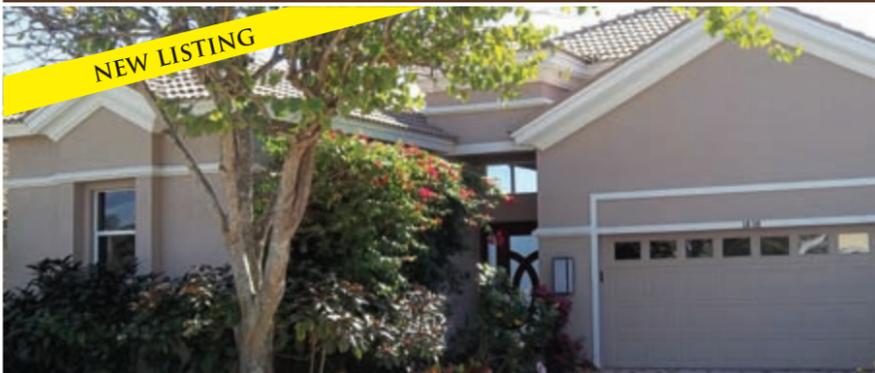
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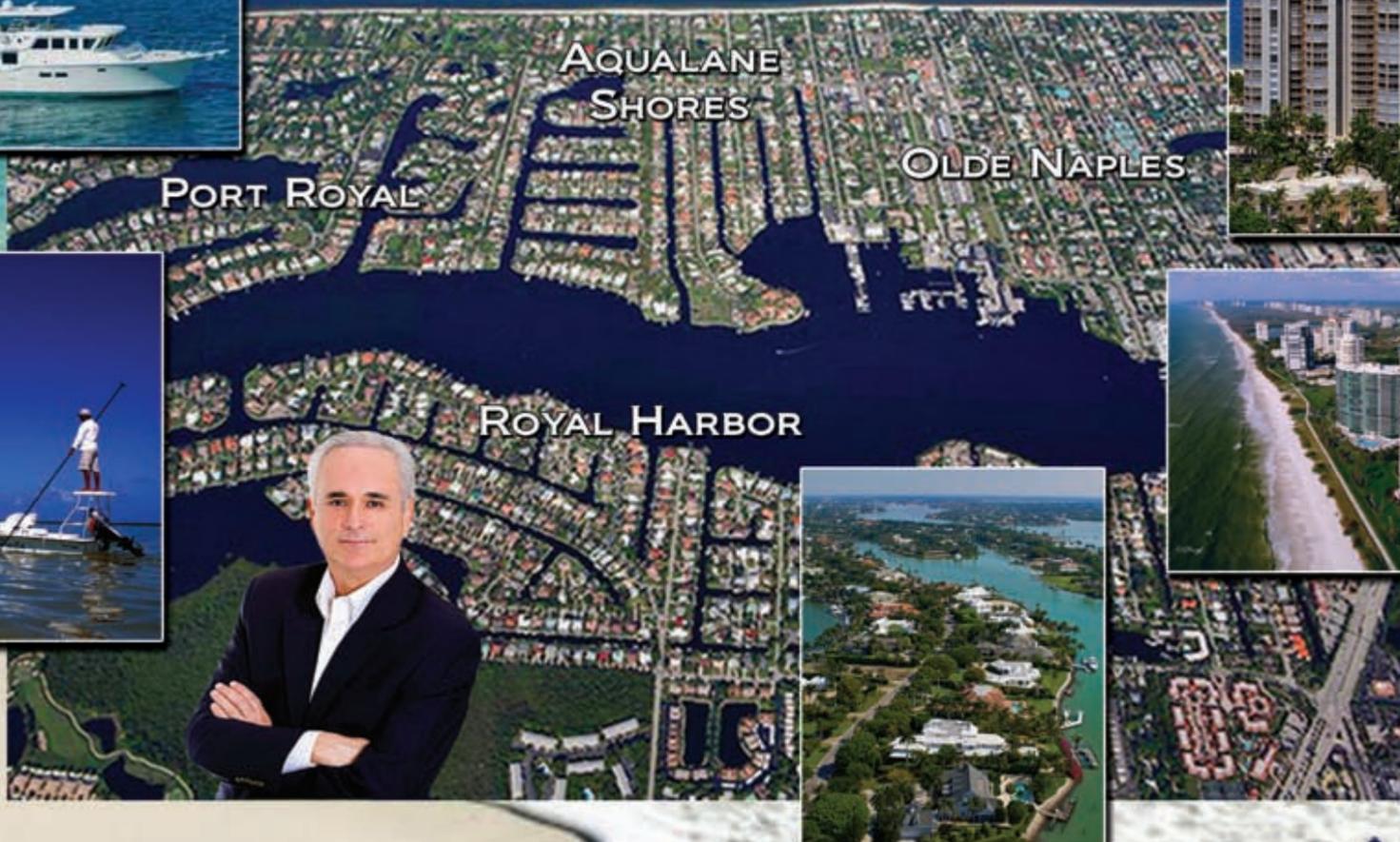
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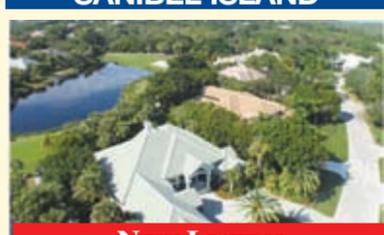
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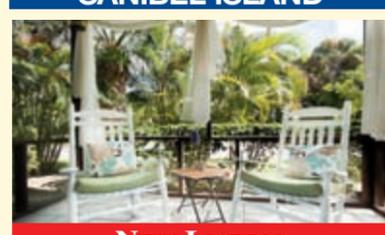
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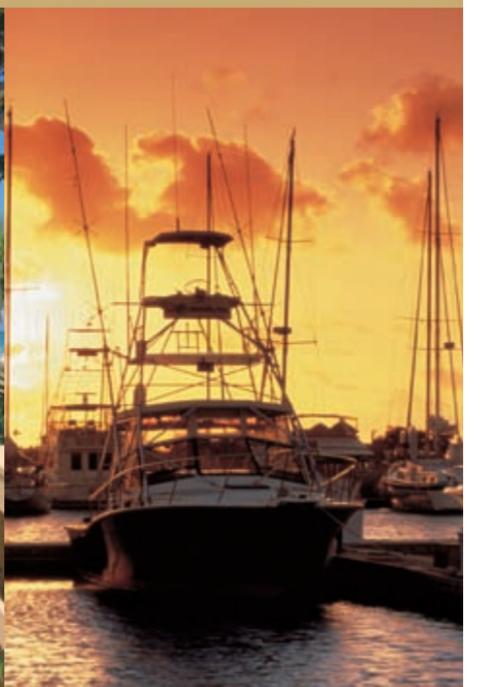


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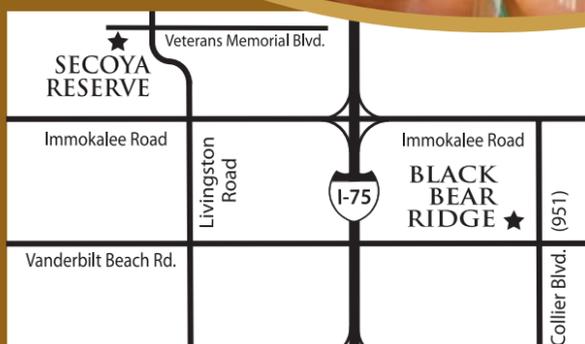
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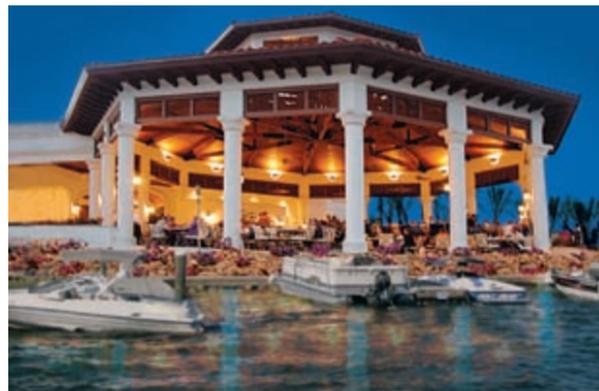
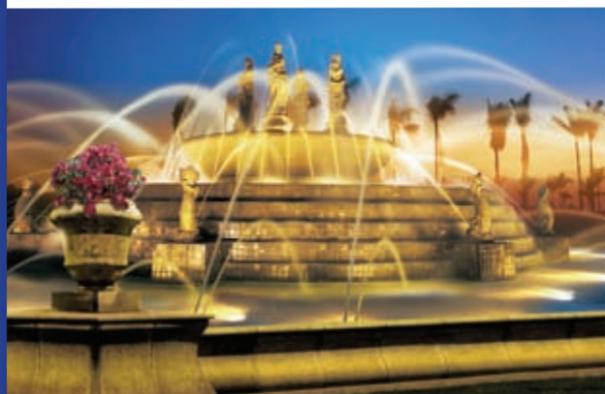
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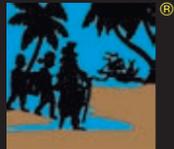


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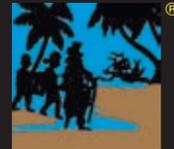
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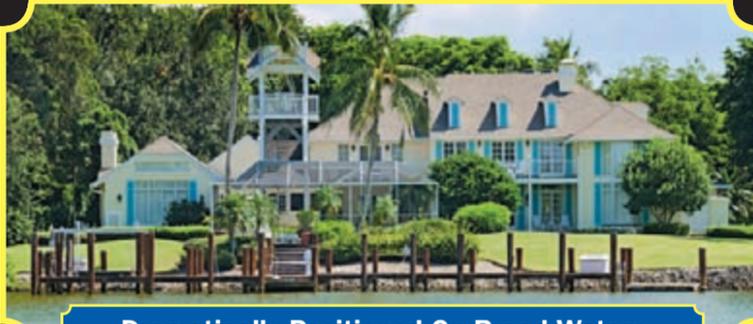


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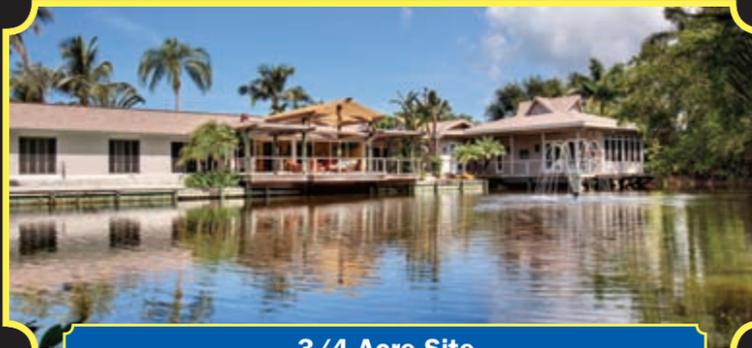


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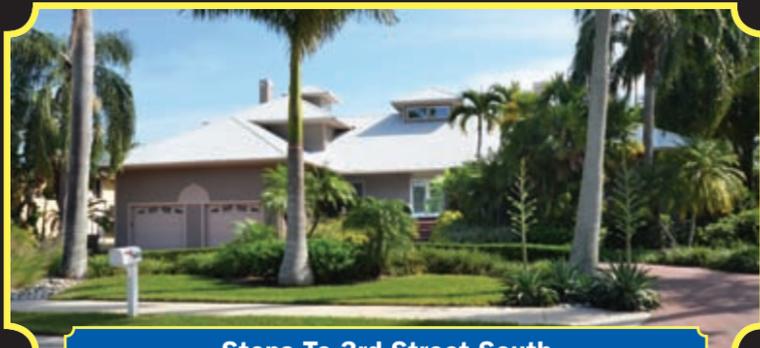
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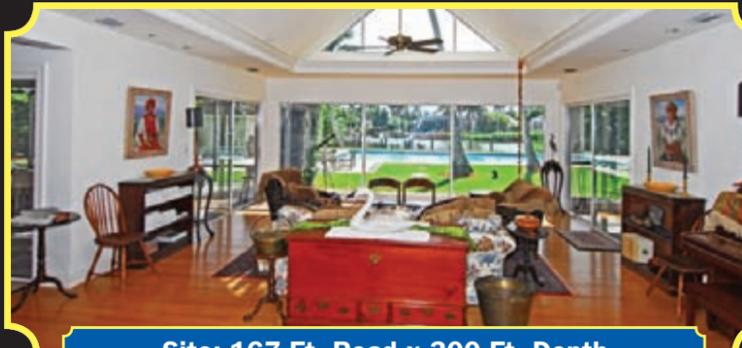
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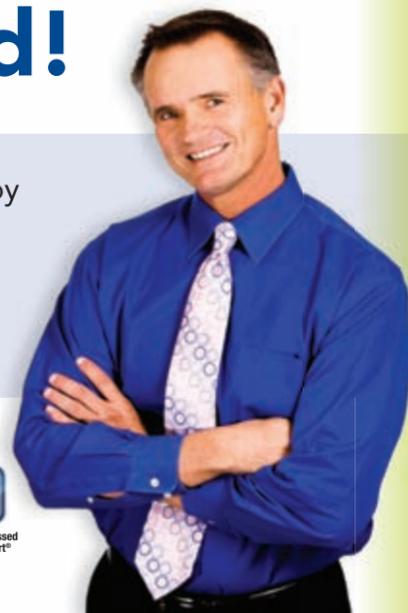
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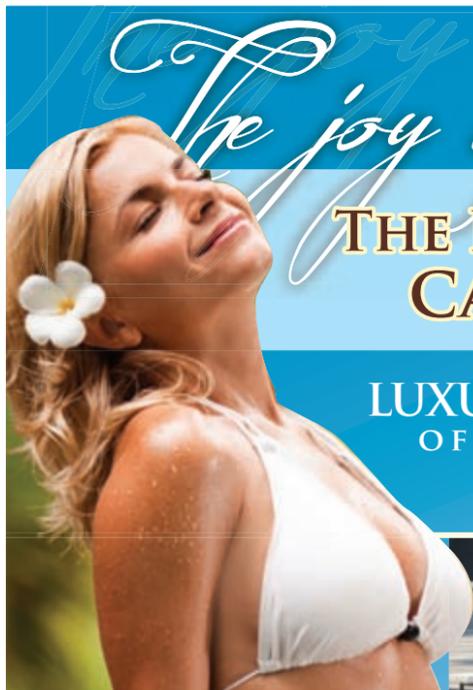
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BROWN

■ The following new agents have joined the staff of John R. Wood Realtors:

Cathi Bruce, Bonita Springs office: Originally from Michigan, Ms. Bruce studied at Michigan State University and Lansing Community College. She earned her sales associate designation in 2011.

Hildy Christensen, Bonita Springs office, the Bunny Caravello Team: Originally from Boston, Ms. Christensen holds an associate's degree from the Art Institute and Atlantic Community College. She previously worked as a graphic designer. She belongs to the Bonita Springs-Estero Association of Realtors.

Kathy Farias, Central office: A native of Key Biscayne, Ms. Farias holds a bachelor's degree in teaching.

