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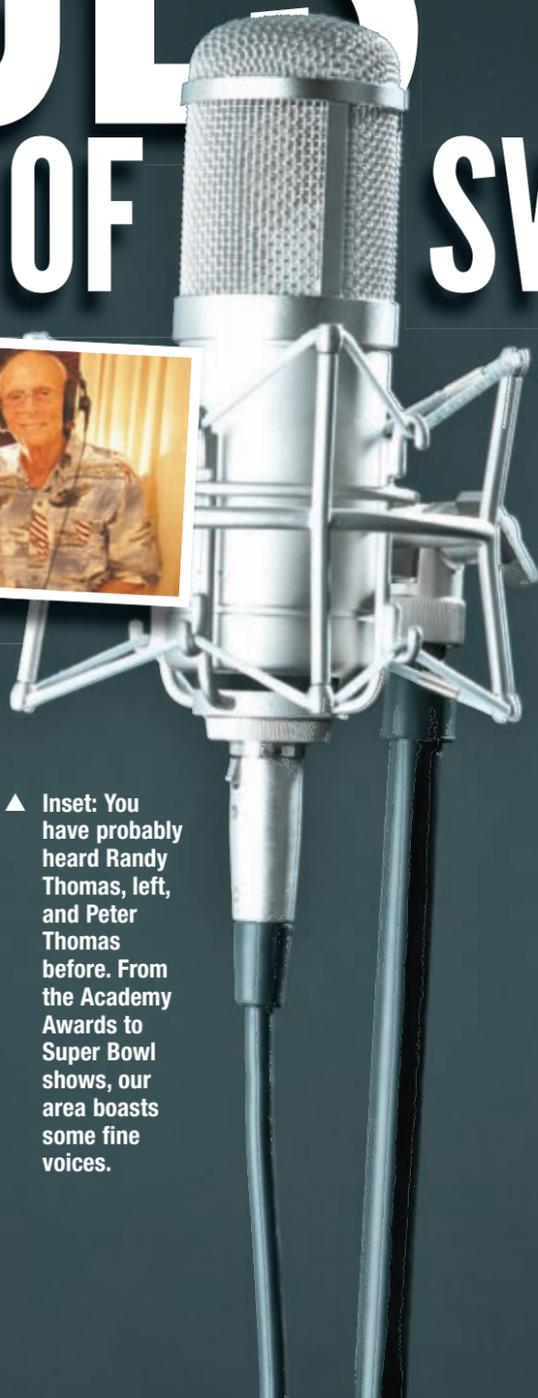
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▲ Inset: You have probably heard Randy Thomas, left, and Peter Thomas before. From the Academy Awards to Super Bowl shows, our area boasts some fine voices.

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Unemployment numbers keep improving

BY MICHAEL PELTIER

The News Service of Florida

Florida’s unemployment rate made its biggest monthly decline in nearly two decades as the state’s jobless rate fell to 9 percent in March, according to figures released Friday by the Department of Economic Opportunity.

The March figure is 0.4 percentage points lower than February and 1.7 points lower than the 10.7 percent recorded in

March 2012. It was the largest monthly drop since October 1992.

The U.S. rate for March was 8.2 percent

In human terms, the rate translates into 836,000 jobless out of a potential workforce of 9.3 million. The March figure does not include frustrated workers who are no longer in the market and employees who are working part time instead of full time.

The number of non-agricultural jobs

increased to 7.3 million, up 89,800, or 1.2 percent, from March 2011 and 10,800 more than February.

“The largest monthly unemployment rate decline since 1992 is a milestone all Floridians can celebrate,” Gov. Rick Scott said in a statement accompanying the new figures. “By signing a budget that devotes more than \$1 billion to education, Florida is positioning itself to have

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Film fanatic

David Edelstein reviews hundreds of movies every year. **C1 ▶**



Feathering the nest

A fundraiser for the Marco Eagle Sanctuary Foundation, and more to-dos around town. **C26-29 ▶**



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Food trucks map out their own business routes. **B1 ▶**



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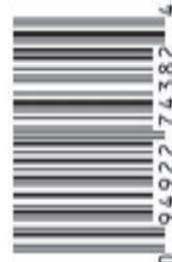
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COMMENTARY

The case for American women



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Let's start with what we know: There is no such thing as equality.

You and I, for example, are never going to be equal. There's a good chance that I'm uglier than you are, and you're more reasonable or practical than I am.

There's a 49 percent chance that I walk around with a third leg and a Y chromosome affecting my judgment, and you don't.

There's a 98 -percent chance that I'm older than everybody under 60, and an 8 percent chance that I'm wiser than 75 percent of them.

Confusing, I know. So, in a nation where "all men are created equal," what are we going to do about these brain-freezing inequalities?

As your personal saddle burr and weekly columnist, I recommend a single course of action: We do what we always do at any Saturday night dance.

We grin rakishly. We mutter, "Oh, what the hell," and shrug stoically — you keep your toes away from my big feet on the dance floor to avoid injury and possible hospitalization — and we proceed to Enjoy life with a capital E (but not for Equality).

So we're not equal — big deal. I couldn't care less. Let's dance.

Which is also Neapolitan Jill Haughie's idea. The remarkable Ms. Haughie is one of the chief organizers, with Erika Ferrari, of the Unite Women march happening Sat-

urday, April 28, in Naples. Call it a dance, a parade, a march, a party, a gathering from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at U.S. 41 and Pine Ridge Road. Call it what you will. Unite Women is for anybody of either sex or any political persuasion who champions "equality." The Naples event is just one of scores set to take place across the country this weekend.

But not being equal — and we are not — is not the same thing as not having equal rights and opportunities. And we still do not.

About that I do care, and so do many others. You, perhaps.

For six decades now, the same damn questions have plagued my life: Why are some folks second-class citizens? Who isn't sitting at my American table and getting results — the same results I get — when they say, "Please pass the meat and potatoes? Please pass the peas and the apple pie?"

Back in the Paleolithic era when I was very young, this was the answer: the Coloreds (among others).

They had no seat at the table, so I got the meat and potatoes and they finally got Brown vs. the Topeka Board of Education (1954), which outlawed schools separated by race.

Then it was the Negroes and women (among others).

I got the peas and they got the 1964 Civil Rights Act (99 years after the Civil War ended), which outlawed discrimination in housing, in the workplace and everywhere else.

Free at last? Can we sit down now with y'all and have some pie?

Sorry, pal, not quite so fast. Not if you're black or a woman, or both.

So I got the apple pie and they got no Equal Rights Amendment (in the case of women). But somebody passed them *Roe v. Wade* and Affirmative Action — a desert course, if you will, that was roughly the equivalent of half a piece of the All-American pie.

Affirmative Action gave some individuals a leg up, and it ignored equal rights except as a distant goal, which we still haven't reached. It used inequality to promote equality in the eyes of the law.

Unfortunately, using the ends to justify the means is risky business.

The right course, the better course, is this: Treat every single citizen as if he or she were you or me.

It's the course of action every business owner, every voter, every public servant or private entrepreneur or administrator or teacher must take beginning this week: Set an equal place at the table.

Do it on the job, to start with.

If you're a boss who employs women but doesn't pay them as much as you pay the men, change that now. You call yourself an American, don't you?

Do it at home. Do it during the day and through the night, and then get up and do it again.

It doesn't matter what party you support — this isn't a partisan issue. It isn't a contest between liberals and conservatives, left and right or Democrats and Republicans, although it's frequently cast that way.

It isn't even a contest between men and women, in spite of the fact that men created the historic laws and precedents that relegated women to a second-class status. And many women went right along with them.

But I see this, finally, as a contest between damned Yankees: between the angel on one shoulder and the devil on the other. Put another way, it's a contest between what we do as Americans and what we should and could do as Americans.

In the case of women, never have the oppressed been so comfortable.

They can vote — and some remain alive who were born when they couldn't, before 1920.

They can work wherever they can qualify to do a job, like African Americans can, nowadays.

And in spite of the continuing efforts of self-righteous moralists who wish to regulate by law what women do, they can choose whether or not to get pregnant and whether or not to have babies.

But their comfort and freedom (relative to the past) in no way diminishes the injustice that continues to be done to women in American society.

For example, women working today are paid 77 percent as much as men, on the average.

There's no American excuse for that.

It's also true, however, that well-educated, urban, working women do as well or better than their male counterparts.

Those realities are beyond debate, whether you're a Republican, a Democrat, a member of the Green Party, a Christian, a Jew or a Muslim.

What is also beyond debate is that such a condition is wrong, by American standard principles.

All men are created equal, as Thomas Jefferson wrote — including women. The more passionately we embrace that notion, the more thoroughly we become Americans. ■



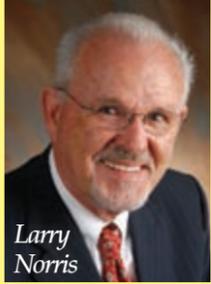
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OPINION

Fast times at the GSA

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Special to Florida Weekly



Mitt Romney says he likes to fire people. If elected, can the General Services Administration be his first target?

A few (but not enough) heads have already rolled at the agency that threw itself an infamous Las Vegas conference that could have been planned by former Tyco CEO Dennis Kozlowski before he went to jail. The GSA couldn't outdo Kozlowski, who threw his wife a birthday party on an Italian island with an ice sculpture of Michelangelo's "David" that urinated vodka and billed his company for half the cost, but it undertook its conference planning with same sense of frugality and good taste.

Charged with supporting federal operations, the GSA turns out to be a cynical wastrel. Prior to the conference, word came down from on high that it should be "over the top" — in other words, in the spirit of an over-the-top era of stimulus, when spending more is always assumed to be better. The

GSA spent \$6,325 on commemorative coins to reward its employees, fittingly enough, for their work on Recovery Act projects. It's a wonder that Keynesians aren't defending the \$820,000 conference as a jobs creator.

The event was the biennial Western Regions Conference of the Public Buildings Service of the GSA, and if that doesn't sound like a good time, you've never partied with the GSA. A great deal of thought was put into how to sidestep and exploit every rule in the interest of gouging the government.

According to an inspector-general report, the GSA undertook two "scouting trips," five off-site planning meetings and a "dry run" for the conference. The Osama bin Laden raid might not have been so elaborately planned. All told, travel and catering costs for planning alone ran \$136,000.

Then, on to the main event: more food. For the Petit Beef Wellington and Mini Monte Cristo Sandwiches at the "networking reception," for the Boursin Scalloped Potato with Barolo Wine Braised Short Ribs at the party prior to the closing dinner, for all the breakfast buffets and in-room parties, the GSA paid \$146,000. Since government rules allow

for free food at award ceremonies, the GSA was sure to give out awards liberally, including at a \$2,700 invitation-only concluding party in a loft suite.

The GSA paid \$75,000 for a team-building exercise and \$58,000 for audio-visual services (to play embarrassingly juvenile music videos starring GSA employees). To give it all a patina of high-mindedness, employees built 24 bikes to give to the local Boys' and Girls' Club. Except the GSA had to finesse its own red tape to do it.

Conference organizer Jeffrey Neely boasted at the end of the confab about the "unforgettable" event. Even as the inspector general closed in on his profligacy, he got a \$9,000 bonus from his GSA superiors. He was last seen taking the Fifth at a congressional hearing.

The GSA scandal is yet another reminder of the waste and laxity inevitable in organizations where it's difficult to fire anyone and all the pennies are from heaven. The new rule should be that all federal off-site conferences must be held at the Motel 6 in Omaha, Neb. ■

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

Obama's policies: The real scandal in Cartagena

amyGOODMAN

Special to Florida Weekly



President Barack Obama's re-election campaign launched its first Spanish-language ads this week, just after returning from the Summit of the Americas. He spent three days in Colombia, longer than any president in U.S. history. The trip was marred, however, by a prostitution scandal involving the U.S. military and Secret Service. Gen. Martin Dempsey, chair of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, said, "We let the boss down, because nobody's talking about what went on in Colombia other than this incident." Dempsey is right. It also served as a metaphor for the U.S. government's ongoing treatment of Latin America.

The scandal reportedly involves 11 members of the U.S. Secret Service and five members of the U.S. Army Special Forces, who allegedly met prostitutes at one or more bars in Cartagena and took up to 20 of the women, some of whom may have been minors, back to their hotel. This all deserves thorough investigation, but so do the policy positions that Obama promoted while in Cartagena.

First, the war on drugs. Obama stated at the summit, "I, personally, and my administration's position is that legalization is not the answer." Ethan Nadelmann, founder and executive director of the Drug Policy Alliance, told me that, despite Obama's predictable line, this summit showed "the transformation of the regional and global dialogue around drug policy. ... This is the first you've had a president saying that we're willing to look at the possibility that U.S.

drug policies are doing more harm than good in some parts of the world." He credits the growing consensus across the political spectrum in Latin America, from key former presidents like Vicente Fox of Mexico, who supports legalization of drugs, to current leaders like Mexico's Felipe Calderon, who cited the rapacious demand for drugs in the U.S. as the core of the problem.

Nadelmann went on: "You have the funny situation of Evo Morales, the leftist leader of Bolivia, former head of the coca growers' union, lecturing the United States about — essentially, sounding like Milton Friedman — that 'How can you expect us to reduce the supply when there is a demand?' So there's the beginning of a change here. I don't think it's going to be possible to put this genie back in the bottle."

Then there is trade. Obama and Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos also announced that the U.S.-Colombian Free Trade Agreement would take full force May 15. Colombian and U.S. labor leaders decried the move, since Colombia is the worst country on Earth for trade unionists. Labor organizers are regularly murdered in Colombia, with at least 34 killed in the past year and a half. When Obama was first running for president, he promised to oppose the Colombia FTA, "because the violence against unions in Colombia would make a mockery of the very labor protections that we have insisted be included in these kinds of agreements." That year, 54 Colombian trade unionists were killed. AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka said the announcement "is deeply disappointing and troubling." Republicans, on the other hand, are offering grudging praise to Obama for pushing the FTA.

On Cuba, Obama took the globally unpopular position of defending the

U.S. embargo. Even at home, polls show that a strong majority of the American people and businesses support an end to the embargo. The U.S. also succeeded, once again, in banning Cuba from the summit, prompting Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa to boycott the meeting this year.

Responding to overall U.S. intransigence, other Western Hemisphere countries are organizing themselves. Greg Grandin, professor of Latin American history at New York University, told me: "Latin Americans themselves are creating these bodies that are excluding the United States, that are deepening integration, political and economic integration. This seems to be a venue in which they come together in order to criticize Washington, quite effectively."

Grandin compared Obama's Latin America policies to those of his predecessors: "The two main pillars of U.S. foreign policy — increasing neoliberalism and increasing militarism around drugs — continue. They feed off of each other and have created a crisis in that corridor, running from Colombia through Central America to Mexico. That's been a complete disaster, and there's no change."

It will take more than a prostitution scandal to cover that up. ■

— Denis Moynihan contributed research to this column.

— Amy Goodman is the host of "Democracy Now!," a daily international TV/radio news hour airing on more than 1,000 stations in North America. She is the author of "Breaking the Sound Barrier," recently released in paperback and now a *New York Times* best-seller.



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a patriot, a wonderful friend of all the WWII veterans in Southwest Florida. Brigitte, we can never thank you enough. We feel deeply that you are one of us. You brought honor to us.

"Thank you, Brigitte, as you receive the Legion of Honor... Vive la France!"

Brigitte was born in Nancy, France. After studying in Ireland (Trinity College and University College Dublin) and Austria (Innsbruck Universitaet), she became a tour operator in Kenya. Eventually, she returned to France and became the international commissioner for the French Girl Scouts.

She met the man who would become her husband, Lt. Col. Donald Smith, U.S. Army, while she was participating as a guest speaker at a training seminar for the European Girl Scouts. Col. Smith was assigned in Saudi Arabia, creating another opportunity for Brigitte to discover a new culture. While there, she founded the French, Italian and Saudi Girl Scouts in several schools. She represented the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts at the Nairobi conference that ended the United Nations Decade for Women (1976-1985).

At the declaration of the first Gulf War, the Smith family came back to the U.S., to Dover Air Force Base in Delaware. Brigitte taught advanced French at the University of Delaware for 10 years. She visited Naples after the death of her husband in 1994, and moved to the Paradise Coast 14 years ago.

In 2004, on the 60th anniversary of D-Day, Brigitte, with the help of the Col-

lier County Museum, created a program in cooperation with the Collier County Veterans Council, the French Embassy and the Consulate of France in Miami to research all veterans of WWII who fought on French and European soil and then to help them apply for the French Legion of Honor. With the CCVC and the French community of Naples, she organized a several ceremonies to award the prestigious medal to more than 120 veterans in Collier and Lee counties.

In addition, Brigitte is the regent of the Big Cypress Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution, honorary president and founder of the French Community Association and a member of the Military Officers Association, the Italian Cultural Society and the Friends of Lafayette. She serves on the board for the Friends of Collier County Museums, lectures at the Renaissance Academy of Florida Gulf Coast University and continues to learn new languages (she speaks four fluently) and, of course, provide support to veterans of WWII.

Congratulations to Brigitte Smith for receiving the Legion of Honor, and thanks to her for her work on behalf of so many. ■

— 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. He thanks Spencer Ciesla's sister, Leah, for her help with this Profile in Paradise.

Talking points with Brigitte Smith

Words of wisdom:

"The world of reality has its limits; the world of imagination is boundless."
— J.J. Rousseau

Something your mother was always right about:

Nobody is perfect, and we all face things differently.

What makes you laugh: A good joke.

As a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up? An admiral or a truck driver.

Advice for your grandkids: Be aware of those you meet as you climb the ladder of life; you will meet the same ones if you go down.

Guilty pleasure: Gourmet food.

Hidden talent: I make funny faces.

Skill or talent you wish you had: I wish I could play violin like Joshua Bell.

Last book read: "The Last Templar" by Raymond Khoury.

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VOICES

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you.”
Delve into why so many voice-over artists migrate to Southwest Florida and you do not find some magnetic pull, some secret society of voice-over artists conspiring in the subtropics. No, you find the predictable — nice beaches, no snow, good fishing.

They live here because they no longer have to pound the pavement in New York and Los Angeles. They live here because digital technology allows them to work from their home studios. But upon entering their worlds, their booths, their headphones, it begs the question: How much do they really live here?

The ones still working full time, they stay in their studios from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., from noon to midnight, hundreds of radio and television stations standing by nationwide for that familiar voice, “Next on ... Tonight at 10 ... And now ...”

These network-promo voices, their days pass at their microphones. They live in their booths, essentially closets — picture a large pantry or a small office. They see Southwest Florida through a window. They say it’s lonely, there’s no escaping their contracts, no taking their daughters to tennis practice or the orthodontist. So how glamorous are their jobs? And do they live glamorous lives?

The conglomeration of voice actors living in Southwest Florida provides a glimpse into the microcosm of voice-over work, a vicarious read of what the life of a voice-over artist looks like (it might not be as simple as you idealize).

Decadent from the exterior, some voice-over artists live in luxury condos, some live on the beach. Their homes and cars are paid for. They have cleaning ladies. But if they want to take a romantic tryst to Paris, they must take their portable technology with them, or interrupt their travel, “Excuse me, honey. I must find a studio. FOX needs this now.”

How easy are their jobs? And how did they fall into them? They read three lines three different ways for a 30-second spot, most gigs done in less than three minutes. They can travel, but they cannot take a vacation. Imagine if some studio guy liked the sound of some voice filling in, “We need something fresh.” That’s how many a top talent landed their gigs; that’s why many a talent are nipping at their heels. Are their jobs to be envied? Or do their jobs steal their days away from them?

The god of voice-over

Recording from the road has put voice actor Chris Corley into many a precarious situation. “Sometimes I scare the maids,” says the man who has been spotted recording frightful movie trailers, network promos or chilling commercials in a hotel room, blanket over his head. “The blanket helps stop the echoing,” he explains. The maids run away, saying, “I’ll come back later.”

But he travels with his microphone in tow because he wants to make the big bucks, he wants to be a “voice with gravitas” and stay in the upper echelon of voice-over.

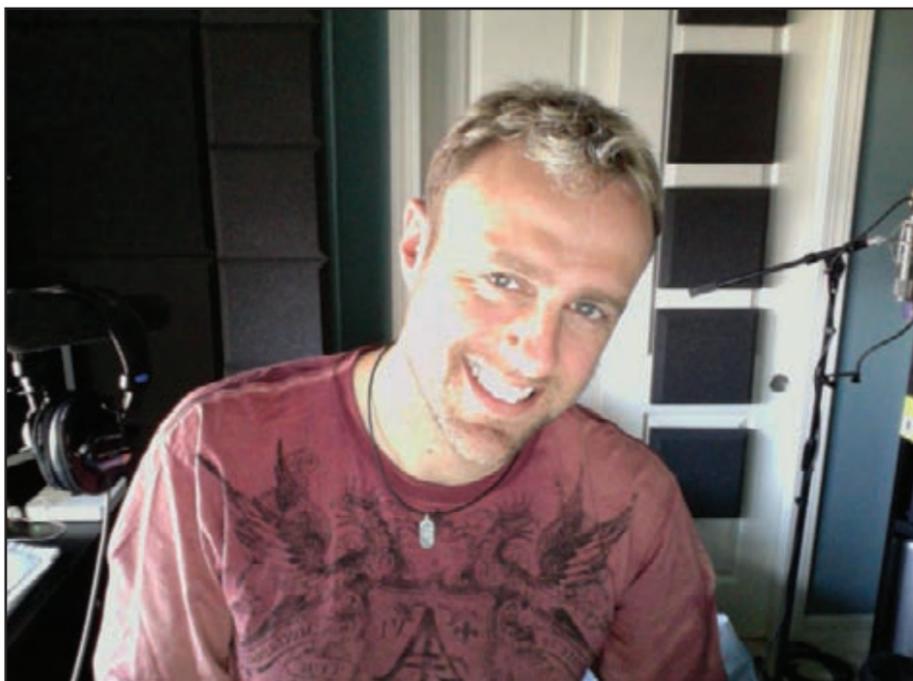
The “god” of that echelon would be Peter Thomas. Hear him speak in his studio and you no longer struggle to understand the wealth of his Naples estate or the extravagance the voice-over livelihood lends. The man has a bird bath of a voice, you want to drink from and swim in it.

Younger talents call the 88-year-old artist the god or godfather of voice-over, to which Mr. Thomas replies,



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Peter Thomas holds a photo from his early days doing voice work.



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Brian Lee refers to himself simply as “an announcer.”

“Well, I guess I’m old enough.”

Holding a cardboard box of scripts in his lap, Mr. Thomas reflects on his journey and the past art of the voice-over business. His scripts are printed out and paper-clipped, all scratched up with his edits — a backslash for a pause, an underline for a word he wants to “hit.”

“What I try to do, I see pictures in my mind of what I’m reading. I just don’t like to read the words,” says the man who recently spent five hours marking up a documentary he was narrating on Alaska, “til every paragraph had a picture in my mind.”

The voice of CBS for 14 years, the current voice of “Forensic Files” credits his father, a Welsh minister who would make young Peter memorize and recite Shakespeare, then ask his boy particulars about the scenes he was rendering, like what were the actors of the Old Globe Theatre wearing, “Did you see them gleaming in the sun?”

Poetry led to radio, as young Peter entered a talent contest, recited “The Charge of the Light Brigade,” and won. A man from the radio came up and said, “Hey kid, you got a good voice. Would you like some work after school?”

So Mr. Thomas started reading the nightly news. And when he found a young lady he fancied, he asked her to tune in to his program. He read poetry, then played “You Are My Sunshine,” all dedicated to Stella, now his wife of 67 years.

Stella went to college and Mr. Thom-

as went to war. When he came home, they got married. And after endearing the children of Memphis, Tenn., to the voice of “Uncle Pete,” Mr. Thomas found himself a voice-over man in New York, back in the day when voice-over men wore three-piece suits and walked from studio to studio.

“Now when I get a call, I’ll ask them, ‘Would you like me to come in?’ But they say, ‘Oh, no, no, no,’ they’re so used to the Internet,” says Mr. Thomas, who has his own studio, but misses having someone else on the other side of the glass. “I love direction,” he says.

He might be known by his catch lines, “IBM: Helping people find the answers,” or “Listerine: The taste you hate twice a day,” but Mr. Thomas does not see himself as a celebrity. He says people should not know him and celebrities should not be reading voice-overs, because it should be about the product, not the voice.

His buddy Vic Caroli, who lives 20 minutes up the road from Mr. Thomas, says he stumbled into celebrity status, unbeknownst to him.

Mr. Caroli did television spots for a popular cartoon, “When Transformers returns ...” So in 1986, when “The Transformers” decided to make their original animated movie, he did the narration. “To me, it was a job,” says Mr. Caroli. But upon Googling himself years later, he found pages marked, “Legendary narrator Vic Caroli ...”

“Apparently, there’s a cult following

for this movie,” he says, so he did a YouTube interview. “It has almost 5,300 hits. I’m just flabbergasted by it.”

And as much as cartoons with cult followings might lend celebrity, so might gender.

Voice-over’s first lady

Randy Thomas says as a voice-over artist, she is an actor. Her craft lies in the words she brings to life. So for her craft, her voice, her meal ticket, Ms. Thomas built her recording studio just off her master bedroom. She painted the walls red. Come mid-morning, she’s played tennis and had her coffee; she’s in her studio, “in good voice.”

The voice of “Entertainment Tonight” and “The Insider,” Ms. Thomas sporadically reads promos. Music cued, gold graphics flare and then you hear her voice, “Brad and Angelina, the five things you never knew about their past marriages.”

An hour or so later, she will step back inside her sound booth — a cubbyhole within her studio — to read a more embellished line, “Jen, Billy Bob,” pause, “And Angelina’s first wedding with leather and blood.”

She reads her lines barefoot, prayer beads wrapped around her wrist, vision board behind her mic. She has an “on air” light mounted above the 300-pound, sound-proof door, alongside a picture of Ms. Thomas back in her rock ‘n’ roll disc jockey days — hair frosted, maybe permed, totally layered.

Ms. Thomas loves her promos, she loves the urgency, she loves the headlines, but she compares promo gigs to tissue paper. “We’re the tissue paper of the industry,” she says of network-promo, voice-over talent. “This promo, they can’t use it tomorrow. Everything I do is for today, then it’s done. After today it means nothing to anyone.”

Before she was tissue paper, she was a DJ in New York. One day the Oscars called and asked Ms. Thomas if she would like to audition to be the first woman ever to announce the Academy Awards. “I got the job. It changed my life. I left radio,” says the woman who has been seen on the red carpet.

Ms. Thomas has announced the Academy Awards seven times since. She was also the first woman to announce the Tony Awards, the Primetime Emmy Awards, the Screen Actors Guild

Awards, the Miss America Pageant, the Super Bowl and the Democratic National Convention.

But before announcing live, high-brow shows, Ms. Thomas was the voice of *Hooked on Phonics*, “Call 1-800-A-B-C-D-E-F-G.” She remembers these humble beginnings and she remembers when she felt her world was digital enough she could turn to her husband and say, “I think we can leave now and no one will know.” In 2003, she moved her family to a waterfront Fort Myers community, not wanting her daughter to grow up in L.A.

