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Nearly sixty-percent sold, The Lutgert Companies, developers of The Strada, launched a new partnership in March with interior design firm Clive Daniel Home. Buyers of select two-bedroom residences were offered a \$20,000 decorating gift certificate that also included the complimentary design services of Clive Daniel Home. Four two-bedroom models were furnished and decorated in a variety of styles and were uniquely outfitted for immediate occupancy with an array of linens, kitchenware and many other essentials for a true turnkey residence. All four residences were offered complete for \$599,000.

Dressed with great success—four new residences were sold or under contract within weeks of the initial offering.

The quality lifestyle offered at The Strada combined with the partnership with Clive Daniel Home is helping drive the pace of sales. With four additional new models furnished and decorated by Clive Daniel Home already completed, those interested in living at The Strada at Mercato will want to take advantage

of this limited time offer to secure their preferred model.

“This unique partnership with Clive Daniel Home brings a new energy to The Strada,” said Todd Kendall, Director of Sales for The Lutgert Companies. “The two-bedroom residences, combined with our partnership with Clive Daniel Home, have proven to be an attractive enticement for our buyers looking for long-term value in a prime location.”

What makes The Strada so appealing to a wide demographic of buyers—from young professionals to retired CEOs to the international customer who is seeking a vacation getaway—is its appeal of a lifestyle of convenience, without forsaking quality.

“One could say *Vive la différence* as diversity in age and experience creates a dynamic atmosphere here,” said Kendall. “But our residents are on the same wavelength when it comes to this carefree lifestyle. They look forward to get-togethers with other residents in the private clubhouse. It’s like being on vacation every day. Have a bite to eat, watch a movie at Silverspot Cinema, stop for an espresso or cocktail and take a leisurely stroll home. This fellowship fosters great vitality among residents and carries over to all of Mercato generating a synergy unlike any other community.”

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living, with residential living over retail, The Strada includes 92 residences in two distinctive buildings that overlook Strada Place, the manicured main street of Mercato. Two parking spaces in a controlled-access garage are included with each residence.

The Strada also offers a range of one, two or three-bedroom floor plans with lavish interiors. Chef-ready kitchens offer superior touches such as granite countertops and natural gas cooking. Luxurious master bath counters are clad with granite, marble or limestone and flooring of hardwood or porcelain tile beautifies main living areas while Berber or sculpted carpet finishes the bedrooms.

For fun and fitness, residents can ride the elevator up to the rooftop amenity level for a refreshing dip in the 52-foot pool, enjoy a beverage or snack while lounging on the sun-dappled deck or play a game of billiards or cards in the clubhouse. A well-appointed fitness center with cutting-edge equipment is another attractive amenity for residents that live at The Strada.

“Whether our residents live here year-round or spend winters in Naples, they all appreciate this unique urban setting,” said Kendall. “We have the only Whole Foods Market in Southwest Florida, which speaks to the quality of Mercato merchandisers who understand this unique community and the clientele who will frequent their businesses and restaurants.”

Underscoring the high profile shops that Mercato attracts include Silverspot Cinema, a state-of-the-art 11-screen movie theater with reserved, leather seating and full-service lounge and restaurant. Silverspot draws an international crowd of film aficionados at the annual Naples International Film Festival.

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THE RACE FOR NEW DISTRICT 19

Open seat competition heating up

BY FLORIDA WEEKLY STAFF

To a man, they're blue-blazered, smooth-talking, Republican politicians. So at first glance they look as diverse as boards in a sawmill. But first glances are notoriously suspect.

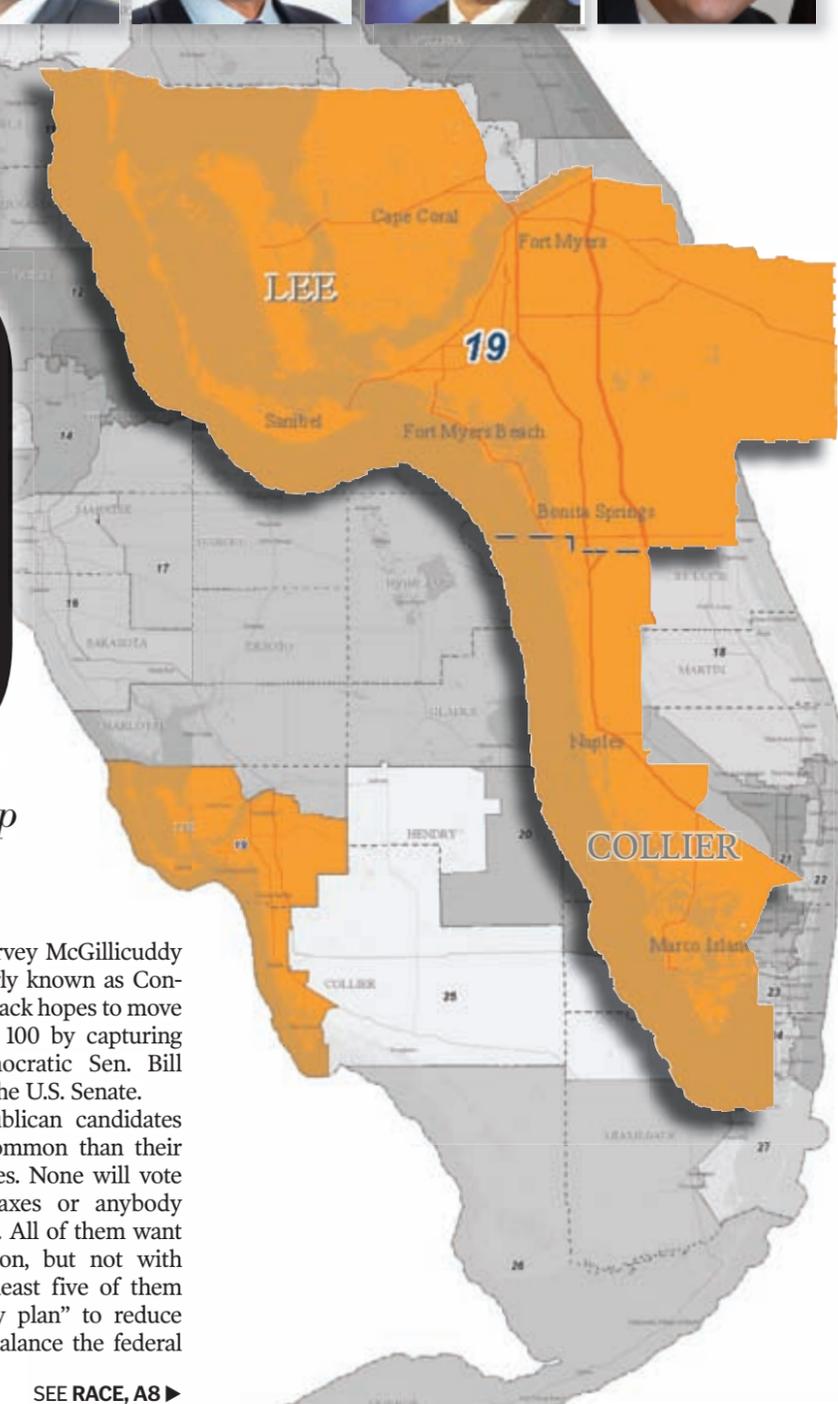
Here, *Florida Weekly* explores the histories, temperaments and ideologies of six wannabe Washingtonians. Each seeks his party's nomination to run for the District 19 seat in the U.S. House of Representatives.

That district is newly redrawn from District 14, now represented

by Cornelius Harvey McGillicuddy IV, more popularly known as Connie Mack. Rep. Mack hopes to move up to the select 100 by capturing incumbent Democratic Sen. Bill Nelson's seat in the U.S. Senate.

The six Republican candidates have more in common than their blazers and smiles. None will vote to raise your taxes or anybody else's, they claim. All of them want to fix immigration, but not with an amnesty. At least five of them think the "penny plan" to reduce the deficit and balance the federal

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Aiken, McCabe named Business Hall of Fame laureates

Junior Achievement awards to be presented in October

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Richard Aiken and Phil McCabe have been named Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida's 2012 Business Hall of Fame-Collier County laureates. Dr. Aiken is president and CEO of Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida; Mr. Philip McCabe is the CEO and owner of Gulf Coast Commercial Corp. and founder of the Inn on Fifth and McCabe's Irish Pub & Grill.

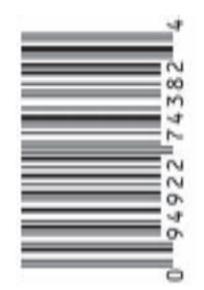
They will be honored during a dinner and awards ceremony Tuesday, Oct. 30, at the Waldorf Astoria Naples.
The Business Hall of Fame award recognizes outstanding entrepreneurs who serve as role models for youth through their professional accomplishments and commitment to the community.

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COMMENTARY

Topo map, Independence Day



In the hilly topography of American life, history hardly lends itself to the chatter of jingoists — the love-is-blind fatherland flag wavers and chest thumpers.

That's because our national story creates deceptively rough terrain. As a people, we aren't clansmen or tribesmen. We don't come from the same blood or geography. We don't look alike. We don't all hold the same notion of god or gods. You can't take us to a prayer meeting or a party, either one, and expect all of us to know the manners or the music.

Too commonly, we actively dislike each other.

In 234 years, we've proven to be a nation neither wholly right nor wholly wrong. We've done greater good than ill, occasionally in spectacular fashion. But sometimes the split is iffy.

We were once the most racist large nation on earth. Now we're the least racist large nation on earth — which still isn't good enough.

Now, our nation is the most varied in its people, the most ambitious in its hope for everyman and everywoman and by far the boldest, socially.

We can fight, too, as our enemies periodically misunderstand. But no nation has ever designed more formidable weapons, and once in possession of them, no nation has ever practiced such restraint.



Burdie Baker, do-gooder



Ruth and Dan Danforth, nursery owners



Irby Lee, cattleman, cracker



Lloyd Marsh, farmer, gardener



Ellen Nash Williams, Coloradoan, visitor



Chester Scheneman, citrus grower

Nor has any other ever produced more honest critics of itself, or more fearless introspection from its own people.

At our worst, we're greedy, callous and arrogant. But at our best, we display courage, grace, humility, humor, tolerance, endurance, generosity, empathy and the raw desire to make it over the next hill and see what's there.

That's what I hope you will recognize

in these simple photos.

Every countenance here is a map of our entire history — in this case, the best of it. In each lined face the hills and valleys of an American lifetime reveal the topography of our peerless and sometimes difficult country.

I know these individuals. I photographed them because I admire them. Since he is often with me, my youngest son, Nash,

appears in a couple of pictures, too.

With any luck, he'll be the one looking into a lens 80 years from now, joined by an invisible wire — the enduring notion of independence wrapped in the long muscle of memory — to the men and women you see on this page.

In one photo, the little boy had slammed his thumb in a car door only seconds before, flattening it, as we went to buy tomatoes. But Nash was determined to suffer as stoically as Mr. Lee has, both in peace and war, across 90 years or so. He refused to shed tears.

Simply by his presence, Mr. Lee offered my son an unspoken gift, but also an imperative: Stand up and take it, whatever it is and whoever you are.

Each of these people offers that gift to all of us. They've starved, fought, suffered wounds in battle, tolerated dire mistreatment from fellow citizens, endured privation, raised children, lost children to war, cared for neighbors unasked, raised cows, raised crops and insisted on good cheer.

There is little complaint or bitterness in any of them.

None would fail to give you food if you were hungry, or defense if you were besieged, or solace if you were sad.

You will know others like them, breathing or not — but each still a living part of us.

So help me offer them each a grand thanks, and a glorious Independence Day to all. ■

— Note: This column, which first appeared in 2010, has become an Independence week tradition. Mr. Lee passed away last year.



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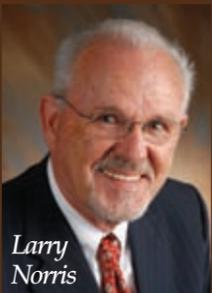


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OPINION

Arizona's victory



richLOWRY

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Upon its passage, Arizona's immigration law was considered so outlandish that Attorney General Eric Holder famously rushed to condemn it without reading it.

Now the Supreme Court has read the law and rejected Holder's case against its central element, the so-called "show me your papers" provision stipulating that police officers should check on the immigration status of people suspected of being in the country illegally.

If it were possible for a statute to be tarred, feathered and run out of town on a rail, such would have been the fate of Arizona's law. President Barack Obama inveighed against it. The state was boycotted. Otherwise-reasonable people lost their heads. Whether the law was deemed racist, fascist or merely ill-advised, it was an article of faith that it was very, very unconstitutional.

When it got to the court, though, it wasn't even a close call. All eight justices ruling in the case — Justice Elena Kagan recused herself — turned aside

the Justice Department's pre-emptive challenge to the provision's constitutionality. In a divided decision, the court struck down three other provisions on grounds that they interfere with the federal immigration system. If Arizona can't claim total victory, it can claim vindication vis-a-vis all its hysterical critics.

What the Arizona-haters always ignored is that there are "show me your papers" provisions in the federal law. As Justice Anthony Kennedy recounts in his opinion for the majority, the federal government requires that aliens carry proof of registration. An extensive apparatus exists to facilitate state and local enforcement of the immigration laws. Congress has said that no special training or formal agreement is necessary for state officers to "communicate with the (federal government) regarding the immigration status of any individual, including reporting knowledge that a particular alien is not lawfully present in the United States."

If the feds didn't want to get any inquiries from police officers in Arizona, they should have written that loophole into the law. Certainly, Arizona's statute is more in keeping with the spirit of federal immigration laws than the Obama administration's selec-

tive enforcement with an eye to doing just enough to cover itself politically. It is bizarre that, with millions of people in the country in defiance of federal laws, the man charged with faithfully executing them is worried that Arizona police will do too much to assist the federal government by turning up illegal immigrants in the course of their work.

In his scorching dissent from the decision overturning portions of the Arizona statute, Justice Antonin Scalia emphasizes federal nonenforcement of the immigration laws. The Obama administration's real beef with Arizona isn't that it contradicts federal law so much as it contradicts its own choice to ignore federal law as much as practical.

Arizona, Scalia notes, has been particularly hard hit by the federal government's decision to enforce at the border primarily in California and Texas: "Must Arizona's ability to protect its borders yield to the reality that Congress has provided inadequate funding for federal enforcement — or, even worse, to the Executive's unwise targeting of that funding?"