Homer Farias, Central office: Originally from Wisconsin, Mr. Farias previously worked in international banking and earned an MBA from the University of Wisconsin. He is a member of the

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Robert Rowan, Central office: Originally from Knoxville, Tenn., Mr. Rowan holds a bachelor's degree in business from the University of Tennessee and previously was a licensed general contractor. He belongs to the Naples Area Board of Realtors.

Ben Maltese, Central office: A Michigan native, Mr. Maltese previously worked as a real estate developer and now holds a broker and sales associate real estate designation. He is a member of the Naples Area Board of Realtors.

■ **Heather Wightman** and **Sharon Hammond-Turnblad** of John R. Wood Realtors were named Gold Top Producers for 2011 for sales in the \$5 million-\$10 million category by the Women's Council of Realtors, Bonita Springs-Estero Chapter. The agency's Ginny Nobbe was named WCR Silver Top Producer, for sales in the \$3 million-\$5 million category.



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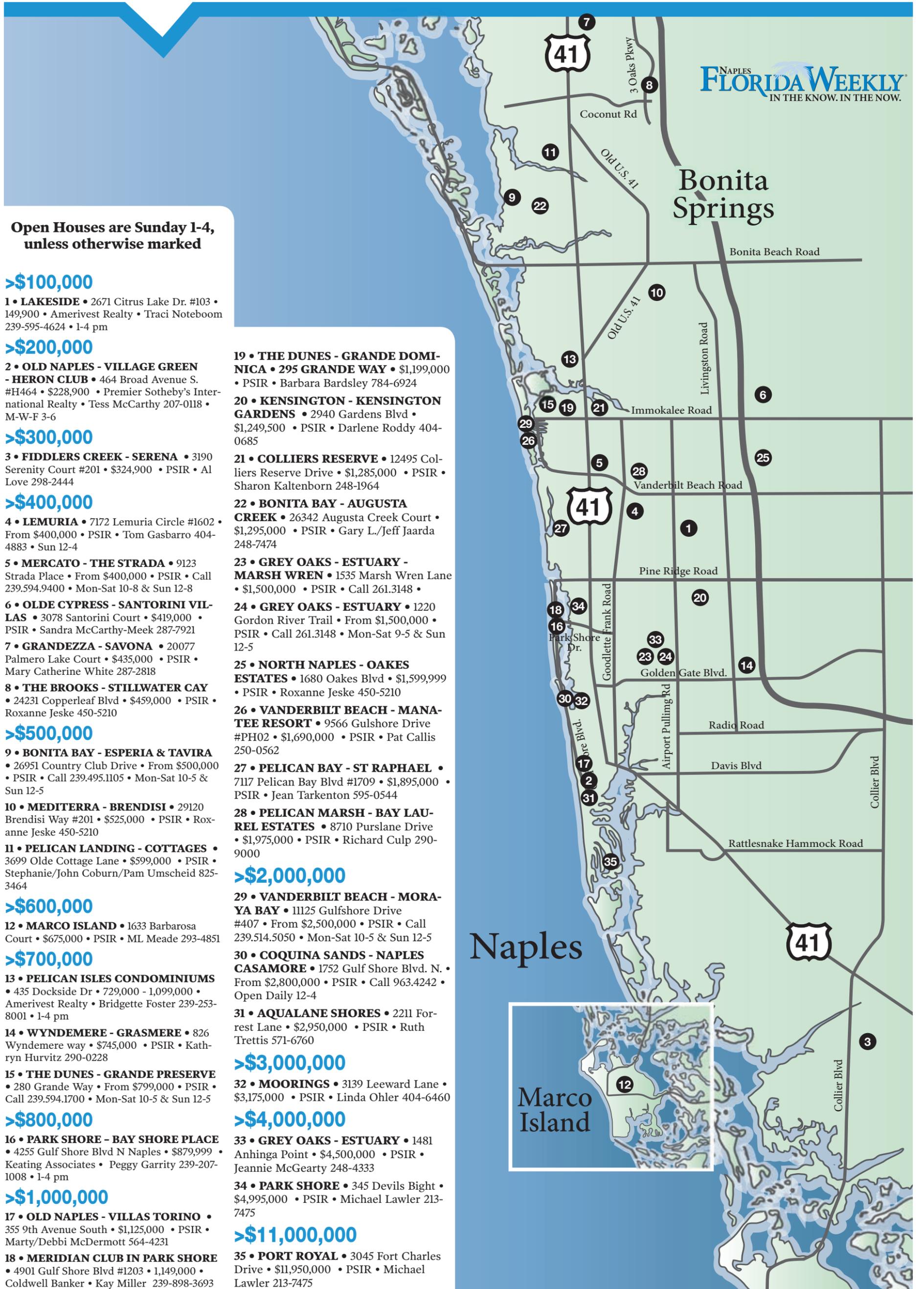
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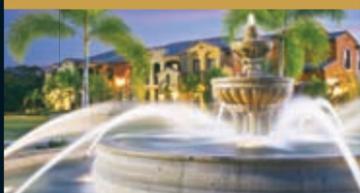
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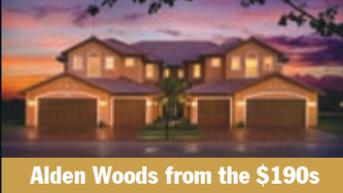
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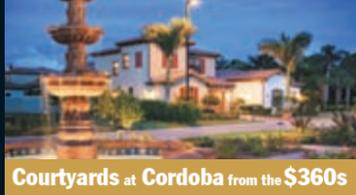
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Meet Brad Meltzer at
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BY NANCY STETSON
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BRAD MELTZER'S THRILLERS are the literary equivalent of crack cocaine: highly addictive and impossible to stay away from once you've had your first taste.

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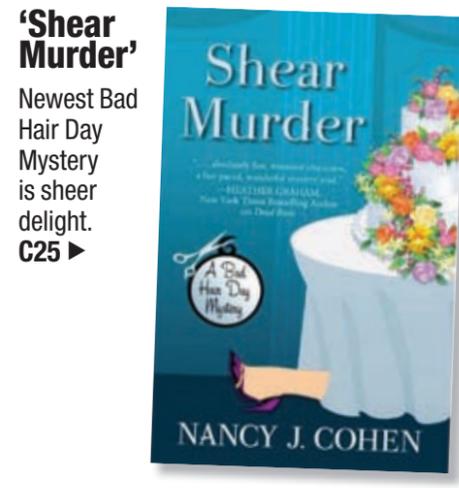
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Naples artists become the subject of art

BY ROBIN DEMATTIA
Florida Weekly Correspondent

In an unusual switch, the artists featured in an upcoming exhibition are not the creators of the works, they are the subjects.

"An Artist's Tribute: Graphite Studies by Lionel Heddy" features candid portraits of 12 local artists who have been inspirational to other artists and helped document Naples. The show is on view Feb. 11-25 at ArtGallery

OldNaples2 in Crayton Cove. Mr. Heddy will attend an opening reception from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11.

"These artists all enrich the lives of the people in Naples but are unsung heroes," says Karen Stone, who owns the gallery with Lynne B. Wilcox. Both women are among the artists profiled.

Mr. Heddy based his work on candid photographs he took of Paul Arsenault, Phil Fisher, Natalie Guess, Sam Platt and

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Natalie Guess is an artist featured by Lionel Heddy



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SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

Q69 Tony



I glanced at the row houses across 23rd, at the school children marching up Ditmars, and back to the poster, a full 8½-by-11 inches of rage poured into 14-point font:

“I believed you when you said

stir. They raised their heads and looked toward the street as the familiar squeal of bus brakes reached us. I looked to the poster’s final lines:

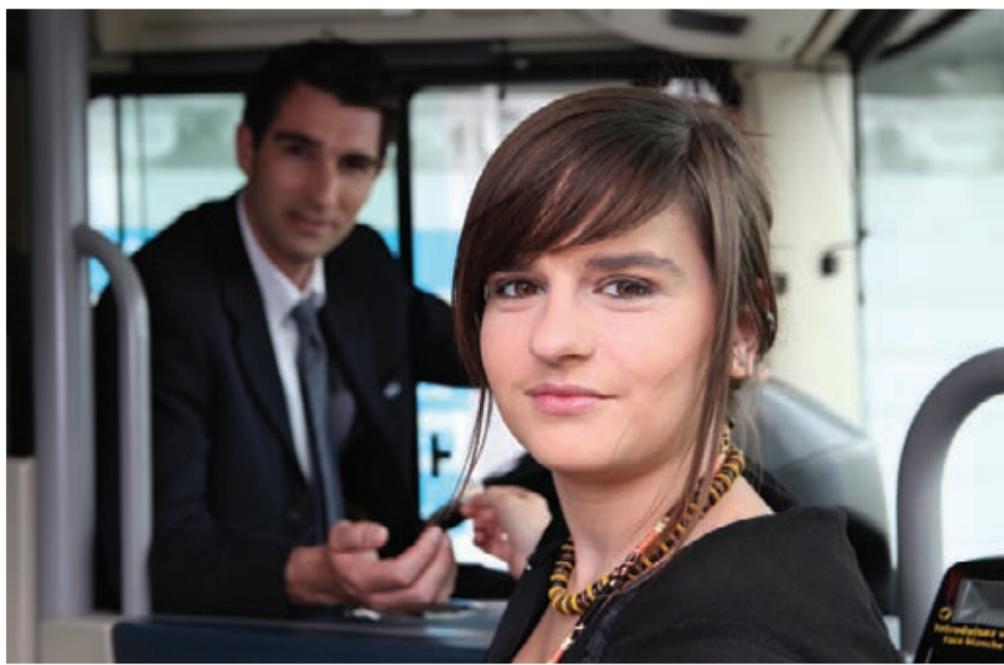
“You lied to me. I should have believed NOTHING!!!!!!”

the flier. I thought about the woman who had posted it, about the anger she must have rolling around inside her like ball bearings. I wondered about the kind of rage that stays with a person as she types a full-page diatribe, an anger that sticks with her as she prints out multiple copies, an anger that hangs around even as she visits every bus stop along the Q69 route with a stack of fliers and a roll of tape.

In my experience, this sort of sustaining anger is rarely directed outward. In fact, it’s often pointed inward, at our own misdeeds. I’ve read that rage like that arises when we don’t respect our own boundaries when, say, we sleep with a city bus driver on first meeting even when we know he’s married. That’s the kind of lack of self respect that makes a woman stay mad for ages, that drives her to shout her rage from the rooftops. Or bus stops.

Perhaps in the end she regretted her rash act. Or maybe Tony cleaned up the posters. It’s hard to say. But they were gone the next morning.

Now when I climb on the bus I can’t help but seek out the driver’s nametag. And if he winks at me — like he did this morning — I have to wonder if it’s Tony. ■



In cities where public transportation is a way of life, I’ve seen serious drama go down on the bus line. I’m talking lovers’ quarrels, catfights, pickup artists and addicts, hookers and bums. But until last week, I’d never seen the fallout from a commuter scorned.

I’m in New York on a brief furlough and my living accommodations are way out in Queens, a bus ride and a 20-minute hike from the last stop on the N train. On a bitter cold weekday morning, I stuffed my hands in my pockets and hunched my shoulders in my coat while I waited with the other straphangers for the Q69 bus. It had snowed the day before and patches of ice glittered in the harsh sun. As I peered through the narrow space between the brim of my cap and the zippered collar of my parka, I saw a poster plastered to the bus stop wall. I moved closer to read the heading.

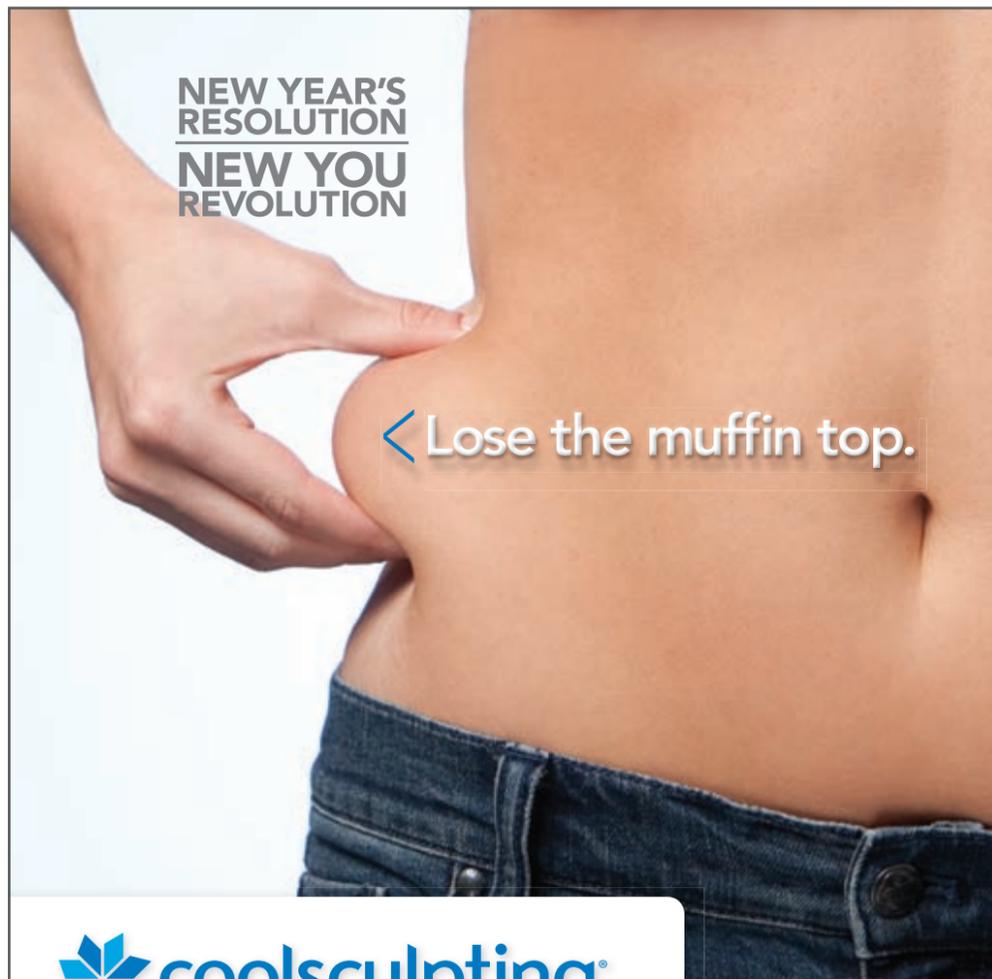
“Q69 Tony is a Dog!!!”

I searched the street — no bus.

married people get lonely, too. Now I know what you were looking for. A ONE-NIGHT STAND. I believed you were for real.”

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I stopped reading at the sixth exclamation point and pulled my MetroCard out of my pocket. I queued with the other commuters and threw a final backward glance at



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Sculptor carves out time and provides materials for promising young student

BY KATHLEEN TAYLOR
Special to Florida Weekly

Alexander is a 12-year-old student in the sixth grade at Pine Ridge Middle School. His family recently moved here from South Africa, and English is his second language. He speaks Spanish, but some might suggest that art is his first language.

"Right away, I could tell that he is really talented," says sculptor Casey Koehler, who teaches classes for teenagers and adults at the Naples Art Association. Rarely does he take on a student younger than 16.