To those who say her job is easy, “You read copy for a living, you just stand at your mic and read all day,” Ms. Thomas says, “Here, you try it.”

She sees her voice as important, elegant and authoritative. She says she does not hear enough of the female voice in movie trailers and that’s a door she would love to knock down. She recalls taking her daughter to children’s movies, seeing all the moms in the theater, “Who do they think is coming to their films?” she asks of studio executives. “Do they think if I did the trailer, women wouldn’t come because it’s a woman’s voice? It’s probably the opposite.”

And as much as Ms. Thomas might like to be seen breaking into the boys club, other voice-over artists would rather not be seen at all.

Just the sign outside the store

Brian Lee does not tell people what he does for a living, no way. If someone asks, he tries to answer quickly, “I’m a promo voice for radio and TV.” If they look at him like, “What?” he speaks short to end their inquiry, “I’m an announcer.”

He’s not comfortable talking about



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Randy Thomas has announced the Academy Awards a number of times.

his professional self and he shies away from interviews. He can’t risk the adulation; it’s embarrassing and he does not see himself as deserving.

“I’m an extension of somebody else’s creativity,” says the voice-over talent. “I don’t even know if I’m creative. I’m like the sign to the store. That’s all I am, that’s all I see myself as.”

He thinks of his movie trailers, the writers and directors, their time and talent, choosing a few select scenes and editing down an entire storyline to a few words, “And then they hand their script to me ...” his words stop, but his stance, his expression say no, he’s not meant to be the star, it’s his job to be the voice, to interpret the script and convey the message, that’s it.

And that’s all he’s ever wanted to

be. Mr. Lee, who grew up watching his father work in television and radio, says, “I knew exactly what I wanted to do from the beginning, nothing but broadcasting, ever.” So as a 13-year-old groupie, young Brian called up some DJ and the guy let the kid come in to the station and push some buttons. Years of radio and commercial spots later, his first big call came from CNN.

Now standing in his high-rise home/studio, Mr. Lee says, “I’ve made it.” There’s a bottle of aloe spray on his 83-inch motorized desk — a spray for a dry throat or hoarse voice, marked “Entertainer’s Secret,” honey apple flavored. There’s a picture of his mom and dad on his windowsill, a place where he can look out from his studio and see a traffic jam when his job has him feeling stagnant.

The man who works in headphones and flip-flops would much rather talk about his daughter, a young teenager aspiring to sing, write, act and take photographs.

“I’m more proud of her than I will ever be of myself,” he says, hence he will not elaborate on his success on-or-off air, because again, it’s his job to be the voice, “Not the big voice-over guy.”

But if you go to his website — www.brianlee.com — you will see his movie trailers and hear that NFL intro, as the voice of NBC Sports says, “Congratulations to the Super Bowl champion New York Giants. And thank you, America, for making Super Bowl XLVI the most-watched show in U.S. television history.”

He used to have a tab on his website expressing his philosophy to his producers. Tab gone, his philosophy has not changed. He still feels as it once read: “It is a privilege to be the voice of any project. There is so much talent out there, you can have anyone be the voice of your project, but you’ve chosen me. Thank you.”

And it’s because of this talent pool that Mr. Lee stands at his mic for 10 hours a day, remembering what a man once told him. This man was the voice of “everything” when Mr. Lee was just a kid. This man — the god of voice over — read books to Mr. Lee’s daughter, recording the stories, “Hi, Taylor. This is Uncle Pete. I miss you so much. We’re going to read two books today. OK, go ahead and turn to page 1. Do you see the little bear? I wonder what’s going to happen.”

Yes, Mr. Lee will stay in his booth and accept the voice-over life because what Peter Thomas once said to him has since turned into his voice-over mantra: “You never arrive.” ■

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4. Johanna and Anna Skogestig, vacationing from Sweden, pick palm boots to paint
5. Park volunteer Ann Knowlton with young visitors Daniel and Andrew Barnett
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You snooze, you lose

In April, a research ship will begin surveying the Atlantic Ocean floor off of Nova Scotia as the first step to building, by 2013, a \$300 million private fiber-optic line connecting New York and London financial markets so as to speed up current transmission times — by about five milliseconds. Those five milliseconds,

though (according to an April report in Bloomberg Business Week), will enable the small group of firms that are underwriting the project (and who will have exclusive use of it) to earn millions of dollars per transaction by having their trade sales arrive five milliseconds before their competitors' sales would have arrived. ■

Cultural diversity

■ Dr. Ivo Pitanguy, the most celebrated plastic surgeon in the country, apparently earned enough money from well-off clients that he can now “give back,” by funding and inspiring more than 200 clinics to provide low-income women with enhancement procedures (face lifts, tummy tucks, butt lifts) at a reduced, and sometimes no, charge. A local anthropology professor told ABC News, for a March dispatch, that “(i)n Brazil, plastic surgery is now seen as something of the norm” (or, as the reporter put it, “(B)eauty is (considered) a right, and the poor deserve to be ravishing, too”).

■ In a March interview on Bolivian television, Judge Gualberto Cusi, who was recently elected to Bolivia's Constitutional Tribunal from the indigenous

Aymara community, acknowledged that occasionally, when deciding tough cases, he relied on the Aymaran tradition of “reading” coca leaves. “In moments when decisions must be taken, we turn to coca to guide us and show us the way.”

■ In February, the Life-End Clinic in the Netherlands announced that six mobile euthanasia teams were placed in service countrywide to make assisted-suicide house calls — provided the client qualified under the nation's strict laws. (Euthanasia, legal in the Netherlands since 2002, is available to people who suffer “unbearable, interminable” pain and for which at least two doctors certify there is “no cure.” Panels of doctors, lawyers and ethicists rule on the applications.) ■

Latest religious messages

■ Two lawsuits filed in Los Angeles recently against the founding family of the religious Trinity Broadcasting Network allege that televangelists Paul and Jan Crouch have spent well over \$50 million of worshippers' donations on “personal” expenses, including 13 “mansions,” his-and-hers private jets, and a \$100,000 mobile home for Mrs. Crouch's dogs. The jets are necessary, the Crouches' lawyer told the *Los Angeles Times*, because the Crouches receive more death threats than even the president of the United States. Allegedly, the Crouches keep mil-

lions of dollars in cash on hand, but according to their lawyer, that is merely out of obedience to the biblical principle of “ow(ing) no man anything.”

■ High-ranking Vatican administrator Cardinal Domenico Calcagno, 68, fired back at critics in April after an Italian website reported his extensive collection of guns and love of shooting. He told reporters that he owns only 13 weapons and that, “above all,” he enjoys “repairing” them rather than shooting them (although, he admitted, “I used to go to shooting ranges”). ■

Fine points of Florida law

■ In April, the Tampa Police Department issued preliminary security guidelines to control areas around August's Republican National Convention in the city. Although the Secret Service will control the actual convention arena, Tampa Police are establishing a zone around the arena in which weapons will be confiscated (including sticks, rocks, bottles and slingshots). Police would like to have banned firearms, too, but

state law prevents cities from restricting the rights of licensed gun-carriers.

■ South Florida station WPLG-TV reported in March that vendors were openly selling, for about \$30, verbatim driver's license test questions and answers, on the street in front of DMV offices. However, when told about it, a DMV official shrugged, pointing out that test-takers still had to memorize them to pass the closed-book exam. ■

Least-competent criminals

■ In the early hours of Jan. 31, police in Gaston, N.C., were alerted to five burglaries in a two-block area that left shattered glass, broken doors and other damage, but no missing property. There was also a blood trail leading from one store, likely from a break-in boo-boo. N In March, England's Canterbury Crown Court heard the evidence against a gang of five who in August and Septem-

ber 2010 attempted to break into seven ATMs, using fancy power tools, but came away empty-handed each time. Brick walls were smashed around three machines, and twice explosives were used, resulting in fires. In each case, alarms were triggered, sending the men away prematurely, including once from an ATM that contained the equivalent of \$223,000. ■

No spectators allowed

For the first time in years, there was no Easter bunny at Central City Park in Macon, Ga., this year because the county commissioner who runs the sponsoring organization said he was tired of violent parents hogging the Easter egg hunt by “helping” their kids. (Two years ago, Olney High School in Philadelphia barred players' parents from its boys' junior varsity basketball games unless

they registered and vowed to obey a code of conduct. In February 2012, the president of the Egyptian Football Association similarly announced that the season would continue but without spectators, because of the probability of violence. Of course, Egypt, unlike Macon, Ga., and Olney High School, has just been through a bloody civil war.) ■



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■ Kathryn Calleros, a graduating senior at Barron Collier High School and a one-year member of the NCB.

■ Trace Hance, a graduating senior from Gulf Coast High School and a four-year member of the NCB who has performed a solo as well as conducted the band this season.

■ Hannah Wiley, is a first-year band member who is a home-schooled freshman.

In addition the NCB awarded a token of appreciation to Alan Davis, who joined the band too late in the season to enter the scholarship process.

Admission to all NCB concerts is always free; donations are welcome, however, and to into the band's student scholarship fund.

The band will strike up its 41st season at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, in the band shell at Cambier Park.

For more information, call 263-9521 or visit www.NaplesConcertBand.org. ■

Remembering Peg Longstreth

When longtime Naples art dealer, 2172 J&C Blvd., just around the corner art and music critic and lifelong ani- from the former Longstreth Goldberg

mal advocate Peg Longstreth died earlier this year, the beloved cats she left behind found a home at Brigid's Crossing, a holistic cat sanctuary and adoption center in Naples.

Friends of Ms. Longstreth's are organizing "From the Heart," a celebration of her life and benefit for Brigid's Crossing to take place from 6-8 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at Rosen Gallery & Studios,



Art.

Several local artists have donated works for a silent auction. Organic wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served, and harpist Laura Lou Roth will perform. A donation of \$10 in Ms. Longstreth's memory is suggested.

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One call to Collier 211 can help eliminate confusion about who to call for help and also reduces inappropriate calls to 911. All calls are confidential.

Collier 211 operators have information about services in areas including:

- 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, crisis intervention services, support groups and counseling;

- 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 protective services.

The Community Foundation of Collier County led the effort to raise the funds needed to operate Collier 211. For more information, contact Mary George by e-mail at mgeorge@cfcollier.org. ■

Conference focuses on the value of art therapy for young children

The fifth annual Early Childhood Conference hosted by Collier Child Care Resources Inc. for early childhood educators takes place from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at Edison State College-Collier Campus.

Keynote speaker and art therapist Patricia Isis, Ph.D., will define art therapy and discuss how it can help children. Related workshops will take place throughout the day.

"Research shows that art influences learning and self esteem, not just creativity and imagination," says Niccole Howard, executive director of CCCR. "It is our goal to educate the community

that the arts are not a 'frill' or enrichment activity, but that the arts are a necessity in young children's lives."

Admission at the door is \$75. CEUs are available (\$27.50 for 5.5 hours). For more information, call 643-3908. ■

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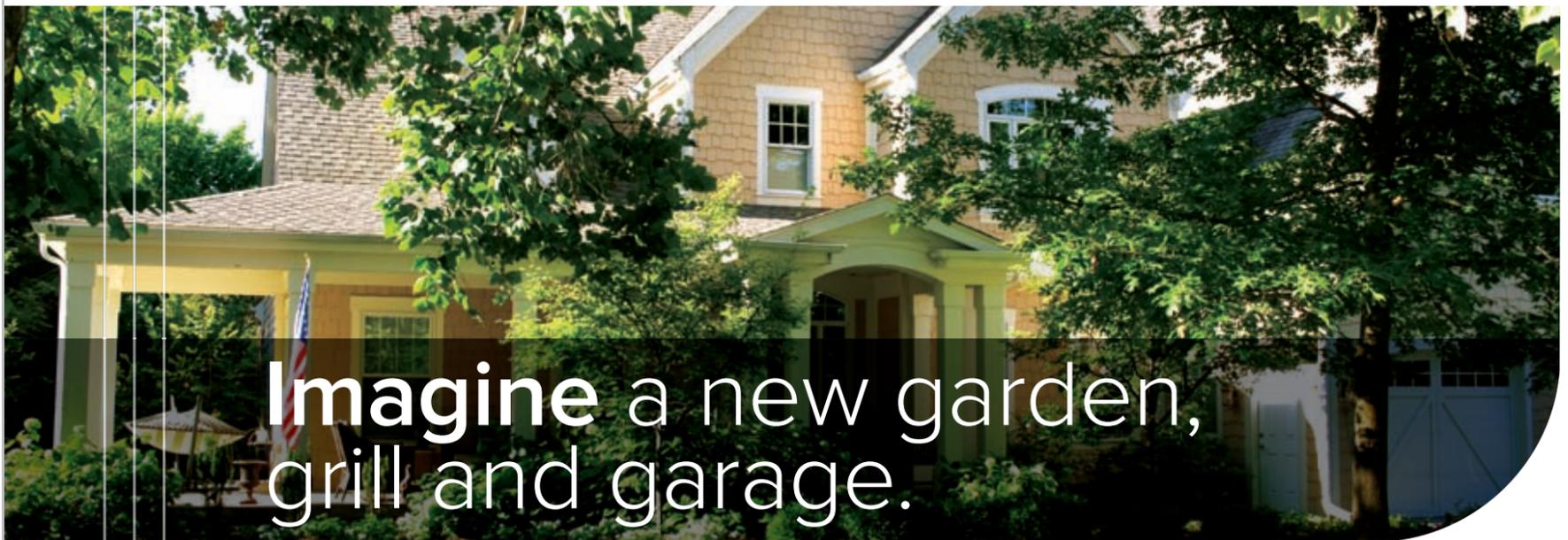
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There are no advance degree requirements for instructors, who give single lectures or lead short courses in the



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For more information, call John Guerra at 434-4838 or e-mail jguerra@fgcu.edu. ■

Campers can get one free night at KOA to help kick off summer

The Naples/Marco Island KOA campground will give campers who stay and pay on Friday, May 11, a free second night on Saturday, May 12, as part of KOA's ninth annual Come Kamp and Care With Us weekend that signifies the start of summer at KOA campgrounds around the country.

The Naples/Marco KOA is at 1700 Barefoot Williams Road in Naples. Come Kamp and Care With Us includes family-friendly activities to help raise funds to support KOA Care

Camps, a system of 44 specialized summer camps around North America for children with cancer and their siblings.

For reservations and more information, including a list of all participating KOA campgrounds, visit www.KOA.com.

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Standing: Jackie Pierce, Naples AAUW president; Rose DiBiasi, director for local scholarships; Entela Kreka; Vanessa Wilson; Gisela Chamberlin; Rosemarie Schwager; and Mollie Ottina, director for school and community projects.
Seated: Kimberly Kratz, Maribel Beltran, Jennifer Wheeler and Yosiel Comacho (scholarship winners missing from photo: Rose Murray, Noemi Perez and Sheila View).

AAUW 'Re-entry' scholarships awarded

Since 1990, the American Association of University Women-Greater Naples Branch has awarded scholarships to women pursuing a baccalaureate degree. The Re-entry Women Scholarship Program is one of the few scholarship programs exclusively for women 21 years or older.

The AAUW-GNB awarded 11 scholarships for the 2012-13 academic year. The recipients, all of who serve as role models for their families and the community as they balance work, career and family demands, are:

Maribel Beltran, Edison State College; Gisela Chamberlin, Hodges University (also a 2011-12 recipient); Kimberly Kratz, Keiser University; Entela Kreka, Hodges University; Rose Murray, Edison State Col-

lege; Noemi Perez, Hodges University; Rosemarie Schwager, Edison State College; Sheila View, Edison State College; Yosiel Comacho, Edison State College; Jennifer Wheeler, Edison State College; and Vanessa Wilson, Hodges University (also a 2011-12 recipient).

Funding for the scholarships is administered through the Greater Naples AAUW Charitable Foundation Inc. Donations to the foundation are tax deductible. In addition to direct contributions, scholarship funds are raised at the annual Women of Achievement benefit and other events at the local branch level.

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■ Members and guests of **Ikebana International-Naples** will enjoy the Japanese flower arranging version of "Iron Chef" at the group's meeting that begins at 9 a.m. Wednesday, May 2, at Moorings Presbyterian Church. Attendees will be divided into teams that will receive the same assortment of flowers and materials from which to create an Ikebana arrangement.

Attendance is free. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 390-2881 or e-mailing ikebananaples@me.com.

■ A new **Women's Traveling Club** is taking shape for women who want to learn about world destinations and tips for traveling and who want to make new friends with similar interests. Monthly meetings will take place at various locations around Naples. For more information, contact Tracy Ball at MAD Travel by calling 961-3248 or e-mailing womenstravelclub@madtravel.com.

■ In **Inbetweeners**, a social group for singles ages 40-65, welcomes newcomers and regulars at gatherings that start at 6 p.m. every Wednesday at the Shady Palm Pub, 210 Ninth St., Naples. For more information, visit www.inbetweeners.org.

■ 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.

■ Membership in the **Social Butterflies**, a new group for women, is open to all who want to cultivate friendships, support one another's career and personal efforts and also help local charities. For more information, call Nicole Forbis at 784-7987 or look for Social Butterflies Naples on Facebook.

■ 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.

■ **Naples Ship Modelers** is an informal group dedicated to the hobby of building wooden ship models. Members share their skills, knowledge and shipbuilding techniques with one another at Saturday morning meetings twice a month and welcome new members.

For more information, call Dick Ritchie at 594-0868 or e-mail dcritchie@comcast.net.

■ The **Southwest Florida chapter of the Kiwi Club**, a social and charitable organization of present and former flight attendants of American Airlines, TWA and other airlines acquired by or merged with American Airlines, welcomes new members.

The local chapter supports Pace Center for Girls-Collier at Immokalee and the Collier County Hunger & Homeless Coalition. For membership information, call Jeanne Preston-Horvath at 596-0260 or e-mail Jeanne.preston@yahoo.com. ■

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Last month, federal and state economists revised fairly dramatically the unemployment figures going back more than a year, showing joblessness in the state doesn't now appear to have been as bad at the end of 2010 and beginning of 2011 as originally thought. For example, previous calculations had the December 2010 jobless rate at 12 percent, but newer figures show it was probably actually closer to 11.1 percent.

Last month, health care and education continued to post some of the most robust year-to-year gains. State government employment dropped by 3.2 percent over the year.

"While the decrease in the unemployment rate in Florida is good news for our state, we must be mindful that many of our residents are still looking for work," said newly appointed DEO Executive Director Hunting F. Deutsch.

Monroe County had the state's lowest unemployment rate at 5.1 percent. It was followed by Walton County (5.7 percent) Okaloosa County (6.1 percent) and a three way tie between Leon, Franklin and Alachua Counties (6.6 percent.)

Flagler County had the state's highest jobless rate for March at 12.2 percent. It was followed by Hernando (11.3 percent), St. Lucie (10.9 percent), Hendry (10.8 percent) and Putnam (10.6 per-

in the know Unemployment by county

Collier County

>> March 2012
Unemployed persons: 11,915
Unemployment rate: 7.8 percent

>> March 2011
Unemployed persons: 14,698
Unemployment rate: 9.8 percent

Lee County

>> March 2012
Unemployed persons: 25,135
Unemployment rate: 8.9 percent

>> March 2011
Unemployed persons: 31,339
Unemployment rate: 11percent

Charlotte County

>> March 2012
Unemployed persons: 6,221
Unemployment rate: 9 percent

>> March 2011
Unemployed persons: 7,557
Unemployment rate: 10.6 percent

* These figures do not include workers who are no longer in the market and employees who are working part-time.

cent.) In all, 10 Florida counties were still in double digits.

Among Florida metropolitan areas, the Crestview/Fort Walton Beach/Deslin are had the lowest jobless rate at 6.1 percent, an indication that the tourism market has returned to the region two years after the Deepwater Horizon oil spill crippled the region. ■



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■ The **Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida Inc.** holds its 14th annual tournament and raffle Saturday, April 28, at Bonita Bay East. Registration is \$250 per player or \$800 per foursome. All proceeds will remain in Collier and southern Lee counties for activities that benefit residents and their families dealing with Parkinson disease.

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■ The **Immokalee Foundation's sixth annual Inter-Club Challenge** pitting golf club takes place Monday, April 30, at The Old Collier Golf Club. Proceeds will support TIF programs including First Tee of Naples/Collier in Immokalee.

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■ The **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** holds its annual tournament on Friday, May 4, at the Estuary at Grey Oaks. This year's title sponsor is Century Link. The 1 p.m. shotgun start is preceded by lunch, and a post-tournament dinner is included.

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■ The **Titan Gridiron Club** at Golden Gate High School holds its second annual golf scramble Saturday, May 5, at Naples Lakes Country Club. The shotgun start is at 8 a.m. and the game is followed by lunch and live and silent auctions. Participation is limited to the first 144 golfers who sign up. Registration is \$125 per person or \$400 for a foursome.

Sponsorships are also available. For a registration form or more information, contact Barb Anderson by calling 564-9440 or e-mailing balpkrfan@aol.com.

■ Pack your putter and two other clubs of your choice and have fun at **"Three Sticks for Kicks"** on Saturday, May 5, at Vi at Bentley Village. The non-traditional tournament will benefit Charity for Change and its School "Giver" Program at local elementary schools. The best ball competition will include games, obstacles and other on-course surprises to add to the fun.

The day begins at 8 a.m. with pool-side continental breakfast and includes Bloody Mary and mimosa beverage stations as well as beer on the course, a lunch buffet and awards ceremony, plus a bucket raffle for items such as a Norman Love Confections chocolate basket and a 50/50 drawing. Awards for lowest scoring and "Most Honest" foursomes will include golfing certificates for Hideout Golf Club and Vineyards Country Club, among other courses.

Cost is \$100 per golfer, with registration available through May 1 by calling 592-6787 or visiting www.charityforchange.org. Hole sponsorships for \$125 are available for \$125 by contacting Suzanne Todd at 784-7945 or suzannetodd@charityforchange.org.

■ The second annual **Harry Chapin Food Bank Classic** is set for Wednesday afternoon, May 9, at Grandezza Golf & Country Club. Registration is \$125 and includes dinner after the tournament.

To sign up or to learn about volunteering, donating silent auction items or becoming a sponsor, call 334-7007, e-mail Chris Robinson at chrisrobinson@harrychapinfoodbank.org or visit www.harrychapinfoodbank.org.

■ The **Collier Building Industry Association and Hill, Barth & King** host a tournament on Friday, May 11, at Vasari. Competition includes a putting contest and a long drive contest. Admission includes cart and green fees, three mulligans, 10 raffle tickets, three complimentary drinks on the course and lunch following the tournament.

For registration or more information, call the CBIA office at 436-6100 or visit www.cbia.net.

■ **First Baptist Academy** tees up its 10th annual golf tournament on Saturday morning, May 12, at Windstar on Naples Bay. Cost is \$150 per person. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

For more information, call 597-2233 or e-mail faa@fbalions.org. ■

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The two Bonita Bay East courses wind through open areas, marsh and



The Bonita Bay Club East Sabal course

woodland and past cypress stands where players often see wild turkey, marsh birds, rabbits and white-tailed deer. It was the first 36-hole facility in the world to achieve Audubon International Signature Sanctuary status.

The entrance to Bonita Bay East is on Immokalee Road six miles east of I-75. For more information or to schedule a tee time, contact Jay Severson at 405-9002, e-mail BBEGolf@bonitabaygroup.com or visit www.BonitaBayEast.com. ■

On Island Time

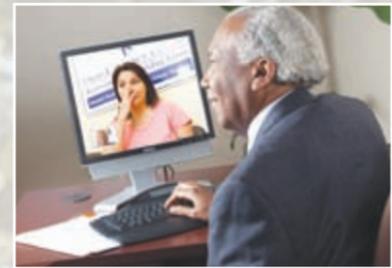


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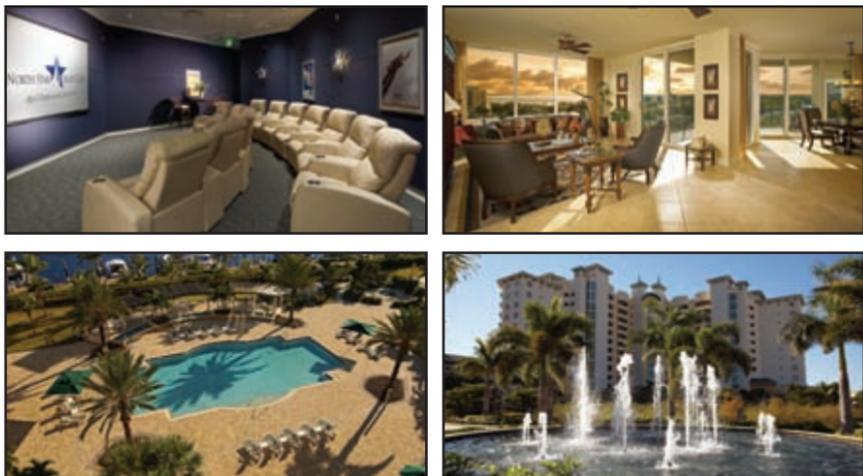
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The top open water swimmers in the U.S. will compete in the 2012 USA Swimming Open Water National Championships on Friday and Sunday, April 27 and 29, at Miramar Lakes Beach & Golf Club. Spectators are welcome; admission is free.

The competition includes a 10K and 5K race, with the 10K race serving as the trials for the 2012-13 USA Swimming National Open Water Team and National Junior Open Water Team.

The top two female finishers in the 10K race will represent the U.S. at the Olympic Qualifier Event in Setubal, Portugal, on June 8. The male spot for the 10K on Team USA for the 2012 Summer Games has already been secured by Alex Meyer of Ithaca, N.Y.

The women's 10K race will take off at 8 a.m. Friday, April 27, and the men will follow at 11 a.m. The 5K men's competition will begin at 9 a.m. followed by the women at 9:10 a.m. on Sunday, April 29. Start times are subject to change due to the number of entries or local conditions.

For more information, visit www.usa-swimming.org.

Fishing tourney ensures adventures can continue

The 15th annual Gene Doyle Fishing Tournament takes place Friday-Sunday, May 4-6. The backcountry catch-and-release tournament lures youth and young adult anglers to reel in redfish, snook and trout in guided or "open" divisions as well as to chase the coveted Grand Champion trophies. Winners will also be named for Most Unusual Catch, Best Photograph and Trash Can Slam.

Proceeds support the Gene Doyle Adventure Scholarship, which gives three Collier County high school students the chance to take the adventure of a lifetime, either self-designed or through structured programs such as Outward Bound. Since its inception, the fund has sent more than 40 Collier County students packing, from the Appalachian Trails to the whitewaters of Alaska.

For more information about fishing tournament sponsorships or registration, call Sean Morton at 213-8810 or visit www.GeneDoyle.org.

Bicycle criterium race added to CityFest fun

The inaugural Orange Blossom Special,

a two-day bicycle criterium race on two, 1-mile circuit courses in Old Naples, will take place as part of Naples CityFest activities Saturday and Sunday, May 5-6, in Old Naples. Bicyclists from around the state are expected to vie for \$7,500 in cash and prizes. Volkswagen of Naples is the title sponsor.

The Orange Blossom Special is accredited under numerous statewide and national competitive cycling calendars. For registration and more information, including race maps, visit www.orangeblossomnaples.com.