Arizona had the temerity to answer "no." ■

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

Big money wins in the big skies of Montana



amyGOODMAN

Special to Florida Weekly

"I never bought a man who wasn't for sale," William A. Clark reportedly said. He was one of Montana's "Copper Kings," a man who used his vast wealth to manipulate the state government and literally buy votes to make himself a U.S. senator. That was more than 100 years ago, and the blatant corruption of Clark and the other Copper Kings created a furor that led to the passage, by citizen initiative, of Montana's Corrupt Practices Act in 1912. The century of transparent campaign-finance restrictions that followed, preventing corporate money from influencing elections, came to an end this week, as the U.S. Supreme Court summarily reversed the Montana law. Five justices of the U.S. Supreme Court reiterated: Their controversial Citizens United ruling remains the law of the land. Clark's corruption contributed to the passage of the 17th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Now, close to 100 years later, it may take a popular movement to amend the Constitution again, this time to overturn Citizens United and confirm, finally and legally, that corporations are not people.

Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission is the case in which the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that corporations can contribute unlimited amounts of funds toward what are deemed "independent expenditures" in our elections. Thus, corporations, or shadowy "super PACS" that they choose to fund, can spend as much as they care to on negative campaign ads, just as long as they don't coordinate with a candidate's campaign committee. That 2010 ruling, approved by a narrow 5-4 majority of the court, has profoundly altered

the electoral landscape — not only for the presidential election, but also for thousands of races around the country. According to a summary of the ruling's impact, prepared by the National Conference of State Legislatures, "While the ruling does not directly affect state laws, there are 24 states that currently prohibit or restrict corporate and/or union spending on candidate elections."

Montana, with its long history of banning corporate contributions, was alone among the states to defy those five U.S. Supreme Court justices. Twenty-two states and the District of Columbia filed a brief in support of Montana, noting that state elections are different. Their supporting brief read, "States — particularly resource-rich States with small populations, like Montana — face the risk that nonresident corporations with discrete and well-defined interests will dominate campaign spending in state and local election contests."

Montana is not known for bipartisanship these days. Democratic Gov. Brian Schweitzer says his veto pen has run out of ink from the number of "crazy" Republican bills that he has had to veto since taking office. Lacking ink, he now takes bills from the Republican-controlled legislature onto the Capitol steps and emblazons them with a red-hot branding iron that says "Veto." So it was significant that, after the Supreme Court decision this week, Schweitzer and his lieutenant governor, John Bohlinger, a Republican, stood together before the Capitol.

Bohlinger said, "Now, Republicans and Democrats don't always agree on policy matters, but there's one thing we do agree on, and that is, corporate money should not influence the outcome of an election." To which Schweitzer added: "Here in Montana, we have a proud, 100-year history of keeping corporate money out of our elections. Corporations aren't people, and they should not control our government. Montana stood

up for democracy, here at home and on behalf of America, by fighting to keep our ban on corporate campaign spending. The United States Supreme Court blocked our state law, because they said corporations are people. I'll believe that when Texas executes one."

John Bonifaz is co-founder and director of Free Speech for People, one of a coalition of groups organizing for a constitutional amendment that specifies that "People, person, or persons as used in this Constitution does not include corporations, limited liability companies or other corporate entities." He told me: "We've seen a growing mobilization across the country of people calling for an amendment to reclaim our democracy. Four states are now on record — Hawaii, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Mexico — calling for an amendment. Other states are likely to join that fight soon. Montana [has a] statewide ballot in November for an amendment. Hundreds of municipalities across the country have called for an amendment. Over a thousand business leaders have joined that call. And now there are some dozen amendment bills pending in the United States Congress calling for an amendment, with hearings to be held before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee this July."

Perhaps the only silver lining in the Supreme Court's decision to send Montana back to the age of the Copper Kings is that a mass movement is building to assert the rights of people over the power of money in politics. ■

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I've always admired how Selwyn Mills examines his own life and his "secrets" in a manner that is both transparent and entertaining to the reader.

His self-published autobiography, "Confessions of a Color-Blind House Painter: Revealing Necessary Secrets," is not chronological, but topical. For example, he discusses his personal "secrets" (dyslexia, a hearing impairment and color-blindness) and how he has dealt with and overcome them to create a fulfilled life. Reading it prompted me to reflect on my own obstacles and barriers (mostly self-created) and my efforts to overcome them. For that, I am grateful to Selwyn.

He grew up in a family with few resources and little sense of permanence. His father, an addicted gambler, took little interest in him. His mother, however, was a resourceful and remarkable woman. She earned money for the family as a seamstress, and though they had little money, she was always ready to offer a helping hand to a neighbor. Selwyn's older sister and his maternal grandmother were also positive influences.

Although he was not a particularly

good student, his interests in school included painting, psychology and politics. In high school, he liked working with his hands and wanted to become a house painter. Needless to say, his color-blindness created its own challenges, but he became a student of color theory and got support from others to compensate for his disability.

Once completing his apprenticeship in painting and building his business, he attended night school at Hofstra and Adelphi to attain his degree. After he and his wife of 21 years divorced, he earned a Ph.D from Columbia Pacific University in California and then completed a three-year training course at the Gestalt Institute in New York.

His careers as a decorative painter and as a psychotherapist overlapped.

In private practice for 25 years in Great Neck, N.Y., he specialized in couples therapy, family reconciliation and groups for men in transition. For years, he painted in the mornings and counseled patients in the afternoons and evenings.

Although he retired from his decorative painting business in 1992, he continues to paint and design sets as a volunteer with The Naples Players.

A longtime conservative who says he was a member of (and expelled from) the Communist Party as a teenager, he is active in the Tea Party today.

M. Scott Peck, author of "The Road Less Traveled," believed the unexamined life is not worth living. Selwyn

Talking points with Selwyn Mills

Something that's been on your mind: I would like to see our country regain its sense of belief in the American dream.

Something your mother was always right about: In spite of disappointments, never lose your optimism about life.

Something you'll never understand: Why people give up on happiness.

What makes you laugh: An unexpected insight into something new.

As a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up? A psychologist or a craftsman (actually I got both).

First job: Grocery delivery boy on a bicycle with a basket bigger than I was.

Guilty pleasures: I have none. All my pleasures are appreciated

Skill or talent you wish you had: I wish I could sing or play music.

Advice for your grandkids: Remain curious about the mysteries and wonders of life.

Last book you read: "Brains that Work a Little Bit Differently" by Allen Ragdon.

Something people might be surprised to find out about you: That I take pleasure in seeing others succeed even when I don't know them.

What are you most proud of? That my four children are all happily married.

What the Paradise Coast really needs: More interesting women who are not hooked on material things, expensive restaurants and status.

Favorite thing about the Paradise Coast: It is the most beautiful place I have ever lived... The sunrises and sunsets, the banyan trees, royal palms and vast, ever-blooming landscapes make me smile.



Mills has indeed been on the road less traveled. He continues to be active and engaged, and he is a person I truly admire. ■

— 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.

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RACE

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budget proposed by Rep. Mack is more or less hokum — but all of them promise to help balance it with better plans. And finally, all have been successful careerists.

They include State Rep. Gary Aubuchon; attorney Joe Davidow; banker Byron Donalds; former Pentagon analyst and Budget Office numbers cruncher Chauncey Goss; State Rep. Paige Kreegel; and Trey Radel, a radio talk-show host.

Affable and pleasant in person, these men are nevertheless head butters — fierce competitors in a Republican primary that amounts to the real race for the U.S. House.

Although the contest won't be decided formally until election day, Nov. 6, few give the lone Democratic candidate, Jim Roach, even a remote chance to win in the heavily Republican Dist. 19. (Mr. Roach will be profiled in an upcoming edition.)

Thus for primary voters, *Florida Weekly's* look at the candidates may prove essential in choosing on Aug. 14.

One grew up relatively poor, starting life in a two-bedroom, one-bathroom home in Detroit with five siblings; his father joined the Army to fight in World War II at the age of 15 (Aubuchon).

Another was raised in a Gulf island family whose patron studied ancient Greek at Yale and spent more than a decade in clandestine operations for the CIA in the Americas before later becoming a U.S. Representative, then head of the CIA (Goss).

Yet another was raised only by his mother in a tough New York City neighborhood where Orthodox Jews and blacks shed each other's blood in riots when he was about 12 (Donalds).

Another backpacked across Europe and Asia, studied at the Vatican, and helps wounded U.S. military veterans add material comfort to their lives (Radel).

One grew up in Miami and represents the proud traditions of the Cracker South. He went to medical school and became a doctor, but he still raises cows, chickens, and other farm animals (Kreegel).

Yet another holds the youth card — he's 28 — and grew up in the very diverse community of Long Branch on New Jersey's Atlantic shore (Davidow).

And only one of them will someday likely be able to say, *I served Florida in the U.S. House of Representatives beginning in 2012.*

Perhaps these stories will help you decide which name should hold that remarkable distinction.

— Roger Williams



Gary AUBUCHON

In an era when the American paradigm is shifting — when the everyman model of success characterized by grit, determination, humble beginnings, and an ample bootstrap or two is fading — State Rep. Gary Aubuchon is a throwback, a classic old-school success story.

Mr. Aubuchon, chair of the Rules Committee that determines what bills reach the floor for consideration, is arguably one of the two most powerful members of the Florida House.

Now once again, he's striving to pull himself up, this time in the service of the country. "My parents taught me several lessons, and number one was a love of this nation," he notes simply, explaining his ambition.

The words sound familiar — in fact, they strongly suggest an oft-repeated political cliché. But in Mr. Aubuchon's case they amount to unvarnished truth, says his longtime friend

and mentor, John McWilliams, a Lee County Realtor.

"I've been in this business for 35 years and one of the first things you learn is to stay out of politics and religion," explains Mr. McWilliams, who also hailed from a blue-collar Detroit neighborhood like Mr. Aubuchon — a place so tough, he jokes, that even German shepherds had to walk down the street in pairs. "This is the first time I've broken my rule and publicly supported a politician," he admits. "I even have an Aubuchon bumper sticker, and I've never done that before. I really believe he's the real deal. I know it's a cliché, but he's absolutely sincere about helping the country and the American people."

That started with his father and mother, Mr. Aubuchon explains. Although they're no longer living, their adventure began when his father lied about his age, entered the military at 15, and fought in World War II.

"Then like many of the Greatest Generation, he married young," Mr. Aubuchon says. "Dad was 19, Mom was 16, and I was the fifth of six children."

For years, the entire family of eight lived in a two-bedroom, one-bathroom house in Detroit. His parents never went to college, and neither did his siblings.

Instead they worked, like Mr. Aubuchon. He started delivering papers at 12, became a short-order cook at 14, and bought and maintained a 1972 Chevy Nova with a 350 engine — made in Detroit — when he was still a teenager, he recalls.

But he also read a lot — especially history, which is finally what he studied when he broke the family mold and enrolled as a student at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, considered one of the nation's premier state universities.

There he fell in love with his wife, Andrea, an English major he met, again, in a class called "Vietnam and the Artist."

The two had known each other since he was 14. Now as he turns 50 on Tuesday, July 10 — trim and fit (a black belt in karate, he is also a skilled basketball player) — he and Andrea share three daughters and continue in what Mr. McWilliams calls "an idyllic family life."

That probably started with a meeting of the minds.

"We would get into very passionate discussions about Vietnam, and about social issues," he remembers of that long-ago class.

"Two years earlier I had registered as a Republican, not really knowing what it meant, but this galvanized it for me. I was in a class of primarily liberal students, and I was in the minority."

He learned to listen, to argue, and to respect a different opinion without being angered or altered by it, he says. His opinions became more conservative — both fiscally (he's been a prominent force in helping the state balance its budget without raising taxes), and socially.

But Mr. Aubuchon is not a rubber-stamp thinker or an arbitrary cut-it-all conservative, he notes.

He insists that the federal budget can be balanced just like the state budget without raising taxes — but also while maintaining such costly efforts as the federal-state plan to repair the Everglades.

His notions are based in part on another lesson he inherited from his parents, he says: self determination.

"I came down here (not long after earning his history degree) with this belief that in America, if we combine inspiration with perspiration, anything is possible. That's rooted in the GOP party, that notion of self-determination. The brilliance of America is that we are given, all of us equally, that chance."

When he arrived to seize his own chance, he had a single dollar, and he was still driving his old Chevy Nova, he recalls.

So he went to work. He started in real estate working for Mr. McWilliams, then went on to become a builder and the owner Aubuchon Homes, which now employees roughly 100 people, he says.

But he was thinking about the future and public service all the time.

Now that future has come.

— Roger Williams

Joe DAVIDOW



As the youngest contender in this race, 28-year-old Joseph Davidow is pursuing his first political seat. A Long Branch, N.J. native, Mr. Davidow finished law school at St. Thomas University School of Law in Miami Gardens before moving to Naples where he runs a private practice, focusing on business litigation, and living with his wife Christina and their daughter Rebecca. A self-described "constitutional conservative," he aims to blaze a path of change in Washington with a plan he details on his website and touts in speeches called J.O.B.S.

"You can't expect to walk into Congress without a plan," he said. "Because then your plan will be consumed by those who have been there and have their own agenda."

It's a plan he said should be followed in order, starting with J, which stands for Just. As in, Just Balance the Budget. Part of that would include passing a balanced budget amendment. The other letters stand for Oust Governmental Intrusion from Private Life, Bring Congressional Reform, and Save American Idealism.

He capitalized on that last point when asked about America's space program at a Republican primary debate in Fort Myers last week. "To me it's kind of upsetting it's been downgraded or put on the back burner and kind of privatized," he said. "We're Americans and American idealism is very powerful."

As an attorney, he argues that he has built a reputation on honesty, and hopes to change the way people view both his current profession and the one he aspires to.

"I would argue we're facing legal problems in Washington," he said, including recent controversial Supreme Court rulings on immigration and health care. "And we don't have honest, knowledgeable and forthright minds in the House to present those problems before we end up getting to the Supreme Court."

Mr. Davidow doesn't claim to be a member of the Tea Party but said he emulates the group's "active and vocal role" in changing the course on which President Barack Obama and his administration has taken the United States.

For instance, he makes an unsentimental legal argument against Mr. Obama's recent announcement to grant young undocumented immigrants, who were brought here as children, a way to stay here and work legally.

"It was never the parent's right to bestow citizenship on the children," he said, comparing those children to hypothetical children of wealthy thieves who are now living off their parent's money.

And about last week's Supreme Court decision to, in large part, uphold the president's health-care plan, Mr. Davidow takes a unique tact. He is in favor of completely dismantling the law, like many Republicans. But unlike most commentators, he believes that Chief Justice John Roberts' decisive vote to uphold it last week was not an act of bipartisanship, but actually a crafty way of destroying it.