But Alexander's teacher at Pine Ridge had noted the boy's skill with sculpture and shared this with Alexander's parents, who called The von Liebig Art Center to inquire about further opportunities for their son. They couldn't afford to pay for classes, however, and at the time, there wasn't much open for kids at both his age and skill level.

NAA Education Director Callie Spilane contacted Mr. Koehler, who has also taught sculpture at the collegiate-level. He was willing to help, but he wanted to meet the family first.

"I wanted to be sure that his parents were supportive," he explains.

After seeing Alexander's miniature sculptures out of clay that were extremely detailed and precise, he adds, he wanted to mentor him. He remembers thinking how the patience and focus required to create those types of models is rather extraordinary for a young artist. He decided to supply all the materials and share his time for no cost to the family.

Today, Mr. Koehler is training Alexander to go beyond miniatures and create life-sized sculptures. His first project is a portraiture of his father in



Alexander holds his first life-size project, a portraiture of his father in cultured granite.



Casey Koehler

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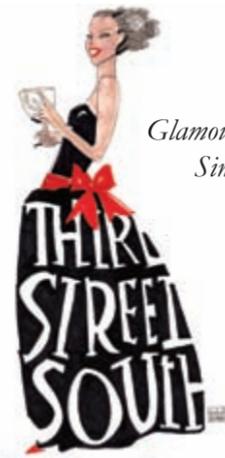
Mr. Koehler goes to the family's house and spends time demonstrating new skills for Alexander, who learns by replication. His father is very involved in helping him as well. The two work together on "homework" to prepare for each new lesson.

Mr. Koehler is quite impressed with his young mentee, acknowledging that of sculpture techniques, portraiture is the most difficult. He urges students to "see" differently, observing shapes as planes, volumes and masses.

"He just grins! He sees that he can do it, and he does a very good job," he says about Alexander. ■

— Kathleen Taylor is the public relations manager for the Naples Art Association at The von Liebig Art Center.

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scene that would be the climax for a lesser suspense tale.”

Mr. Meltzer, whose books have been No. 1 *New York Times* bestsellers, will speak at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in downtown Fort Myers at a luncheon on Sunday, Feb. 12.

The following day, he'll be the guest speaker at another luncheon, this one at the Waldorf Astoria Naples as part of the Nick Linn Lecture Series to benefit Friends of the Library of Collier County.

Mr. Meltzer confesses to having a soft spot for libraries.

“I got my start with my grandmother taking me to the library when I was little,” he says. “We didn't have much money, but we did have a library card.”

Now his works can be found on those same library shelves.

Loved by fans for their fast pacing, his books are also known for the tidbits of insider knowledge he deftly weaves into the plot.

Mr. Meltzer does a tremendous amount of research to make his novels ring true.

For example, for “The First Counsel,” in which a White House lawyer dates the president's daughter, he contacted every living daughter of a president asking if they would be willing to speak with him. One, under promise of anonymity, did talk to him, as did a former Secret Service agent.

“I thought, he's not going to tell me anything,” he says about approaching the Secret Service agent for some insights. “But he said, ‘I read your first book. I want to help you.’”

Former Presidents George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton have also given him background information.

He initially heard from the senior President Bush when he received a letter from him saying how much he loved “The Millionaires” and requesting a signed copy. The author thought someone was playing a joke on him, he says, but when he contacted the sender, he discovered the letter was legitimate.

When he asked for President Bush's help on a subsequent book, the response was not only a yes, it was an invitation

to spend a weekend with the Bushes in Houston doing his research. “I thought, this is the chance of a lifetime,” he recalls. “I got to be there because I'm not a reporter, I'm not the *Washington Post*... I'm going to tell an entertaining story, and they know I'm not going to burn them.”

“To watch them watch TV, to see what he flips to... The only way to be the fly (on the wall) is to make sure no one wants to swat you.”

“That's a fun day at work, when you get to that. But I had to write four books to have that happen. I feel very, very privileged to get that perspective.”

Former President Clinton, a fan since Mr. Meltzer's first novel, has also written him notes and provided background information.

In “The Book of Fate,” for example, Mr. Meltzer's protagonist, an aide to the president, details in various places what it's like to be a president and also what it's like for them after they leave office.

As he's written on his website, www.bradmeltzer.com, “You can invent all the stuff you want, but if it doesn't smell real, readers will know in a nano-second. To me, fiction is best when it has one foot in reality.”

He says he gets letters all the time from people saying, “I'm a Republican, and I read your book; you must be a Republican,” and others who say, “I'm a Democrat, I read your book; you must be a Democrat.”

Such letters from readers, he says, assure him that he's “doing it perfectly right.”

Determined, young... 'and stupid'

While attending the University of Michigan, Mr. Meltzer had an internship on Capitol Hill, an experience that he says went on to influence much of his writing. After graduation, he moved to Boston for a job at *Games* magazine, but the person who was going to be his mentor soon left.

“So I did what any logical person would do. I said, ‘I'm going to write a novel.’ It made absolutely no sense. I was determined... and young and, therefore, stupid.”

He got an agent, but the book didn't sell.

As he puts it: “I received 24 rejection letters. There were only 20 publishers, so some people were writing me twice, to make sure I got the point.”

Not to be discouraged, he started another novel.

“(I thought), if they don't like that book, I'm going to write another. And if they don't like that book, I'll write another. And if they don't like that book, I'll write another.”

Mr. Meltzer says he got his sense of perseverance from his middle-class, working parents. “They worked really hard their whole life. We didn't have a lot, but when you don't have a lot, you tend to have a lot of determination.”

He was the first in his family to go to college. Though he went on to get a degree at Columbia Law School, he's made his living as a writer.

And in addition to his books, he was co-creator of “Jack & Bobby,” a TV show for the WB (about two teenage brothers, one of whom grows up to be president). Though nominated for a Golden Globe, it only lasted one season. He also wrote some issues for the Green Arrow comic book which were later published as a graphic novel, “Green Arrow: The Archer's Quest,” for which Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont wrote the introduction.

He wrote the comic “Identity Crisis,” which included DC Comics superheroes Batman, Superman and Wonder Woman, as well as other lesser-known names.

He wrote 13 issues of the monthly Justice League of America series, receiving the 2008 Eisner Award for Best Single Issue for issue 11. And in 2006, he was asked by the Department of Homeland Security to brainstorm, along with the CIA and FBI, various ways terrorists could possibly attack.

He also became the host of “Brad Meltzer's Decoded,” which airs on the History Channel.

In 2010 he published “Heroes for My Son,” in which he writes about people such as Rosa Parks and Jim Henson. On April 10, his book “Heroes for My Daughter” will be released. In both books, he examines various people who embody the values he wants to pass

along to his children.

“The truth is, I tried to approach them the same, but I couldn't,” he says. “I just have different feelings as a father of a son and as a father of a daughter. I wish I didn't... but the truth is, inevitably I told a much more personal story in my daughter's book. Maybe because of the loss of my parents.”

It's been a tough year, he says, explaining that he lost both parents and his grandmother last year.

“Coming up with heroes for my daughter, I was trying to find heroes like my parents,” he says. “It wound up becoming something to celebrate. It became things I was dealing with in my own life.”

No matter what he's working on — television series, magazine articles, novels or nonfiction books — Mr. Meltzer says, his writing reflects his core belief that ordinary people change the world. “I believe in regular people and their ability to affect change in the world. That's what every book (is about).”

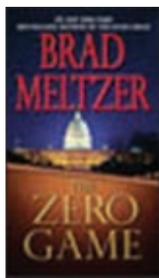
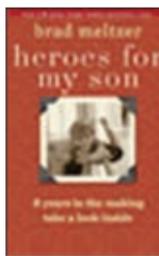
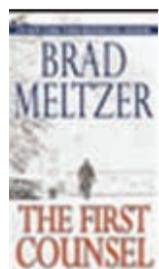
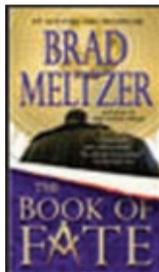
A day in the life

Mr. Meltzer says he sits down to write by 9:30 or 10 a.m. Then, he adds, “I squeeze the sponge until it's dry. Sometimes that's 4 p.m. or 2 p.m. or 6 p.m.”

And every time, before he writes, he thinks of those 24 rejection letters he got at the beginning of his career, and of his mother, who reassured him by saying, “I'd love you if you were a garbage man.”

“I say that to myself every day before I sit down to write,” he says, “just so I can be as hungry as I was on Day One. The moment I think I've made it, I'm finished.”

“How many writers, you look at their sixth or seventh book and you think, ‘Oh my God, they don't care anymore.’ I don't ever want to be that person.” ■



Author of ‘The Weird Sisters’ to speak at the Phil

BY NANCY STETSON

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Eleanor Brown, author of the *New York Times* bestseller “The Weird Sisters,” will join Elaine Newton as her guest for Critic's Choice at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, and at the same time Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. Both presentations have been moved from the smaller Daniels Pavilion to Hayes Hall, the main performance hall at the Phil.

Ms. Brown will also visit two area Barnes & Noble bookstores to read from and sign copies of her book. She'll be at the South Fort Myers location at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, and at the Waterside Shops location in Naples at 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11.

A *New York Times* Notable Book, “The Weird Sisters” was declared “a delightful debut” by *People* magazine. It tells the story of three sisters who, because their father is a Shakespeare scholar, are named after heroines in the Bard's plays. When their mother is diagnosed with breast cancer, they all return



home, though each is dealing with her own crisis.

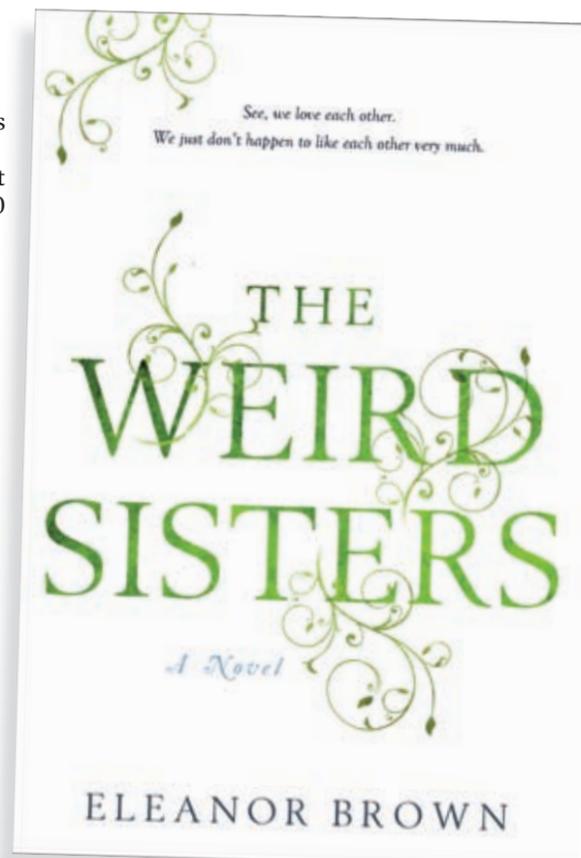
Ms. Brown tells the story in the plural first person, “we.”

“See, we love each other. We just don't like each other very much,” the narrators say, describing their sibling rivalry.

The paperback edition was released Feb. 7.

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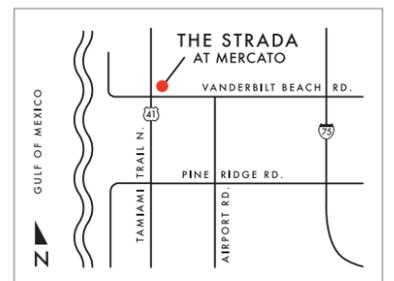


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■ **Visiting Mr. Green** - By The Marco Players Feb. 15-March 4. 642-7270 or www.themarcoplayers.com.

■ **Tribute to Patsy Cline** - Part of the Box Lunch Series by The Marco Players on Feb. 11. 642-7270 or www.themarcoplayers.com.

■ **Memphis** - At the Philharmonic Center for the Arts Feb. 14-19. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

■ **Dog Sees God: Confessions of a Teenage Blockhead** - By FGCU Theatre Lab Feb. 15-26 at FGCU. 590-7268 or <http://theatrelab.fgcu.edu>.

■ **The Exonerated** - By Theatre Conspiracy at the Alliance for the Arts, Fort Myers, on select dates Feb. 10-25. 936-3239 or www.theatreconspiracy.org.

■ **Romeo and Juliet** - By Laboratory Theater of Florida Feb. 10-25 at the Kiwanis Hall, Fort Myers. 218-0481.

■ **I'm Herbert... and Other Strangers** - By The Island Players through Feb. 18 at the Marco Island Historical Museum. 394-0080 or www.theateronmarco.com.

■ **Bedroom Farce** - By Florida Repertory Theatre, Fort Myers, through Feb. 25. 332-4488 or www.floridarep.org.

■ **Squabbles** - By the Off Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers, through March 3. 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.

■ **Me and My Girl** - By the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Fort Myers, through Feb. 11. 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.

Thursday, Feb. 9

■ **Art, Antiques & Jewelry** - The Palm Beach Show Group presents the Naples Art, Antiques & Jewelry Show today through Monday at the Naples Exhibition Center. (561) 822-5440 or www.NaplesShow.com.

■ **Wet Paint Live** - The fifth annual Marco Island Wet Paint Live starts at 5:30 p.m. at the Marco Island Center for the Arts. Enjoy an auction of works created earlier in the day by 20 artists around Marco Island. 394-7549.

■ **Here Comes the Bride** - The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents "Live at the Promenade!... Joey & Maria's Comedy Italian Wedding" at 6 p.m. at The Promenade at Bonita Bay. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ **French Film** - The Tournées French Film Festival presents "Paris" at 6 p.m. at the Sugden Welcome Center Theater at FGCU. Free. 590-1511 or dgras@fgcu.edu.

■ **Ad-Libbing** - Naples City Improv takes the stage at 8 p.m. at the English Pub on the East Trail. \$10, plus a two-item minimum from the menu. 682-0638.



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"The Peaceable Kingdom" a one-man show of magical realism works by Kevin Sloan (including *The Burden of Formality*, shown here) opens with a reception with the artist from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Feb. 9 at the Gardner Colby Gallery. The show runs through Feb. 21. RSVP for the opening reception by calling 403-7787 or e-mailing art@gardnercolbygallery.com.

■ **More Classical** - The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra presents "Tchaikovsky's Sixth" as part of its Classical Series at 8 p.m. today through Saturday at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

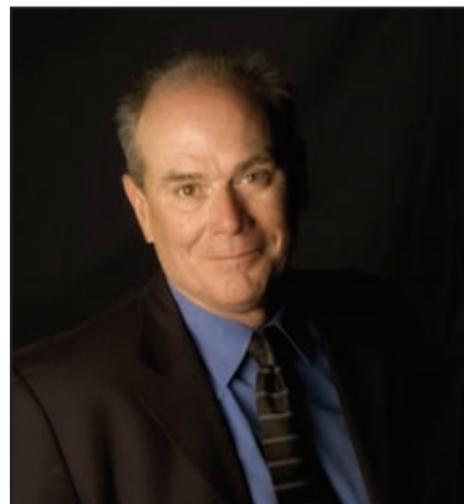
■ **Wonder Woman** - Lynda Carter takes the stage at 6 and 8:30 p.m. today and Friday at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

Friday, Feb. 10

■ **Monster Trucks** - The Monster X Tour comes to Germain Arena today through Saturday. www.monsterxtour.com.