Lovers Key 5K welcomes runners, joggers, walkers

Friends of Lovers Key are setting the pace for the seventh annual Turtle Trot 5K on Saturday, May 12. Proceeds will go toward the Friends of Lovers Key fund for building a visitor center at the park.

Runners, joggers and walkers alike can join the fun and experience the beauty of Lovers Key State Park as they trek over a path along Black Island Trail, run up a 38-foot hill and cross two bridges as they make for the finish line at the beach.

Breakfast will be provided by signature sponsor Whole Foods. Other sponsors include Vitamin Shoppe, Angel Animal Hospital, Bonita Community Health Center, Everglades Shirt Factory and Outfitters, Road ID, Trek Bikes, SNAP Fitness and the Minnesota Twins.

Registration is \$25 if completed before May 6 and \$30 after that. Sign up online at www.friendsoflovesskey.org or stop by the park for a registration form.

For more information, call 463-4588 or e-mail president@friendsoflovesskey.org.

Paddleboarders hit the water for Special Olympics

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.

Three SUP division races will take place: for ages 10-16, boys and girls; the women's open and the men's open.

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.

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■ 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.

■ Relays For Life to benefit the American Cancer Society are taking place throughout Southwest Florida in the weeks ahead. Relay For Life events are held overnight in which 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 night. The events are held overnight

to honor and mirror a cancer patient's journey through treatment.

Here are some local relays coming up:

■ Relay For Life-Immokalee takes place at Immokalee High School on Friday and Saturday, April 27-28.

■ Relay For Life-Golden Gate takes place at Golden Gate Community Park on Friday and Saturday, April 27-28.

■ Relay For Life-East Collier takes place Friday and Saturday, May 4-5, at East Naples Middle School.

Anyone who wants to join a relay team or form a team with a group of colleagues, neighbors or friends can find out how www.relayforlife.org. Or for more information, call the local American Cancer Society office at 261-0337. ■

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Avow offers workshop and continuing ed

Nurses, social workers, spiritual leaders and Stephen ministers are invited to a free workshop about compassion fatigue offered by Avow Hospice from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 3, at Avow headquarters, 1095 Whippoorwill Lane, Naples. Lunch is included.

The Rev. Dr. James Kirk will lead the "Care for Caregivers: Compassion Fatigue Prevention and Resiliency" workshop. Attendees will gain an understanding of the causes and effects of compassion fatigue and learn powerful tools to help them in their roles as caregivers.

Reservations are required by Friday, April 27, and can be made by calling 649-3689.

Area RNs, LPNs and LCSWs can gain four continuing education credits when Avow offers a "Mandatories Marathon" session covering domestic violence and medical errors from 5:30-10 p.m. Thursday, May 17.

Instructors will be Vickijo Letchworth of the Shelter for Abused Women & Children and Jill Peterson of Avow Hospice. Registration is \$45 and includes a light dinner served at 5:30 p.m. Payment will be collected upon arrival and must be cash or check.

To reserve a place, call 280-2299 or e-mail Mitzi Adams at madams@avowhospice.org.

Help celebrate at Lighthouse off Collier

Lighthouse of Collier Center for Blindness and Vision Loss celebrates its third birthday with an open house from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, May 3, at its donated space at 424 Bayfront Place. Brad Marquardt of Magnifying Selections and Optelec are sponsoring the celebration; EJ's Cafe at Bayfront and Eat Your Art Out have donated refreshments.

The mission of the Lighthouse of Collier is to promote the development, implementation and on-going evaluation of programs and services that foster independence and enhance the quality of life for the blind, visually impaired and their caregivers.

To learn more about the programs and services offered, call 430-3934 or visit www.lighthouseofcollier.org.

Voice aerobics class offered for Parkinson's patients

The Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida Inc. offers a class in voice aerobics beginning at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 8, at PASFi headquarters in Naples.

The association 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.

To sign up for the new voice aerobics class 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.

PASFi headquarters have recently moved into new office space at 1048 Goodlette Road, Suite 201. ■



Happiness and heart health linked, study says

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Over the last few decades numerous studies have shown negative states, such as depression, anger, anxiety and hostility, to be detrimental to cardiovascular health. Less is known about how positive psychological characteristics are related to heart health. In the first and largest systematic review on this topic to date, Harvard School of Public Health researchers found that positive psychological well-being appears to reduce the risk of heart attacks, strokes and other cardiovascular events.

The study was published online April 17, 2012 in Psychological Bulletin.

The American Heart Association reports more than 2,200 Americans die of cardiovascular disease each day, an average of one death every 39 seconds. Stroke accounts for about one of every 18 U.S. deaths.

"The absence of the negative is not the same thing as the presence of the positive. We found that factors such as optimism, life satisfaction, and happiness are associ-

ated with reduced risk of CVD regardless of such factors as a person's age, socioeconomic status, smoking status, or body weight," said lead author Julia Boehm, research fellow in the Department of Society, Human Development, and Health at HSPH. "For example, the most optimistic individuals had an approximately 50 percent reduced risk of experiencing an initial cardiovascular event compared to their less optimistic peers," she said.

In a review of more than 200 studies published in two major scientific databases, Ms. Boehm and senior author Laura Kubzansky, associate professor of society, human development, and health at HSPH, found there are psychological assets, like optimism and positive emotion, that afford protection against cardiovascular disease. It also appears that these factors slow the progression of disease.

To further understand how psychological well-being and CVD might be related, Ms. Boehm and Ms. Kubzansky also investigated well-being's association with

cardiovascular-related health behaviors and biological markers. They found that individuals with a sense of well-being engaged in healthier behaviors such as exercising, eating a balanced diet and getting sufficient sleep. In addition, greater well-being was related to better biological function, such as lower blood pressure, healthier lipid (blood fat) profiles, and normal body weight.

If future research continues to indicate that higher levels of satisfaction, optimism, and happiness come before cardiovascular health, this has strong implications for the design of prevention and intervention strategies.

"These findings suggest that an emphasis on bolstering psychological strengths rather than simply mitigating psychological deficits may improve cardiovascular health," Ms. Kubzansky said.

The study was supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Pioneer Portfolio through the grant "Exploring Concepts of Positive Health." ■

Physician leaders as collaborators in providing care



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Change is the only constant in our industry, a point driven home in a recent presentation by health-care strategist and futurist Nate Kaufman to NCH board members, medical staff and other colleagues.

"Preparing for the Inevitable Perilous Journey from Entitlement to Accountability" was the title of the talk by this nationally recognized expert who, over a 35-year career, claims an 80 percent success rate in predicting outcomes of business endeavors.

Among the points he made:

■ The current economic glide path for the health-care delivery system is not sustainable. In other words, no one is immune from arithmetic.

■ The Accountable Care Act is fundamentally flawed; however, either this act or its sequel is inevitable. Current economic stresses outweigh the pending Supreme Court decision.

■ Successful innovation requires everyone's commitment to reducing hospital utilization, a culture of shared sacrifice, measuring and responding to quality/cost

(the value equation) in real time, directing the patient to the right place at the right time, selectively including specialists, an experienced and robust infrastructure, a digitally connected network, an electronic medical record with point-of-care protocols and strong physician leadership.

Strong physician leadership is essential if we are to thrive. In that light, at our recent annual medical staff meeting we celebrated Dr. Paul Dernbach, who finished his two-year term as president, and Dr. Jeff Heitmann, who assumed the leadership role. Dr. Paul Jones is president-elect and Dr. Ken Plunkitt is secretary/treasurer. These officers lead 11 department chairmen and the NCH medical staff of more than 600 individuals, all of whom are dedicated to helping patients.

A second highlight of the annual meeting was the recognition of the COMPASS award nominees: Matthew Baker, M.D. (neurology); H. Kurtis Biggs, D.O. (orthopedic surgery); Mark Brown, M.D. (infectious disease); Paul Dernbach, M.D. (neurosurgery); Ronald Garry, M.D. (geriatric medicine); Vijay Konda, M.D. (hospitalist medicine); David Lamon, M.D. (general surgery); Holly Miller, M.D. (ob-gyn); Manuel Ortega-Elias, M.D. (neonatology); Carlos Quintero, M.D. (hospitalist medicine); James Scanlon, M.D. (vascular surgery); and C. Todd Vedder, M.D. (pediatrics).

These outstanding physicians were recognized by nurses with whom they work. The award recognizes what is great about physicians and nurses working together to create and sustain an environment of care for patients, families and each other. The letters in the name of the award spell out how all of us should conduct ourselves in health care:

C is for caring, compassion and collaboration.

O is for open, objective and observant.

M is for meticulous, mentor and model.

P is for professional, pleasant and positive. **A** is for approachable, appreciative and no attitude.

S is for superior skills, standards and sociable.

S is for special.

Two COMPASS award nominees — Drs. Biggs and Konda — were overwhelmingly supported for their consistently excellent attitudes and approaches to caring for their patients and fellow NCH staff members. Indeed, they set the example for us all.

We live and practice in a rapidly changing environment, as futurist Mr. Kaufman emphasized. Our great physician leaders are partners and collaborators who help us create a better future for all. ■

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

TO YOUR HEALTH

Clean out your medicine cabinet

Drug Free Collier sponsors "Operation Medicine Cabinet," a day for residents to safely dispose of expired or unused prescription and over-the-counter medications, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 28. Drop-off locations are as follows:

Naples:

- CVS Pharmacy, 294 Ninth St. S.
- Naples Recycling Center, 2640 West Enterprise Ave.
- Sweetbay Supermarket, 7550 Mission Hills Drive and 2400 Immokalee Road
- Walmart Super Center, 5420 Juliet Blvd.
- Walgreens, 4747 Golden Gate Parkway, 12780 Tamiami Trail E. and 13520 Tamiami Trail N.

Everglades City:

Everglades City Hall, 102 Copeland Ave. E.

Marco Island:

The Greater Marco YMCA, 101 Sandhill St.

For more information about Operation Medicine Cabinet and other Drug Free Collier programs, visit www.drugfreecollier.org.

Y can help kids stay sharp this summer

The Greater Naples YMCA celebrates Healthy Kids Day with a free community event for kids and families in Collier County from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 28. More than 1,900 Ys across the country are taking part in the celebration, meant to kick start physical activity and learning throughout the summer, a critical out-of-school time for kids.

Research shows that without access to activities that stimulate the mind and body, kids are more prone to gain weight and fall behind academically over the summer months.

A national initiative of the Y to improve the health and well being of kids, Healthy Kids Day is filled with fun, active play and educational activities that will help parents improve their kids' lifestyles for the long term.

"At the Greater Naples YMCA, we know that when the school year ends, many kids lose exposure to activities that keep them moving and learning," says Robin Harhen, program director at the Naples campus. "Healthy Kids Day

will help parents begin thinking early about what their kids need to stay physically and intellectually active in the summer. It's just around the corner, and it's an ideal time for kids to get out and grow so they are healthier and sharper when the next school year begins."

The Naples Healthy Kids Day activities will take place from 9 a.m. to noon April 28 at the Greater Naples YMCA, 5450 YMCA Road.

For more information, call 597-3148 or visit www.yמצapalms.org.

Support group starting for those who are grieving

Jewish Family and Community Services of Southwest Florida is starting a bereavement support group that will meet for eight weeks from 10-11:30 a.m. Thursdays beginning May 10. To sign up or for more information, call Margaret Passeri, LCSW, at 325-4444. Sessions will meet at Jewish Family and Community Service, 5025 Castello Drive in Naples. ■

Walden Medical Center in Bonita gets a makeover

Physicians Regional Healthcare System has redesigned and remodeled its Walden Medical Center in Bonita Springs. The 22,000-square-foot medical facility has a redesigned 10,000-square-foot first floor that features new medical suites, procedure rooms and common areas. A 3,000-square-foot imaging suite offers high-quality diagnostic imaging.

The site has added new MRI and x-ray staff with 45 years of combined diagnostic imaging experience. The diagnostic imaging cases at Bonita II are reviewed by the experts at Naples Radiologists PA. Same-day appointments are available for those with proper insurance verification.

Plans call for adding two to five primary care and specialty care physicians and for

remodeling the building's 5,000-square-foot second floor later this year.

The Physicians Regional Medical Group began practicing at the Walden Medical Center in 2008. The building is occupied by Drs. Rebekah Bernard, family medicine; Heather Smith-Fernandez, interventional pain management; and Aldo Bretta and Scott Greenburg, orthopedic surgeons. ■

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Two designers, four models in The Strada at Mercato

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Interior designer Charlie Hansen and design consultant Rebekah Rerrett-Pikosky of Clive Daniel Home will debut four model residences at The Strada at Mercato from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 28-29. The design experts will offer tips for creating “a personalized Naples resort lifestyle” in any home.

“The models were designed with an affinity for the Naples lifestyle,” says Todd Kendall, director of developer sales for Premier Sotheby’s International Realty, the real estate division of The Lutgert Companies, developer of the Mercato retail and residential community.

Each of the four models has two bedrooms and 2½ baths. The distinct styles represented are:

■ **Tropical Sophistication** - Inspired by nature, this model has hints of ebony amid earthy shades of taupe and camel.

■ **Shabby Chic** - A look of rustic

elegance is achieved with weathered wood and a color palette of sea green and aqua.

■ **Asian Fusion** - A combination of chrome and clean lines with vibrant green accents gives the space a sleek, sophisticated feel.

■ **Urban Elegance** - Straight lines,

structural art, color blocking and white-on-white lacquer furniture imbues this residence with a sense of modern luxury.

“The models share a theme that is both fresh and cheerful, reflecting a lifestyle that I felt was relevant to Naples urban living,” says Ms. Rerrett-Pikosky.

As part of the Clive Daniel Home/The Strada partnership, new buyers of two-bedroom residences at The Strada are offered complimentary custom decorating services and a \$20,000 gift certificate that can be used for furniture and accessories at the Clive Daniel Home showroom, 2777 Tamiami Trail in Naples. The residences are offered at \$599,000 and come with secured parking.

Modeled after the European approach to living, with residential over retail, The Strada at Mercato is comprised of 92 residences. There are 11 floor plans with one, two and three bedrooms. Prices range from \$390,000 to \$1.27 million.

All residents enjoy the private rooftop club floor with fitness center, a 52-foot heated pool, spa, gas grills, fire pit and resort lounge seating.

The Strada at Mercato sales center is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday and noon to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 594-9400 or visit www.MercatoNaples.com.



Right: Rebekah Rerrett-Pikosky



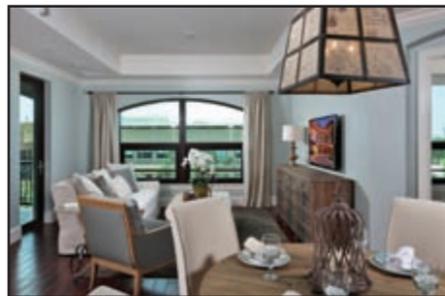
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Statewide survey salutes Florida's best buildings

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

To commemorate its 100th anniversary, the American Institute of Architects-Florida Chapter conducted a month-long survey of the Top 100 building in the state. Out of 2.4 million votes cast online, the Fontainebleau Miami Beach earned top honors overall.

The Walker Guest House on Sanibel Island placed first in its category, residential, and was the only Southwest Florida building to make the list. Some of the other category winners were the Dali Museum in St. Petersburg and Boca Raton Town Hall for civic buildings and the Florida Theatre in Jacksonville for performing arts buildings.

Rounding out the list of overall winners were: Mandi's Chapel in Live Oak; the Baughman Center at the University of Florida-Gainesville; the University of North Florida Student Union in Jacksonville; and the Mar-a-Lago National Historic Landmark in Palm Beach.

The buildings in the competition were nominated by AIA-Florida's local chapters, which made submissions to a panel of architects who then narrowed the list to the top 100 buildings.

"Behind every magnificent structure is an architect who helped create it," says Peter Jones, president of AIA-Florida. "Through their votes, Floridians have told us they get it — that they appreciate the beauty and importance of Florida's most unforgettable buildings."

Fontainebleau Miami Beach has been an American architectural icon since it opened in 1954. The most significant building of architect Morris Lapidus' career, its emblematic curvilinear design came to define the Miami

Beach skyline. Marked by Mr. Lapidus' signature details — including bow-tie design motifs, circular ceilings and columns and the infamous "Staircase to Nowhere" — Fontainebleau was the first of its kind.

In 2008, Jeffrey Soffer and the Soffer family reopened the Fontainebleau Miami Beach after a \$1billion renovation which sought to uncover Mr. Lapidus' original vision and mark the rebirth of an enduring architectural landmark in Miami Beach, according to Phil Goldfarb, president and COO of Fontainebleau Miami Beach. He called the AIA's top award a testament to the magnificent restoration work and the international team of architects assembled to accomplish that task.

"We are elated that so many Floridians took the time to learn about the beautiful structures in their communities," said Donald Yoshino, chairman of AIA-Florida's 100th Anniversary Committee. "We intend to keep the conversation front and center as we celebrate 100 years and encourage students across the state to consider a career in architecture — placing their own unique signature on our state's skyline."

Headquartered in Tallahassee, AIA-Florida represents the interests of 3,600-plus members in Florida and the Caribbean who adhere to a code of ethics and professional conduct that assures the client, the public and colleagues of an AIA-member architect's dedication to the highest standards in professional practice.

For more information and to view the entire list of the 100 best buildings in the Sunshine State, visit www.aiafla.org. ■



The Fontainebleau Miami Beach was named first in the overall list of Top 100 Buildings in Florida.



The Walker Guest House on Sanibel placed first in the contest's residential category.

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PET TALES

Safer swimming

Don't assume dogs know the rules for water safety

BY GINA SPADAFORI
Universal Uclick

Warm weather came early this year to much of the country, and that means lakes and rivers — and even swimming pools — are already being enjoyed by dogs who love to swim. But every spring, as my field-bred retrievers (who happily swim year-round) greet new dogs at the river's edge, I see dogs at risk of drowning.

Most times, some caution on the part of their owners would prevent any problems. The keys to water safety for dogs: prevention, preparedness and awareness.

Prevention

No dog should be given unsupervised access to a backyard pool or a neighborhood pond or creek. Swimming pools are best fenced-off for safety. And if that's not possible, they should be equipped with alarms that sound when the surface of the water is broken by a child or pet falling in. Escape ramps are a great idea, but it's better to prevent pets from getting in unsupervised in the first place.

Prevention also includes teaching your pet what to do when he's in the pool. Dogs don't understand the idea that the steps are on one side only, and they may tire and drown trying to crawl out the other side. If your pet likes to swim, work with him in the pool to help him learn where the steps are, so he can get out easily. Tip: Put contrasting paint or tape on the fence behind the steps to give your dog a visual



Even dogs who have been good swimmers all their lives can be at risk in the water when they're older.

clue he can count on.

Finally, obedience training is extremely important. Your dog should come when called, even while swimming, so you can call him back before he heads into deeper water or stronger currents. Emergency shortcut: Always carry extra retrieving toys. A dog who's heading out into a dangerous area after a ball or stick can often be lured back to shore with a second item thrown closer in. It's no substitute for training, but it could save your dog's life.

Preparedness

Before letting your dog swim in any natural surroundings, survey the area for safety. Rivers and oceans can change frequently, and an area that was safe for swimming one visit can be treacherous the next. Consider currents, tides, underwater hazards and even the condition of the water. In the late summer, algae scum on the top of standing water can be toxic, producing substances that can kill a pet who swallows

the tainted water. When in doubt, no swimming. Better safe than sorry.

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

If your dog isn't much of a swimmer, or is older or debilitated, get him a personal flotation device. These are especially great for family boating trips because most have sturdy handles for rescue if a pet goes overboard.

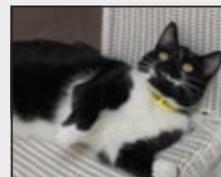
Awareness

Be aware of your dog's condition as he plays. Remember that even swimming dogs can get hot, so bring fresh water and offer it constantly. When your dog is tiring, be sure to call it a day. A tired dog is a good dog, but an exhausted dog is in danger of drowning.

Be particularly careful of young and old dogs. Both can get themselves into more trouble than a healthy adult dog with lots of swimming experience. Young dogs can panic in the water, and old dogs may not realize they aren't as strong as they used to be. Keep them close to shore, and keep swimming sessions short.

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

Pets of the Week



>>Muffin is a sweet, affectionate 1-year-old domestic shorthair who keeps her soft, rich coat beautifully groomed.



>>Royd is an approximately 6-year-old blue and white American Staffordshire terrier mix who weighs about 70 pounds. A solid, handsome guy with a wonderful disposition, he likes everyone, including cats.



>>Selma is an approximately 1-year-old Chihuahua longhair mix. Compact and robust, she weighs about 12 pounds. She's good on her leash and is alert and friendly with people, cats and other dogs. She's also a surprisingly effective little guard dog.



>>Trevor is a handsome, 9-month-old Maine coon mix who loves to be petted and promises to make a loving companion.

To adopt or foster a pet

—This week's pets are from Collier County Domestic Animal Services. Adoption fees for cats are \$60 and dogs are \$85 and include sterilization surgery, vaccinations, pet license, ID microchip and a bag of food. Visit DAS at 7610 Davis Blvd. from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday. For more information, call 252-7387 or visit www.colliergov.net/pets.

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“Divide a loaf by a knife: What’s the answer to that?”

— Lewis Carroll,
“Through the Looking Glass,” spoken by the Red Queen

“Invasive species of earthworms, specifically from the suborder Lumbricina, are migrating and spreading through North America.” Nico Eisenhauer, Stephan Partsch, Dennis Parkinson and Stefan Scheu. “Invasion of a deciduous forest by earthworms: changes in soil chemistry, microflora, microarthropods, and vegetation.”

— Soil Biology and Biochemistry 39 (2007): 1099-1110

“A box without hinges, key, or lid, yet golden treasure inside is hid.”

— J. R. R. Tolkien

“Grant me the treasure of sublime poverty.”

— Francis of Assisi

“Where you stumble, there lies your treasure.”

— Joseph Campbell

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Meet the Designers Seminars

Thursday, May 3 • 11am and 2pm Meet Clive Daniel Home Interior Designer Charlie Hansen and Design Consultant Rebekah Errett-Pikosky as they guide you through a progressive **tour of four new model residences at The Strada at Mercato** and explain their design ideas and elements for each model. This is a day of design you won't want to miss! **RSVP required.**

Info and online RSVP at www.clivedaniel.com/events

Tuesday, May 1 at 11am
Organizing 101-Five Step Process to Organize Anything! Certified Professional Organizer Roxy Hambleton of Positively Organized and Clive Daniel Home Designer Eva Thomas will show the step by step process to organizing!

Saturday, May 5 from 11-2pm
Mothers Day- Pamper Your Mother Join us as we host an exclusive event – a **Spa Day for Moms!** With Spa treatments by Purely You Spa. Belts and jewelry by Jennifer Dreznin Originals. A jewelry trunk show by Lorraine Weiss and presentations by the Naples Soap Company featuring products sold exclusively in our Boutique. **Your Mom will enjoy this luxurious day!**

Thursday, May 10 at 11am
Color for You and Your Home! Need a splash of color – for your home and your wardrobe? CDH Designer Maria Penetta teams up with personal stylist Tamra Nash of Extra-Ordinary Image to find the right color for you.

Tuesday, May 15 at 11am
Bring in the May Flowers Brighten up your living space with pops of color and floral prints! Clive Daniel Home Designer Ingrid DeVillers and our Nessen fabric expert will show you the wonderful effects floral prints can have on your mood and your home!



Tuesday, May 22 at 11am and 2pm
Model Tour: Toscano at Treviso Bay Join Clive Daniel Home Interior Designers Susan Petril and Brittany Molandes as they guide you through this chic model residence and provide insight into the design process. This event is offsite. **Call early to reserve your space** and no cameras, please.

Thursday, May 24 at 11am **Fit and Scale for Both You and Your Home** CDH Designer Michael Scott and personal stylist Tamra Nashman of Extra-Ordinary Image help you find the best styles and shapes for your figure and for your room – tailoring very stylish solutions!

Tuesday, May 29 at 11am
Tile, Carpet or Wood Flooring? Need help deciding what kind of flooring will be best for you? In this informative seminar, Clive Daniel Home Designer Susan Petril presents the myriad of flooring options available as she helps you to understand color, material, stone, wood, tile and carpet choices.

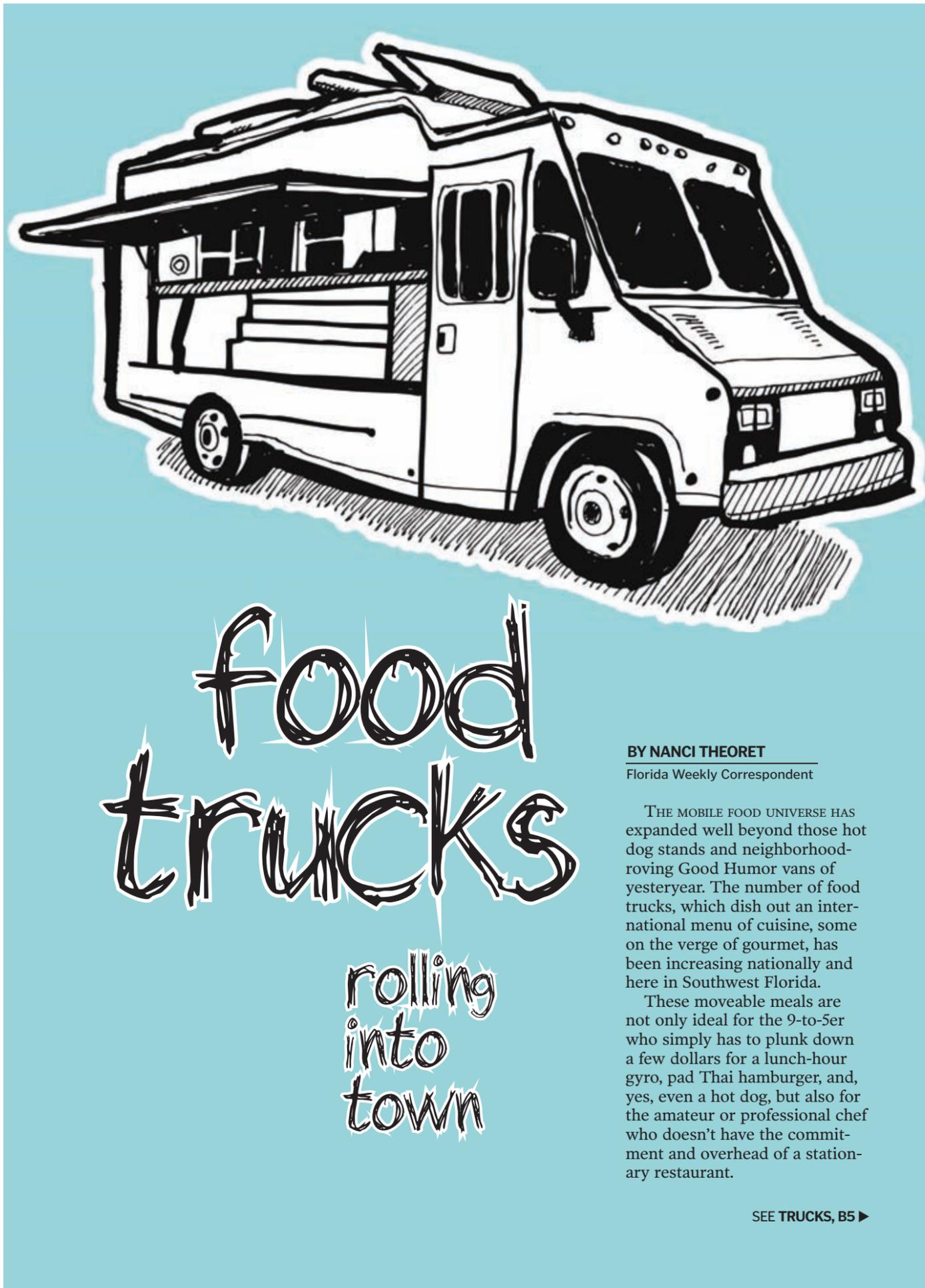
Thursday, May 31 at 11am
Outdoor Living in the Heat With the long hot summer just around the corner, make the most of your outdoor living space during our sultry Florida season! Join CDH Designer Michael Hayes as he shares techniques to care for, clean and enjoy your patio furniture and outdoor areas.