"I am probably uniquely positioned as an attorney to say I think the decision was brilliant," he said.

That's because, he explains, the health care law's individual mandate to buy insurance was upheld as a tax, not an act of commerce. And since the tax code needs reforming anyway, he argues, Congress will have a chance to strike out a health-care tax, thus doing away with the mandate that all Americans buy health insurance.

"It appears as though there's a victory (for Obamacare) but the victory's been relegated to a narrow corner that ultimately will be

eliminated," he said. "And by the same token, that victory has just probably sent shockwaves down the conservative movement."

— Evan Williams

Byron DONALDS



In politics, Byron Donalds says many people decide to run for office because some political insider whispers in their ear, "It's your time. You could win." No one whispered such sentiments to Mr. Donalds. When people heard he was running for Congress, they told him the opposite, "Kid, we like you but it's not your time."

"I don't pick battles because it's my time, I fight them because they must be fought," he says.

"I'm a citizen, not a politician," he says. It will take citizens, not politicians, to restrain Washington and restore the nation, he adds.

As one of a handful of candidates embracing constitutional conservatism, his war cry is, "Individual sovereignty and limited government."

His view on higher taxes is what one might expect: the higher taxes go, the less the economy will grow. He takes his opposition of higher taxes a step further, not only as a matter of fiscal practicality, but as a spiritual imperative. The current tax code, according to Mr. Donalds, is immoral. "It does not respect you and I as sovereign," he says. He supports reform, reducing tax rates to stimulate investment and create jobs, while implementing the Fair Tax, a plan that would replace income taxes with taxes on purchases. The plan, he says, would treat all citizens equally and allow American businesses to thrive, while returning "the federal government to its proper role as subject to the will of the people."

As far as debt and spending, Mr. Donalds says, "We must end baseline budgeting and go to zero-based budgeting," which he says will cut \$9 trillion from deficits over the course of 10 years and put spending back in the hands of Congress, making Congress responsible for the appropriation of future dollars.

The father of three boys, Mr. Donalds helps coach Little League baseball, Pee Wee football and Mighty Mite basketball. He has lived in Naples for 10 years and is a member of the Naples Tea Party Leadership Council, chairman of the board for the Child Evangelism Fellowship of Collier County and serves as a youth leader at Living Word Family Church.

Mr. Donalds came from humble, humble beginnings, the product of a single-parent family, once living off of public welfare, growing up in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, N.Y.

As a Congressional candidate, the 33-year-old speaks directly. Regarding immigration, he sees President Obama's new policy as "lawless." He looks to end automatic citizenship for children born to illegal immigrants and end welfare benefits to illegal immigrants as well, saying, "We simply do not have the money."

He would like to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, or "Obamacare" as many call it, saying the problem with healthcare lies in "spending other people's money on other people." He quotes Milton Friedman, saying, "The most efficient way to spend is when you spend your own money on yourself, because then you have more care and concern for those dollars."

He would like to lift the bans on oil drilling in the gulf, saying such bans were placed in haste. Mr. Donalds believes legislation can respect fishing, shorelines and energy simultaneously, stressing, "We do not need to drill in the gulf anymore," at least not heav-

ily, as he supports natural gas and hydraulic fracking.

In respect to voting habits, Mr. Donalds feels he and Connie Mack would largely vote the same way. But his question to any congressman would be, "What do you do the rest of the time, when you're not voting?"

Therein lies where Mr. Donalds feels he may differ from the other candidates in this race. He believes the next congressman must be prepared for political battle and he wants voters to know, "I will be an unapologetic advocate for conservatism in America. And I'll take the message to all places, not just simply Washington."

He shares a story of high school basketball, suicide sprints. His team was compelled to run about a hundred. His coach was still not done. Mr. Donalds quit and walked off the court. His coach told him not to walk away, but he walked out the door.

Mr. Donalds said he sat in the locker room, "feeling the most disgusting feeling I'd ever felt in my life." He says he must have been meant to feel it, so he would never feel it again.

Now he campaigns door-to-door, even in the rain. One Naples woman recently opened her door, asking, "Young man, you do know there's a tropical storm in the gulf?"

He answered, "Yes ma'am, I do."

She said, "Well, you've got my vote."

Mr. Donalds said, "Thank you. Now tell your friends."

— Athena Ponushis

Chauncey GOSS



Without question, there's more than an echo of two of the nation's great dynastic political families, the Kennedys and the Bushes, in Chauncey Goss.

It starts with the family image: a well-manicured man is gamboling along the beach with his beaming wife (Allison) and glowing children (three sons). A football may appear in the mix.

There are other reminders as well. The cross-generational sense of service, for example: his father, Porter Goss, spent two years in Army intelligence, 11 years as a CIA agent, 14 years as a Sanibel city official and county commissioner, 15 years as a congressman, and almost two years as head of the CIA under President George W. Bush.

There's the privileged youth, including an upbringing on a high-end barrier island (Sanibel in Mr. Goss's case). There's the de rigueur boarding school in Connecticut followed by fine colleges and universities (Mr. Goss holds an undergraduate liberal arts degree from Rollins College, and a graduate degree in public policy from Georgetown University).

And there are the beaches, of course — Mr. Goss's beloved beaches, his beloved gulf, his beloved environment. Following his graduation from Georgetown, he returned to the Southwest coast and spent six years in "a honeymoon job" advocating for property owners on Boca Grande and working for the Lee County Coastal Preservation Board, doing what the name suggests.

Like the Bushes or Kennedys, who famously loved to sail, Mr. Goss knows the water from his sail down, too. A rigorously disciplined 46-year-old runner who puts in five to six miles along the beach each morning and has run several 26.1-mile marathons, including the Big Sur marathon with his wife, he once ranked as the number two amateur sail boarder in the United States.

That's all the more remarkable for those familiar with the sport. It takes great strength, and in his day boards were heavier and less manageable, which seemed to be no detri-

ment to the diminutive Mr. Goss, who stands about 5 feet 8 inches tall.

He is not diminutive in his thinking, however — nor is he entirely predictable by the standards of contemporary Republicans.

True, he's a fiscal conservative: Mr. Goss's jobs in Washington have included working with the Budget Office, working under Rep. Paul Ryan, chair of the House budget committee, to design federal deficit fixes, and working with Air Force staffers at the Pentagon to help plan and calculate the cost of future war scenarios. That job came during his employment for a defense contractor, he says.

But he would not seek to balance the federal budget by voting for fiscal cuts across the board, the way Rep. Connie Mack has proposed in his penny plan, for example.

Instead, Mr. Goss would maintain a strong defense budget that might include space research, and he would conserve environmental resources, he says.

"I don't think Democrats own environmental issues," Mr. Goss notes. "I consider myself a conservationist. That's how stewardship works. Are humans on this earth to take care of things?"

The unspoken answer, in Mr. Goss's mind, is yes, which is why he adamantly insists that he will not support oil drilling in the eastern Gulf of Mexico.

"You don't foul your own nest. We were given a gift of incredible beauty and resources. We need to conserve that," he argues.

He learned those notions in part, perhaps, from his father, who arrived on Sanibel Island after leaving the intelligence service to become a community leader instrumental in managing the growth and development of the island.

The elder Mr. Goss, now retired to Sanibel and in his mid-70s, has been following his son's campaign to win the nomination for the District 19 seat closely, attending speaking events and listening to the Republican candidates.

"Chauncey is the only environmentalist up there," he observes.

"They say you can't get 'Republican' and 'environmentalist' in the same phrase, but I made it work."

That has been worth a lot of money to many, which, suggests the candidate, reflects both sound environmental stewardship and good fiscal management.

— Roger Williams

Paige KREEGEL



Paige Kreegel maintains that his eight years of experience as a legislator, and more than three decades as a medical doctor, is what distinguishes him in a field of exemplary congressional candidates.

The 53-year-old Punta Gorda resident is currently a state representative for House district 72, as well as a Catholic, citrus farmer, family physician, and medical director of an ambulance company that takes small planes to come get you, Air Trek Inc. Dr. Kreegel, his wife, Erika, their daughters Savannah and Olivia and son, Christian, live in Punta Gorda and also have a home in Estero.

Dr. Kreegel holds popular conservative views on topics ranging from the prerequisite less-is-more stance on government to his categorical opposition to the president's health care act. He stops short of identifying himself as a "member" of the Tea Party, but embraces their basic tenets under his Republican umbrella.

"I see the Tea Party as a movement of people who are sick of the apparent status quo, and who are energized, and are willing to do something to work for what they feel

is a better America and a better country," he said. "I don't know if I necessarily agree with all of their recommended policies. But let me tell you this, as long as they stick to limited government, low taxation, a balanced budget, and living within our means as a method to create jobs, I think I'm on board with it 100 percent, and I think most Americans who work for a living are."

And most Americans, he said, won't be served well by Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. That may be no different than other Republicans. But a resume that includes "doctor" and former "chair of the House Health Services Committee," could give him extra credibility with voters who hope to dismantle the new law, which was in large part approved last Thursday by the Supreme Court, and create other solutions instead.

Immigration rules have also been in the national spotlight in the last few weeks. Dr. Kreegel called President Obama's recent announcement to grant young undocumented immigrants, who were brought here as children, a way to stay here and work legally, "blanket amnesty." For those who have served in the military, he'd make an exception, but others he said should be reviewed on a "case by case" basis.

"When you get to the part of well they stayed out of trouble and are in college, that gets real squishy," he said. "Are they getting a Ph.D. at Harvard or taking a course every other semester at a community college? Hell, they can be taking something online these days. I think that's way to squishy, way too liberal."

And as former chair of the House Energy and Utilities Committees, he is opposed to providing government subsidies for oil and gas production (which he believes should be allowed to expand more rapidly), as well as alternative energies such as solar power.

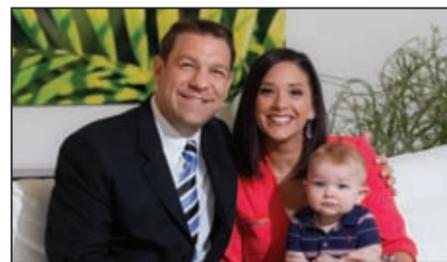
"As technology progresses we could see a future where solar power is economically viable," he said. "The truth is once it's economically viable the government doesn't need to be involved. The trouble with the alternative energies is that most of them are not ready for prime time. Solar is right on the edge."

His first order of business, if he were to be elected, would be to establish an office that can handle the myriad practical, even mundane questions from citizens about topics ranging from housing permits to Medicaid.

"The biggest job is being the Ombudsman for your constituents," he said.

—Evan Williams

Trey RADEL



As a reporter and an anchor for WINK-TV, Trey Radel's name and face are known. As the host of a local FOX News radio talk show, his voice has emerged as a conservative voice. And it's these attributes — familiar face, consistent voice — that he believes separate him from his conservative opponents in a race for the congressional seat.

"I have been in people's living rooms as a Republican and a conservative. I have been on their car radios and on their TVs as the conservative voice of Southwest Florida, saying the same thing year after year after year," Mr. Radel says. "In doing so, I hope I have earned their trust. And I really want to take their trust to Washington."

Mr. Radel says Democrats and Republicans alike have failed the American people. But in November 2010, he says something different happened — fiscal conservatives were elected to Congress. He says these men and women are making the "right decisions," not the easy ones, citing Marco Rubio's vote

against raising the debt ceiling as a prime example. "These good men and women elected in November 2010 need back up," Mr. Radel says. "I hope to be there with them."

He sees this next election as a choice of America's course more than the selection of a president or congressman. "Do we want government to solve all our problems?" he asks. "Or do we want to return to what makes this country great? And that's the American people."

As a businessman, Mr. Radel has earned a paycheck and he has cut a paycheck. He bought, built and sold the *Naples Journal*, a community newspaper. He founded Trey Communications, his public relations company focused on advancing conservative causes. "I've been in the private sector all my life," he says.

His work with that company received scrutiny recently from Mother Jones magazine, which reported that Mr. Radel's company had purchased sexually suggestive Internet domain names. Mr. Radel said he had no knowledge of the purchases and that he put a stop to the practice when he learned of it.

Another Internet tactic drew criticism recently, when his competitors, Chauncey Goss, Paige Kreegel, Gary Aubuchon, discovered that Mr. Radel had purchased websites with their names in the titles. The websites were critical of the candidates. Amid accusations of "cyber-squatting" and identity theft, Mr. Radel's campaign relinquished the websites.

Nevertheless, Mr. Radel brushes off these incidents. The 36-year-old says his top priority is job creation. He says small business owners and big business owners spend more time "working to get the federal government off their back," than working to expand their business. He calls this "inexcusable." And looking at the tax code, he says, "It's no wonder we have no jobs."

Mr. Radel says government must work with business, not against it, saying, "As a business owner you are always told by the federal government, 'Here's what you can't do.' Instead, government needs to work with business owners and ask, 'How can we help you accomplish your goals?'"

Mr. Radel would like to lower the corporate tax rate and cut spending, reviewing the federal budget line by line. "An individual raindrop does not blame itself for the flood," he says. "And right now we have a tidal wave of spending and debt. Everything needs to be looked at."

He would also like to repeal President Obama's health-care legislation, saying, "Government intervention in healthcare has been a burden on the industry for decades. More intervention will not solve the problem."

As far as energy, he says all options need to be out on the table. He says drilling for oil off the coast of Sanibel Island or Naples Beach does not make sense, "But in the north part of the gulf, we need to continue drilling and exploring," he says. "And we need to do this all over the United States," because to him, drilling means two things — private sector jobs and national security.

Regarding immigration, Mr. Radel does not believe in amnesty. He welcomes legal immigrants who wish to assimilate, lend their skills and contribute to the economy.

An avid backpacker, Mr. Radel has traveled from Colombia to Cambodia, saying, "I have seen what happens in other countries when we begin to go down this path of big government and debt." He understands the desire to help people, but says he does not see the government playing the role intended for churches, synagogues and charities.

Mr. Radel did not attend a recent debate sponsored by the Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce where all the Republican candidates, except for him, were present. Asked if he was emulating Connie Mack's documented strategy of limiting his exposure to the press and public questions, Mr. Radel said he views the congressman as a mentor, "Connie always voted the right way." But as far not making the luncheon, he says, "It was nothing more than a scheduling conflict." He was out campaigning. ■

— Athena Ponushis

Make sure your vote counts in election season

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

As campaign season gets into full swing, the Collier Building Industry Association revs up its "Get Out the Vote" campaign. Chaired by Tom Lykos, the campaign is designed to remind Collier County residents about the importance of the upcoming local elections, particularly the three seats on the Collier County Commission that are up for bid, and to encourage all who are qualified to register to vote.