■ **Piano Man** - "Piano Man: Tribute to Billy Joel," led by Mark Anthony, takes place from 6-9 p.m. at the Naples Botanical Garden. Bring a blanket or chair for seating. 743-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.

■ **Art Opening** - The Sweet Art Gallery hosts an opening for "The Female Persuasion," including works by Mary Ann Flynn-Fouse and Lenore Robbins," from 6-9 p.m. 2054 Trade Center Way. 597-2110 or www.TheSweetArtGallery.com.



Comedian Jeff Jena performs at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 17 at The Norris Center. Tickets are \$25. 213-3049.

■ **Free Film** - Marco Presbyterian Church presents a free screening of "Courageous" at 7 p.m. 394-8186 or www.marcochurch.com.

Saturday, Feb. 11

■ **Bluegrass Fest** - The fifth annual "Jammin In The Hammock" Bluegrass Festival runs from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. today and from 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday at Collier Seminole State Park. 394-3397.

■ **Arts & Crafts** - The Naples Art-crafters Fine Art and Craft Show takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Cambier Park. 250-0804.

■ **Art Fest** - The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents the Bonita Springs National Art Festival from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. today and Sunday at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ **More Art** - The sixth annual Coconut Point Art Festival runs today and Sunday at Coconut Point. (561) 746-6615.

■ **Party Time** - Marco Island Sunrise Rotary presents Party in The Park from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Veterans Park. Enjoy games, music, food and crafts. 248-7419.

■ **Gallery Show** - ART 41 has its third showing from 11-6 p.m. 4115 Tamiami Trail N. 263-0999.

■ **Poetry Reading** - Edison State College-Collier Campus, in partnership with the Florida Literacy Arts Coalition, hosts a poetry reading featuring Tim Seibles at 6 p.m. Mr. Seibles is renowned for his streetwise, syncopated poems. Free. 7007 Lely Cultural Parkway. jlanglas@edison.edu.

■ **Arty Evening** - Art After Dark runs from 6-9 p.m. at the Galleries of Crayton Cove. Visit nine galleries and businesses and enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres while viewing artwork. 659-2787.

■ **Rock Veterans** - The Hit Men take the stage at 6 and 8:30 p.m. today and Sunday at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

Sunday, Feb. 12

■ **Fish Fry** - The Bonita Springs Lions Club and the Bonita Springs Historical Society host a fish fry from noon-2 p.m. at the Liles Hotel on Old 41. Enjoy tunes by The American Folk Trio. \$10 in advance; \$12 at the event. 992-0154, 992-6997 or www.BonitaSpringsHistoricalSociety.org.

■ **Film Fest** - The Marco Island Jewish Film Festival presents "Berlin '36" at 2 p.m. \$25. 991 Winterberry Drive. 642-0800.

■ **Outdoor Jazz** - Naples Botanical Garden presents Jazz in the Garden: Level 10 from 2-4 p.m. Bring a blanket or lawn chair for seating. 743-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.

■ **Classical Access** - The Gulf Coast Symphony presents its next Classical Access concert with guest violinist Timothy Schwarz at 7:30 p.m. at Bishop Verot High School, Fort Myers. 277-1700 or www.gulfcoastsymphony.org.

Monday, Feb. 13

■ **Card Scams** - World-class card shark Darwin Ortiz presents "Scams and Fantasies with Cards" at 6 and 8 p.m. today and Tuesday in the Tobye Studio at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990.

■ **Art Talk** - Lee Sandstead, art historian and host of the Travel Channel's "I'm Having an Art Attack with Lee Sandstead," speaks at 10 a.m. at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. \$40. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO



The Naples Botanical Garden hosts "Gnomes in the Children's Garden" with numerous activities, such as building gnome shelters and making gnome hats, from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Feb. 11. 743-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.



Best-selling children's author Jeff Kinney kicks off festivities for the 12th annual Celebration of Reading with a book signing from 6-8 p.m. Feb. 16 at Barnes & Noble at Coconut Point. Guests can bring one book from home, and Mr. Kinney will have additional titles for purchase and signing. www.CelebrationofReading.org.

■ **Play Your Cards** - The Greater Marco Family YMCA offers bingo at 1 p.m. Doors open at noon and snacks are served. 394-YMCA (9622), ext. 204, or dottie@marcoislandymca.org.

■ **Travel Event** - Preferred Travel of Naples hosts "An Evening of Cultural Celebrations" to benefit The Shelter for Abused Women & Children. Enjoy travel presentations, music by the Naples Jazz Syndicate, hors d'oeuvres and more from 5-8 p.m. at a private club in North Naples. \$45. 261-1177.

■ **Movie Time** - The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents a screening and discussion of "The Man Who Loved Women" at 7 p.m. at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ **More Bingo** - It's Bingo night at the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island. The doors at 991 Winterberry Drive open at 5:30 p.m. for a free kosher hot dog supper, and the first game is called at 7 p.m. 642-0800.

■ **Intellectualization Mondays** - It's TGIM for the Fort Myers Film Festival at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center. Watch and discuss short

undistributed indie films with celebrity judges, filmmakers and community. Doors open at 6 p.m. for social hour, films start at 7 p.m. www.fortmyers-filmfestival.com.

Tuesday, Feb. 14

■ **Prayer Breakfast** - The 29th annual Marco Island Prayer Breakfast starts at 7:30 a.m. at the Marriott Marco Beach Resort. Breakfast follows. The guest speaker is retired chaplain Brigadier Gen. Doug Lee. \$20. 642-3622.

■ **Italian Art** - Art educator Joan Jacobs presents "An Artistic Walk around Florence, Italy" as part of the Art Talk series beginning at 10 a.m. in the Daniels Pavilion at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. \$40. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

■ **Mrs. Bach** - Damaris Peters Pike presents "Women of Note: The Second Mrs. Bach" at 2 p.m. at Headquarters Library, 2385 Orange Blossom Drive. 593-0177.

■ **Funny Guy** - Philly Plowden performs at the Off the Hook Comedy Club on Marco Island tonight through Feb. 19. 389-6900.

Wednesday, Feb. 15

■ **Oldies Tunes** - Dave Kilbride performs "Whole Lot of Shaking Goin' On: Music of the '40s, '50s & '60s" at 2 p.m. at the Bonita Springs Public Library. Registration required. 479-4636.

■ **It Takes Two** - Argentine tango dancer Helaine Treitman presents "Tango Music Appreciation" the first lecture in the series The Art of the Tango, at 2 p.m. in the Toni Stabile Building at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. \$34. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

■ **Shakespeare Night** - Shakespeare in Paradise presents readings and discussions of Shakespeare's romantic sonnets as part of a monthly series of Shakespeare lectures starting at 5:15 p.m. at Clive Daniel Home. Free. 2777 Tamiami Trail N. 261-4663.

Coming up

■ **French Film** - The FGCU Depart-

ment of Language and Literature's Tournées French Film Festival presents "Copie Conforme" (Certified Copy) at 7 p.m. Feb. 16 at the FGCU Sugden Welcome Center. 590-1511 or dgras@fgcu.edu.

■ **Doo-Wop Tunes** - Larry Chance and the Earls perform at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 16 at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Fort Myers. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. 278-4422.

■ **All That Jazz** - Sax player Charles McPherson performs with the Philharmonic Jazz Orchestra at 6 and 8:30 p.m. Feb. 16 at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.thePhil.org.

■ **Winging It** - Naples City Improv performs at 8 p.m. Feb. 16 at The Norris Center. 213-3058.

■ **Brass Sounds** - Smokin' Brass performs at 8 p.m. Feb. 16 at Temple Shalom, 4630 Pine Ridge Road. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

■ **Funny Guy** - Comedian Jeff Jena performs at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 17 at The Norris Center. \$25. 213-3049.

■ **Stone Sculpture** - The Zimbabwean stone sculpture exhibit "ZimSculpt" makes its Florida debut with a two-month exhibition and sale starting Feb. 17 at the Naples Botanical Garden. 643-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.

■ **Art Event** - 3rd Saturday Art Days takes place from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 18 at the Pine Ridge Industrial Park. Stroll

through galleries and see artists at work. 821-1061.

■ **Free Concert** - The Bonita Springs Concert Band performs from 2-4 p.m. Feb. 19 at Riverside Park on Old 41. 405-3320 or www.Bonitaspringsconcertband.com.

■ **Cupcakes for the Homeless** - "Maria's Cupcakes for the Homeless" runs from 3-5 p.m. Feb. 18 at the Fred Astaire Dance Studio, 5926 Premier Way. \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door. 450-4066 or www.MariasBirthdayWishesForTheHomeless.org.

■ **Free Concert** - The FGCU Bower School of Music presents the President's Kaleidoscope Concert at 2 and 4 p.m. Feb. 19. 590-7851 or pharkins@fgcu.edu.

■ **Jazz in the Park** - The Bayshore Cultural and Performing Arts Center presents The Dan Heck Trio from 2-4 p.m. Feb. 19 at Sugden Regional Park. Free. 775-2800 or www.bayshorecapa.org.

■ **Spin Your Partner** - The Happy Promenaders hosts a square dance at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 19 at The Hitching Post RV Park Rec Hall, 100 Barefoot Williams Road. ■

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THEATER REVIEW

A bedroom-hopping farce: Dated, but fun at Florida Rep



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"Bedroom Farce" at the Florida Rep contains some outstanding comedic acting.

Three bedrooms, four couples. Imagine the possibilities. British playwright Alan Ayckbourn did, and wrote a farce about it.

And in the same way some people name their dog Dog, he titled his bedroom farce "Bedroom Farce." It's at Florida Repertory Theatre through Feb. 25.

In a fun, self-imposed creative challenge for the playwright, the entire action takes place in three bedrooms. And the bedrooms, in this case by set designer Ray Recht, rule the stage. Placed side-by-side, they jackknife across the stage, making use of every possible inch of its width. (Mr. Recht has also given us part of the world outside those bedrooms, with fully realized hallways glimpsed outside the doors and windows that reveal foliage.)

"You can tell a great deal from people's bedrooms, if you know what to look for," one character intones at the beginning of the play. And it's true; even before we meet the characters, their rooms reveal their personalities.

The first, stage left, has a high four-poster bed and a wallpaper pattern of pink flowers on a pale blue background. The middle bedroom, walls painted in bright yellow, blue and white stripes, boasts a lava lamp and a lime-green platform bed. And the third bedroom is sedate and muted, with blue-gray striped wallpaper and a soft gray headboard bordered in black.

The plot revolves around Susannah (Brandy Zarle) and Trevor (Eric Mendenhall), a young married couple who are having problems in and out of the bedroom. Both are highly neurotic, and neither is any good at that one thing essential for all relationships: communicating.

Over the course of one Saturday evening, they manage to disrupt three other couples: their friends, Malcolm (Jason Parrish) and Kate (Amy Hutchins), who are having a party; Trevor's ex-girlfriend Jan (Michelle Damato) and her husband Nick (Brad DePlanche); and Trevor's parents, Ernest (Chris Clavelli) and Delia (Carrie Lund).

Susannah is anxious and lacks confi-

dence, while Trevor is somewhat dim-witted and fails to pick up on social cues. He's obviously not gotten over Jan, his ex. When they run into each other at Malcolm and Kate's party, they kiss, and Trevor, overcome with passion, throws Jan onto their hosts' bed. Of course his wife, Susannah, walks in on them at that very moment.

After ruining the party with her histrionics, Susannah leaves, going to Trevor's parents for comfort, while Trevor somehow reasons he should go over to Jan and Nick's house to apologize and explain that nothing actually happened. As it's long past midnight, both couples they visit are already in bed.

Mr. Mendenhall, making his debut at the Florida Rep, is endlessly entertaining. His Trevor is a fully realized character, full of idiosyncracies, delightfully morose and oblivious to the destruction he leaves in his wake. Whether he's mooning about or getting tangled up in a phone cord, he provides much of the evening's laughs. I didn't want to take my eyes off of him, he was so fascinating to watch. Ms. Zarle plays Susannah as a jangle of nerves, constantly at fever pitch.

Ms. Lund and Mr. Clavelli are highly entertaining as the mature couple of the group. It's obvious their characters have been together for a long time and have fallen into the comfortable rituals of a long-married couple. They're easy with each other, and absolutely adorable, especially when sitting up in bed together, each wearing a nightcap.

Just home from dining out for their anniversary, their idea of doing "something really, really wicked" between the

sheets is eating sardines on toast in bed, causing Delia to dryly comment: "I feel I'm sleeping aboard a fishing trawler."

Ms. Lund has a real talent for delivering comedic lines with just the right inflection and timing, and these skills are on constant display in "Bedroom Farce." She gets one of the biggest laughs of the night relaying her mother's advice about sex: "If S-E-X rears its ugly head... close your eyes before you see the rest of it!"

Happily, she's paired with Mr. Clavelli, who always amazes on stage. His Ernest is a well-meaning but somewhat befuddled husband. He fumbles about in a charming way, and the scenes where he reads "Tom Brown's School Days" aloud are absolutely priceless.

In high contrast, Malcolm and Kate are a couple just beginning their marriage. Like children, they giggle and chase each other about, even spraying each other with shaving cream. But while they have a playful marriage, it's obvious they don't talk much about things that are important.

Mr. Parrish and Ms. Hutchins are totally believable as the young pair. Ms. Hutchins' Kate is sweet and anxious to please, constantly shoring up her husband's ego, while Mr. Parrish's Malcolm is eager but clueless. He's constantly building things for their home, but is not very skilled at it — an apt metaphor for their marriage.

Surprisingly, despite their considerable comedic skill, Mr. DePlanche and Ms. Damato were not as funny as I'd expect. Ms. Damato, having to play a pragmatic and efficient wife, doesn't have much to work with, though the

scene where she's trapped underneath her husband's dead weight is one of the evening's highlights.

But Mr. DePlanche, who was so funny in Florida Rep's productions of "The 39 Steps" and "It's a Wonderful Life," seems out of step in this farce. His humor is so different in tone than the others' that he seems to be acting in a totally different play. I wish director Robert Cacioppo had had him play the role more as a person than as a clown or caricature.

Mr. DePlanche's Nick is selfish and demanding, not a very likeable character at all. A little of his whining goes a long way. Unfortunately, in this play, he's more annoying than humorous.

Costume designer Roberta Malcolm has dressed the cast in the trendy clothes of England in 1974, painfully reminding us all of how terrible fashion was then. A couple of the men wear what looks to be plaid polyester pants, and Susannah wears a culotte. Trevor wears wildly colored socks, and the nightcaps Ernest and Delia don in bed are also a great touch.

"Bedroom Farce" is 37 years old, and it shows. While some of the humor stands the test of time, much of it seems dated. Self-affirmations are so much a part of our culture now that they don't seem peculiar or all that humorous, and an Internet that caters to any kink you can dream up makes finding shoes or kitchen implements in the bedsheets ho-hum rather than shocking or bizarre.