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BUSINESS & REAL ESTATE

WEEK OF APRIL 26-MAY 2, 2012

A GUIDE TO THE LOCAL BUSINESS & REAL ESTATE INDUSTRIES



food trucks
rolling into town

BY NANCI THEORET
Florida Weekly Correspondent

THE MOBILE FOOD UNIVERSE HAS expanded well beyond those hot dog stands and neighborhood-roving Good Humor vans of yesteryear. The number of food trucks, which dish out an international menu of cuisine, some on the verge of gourmet, has been increasing nationally and here in Southwest Florida.

These moveable meals are not only ideal for the 9-to-5er who simply has to plunk down a few dollars for a lunch-hour gyro, pad Thai hamburger, and, yes, even a hot dog, but also for the amateur or professional chef who doesn't have the commitment and overhead of a stationary restaurant.

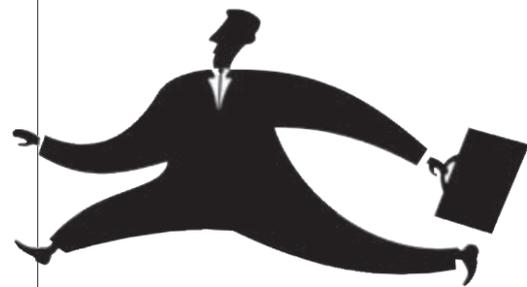
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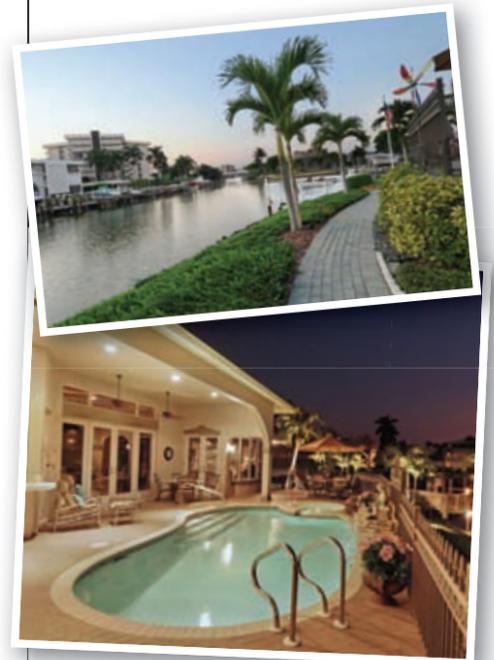
The Barristers Ball

A benefit for Legal Aid Services, and more business events. **B7-9 ▶**



On the Move

Who's going where, doing what on the local business scene. **B4 ▶**



House Hunting

This waterfront beauty ideal for boaters and beachgoers can be yours for \$1.95 million. **B11 ▶**

Arthrex breaks ground for facility in eastern Collier County

More than 180 community and government leaders celebrated the start of construction for Arthrex's \$25 million surgical device and implant manufacturing facility in eastern Collier County near Ave Maria.

Arthrex Manufacturing East will incorporate the latest in design and manufacturing technology for orthopedic surgical devices and implants of the future. According to a press release, 400-500 new jobs will be established there by 2016. The first phase investment of 190,000 square feet is scheduled for completion in spring 2013; the

second phase will add 120,000 square feet within two to three years.

"This project is another step in fulfilling Arthrex's community mission of 'Making People Better' through health-care innovation, new job creation and retention, employee well being and charitable giving," Reinhold Schmieding, founder and president, told the crowd at the groundbreaking ceremony. Attendees also heard from Blake Gable, co-president of Barron Collier Companies; Col-



lier County Commissioner Jim Coletta; State Rep. and incoming speaker of the Florida House of Representatives Will Weatherford; and Gov. Rick Scott.

Also in attendance were State Reps. Matt Hudson and Kathleen Pasidomo and Collier County Commissioners Fred Coyle, Donna Fiala and Tom Henning.

"We thank the community for its support of Arthrex and this project, and we are proud to contribute to the economic future of Ave Maria and eastern Collier

County," Mr. Schmieding said. He also recognized Barron Collier Companies for its donation of 21 acres of land for the expansion.

With headquarters off Immokalee Road in Naples, Arthrex is a worldwide leader in sports medicine product development and educational services for orthopedic surgeons. The company has developed more than 6,000 products for arthroscopic and minimally invasive orthopedic surgical procedures, and those products are marketed worldwide. For more information, visit www.arthrex.com. ■

MONEY & INVESTING

Microsoft: Clearly better than a bond



Microsoft closed at \$32.42 on Friday, April 25. At that price level, the stock is trading at a 2.5 percent yield and at a multiple to earnings of 11 times, but only nine times earnings if balance sheet cash is deducted from the market's valuation. Last week, Microsoft reported its most recent quarter's revenue, beating expectations. Behind the numbers was evidence that enterprise chief information officers are seemingly making long term commitments to Microsoft's 2012 roll out of new enterprise product. The stock is up some 25 percent since the beginning of 2012. Investors were happy for the uptick in news and stock price after years of disappointments.

The story of Microsoft is a B.C. and A.D. story, as in before and after 2000, the year the tech bubble burst. Microsoft's glories and growth pre-2000 were followed by ignominious failures and corporate non-events too boring to be told after 2000.

Microsoft was the best-known tech name in the world. Then came a resurgence in Apple and the newbies of Google and Facebook; Microsoft went from first place as tech leader to, at best, fourth place.

Microsoft was once the stock taking shareholders to the moon, making retirement plans look easy and happen sooner... until it fell from grace... and it is still floundering to find a vehicle for growth.

Microsoft clearly was led by one of the world's greatest entrepreneurs turned corporate mogul turned mega billionaire, Bill Gates, until Bill chose as his replacement as CEO Steve Ballmer, who until now has led the company nowhere. In investment parlance, super geek was followed by super dork.

Microsoft revolutionized computing through its software... both enterprise, home and school computing; in making its software ubiquitous, it became deeply entrenched in the tech platforms of corporations around the world as these companies used Microsoft software development tools to develop company-specific software needs. It's hard to reverse these deeply entrenched practices.

In recent years, there have been tech growth opportunities in which Microsoft has not showed or has failed. The business marketplace has moved toward cloud computing and the consumer, especially the younger consumers, moved to smart phones/mobile computing with Apple's iPhone, until Google played catch up with the Android (And we all know that that the young consumer is the demographic sweet spot that buys the next, new, great, hot tech, even if it takes all of their disposable income to make the very expensive purchase.)

Now most tech companies with "has-been" stories would have turned into a tech bygone. RIMM/ Blackberry is a perfect example of this. But the unique feature about Microsoft has been that it was so incredibly dominant and profitable in the enterprise/office software space that there was no end to its cash flow a-flowin'

(estimated to be \$30 billion in cash flow in 2012). It was in a segment of the market that was not being eroded as mobile computing was initially additive to the consumer's tech necessities, as was the tablet was initially additive to a business person's needed gadgets. These additive gadgets are now replacing laptop needs as mobile and tablet computing has become so powerful.

So while all of this was happening in the past 12 years, while all in the tech world seemed to be passing them by, Microsoft remained enormously profitable. And besides the big cash flows carrying them operationally, the cash flow allowed payment of a dividend. Compared to U.S. bonds, 2.5 percent is a pretty hefty yield and one that can possibly increase.

Microsoft stock has lifted some 20 percent since the beginning of the year. Some large hedge funds have taken positions in the stock, looking for the soon-to-be-released Windows 8 to offer a whole new look and functionality and as leverage into the mobile and tablet market segments. If Microsoft does not make headway into these latter markets, it might become a tech dinosaur. Microsoft has to get cell and tablet product right... if it's too late for the U.S., it's still not too late for places such as China.

If you go online and look at some YouTube video coverage of recent Microsoft corporate presentations, you will see the new look of Windows 8 has a lot of Facebook interfaces. (Yes, the younger generation is ALL about Facebook.) Microsoft has an equity interest in Facebook and already collaborated with Microsoft's

such that Facebook users wanting a search engine were directed to BING, Microsoft's search engine as opposed to the industry's dominant player, Google.

One of the biggest parts of the Microsoft stock controversy has been the role or non-role of Steve Ballmer. His string of non-successes is long (except for Xbox) and many cannot understand why clearly one of the brightest guys ever, Gates, has stuck with him. Under Ballmer, the world's greatest tech company with all the resources conceivably available to a company that lost all the great growth opportunities of the past 10 years to Apple and Google.

So there are possible merits to Microsoft beyond bond-like elements but rip-roaring stock performance after a 25 percent move might be too much to expect. However, clearly Microsoft is attracting money as a value stock.

Consult your adviser as to Microsoft's suitability and as to the accuracy of all material facts. ■

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PORT ROYAL - GALLEON DRIVE

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



PORT ROYAL - NELSON'S WALK

Sensational vistas from this stunning residence situated on two Port Royal lots with expansive water frontage. Beautiful Southern exposure facing the confluence of Naples Bay and the picturesque inland waterways leading to Rookery Bay and the pristine coastal estuaries. Port Royal Club membership eligibility. \$10,900,000



PORT ROYAL - CUTLASS LANE

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PORT ROYAL - GALLEON DRIVE

A charming Port Royal home with expansive water frontage and multidirectional long water views over Buccaneers' Bay and Naples Bay. In the style of the islands, the home is artfully constructed with high ceilings, rich wood floors, and epitomizes comfortable elegance. Port Royal Club membership eligibility. \$7,600,000



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SANCERRE, A CONDOMINIUM - UNIT 401

The turquoise Gulf waters, the ebullient palms, and the fresh white sand merge in the mind's eye with the soft palette of interior finishes. Effortless living with available concierge services. \$4,290,000



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ON THE MOVE

Architecture

Bridget Paterno, marketing manager for SchenkelShultz Architecture operating from the firm's Naples office, has been promoted to associate of the firm.

Awards & Recognition

Dax Enterprises Inc., a provider of administrative support services, and owner **Kena Yoke** have received the 2011 All Star Award from Constant Contact Inc. in recognition of exemplary results using Constant Contact e-mail and event marketing tools and online survey tools.

The **Ted Todd Insurance Agency** has won the Allstate Agency Achievement Award for the Florida region for achieving the highest standards in customer satisfaction, customer retention and profitable business growth.

Banking

Scott Koenig has joined Shamrock Bank of Florida as vice president-sales manager. Originally from Covington Ky., he holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and economics from Thomas More College and has resided in Southwest Florida for 13 years. His community involvement



Koenig

includes Boys and Girls Club of Lee County, Youth Haven, San Carlos Little League and Estero Youth Baseball.

Board Appointments

Tiffany Lehman, agent and founder of Insurance Source of Naples, has joined the board of directors of Naples Equestrian Challenge. A Naples native, Ms. Lehman graduated from the University of Florida. She began working in the insurance industry in 2007 and launched Insurance Source of Naples in 2009 with Donna MacNiven and Judy Campbell.



Lehman

Barbara Barry and **Karl Wyss** have joined the board of directors for Opera Naples.

A community volunteer and philanthropist, Ms. Barry has served as a member of the board for the Pittsburgh Opera and the Pittsburgh Symphony Association. She has experience in marketing, public relations, development and special events.

Mr. Wyss is a past chairman and CEO of Thermadyne Inc. He has served in executive positions with Donaldson, Lufkin, Jenrette Merchant Banking (later Credit Suisse First Boston), Automatic Data Processing and McKinsey & Co. His community involvement includes Habitat for Humanity of Collier County and the International Men's Club of Collier County. He holds an MBA from New York University, and a degree in economics and law from

the University of Zurich, Switzerland.

Ms. Barry and Mr. Wyss join current Opera Naples board members Tom Moran, Jerry Goldberg, Frank Ibarra, Roger Baker, Jerry Grace, Janice Burrus, Anne Vitale, Ronald Lukowiak, Livio Ferrari and Joseph McMackin.

Steve McIntire, general manager of Park Shore Resort, has been elected president of the Collier County Lodging & Tourism Alliance. Other officers are: Joseph DiNunzio, the Gulfcoast Inn, vice president; Thomas White, White's Lodging, secretary/treasurer; Clark Hill, the Hilton Naples, past president; and directors Darren Robertshaw, the Trianon Hotel Company; Mac Chaudhry, the Hilton Marco Island; Rick Medwedeff, the Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort & Spa; Darryll Adams, The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort; and Hunter Hansen, the Waldorf Astoria Naples and the Edgewater Beach Hotel.

The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce announces the following officers and board members will take office June 1: **Michael Wynn**, Sunshine Ace Hardware, chairman; **Dudley Goodlette**, Edison State College, chair elect; **Katie Sproul**, Barron Collier Companies, past chair; and **Colleen Murphy**, Community Foundation of Collier County, vice chair-board development and strategic alliances. Officers continuing terms are: Tom Buckley, Naples Day Surgery, vice chair-Finance; Carol Conway, CRS Technology Consultants, vice chair-marketing and membership; Bud Hornbeck, Lutgert Insurance, vice chair-resource; Bill Spinelli, Titan Custom Homes, vice chair-public policy

co-chair; John Passidomo, Cheffy Passidomo, vice chair-public policy co-chair; and Jim Warnken, CPA, vice chair-research.

Board member elected or re-elected for a three-year term are: Dank Fink, The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida; Tom Graney, Fidelity Investments; Dan Lavender, Moorings Park; Kurt Mattox, Wells Fargo; Edmundo Muniz, Kirax Corp.; Bob Murray, Collier County Manager Leo Ochs; Collier County Schools Superintendent Kamela Patton; Julie Principato, Nordstrom's; John Schmieding, Arthrex; Leroy Sullivan, TECO People's Gas; and Kathleen van Bergen, the Philharmonic Center for the Arts.

Health Care

Gastroenterologist **Michael Cohen** has joined Physicians Regional Medical Group, a strategic affiliate of Physicians Regional Healthcare System.



Cohen

Dr. Cohen earned his medical degree from Northwestern University Medical School. He completed his internal medicine internship and residency at Northwestern McGaw Medical Center and a fellowship at Jackson Memorial Hospital and University of Miami Affiliated Hospitals. In private practice since 1989, he is certified by the American Board of Gastroenterology, the American Board of Internal Medicine and the National Board of Medical Examiners. ■

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TRUCKS

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Henry Kukla was inspired to start a food truck after seeing his first in Miami in 2007. The German native hit the road — OK, technically the parking lot next to the Iguana Mia in Cape Coral — in December 2007. His mobile Gyros & Chicken Grill sells beef, chicken and lamb gyros, souvlaki, vegetarian pitas, chicken schnitzel and a dozen or so additional items from a truck that would seem just as at home at a local carnival.

A one-man operation, Mr. Kukla sells about 500 gyros a week. The sandwiches, which average about \$7 each, account for 80 percent of his business, which he says is good.

Former executive chef Scott Sopher made the leap from resort and restaurant kitchens to food truck operator in February 2011, after testing the concept during weekend farmers markets. “I started the truck part time in November 2010 with every intention of leaving the hotel business,” he says. “At the time, there was no other truck on the road consistently except the cupcake truck in Cape Coral. The timing seemed right.”

Mr. Sopher, whose Nosh Truck has earned a cult following throughout Southwest Florida, still sticks mostly to farmers markets, selling his popular pad Thai beef burgers and Korean BBQ pork sliders at six weekly venues from Marco and Sanibel islands to Fort Myers.

Known for fresh and unique food, Mr. Sopher shops local farmers markets for produce and makes each item to order in the truck, which he purchased used.

“I can prepare anything a person in a restaurant can,” he says.

The hoops

Food trucks aren't exactly free to roam the open road. Zoning laws restrict them from pulling alongside a sidewalk or parking in an empty parking lot. They're also subject to the same state regulations as hotels and restaurants, undergo quarterly health inspections and must be affiliated with a licensed commercial kitchen or commissary.

“Once you start going through the county, you realize you can't really park anywhere you want,” says Mr. Sopher. “That's why I got more into farmers markets; you have a captive audience.”

Mr. Kukla pays rent to park his truck in Cape Coral.

For Dawn Haymans, it took five months to “jump through all the hoops



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The Nosh Truck has earned a cult following throughout Southwest Florida.

Michael della Camera, a professional vendor who has been operating hot dog stands, ice cream trucks and concessionaires since his days in England. He says the profitability of his Liberty Concessions is being sapped by wannabes — fly-by-night mom-and-pop upstarts who may or

may not have proper licensing.

“It seems like people who have been laid off of work think this is something they can do,” Mr. della Camera says. “They just don't understand how tough it can be out there.”

They're weekend warriors. These people who pop up on the corner piss me off because I pay for my licenses.”

Mr. della Camera spent \$1,600 to operate four food booths at last weekend's block party in Punta Gorda but was prevented from serving some items because others had already staked their claim.

“What really burns me up are these people who have a tent and a George Foreman grill and want to make tacos,” he says. “Someone like me comes along and I could have made money but I didn't have the opportunity because weekend warriors are there.”

Mr. della Camera also operates food concessions for Tampa Rays spring training games and runs the soft-serve ice cream truck at the Stone Crab games through August. He says he's likely to sideline the truck from making neighborhood rounds this summer.

“The profit is not as much as it used to be because of the price of gas and dairy products now. Insurance, all that stuff adds up,” he says. “The truck could make \$150 but with gas and everything it would be about \$20.”

During the height of her It's a Hot Dog Day business, Ms. Haymans operated a second hot dog stand at Ponce de Leon Park and employed six others. She was met with more bureaucratic resistance in 2009, when the city awarded the two-year Gilchrist lease to another vendor while Ms. Haymans says she was honey-

and rigamarole” required by the city, county and state to get approval for the New York-style hot dog cart she opened in December 2003 at Gilchrist Park in Punta Gorda. As a newly arrived Miami transplant, she saw the stand as an opportunity to get to know her new community.

And that's exactly what she did, from day one.

“I didn't expect to get the first customer,” she recalls. “Surprisingly I did great. I was very surprised by the reception of the downtown community at me being there. There hadn't been a vendor in Gilchrist for a long time and everyone was excited to have someone there again. I really got to know everybody. It became a ministry for me.”

When Hurricane Charley rendered the park unusable, Ms. Haymans was hired by Palm Auto Mall to provide hot dogs for its crew of employees working to reopen the business.

“Their insurance company paid them to pay me to give away hot dogs,” she says. “It was the only hot meal some of these guys were getting.”

Costs and benefits

A food truck costs a fraction of the start-up expenses for a restaurant — from \$100,000 to \$300,000 versus \$30,000 to \$80,000, by some accounts.

“My wife is from the restaurant business; you spend and lot of time and never have much money in your pocket,” says Mr. Kukla. “My business is small and I make a profit. I can feed my family and pay my bills

Solo entrepreneurs typically show a higher profit margin, simply because they don't have a payroll.

“I run my truck by myself. My wife and kids, neighbors and friends will help out when needed,” says Mr. Sopher. “Day to day, it's just me. There are a lot of people out there who buy a truck and hire three guys to run it. They're not going to make any money.”

Mr. Sopher's largest business expenses are the fees associated with participating at five weekly markets. Ditto for



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Dawn Haymans' hot dog cart.



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A sampling of the dishes served at Gyros & Chicken Grill, a food truck on Cape Coral Parkway.

moonings. She also had to fight city hall to get them to rescind a recommendation not to renew her contract at Ponce de Leon — a move the city favored because of late payments.

Spreading the news

Mr. Sopher is helping to promote Southwest Florida's new-found food truck culture by organizing rallies throughout the area. So far, he's staged events at the Seminole Casino Immokalee and established a third-Saturday-of-the-month event in Cape Coral that typically attracts local and South Florida food trucks.

This weekend, he and a handful of other mobile food vendors will participate in a rally at the Naples Botanical Garden. Participants will include Cape Coral's The Germans and Miami-area Dolce Gourmet Cupcakes, Miami Spice Grill and Mobile Culinary Kitchen. There's also a Cinco de Mayo event planned at the Naples Fort Myers Greyhound Track.

The events are designed to introduce locals to the variety of fare offered by food trucks — and ultimately to increase business.

“It's like a taste of the town but a thousand times better,” says Mr. Sopher. “You get to try all types of food. It's like a tailgate party with high-end food. I love doing rallies with trucks from Miami, and trading food. I always encourage my customers to try others. They can have mine any time.”

The typical day of a food truck chef/operator can be long. Mr. Sopher sees most of his customers around lunchtime, although he's physically stationed at a market or event seven to eight hours a day. More mobile vendors like Cape Coral's Cakes, Bakes & More cupcake truck, turn their location into a Where's-Waldo-meets-geocaching adventure, tweeting or posting online their geographic coordinates.

Mr. Kukla, who's open nine hours most days, has two business spurts. “A lot of businesspeople stop by at lunch, some three times a week,” he says. “Other people drive for miles to pick up something and take home for dinner.”

It's also hard work. Mr. Sopher often logs 12- to 15-hour days. “I work more at this than I did running a hotel,” he says. “There's a lot more to it: extra outside prep and shopping. It's my full-time job now. I can't complain because I love what I do.” ■

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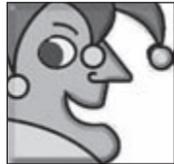
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My Smartest Investment

Only Lost 75 Percent

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Based in Illinois, I'm named after an 8-year-old girl, as was my first cheesecake. Today I'm a food and beverage giant, generating nearly \$9 billion in revenue annually. My brands include Ball Park, Douwe Egberts, Hillshire Farm, Sunbeam, Kahn's, Jimmy Dean and Senseo. (The Dutch Douwe Egberts name is more than 250 years old.) In the past I've owned Piggly Wiggly supermarkets, Hanes, Coach, Playtex Apparel and Chock Full o'Nuts. I spun off Hanesbrands in 2006, and plan to spin off my coffee and tea business soon, into a new company called D.E. Master Blenders 1753. Who am I? (Answer: Sara Lee) ■



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Q How can I, a beginning investor, tell when a stock is overvalued?

— R.Y., Farmington, N.M.

A An expert investor might crunch many numbers and consider many factors. Still, even complex discounted cash-flow-analysis calculations are based on assumptions and estimates, and savvy investors will often disagree on the fair value of a stock.

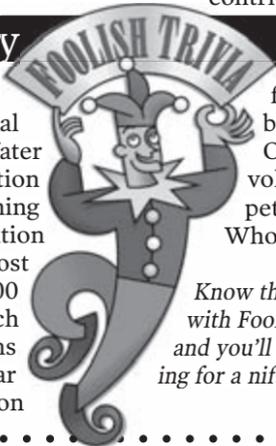
For beginners, one way to get an idea of a stock price's attractiveness is to compare its current price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio with its historical P/E range over the past five to 10 years. Verizon, for example, was recently trading with a P/E around 44. A glance at its P/E's past (perhaps at Morningstar.com or CAPS.fool.com) shows that its average P/E over the past five years has been 30. That suggests that it may be overvalued right now.

Of course, there's much more to the picture. Potential investors should study a company's successes, failures and plans, among other things, along with its cash, debt, profit margins and growth rates. ■

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from a bus. My other brands include 3-IN-ONE, Lava, X-14, Solvol, 2000 Flushes, Carpet Fresh and Spot Shot. Who am I? ■

Know the answer? Send it to us with Foolish Trivia on the top and you'll be entered into a drawing for a nifty prize!

The Motley Fool Take

McDonald's Is Golden

The Dow's top performer in 2011, McDonald's (NYSE: MCD) recently posted disappointing February sales and has a new CEO on the way. Don't worry too much, though, about the company's growth prospects.

Incoming CEO Don Thompson has spent 22 years with McDonald's, recently overseeing more than 14,000 U.S. stores and the rollout of the profitable McCafe beverage line.

Between 2002 and 2011, McDonald's increased average annual sales by 6.4 percent and more than doubled its operating profit margins. The company boasts a five-year average operating margin of 27.4 percent, trouncing that of its closest competitor. McDonald's has paid uninterrupted dividends since

1976, with an impressive recent yield of 2.9 percent and a remarkable average annual dividend growth rate of 20 percent over the past five years.

An oft-overlooked aspect of Mickey D's is its value as a real estate play, as it owns thousands of prime commercial properties throughout the world.

While McDonald's still faces some near-term headwinds from commodity cost increases and a strengthening dollar, it's likely to overcome them with its unrivaled marketing budget, aggressive expansion abroad and responsiveness to changing consumer demands. This top dog in fast food continues to be one of the best defensive dividend-paying stocks you can buy today. ("The Motley Fool Income Investor" newsletter has recommended McDonald's.) ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

■ A Job Search Support Group meets from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mondays at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. Contact Karen Klukiewicz at kluk77@comcast.net or visit www.napleschamber.org.

■ The program at the next Wake Up Naples for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce will consist of a review of the recent Florida legislative session. Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 8, at the Hilton Naples. Waste Management of Florida is this month's sponsor. For reservations, visit www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ The Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce invites members and guests

to Business After Five from 5:30-7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month. The location changes from month to month. The May 16 location is CJs on the Bay. For more information, e-mail Katie@marcoislandchamber.org.

■ The Collier Building Industry Association and NABOR host the 2012 Southwest Florida Real Estate Industry Panel starting with a reception at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 17, at Olde Cypress, 7165 Treeline Drive. Sponsored by B-Squared Advertising, the panel will include David Gordley of Iberiabank; Chris Hall, Luxury Home Solutions; Mike Hughes, NABOR; Richard McCormick, Pulte Homes; Pat Neal, Neal Communities; and Craig Perry, Centerline

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■ Business After Five for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 17, at Edison State College-Collier Campus, 7007 Lely Cultural Parkway. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce holds its annual meeting and dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 18, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Tickets are

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■ The East Naples Merchants Association meets for Business After Business at 5:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month. For location and more information, call 435-9410 or 643-3600.