Registering is easy but must be done by the Collier County Board of Elections. Applications can be downloaded from www.colliervotes.com. The last day to registration to vote in the Aug. 14 primary is Monday, July 16. In order to vote in the Nov. 6 general election (federal, state and local/city of Marco Island), registration must be done by Oct. 8.

Business owners can arrange to have someone from the Supervisor of Elec-

tions office come to a place of business to sign up voters. For details, call Cynthia Young at 252-8450 or 252-8805 or e-mail cynthiaYoung@colliergov.net.

The following general information is from the www.colliervotes.com.

Who can register to vote? In order to register to vote, a person must:

- Be a citizen of the United States of America
- Be a Florida resident
- Be 18 years old (you can preregister at 16 years old)
- Not now be adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting in Florida or any other state
- Not have been convicted of a felony in Florida, or any other state, without your civil rights having been restored
- Provide a current, valid Florida driver license number or Florida identification card number. In lieu of either of the aforementioned, you can provide the last four digits of your Social Security number.

What is a legal residency? There are different definitions for residency in different parts of the law. For voter registration purposes, legal residency must meet a two-part test: You must intend the county to be your legal residence, and you must have physical presence. Legal residence is a place of abode and is evidenced by where you sleep, eat, where your spouse and children live and where you are a licensed driver (as opposed to a place where you work or conduct commerce). Individuals who own more than one dwelling should be registered in the county where they claim homestead exception.

Where can I register? The Collier County Supervisor of Elections Office is at 3295 Tamiami Trail E., in the Collier County Government Complex. Voter registration applications are also available at Naples City Hall, Everglades City Hall, Marco Island City

Hall and the Immokalee Tax Office. The Supervisor of Elections Office conducts special registration drives annually throughout the community.

Registration can also be completed at any Florida Driver License Office when making initial application or renewing your license.

Voter registration applications are also available at the county's public libraries.

In addition, eligible persons can sign up to vote when applying at public service offices for Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Health & Rehabilitative Services, the WIC nutrition program, any state agency providing service to disabled residents, and armed forces recruiting offices.

To register by mail, call the Supervisor of Elections Office at 252-8450 and request an application be sent to you, or download one from www.colliervotes.com. ■

Republican women's groups host candidates

The Southwest Florida Federated Republican Women and the Women's Republican Club of Naples Federated host Collier and Lee county candidates for a buffet brunch and discussion beginning at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 11, in the clubhouse at Arbor Trace, 15661 Vanderbilt



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Cost is \$15 if reserved by mail to SFFRW, P.O. Box 1345, Bonita Springs, FL 34133 before June 29.

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New officers elected to local branch of AAUW

The Greater Naples Branch of the American Association of University Women announces the following officers who have been elected for 2012-13: Ellen Granger, president; Jacquelyn Pierce, immediate past president; Susie Mehas, vice president; Glenda Struthers, recording secretary; Karen Clegg, membership co-chair; Donna Walker, director of educational opportunities; and Nadine Wells, director of community and school relations.

Officers continuing their second year term are: Kathleen Ryan, director of programs; Nancy Palvino, membership co-chair; Michele Martin, director of finance; Florence Chandler, director of public policy; Vi Steffan, director of communications; Janet Welch, director of legal advocacy; and Rose DiBiasi, director of local scholarship.

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Boys & Girls Club honors Naples teen as Youth of the Year

Natalie Artimez bound for Edison State College with Hope Scholarship

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The Boys & Girls Club of Collier County has named Natalie Artimez its Youth of the Year in recognition of her sound character, leadership skills and willingness to give back to the community. The award is Boys & Girls Club of America's highest honor.

Ms. Artimez, a 2012 graduate of Golden Gate High School, has been an essential member of the BGCCC teen leadership program, Keystone Club. During her junior year in high school, she held the position of Keystone vice president and helped the organization to expand its membership and its local outreach. She was known for organizing a variety of community service projects that not only impacted surrounding neighborhoods, but also inspired other teens to give back to their community.

She is also very passionate about the well-being of animals. As a volunteer for Collier County Domestic Animal Services, she walked dogs at the shelter, cleaned facilities and gave many animals a friend that they so desperately needed.



Her extracurricular activities included taking part in "Know Your County Government," through which she contributed to projects in the Clerk of Courts office and helped with litter pickups organized by Waste Management, among other things. She played first chair viola in her school orchestra and was a member of an elite chamber ensemble.

The recipient of a Hope Scholarship from Edison State College, she will pursue an associate's degree there and hopes to attend medical school.

Ms. Artimez says BGCCC has made a life-changing impact on her. "The club has helped me make it through tough times and has helped me realize my dreams. I have always known that my club is a place I can go to be surrounded by people who care about me." As an example, she adds, when she struggled with chemistry in school, tutoring at BGCCC helped her earn an A in the class.

"Natalie is one of the most mature, self-reliant young people that I've ever had a chance to work with," says Kate Little, Ms. Artimez's mentor and curriculum coordinator for BGCCC. "She is tremendously resilient, and no mat-

ter the circumstance, she always makes responsible and positive choices."

About BGCCC

The Boys & Girls Club of Collier County annually serves 2,200 of the most at-risk children and teens in Collier County, providing them a safe, positive place where they can work toward building academic success, good character and citizenship and healthy lifestyles. For more information, call 325-1765 or visit www.bgccc.com.

About Boys & Girls Clubs of America

For more than 100 years, Boys & Girls Clubs of America has enabled young people most in need to achieve great futures as productive, caring, responsible citizens. Nearly 4,000 clubs serve some 4 million children and teens every year, established in cities, towns, public housing and on Native American lands throughout the country and also serving military families in BGCA-affiliated youth centers on U.S. military installations worldwide.

Clubs provide a safe place, caring adult mentors, fun and friendship, and high-impact youth development programs on a daily basis during critical non-school hours. In a Harris Survey of alumni, 57 percent said the club saved their lives. National headquarters are in Atlanta, Ga.

For more information, visit www.greatfutures.org.

'Get on the Bus' for travel expo and luncheon

Trendy Tours and C I Travel's Get-Away Club present "Get On the Bus," a luncheon and travel expo to benefit the Education Foundation of Collier County, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9, at The Club at The Strand, 5840 Strand Blvd. A silent auction and raffle will be included along with dozens of travel-related displays and vendors.

Tickets for \$49 per person include a travel tote bag and a raffle ticket. RSVP by calling Trendy Tours at 449-5065 or e-mail TrendyTours@aol.com.

Help kids 'Shoot for the Stars'

Registration and sponsorship opportunities remain available for "Shoot for the Stars," a free basketball clinic for ages 8-17 coming up Saturday, Aug. 4, at Community School of Naples.

Wali Jones, former Philadelphia 76ers star and former community affairs liaison for the Miami HEAT, will lead the daylong program that is sponsored by the children's mental wellness program of the Mental Health Association of Southwest Florida. Lessons emphasize academics, problem solving, self-esteem and teamwork along with basketball skills.

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Beth Tikvah of Naples welcomes Rabbi Ammos Chorny

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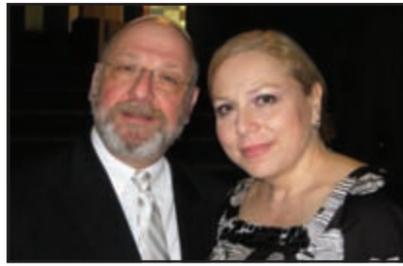
Rabbi Ammos Chorny, who has served as spiritual leader for several synagogues in North and South America, became the spiritual leader at Beth Tikvah of Naples, an affiliate of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, on July 1.

A native of Bogotá, Colombia, Rabbi Chorny followed an educational path that took him to New York City for a special joint program between the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and Columbia University. In three years, he earned a bachelor's degree in comparative religion and psychology from Columbia and one in Talmud and Rabbinics from the seminary. A year of graduate study at the

Hebrew University and the Schechter Institute in Israel followed. He received a master's degree in Hebrew letters from JTSA in 1985 and his ordination in 1987.

Rabbi Chorny's language proficiencies include Spanish, German and Yiddish as well as English and Hebrew.

Both before and after his ordination, he was a chaplain in the U.S. Army, serving as installation chaplain at Fort Dix, N.J. He also served as assistant hospital chaplain at Walter Reed Army Hospital, as



Rabbi Ammos Chorny and Aviva Chorny

battalion chaplain for the 220 MASH unit in Rockville, Md., and as staff assistant for the command chaplain at First Army at Fort Meade, Md.

In 1989 he received special orders to attend the instructor's course at the JFK Special Warfare Center and School at Fort Bragg, N.C., where he served as religion and world cultures instructor for the Army's "Q Course," a requirement for all Special Forces personnel.

Called to active duty in the fall of 1991, he was deployed in support of Operation

Desert Storm/Desert Shield to Daharan, Saudi Arabia. He was honorably discharged in May 2001.

Rabbi Chorny's rabbinical experience began in Rockville, Md., as assistant rabbi at B'nai Israel Congregation. He then went on to lead congregations in Greensboro, N.C.; Bogotá, Colombia; Altoona, Penn.; and London, Ontario. In addition to his pulpit responsibilities, he has also taught numerous courses at Pennsylvania State University and the University of Western Ontario in Canada.

He and his wife, Aviva, have three grown children (a lawyer, a rabbinical student at JTSA, and an actress) and recently celebrated the birth of their first grandchild. ■

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'Go Big Flag' fundraising effort under way on Marco

BY DAVE RICE
Special to Florida Weekly

As the first gust of wind billowed the Big Flag at the Memorial Day Ceremony, I was able to remind all in attendance that there is still unfinished business. The Big Flag Committee, comprised of myself and Dick Shanahan, Keith Dameron, Leo Sutera and Litha Berger, guaranteed our City Council and citizens that no public funds would be used to support the project — now, tomorrow or forever.

Phase four of the "Go Big Flag" fundraising effort has officially begun under the direction of Mr. Sutera. Plans approved by the committee are as follows:

■ The objective of the effort is to provide all funds necessary to pay for flag maintenance and replacement, light replacement and electricity.

■ The major funding sources will be donations from citizens, businesses,

civic organizations and patriotic guests to Marco Island.

Another source of funds is coming from the sale of the official Big Flag shirt. Litha Berger has arranged with Janice Ayasun of Sunshine Stitchers in the Chamber of Commerce Plaza to make these shirts available to the public and dedicate a portion of the sales to our effort.

■ The 2012 "Go Big Flag" goal is \$20,000.

From the initial fundraising total of \$30,500, from which all expenses to date have been paid, a remaining balance



of \$8,250 has been allocated to the "Go Big Flag" campaign, which means we must raise \$11,750 throughout the remainder of this year in order to meet our goal. For 2013 and beyond, replacement funds will be raised as needed to maintain a balance of \$20,000 in the account.

Interested donors are invited to contact any member of the Big Flag Committee, who will take the prospective donor's name and contact information and forward it to me for further contact.

Those who would like to offer a contribution via mail can send a check made payable to the city of Marco Island (memo line noted "Donation, Go Big Flag") to Go Big Flag, 50 Bald Eagle Drive, Marco Island, FL 34145. ■

— Dave Rice is chairman of the Big Flag Committee on Marco Island.

Museum of Military Memorabilia collecting unserviceable American flags

The Museum of Military Memorabilia at Naples Municipal Airport has begun serving as a collection site for worn American flags that can no longer be displayed.

"Most people know it is improper to display a flag that is worn out or tattered, but few are comfortable destroying an unserviceable flag," Robert McDonald, museum president, says. "We are collecting those flags as a public service, and with the assistance of the Naples

Airport Authority, we will schedule ceremonies to retire the flags properly."

The U.S. Flag Code specifies that when a flag is so worn it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of the United States of America, it should be destroyed in a dignified manner, preferably by burning.

Flags can be left during regular museum hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

The 900-square-foot museum is in the

airport's commercial service terminal along North Road. Since it was founded in 2006, the museum has collected more than 10,000 artifacts available for public viewing. Its goals are to honor the veterans who have and are protecting the cause of freedom, to preserve artifacts associated with military history and to create a greater understanding of military conflicts among present and future generations.

In addition to the museum, Naples

Municipal Airport is home to flight schools, air charter operators and corporate aviation and nonaviation businesses as well as fire/rescue services, mosquito control, car rental agencies and the Collier County Sheriff's aviation unit. All funds used for the airport's operation, maintenance and improvements are generated from activities at the airport or from federal and state grants; the airport receives no property tax dollars. ■

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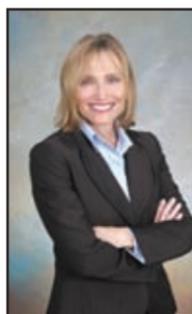


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Seminar will give nonprofits tips for 'Thinking Outside the Box'

The third annual "Thinking Outside the Box" seminar for local nonprofits is set for 8:30 a.m. to noon Thursday, Aug. 16, in the Community Room at the *Naples Daily News*.

The theme for the morning is "Connecting the Dots in the Nonprofit World." Attendees will hear from area experts with creative suggestions for thinking about fundraising, donors, boards, media, strategic alliances and more.



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Event organizers are Kelly Capolino, a real estate agent with Keating Associates and the founder of the Diamond Volunteer program, and Sue Huff of E. Sue Huff & Associates Marketing and Management Consulting Inc.

Speakers will be announced in mid-July, and registration will begin July 26. Registration is free.

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We're busy throughout the NCH system this summer with a host of building and renovation projects. Downtown we're redoing the main lobby, Telford Building, 5 South and Administration. At North Naples we're adding two operating rooms, filling in the courtyard, updating the Outpatient Infusion Center, moving administration closer to the main entrance, expanding the ER and doubling the size of the neonatal ICU.

We know that renovations cause some inconvenience, but we also understand that all of this work is designed to make care more efficient and comfortable and our patients.

Most of this summer's projects incorporate high tech in addition to high touch.

The new rooms on 5 South will have conduits for Smart Room technology. (We already have much of this technology installed on the fifth and sixth floors of the Baker Tower, with full installation scheduled for later this summer.) Smart Rooms help nurses, care technicians and others provide safer care and better education for patients and families. When a caregiver walks into a patient's room, an electronic board outside the room announces him/her by flashing the caregiver's name and photo on a flat screen TV. Simultaneously, a monitor behind the patient's bed shows clinical information to the provider entering the room. The computer in the room knows the caregiver by a radio frequency ID and his/her fingerprint. Meanwhile, vital information from all of the monitoring equipment is captured seamlessly on the electronic medical record.

Smart Rooms are a quantum leap in patient care, and we have plans to install them throughout most of our 715 beds at both hospitals. We will also provide a medical educational component that shares DVDs about illnesses and surgical procedures to help patients and families learn more about their conditions.