While "Bedroom Farce" does provide some laughs, it never reaches the heights of hilarity I expect from a farce. It does, however, contain some outstanding comedic acting, especially from Mr. Mendenhall, Mr. Parrish, Mr. Clavelli and Ms. Lund.

Paradoxically, in this play, many of the parts are greater than the complete picture. And while I wasn't giddy with laughter, I find myself wanting to see some of these individual comedic performances yet again. ■

in the know

"Bedroom Farce"

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In addition to Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Sieber, the cast includes: Billy Harrington Tighe, Bernard Burak Sheredy, Cathy Newman, Jeigh Madjus, Gay Marshall, Allison Blair McDowell, Dale Hensley, Ashley Kate Adams, Ken Clark, Danny Vaccaro, Rynyn Juliano, Matt Anctil, Mark Roland, Donald Shorter Jr., Trevor Downey, Logan Keslar, Terry Lavell, Todd Thurston, Todd Lattimore, Christophe Caballerro and SuEllen Estey.

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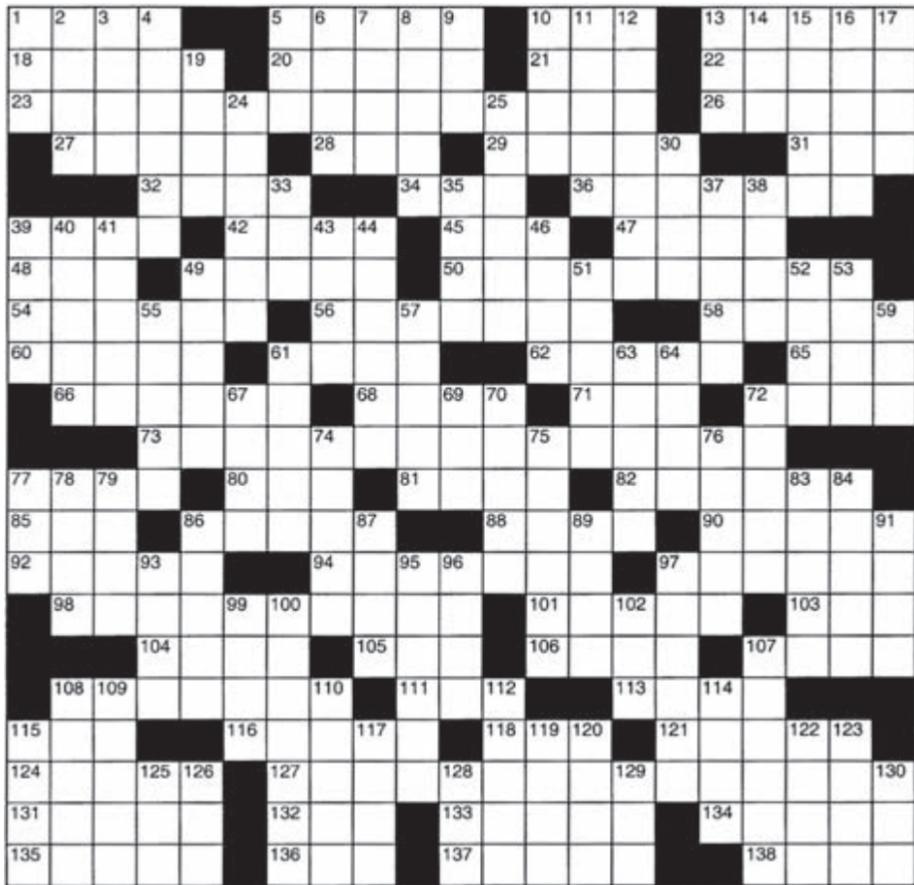
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HOROSCOPES

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** A display of temperament surprises you, as well as those around you. It could be all that pressure you're under. Consider letting someone help you see it through.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Some things don't seem to be working out as you'd hoped. Don't fret. Instead, take some time out to reassess your plans and see where changes could be made.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Your ideas are finally reaching those who can appreciate them. But don't expect any immediate reactions. That will come later. Meanwhile, a personal matter needs your attention.

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Your energy levels are rising, and you're feeling restless and eager to get into some activity, whether it's for profit or just for fun. In either case, the aspects are highly favorable, so go for it.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** A relationship seems to be winding down from passionate to passive. It's up to you to decide what the next step will be. But don't wait too long to take the initiative. Delay could create more problems.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** A decision looms. But be very sure that this is what you really want before you sign or say anything. Once you act, there'll be little or no wiggle room for any adjustments.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Money matters improve, but you still need to be

cautious with your spending. Also, set aside that Leonine pride for a bit and apologize for contributing to that misunderstanding.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** A tempting financial situation could make the usually unflappable Virgo rush in before checking things out. Be alert to possible hidden problems. Get the facts before you act.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** It's nice to know that you're finally getting due credit for your efforts. You also should know that new opportunities will follow. A family member brings important news.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Any uncertainty that begins to cloud an impending decision could signal a need to re-examine your reasons for wanting to take on this commitment.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** You benefit from taking time out of your currently hectic schedule to do more contemplation or meditation. This will help re-energize you, both in body and soul.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Nursing hurt feelings can zap the energies of even the usually self-confident Sea Goat. Best advice: Move forward. Success is the best balm for a painful ego.

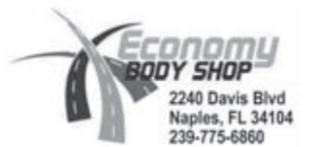
■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You enjoy traveling and meeting people. You are especially good with children and would make an excellent teacher. ■

By Linda Thistle

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Is it worth \$10? Yes

Daniel Radcliffe will always be Harry Potter. He could win eight Oscars, cure cancer and establish world peace, and we'll still refer to him as Harry Potter. Such is the cost of being financially set for life before you're a teenager.

The real question is, will we as an audience ever accept him as someone else?

"The Woman in Black" is his first real attempt at changing our minds, and the result is impressive.

This is a good old-fashioned ghost story, complete with an eerie tone and atmosphere and solid scares. Radcliffe's character, Arthur Kipps, a widowed lawyer with a young son, is out to prove himself on an undesirable assignment. He's sent from London to the English countryside to finalize the will for the deceased Alice Drablow. The catch is the Drablow house is on the outskirts of a marsh that gets flooded for hours every day — meaning whoever is at the house when the marsh floods is stuck there. This is especially bad when an ominous woman in black and various children haunt the house, as Arthur soon learns.

Sadly for him, most of the townspeople don't want him there either, because whenever someone disturbs the Drablow estate, bad things happen to local children. Take Nicholas, the son of Sam (Ciaran Hinds) and Elizabeth Daily (Janet McTeer), for instance. The boy died years earlier, and although Sam takes a liking to Arthur, Elizabeth is convinced that Nicholas is speaking through her. What's really troubling is that she might not be wrong.

Director James Watkins maintains a creepy mood (you've never seen children's toys so disturbing) with heavy shadows and overcast skies, and keeps the scares coming with the requisite fake-outs followed by legitimate screams. Granted, there's not much

story in Jane Goldman's screenplay, but there doesn't have to be; all that matters is sound effects, scenery and screams — and all of these are top-notch.

As for Radcliffe, he's more than up to the challenge. It helps that he wasn't that good of an actor while playing Harry (though he certainly improved as the series moved along). But what this means is that in terms of range and ability, he can pretty much only go up from here, and he has no trouble being convincing as Arthur. Because many scenes call for him to be alone and scared in the house, he's forced to convey all of Arthur's thoughts and anxieties in his



body language and facial expressions. That we feel for Arthur and root for him is a credit to Radcliffe keeping us engaged in his performance and not letting us think he should just pull out his wand and cast a spell.

"The Woman in Black" is a \$17-million movie free of excess CGI and violence — its PG-13 rating is appropriate — but full of quality filmmaking and solid performances.

That's right: The guy who's already made a fortune as Harry Potter is still a rising talent. It will be very interesting to see what he does next. ■

in the know

>>"The Woman in Black" also exists as a book and stage show, both of which are fairly different from this film.

CAPSULES

Man On A Ledge ★★★

(Sam Worthington, Elizabeth Banks, Jamie Bell) An escaped convict (Worthington) threatens to jump from a New York City high rise in an effort to prove his innocence. There are many layers to the film, each of which is skillfully and gradually unveiled in a tense and exciting way. It's a fun night out at the movies. Rated PG-13.

Red Tails★★

(Terrence Howard, Cuba Gooding Jr., Nate Parker) African-American fighter pilots fight for better missions and

respect during World War II. The aerial action is cool but not that impressive, while the by-the-books civil rights lesson gets tiresome. However, in the end you're rooting for these guys, and that's the most important thing. Rated PG-13.

Haywire★★

(Gina Carano, Ewan McGregor, Michael Fassbender) An assassin (Carano) is framed for murder and seeks revenge on those who wronged her. There's some good action, but Steven Soderbergh's directing feels half-assed and uninspired. Rated R. ■

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Catch an opera from The Met at your local movie theater

Opera aficionados can see The Metropolitan Opera's production of Wagner's "Götterdämmerung" ("The Twilight of the Gods") live in high-definition at movie theaters around the country beginning at noon Saturday, Feb. 11. In Southwest Florida, screenings are at the Hollywood Stadium 20 in Naples, Coconut Point 16 in Estero and the Bell Tower 20 in Fort Myers and the Town Center Stadium 16 in Port Charlotte.

Running time is approximately six hours, including two intermissions. The HD transmission is hosted by soprano Patricia Racette.

Principal conductor Fabio Luisi leads the opera, which stars Deborah Voigt as

Brünnhilde, the warrior-maiden-turned-mortal whose actions lead to global apocalypse. Jay Hunter Morris, who stepped into the title role of Wagner's "Siegfried" sings the role of the doomed hero.

The distinguished cast of Wagnerians also includes the American soprano Wendy Bryn Harmer as the princess Gutrune; the German mezzo-soprano Waltraud Meier as Waltraute, a Valkyrie messenger of doom; German bass Hans-Peter König as the greedy villain Hagen; American bass-baritone Eric Owens as Hagen's father, the evil dwarf Alberich; and Scottish bass-baritone Iain Paterson as the cowardly human king Gunther.

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The doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$125 per person. For reservations or more information, call 775-3456 or visit www.naplesfilmfest.com. ■



OPERA

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Coming soon

Up next in The Met's Live in HD series is Verdi's "Ernani," beginning at 12:55 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25.

Angela Meade takes center stage, and Marcello Giordani is her mismatched lover. All-star Verdians Dmitri Hvorostovsky and Ferruccio Furlanetto round out the cast.

Approximate running time is 3 hours, 50 minutes.

On Saturday, April 7, the transmission of The Met's performance of Laurent Pelly's new production of Massenet's "Manon" will begin at noon. Starring Anna Netreb-

ko as the tragic heroine, the production travels to The Met from the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden. Piotr Beczala and Paulo Szot also star. Approximate running time is 4 hours, 5 minutes.

The 2011-12 Live in HD season ends Saturday, April 14, with a transmission of Verdi's "La Traviata" beginning at 12:55 p.m. In her first performance as Violetta at The Met, Natalie Dessay will wear the iconic red dress in Willy Decker's stunning production, in her first Violetta at the Met. Matthew Polenzani sings Alfredo, Dmitri Hvorostovsky is Germont, and Principal Guest Conductor Fabio Luisi is on the podium. Approximate running time: 3 hours, 5 minutes.

Tickets for Live in HD transmissions are \$18 per person and are available online at www.metopera.org/hdlive and also at participating theater box offices. ■

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First produced in 2002, "The Exonerated" was written by Jessica Blank and her husband, Eric Jensen, who in the summer of 2000 traveled the country interviewing 40 former death row prisoners who spent from two to 22 years in prison before being released. The play's dialogue is based on interviews, letters, transcripts, case files and other public records.

"Every word is from court records and personal interviews," say Bill Taylor, producing artistic director of Theatre Conspir-

acy. The stories, he adds, are "compelling but not sad."

"There's a lot of humor in this play; you couldn't survive on death row without humor. The play is about surviving, about what the human spirit can overcome. It's uplifting. There is redemption and there is hope."

"The Exonerated" won the 2003 Drama Desk Award for Unique Theatrical Experience.

The Theatre Conspiracy production is directed by J. Mitchell Haley. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Thursday-Saturday, with one matinee scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19.

For reservations, call the box office at 936-3239. ■

Theatre Conspiracy joins in aid effort for Japan

Shortly after Japan was devastated by an earthquake, actor James Yaegashi called friends in the New York theater world. "We as a theater community have to do something to help our fellow artists on the other side of the world," he told them. A consortium of more than 30 organizations formed, and now a nationwide event is under way.

To commemorate the first anniversary of the earthquake, Theatre Conspiracy in Fort Myers will join with The Lincoln Center, Playwrights Horizon and The Public Theatre to present "Shinsai: Theaters for Japan" on Sunday, March 11. Shinsai, pronounced SHEEN-sigh, means "great quake" in Japanese.

A menu of 10-minute plays and songs has been commissioned from major American and Japanese artists, who have donated their

work for this one-day-only event. Contributing artists include: Edward Albee, Philip Kan Gotanda, Richard Greenberg, John Guare, Oriza Hirata, Naomi Iizuka, Shoji Kokami, Tony Kushner, Toshiki Okada, Yoji Sakate, Kumiko Shinohara, Toshiro Suzue, Suzan-Lori Parks, Doug Wright, John Kander, Fred Ebb, Stephen Sondheim and John Weidman.

Using the model of 365 days/365 plays, each theater will craft its own event, drawing from the commissioned plays. Audiences everywhere on this day can donate relief funds to the Japan Playwrights Association to disburse to the Japanese theater community affected by the disaster. Any and all donation amounts are encouraged.

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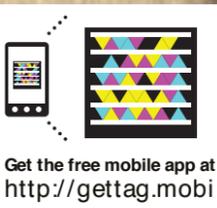
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the other artists.

“Lionel was inspired by these people and understood the value of their long history in Naples,” Ms. Stone says of the fellow artists. She notes that Jerry Vellez recently celebrated 40 years working in Crayton Cove. Nora Butler’s whimsical environmental-themed designs and Jim Rice’s clay pieces are easily recognizable to residents and long-time visitors. “These are all well-known artists whose work is widely circulated and in many collections.”

Ms. Stone describes Mr. Heddy as “a very detailed artist with a wonderful eye.”

“Using graphite to accomplish the shadows, lights and contrasts in drawings is not that easy,” she says. “But Lionel makes very tiny marks, and the marks together read as a tone or shape.”

In 2009 the gallery featured a popular exhibition of Mr. Heddy’s landscapes of Old Naples. Ms. Wilcox saw his graphite portraits, which took him a year to create, and enthusiastically recommended the exhibition to Ms. Stone.