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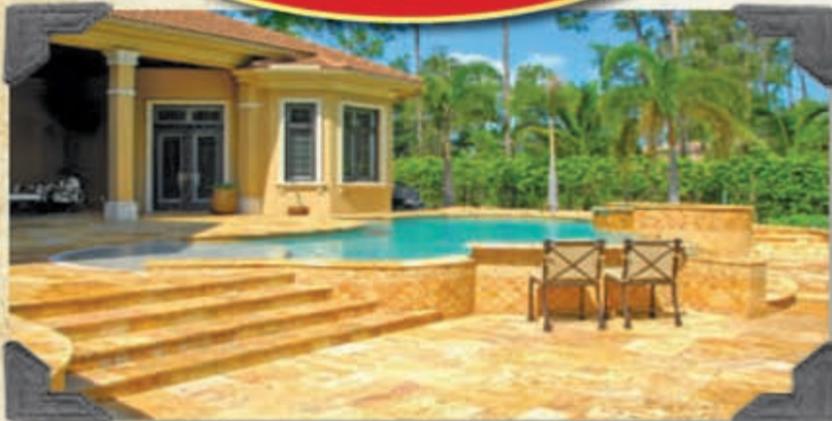
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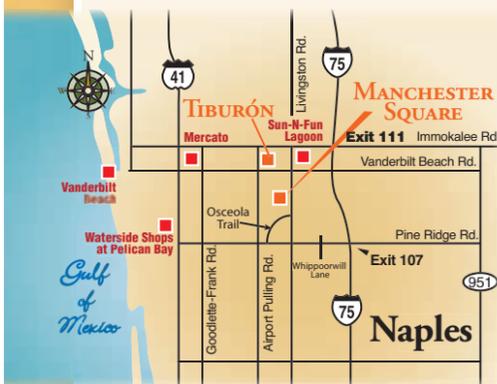
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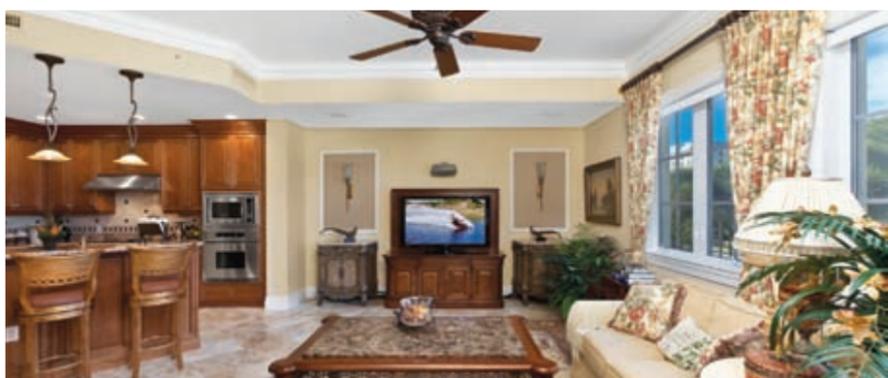
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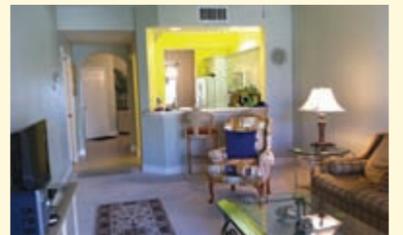
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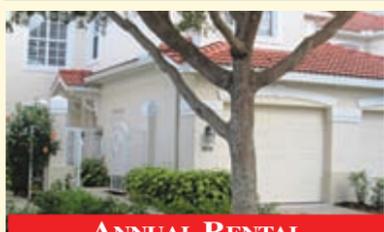


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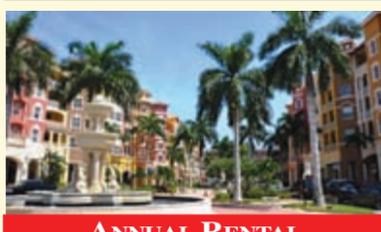


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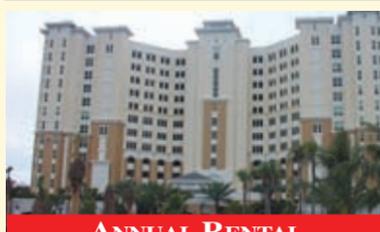
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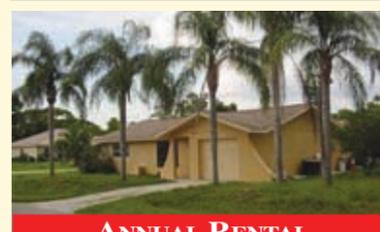
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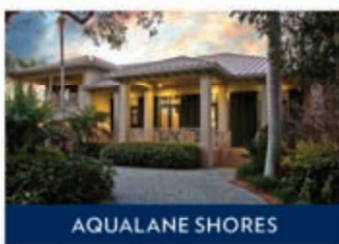
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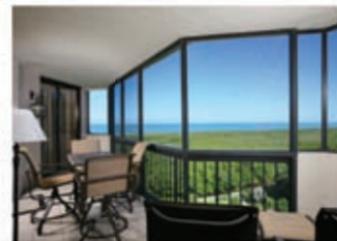
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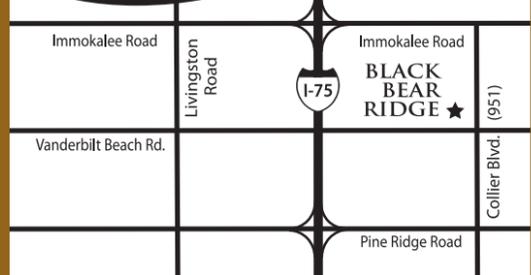
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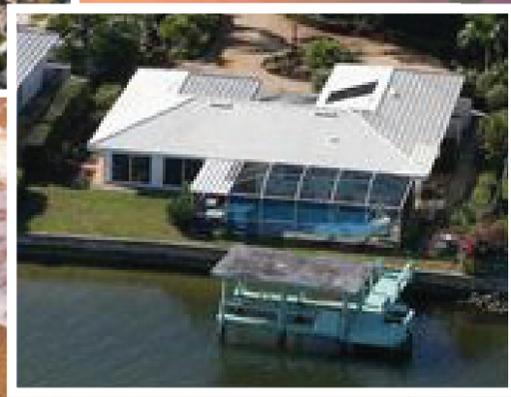


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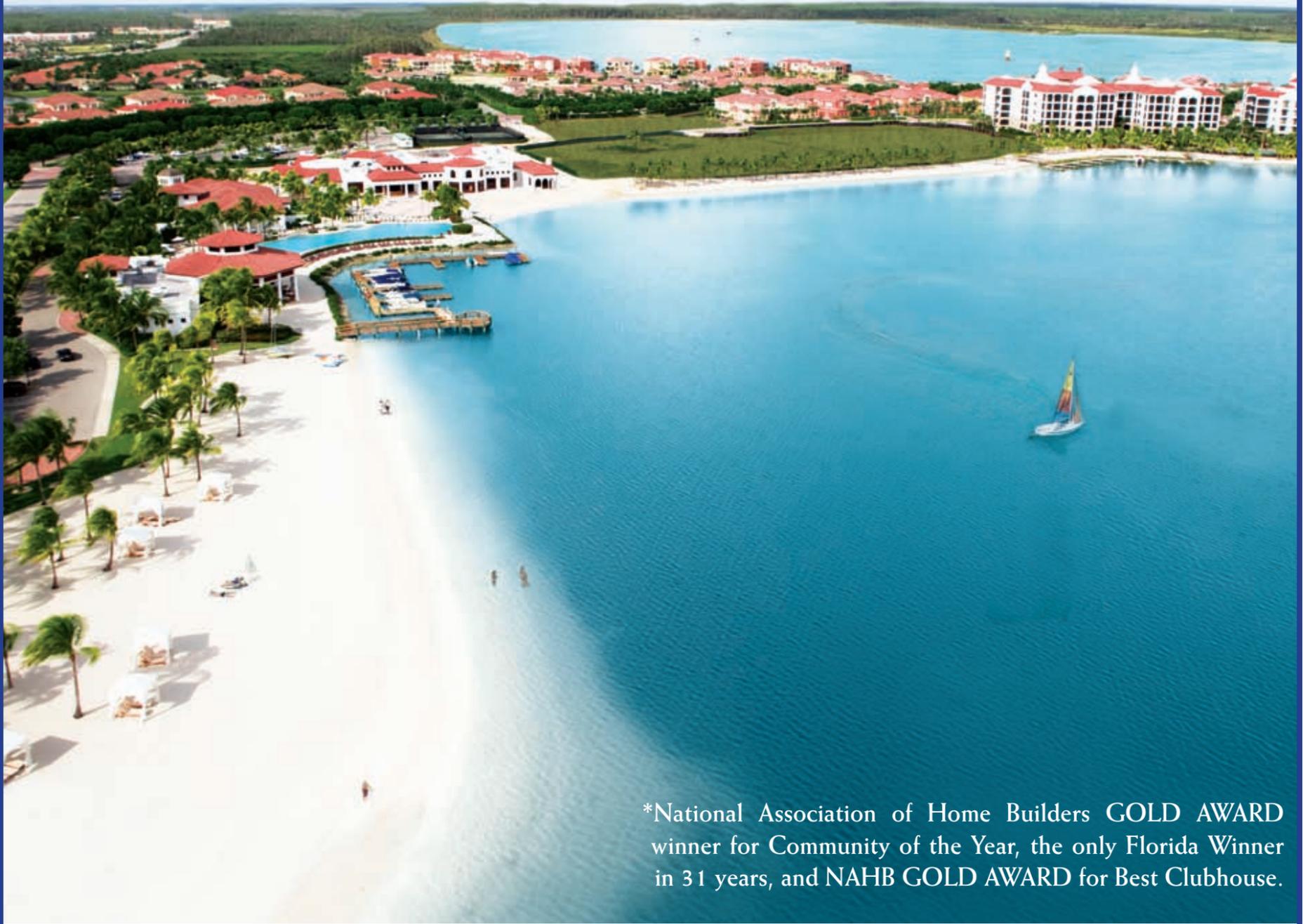
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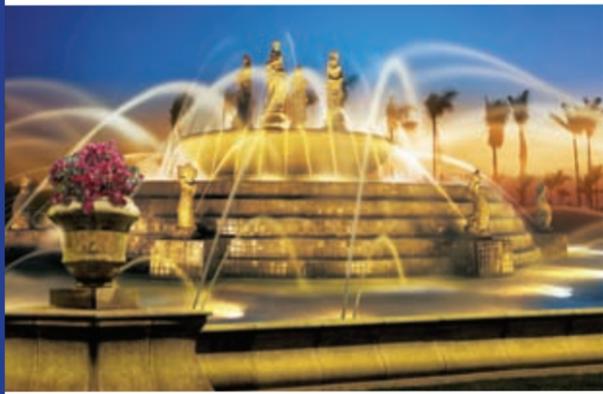
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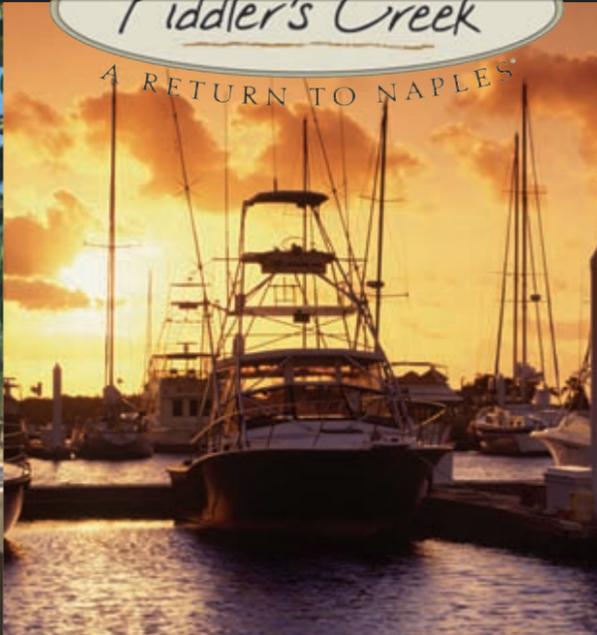
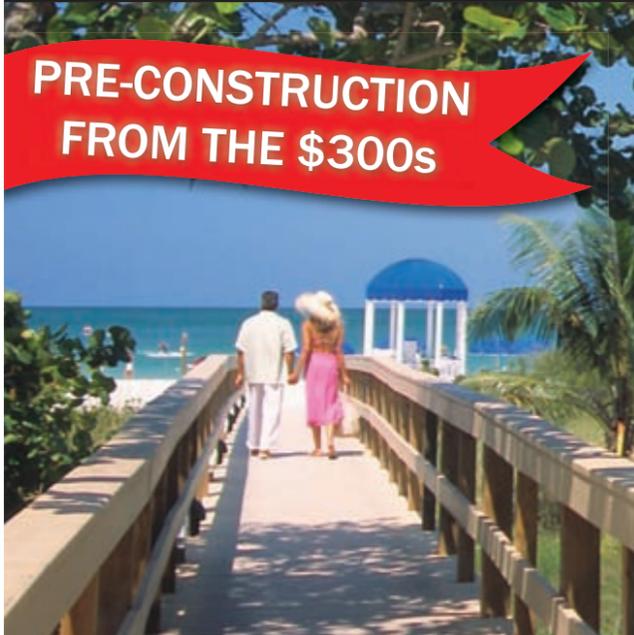


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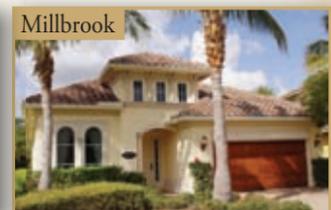
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9213 Campanile Circle	3BR/2BA	1,840 A/C Sq. Ft.	413,000		
9209 Campanile Circle	3BR/2BA	2,159 A/C Sq. Ft.	473,542		
Serena					
3176 Serena Lane, #15-201	3BR/3BA	3,010 A/C Sq. Ft.	359,000		
3160 Serena Lane, #19-101	3BR/3BA	2,408 A/C Sq. Ft.	299,000		
3160 Serena Lane, #19-102	SOLD 3BR/3BA	2,408 A/C Sq. Ft.	309,000		
3160 Serena Lane, #19-201	SOLD 3BR/3BA	3,010 A/C Sq. Ft.	339,000		
Marengo					
3146 Aviamar Circle, #1-102	3BR/3BA	2,100 A/C Sq. Ft.	239,000		
3138 Aviamar Circle, #3-202	SOLD 3BR/3BA	2,200 A/C Sq. Ft.	249,000		
3123 Aviamar Circle, #6-202	3BR/3BA	2,200 A/C Sq. Ft.	259,000		
3035 Aviamar Circle, #9-201	SOLD 3BR/3.5BA	2,488 A/C Sq. Ft.	265,000		
3035 Aviamar Circle, #9-203	3BR/3BA	2,200 A/C Sq. Ft.	259,000		
3031 Marengo Court, #10-103	SOLD 3BR/3BA	2,100 A/C Sq. Ft.	339,000		
3031 Marengo Court, #10-203	SOLD 3BR/3BA	2,200 A/C Sq. Ft.	359,000		
3031 Marengo Court, #10-204	SOLD 3BR/3.5BA	2,488 A/C Sq. Ft.	379,000		
3032 Marengo Court, #11-102	3BR/3BA	2,100 A/C Sq. Ft.	259,000		
3032 Marengo Court, #11-103	SOLD 3BR/3BA	2,100 A/C Sq. Ft.	229,000		
3032 Marengo Court, #11-201	SOLD 3BR/3.5BA	2,488 A/C Sq. Ft.	275,000		
3032 Marengo Court, #11-202	SOLD 3BR/3BA	2,200 A/C Sq. Ft.	234,000		
3032 Marengo Court, #11-203	SOLD 3BR/3BA	2,200 A/C Sq. Ft.	234,000		
Callista					
2745 Callista Mar Way, #6-204	SOLD 3BR/3BA	3,029 A/C Sq. Ft.	439,000		
2731 Aviamar Circle, #10-101	3BR/3BA	2,502 A/C Sq. Ft.	320,000		
2731 Aviamar Circle, #10-104	3BR/3BA	2,502 A/C Sq. Ft.	299,000		
2718 Callista Court, #12-101	SOLD 3BR/3BA	2,502 A/C Sq. Ft.	310,000		
2710 Callista Court, #14-204	SOLD 3BR/3BA	3,029 A/C Sq. Ft.	399,000		
2713 Callista Court, #15-101	SOLD 3BR/3BA	2,502 A/C Sq. Ft.	295,000		
2713 Callista Court, #15-102	SOLD 3BR/3BA	2,237 A/C Sq. Ft.	285,000		
2713 Callista Court, #15-201	3BR/3BA	3,029 A/C Sq. Ft.	379,000		
2713 Callista Court, #15-202	3BR/3BA	2,512 A/C Sq. Ft.	339,000		
2717 Callista Court, #16-102	3BR/3BA	2,237 A/C Sq. Ft.	300,000		
2717 Callista Court, #16-204	SOLD 3BR/3BA	3,029 A/C Sq. Ft.	369,000		
2721 Callista Court, #17-101	3BR/3BA	2,502 A/C Sq. Ft.	289,000		
2721 Callista Court, #17-103	SOLD 3BR/3BA	2,237 A/C Sq. Ft.	300,000		
2721 Callista Court, #17-203	3BR/3BA	2,512 A/C Sq. Ft.	339,000		
Millbrook					
3094 Aviamar Circle	3BR/2BA	1,876 A/C Sq. Ft.	675,000		
3086 Aviamar Circle	3BR/3BA	2,524 A/C Sq. Ft.	775,000		
Cranberry Crossing					
9016 Cherry Oaks Trail	3BR/3BA	1,876 A/C Sq. Ft.	359,000		
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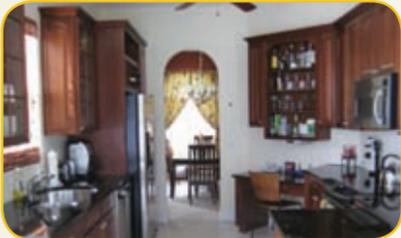


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Premier Sotheby's International Realty announces that Covelli Development Group has started a new, six-bedroom, 6½-bath, five-car garage luxury model home in The Estuary at Grey Oaks. The Kingston, at 1237 Gordon River Trail, is slated for completion later this year. The home overlooks the 11th fairway of the Estuary golf course.

With a design inspired by homes in the West Indies, the model will have 9,230 square feet of living space under air and more than 12,000 square feet overall. The first floor will have a wood-paneled study, a temperature-controlled wine room and a home theater. The second floor will have a private loft with a custom entertainment unit, three guest bedrooms and a laundry room, all accessible by either the grand staircase or private elevator.

The Kingston estate model will be offered at \$6.995 million.

The Estuary is joint venture between The Lutgert Companies and Barron Collier Companies. Premier Sotheby's International Realty is the exclusive sales and marketing representative of Estuary at Grey Oaks.

Models are open daily. For more information, call 261-3148 or visit www.estuaryatgreyoaks.com. ■



REAL ESTATE NEWSMAKERS

Claudia Barron and **John Zehnder** have joined Weichert Realtors-Naples on the Gulf. Ms. Barron will serve clients from Naples to Fort Myers; Mr. Zehnder will serve clients in the Naples area. Both are members of the Naples, Fort Myers, Florida and Nationals associations of Realtors.

Lori Fowler has joined the North Naples office of Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate. With more than 20 years of experience in non-profit management and philanthropy in a variety of causes, Ms. Fowler brings a proven



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track record in marketing, consulting, and relationship building. She and her family moved from California to Naples in 2008.

Linda Gallo was named Salesperson of the Month for March at Tiburón, the WCI Communities development in North Naples. She joined WCI in 2006, having previously worked as vice president of national sales and business development for Lifetime Television Network.

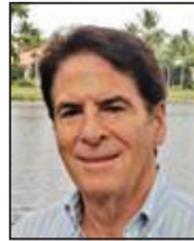


GALLO

Todd Hansen, a sales manager at The Reserve at Estero, was named Toll Brothers Sales Manager of the Month for March. Mr. Hansen joined Toll Brothers in 2007 as a sales associate. He is a member of the Realtor Association of Greater Fort Myers and the Beach, the Florida Association of Realtors and the National Association of Realtors.

Jolene Munzenrieder of Downing-Frye Realty has been selected to participate in the Naples Area Board of Realtors 2012 Leadership Development Program.

Howard Morris has joined the central office of John R. Wood Realtors. Mr. Morris graduated from Cornell University and Temple University School of Law. He holds his real estate broker license in Pennsylvania and Florida.



MORRIS

John Rebimbas was named Salesperson of the Month for March at Manchester Square, a WCI Communities development in Naples. He joined the WCI sales team in 2010 and has more than 16 years experience in high-end resort sales and management. Previously with The Ritz-Carlton Resorts of Naples and LXR Luxury Resorts & Hotels of Sanibel and Captiva Islands, he became a licensed real estate professional in 2006.



REBIMBAS

Jeanne Roedding has joined the Nina Link Team in the Bonita Springs office of John R. Wood Realtors. Before starting her career in real estate, she worked as a community association director for 11 years.



ROEDDING

Mike Wolf has joined WCI Communities as vice president of land acquisition and is responsible for identifying land purchase opportunities throughout the state of Florida. He brings more than 17 years of professional experience to WCI, including a similar role with Toll Brothers. Mr. Wolf earned a bachelor's degree from Florida International University and a master's from Baylor University in Waco, Texas. ■



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>\$100,000

2 • NAPLES • 4000 Loblolly Bay Drive • \$159,000 • Engel & Voelkers • Roger Perry • 401.338.7782 • 1-4 pm • April 29

>\$200,000

3 • OLD NAPLES - VILLAGE GREEN - HERON CLUB • 464 Broad Avenue South #H464 • \$228,900 • Premier Sotheby's International Realty • Tess McCarthy • 239.207.0118 • Monday-Wednesday-Friday 3-6pm

4 • MODEL VILLAGE • 1150 Bald Eagle Way #B-3 • \$239,000 • Coldwell Banker • Jacki Strategos • 239.370.1222

5 • VINEYARDS • 874 Vista Circle #51 • \$299,000 • Engel & Voelkers • Coco Waldenmayer • 239.220.1018 • 1-4 pm • April 29

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6 • LELY RESORT • 6580 Mystic Greens Way #204 • \$323,000 • Coldwell Banker • Richard Droste • 239.572.5117 • 1-4 pm • April 29

7 • FORT MYERS BEACH • 281 Lenell Road #7B • \$389,900 • Engel & Voelkers • Matthias Wolf • 239.322.8345 • 1-4 pm • April 28

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8 • LEMURIA • 7172 Lemuria Circle #1602 • From \$400,000 • PSIR • Tom Gasbarro • 239.404.4883 • Sunday 12-4pm

9 • MERCATO - THE STRADA • 9123 Strada Place • From \$400,000 • PSIR • Call 239.594.9400 • Monday-Saturday 10am-8pm & Sunday 12-8pm

10 • THE BROOKS - COPPERLEAF - CINNAMON RIDGE • 23801 Copperleaf Blvd. • \$478,900 • PSIR • Trudy Salyers • 239.398.8901

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11 • BONITA BAY - ESPERIA & TAVIRA • 26951 Country Club Drive • From \$500,000 • PSIR • Call 239.495.1105 • Monday-Saturday 10am-5pm & Sunday 10am-5pm

12 • VANDERBILT BEACH - ANCHORAGE • 12945 Vanderbilt Drive #409 • \$525,000 • PSIR • Suzanne Ring • 239.821.7550

13 • THE COLONY • 23650 Via Veneto #101 • \$529,000 • Engel & Voelkers • George Safrany • 239.908.7826 • 1-4 pm • April 29

14 • VANDERBILT BEACH YACHT & RAQUET CLUB • 11030 Gulfshore Drive #204 • \$539,000 • PSIR • Pat Callis • 239.250.0562

15 • MERCATO - THE STRADA • 9115 Strada Place #5511 • \$569,000 • PSIR • Jill Bresnahan • 239.595.3549

16 • MARCO ISLAND • 930 Giralda Court • \$589,900 • PSIR • Michelle Thomas • 239.860.7176

17 • PELICAN LANDING • 4151 Pelicans Nest Drive • \$595,000 • PSIR • Stephanie/John Coburn/Pam Umscheid • 239.825.3464

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18 • VANDERBILT BEACH - REGATTA I • 400 Flagship Drive #1208 • \$675,000 • PSIR • Patricia Bucalo • 239.248.0694

19 • PELICAN LANDING • 23853 Sanctuary Lakes Ct., • \$698,500 • Engel & Voelkers • Tom Ostrander • 860.304.1037 • 1-4 pm • April 28

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20 • PELICAN ISLES CONDOMINIUMS • 435 Dockside Dr • \$729,000 - \$1,099,000 • Amerivest Realty • Bridgette Foster • 239.253.8001 • 1-4 pm • April 29

21 • BONITA BAY - TUCKAWEYE • 3101 Greenflower Court • \$749,000 • PSIR • Bet Dewey • 239.564.5673

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23 • WYNDEMERE - LODGINGS • 122 Edgemere Way South • \$895,000 • PSIR • Kathryn Hurvits • 239.659.5126

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26 • PARK SHORE - PARK SHORE TOWER • 4251 Gulf Shore Blvd. North #10-A • \$1,195,000 • PSIR • Susan Payne • 239.777.7209

27 • BONITA BAY - CREEKSIDE • 3450 Oak Hammock Court • \$1,199,000 • PSIR • Carol Johnson • 239.564.1282

28 • MOORINGS - ADMIRALTY POINT • 2332 Gulfshore Blvd. North #608 • \$1,218,250 • PSIR • Jeri Richey • 239.269.2203

29 • THE COLONY • 23801 Addison Place Court • \$1,250,000 • Engel & Voelkers • Tom Ostrander • 860.304.1037 • 1-4 pm • April 29

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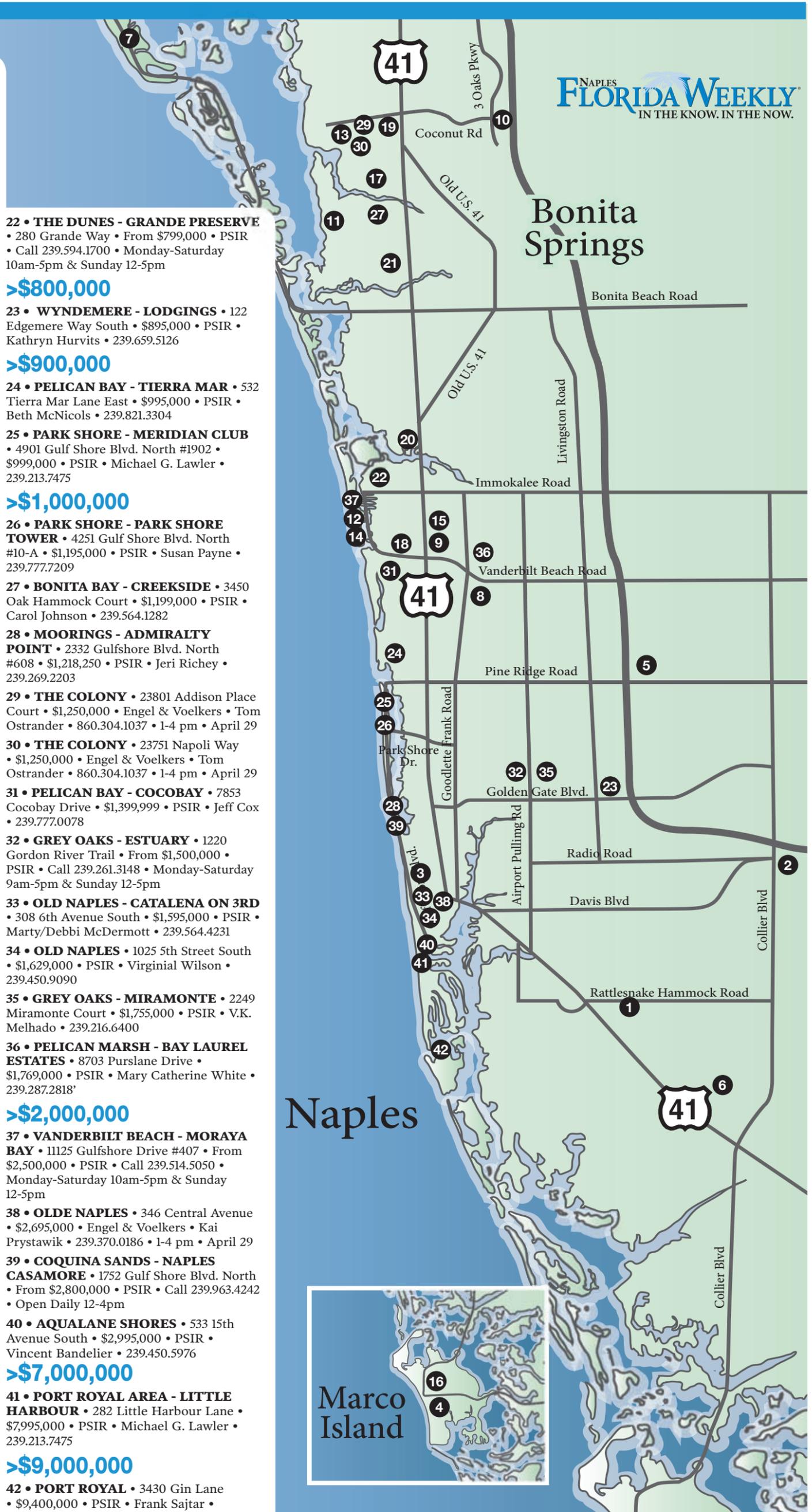
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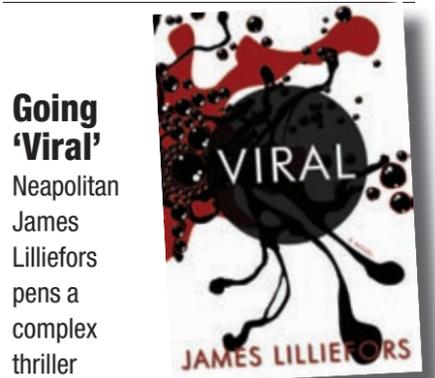
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Watching *in the* dark

*David Edelstein
on the art of film
criticism*

BY NANCY STETSON

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DAVID EDELSTEIN SPENDS MUCH OF HIS time in the dark, watching flickering frames of light.