Two new state-of-the-art operating rooms in North Naples will serve patients in that hospital's 64 new private rooms, which increased the campus occupancy to an all-time high this past winter. The entire first floor of the hospital (originally 50 beds, now 325), built in 1989, is being redone to include a new surgical waiting room, surgical support services and radiology upgrade.

The décor and ambience of the renovated Downtown campus is, meanwhile, beautiful and scenic.

As the largest employer in Collier County, NCH is a huge economic stimulator. Adding to this influence is our spending more than \$65 million on construction over the past two years and with another \$96 million anticipated over the next three years.

Again, we appreciate your patience and understanding as the summer renovations proceed. I assure you that the comfortable, inviting and high-tech health-care environment that will aid our local economy and serve our patients will be well worth the wait. ■

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

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REVIEWED BY LARRY COX

A new book suggests that the next time a cold, stomach pain or sore throat strikes, relief might be found among your kitchen spices rather than the family medicine cabinet.

Health care and our approach to medicines and remedies have changed dramatically during the past decade. Many people now believe that more natural, non-prescription approaches are not just beneficial, but often less toxic.

Garlic, for example, helps eliminate lead and other heavy metals from the body. Onions can help fight colds and infections. Aloe vera has been used for centuries to treat sunburn, wounds and relieve inflammation. Common cinnamon is a wonder food that tricks the body and lowers blood sugar, great for diabetics.

In the United States, much of the information provided to doctors and physicians is funded largely by the pharmaceutical

industry. We are encouraged to adopt a pop-a-pill approach for whatever ails us. Americans take an average of 26.5 million pills per hour, including sleeping tablets, painkillers and

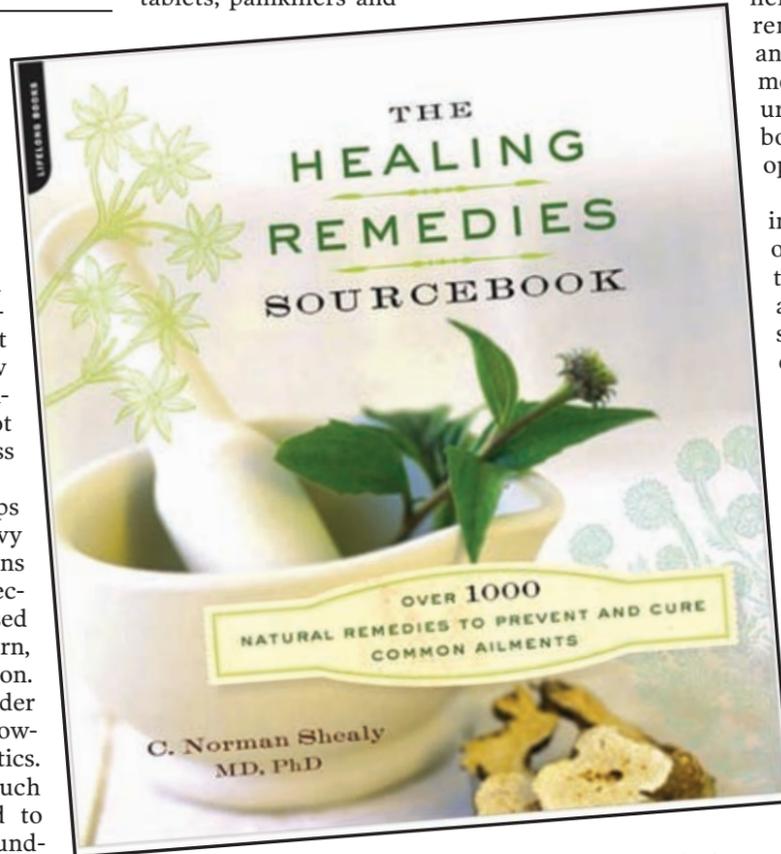
antihistamines.

As our understanding of how different cultures approach health care increases, more of us are turning to herbs, oils, homeopathic remedies, food, vitamin and nutritional supplements that are more natural and encourage our bodies to work at their optimum level.

This fascinating book includes brief histories of remedies and explanations of how they work, as well as a comprehensive index so readers can easily locate ailments and suggested antidotes. Some of the remedies have been in use for thousands of years and formed the foundation for many of our modern conventional drugs.

The big difference is in the process. Pharmaceutical companies isolate and often synthesize the active ingredients of a plant or herb, while natural remedies allow the body to heal in a less toxic, safer way — no

prescription required. ■



Pregnancy clinics need volunteers registered nurses

Community Pregnancy Clinics seeks Spanish-speaking registered nurses to volunteer at its Naples and Fort Myers locations. The professionally staffed medical clinics provide information, education, medical support and material assistance to pregnant women and mothers. For more information, call 262-6381 or visit www.Community-4Life.com.

Assistance for those who have Parkinson's

The Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida Inc. offers numerous programs and services to those who have Parkinson's disease and their caregivers.

The organization sponsors exercise classes every week from Bonita Springs to Marco Island. In addition, PASFi holds a voice aerobics class at 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays at its headquarters in Naples at 1048 Goodlette Road. Also at the Naples office, support group meetings are held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays for people with Parkinson's disease and other movement disorders and at 7 p.m. Tuesdays for caregivers. At 3 p.m. every other Wednesday, a support group is held for those who have lost a loved one to PD.

A "PD-101" for those who have been newly diagnosed takes place on the last Thursday of every month but can also be scheduled at other times.

The Naples office also has a lending library of books, VHS tapes and DVDs

pertaining to PD, medications, stress relief, etc. Medical equipment is also available for loan at no charge.

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.

Continuing ed workshops for health-care pros

Area health-care professionals can earn contact hours at the following workshops offered by Florida Gulf Coast University and Mission Sports Inc. at FGCU:

■ **8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 7** - Applied Therapeutic Practices of Motor Learning Rehab through Sport Skill Movement (Lower Extremities). Fee is \$199; 10 contact hours.

■ **8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 8** - Introduction to Bio-Energetics. Fee is \$149; 7.5 contact hours.

Instructor for both workshops is William Elizuk, speaker, author, educator, fitness specialist, holistic health practitioner and creator of award-winning exercise DVDs for youth and adults.

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Free training for Alzheimer's family caregivers

Home Instead Senior Care has help for families managing the challenges of Alzheimer's and other dementias via free, online training at www.HelpForAlzheimersFamilies.com.

"Until there is a cure, we offer an interim solution," says Sue Bidwell, owner of the Home Instead Senior Care office serving Naples.

The foundation of the program is an approach called "Capturing Life's Journey" that involves gathering stories and experiences about the senior to help caregivers provide comfort while honoring the individual's past. Because people with Alzheimer's disease have difficulty with short-term memory, the Capturing Life's Journey approach taps into long-term memory.

The program for family caregivers consists of four classes:

- Overview of Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias
- Capturing Life's Journey
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LAUREATES

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Richard Aiken

For the past 32 years, Dr. Akin has served as the president and CEO of the Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida Inc., a nonprofit primary health care provider in Collier County (the organization was previously known as Collier Health Services). He serves as the chairman of the board of directors of Lee Memorial Health System, and was honored as the 2011 Trustee of the Year by the Florida Hospital Association.

Dr. Akin initiated the Children's Health Network, a pediatric system of care that, through its 12 locations, provides the majority of health care for children in Collier County. He is also responsible for bringing the first Ronald McDonald Care Mobile to Florida, and for initiating a pediatric dental residency program as a partnership with the University of Florida College of Dentistry. He has also developed a pediatric center of excellence for the children of Immokalee as a partnership with the Florida State University College of Medicine, and



Aiken

is the founder and chairman of Integral Quality Health Plan, a state wide Medicaid HMO.

Dr. Akin has received numerous awards for his service and dedication to excellence in health care, including the Prendergast Lifetime Child Advocate Award and the Harvey Kapnick Award, given by the Community Foundation of Collier County for the best managed nonprofit organization in Collier County.

Phil McCabe

After serving active duty in the Air Force followed by four years working for the Central Intelligence Agency in Northern Iran, Mr. McCabe resigned to pursue entrepreneurship. At 27, he purchased his first hospital-ity venture, which led to a career in real estate and hospitality industries that has helped shape the Naples landscape.

In 1986, he opened the Inn of Naples, a boutique property with a restaurant. Six years later, he built another boutique hotel, the Inn at Pelican Bay.

Mr. McCabe also developed, opened and operated the Inn on Fifth with McCabe's Irish Pub & Grill and four additional restaurants: Garden Court Café, Windows on the Water, McCabe Brothers Steak House and Boston's

Restaurant & Sports Bar.

In September 2011, he broke ground on a \$15 million expansion project at the Inn on Fifth that will add new luxury suites and meeting space for guests, as well as more retail locations for shopping, dining and entertainment to the Fifth Avenue South district of downtown Naples.

Mr. McCabe has awarded 45 scholarships to Collier County students through the "Take Stock in Children" program of the Education Foundation of Collier County. He received a Men of Distinction award from the foundation in honor of his efforts to advocate on behalf of high-risk children. Among the nonprofit and cultural organizations he supports are Gulfshore Playhouse, the Sugden Community Theater and Fun Time Early Childhood Academy. He presently serves on the board of the Fifth Avenue South Business Improvement District.

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Zoo welcomes cheetah pair, blackbuck antelope baby

Collier residents enjoy free admission July 7

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Florida has been a playground for retirees for decades. One of the newest "mature" couples to make their home here is a pair of cheetahs who have settled in at The Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens.

Long known for its husbandry expertise with felids, the Zoo was chosen over other several other institutions to care for these mature cats. They are the first cheetahs to take up residence at the Zoo in nearly four decades.

He was born in South Africa, and she in the Netherlands. These world travelers later met in the United States. Now they're coming to Naples to enjoy a tropical retirement. Zoo visitors can see them for the first time on Saturday, July 7 (a free admission day for Collier County resident).

In the Serengeti, a male cheetah lives an average of just over five years. Outside the wild, a cheetah can double or triple that lifespan. The Zoo's two new cheetahs are already 12 and 13 years old.

The new home is the northern gardens in an existing habitat that has been modified. Along with lounging in grassy open spaces or resting under shady trees, the cheetahs will also enjoy sitting atop a small hill like ones seen on the African veldt.

The Zoo thanks the *Naples Daily News* and these donors who helped make the cheetahs' arrival possible: Dr. Craig and Kathy Fenton, Jeanne Gug-

lielmi, Jonathan and Nancy Hamill, John and Paulette Kempfer, Don and Connie Malenick, The Martin Foundation, John and Mrs. Connie Miller, Robert and Linda Ottenad, Benton and Joan Tolley and Linda Wheeler.

A bouncing baby antelope

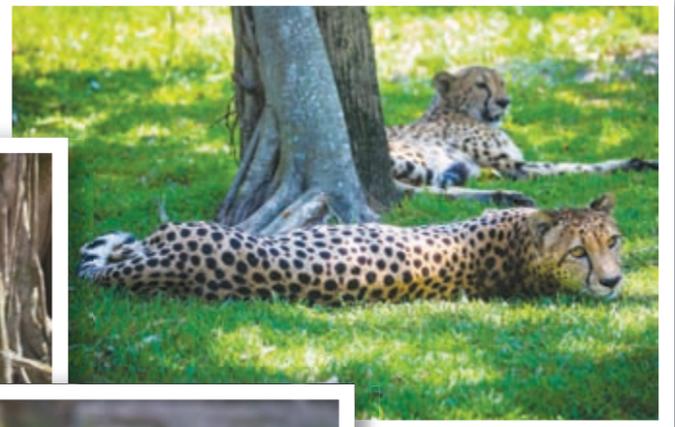
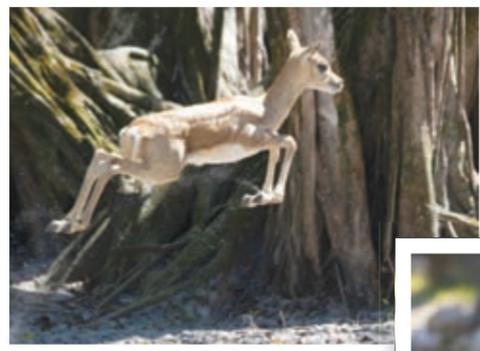
The male blackbuck antelope who was born at the Zoo several weeks ago is ready to meet the public. Like many of his kind, even when born outside the wild, the fawn remained hidden for the first weeks after birth as an instinctive protection against predators.

The baby blackbuck's defensive strategy is simply called "staying put." The fawn has a hiding place that the mother approaches, but she stays a distance away and calls the fawn to her. The mother nurses and cleans the fawn and sends him back into hiding. This is done because the mother has scent glands on her feet that can be tracked by jackals, hyenas and other predators. If she walked directly to the baby, predators would easily find the defenseless fawn. The newborn's scent glands, however, are not working yet, so no obvious scent trail is left.

Now, however, Zoo guests can see him trotting alongside his family.

Visitors can also enjoy seeing some juvenile Reeve's muntjac, an Asian deer species that lives together with the blackbuck. Two female muntjacs were

born to two different mothers on the same day last spring.



out the entire Indian subcontinent; today, they are largely extinct outside of India in their native range.

About Naples Zoo

Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization cooperating in conservation and education programs both in and outside the wild for endangered species. Visitors are welcome daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the last ticket sold at 4 p.m. Admission is \$19.95 for adults, \$12.95 for ages 3-12, free for children younger than 3). Collier County residents enjoy free admission on the first Saturday of every month.

Call 262-5409 or visit www.napleszoo.org for information about membership and admission discounts. ■



Prostate Cancer Screening: The REAL Scoop!

By William Figlesthaler, M.D., board certified Urologist of Specialists in Urology

Prostate cancer screening and PSA have received a great deal of press over the past couple of years, and it is time to set the record straight. Consistent with most years, in 2011 there were 240,890 new cases of prostate cancer diagnosed in the United States and 33,720 U.S. men died of prostate cancer that same year. Think about it. With wide spread screening for prostate cancer in the most advanced country in the world for cancer treatment, we still have over 33,000 deaths per year due to this disease! Imagine how large this number might be without early detection and treatment.

Despite this common sense look at the actual numbers, the U.S. Preventative Services Task Force (USPSTF) has recommended against routine screening of men for prostate cancer. It may be worth noting that the USPSTF is a congressionally-mandated government agency appointed by the Agency for Healthcare, Research and Quality (AHRQ) under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. There are no urologists or oncologists on this government-appointed panel. This is also the same panel of individuals who make recommendations on what services should be covered under Medicare and Medicaid.