The show opens as part of “Art After Dark,” held the second Saturday of each month, when the Crayton Cove studios and galleries stay open late and offer visitors entertainment, wine and hors d’oeuvres. ■

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Sailor's valentines actually travel souvenirs



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Bridgetown, Barbados." There was even a crushed Barbados newspaper under the shells. Further research showed that the shells were from local waters and some of the boxes had slogans that were not romantic. It was determined that the boxes were sold to sailors who visited Barbados and took them home as souvenirs. The name "sailor's valentine" continues to be used, though, and folk art collectors still pay high prices for old examples. San Rafael Auction Gallery in California sold a 19th-century example in 2011 for \$1,800. It had a heart in the center formed by shells. Copies of these shell pictures made today sell for about \$500 to \$2,500. There are also companies that sell the shells, boxes and other parts needed to make your own new sailor's valentine.

Valentine's Day has been celebrated for centuries. By the 1790s, romantic cards were being given to that "special" person. The idea of cards and gifts has continued, and collectors search for all types of valentines of the past — everything from pasted-together lacy cards and "mechanical" cards that pop open into a 3-D display, to very modern talking cards. Sometimes collectors think any picture or figure with a romantic message is an old valentine.

One of the most famous of these is the "sailor's valentine." It usually is an octagonal wooden box that holds a picture made of seashells placed in a geometric pattern. Often the design included sentimental words like "Love the Giver" or "Forget Me Not." For many years, collectors thought these boxes were made by sailors on long voyages as gifts for a girlfriend or mother. They were considered nautical folk art in a category with carved whales' teeth and other scrimshaw. They were expensive, selling for about \$200 to \$500. In the 1970s, a sailor's valentine was discovered that had a label on the back: "B.H. Belgrave, Dealer in Marine Specimens ...

Q: I have an old fireplace screen from the "P.B.M. Co." in Hoboken, N.J. It's a lovely piece, wood-framed and with a laminate finish. Can you tell me anything about this?

A: The initials on your fireplace screen probably are "F.B.M. Co.," which refer to the Ferguson Brothers Manufacturing Co. The company was in business from 1898 to 1953, when it was bought by Sun-Glo Industries and moved to Virginia. Ferguson Brothers made inexpensive furniture, including folding screens, folding tables and chairs, cellarettes, magazine racks, smoking stands and



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“furniture novelties.” Fire screens are not a popular type of furniture. Unless they date from the 1700s or 1800s, they sell for about \$100 to \$150.

Q: I found two prints that are signed by Lionel Barrymore. They are on gold foil paper. One is titled “Purdy’s Basin” and the other, “Point Pleasant.” I knew him as an actor and I’m curious about his other artistic talent. Can you tell me something about these prints?

A: Lionel Barrymore (1878-1954) began his acting career on stage in the 1890s. He is a member of the famous Barrymore family of actors, brother of Ethel and John and great uncle of Drew Barrymore. The family surname actually is Blythe. The first member to appear on stage, Herbert Arthur Chamberlayne Blythe, took the stage name Maurice Barrymore so that he wouldn’t embarrass his family by being an actor. In 1906 Lionel Barrymore moved to Paris to study painting. He returned to the United States a few years later and appeared in his first movie in 1911. He continued to do etchings and paintings and also composed music and wrote a novel. After he died, reproduction prints of some of his etchings were made. Prints on gold or silver foil were made after his death. Your prints are worth about \$25 each.

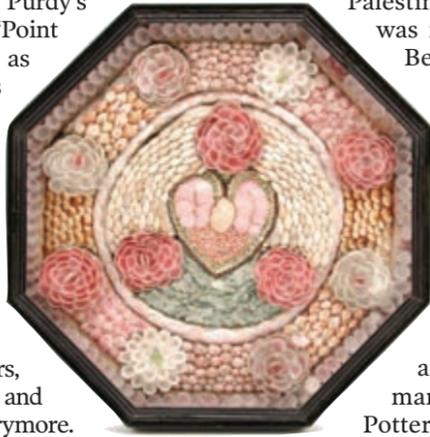
Q: For about 45 years, my family has owned a gold-painted vase stamped “Dixon Art Studios, 22 Kt Gold.” The vase is 22 inches tall and 5 inches in

diameter. The gold appears to be layered with liquid droplets. Please tell us something about its history and value.

A: Your vase is decorated in a style collectors call “weeping gold.” Any piece marked “Dixon Art Studios” was made at Bel Terr China, Inc., in East Palestine, Ohio. Bel Terr was founded in 1961 by Belden Ham and his wife, Terry Ham (the company’s name is a combination of their names). Most Bel Terr pottery is marked with the corporate name, but some lines, like Dixon and an early line marked “Good Earth Pottery,” are not. Dixon Art pieces generally sell for under \$100.

Tip: Treat your tables to custom-made glass tops. They will save the finish and make you a more relaxed hostess, knowing that wet glasses will not damage your tabletops. ■

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A stitch in time saves nine

There are many hands where it is much more dangerous for declarer to have one defender on lead than the other. It follows that if he has a genuine choice between which of two different methods of play to adopt — one of which avoids the dangerous opponent, while the other does not — he should choose to steer clear of the player who can do him the most harm.

Here is a typical case. South is in three notrump, and West leads a spade. Declarer wins West's seven with the nine and observes that his best source of tricks lies in the club suit.

Superficially, there appear to be two obvious approaches to the clubs. One possibility is for South to cash the king of clubs at trick two, planning to finesse against West for the missing queen at trick three on the basis that West, who opened the bidding, is more likely to have the queen than East. Alternatively, he can cross to the ace at trick two, planning to lead the jack next and finesse, on the basis that even if West wins with the queen, he will be unable to prevent South from scoring nine tricks.

But neither of these approaches is correct. In the actual case, declarer would fail against best defense even if he took the second-round club finesse successfully through East. East's four clubs to the queen would ultimately sink the contract.

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

The bidding:
West North East South
1♠ 2♣ Pass 2NT
Pass 3NT
Opening lead — seven of spades.

better line of play. He leads a diamond to the queen at trick two (rather than a club to the ace) and finesse the jack of clubs at trick three. If the finesse loses to West, South has nine sure tricks; if the finesse wins, South repeats the finesse with equally deadly effect.

Arranging the play so as to avoid the more dangerous opponent — but with the added measure of guarding against the Q-x-x(-x) in the East hand — proves to be just what the doctor ordered. ■



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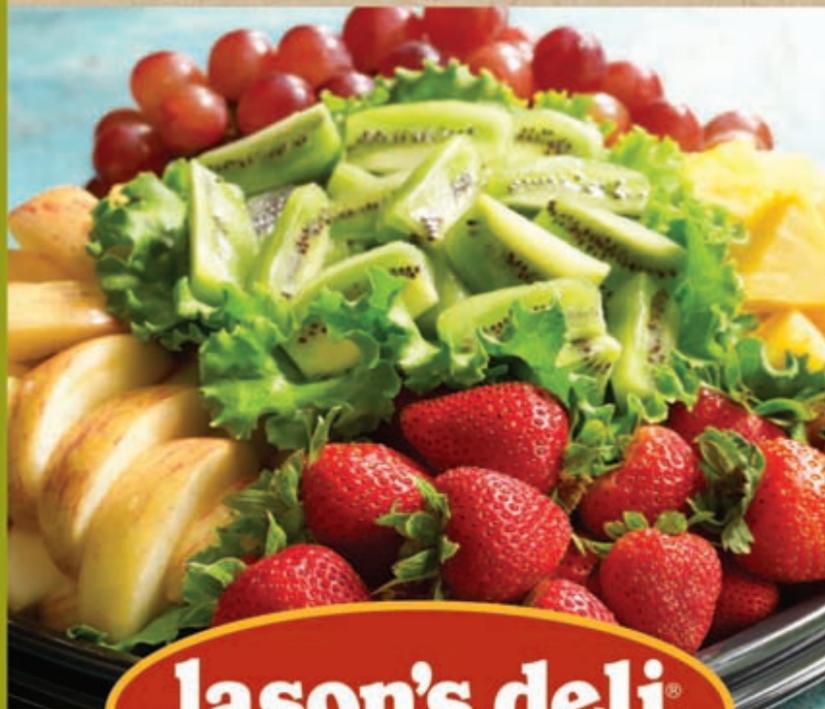
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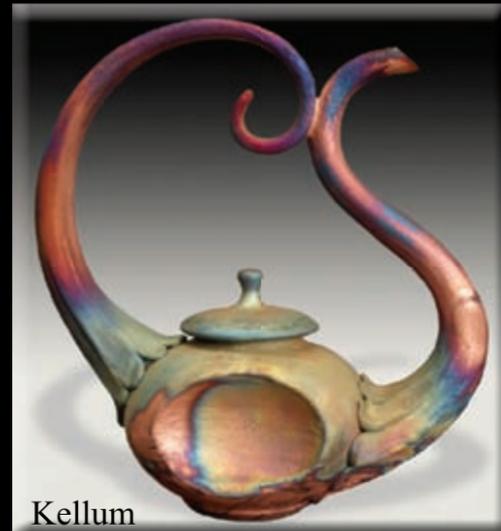


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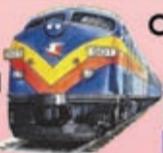
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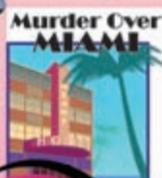
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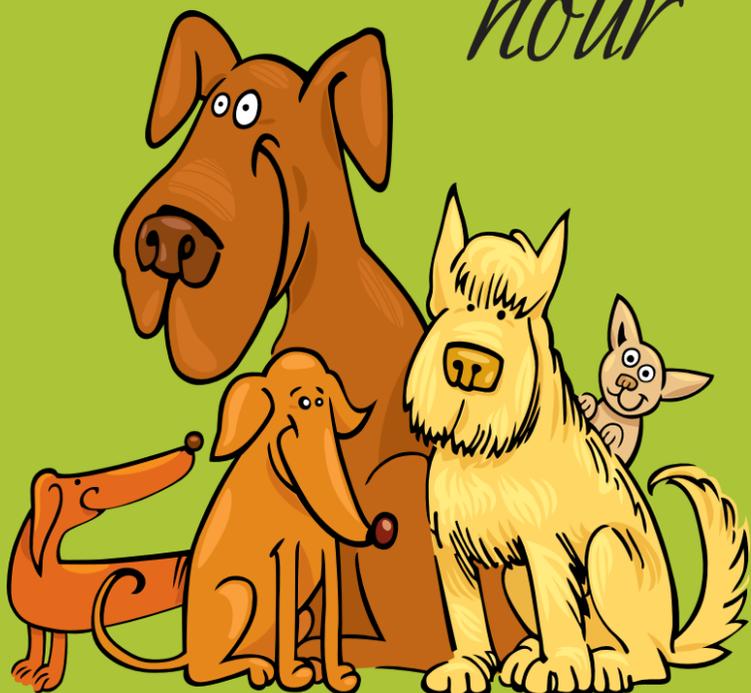
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■ The 2012 "Women Making History" luncheon sponsored by the **Neapolitan chapter of the American Business Women's Association** takes place Friday, March 16, at the Hilton Naples. This year's honorees, selected for their leadership and advocacy roles in business, philanthropic and civic affairs, are Joetta Abbazio, Barbara Berry and Suzanne Specht.

WINK-TV news anchor Lois Thome, a past honoree, will emcee the program. The national president of ABWA will deliver the afternoon's keynote address.

Tickets for \$45 per person or \$400 for a table of 10 are available at www.abwaneapolitan.org.

The Neapolitan chapter of ABWA was founded in 1989 and is Collier County's only ABWA chapter. Regular meetings take place on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Hilton Naples. For more information, visit the website above.



Abbazio Berry Specht

■ "Karneval: A Taste of New Orleans" is the theme for a dinner dance hosted by the **Hungarian American Club** of Southwest Florida on Saturday, Feb. 18, at Forest Glen Country Club. The evening begins at 6 p.m.

Entertainment will be by Toronto-based pianist and singer Kalman Magyar. Over the past 20 years, Mr. Magyar has performed at Hungarian balls, dinner dances and festivals in Hungarian communities throughout the United States, Canada and Hungary as well as in Brazil and Australia. Joining him for the dinner dance in Naples will be his wife and Hungarian folk dancer Beatrix Nagy, Janos Erdei on bass and Mattyas Fanscali on drums.

Guests are encouraged to dress in traditional Hungarian costume.

Cost is \$20 for club members, \$30 for others. Checks made payable to the Hungarian American Club should be mailed to Frank Dobos, 6590 Huntington Lakes Drive, Naples FL 34119, by Feb. 13. For more information, call 597-2345. ■

Hardly like a bad hair day, 'Shear Murder' is a sheer delight



■ "Shear Murder" by Nancy J. Cohen. Five Star. 246 pages. \$25.95.

Nancy J. Cohen extends her Bad Hair Day mystery series with this latest entry in which trouble once again finds Marla Shore. And once again, the beauty parlor owner and expert hairdresser cannot resist taking a lead role in solving the crime.

It all begins at a wedding. One of Marla's best friends, Jill Barlow, is marrying Arnie, owner of Bagel Busters, a business near Marla's salon. Everyone at the wedding reception is in a celebratory mood until Jill's sister Torrie is discovered under the cake table with a knife plunged into her chest. Need you ask who made the discovery?

Fortunately, Marla's fiancé, homicide detective Dalton Vail, is with her and keeps things under control until other policemen show up to begin the investigation.

But the shock of such an experience threatens to overload Marla, who has several other matters to juggle. These include the final arrangements for her upcoming marriage, handling the bickering relatives and expanding her beauty business. There's also a new house awaiting Marla and Dalton that requires a lot of frenzied attention.

A great planner and manager, Marla tries to hold everything together while dealing with the irresistible

lure of investigating the death of her friend's sister.

Torrie, who is the fashion reporter for a local lifestyle magazine, has made some enemies. She's one of two women carrying on with the magazine's photographer, Griff Beasley. Does Hally Leeds, the society columnist, want Torrie out of the way? Is Scott Miller, Torrie's husband, fed up with her cheating? Is the photographer making a rather blunt choice between the two women? Was Hally jealous enough to murder Torrie? Well, no, because Hally turns up dead

soon after. Was there something Griff wanted to hide that both women had discovered?

And what about Jill? The two sisters seem to have been bickering about how to handle a piece of commercial property that they inherited. Torrie's death could resolve that disagreement in a hurry. Also, Torrie may have had some secret to hold over Jill's head — some-

thing about Jill's past.

Marla, in her straight-ahead manner, asks the questions that push the investigation along. She does such a good job that someone sets fire to her hair salon. Is she getting too close to the truth?

And what about the story that Torrie knew something about the gorgeous botanical park Orchid Isle, a fashionable site for social events? Was it built on contaminated land that had never been cleaned up? Was the owner, Falcon Oakwood (or his wife, Torrie's purported friend Leanne) out to silence Torrie?

There are motives everywhere. And even though there's a lot of official interest in Jill, Marla just can't believe Jill could kill her sister. Even after Jill confesses to the crime, Marla presses ahead, sure that Jill is protecting someone.

"Shear Murder" sports a large number of characters, almost too many for a relatively short novel, and readers will be thankful that Ms. Cohen provides a "Cast of Characters" list at the outset. The action is fast-paced, the situations and characterizations provide plenty of this author's trademark humor. Her knowledge of the look, feel and social texture of South Florida living is another great attraction for her readers.