Then he writes about what he's seen.

He's the movie critic for New York magazine and NPR's "Fresh Air," and a regular commentator on "CBS Sunday Morning." His work also appears in Rolling Stone, Vanity Fair and in the *New York Times*, in both the Arts & Leisure section and the *New York Times Magazine*.

His writing includes such recent gems as: "Characters are easy to love when

SEE WATCHING, C4 ▶

Dance club DJ Steve Aoki headed to Germain Arena

BY ALAN SCULLEY

Florida Weekly Correspondent

Producer/songwriter/DJ Steve Aoki has a specific response he hopes to elicit whenever he creates a song. "Before I even get in the studio, before I even start the song, the whole concept is I want to drive peoples' emotions so high they crack their own ceiling and they explode," he says. "If I can get myself to want to bang my head through the ceiling and then scream at the top of my lungs, I've created a



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judging from his success, his creativity and business acumen are working just fine as well. Mr. Aoki feels the unhinged nature of his

song I wanted to create. "It's as simple as that. If I can do that to myself, I think other people might feel the same way." So far, Mr. Aoki's head is very much still intact and damage-free. And

live performances — and the quality of his music itself — have played a key role in his rapid rise to join the upper tier of DJs/producers/electronic-dance music artists. Six years ago, he had yet to do a remix, produce an artist or perform a DJ set. Today, he's one of the most sought-after producers/remixers going, and his DJ sets in dance clubs are among the most in-demand — and wildest — spectacles of their type. Now Mr. Aoki (pronounced ay-OH-kee)

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SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

Searching for perfection



It was a classic oversell. The ad for the house — much like an online dating profile — promised big things: a great neighborhood, excellent square footage, modern appliances. If the house were a man, he'd be 6-foot-2, gainfully employed and driving a foreign-made car.

But when the real estate agent drove me to a dingy neighborhood and parked in front of a piece of property sandwiched between a tattoo parlor and a pizza joint, I knew this was a case of misrepresentation. My great potential boyfriend was actually 5-foot-2 and still living at home.

"You have got to be kidding," I said to the agent.

He gave me a disdainful look. "I can tell you haven't seen many houses in your price range," he said, as if my unemployed, height-challenged date were telling me, "Baby, you ain't gonna do any better than this."

My spirits flagged but I pressed on, the way people will soldier through bad date after bad date, armed only with relentless optimism. They say you have to kiss a lot of frogs to find your prince, and I kissed every frog in the county. Until finally my broker called with good news.

"I found it," he said. "The One." My Prince Charming. I imagined tall windows and good closet space. I kept my fingers crossed for a full kitchen and sizable bedroom. I hoped my new beau — I mean, house — would have hardwood floors.

But when I saw my agent the next morning, he was glum.

"Bad news," he said. "We lost the place. It went two hours after I called you."

My prince already had a partner. "But do you want to see it anyway?" the broker said. "Just to see what's available in the neighborhood?"

I should have said no. Like a crush on a married man, it could only end in heartbreak.

My broker drove me to a stately neighborhood with old trees standing on the corners and the river just visible in the distance. The house itself was dignified. Grand, even. As he unlocked the front door, light spilled out. I could see floor-to-ceiling windows covering an entire wall. I could see there was good closet space, and the oak floors gleamed in the sunshine pouring through the windows. I pressed my hand to my chest.

"You just broke my heart," I said to the agent.

"You like it?"

"It's perfect."

In hindsight, it wasn't perfect. The kitchen was too small and those big windows fronted the street. It probably got loud at night. I'd need more space

and the living room had an odd shape. But I didn't consider any of that as I stood in the foyer drenched in sunlight, mourning the fact that someone else had gotten there first.

Later that night a friend shared this bit of wisdom: One day someone will walk into your life and make you see why it never worked out with anyone else.

She was right, I told myself. The perfect someone — the perfect place — is out there. I just have to keep looking. ■



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WATCHING

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the director loves them more.” And: “The film is crisp, evenly paced, its colors bright, as sharp as the winter cold.”

He estimates he sees 250 to 300 movies year.

He’s been a professional critic for 30 years, with previous gigs at the Boston Phoenix, the Village Voice, the *New York Post* and Slate.

“I’m very, very lucky to have the job that I have. Don’t think I don’t know that,” he says on the phone from his home in Brooklyn, N.Y.

He’s just come from a screening of “Safe.” An action adventure film slated to hit theaters April 27, it stars Jason Statham, whom Mr. Edelstein calls “a really intelligent action actor.”

“I think of all the action stars, he’s the one who’s the most interesting,” he says. “He moves really beautifully. His face holds the camera. And he’s very witty in his restraint.”

Mr. Edelstein attended the 14th annual Sarasota Film Festival earlier this month, interviewing Broadway and screen actor Frank Langella as part of the festival’s “SFF Conversations” series. Mr. Langella’s movie, “Robot and Frank,” set for theatrical release later this year, was the festival’s opening film. In it, Mr. Langella plays an aging ex-jewel thief whose son gives him a caretaker robot.

Mr. Edelstein enjoyed “Robot and Frank” and says it “had a very good balance of humor and melancholy, which I like. The surface is funny, but the sadness bubbles up below.”

He also attended SFF last year and says it has a different feel than other film festivals.

“Sundance and Cannes are just crawling with movie executives trying to make deals,” he says. “I’d rather watch movies with really interested people who are being a little daring and taking a chance on something that hasn’t been certified by critics or word of mouth.”

Last year, Mr. Edelstein interviewed actor Christopher Plummer (whose movie “Beginners” was screened at the festival) in front of an SFF audience.

Interviewing someone on-stage is different than doing so privately for an article, he says. “You do have to worry about entertaining (an audience). When I do interviews one-on-one, I often ask ‘stupid’ questions... I’ll go down a blind alley; I don’t worry, as long as I have time. But you can’t go down too many blind alleys when you’re doing something live.”

The interviewer on interviewing

He tends to over-prepare for interviews, he says, comparing his method to cramming for oral exams in college.

“Christopher Plummer made something like 70 films; I saw 50 of them. I read his biography. I read many interviews with him, listened to many interviews.”

And he did the same thing this year before interviewing Mr. Langella. “I was totally cramming, in one of the dressing rooms... Langella walks in... and I said to him, ‘I can’t talk to you now, I have to get ready to talk to you.’”

The best interviews are conversations where the interviewer listens intently and isn’t wed to a list of pre-planned questions, he says. A good interviewer asks follow-up questions.

“One reason Terry Gross (host of ‘Fresh Air’) is one of the best interviewers... is that she listens so closely,” he says. “She finds inconsistencies, she finds little pockets of mystery she wants to go in and open up.”

About the interview with Mr. Langella



Jennie Famiglio, Mark Famiglio, David Edelstein and Rachel Klayman.

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la he says this: “He’s a hard nut to crack in some ways. He’s such a brilliant and thoughtful man, very deliberate in the way he speaks. He’s very cerebral, he’s thought through this acting thing and can talk about it brilliantly.”

“It was a very intense two hours. I was exhausted when I got off stage. I was sweating. I was listening to him very, very closely.”

As for last year’s interview with Mr. Plummer, he says, “Plummer had a really good time. We just had a romp.”

When the interview was over, he adds, Mr. Plummer said to him, “Let’s do this again.”

Mr. Edelstein considers his interviews in Sarasota “two of the best afternoons of my life, professionally.” He adds to that list an interview he did with Robert Duvall at the Virginia Film Festival one year.

“When I have a chance to meet my heroes and talk to them, and try to trace the connection between the work and the life, that’s a great thrill for me.”

‘Escaping into reality’

Mr. Edelstein grew up in Connecticut in what he describes as “an upper-middle-class Jewish suburb full of Republicans.”

Though it was the ‘60s, none of the turmoil of the Vietnam War or the battle for civil rights touched them, he says. “So I went to the movies to see what was happening in the world — unlike today, where you go to the movies to escape.”

He watched films such as “Nashville,” “M*A*S*H,” “The French Connection,”

“Taxi Driver” and “Bonnie and Clyde.”

These movies, he says, “seemed to me much more real than the plastic suburban world around me. It was like escaping into reality. They’re not realistic, by any means, but they showed me a world. They gave me a world of sensations and ideas that I wasn’t getting at home.”

“We all go to art to get what we’re not getting at home. (Movies) help us make imaginative leaps... without which we would be coarser, less reflective, altogether less interesting people. I feel that way about theater, and I feel the same way about books.”

When 17- or 18-year-olds tell Mr. Edelstein they want to be critics, he urges them to go to college and “learn about everything in the world. If you want to be a critic, or any kind of writer, there is nothing you can’t learn about any subject, no matter how esoteric, that isn’t going to contribute to how good a writer you’re going to be. I can’t imagine someone writing about movies who’s never read ‘Middlemarch’ or ‘Pride and Prejudice’ or ‘War and Peace,’ or (never) studied ‘Lear’ or ‘Hamlet.’”

He’s always amazed when people tell him they’re writing screenplays, yet have never read one, he says.

“In order to write one, you should be constantly reading screenplays to understand the language, what works on the page, what doesn’t work. You can’t just be watching movies. It helps to understand the form in which you’re writing.”

The same goes for movie critics who

haven’t read James Agee, Kenneth Tynan, Pauline Kael, Andrew Sarris or Manny Farber, he says.

“I say, ‘Read, read, read, as much as you can. Read. If you want to write, READ.’”

How he approaches reviewing

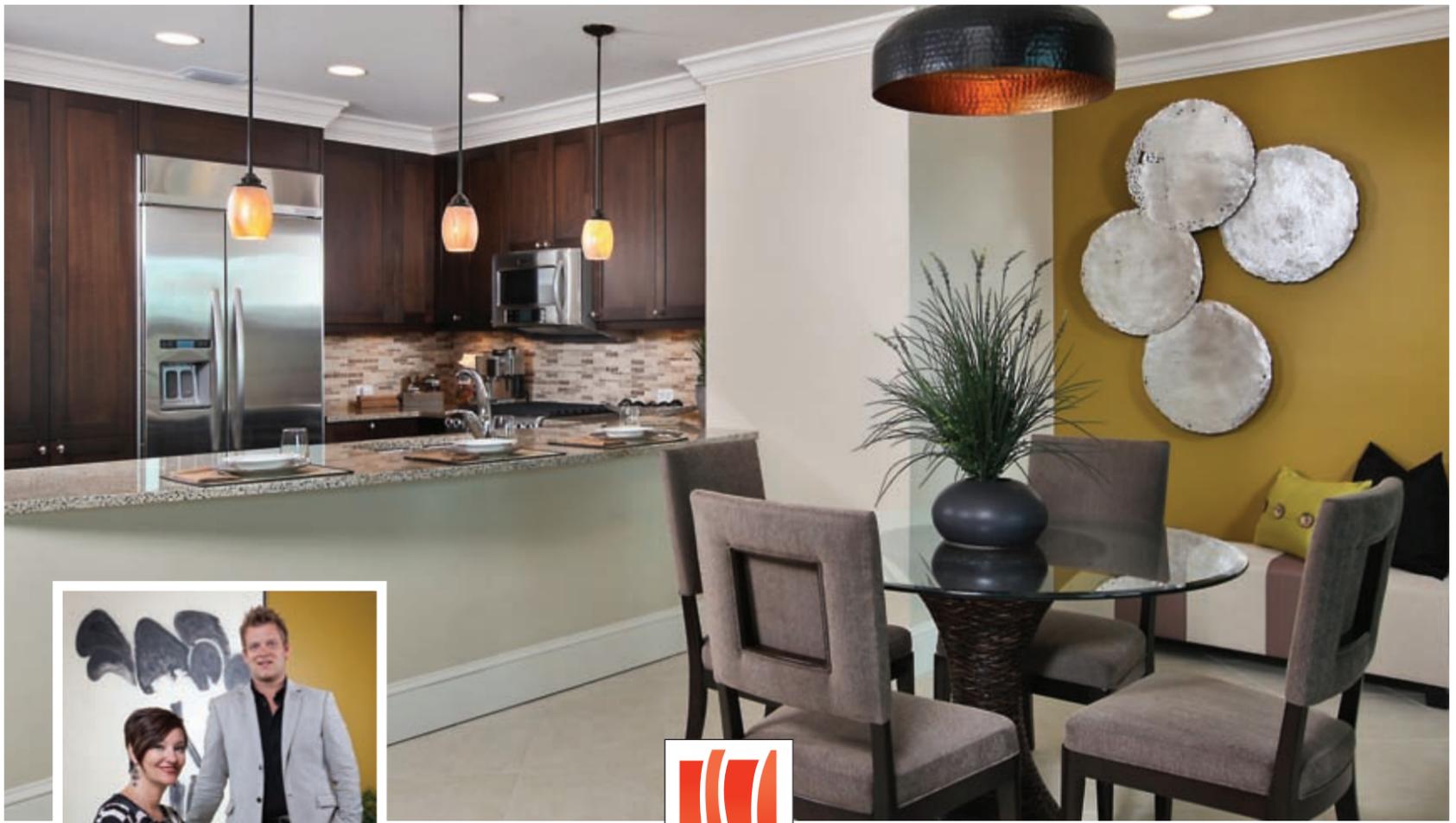
Typically, Mr. Edelstein won’t write his review immediately after viewing a film. He likes to think about what he’s seen. And once he begins, he sometimes works six or seven hours just on his opening paragraphs. “It’s really important to get the first few sentences right,” he says. And once he starts to write, he adds, he stays true to his original response. “I have to be true to myself if I’m going to be a critic.”

He doesn’t read anything about the movie ahead of time; sometimes he doesn’t even know the premise of the film before he sits down to watch it.

“I hate to go in oriented,” he says. “I like it when I don’t know where the filmmaker is taking me. I go in as blind as humanly possible. I don’t care if it’s a film starring Sylvester Stallone or anybody, I am going into that movie thinking, ‘This is going to be the best Sylvester Stallone movie ever made.’ Or, ‘This is the movie where Rob Schneider is really going to prove himself.’”

“And I think that’s a great way to go into a movie: wide open. It doesn’t mean you take out part of your brain, obviously. You try to be neutral. Just put aside your preconceptions.”

“When the lights go down,” he says, “there’s a lot of excitement.” ■



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WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Theater

■ **As You Like It** – By KidzAct of The Naples Players KidzAct at 7:30 p.m. April 28 at the Sugden Community Theatre. \$10 adults, \$5 for under 18. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

■ **Steel Magnolias** – By The Naples Players through May 12 at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

■ **Faustus Burns Brightly** – By FGCU Theater at from 8 p.m. April 27-28 at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, Fort Myers. \$10. 333-1933 or www.sbdac.com.

■ **Legally Blonde, the Musical** – At the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Fort Myers, through May 13. 278-4422 or www.BroadwayPalm.com.

■ **The Great American Trailer Park Musical** – At the Off Broadway Palm Theatre through April 29. 278-4422 or www.BroadwayPalm.com.

■ **Schoolhouse Rock** – At the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre through May 11. 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.

Thursday, April 26

■ **Strike Up the Bands** – The Naples High School Spring Concert starts at 7 p.m. in the band shell at Cambier Park and features performances by the symphonic, concert and jazz bands, the percussion ensemble and auxiliary. Bring a lawn chair.

■ **Israeli Documentary** – Chabad Jewish Community Center presents a screening of the documentary film “Israel Inside” at 7 p.m. \$5. 1789 Mandarin Road. 262-4474, chabadnaplesoffice@gmail.com or www.chabadnaples.com.

■ **Vienna to Broadway** – By the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra at 8 p.m. tonight and Friday and at 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

■ **Dessert Theater** – First Baptist Academy presents its second annual musical “dessert theater” production, “The King and I,” at 7 p.m. tonight and Frida. \$10. 3000 Orange Blossom Drive. 596-8600, ext. 525.

■ **Art in Bonita** – The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents a studio walk and live entertainment from 5-8 p.m. at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org. Films at the Beach – The Fort Myers Beach Film Festival starts today and runs through Sunday at the Beach Theater. 463-3600, ext. 222.

■ **Laughs on Marco** – Dom Irre-rra performs tonight through Sunday at the Off the Hook Comedy Club on Marco Island. 389-6900.

Friday, April 27

■ **Mystery Dinner Theater** – The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents “Who Shot the Director?” at 7 p.m. tonight and Saturday at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. \$45. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.



COURTESY PHOTOS

The Grammy-nominated bluegrass band Blue Highway performs at 3 p.m. April 29 at First Congregational Church of Christ. \$22 in advance, \$25 at the door. The church is at the corner of Immokalee Road and Oakes Boulevard. 514-3500. See story on page C15.

■ **Pickin' and Grinnin'** – The Bean Pickers play bluegrass from 7-10 p.m. at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928 or www.fredsnaples.com.

■ **Weekend Freebie** – Gulf Coast Town Center presents Richie C. performing classic oldies from 7-9 p.m. under the stars in Market Plaza. 267-0783 or www.gulfcoasttowncenter.com.

Saturday, April 28

■ **Spring Cleaning** – Humane Society Naples holds a garage sale from 9 a.m. to noon at the main shelter, 370 Airport-Pulling Road N. info@hsnnaples.org.

■ **Student Art** – The Naples Museum of Art showcases works by kids from kindergarten through grade 12 in the fourth annual Student Art Exhibition that starts today and runs through May 27 in the Philharmonic Center Galleries. The opening reception is from 10 a.m.-noon today. 254-2621.

■ **Pet Party** – Miromar Outlets hosts a Doggy Trix & Mix Social from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. with pet products and fun contests (Biggest Paws, Most Wrinkles). www.miromaroutlets.com.

■ **Kids in the Garden** – Naples Botanical Garden hosts a day of W.O.N.D.E.R. from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday through May 27. Bring the family to walk, observe, navigate, draw, explore and read. 643-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.

■ **Family Fun** – The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs hosts a free family activities in conjunction with the “ZAP! POW! BAM!” exhibition from 1-3 p.m. Kids and parents join instructors for a quick tour of the artwork and then spend time creating their own artwork. Pre-registration is required. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ **Live Tunes** – The Village on Venetian Bay hosts Saturdays by the Fountain with live entertainment from 1-4 p.m. 4200 Gulf Shore Blvd. N.

Sunday, April 29

■ **Tasty Fare** – The Taste of the Beach is set for 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at Bay Oaks Recreational Center, Fort Myers Beach. 454-7500.

■ **Foreign Film** – The FGCU Renaissance Academy presents “Enemies of the People” (UK, 2009) from 1-4 p.m.

\$4 members, \$5 non-members. <https://RegisterRA.fgcu.edu> or 434-4737.

■ **A World of Food** – The first-ever Mercato International Food Fest takes place from noon-5 p.m. Live music adds to the festivities on the lawn across from AZN and The Pub. 245-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

■ **Meet Mr. Maher** – Comedian and host Bill Maher takes the stage at 7:30 p.m. at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers. 481-4849 or www.bbmanpah.com.

Monday, April 30

■ **Play Your Cards Right** – It's the next to the last week of Monday evening Bingo 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.

Tuesday, May 1

■ **Rock Legend** – Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers perform at Germain Arena, with opening act Regina Spektor taking the stage at 7:30 p.m. 948-7825 or www.ticketmaster.com.

Wednesday, May 2

■ **Come to the Cabaret** – The Morgenstern Trio makes its Naples debut as part of the Cabaret Series beginning at 8 p.m. in the Daniels Pavilion at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. The trio's members are pianist Catherine Klipfel from France, violinist Stefan Hempel and cellist Emanuel Wehse. Tickets start at \$39. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

Coming Up

■ **Art Lesson** – The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs hosts Alla Prima, Alla Fun (Pears) from 5:30-8:30 p.m. May 3, with painter Patty Kane guiding guests through the painting process. \$42, includes canvas, paint, brushes, wine dinner and guidance. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.



Broadway star Charlotte Cohn brings her cabaret show “Simply Complicated: The Elegant Escapades of a Danish-Israeli Opera-Singing Tank Commander” to The Norris Center in collaboration with Gulfshore Playhouse at 7:30 p.m. April 27-28. \$42. 213-3058.

WHAT TO DO

■ **The Boy Friend** – By TheatreZone at the G&L Theatre, Community School of Naples, May 3-13. (888) 966-3352 or theatrezone-florida.com. See story on page C12.

■ **Swing Kings!** – The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra joins Dave Bennett's Clarinet Swing Kings! at 8 p.m. May 3 at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. Take a sentimental journey back in time with a full-length symphony pops show. Tickets start at \$28. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

■ **Poker Fundraiser** - Former NFL fullback and Naples High School graduate Fred McCrary hosts a Texas Hold 'Em poker tournament at 7 p.m. May 4 at Seminole Casino Immokalee to benefit Mr. McCrary's 44 Ways Foundation for underprivileged children. Current and former NFL players will play poker, sign autographs and pose for photos. Sports memorabilia will be auctioned off as well. \$75 plus a \$75 charity re-buy. (800) 218-0007, www.seminoleimmokaleecasino.com or www.44ways.org.

■ **Cinco de Meow** – The Old Naples Pub hosts "Cinco de Meow" to benefit the Humane Society Naples from 5-7 p.m. May 4. The feline fiesta happy hour will feature \$3 Coronas and a raffle. 643-1880, ext. 18, or events@HSNaples.org.

■ **Sip of Fifth** – Fifth Avenue South kicks off Naples CityFest by hosting "Sip of Fifth" from 6-10 p.m. May 4. The street festival will have six craft beer tasting stations, six wine tasting stations, live entertainment and a street dance and party. \$55 for tasting tickets. www.FifthAvenueSouth.com.

■ **Derby Day** – Noodles Italian Café & Sushi Bar hosts a Kentucky Derby Party to benefit Naples Equestrian Challenge from 4-7 p.m. May 5. Tickets for \$35 per person include buffet, complimentary mint julep and a cash bar. Prizes will be awarded for Best Hat (women) and Craziest Pants (men). Reservations: 596-2988 or www.naplesequestrianchallenge.org.

■ **Magic Carpet Concert** – "Over the Rainbow," the first of the Magic Carpet series by members of the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, starts at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. May 5 at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. \$8. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

■ **Cinco de Mayo at Agave** – Live entertainment, fun and games and Mexican food and drink (think ice-cold Corona and tequila tastings) will flow from 11:30 a.m.-8 p.m. May 5 under a tent at Agave for the restaurant's inaugural Cinco de Mayo celebration. 2380 Vanderbilt Beach Road. www.agavenaples.com.

■ **Cinco de Mayo on Marco** – Celebrate Cinco de Mayo from 5-10 p.m. May 5 in the courtyard at the Shops at Olde Marco. Enjoy vintage rock 'n' roll by the band Radio Flyer at 6:30 p.m. Fill up on fish tacos, quesadillas, Coronas and margaritas and "Cupcakes Caliente." 389-0981.

■ **A Stand-Up Show** – Jarrod Harris from Comedy Central headlines the show beginning at 9 p.m. May 5 at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits. \$8 in advance, \$12 at the door. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928 or www.mosquitobus.com.

■ **Family Concert** – The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra presents "Take A Spin on the Wild Side," its last Family Fare concert of the season, at 3 p.m. May 6 at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. Tickets start at \$15 for adults. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

■ **Girls' Night Out** - Coconut Point hosts National Mom's Nite Out from 5-8 p.m. May 10. Enjoy mom makeovers, a Price is Right game, vendor booths and more. 992-9966. ■

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THEATER REVIEW

OMG! 'Legally Blonde, the Musical' at the Broadway Palm!

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If "Legally Blonde, the Musical" were a letter, it'd be written on flamingo- pink stationery in purple marker, with hearts dotting all the i's, countless exclamation marks and numerous texting abbreviations, especially "OMG!!!"

But the characters of this 2007 show would likely dismiss letters as so last century and too labor-intensive. Why spend all that time actually writing on paper with a pen when you can just tap in a minimal number of characters to send a message?

"Legally Blonde, the Musical" is to Broadway shows what texting or tweeting is to a hand-written note. It has a plot so ridiculous and flimsy it makes "Anything Goes" look profoundly intellectual in comparison.

Based on the Amanda Brown novel and the 2001 film starring Reese Witherspoon, it tells the story of Elle Woods, a blonde sorority girl whose boyfriend, Warner, breaks up with her during their senior year of college. Warner's going on to Harvard Law School and harbors political aspirations, so he needs someone who's "serious." Or as he puts it, "If I want to be a senator, I need to marry a Jackie, not a Marilyn."