In 2009, the USPSTF tried unsuccessfully to eliminate mammograms and self breast exams for women ages 40-49. Their recommendations were subsequently rejected by congress due to the massive outcry of both the medical community and the public. At the same time they were going to release their recommendations against prostate screening, but held them back until recently due to the negative press they suffered after advising against breast cancer screening.

It is noteworthy that even the USPSTF acknowledges that prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed non-skin cancer in U.S. men and the second leading cause of cancer death in U.S. men. Despite this acknowledgement and with no new research, other than a cursory review of selected articles predating 2008, they argue that routine screening for prostate cancer is unnecessary.

A large study called the "Göteborg Randomized Population-Based Prostate Cancer

Screening Trial" was published in *Lancet Oncology* in August 2010. The study looked at 20,000 men over a fourteen year period of time and randomized them to screening versus no screening. The results were a 44% reduction in death rates due to prostate cancer in the screened group! This study was not part of the USPSTF's research. It is worth noting again that the USPSTF is the panel who makes recommendations on what should be covered under Medicare and Medicaid. Just think of the cost savings to the government if nearly 250,000 men did not undergo prostate biopsies and were not offered cancer treatments. Thankfully for women, this didn't fly with breast cancer.

Who will be the ones to suffer? Most likely it will be the underinsured, those who live in rural areas where health care is limited, those with a positive family history of prostate cancer and African Americans who currently have the highest death rate from prostate cancer.

The following are the current screening recommendations:

- All men should undergo a baseline digital rectal examination (DRE) and PSA blood test at age 40 years.
- All men should undergo annual DRE's and PSA's beginning at age 50.
- For those men who are at high risk for developing prostate cancer such as a positive family history or African Americans annual DRE's and PSA's should begin at age 35 years.

Despite the USPSTF's statement, prostate cancer screening is strongly recommended as per the above protocols by the American Urological Association, the American Society for Radiation Therapy and Oncology as well as the American Cancer Society.

For more information or to schedule a consultation, call Specialists in Urology at 239-434-6300 or visit: www.SpecialistsInUrology.com.

PET TALES

Hail the tennis ball

Dogs still go crazy for a toy never meant for them

BY DR. MARTY BECKER
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If there's anything more versatile than a tennis ball, I can't imagine it. One afternoon, I just sat down with a pad and started jotting down all the things you can do with a dog and a tennis ball. Here's what I came up with:

■ **Fetch:** Toss, return, repeat. You know the drill. This is the game by which all dog activities are measured, and sometimes there's just nothing better than the classic.

■ **Find:** Hide the tennis ball, then let your dog find it. For dogs who are already retrievers, this game is remarkably easy to learn. Hide the ball in plain sight a couple times so she'll know what you want her to do, then watch how easily she can find it anywhere.

■ **Herd:** Fetching uses one ball, but if you've got a herding dog, try tossing out a few and giving your dog a place to gather them all together. Since this game works with your dog's natural instincts, most pick it up very quickly for a treat reward.

■ **Get wet:** Water dogs love nothing more than the chance to go after a favorite ball and get wet. What more could a pup want?

■ **Monkey in the middle:** Got kids? Got a dog? Amuse everyone with the classic schoolyard game with the dog playing the monkey. Pass the ball by tossing, rolling, kicking — whatever works, and give Rover a small treat each time he intercepts it and gives it back.

■ **Flyball:** This one is a real sport, and one that tennis-ball loving dogs live for once they learn to play. Add a series of jumps to a



Even when completely exhausted by a good game of fetch, some dogs can't stand to be separated from their tennis ball.

tennis ball, and you've got a fast-paced, wildly entertaining game for both people and pets, participants and spectators.

Tennis balls are even better because you can often get them for free. If you have friends who are tennis players, ask them to save their old balls for you. A tennis ball that hasn't the "oomph" for a good game of tennis is still perfect for playing fetch with your dog.

One important thing to know, though: Tennis balls are not chew toys. Put them away when you're done with your game of fetch.

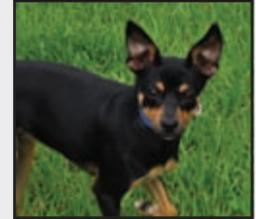
Dogs have been known to compress tennis balls in their mouths, and then die when the ball springs back to full size in the back of the mouth, cutting off the air supply. And even if that never happens, the materials in a tennis ball are designed for ... tennis! They're not made to be chewed on or swallowed by dogs.

So have your fun, and lots of it. But don't leave the ball with your dog when you're done. And now, if you'll excuse me, I have to throw a tennis ball for our family's dogs! ■

Pets of the Week



>> **Buster** is a 3-year-old cocker spaniel mix who's as friendly as he is handsome. Eager to please, he likes people, cats and other dogs.



>> **Naomi** is a 5-month-old Chihuahua mix who weighs about 10 pounds. Sweet and gentle, she's good on her leash and with other dogs and cats.



>> **Taffy** is an affectionate, 1-year-old domestic shorthair with a lovely, rich coat and beautiful bright yellow eyes. Part of the Families for Felines project, her adoption fee is just \$10.



>> **Valentino** is a 3-month-old domestic shorthair who's as handsome and sweet as he can be. He promises to reward his new family with a lifetime of love.

To adopt or foster a pet

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BY NANCI THEORET
Special to Florida Weekly

International buyers are taking advantage of favorable home prices and dollar-to-loonie, -euro, -pound and -peso exchange rates to fuel a surge in Southwest Florida's real estate market. For some local Realtors, foreign homebuyers account for 60 percent of their business, arriving on our shores — or driving across the border — to snap up investment and vacation properties at prices that are a ghost of the boom years.

And many are paying cash. They're also hiring local decorators and remodelers, shopping in our stores and dining at our restaurants — a boon to the economy, as well.

"In Collier County, nearly two-thirds of our buyers are foreigners," says David Gallus, broker and owner of Premiere Plus Realty in Naples. "If we took foreign buyers out of the equation, we'd be dying. A lot of Americans don't have the cash and banks are still reluctant to give loans even to well qualified buyers."

"The good thing about foreign nationals is most of them come with cash," says Marion Briggs, a Realtor, homebuilder and president of the Realtor Association of Greater Fort Myers and the Beach. "They're furnishing and repairing their homes and putting dollars into our economy."

The newcomers are also adding a global flavor to the face of Southwest Florida, hail-

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One major consideration for voters in the upcoming elections should be how the candidates plan on growing the U.S. economy. Whether right or left or something else, you will want to ponder how this can realistically be accomplished as opposed to politicians' promises.

The best yardstick of U.S. growth is annual Gross Domestic Product, the sum total of all expenditures by consumers, business and the government. Domestic refers to production/expenditures within the U.S. as opposed to a U.S. company's expenditures overseas.

GDP growth is important. Per capita GDP measures standard of living. A growing per capita GDP coupled with high unemployment means a whole bunch of people had a declining standard of living, while others fared relatively much better. Bottom line: We need a growing economy, and even more so, we need a growing per capita GDP.

GDP can grow nominally, meaning in gross dollar terms it increases. Real growth in GDP is realized when growth is greater than the inflation rate. For instance, if you grow 5 percent and inflation is 1 percent, then real growth was 4 percent. It is "real" growth that matters in standards of living and reducing unemployment.

GDP, inflation adjusted, grew at 3 percent in the 1980s; 3.2 percent in the 1990s,

1.8 percent in the first decade of the new millennium (through 2009); and an average of 2.4 percent in 2010 and 2011.

It is generally believed that GDP must grow at 3.3 percent annualized or better in order for unemployment just to remain stable, as U.S. demographics have a younger population being added to the labor force all the time. Some economists suggest that any meaningful reduction in current unemployment levels (8-plus percent, not counting the under-employed) would require GDP growth of 5 percent or 7 percent.

Virtually every post-recession recovery has seen big GDP growth rates for several quarters. However, five of the past six quarters saw nominal GDP growth running below 2 percent. Per Gary Shilling, a noted economist and author of "The Age of Deleveraging," GDP growth of 2 percent (as he expects for several years to come) would translate into unemployment increases of 1 percent per year in each successive year.

The GDP equals: private consumption plus gross domestic private investment plus government spending plus exports minus imports.

How can GDP grow? Consumption can increase — but consumption is already a huge part of GDP, at some 71 percent. So it's questionable how much more stuff people can buy and whether it is a good thing to prime the GDP pump with more consumer spending.

The next part of the equation is private investment (e.g., expenditures for new buildings, equipment or inventories, etc.) There are trillions in cash on corporate balance sheets. But although corporations have the capacity to spend, they won't

unless there is profit incentive. Further, private sector spending accounts for a much greater per cent of GDP.

Government spending is a hotly debated topic, as it is deficit spending that many an economist feels has a zero expenditure multiplier effect; each dollar spent creates no sustainable income, yet carries with it the "drag" of the interest cost to be paid in the future. Last summer, the U.S. saw a credit downgrade and a hint that more might come. All this means growth in government spending is not likely to happen.

Now for imports and exports, a long debated topic. Suffice it to say, the U.S. imports a lot of good stuff and a lot of junk from our Asian partners. We also import a lot of energy resources. Net-net, we export a lot less than we import. Every time we buy cheaper international goods or international energy resources, GDP growth is lessened.

The trade deficit hole is deep and has existed for a long, long time. There is a ground swell of opinion that while we give foreign countries fair access to our markets, we only get hurdles and detours in theirs — or, as is the case with China, the RMB is pegged artificially low so as to fuel their exports.

So how is our economy going to get going? Our consumer has likely reached a point of maximum consumption per capita. The government not only faces pressures to curtail spending, but it strikes bad trade deals over and over.

I think the solution lies with the group that has the money: existing private sector businesses. They have the cash to spend on new plants and equipment. And small busi-

nesses, critical for creating jobs, borrow to make these expenditures.

Now what makes businesses tick? What will get them to spend for expansion or startup? They like to know that they have a decent chance of making money and that the rules of the game (U.S. regulations and taxation) will not keep changing. There are plenty of countries with lax regulations and incredibly lower corporate taxation rates. If businesses choose to expand their foreign operations, our GDP will suffer.

This is not something to be viewed as politically right or left. It is offered as a simple framework by which you can discern the political promises made. Better yet, the right and left need to have a meaningful discussion about how businesses can be encouraged to grow within U.S. borders.

Arguing exclusively about how the our government pie is cut up misses a critical aspect; we must find a way to grow real GDP above 3.3 percent. ■

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ON THE MOVE

Board Appointments

Lavigne Ann Kirkpatrick, R.N., manager of external affairs at Avow Hospice, has been elected vice chair of the Board of Nursing for the state of Florida. Her term will run until Oct. 31, 2014. A registered nurse for 28 years, Ms. Kirkpatrick has been at Avow since 2004. She is a member of board of Collier Senior Resources and serves on the advisory boards for I-Tech and Lorenzo Walker Health Services. She is a 2010 Leadership Collier graduate.



KIRKPATRICK

Jon McGaunn, hotel manager at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples, has joined the board of directors of the Collier County Lodging & Tourism Alliance. A veteran of The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company, Mr. McGaunn came to the Naples resort in 2010 as executive assistant manager-rooms division. Prior to that, he served as managing director for the Palm Beach office of Genii Capital, a hospitality investment management and financial advisory firm. He earned a bachelor's degree in hospitality restaurant management from Widener University in Chester, Penn.



MCGAUNN

Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida welcomes the following new board members elected to serve a three-year term beginning July 1: **Richard Caligiuri**, vice president with Bouchard Insurance; **W. Jeffrey Cecil**, partner-in-charge with Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP; **Chad Hart**, senior vice president/business banking manager with BankUnited; **Samantha Howes** of Samantha M. Howes, CPA, P.A.; and **Gary Tasman**, founder/exec-

utive director with Cushman & Wakefield Commercial Property SWFL.

Health Care

William "Bill" Franz has joined Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida as director of systems and patient centered transformation in charge of coordinating organizational improvement across all areas of operations as the Healthcare Network moves toward becoming a patient centered medical home. For the past 11 years, Mr. Franz served as executive vice president/COO of the Community Foundation of Collier County.



FRANZ

Dr. Nelson Hernandez has been appointed staff psychiatrist at Park Royal Hospital, the private 76-bed mental health facility that opened earlier this year on the campus of Lee Memorial HealthPark in south Fort Myers. Dr. Hernandez earned his medical degree in 1988 and received advanced training in psychiatry at New York Medical College and Metropolitan Hospital Center in New



HERNANDEZ

York City. He has practiced for more than two decades, most recently as medical director of psychiatry at Riverside Behavioral Center in Punta Gorda. He also has operated a private outpatient practice in Cape Coral since 2008.

Tracy Rogers has been named director of admissions at Park Royal Hospital in South Fort Myers. She most recently was a behavioral analyst at the Department of Corrections as well as in private practice in Punta Gorda. She holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and sociology from Wesleyan College in Macon, Ga., and a master's in mental health counseling from Argosy University in Sarasota.



ROGERS

American Association of Geriatric Psychiatry and Florida Psychiatric Society. He completed his psychiatric residency at New York Medical College, where he was appointed chief resident, and his fellowship training in geriatric psychiatry at University of Miami and Jackson Memorial Hospital.

Travel

The Naples office of Hurley Travel Experts has earned accreditation from Virtuoso travel specialists. Virtuoso member agencies benefit from direct-marketing campaigns, specialized training and added-value arrangements with leading travel providers, among other benefits.

Law

Jeffrey Shafer has joined the law offices of Goldstein, Buckley, Cechman, Rice & Purtz, P.A. as director of marketing for the firm's offices located in Naples, Fort Myers, Cape Coral, Lehigh Acres and Port Charlotte. Mr. Shafer most recently worked as member communications coordinator for The Commons Club at The Brooks. He has also served as media manager for the Pelican Bay Foundation and as a public relations intern with the Florida Everblades Hockey Club. He is a graduate of Florida Gulf Coast University. ■



MAZZORANA

Consumer confidence turns a bit gloomy in the Sunshine State

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Consumer confidence among Floridians sank four points in June, after jumping four points to 78 in May, according to a University of Florida survey.

"Floridians reversed their optimism about their future finances," says Chris McCarty, director of UF's Survey Research Center in the Bureau of Economic and Business Research. The June decline was across age and income groups and did not reflect a specific policy change, he adds.

For the first time since February, all five components used to measure confidence declined. For example, perceptions of survey takers that they are better off financially now than they were a year ago fell one point to 61. Meanwhile, their overall expectations that their personal finances will improve a year from now fell 10 points to 86.