About the author

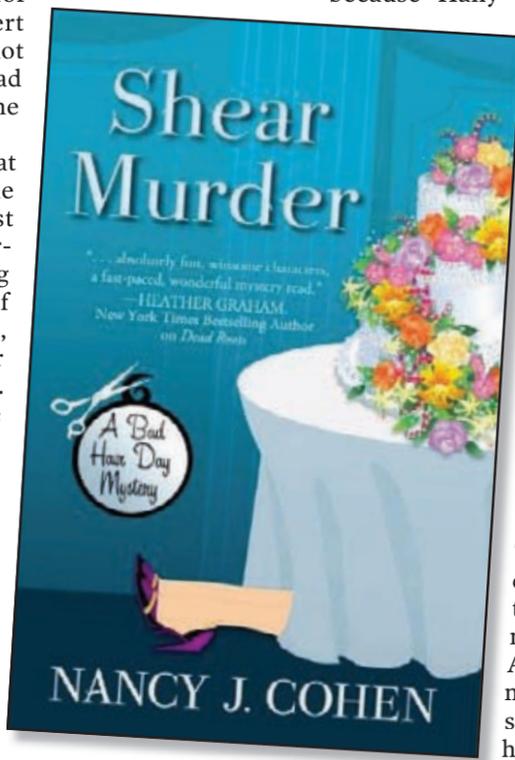
Multi-published Nancy J. Cohen holds a bachelor's in nursing from the University of Rochester and a master's from the University of California-San Francisco. After working as a clinical nurse specialist, she retired to write fulltime, getting her start with futuristic romance novels written as Nancy Cane. Her first book, "Circle of Light," won the HOLT Medallion Award. After writing several books in this genre, she switched to mysteries and launched the highly successful Bad Hair Day series. However, she recently returned to sci-fi with the romantic and sexy "Silver Serenade."

A featured speaker at conferences, libraries and community groups, last April she was the keynote speaker at the Naples Press Club Authors and Books Festival. Ms. Cohen has served as president of Florida Romance Writers, and secretary of the Florida Chapter of Mystery Writers of America. She is also active in Sisters in Crime, Romance Writers of America and several other writers' groups.

She lives with her husband in the Fort Lauderdale area. ■



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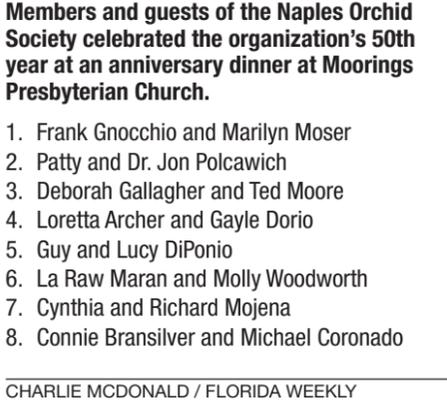
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Members and guests of the Naples Orchid Society celebrated the organization's 50th year at an anniversary dinner at Moorings Presbyterian Church.

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CLUB NOTES

■ **The Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club** of Naples holds its next meeting at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Naples Beach Hotel. The combined "Mouth Duo" meeting is hosted by the Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumnae Club of Naples. All alumnae of Pi Beta Phi chapters across the country and Canada are welcome.

Cost is \$25 per person. For reservations or more information call 262-2259 or e-mail conskind@aol.com.

■ **Ikebana International-Naples** holds its annual luncheon and demonstration Wednesday, Feb. 15, at Grey Oaks Country Club. The silent auction opens and raffle ticket sales begin at 9:30 a.m.

The program will be by Jennie Sterling, recipient of the Sogetsu school of Ikebana Riji degree, the highest degree for students in Sogetsu. Ms. Sterling has belonged to Ikebana chapters in Florida, Georgia, South Africa, Australia and Tapei. She served as president of the Miami chapter from 2003-2008 and is a founding member of the Atlanta chapter.

The program will begin at 10:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at 12:15 p.m. Cost is \$65. Reservations are required and can be made by sending a check payable to I.I. #160 to Peggy Freers, 2059 Swainsons Run, Naples, FL 34105.

At the March regular meeting, chapter members and guests will learn about "ningyo" (Japanese dolls), from carved wooden Kokeshi dolls to holiday and ceremonial sets and dolls from the Noh dramas and Kabuki theater. The meeting takes place from 9-11 a.m. Wednesday, March 7, at Moorings Presbyterian

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■ Save the date for the **Zonta Club of Naples'** seventh annual "Make A Difference" fashion show, auction and luncheon set for Friday, March 30, at The Club at the Strand. Proceeds will benefit the PACE Center for Girls-Collier at Immokalee and Naples Teenage Parenting Program (TAPP), the Sally Sitta Awards for Lorenzo Walker Institute of Technology in Health Sciences, Zonta International Amelia Earhart Fellowships and Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships.

To donate silent auction items or become a sponsor, call Bernie Garabed at 571-2466.

To purchase tickets, call Jane Kolczun at 245-8173 or visit www.zonta-naples.org.

■ **Women's Cultural Alliance**, an affinity group of the Jewish Federation of Collier County, has 700 members and more than 250 courses, events and trips planned for the new season. Annual membership is \$60.

For more information, call Jane Hersch at 948-0003 or visit www.womensculturalalliance.com.

■ **The Naples Newcomers Club** welcomes women who have been permanent residents of Naples for no more than five years and who want to meet

others who are new to the area.

The club meets for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on the second Thursday of every month at country clubs throughout the area. In addition, groups within the club plan outings and dates to share varied interests, such as mah-jongg and duplicate bridge, gourmet cooking and discussions about philosophy.

Prospective members are invited to coffee at 10 a.m. on the first Thursday of each month. For meeting locations and more information, call 298-4083 or visit www.naplesnewcomers.com.

■ **The Bonita Springs Newcomers Club** welcomes women who have lived in Bonita for less than three years. Luncheons are held at area country clubs on the third Thursday of every month (December meeting is on the second Thursday).

Members must attend five luncheons a year and pay annual dues of \$40. For more information, e-mail bonitanewcomers@gmail.com or visit www.bonitaspringsnewcomersclub.com.

■ **Civitan International of Naples** presents the "Naples Shining Stars Dinner Dance" at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 2, at the Country Club of Naples. The evening will raise funds for the formation of Challenger Little League Baseball for children with developmental disabilities.

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Holocaust museum plans celebration

The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida hosts its 10th anniversary celebration, "Driven to Triumph," as a tribute to Southwest Florida's Holocaust and WWII survivors Tuesday, Feb. 28, at Naples Luxury Imports. The evening will include a welcome by Myra Janco Daniels and a performance by Grammy and Emmy award-winning composer Charles Fox, best known for "Killing Me Softly with His Song."

A reception for patrons begins at 5 p.m., and the celebration begins at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$125 per person.

The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida believes that by engaging the community to see value in everyone and to recognize the dangers of indifference to bullying, gang violence and hatred, Southwest Florida residents can win at the serious business of building respect. The Holocaust has the ability to provide ongoing lessons of the consequences of giving in to hatred and indifference, and to offer shining examples of self-sacrifice and heroism.

For more information, call 263-9200 or visit www.holocaustmuseumswfl.org.

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Butterfly Ball will benefit Avow Hospice

The annual Butterfly Ball to benefit Avow Hospice is set for Saturday, March 24, at Grey Oaks Country Club. The ball is the organization's biggest fundraiser of the year, and this year organizers hope to raise at least \$75,000 to enhance hospice care services for patients and families and to support a variety of community grief support programs.

The evening includes a cocktail reception, dinner, music by the Mambo Brothers, and live and silent auction items including jewelry, artwork and travel packages. Sponsors include the Frances Pew Hayes Foundation; Hahn, Loesser & Parks; The Joe & Lindy Roth Foundation; Fuller Funeral Home; Gulfshore Insurance; The Beachwood Society; Traditions at Grey Oaks; Larson Allen; Lasiter Ware; Naples Shutter Inc.; Priority Marketing; Gulfshore Life Magazine; Intech Printing; and Charlie McDonald Photography. Co-chairs are John and Kathy Leach and Roger and Flo Lipitz.

Tickets for \$200 per person are available by calling 649-3683 or visiting www.avowhospice.org.



Place your bets on 'Chips for Charity'

Aston Gardens at Pelican Marsh hosts the first annual "Chips for Charity" casino night to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17. Professional Vegas-style gaming will include blackjack, craps, roulette and more.

Tickets for \$30 include a cocktail, heavy hors d'oeuvres, entertainment and with \$2,000 in "play money."

Aston Gardens at Pelican Marsh is a senior-living community offering independent and assisted living and memory care facilities. To purchase tickets to "Chips for Charity" tickets, call 593-3744.

Groovy fashions going on parade

The Boys & Girls Club of Collier County presents "Fashion Pack," a '60s-inspired fashion show beginning at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, at Waterside Shops. Participating boutiques from the shopping center will include: Anne Fontaine, Brooks Brothers, The Beach House of Naples, Cache, Calypso, Isabella, Saks Fifth Avenue and White House Black Market.

Tickets for \$100 per person are available by calling 325-1765 or visiting www.bgccc.com.



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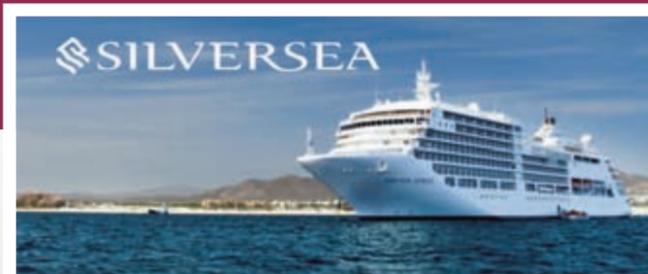
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Up for bid in the live auction will be a diamond pendant designed especially for HSN by William Boyajian of Port Royal Jewelers. The pendant can be seen at the jewelry store at 623 Fifth Ave. S.

Gala tickets for \$275 per person are available by calling 643-1880, ext. 18, or by visiting www.hsnaples.org.

Mr. Geist joined CBS in 1987 and has traveled the country to chronicle the people, places and events that make up the fabric of American life. Paperback copies of "Way off the Road" will be available for purchase at the luncheon.

Tickets for \$75 per person are available by calling LVCC at 262-4448, ext. 300 or 301.

Designers' boutique expands to two days

Everyone who loves to shop will especially love shopping the designers' boutique to benefit The Shelter for Abused Women & Children from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 20-21, in the ballroom at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples.

Part of the Shelter's annual Mending Broken Hearts with Hope luncheon, the boutique expands to two days this year for the first time. Nearly three dozen vendors will display and sell their specialty clothing, fashion accessories, decorative items and giftware.

Admission to the boutique is free (\$5 valet parking for those not attending the Mending Broken Hearts with Hope luncheon).

Tickets to the luncheon on Tuesday, Feb. 21, are \$350 per person. For reservations or more information, call 775-3862, ext. 261, or e-mail cdalessandro@naplesshelter.org.

CBS' Bill Geist at literary luncheon

Literacy Volunteers of Collier County welcomes Emmy Award-winning CBS News correspondent and *New York Times* best-selling author Bill Geist as guest speaker at the annual LVCC Literary Luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 24, at Bay Colony Golf Club. Mr. Geist will discuss his latest book, "Way off the Road," a compendium of stories from "CBS Sunday Morning" that focus on "the peculiar charms of small-town America."



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Tickets are \$95 per person. For more information, call Dan Leaman at 404-0254 or Debi Foss and 272-4494.

'Meet me in Maui' for Children's Advocacy Center

The Children's Advocacy Center of Collier County holds its 2012 "Meet Me in Maui" Beach Ball Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Naples Beach Hotel. Guests will enjoy sunset cocktails on Watkins Lawn followed by dinner under the stars, entertainment by Paul Easton and live and silent auctions.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more information, call Tina Streeter at 263-8383, ext. 232, or e-mail TStreeter@CACCollier.org.

Rotarians, Zoo set for a wild evening

The Naples Rotary Club holds its annual "Grapes & Apes" wine tasting, food pairing and silent auction on Saturday, March 24, at The Naples Zoo. Expectations for this year are to accommodate 1,400 guests and to raise \$150,000. All proceeds will help fund Rotary scholarships and projects including Project Graduation, Gift of Life and Polio Plus.

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Oops!
These pictures from a prom-themed party at the Marco Island Historical Society mistakenly were included with photos from another Society event in our Feb. 2 edition. Enjoying a trip back in time are:

1. Virginia and Al Vacio
2. Thomas Hale and Amy Solem

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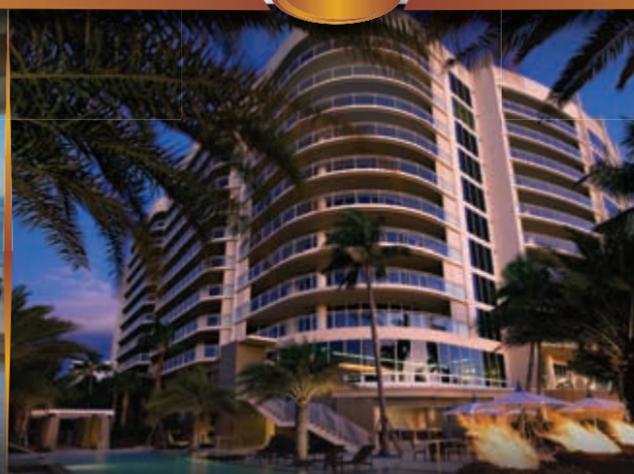


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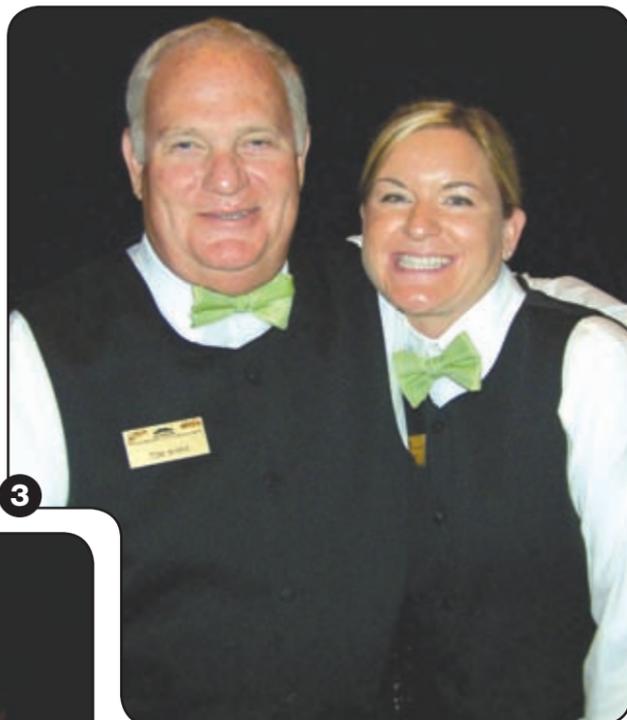
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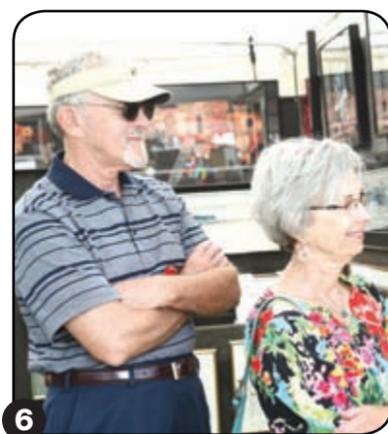
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Here are some capsule summaries of previous restaurant reviews:

► **Café Lurcat**, 494 Fifth Ave. S., Naples; 213-3357: Despite its grand scale — vaulted ceilings, oversized pendant lamps, sprawling dining areas spilling into the outdoors — Café Lurcat manages to create a sense of warmth with muted colors, light woods and white linens. It's the kind of place where you want to slow down and savor several courses of food and several glasses of wine — though it will come at a price. (\$14.50 for a single crab cake? Really?) The menu ranges from simple comfort food (pot roast or roasted chicken and grapes) to more complex creations (pork tenderloin with spiced cherries and couscous with toasted pumpkin seeds). Either way you go, you won't be disappointed. Even side dishes — a mélange of English peas, sugarsnap peas and fresh fava beans sautéed in butter for us — will delight. But be sure to save room for the signature cinnamon-sugar doughnuts or fried huckleberry pie. Dessert is not to be missed.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★
 Service: ★ ★ ★ ½
 Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★
 Reviewed September 2011

► **Chez Boet**, 755 12th Ave. S., Naples; 643-6177: This casual and inviting French café (formerly known as Bamboo Café) has been a downtown fixture for years. While there are always classic French dishes to be had, the kitchen also offers choices that are lighter and more appropriate

to the subtropical climate. A soupçon of Moroccan fare adds to the allure. Tasty steamed mussels in a delicate broth filled with lemon and garlic came in a lovely black pot. An endive salad with crumbled blue cheese, walnuts and a well-balanced balsamic vinaigrette was another light but satisfying starter. Irish salmon was gently baked and served with lemon beurre blanc. A lamb tagine, delivered in the traditional bowl with cone-shaped top, contained sweet dried plums and a mystical mixture of seasonings. A Napoleon was exceptionally good, with puff pastry topping the delicate pastry filled with ethereal Chantilly cream and fresh ripe berries. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★
 Service: ★ ★ ★ ★
 Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★
 Reviewed August 2009

► **Chrissy's at Bayfront**, 369 Bayfront Place, Naples; 353-4444: Veteran restaurateur Chrissy Bianchi offers omelets, pancakes, Panini and such for breakfast and lunch in a sparkling waterfront setting. Dine inside or out on items such as smoked salmon Benedict, tenderloin and mushroom omelet and banana Foster French toast. The meat in the omelet was on the chewy side, but the smoked salmon Benedict was a refreshing variation on the standard. The standout of the meal was the bananas Foster French toast, featuring thick-sliced challah sautéed to a fluffy golden brown and topped with chunks of ripe banana, sauce and whipped cream. The place was busy and perhaps because of that, service was on

the choppy side, but the setting is so lovely that staying a little longer didn't prove a hardship. Soft drinks available.

Food: ★ ★ ★
 Service: ★ ★ ★
 Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★
 Reviewed March 2011

► **Latitude - Fusion Cuisine & Piano Bar**, Naples Walk, 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 596-5600: Stylish and comfortable, Latitude resembles a well-appointed supper club filled with dark woods, oversized booth and sleek Art Deco touches. The open kitchen adds a touch of theater as well. The menu is a mix of comfort food and fusion fare, the stuff for which Chef Ross Peterson is known. From a selection of flatbreads, I liked the yeasty crust topped with lots of Portobello, goat cheese and caramelized onions. An Old World charcuterie platter had an interesting array of wursts, although I'd have preferred more firm varieties and fewer soft ones. The Better than Nana's Kobe beef Bolognese was terrific, with a soulful sauce, lots of tomatoes, onions, carrots and herbs simmered for a long time with the ground beef and accompanied by garlic bread. Lovely, but not overly loud, live music and a well-chosen wine list enhanced the meal. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ½
 Service: ★ ★ ★
 Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
 Reviewed June 2011

► **Noodle Saigon**, 13500 Tamiami Trail N., Naples; 598-9400: For an inexpensive but excellent Vietnamese

feast, head straight to Noodle Saigon. The 12-page menu might intimidate at first, but the friendly servers are happy to help newcomers sort through it. I've found it's hard to go wrong here. On my most recent visit, I enjoyed savory asparagus crabmeat soup, shrimp paste on sugar cane, steamed rice crepe with grilled pork, shrimp summer rolls, clams with black bean sauce and the restaurant's heavenly version of rare beef pho. For dessert, we followed our server's suggestion and tried a tasty mix of mashed avocado, sweetened condensed milk, ice, lime, sugar and mint. The combination resembled Italian water ice and was a great end to a terrific meal. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★
 Service: ★ ★ ★ ★
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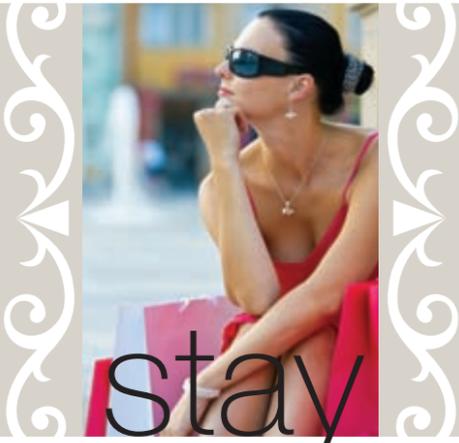


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CUISINE

Reopened Mangrove Cafe packing them in

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The Mangrove Cafe reopened in November, 10 months after a propane explosion shut down the 20-year-old fixture on Fifth Avenue South. It has been some years since I visited, but I remember the restaurant as one of the first to bring to Southwest Florida a fusion of Floridian and Caribbean influences — Floribbean cuisine.

East coast chefs such as Allen Susser and Norman Van Aken put this style of cooking on the map, giving the Sunshine State a colorful culinary identity laced with island spices and tropical fruits.

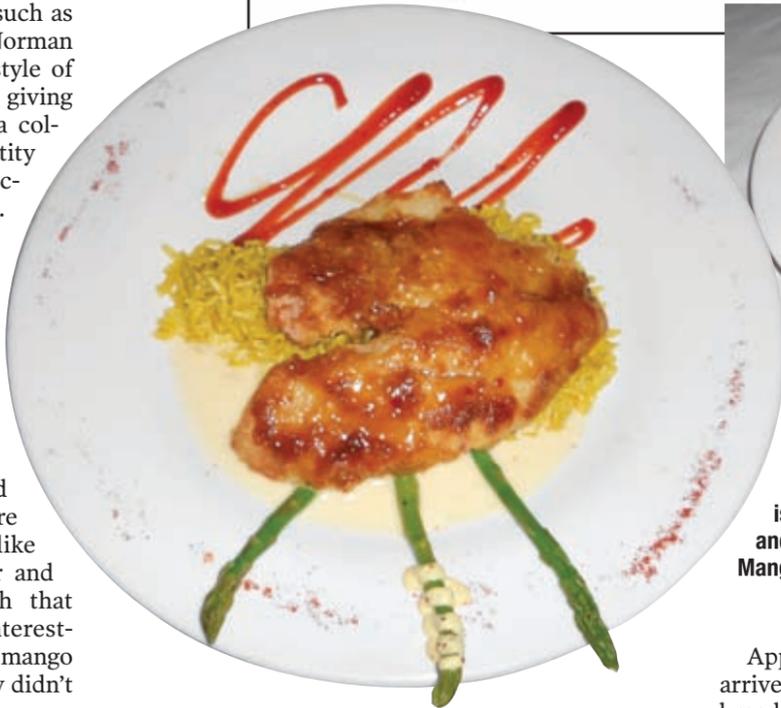
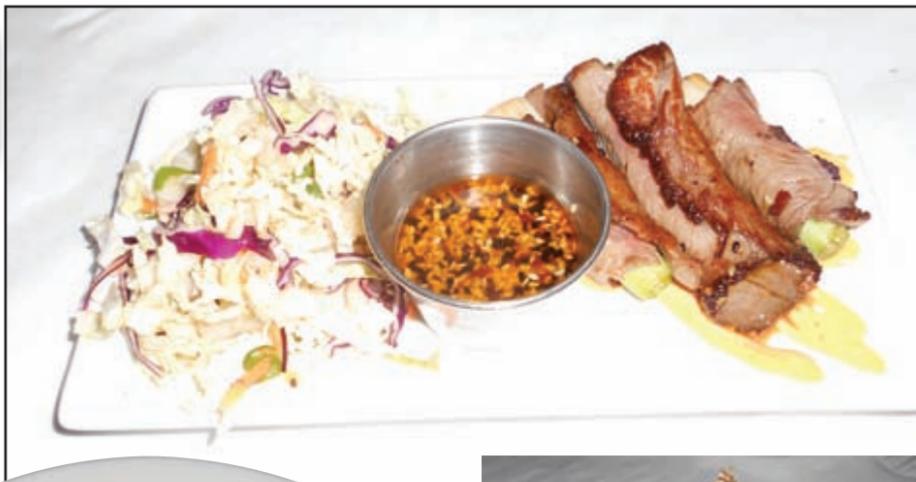
That legacy appears relatively intact on the Mangrove Cafe menu, though it's less apparent on the actual plate. Comfort dishes such as pot roast, meat loaf and fried fish outnumber more regional favorites like fruit-sauced snapper and paella. Even a dish that promised some interesting fusion — veal mango marsala — ultimately didn't deliver it.

It just doesn't seem to be the Mangrove Cafe of memory.

What's more, tables are packed in like sardines and turned over so quickly it makes your head spin. The staff has difficulty negotiating the space, so you might find waiters brushing up against you or standing at the next table with their backsides in your face. Unfortunately, we were seated in a high traffic spot near the bar and kitchen door, where servers tended to congregate and confer over our heads.

You can't blame a restaurant for trying to maximize profitability, but this is a bit off-putting.

Fans of Mangrove Cafe apparently don't seem to mind the cramped quarters and attendant high level of noise. We called a day ahead and couldn't reserve a table later than 5:30 p.m. — on a weeknight, no less — unless we wanted to sit outdoors. We strolled down the avenue before checking in and found most other restaurants had empty dining rooms but



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Top: Beef negamaki is served with Asian dipping sauce and napa cabbage slaw. Above: The six-layer carrot cake is a tasty way to end a meal. Left: Sweet and sour snapper is a signature dish at Mangrove Cafe in Naples.

busy outdoor sections — just the opposite of what we encountered at Mangrove Cafe.

What draws such throngs of early birds? We suspect it's a value thing.

Mangrove Cafe touts a "stimulus package" of two entrees and a "free" bottle of wine for \$39. Indeed, we spotted more than one table sharing a bottle of French Maid. Entrees fall mostly in the \$20-\$25 range, which makes Mangrove a relatively thrifty option as far as Fifth Avenue goes.

There's nothing flashy about the decor, either, which is primarily beige. There are a few prints and some oversized decorative eating utensils mounted on the walls, but the overall feel is generic café style.

We started with a couple of glasses of reasonably priced wines, an Angove Shiraz from Australia (\$7.75) and Oyster Bay Sauvignon Blanc from New Zealand (\$6.75). Our waiter served them from across a half-partition that separated us from the bar.

Appetizers took about 30 minutes to arrive, but we had good, warm, crusty bread and butter to tide us over. House salads are included, too, but we weren't offered dressing choices; both came with what tasted like a balsamic vinaigrette.

We were intrigued by the Escargot Mia appetizer (\$11.95), which was something completely different from the usual garlic-butter treatment. The tender snails were tucked into jumbo pasta shells — sort of; most of them slipped out of the shells once we dug in. The dish was blanketed with sautéed tomatoes, mushrooms, garlic slices, fresh basil, gorgonzola, grana padano and spinach-pecan pesto. That's a mouthful — to say and to eat. Unfortunately, the escargot got lost in this everything-but-the-kitchen-sink approach. The plate just had too much going on.

The beef tenderloin negamaki (\$11.95) consisted of seared slices of meat wrapped around thick scallions. Unfortunately, the beef was a tad overcooked and dry. The soy-sesame sauce provided for dipping was so salty that it puckered my mouth.

The best part of the dish was the napa cabbage slaw on the side; it was crisp and ever-so-lightly dressed.

Both dishes had issues in conception and execution, and this also was the case with the main course.

The aforementioned veal mango marsala (\$25) had a stripe of golden sauce across its top but lacked actual mango flavor; it might as well have been veal marsala from any Italian ristorante — not bad, but lacking that other layer of flavor that would have elevated the dish beyond the usual. The breaded veal scallopini were tender, and the silky sauce was studded with wild mushrooms, but there was no getting past the fact that the dish was middling marsala with overcooked linguine and too much sauce.

The sweet and sour snapper (\$25) heralded on the restaurant's website was mostly sweet, due to a mango-balsamic glaze and buttery beurre blanc that needed a touch of acid. The fish's patchy breading tasted like burnt toast, and sauces turned it soggy. Yellow rice and three asparagus spears completed the plate.

Dinner concluded on a higher note with house-made desserts: a cannoli filled with delicious Key-lime infused cream (\$7.50) and a massive wedge of super-moist six-layer carrot cake (\$9.50).

It was good to see that Mangrove Cafe is still doing some things right. But the restaurant, and its reputation, would be better served if it applied its attention to perfecting standout entrees and providing a more comfortable place to dine. ■

If you go

Mangrove Cafe,

878 Fifth Ave. S., Naples; 262-7076

Ratings:
Food: ★★½
Service: ★★
Atmosphere: ★★★

- >> **Hours:** 5 p.m.-close Monday through Saturday
- >> **Reservations:** Strongly recommended
- >> **Credit cards:** Accepted
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★★★★★ **Superb**
★★★★ **Noteworthy**
★★★ **Good**
★★ **Fair**
★ **Poor**

food & wine CALENDAR

> **Friday, Feb. 10,** 1-2:30 p.m. and 4:30-6 p.m., Whole Foods: Learn about and sample Siberian osetra caviar farm raised by Sarasota-based Marky's Caviar; \$5, Mercato, 9101 Strada Place; 552-5100. Reservations required. Register online at www.aceva.com/go/Lifestylecenter.

> **Saturday, Feb. 11,** 6:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Patric's: PAWS and Pancakes benefits Avow Hospice and its Pets Are Wonderful Souls program with 30 percent of all breakfast sales going to the program that brings pets to visit patients and offers community support for pet loss; Mission Square West, 1485 Pine Ridge Road, Naples; 304-9754.

> **Saturday, Feb. 11,** noon-2 p.m., Whole Foods: The store holds a Valentine's Day

block party with each department competing for best recipe as customers taste and vote for their favorites; free, Mercato.

> **Saturday, Feb. 11,** 12:30-1 p.m., The Good Life of Naples: "Bobbie's Best Desserts" author Bobbie Thompson shows how to make dark and white chocolate cookies for Valentine's Day; free, 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 514-4663.

> **Saturday, Feb. 11,** 2:30 p.m., Naples Tomato: Learn how to make mozzarella and burrata while enjoying wine and light refreshments. Take home a pound of mozzarella; \$35, 14700 Tamiami Trail N.; 598-9800.

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