In an attempt to win him back and prove that she, too, can be "serious," Elle also applies to Harvard Law School. Her resume is on pink, scented paper, and in lieu of a personal essay, she shows up at the admissions office with a marching band and squad of cheerleaders. She is immediately accepted.

But wait. As ridiculous as this premise is, we haven't even plumbed the extent of this musical's silliness.

Elle manages to do so well she earns a coveted legal internship and, based on her extensive expertise in flirting and hair care, figures out how to argue an important murder case.

My first introduction to this musical was a national tour that came through a couple years ago. It was so vapid it was insulting; I was tempted to walk out of the Philharmonic Center for the Arts at intermission.

(The Broadway production received seven Tony Award nominations and 10 Drama Desk Awards. It didn't win any.)

With much lowered expectations, I



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attended the current Broadway Palm production, and enjoyed it more.

"Legally Blonde" revels in stereotypes (the ditsy blonde, the swishy gay) while telling us to look beyond them.

It's fluff — but not smart fluff like "The Drowsy Chaperone." It's fluff like cotton candy: more air than substance.

I think the entire musical is meant to be taken tongue-in-cheek, as pure camp, but I wish director M. Seth Reines had pushed the actors' performances more, to let us know they were in on the joke, too.

Maris Fernandes, as Elle, helps make this musical fun. She's an engaging actress, presenting her Elle as perky, optimistic and helplessly clueless. Ms. Fernandes makes us like her shallow character. Sal Pavia, as Emmett, a fellow student and eventual love interest, is perfect as the blue-collar guy who's working his way through law school.

But while Bill Casey, as Warner, possesses pretty boy looks, the singing seemed too challenging for him. Perhaps he was having an off night, but at the performance I attended, he was straining to hit some of the notes.

Elle is helped through her journey by her Greek sorority from her undergrad days, which then cleverly becomes an imaginary Greek chorus while she's

at Harvard. But I found the trio to be overly squealy and not always articulate when delivering their lines.

Some secondary characters did stand out in this production.

Morgan Springer brings spunk and personality to her role as Paulette, the hairdresser who longs to go to Ireland. Jesse Berger, as the demanding Professor Callahan, commands the stage with his number "Blood in the Water," in which he tells his students they have to be sharks or else they're chum.

Eddie Maldonado is wonderfully arrogant as young royalty attending Harvard and then as the flamboyantly gay Carlos, and Drew Stark makes the most of his role as a dimwitted but sexy UPS man in tight shorts.

And though she makes limited appearances, Roxy Vogt was adorable as Bruiser, Elle's tiny-dog-as-fashion-accessory.

The musical's book, by Heather Hach, has some great lines here and there. For example, when Elle tells her parents she's going to Harvard Law School, they can't understand why she wants to go across country to the east. There's no valet parking there, they wait, and all the girls have different noses. But lines like those that made me laugh out loud are few and far between.

Assistant director/choreographer Amy Marie McCleary's choreography brought much sizzle to the show, especially during the "What You Want" number, helping to make up for the perfunctory sets. Mary Atkinson's costumes were perfect, reflective of the characters' roles and class status.

"Legally Blonde, the Musical" seems to part of the Broadway Palm's attempt to bring in a younger audience. It didn't seem to hit the right buttons with the primarily older audience that was there the night I attended, but their grandchildren would probably love it.

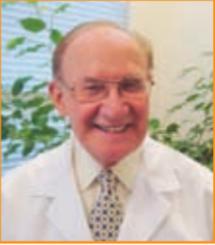
If you're a fan of the movie, or you just want something light and mindless, you'll probably love this musical.

But I couldn't help wishing the show were a little more like Elle, with an actual brain behind its giggle. ■

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"Legally Blonde, the Musical"

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At 16, Matt Milligan focuses on photography for his future



BY MOLLY DOE
Special to Florida Weekly

At the young age of 16, Naples native Matt Milligan is a professional photographer who credits his hometown for inspiration for many of his pictures.

"There's never a dull moment in Naples; there is always something to shoot," he saays. "We live in a beautiful area with a beautiful coastline. It is always a great place to find inspiration."

Matt is in the 11th grade and is home-schooled, which gives him the flexibility of pursuing his love for photography. He enjoys school, particularly learning about

graduation, I had better pictures than they did," he says.

Matt says his family has been extremely supportive of his photography from the beginning. Although his parents are not artists themselves, they see the talent in their son.

"My parents are always behind me with my photography. At art shows, they help me set up and run my booth. I don't know what I would do without my family," Matt says.

He plans to pursue his photography fulltime. In 10 years, he hopes to be working for National Geographic. "God has the perfect plan for me, so I will trust Him."

As far as getting the perfect shot, he says, "Trial and error in the field is the best education you can get in the photography venue."

Young artists like Taylor Swift inspire him to pursue his dreams, because "They followed their passions when they were young, just like I am doing," he adds.

See more of Matt's work at www.mattmilliganphotography.com. ■

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Milligan



government, and says if it weren't for his artistic talent, he'd want to pursue law enforcement or any type of job where he could help people on a daily basis.

How did someone so young discover his talent? Matt says it happened when he was 9 years old.

"We went to my brother's graduation in Fort Benning, Ga. My parents had just purchased a new digital camera, so I asked if I could have their old 35mm Minolta. When we got home from the

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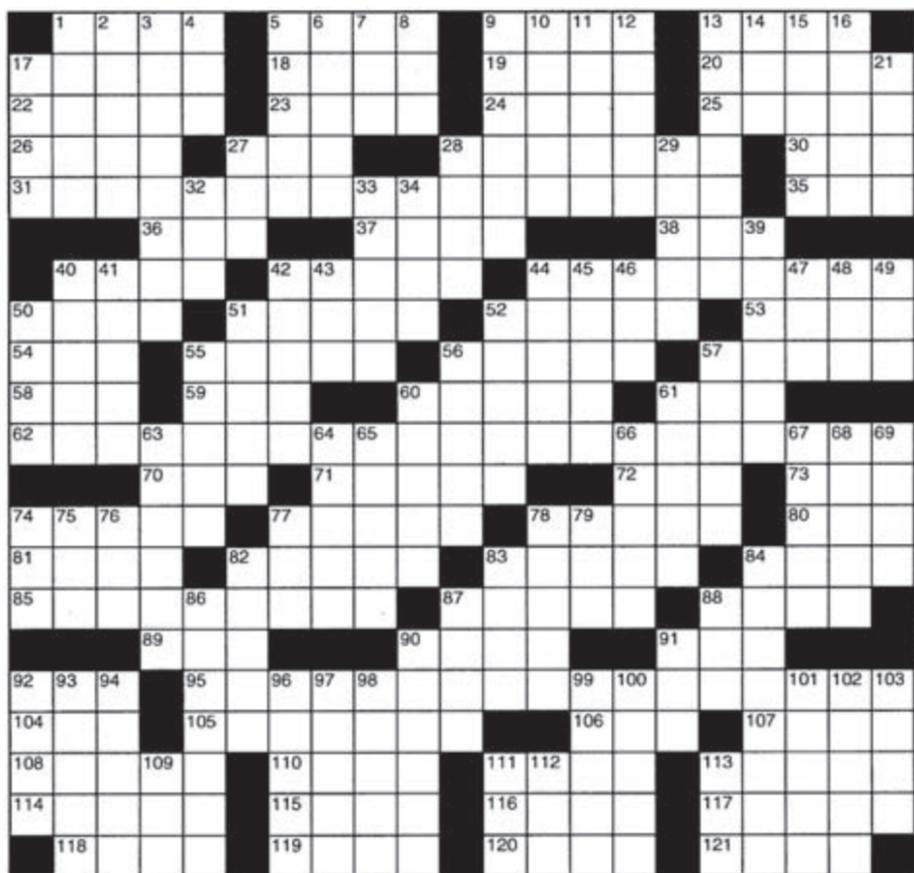
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HOROSCOPES

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Your resolute determination to stick by a position might make some people uncomfortable. But if you're proved right (as I expect you to be), a lot of changes will tilt in your favor.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** You might feel conflicted between what you want to do and what you should do. Best advice: Honor your obligations first. Then go ahead and enjoy your well-earned rewards.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** That financial matter still needs to be sorted out before you can consider any major monetary moves. Pressures ease midweek, with news about a potential career change.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** A workplace problem threatens to derail your well-planned project. But your quick mind should lead you to a solution and get you back on track without too much delay.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** An opportunity opens up but could quickly close down if you allow pessimism to override enthusiasm. A trusted friend can offer the encouragement you need.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** You've come through a difficult period of helping others deal with their problems. Now you can concentrate on putting your energy to work on your own projects.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Forget about who's to

blame and, instead, make the first move toward patching up a misunderstanding before it creates a rift that you'll never be able to cross.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Good news for the travel-loving Sagittarian who enjoys galloping off to new places: That trip you put off will soon be back on your schedule.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** A mood change could make the gregarious Goat seek the company of just a few friends. But you charge back into the crowd for weekend fun and games.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** A decision you made in good faith could come under fire. Best advice: Open your mind to other possibilities by listening to your challenger's point of view.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** You can avoid being swamped by all those tasks dangling from your line this week by tackling them one by one, according to priority. The weekend brings good news.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** The often skeptical Aries might find that an answer to a question is hard to believe. But check it out before you chuck it out. You might well be surprised at what you could learn.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a fine business sense and a love of the arts. You enjoy living life to its fullest.

By Linda Thistle

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We criticize feature films all the time when they go into production without a finished script and the results are poor, so why not do the same for documentaries?

To be clear, documentary producers ordinarily have an agenda to fulfill and orient their stories toward whatever they want the audience to believe. But Disney-nature, the Mouse House offshoot responsible for prior Earth Day documentaries "Earth," "Oceans" and "African Cats," shot "Chimpanzee" for three years in African jungles without any idea how it would become a feature documentary. And after seeing the film, one can fairly say they still have no idea what to do with the footage.

The focus of directors Alastair Fothergill and Mark Linfield seems to be the similarities chimps share with humans. As narrator Tim Allen tells us in the opening, a chimp's world is one "of drama, sadness and joy" — just like ours.

Mr. Fothergill and Mr. Linfield proceed to spotlight Oscar, a baby chimpanzee who's learning the ways of the world from his mother, Isha (as usual, the filmmakers give the animals human names to make them more relatable). Fair enough and interesting for 15 minutes, but this is a cutesy novelty, not a compelling thesis.

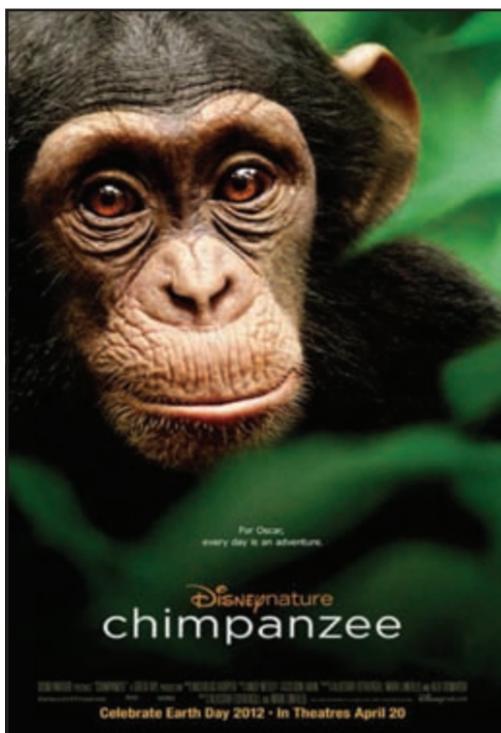
What's more, for a 78-minute film, not much happens.

We watch Isha teach Oscar how to eat, sleep, etc. for about 45 minutes. Nothing changes until Oscar has to fend for himself. What this means is that the story is out of whack and lacks direction, and there's nothing here to elevate what we're seeing over a National Geographic TV show.

Admittedly, though, the likeness between chimps and humans are fascinating. Notably, the eyes, ears, nose hands and feet all bear striking similarities. Chimps also, curiously, have the ability to think and strategize. In one scene, troop leader Freddy leads the pack to surround a group of monkeys and lure them into a trap. When

it works, our interest is piqued — but then there's nothing of substance to follow it with.

To their credit, Mr. Fothergill and Mr. Linfield try to keep things visually dynamic. Time-lapse photography shows the evolution of flowers and plants blooming, a spider spinning its web and water flowing through a crevice. Unfortunately, the filmmakers struggle with the action sequences, and it's hard to tell who's who when a rival troop of chimps attacks. As for the narrator, Mr. Allen does what he can with the material, but when he's forced into silly jokes — "Don't forget the side



salad!" as the chimps eat plant leaves after feasting on a dead monkey — it all feels childish and trite.

No G-rated movie from Disney ever would, could or should be more edgy or controversial, but it does need to have more structure. There might not have been a better story to tell from the footage, but something more creative is sorely needed to make this more appealing.

"Chimpanzee" might appeal to hardcore animal lovers, but anyone else will want their money back. ■

in the know

>> Disney-nature will donate a portion of the opening week proceeds to the Jane Goodall Institute, which helps protect chimpanzees and their habitats.

CAPSULES

The Three Stooges

★★½
(Chris Diamantopoulos, Sean Hayes, Will Sasso) The three delightfully inept title characters try to raise money to save the orphanage in which they lived until they were 35. It's not always funny, but this is an earnest homage to the classic "Stooges" shorts from the 1930s. Rated PG.

Lockout

★★★
(Guy Pearce, Maggie Grace, Peter Stormare) In 2079, an ex-CIA agent (Mr. Pearce) is sent to an outer space prison to rescue the president's daughter (Ms.

Grace) from the convicts who've taken over. Some of the visual effects are cartoonish and the story is predictable, but it's also a fun premise that delivers on the action. Rated PG-13.

Bully

★★★
(Alex, Kelby, Ja'Maya) Filmmaker Lee Hirsch chronicles various school-children who are victims of bullying throughout the United States. It's maudlin and manipulative, and lacks perspective outside of that of the victims, but it nicely accomplishes its goal of inspiring you to act against bullying. Rated PG-13. ■

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"Always leave them laughing when you say goodbye" is attributed to legendary entertainer and producer George M. Cohan. Artistic Director Mark Danni of TheatreZone adheres to that advice by wrapping up the company's seventh season with "The Boy Friend," a comedic gem filled with nostalgic fun.

"This great little musical introduced Julie Andrews (Polly) to American audiences, and the recording has kept its flapper charm for more than 50 years," Mr. Danni says. "Talk about nostalgia. It's fun, frothy and fabulous."

Set in the French Riviera in the 1920s, "The Boy Friend" offers the Charleston and tap dancing to such iconic tunes as "Won't You Charleston With Me?" "I Could Be Happy With You" and "Perfect Young Ladies." A seven-piece orchestra accompanies the TheatreZone production.

The cast includes New York actress and TheatreZone newcomer Jennifer Piacenti as Polly, the English heiress attending Madame Dubonnet's Finishing School near Nice.



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TheatreZone favorite Angie Radosh (Aunt Sue in "No, No Nanette") returns as the bewitchingly flirtatious Madame Dubonnet. Bryon DeMent, who recently wowed audiences with his role as Professor Bhear in "Little Women," plays delivery boy Tony and is joined by three "perfect young ladies" in actresses Megan Jimenez as the over-achieving Maisie, Juliet Jewett as Dulcie and Crystal Demetriades as the awkward Nancy. Elizabeth Dimon is the haughty Lady Brockhurst. Mary Sytsma is Hortense, the French maid.

Musical director/actor Charles Fornara returns to the stage in the role of Percival Browne, Polly's father and Madame Dubonnet's willing captive. Mr. Fornara's last stage role was as David in TheatreZone's production of "Company."

"The Boy Friend" performs at the G&L Theatre for 10 performances May 3-13. Tickets are \$38 and \$43 each, with group discounts for 10 or more. Call (888) 966-3352 or visit www.theatrezone-florida.com. ■

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Artistic Director Mark Danni of TheatreZone plans to announce the professional theater company's eighth season during his curtain speech on opening night of season seven's final production at 8 p.m. Thursday, May 3. The 2012-13 lineup is sure to be as entertaining and enlightening as it is challenging, Mr. Danni says.



Mark Danni

Whether staging a new work or re-envisioning a classic, TheatreZone consistently surprises, entertains, challenges and inspires audiences by inviting them to take part in shared acts of imagination.

"TheatreZone continues to grow and bring to the stage a special combination of classic and contemporary shows that contributes to the cultural life of our city," he says, describing next season's schedule as "a venturesome mix of timeless, compelling and thoughtful Broadway hits."

"In the theater, we ignite the power of

the arts to tell stories we all want and need to hear. Next season at TheatreZone, we are going to do just that," he says.

Mr. Danni and his wife, actress/choreographer Karen Molnar, founded the non-profit company in 2005 based on their affinity and nostalgia for the stage and a passion for the intimacy of live audiences.

Operating under the guidelines of the Actors' Equity Association and small professional theater contracts, TheatreZone is in residence and performs in the 250-seat G&L Theatre housed on the campus of Community School of Naples, one block north of Pine Ridge Road at 13275 Livingston Road.

Over the last seven years, TheatreZone has grown steadily and produced a total of 220 performances, including two world premieres, featured more than 250 artists and played to audiences of over 50,000.

Next season's tickets go on sale May 3 to this season's subscribers only and will be made available to the public on June 1. A four-show package costs \$182, and a three-show subscription is \$144.

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Coming to the main stage in Blackburn Hall:

■ **Oct. 3-27: "Shout, the Mod Musical"** - This musical revue celebrates the fun, the fashions and the freedom that helped England swing in the '60s. With its heart on its sleeve and tongue in cheek, the show brings back memories with numbers including "Son of a Preacher Man," "Downtown," "These Boots Are Made For Walkin'" and "Goldfinger."

■ **Nov. 21-Dec. 15: "Leading Ladies"** - Two down-on-their-luck Shakespearean actors pose as long-lost nephews in hopes of inheriting a wealthy old woman's estate.

■ **Jan. 9-Feb. 2: "Barefoot in the Park"** - Neil Simon's sweet comedy of young love and commitment follows newlyweds Corie and Paul as they negotiate their first apartment with eccentric neighbors and a meddling mother. Corie is a free spirit who wants to run barefoot in the park, while buttoned-down Paul just can't understand that sort of thing.

■ **Feb. 27-March 30: "The Producers"** - For mature audiences, this comedy by Mel Brooks and Thomas Meehan is about a scheming producer and his nebbish accountant, who figure they can make a lot of money by producing the ultimate box office bomb on Broadway.

■ **April 17-May 11: "The Mousetrap"** - Agatha Christie's classic whodun-it follows eight eccentric characteristics trapped in an isolated guesthouse by a blizzard. It's not long before a murder takes place and suspicion falls on each.

In the Tobye Studio

■ **Oct. 24-Nov. 17: "Les Liaisons Dangereuses"** - For mature audiences, this drama by Christopher Hampton is a wickedly sexy reflection on jealousy, the breakdown of opulence and the costs of passion in 18th century Paris. The show is the winner of London's Olivier Award, multiple Tony nominations and three Academy Awards for the film adaptation, "Dangerous Liaisons."

■ **Jan. 30-Feb. 23: "Ghost-Writer"** - It's 1919, and Franklin Woolsey has died while dictating his latest novel to his devoted secretary, Myra, who continues to type the unpublished work, claiming she receives dictation from the departed.

■ **March 27-April 20: "The Clean House"** - A quirky and poignant comedy about clean houses, messy lives, love, dust balls and the power of a good joke, this play was a Pulitzer Prize finalist.

Tickets to performances in Blackburn Hall are \$35; Tobye Studio seats are \$25. A subscription for the five main stage shows is \$150 and for three shows in the smaller Tobye Studio, \$60.

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In addition to the Grammy nods, the band has a Dove Award and 10 albums to its credit. It has topped the Bluegrass Unlimited charts and won numerous International Bluegrass Music Association awards.

Its "Through the Window of a Train" won Song of the Year in 2008, and "Wonderous Love" garnered Gospel Recording of the Year in 2004. The band won the IBMA Album of the Year in 1996 and 2006, the Dove Award for Best Bluegrass Album in 2004, Gospel Group of the Year in 2005 and

Instrumental Group of the Year in 2003.

Individual members of Blue Highway have racked up their own awards as well, including: Rob Ickes, Dobro Player of the Year every year since 1996; Wayne Taylor, Bass Performer of the Year in 2001; and Tim Stafford, Guitar Player of the Year 2001.

"We are extremely fortunate to have a band of this distinction come to our area," says Southwest Florida bluegrass artists and concert organizer Russ Morrison. "They're the flagship of bluegrass music."

Tickets are \$22 advance and \$25 at the door. First Congregational Church of Naples is at 6630 Immokalee Road, just east of I-75. Doors will open at 2:30 p.m.

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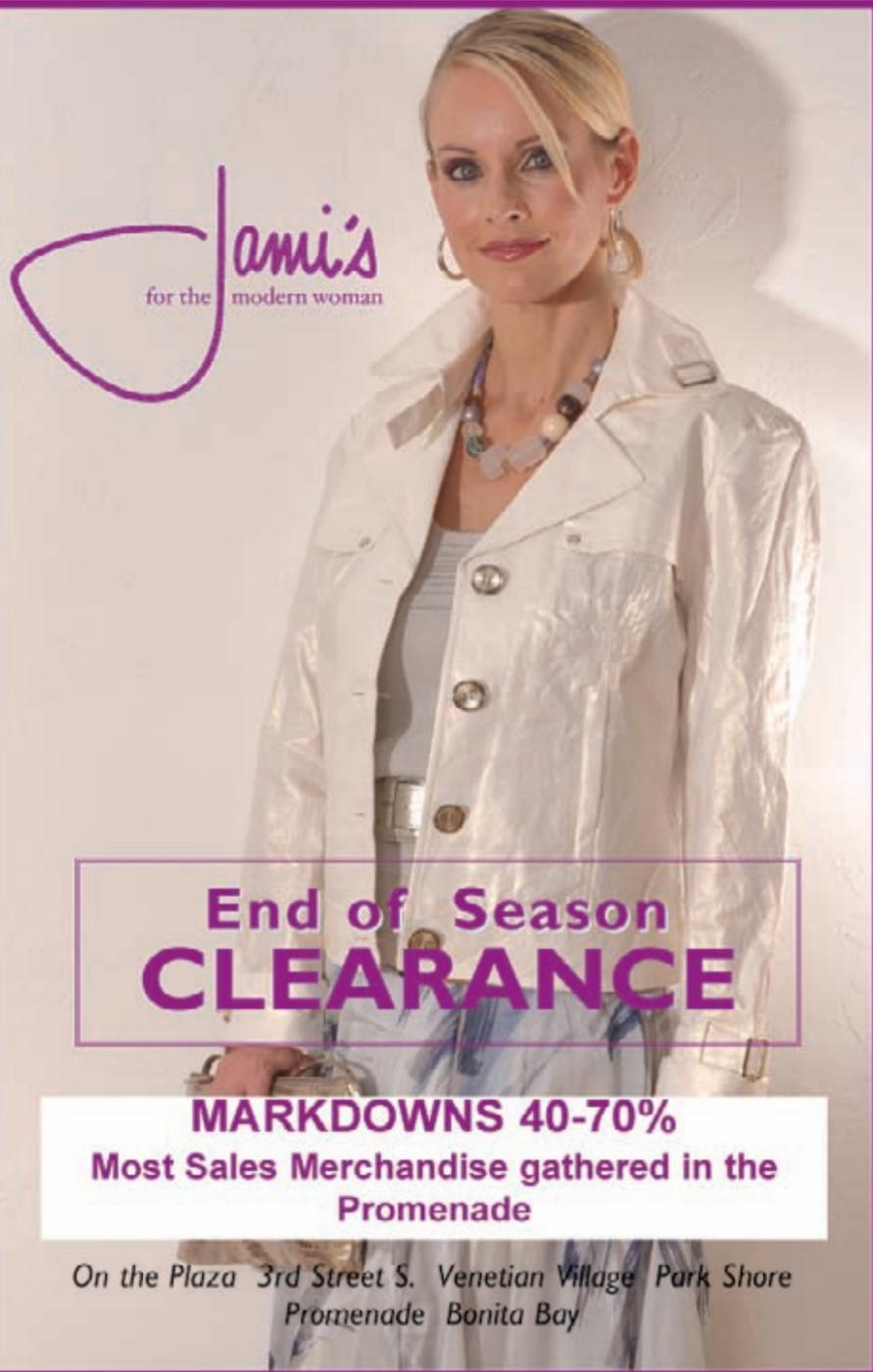
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Youngsters will be able to play in the Kid Zone complete with a bounce house, face painting, cotton candy and craft projects organized by The von Liebig Art Center.

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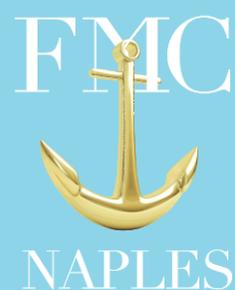
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Super-flu clears the decks for a new world order



■ **“Viral” by James Lilliefors. Soho Press. 353 pages. \$25.**

This elegantly complex thriller is devastating in its premise and astonishing in its meticulous plotting. James Lilliefors asks us to imagine something almost inconceivable: altruistic biological genocide.

A multi-billion-dollar scheme is afoot to “depopulate” failed African nations, obtain land rights and construct technological meccas — models of economic and social stability. It’s a scheme at once horrifying and brilliant, designed to anticipate and squelch any challenge to its success.

Of course, it’s cloaked in secrecy. And maybe it’s not so altruistic after all.

The means involve the controlled release of a fast-acting virus in selected population centers and the overnight burial of the millions of deceased. There

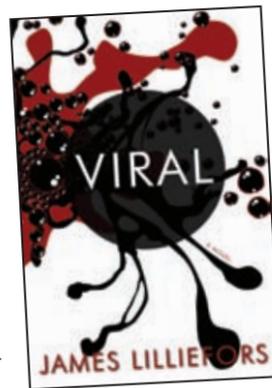
would be little to witness. Those behind it have thoroughly thought through damage control for the flu-like epidemic that comes and goes in hours.

Brilliant planners and with almost unlimited resources and unparalleled surveillance systems, they plot to limit the information that reaches the public about what they’re up to. But journalist Jon Mallory, fed information by his brother Charles, is making waves with what he manages to get into print.

Charles, who heads a private intelligence firm with a handful of skilled specialists, is determined to thwart this scheme. He presses to find out who is involved, how they communicate, where they are and what technologies and cadres of workers they have set in motion. Most importantly, he determines the time, location and method of the virus’s release — and how to stop it from happening.

Charles is following up on some suspicions hinted at by his late father, whose plan of action included bringing Jon’s investigative and writing skills to bear. The Mallory men are a strange bunch, with relationships that are strained yet respectful.

One of the novel’s fascinations is seeing the process by which the brothers



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collude at a distance that is both tactically necessary and true to the nature of their distinctive, contrasting personalities.

Mr. Lilliefors enhances our curiosity about each by alternating which brother is a chapter's central consciousness. While we are waiting for them to undermine the grand scheme, we are also waiting for them to move closer together. Suspense builds as each man's isolated storyline is interrupted at a crucial juncture, held in abeyance until the other brother's storyline is developed further, and then continued. There's always some piece of knowledge just out of reach that, once obtained, only raises a new question.