Respondents were also glum in their assessment of broader issues. Their confidence in the national economy over the coming year dropped three points to 73, while their trust in the national economy's prospects for the next five years fell four points to 84. Floridians' confidence in whether now is a good time to buy big-ticket consumer items, such as televisions and automobiles, also fell, dropping four points to 78.

In May, consumer confidence was largely buoyed by perceptions that personal finances would improve. Such thinking "was likely due to the dramatic drop in gas prices between April and May, a decline of more than 50 cents a gallon," Mr. McCarty explains.

Although gas prices have continued to fall since then, the associated optimism may have slowed in June because of increased news coverage about expiring tax cuts and automatic budget cuts in January that could disrupt the economy, he says.

Also dampening confidence in June was a Federal Reserve analysis that found household wealth had eroded to 1990s levels — news that might have erased the short-term positive effects of lower gas prices.

Some good news

Despite the gloom expressed in the report, however, the Sunshine State experienced positive economic indicators in May and June. Florida's unemployment rate declined .1 percent to 8.6 percent in May, the lowest level since the recession ended in June 2009 (the U.S. unemployment rate edged up .1 percent to 8.2 percent in May).

There were also big employment gains in Florida's professional and business services sectors, which increased by

2.4 percent or 24,900 jobs, Mr. McCarty says, adding the only sectors to lose jobs were construction and government.

Another promising trend is that Florida's improving unemployment numbers are not the result of a decreased state labor force, which was the case earlier in the year.

There is still more good news

Stock market values are up and so are housing prices, which have been slowly recovering since January. The median price for a Florida house is now \$147,000, the highest since August 2009. Short sales now account for more sales than foreclosures.

"Fortunately, gas prices are expected to continue to decline, although at a slower pace, in the next few months," Mr. McCarty says. "This should help to maintain confidence somewhere near its current level."

— Conducted June 12-21, the UF study reflects the responses of 409 individuals who represent a demographic cross-section of Florida. The index used by UF researchers is benchmarked to 1966, which means a value of 100 represents the same level of confidence for that year. The lowest index possible is a 2; the highest is 150. Details of the June survey are at www.bebr.ufl.edu/cci. ■

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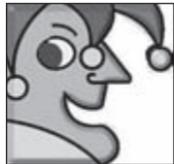
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Dealing With a Volatile Market

The stock market doesn't just sit there, slowly rising over time. On June 6, for example, it surged some 287 points, or 2.4 percent. (It's vital to consider such moves in terms of percentages — 50 points might seem like a lot until you realize it's just 0.4 percent.) On May 30, it fell 161 points, or 1.3 percent — and on Aug. 8, 2011, it dropped 635 points, or a whopping 5.6 percent!

Don't let it give you whiplash, or lead you to make mistakes. Keep the following thoughts in mind:

First, know that "the Dow" is an average representing just 30 companies out of many thousands on the American markets. For a better measure of our stock market, look at the S&P 500 (with 500 of America's biggest firms) or the Wilshire 5000, which represents the "total stock market" and encompasses thousands of companies. That can be volatile, too, though.

But a falling market isn't necessarily

bad. It can present great opportunities, when stock in many great companies is suddenly on sale. If you're 20 years away from retirement, for example, how much does it really matter that your holdings fell 2 percent this week? What really matters is how they're valued in 20 years, or whenever you want to sell them. The prices at which you buy and sell are the only ones that give you a profit or loss. As superinvestor Warren Buffett has explained, if you're going to be buying more shares of stocks in the coming years, you should be happy to see falling prices.

Money you expect to need in the coming few years, though, should not be in stocks, where anything can happen in the short term.

Investors err when they succumb to fear or greed. They buy or hold on to overvalued stocks out of greed, and they sell in a panic when stocks fall. Don't do that. Expect healthy stocks to fall sometimes and to recover eventually. The stock market may be volatile, but over long periods, its trend has been up. ■

My Dumbest Investment

Sambo's Implosion

Growing up, I witnessed my dad's great success as an investment banker and knew friends came to him for investment advice. More than 30 years ago, when I was in my late 20s, I begged him for a stock tip. He resisted — strongly — as he didn't want to be responsible if it didn't work out. But he finally gave in.

The company he recommended was Sambo's. My first-ever stock purchase was 100 shares at \$4 per share. It wasn't long after that purchase that the company went bust. My dad had lots of personal stock-investing success — outside of the Sambo's mistake.

— K.S., Register, Ga

The Fool Responds: Your successful dad is a perfect example of a seasoned investor — they all have both winners and losers in their portfolio's past. The key is simply to keep learning, from your mistakes as well as from books and smarter investors, so that your winners more than make up for your losers. It's fine to get tips from others, but always do your own research too, so that you make your own informed decision. ■



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I trace my roots back to 1927, when two cousins founded me in Michigan. Today I'm a premier residential furniture maker. My early work included novelties such as the "Gossiper" chair for sitting, chatting on the phone and storing things. In 1928, I swept folks off their feet with an innovative and relaxing chair design. (A rejected name for it: The Sit-N-Snooze.) Along with my flagship brand, my other names include Bauhaus, American Drew, Kincaid, Lea, Hammary and England Furniture. I can help you live life comfortably. My name may be an insult, but my reputation is sound. Who am I? (Answer: La-Z-Boy) ■



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Stock Prices Matter

What's wrong with buying overvalued stock in a great company, as long as the price eventually rises?

— S.L., Bradenton, Fla.

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However, if you have to pay \$15 per share for it now, it will return only a total of 107 percent on its way to \$31. That's about 7.6 percent per year.

Worse still would be buying it at \$20 per share. Sure, you'd make money, but your total gain would be just 55 percent, or roughly 4.5 percent annually.

Making matters worse, EIEIO might not perform as well as expected. Buying at steep prices offers little margin of safety.

Learn about valuing stocks with books such as "The Little Book That Still Beats the Market" by Joel Greenblatt or "The Little Book of Value Investing" by Christopher Browne (both from Wiley, \$20).

Please explain the daily fluctuations in the stock market.

— H.L. Crawford Jr., Broken Arrow, Okla.

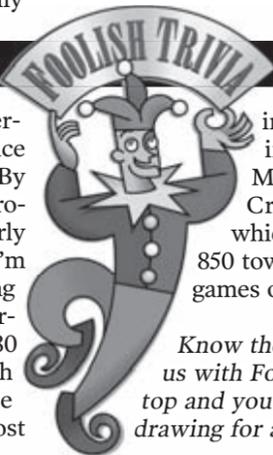
The market may seem to be a single entity, but it's made up of thousands of companies' stocks, each of which goes up and down according to what millions of investors think of it.

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The Motley Fool Take

A Hefty Dividend to Consider

If you're in the market for a solid dividend payer, consider Annaly Capital Management (NYSE: NLY), which recently sported a yield of 13 percent.

Annaly is a mortgage REIT (real estate investment trust), profiting from the difference between the rate at which it borrows, which is currently near a record low, and the rate at which it re-lends.

Like its peers, which also invest in mortgages, it enhances its returns by working with borrowed money. That carries some risk, since rapidly rising interest rates can throw a wrench into the process.

One attractive feature of Annaly is

that it's been reducing its debt. That can dampen the dividend it pays its shareholders, but probably not by a lot. The company's free cash flow generation has been strong.

Annaly and its peers may be less compelling when interest rates rise, but the Federal Reserve has said that it expects to keep rates low at least through most of 2014. Thus, a few more years of double-digit dividend yields seem quite possible, though they're far from guaranteed.

Annaly doesn't fit the typical mold of dividend stocks, as it doesn't have set payouts. They can rise and fall from quarter to quarter. Still, it does have a history of outperforming inflation and appears to be a safer mortgage REIT than most of its peers. ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

■ **A Job Search Support Group** meets from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. Contact Karen Klukiewicz at kluk77@comcast.net or visit www.napleschamber.org.

■ **YP Naples** members and guests meet for networking and lunch at noon Tuesday, July 10, at Sushi One, 1410 Pine Ridge Road. The next happy hour social is set for 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, July 26, at Naples Bay Resort, 1500 Fifth Ave. S. For information, visit www.yppnaples.com.

■ Members and guests of the **Women's Network of Collier County** meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday

of every month at Shula's at the Hilton Naples. \$22 for members, \$25 for others. The next meeting is July 10. Sign up at www.wnocc.org.

■ The **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** holds its next Wake Up Naples at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 11, at the Hilton Naples. Guest speaker Joseph Schmitt of DynCorp International will discuss his recent time in Kandahar, Afghanistan. The morning's sponsor is Purely You Spa. \$20 for members, \$25 for others. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ **SCORE Naples** and the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce present

"Create Loyal Customers," a workshop beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 14, in the Leadership Collier Foundation room at chamber headquarters, 2390 Tamiami Trail N. \$25. Sign up at 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 July 18 gathering is aboard the Marco Island Princess. For more information, e-mail Katie@marcoislandchamber.org.

■ The **Small Business Development Center** at Florida Gulf Coast University and the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce present "Doing Business with the Federal Government" from 9-11 a.m. Thursday, July 19, at chamber headquarters, 2390 Tamiami Trail N. Free. Call 745-3700 or visit www.sbdscseminars.org for a reservation.

■ The **PC Business Users Group** of Naples will hear from Jim Ellis of Tamiami Ford about "How Smart Phones Connect to Your Car's Computer" from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, July 19, at Naples Regional Library, 650 Central Ave. Visit www.pgbug.org for more information. ■

BUYERS

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ing from all regions of the world, among them Germany, Switzerland, England, Russia, Croatia, Romania, Venezuela, Brazil and Chili. Canadians, who have long favored Florida as a wintertime destination, continue to represent the majority of international buyers, accounting for about half of all local foreign buyers.

Argentiniens may be the new snowbirds. Many are buying properties here to escape their winter, our summertime. And some South American buyers are finding the slower pace of Southwest Florida more to their liking than the Miami area, a popular vacation outpost for Latin America.

The local observations reflect a growing trend of international buyers who favor Florida, according to a recent report by the National Association of Realtors. Twenty-six percent of all sales to foreign buyers occurred in the Sunshine State — more than double the No. 2 state, California, with 11 percent.

Canadians accounted for 24 percent of international sales in the U.S.

“The Canadians are back; so are the Germans,” says Linda Flack, broker associate for Royal Shell Real Estate in Fort Myers. “They left for a while because the investment wasn’t as good. They’re great for our economy. They recognize the value is good, they shop in our stores and buy suitcases to fill with items they’ve purchased here. They come to vacation here, then they come back



Flack

to buy (a home).”

Robert Keller, a broker associate with ReMax Anchor Realty in Punta Gorda, made a concerted effort several years ago to tap into the European market, particularly Germany, and aligned himself with ReMax because of its international presence with 200 overseas offices.



Keller

“As the dollar was crashing the euro was rising,” he notes. “I lived in Europe and speak German and changed my marketing focus.”

Mr. Keller conducted seminars in several European markets, explaining to would-be buyers the process, tax implications and laws for buying a Florida home. Today, three years later, he works with overseas clients to create visual tours of properties they’ve found online. “I offer them my opinions on every property, explain the pluses and negatives. They might want to know how long it takes to get to open water, if there’s a golf course nearby. I also consider the surrounding property and other things they might not think to ask about.”

Roger Brunswick, an agent with John R. Wood Realtors’ Bonita Springs office and a certified international property specialist, says international buyers account for the majority of his sales in Bonita and Estero.



Brunswick

“We’ve always had a few foreign buyers but the last couple of years, 60 percent of my buyers have been from out of the country,” he says. “I’m working with a lot of



Robert Keller recently sold this home in Punta Gorda Isles to foreign buyers.

Canadians. Southwest Florida is Canada’s backyard and so easy to get to from Toronto and Montreal. I’m also working with more Canadians from Vancouver and western Canada. Their economy is very good and their dollar is on par with us.”

While Chinese buyers account for 11 percent of the U.S.’s international buyers, the Asian influence has yet to be felt in Southwest Florida. Mr. Gallus eyes France as the next wave of foreign buyers. “We have a lot of French agents,” he says. “France is a major contributor to our real estate economy.”

Mr. Keller agrees: “France is the next invasion.”

Buying patterns

Chris Lecca, a Premiere Plus agent, says the majority of homes he’s sold on behalf of his clients were purchased as second homes. Prices, he says, “are across the board. About 90 percent are paying cash.”

Mr. Brunswick notes similar buying patterns. “I’ve sold homes from \$250,000 and \$300,000 to well over \$1 million and \$1.5 million,” he says. “Some of my Canadian buyers have owned condos here and are moving up to a single-family home as their families grow and mature. They have grandchildren now and need more space and are looking for bigger properties.”

One of his recent sales was a \$1 million-plus Bonita home, purchased by Canadians.

The sale is a counterpoint to Mr. Gallus’ observations: Many of Premiere Plus’ Great White North buyers spend an average \$150,000 to \$400,000; Europeans and other buyers tend to fall within a higher range, from \$400,000 to \$800,000.

Mr. Gallus’s firm has also noted many foreigner buyers prefer the lock-and-go, low-maintenance convenience of a condo. “A small percent are getting single-family homes,” he says. “We find that Germans and the French tend to buy single-family homes.”

Mr. Lecca says his European clientele favor homes close to downtown Naples.

International buyers “love the waterfront and swimming pools — that’s what we’re known for,” says Ms. Flack. “They either want to be on the beach or want to go boating and be on a canal and have a swimming pool. They’re really excited to be in Florida.”

Ms. Briggs says Canadians and Germans account for most of her buyers and build jobs.

“Germans love the canal system and the feel of the waterfront in Cape Coral,” she says. “Canadians are interested in great buys and know a good one when they see it.”

These international buyers, she says, are helping to drive up median home prices, which have increased 25 percent during the past year.

“I went to a National Association of Realtors convention last November and there were people from all over the world,” says Ms. Briggs. “You said Florida, and it might as well have been a country. Florida is not a secret. Everybody knows Florida.”

Different areas of Southwest Florida appeal to different nationalities — a factor Mr. Keller attributes to word of mouth. German buyers and vacationers have long

favored Cape Coral.

But the demo is shifting, adds Mr. Keller. Many aren’t aware of cities to the south — or north, depending where they start. “They come to Cape Coral but don’t know about Old Naples, Palm Island or Siesta Key.”

The return of the investor

An increasing number of foreign buyers are eyeing Southwest Florida homes as an investment, but not with the buy-and-flip mentality that helped burst the real estate bubble a few years ago. Many are taking advantage of the lowest prices in a decade, understanding the value of an American home is bound to increase at a slower, more sustainable rate than the runaway double-digit appreciation during the boom.