The author manages a large cast of subordinate characters — heroes, villains and ambiguous — with enormous skill. He maneuvers them, the pieces of an elaborate life-and-death game, with a sure mastery of the board.

Another strength in "Viral" is the author's handling of place. Whether painting the neighborhoods and outlying areas of Washington, D.C.; the cities, villages and countryside of African nations; or a handful of European locales, Mr. Lilliefors puts us there with authority.

"Viral" raises important questions about population growth, food supply, the limits of government, the limitlessness of ambition and the control and uses of science and technology. I marvel at Mr. Lilliefors' ability to make all kinds of scientific and strategic information accessible as he pushes ahead with his only-too-credible premise. More important, perhaps, are the ways in which he confronts moral issues and the complex shadings of personal and collective motivation. It's a great, multi-faceted read. ■

The reviewer recalls meeting the author



I'm at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts, waiting for Debbie Reynolds to perform a few days short of her 80th birthday. In my hands is that trusty publication called "The Phil," edited (and largely written) by master scribe James Lilliefors. An interview with Ms. Reynolds. Another with Spanish artist Juan Genovés. How long has

Mr. Lilliefors been doing this? How has he kept his mind sharp enough to craft his Grade A-plus thriller?

I'm thinking back six years to our first meeting. Jim allowed me to interview him about his highly entertaining "America's Boardwalks" for a "Book Beat" column I was writing for a now-vanished weekly publication. He told me about his career as a newspaper journalist and editor and about two earlier books — a novel called "Bananaville" that had received some good reviews, and a book about a bit of American culture called "Highway 50: Ain't That America." For all his accomplishments, I could tell that he had genuine talent and ambition.

I thought about that talent and ambition in July 2009 while preparing a review of Jim's "Ball Cap Nation," my first review for *Florida Weekly*. Would Jim find the time and creative space to channel and release that gift?

I don't know how he did it, but I can guess why his previous titles don't appear in the publicity for "Viral." It's as if Mr. Lilliefors just popped up out of nowhere, brand new on the scene. That's one kind of hype that launches a book.

But Jim Lilliefors is not brand new. He is a mature, patient and masterful writer. And now, with a contract for the follow-up to "Viral" (due out next spring), he has finally been able to make the decision to leave the Phil and focus full time on book writing. I wish him well, and I can't wait to read what's next.

— Phil Jason

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15 inches in diameter, big enough to hold a few fish and plants. The bowl is lit from below. The maker is unknown, but it's signed "Makonicka." The bears and ice are designed in a style popular after 1890.

Did you have a bowl filled with pet fish when you were young? The idea dates back to the Roman Empire, when carp were kept in marble tanks. Once panes of glass were made, a pane could be used on one side of the tank so people could more easily watch the activities of the fish. The Chinese were making large porcelain tubs for goldfish by the 1400s. Copies of these tubs are still being made and sold, although they are usually used for plants, not fish. By the 19th century, there were aquariums and fish bowls that look like those found today. Raising fish became an important hobby, and the first public aquarium opened in 1853.

By 1900 there were aquariums and fish bowls made in fanciful shapes, and some were even part of a planter or lamp. It is said that keeping fish is one of America's most popular hobbies. So when a fishbowl topped by three ceramic polar bears was auctioned at Humler & Nolan in Cincinnati, it's not surprising that it sold for \$2,540. The fish bowl is cleverly designed. A porcelain "basket" holds an ice cave (the bowl). It's topped by the bears, and openings show the bowl and active fish. It's about 24 inches high and

Q: A few years ago, I bought a round 60-inch dining-room table with a pedestal base at a Los Angeles antique shop. The dealer told me the table was made in Germany, but there's no label or mark on it. The interesting thing about it is that there's a thick base under the tabletop that hides eight leaves. You can lift the top of the table and rotate the leaves out so they form a ring around the table, making the tabletop 80 inches in diameter. Have you ever seen a table like this?

A: Your table is called a "perimeter table," and the leaves are referred to as "perimeter leaves." The style has been around for decades and some cabinet-makers are building them today. A U.S. patent for this sort of table was granted in 1911. That was during an era when all sorts of different table extension designs were being invented.

Q: I'm trying to find information about my 5-foot Col. Sanders metal weathervane. I was among the crew who remodeled a Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant in Miami in 1980. The weathervane was going to be trashed, and I was the only worker who wanted it. So I took it home and stored it in my garage for 32 years. The weathervane is a full figure of Col.

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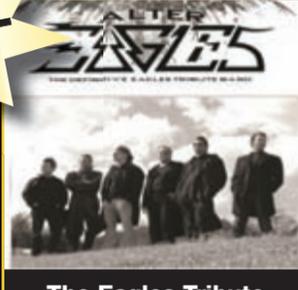
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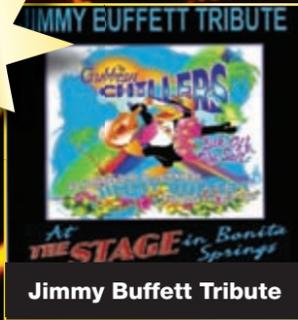
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A: Harland Sanders (1890-1980) opened his first restaurant in Corbin, Ky., in 1930. The first Kentucky Fried Chicken franchise opened in 1952, and there were 600 by 1964. We have seen Col. Sanders weathervanes for sale at antique shows for about \$500. But a few have sold at auction for \$1,000 or more. Price depends not only on where and how you sell it, but also on condition. If your weathervane is not rusty and the colors aren't faded, contact an auction that specializes in advertising. You will have to pay a commission.

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A: James McDougal Hart was born in Scotland in 1828. His family immigrated to Albany, N.Y., in 1830. Hart started out as a sign painter's apprentice, then studied art in Germany. In 1854 he opened a studio in Albany. Later, he opened studios in Brooklyn and Keene Valley, N.Y. Hart died in

1901. Several of his works are in museums today. The brown stains on your print are called "foxing" and can be caused by deterioration due to age or by exposure to heat, cold or humidity. If your pictures were stored in a barn, conditions were not ideal. Some oil paintings by James M. Hart sell for several thousand dollars. But his prints, in perfect condition, sell for just a few hundred dollars. Your print would be difficult to sell since it is in poor condition.

Tip: If you buy an old teddy bear at a garage sale, bring it home and put it in a plastic bag with some mothballs for a few weeks. Don't let the mothballs touch the bear. The fur and stuffing of old bears attract many types of hungry insects. ■

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is stepping into another frontier, that of songwriter and solo artist. “Wonderland,” his first solo CD of original material, was released in January, and he recently completed a 10-week tour across the United States and is in the midst of a second run of shows that brings him to Germain Arena along with several other acts on Saturday, April 29.

Restricted to ages 17 and older, “Graduation Day Party with Steve Aoki” will rock the area from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Performing in addition to the headline act will be Hot Pink Delorean, Reverent Pariah, Prime Ministers, Vinny Foo and Josh Hamilton.

In venues of this size, Mr. Aoki’s show includes big-screen videos and sophisticated lighting. And while he still does a straight DJ set, his desire to drive the energy and emotions of his fans to extremes makes his performances far different from the more typical electro/dance shows where the DJ simply grooves along to the tracks he plays. Mr. Aoki is a whirlwind on stage, pogo-ing to his songs, tossing his long black hair and sometimes even leaping from the stage to crowd-surf, a move that one might expect from an unhinged rocker like Iggy Pop, but not necessarily a DJ.

He says his over-the-top doings are a direct result of his earliest concert experiences.

“I bring in what I know, what I

grew up with, which is being at hard core shows,” he says. “When you go to a hard core show, it’s status quo to see at least 50 stage dives. It’s like everyone and their mom is crowd-surfing.” He was 13 when he did his first stage dive. “It wasn’t just about stage diving, but about participating and interacting with the band.”

Although he eventually played in punk bands, he really wanted to work behind the scenes in music — a plan that definitely came to fruition.

In college at University of California in Santa Barbara, he began booking house concerts. He also started his record label, Dim Mak, at age 19, and just as he had been preparing to enroll for post-graduate studies, he heard a demo from the band the Kills. Feeling the band could be the next big thing, he put aside academia and took the full leap into the record business with Dim Mak.

“(Playing in bands wasn’t) the driving force of what I really wanted to do,” he says. “I wanted to sign artists that I love, develop them and see them become successful.”

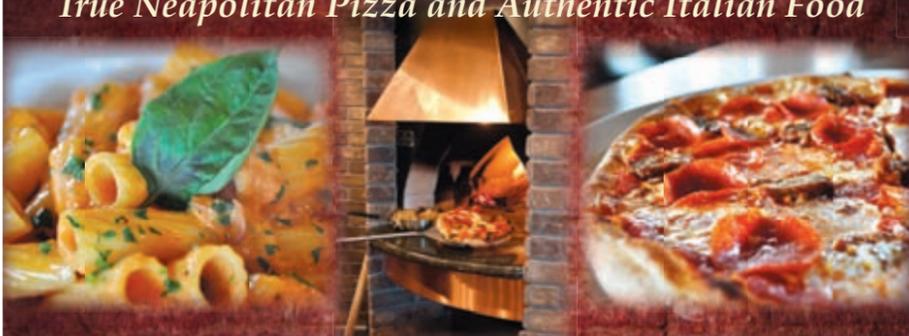
Before long, he had relocated to Los Angeles where, ironically enough, his work heading up Dim Mak opened the door for his transition to DJ, producer and now songwriter and artist in his own right.

“I’m in L.A. and I want people to know about these bands (on Dim Mak)... So started throwing these small Dim Mak parties, but instead of having DJs playing, I’d have bands come and DJ.” Bloc Party came to DJ, as did The Killers and The Shins.

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Aoki then started Dim Mak nights at Cinespace, where emerging acts on all sorts of record labels would perform live (Lady Gaga, Ke\$ha, the Kaiser Chiefs, No Age and Skrillex, among them).

The Dim Mak name grew synonymous as a barometer of hot new musical talent. Eventually, with the lessons learned at the DJ nights, followed by tireless worldwide touring (300 dates a year, beginning in 2007, now down to 220 or so) with his DJ shows, Mr. Aoki became a hot artist himself.

Now the album "Wonderland" shows new sides to his talents and new directions in his music. "Being able to work with the different vocalists and write almost to that forced me to look outside of the clubs," he says. "That's where this album really has that wide range."

The variety is apparent in the vocalists who join him on "Wonderland." Weezer singer Rivers Cuomo co-wrote and does vocals on "Earthquakey People," which has been released as a single. There's also a strong mix of electro and hip-hop, with tracks like "Emergency," which features Lil Jon and Chiddy

in the know

DJ Steve Aoki

>> **When:** 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Sunday, April 29

>> **Where:** Germain Arena. Admission restricted to ages 17 and older; photo ID will be required.

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Band and "Cudi The Kid" featuring Kid Cudi. "Control Freak," which features Blaqstarr, brings some simmering funk to the CD, while "Ladi Dadi" with Wynter Gordon is lively dance-pop. Mr. Aoki says his move into songwriting and recording his own CDs had been brewing for some time. "I've locked a lot of songs in the vault for a long time," he says. "I've been so excited to unleash and let them out."

He heads to Las Vegas next but returns to Florida for shows at Club Cinema in Pompano Beach (May 15), the Ritz Ybor in Tampa (May 16) and at Set in Miami (May 17). ■

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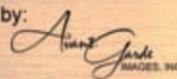
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Famous hand

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At this point, the bidding became frenetic. North bid three hearts, a cuebid indicating a strong hand with a probable void in hearts, and East doubled. After two passes, North then bid four hearts! This was a further cuebid, confirming the heart void, and even more importantly, it urged South to bid a slam in either diamonds or spades, depending on his hand.

South quickly accepted the invitation by bidding six diamonds. True, South had only 10 high-card points (six of which he knew were wasted opposite North's void). But South also had a seven-card suit and a void in clubs that North could not possibly know about.

Not only that, but when East doubled, Tintner had enough confidence in his partner's bidding and his own values to redouble! East — holding A-A-A-K — no doubt thought his opponents had gone berserk and would pay heavily for their indiscretion.

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

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♠	A K Q 9 5		
♥	—		
♦	Q J 3 2		
♣	J 8 7 2		
WEST		EAST	
♠	8 7 4 3	♠	10 2
♥	7 6	♥	A 10 8 5 4 3 2
♦	—	♦	A 9
♣	Q 10 9 6 5 4 3	♣	A K
SOUTH			
♠	J 6		
♥	K Q J 9		
♦	K 10 8 7 6 5 4		
♣	—		

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1 ♠	2 ♥
3 ♦	Pass	3 ♥	Dble
Pass	Pass	4 ♥	Dble
6 ♦	Pass	Pass	Dble

Redble
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But that wasn't how things turned out. Tintner easily made six diamonds redoubled for a score of 1,330 points, losing only a diamond trick, and poor East was left wondering what in the world had hit him. ■

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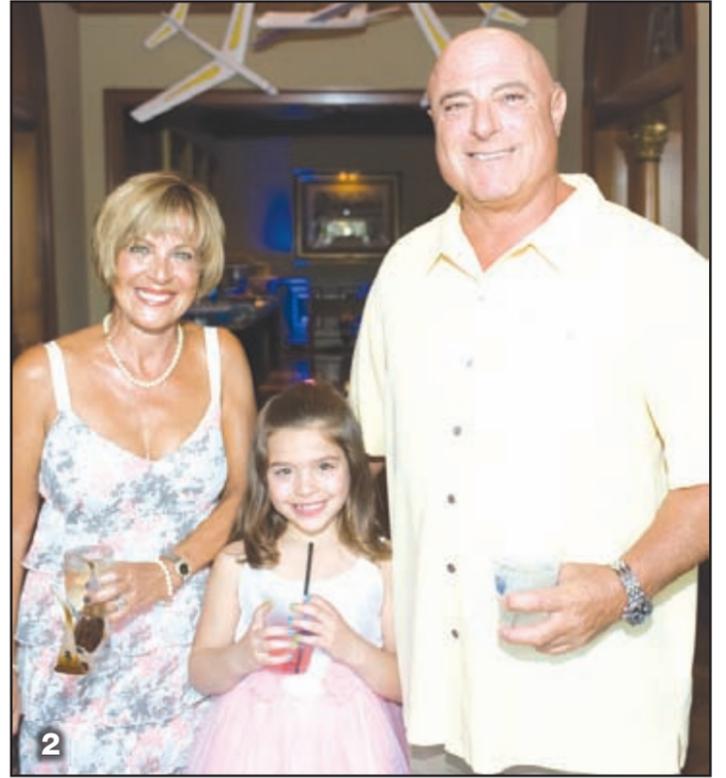
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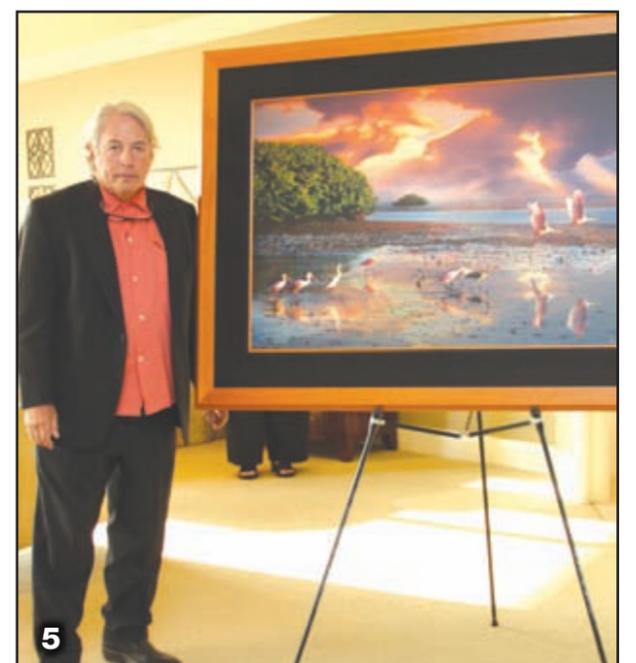
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6. Joe Kandel with Edmundo and Dolly Muniz

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Wildlife photographer Alan Maltz at Tavira at Bonita Bay



1. Lynn and Bebe Wolgast, Sue and Ken Foley, Michele Davidson
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PAST REPASTS

Here are some capsule summaries of previous restaurant reviews:

➤ **A Table Apart**, 4295 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs; 221-8540: The small but diverse menu spans the globe, embracing classic French techniques, bold Asian flavors and even a bit of Italian pasta panache while emphasizing a commitment to sustainable seafood and seasonal ingredients. The food is sophisticated but unfussy, ambitious but not overworked, classical yet novel. The chorizo mejillones is simply one of the best mussel preparations I've eaten in a couple of decades of reviewing restaurants. Imagine the flavor explosion of spicy Mexican chorizo sausage, acidic white wine and tomatoes, grassy cilantro pesto and creamy queso fresco. Picture these colorful toppings mingling with a dozen and a half plump mussels sautéed until they are just barely cooked through and not a second more. The fish of the day, Arctic char, was simply grilled and simply perfect. Meats are executed equally well, as evidenced by an expertly crusted, juicy flatiron steak topped with rich blue cheese that's smoked in-house. Order it with a side of the best French fries you will ever eat in Southwest Florida — they're sprinkled with Parmesan and fresh herbs and drizzled with earthy truffle oil. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★★★★★
 Service: ★★★★★
 Atmosphere: ★★★★★
 Reviewed December 2011

➤ **Café Normandie**, 3756 Tamiami Trail N.; 261-0977: This low-key outpost along U.S. 41 manages to provide delightful French fare and a casual, laid-back hospitality, compliments of owner Benoit Legris. The wine list is brief but well chosen, a snapshot of wines that please the owner. You can't go wrong with mussels in Normandie cream sauce or the escargots de Bourgogne. Roasted duck with spicy peach sauce was a glorious variation on duck l'orange, and the shrimp and sea scallops au gratin were simple yet elegant. Dinner concluded with a classic raspberry tart and whisper-thin crepe Suzette. The service, Old World atmosphere and moderate prices all enhanced a wonderful meal. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★★★★★ ½
 Service: ★★★★★
 Atmosphere: ★★★★★
 Reviewed December 2010

➤ **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 live music at just the right volume 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.; 598-9400: For an inexpensive but excellent Vietnamese feast, head straight to Noodle Saigon. The 12-page menu might be intimidating 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: ★★★★★
 Atmosphere: ★★★★★
 Reviewed May 2011

➤ **Seasons 52**, 8930 Tamiami Trail N.; 594-8852: This small chain, new to Southwest Florida, has a lot going for it. Start with the regularly changing menu that features seasonal ingredients at their peak of flavor in dishes that forswear indulgence without sacrificing flavor — nothing contains more than 475 calories. Consider the globe-spanning wine list that offers more than 100 selections — 52 or more by the glass. And the casual but plush atmosphere feels organic, with earthy colors, polished woods and stacked stone. Start with one of the flatbreads, cracker-thin pizzas carpeted with precisely arranged toppings and baked in a super-hot brick oven. The menu achieves a good balance of seafood and meats. An artichoke-stuffed shrimp dish was succulent and redolent of sage, while wood-grilled T-bone lamb chops were perfectly cooked and remarkably tender. Save room for dessert without guilt: Seasons 52's "Mini Indulgences" are tiny treats — red velvet cake, pumpkin mousse and much more — served in shot glasses. They're the perfect way to end a meal without going over the edge.

Food: ★★★★★ ½
 Service: ★★★★★
 Atmosphere: ★★★★★
 Reviewed November 2011

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FLORIDA WEEKLY CUISINE

Aged beef the main attraction at Manhattan Steakhouse

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We missed Manhattan Steakhouse on the first pass, seeing its name at the bottom of the Burnt Pine Plaza sign too late. A quick pair of U-turns on the Tamiami Trail and we got to the correct turn-in for the center.

That's one of the side effects of the proliferation of shopping plazas on U.S. 41. With faux-Mediterranean building after faux-Mediterranean building, you've got to know which one you're looking for.

Visibility, or the lack thereof, is going to be a challenge for Manhattan Steakhouse. Once you're in the parking lot, you still have to drive around to the back of the plaza to find it. What's more, we mistakenly entered through the courtyard rather than the front door — and we weren't the only ones.

Don't give up, as good things await those who persevere: deliciously aged steaks and perfectly broiled chops served by a team of highly professional waiters. The side dishes, however, need some work.

The management's stated goal is to mimic the experience of a New York steakhouse, by which I assume they mean a Peter Luger, a Smith & Wollensky, a Strip House. This ambitious endeavor hasn't quite reached the lofty level of perfection achieved by such hallowed houses of beef, but with time and attention to its shortcomings, it could certainly compete with well-established steakhouses in the area.

Manhattan Steakhouse opened in February, taking over the space formerly occupied by Bella Vita. The dining room boasts a gorgeous pressed-copper ceiling, unique hand-blown pendant lamps and lustrous dark wood. The adjacent sheltered courtyard seats 50; unfortunately, when the doors were opened it ushered in humid air that turned the dining room into a bit of a sauna.

Our server was quick to the table and quick to return with glasses of wine, but I have to qualify that by saying that we were the only table in the house at that point. Still, even as the restaurant got busier, his attention was prompt and constant. He brushed crumbs from the linen tablecloth, refilled water glasses and demonstrated a thorough knowledge of the menu.

By-the-glass wines are fairly pedestrian choices such as Cellar 8 Cabernet Sauvignon (\$9) and Principato Pinot Noir (\$8) — both of which are widely available for about \$10 a bottle. True wine lovers will fare better with the bottle selections, which offer a better range.

We decided to start with a couple of salads rather than risk filling up on appetizers, which include calamari, crab cakes and sashimi tuna. Besides which, vegetable sides here are limited to creamed spinach and steamed asparagus — and as with most high-end steakhouses, they are priced a la carte (\$5.95-\$7.95).

A caprese salad (\$10) was simply two slices each of tomato and buffalo mozzarella lightly drizzled with pesto. The luscious, milky cheese was delicious, but the tomatoes were starchy and hard; you can't hide inferior tomatoes in a salad like this.

When I inquired about the Manhattan chopped salad (\$10), the waiter explained that it was dressed with the house-made steak sauce, a combination of tomato puree, cider vinegar and horseradish that had arrived in a gravy boat at the same time as the nondescript dinner rolls. It tasted similar to cocktail sauce with a splash of Worces-

tershire. As a salad dressing, it had the unfortunate effect of lacing the crisp iceberg lettuce with a light brown coating that made it look less than fresh. Aside from that, the salad was a tasty combination of greens, tomatoes, bits of shrimp, bacon and blue cheese.

Courses were timed well. Not long after we finished the salads, our entrees arrived sizzling loudly — a sound that never fails to make one's mouth water.

Manhattan Steakhouse serves only prime beef that is dry-aged three to four weeks. Choices range from a boneless 16-ounce top sirloin (\$24) to a 64-ounce bone-in porterhouse for four (\$148), with something for every steak lover in between. We settled on the 20-ounce bone-in New York strip (\$34), which is served sliced but with the bone. The waiter put on a little show of searing slices of the meat against the super-hot platter, which is cooked under a 1,800-degree broiler. The flavor of the beef was noticeably deeper and the tex-

in the know

Manhattan Steakhouse

24940 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 676-8687

Ratings:
Food: ★★★
Service: ★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★

>> Hours: 4:30-9:30 p.m. daily
>> Reservations: Accepted
>> Credit cards: Accepted
>> Price range: Appetizers, \$7-\$14; entrees \$17-\$34
>> Beverages: Full bar
>> Specialties of the house: Prime beef
>> Volume: Low
>> Parking: Plaza lot
>> Website: www.manhattan1steakhouse.com

★★★★★ Superb
★★★★ Noteworthy
★★★ Good
★★ Fair
★ Poor

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Right: Crème brulee is one of two home-made desserts at Manhattan Steakhouse.

Below: A perfectly grilled veal chop.



ture more tender than a non-aged cut — the hallmark of a high-end steakhouse. Who needs steak sauce with beef this rich in flavor?

From their appearance and taste, we surmised that our side dish of "Special German Potatoes" (\$7.95) laced with onions also spent time under that scorching broiler: The uppermost edges of the potato slices were blackened, giving the dish an ashen taste — not so special.

Our other entrée, a 16-ounce veal T-bone chop (\$29) was perfectly grilled — pink and juicy inside, with a good seared crust on the exterior. I was glad that the waiter had shared some information that should be on the menu but isn't. He told us the breaded veal chop I had been considering ordering is flattened and pan-fried scallopini-style, and I would have been disappointed in that. (Don't you wish more waiters were so scrupulous?)

We finished with desserts of profiteroles (\$8) deliciously enveloped in chocolate mousse, and a crème brûlée (\$8) that didn't have much custard underneath its caramelized sugar crust.

Clearly, there are consistency issues. Manhattan Steakhouse has got the main course down pat, and that's more than half the battle.

Now it just needs to work on refining other elements that complement a fine-dining experience. ■

food & wine CALENDAR

► **Thursday, April 26, 6:30 p.m.**, Artichoke & Company: Learn how to make four signature items from the catering company and how to pair them with wine; \$42.95, 1410 Rail Head Blvd.; 263-6979. Reservations required.

► **Sunday, April 29, noon-5 p.m.**, Mercato: The Mercato International Food Fest features a global assortment of goodies plus live music and activities for the kids. Donate school supplies, reams of office paper or canned goods to the Guadalupe Center of Immokalee and be entered into a drawing to win prizes.

► **Thursday, May 3, 7 p.m.**, Caffè dell'Amore: Savor a six-course dinner featuring the Sicilian wines of Tasca

d'Almerita Vineyards, along with delicacies such as seafood salad, eggplant gnocchi and shrimp in marsala; \$89, 1400 Gulf Shore Blvd.; 261-1389. Reservations required.

► **Saturday, May 5, 11:30 a.m.-8 p.m.**, Agave Southwestern Grill: Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with tequila and mezcal specials, live entertainment and dance exhibitions, giveaways and raffles as well as food and drink specials; \$15, 2380 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 598-3473.

► **Tuesday, May 8, 6-7 p.m.**, Decanted Wines: Using a smell/aroma kit, learn how to identify the subtle aromas in wine (appetizers will accompany tasting); \$20, 1410 Pine Ridge Road;

(800) 980-5766. Reservations required.

► **Wednesday, May 9, 5-7 p.m.**, Decanted Wines: Learn how to pair cupcakes and wines for an inventive Mother's Day treat; \$15, 1410 Pine Ridge Road; (800) 980-5766. Reservations required.

Farmers markets

► **Wednesday, 1:30-5:30 p.m.**, St. Monica's Episcopal Church, 7070 Immokalee Road; 591-4550.

► **Wednesday, 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**, Veterans Community Park, Marco Island.

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

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

► **Saturday, 7 a.m.-noon**, the Bonita Springs Lions Club farm market at the Promenade at Bonita Bay.

► **Saturday, 8 a.m.-noon**, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 3901 Davis Blvd.

► **Saturday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.**, North Naples Green Market at the Galleria Shoppes at Vanderbilt, off Airport Pulling and Vanderbilt Beach roads.

► **Sunday, 8 a.m.-noon**, Freedom Park, 151 Golden Gate Parkway.

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