“They’re seeing prices down 50 percent from what they were,” says Mr. Lecca. “They’re banking on appreciation in the next five or 10 years.”

Many foreign buyers also view American property as a wise overall investment, given the economic turmoil in some European countries.

“They’re unsure of which direction their country is going,” says Mr. Gallus. “Their perception is that investing in American real estate is a better avenue than investing in Spain, for example. They don’t want to invest in their own country.”

Missing so far this summer for Mr. Brunswick are the European buyers, who may be gun-shy because of the monetary crises in Europe.

“The investors I’m dealing with are buying second homes,” he says. “Nobody’s buying and flipping. A home is always a long-term investment. Buyers plan to keep it for five years or more.”

“I have one German client who has no intentions of coming to the U.S.,” says Ms. Briggs. “Investors think of America as a safe place to put their money. Canadians pay attention to issues like Amendment Four, which will make property taxes more equitable. They enjoy Florida and a home is an investment they want to enjoy. Germans look at the bottom line and the investment value.”

Some of these international buyers are banking on Southwest Florida’s reputation as a vacation hotspot by placing their home in rental programs — and making money in the process, according to Ms. Briggs and Mr. Keller.

“A lot Canadian investors are buying something inexpensively and know the market has to go up,” says Ms. Brigg. “It’s not going to be the crazy appreciation of years past, but they rent in the meantime and are getting more than what they’re paying. It’s a no-brainer.”

Local Realtors expect the international influence to remain strong and continue the recovery of the local real estate market.

“It’s a very exciting time,” says Ms. Flack. “The facts speak for themselves. Commercial property is renting out and selling and commercial always follows rooftops. We’ve had the rooftops, we just didn’t have anyone living in them. Vacant homes are selling and we have a new demographic of people who are so excited to be here. You think, ‘Oh thank God, we’re healing.’” ■

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The Barbara Barry Dream Room Suite at Miromar Design Center.

■ **Miromar Design Center's Designers of Distinction** have voted for their favorite designs in the Dream Rooms Tour, awarding first place to a Barbara Barry Dream Room Suite featured in the Henredon Interior Design Showroom. Second place ended in a tie between a master bedroom from the California Romantic Collection at Ralph Lauren Home and a master bedroom designed by Kira Krümm International Design on display in Angela Fine Furnishings.

Third place went to the outdoor living area by Jardin De Ville.

Designers of Distinction are selected each month by the showroom partners at Miromar Design Center. For more information, visit www.miromardesign-center.com.

■ **The Lubner Group** and **Clive Daniel Home** have been selected to provide design services for Chateaumere, a residential community of a 60-unit high-rise and four mid-rise buildings in Pelican Bay. Designers Charlie Hansen and Rebekah Errett-Pikosky will provide design plans for the lobby, atrium and common areas of two luxury residential buildings in the development.

■ **Vogue Interiors** has completed the new Isabella model in the Chestnut Grove neighborhood at The Vineyards. Built by Vineyards Development Company, the Isabella is a single-family villa with three bedrooms, 3½ baths and a total of 3,977 square feet, with nearly 3,000 square feet under air. Debbie DeMaria, ASID and Vogue president, created an interior for

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House Hunting:

7050 Sandalwood Lane

Built in 1988 and recently updated throughout, this home sits in the middle of a quiet, very private, 2.5-acre lot in Livingston Woods just north of Pine Ridge Road. The neighborhood is in a desirable school district, and there are no HOA fees or deed restrictions.

The 2,868-square-foot residence has four bedrooms and three bathrooms, with the master suite on its own side of the house. The family room has a wood-burning fireplace, and the kitchen has raised panel cherry cabinetry, granite countertops and upgraded appliances. Living areas have tile and marble flooring, while the bedrooms are carpeted. The back yard has a large



lanai and a solar-heated pool.

7050 Sandalwood Lane is listed for \$929,000 by Linda Haskins and Gary Ryan of Coldwell Banker. Call Ms.



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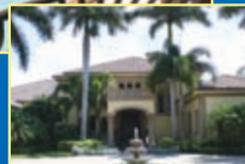
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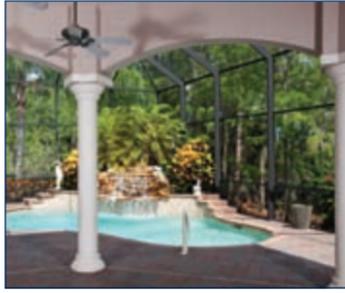
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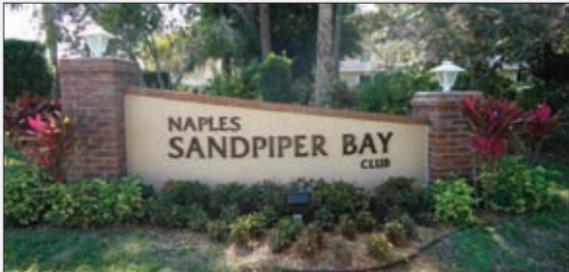
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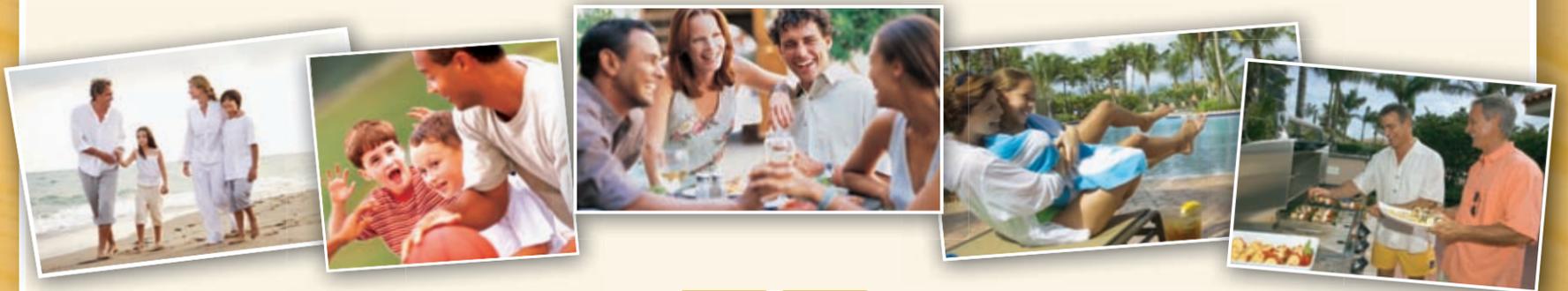
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BREATHTAKING WATER VIEWS

- 3 Bedrooms, + Den, 3-Baths
- Top Floor Penthouse
- Manatee Resort at Vanberbilt Beach
- Secured Elevator Access
- \$6,000 / Month MLS 211504385
- Jeff Windland 239.325.3519

BONITA BAY



SPRING RIDGE

- Gorgeous 4 Bedroom, 4 Full & 3 Half Baths
- Grand Lanai with Wide Lake & Golf Views
- Custom Quality Throughout
- Many Fine Amenities, 5,800 Sq. Feet
- \$2,590,000 MLS 211521698
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BEAUTIFUL DETACHED VILLA RESIDENCE

- 3 Bedrooms, + Den, 3-Baths
- Superior Upgrades w/3-Car Garage
- Oversized Loggia for Entertaining
- Shimmering Lake Views
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- Milton Collins 239.565.2139

INDIGO LAKES



OPEN SUNDAY 1 - 4:00

14670 INDIGO LAKES CIRCLE

- 4 Bedrooms, + Den, 3-Baths, Extended 3-Car Garage
- Wood Floors, Stainless Appliances & Brick Pavers
- Granite in Kitchen, Built-in Shelving & More
- Situated on an Oversized Corner Home Site
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PINNACLE AT THE STRAND

- 3 Bedrooms, 2-Baths
- Stunning Golf Course Views
- Beautifully Appointed Kitchen
- Totally Remodeled
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- Liz Appling 239.272.7201

LONGSHORE LAKE



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NORTH NAPLES COMMUNITY

- 3 Bedrooms, 2-Baths
- Gated Community
- Spacious Lanai w/Private Spa
- Many Community Amenities
- \$1,850 / Month MLS 212019697
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BONITA BAY



AZURE AT BONITA BAY

- 3 Bedrooms, + Den, 4-Baths
- Sweeping Views of The Gulf and Bay
- Exquisite Kitchen w/ Wine & Beverage Refrigerators
- Multiple Terraces & Summer Kitchen
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SHADOW WOOD



SWEET BAY

- 3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths, West View
- Courtyard, Guest Cabana
- Lake and Golf View
- Private Beach Club Available
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- Unusual Opportunity -3 Bedrooms, 3-Baths
- 1,925 S.F. of Living Space & Furnished
- Beautiful Interior w/Fireplace
- Peaceful Water Views
- \$490,000 MLS 211520567
- Marya Doonan 239.450.4000

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STYLISH AND BEAUTIFUL

- 1 Bedrooms, 2-Baths
- Offered Beautifully Furnished
- Signature Membership Included
- Gated Golf Course Community
- \$279,000 MLS 212020446
- Steve Suddeth & Jordan Delaney 239.784.0693

HUNTINGTON LAKES



ANNUAL RENTAL

BEAUTIFUL GATED COMMUNITY

- 3 Bedrooms, 2-Baths
- Lake Views and Volume Ceilings
- Screened and Glass Lanai
- Large Variety of Amenities
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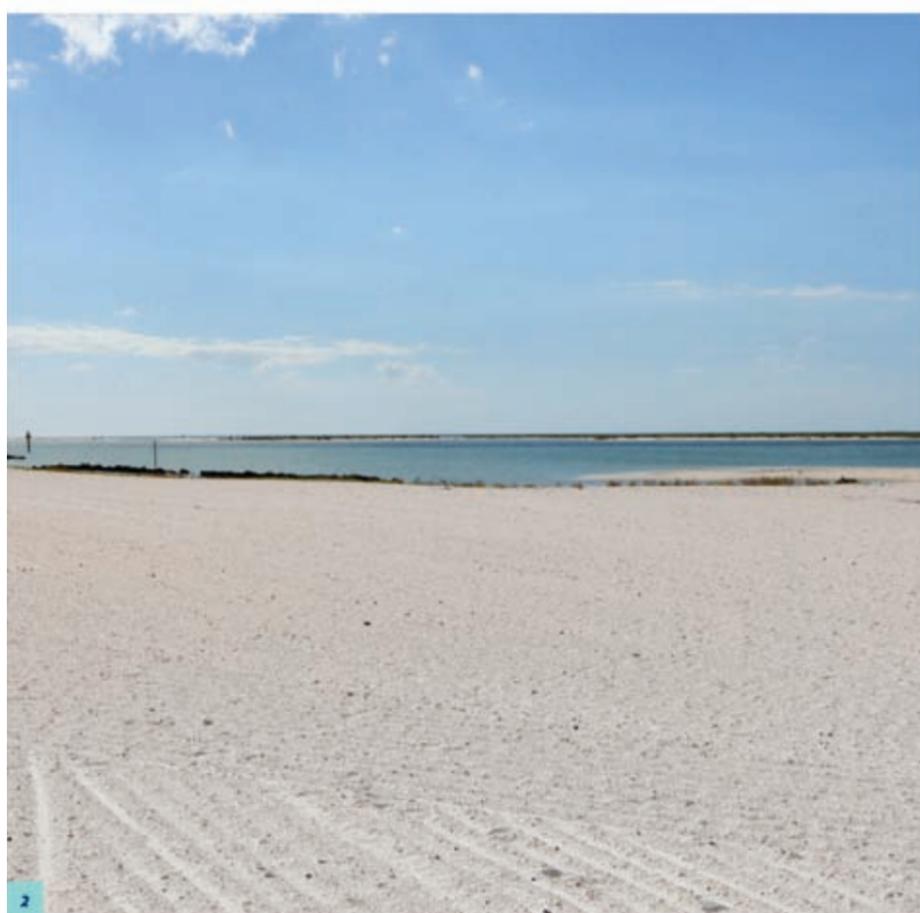
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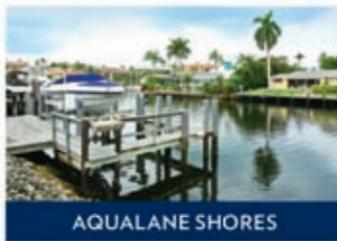
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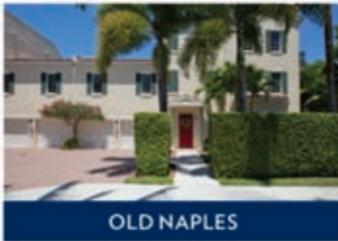
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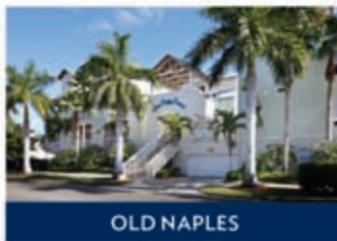
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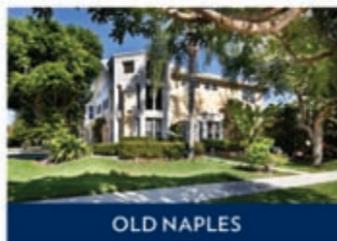
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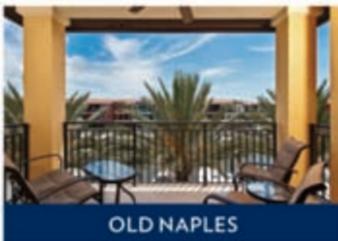
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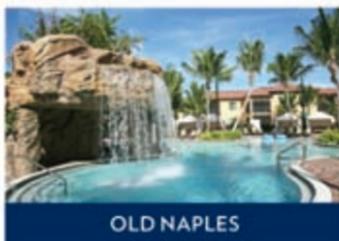
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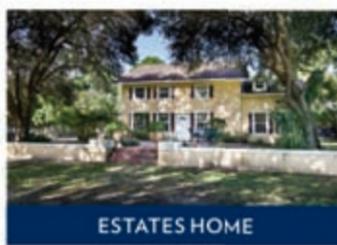
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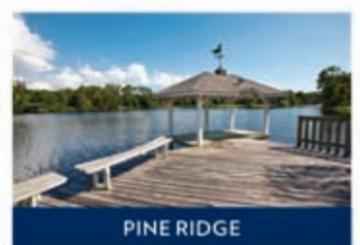
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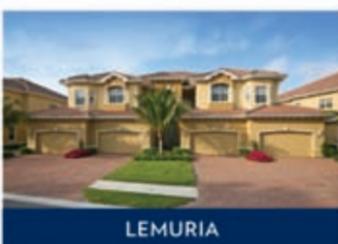
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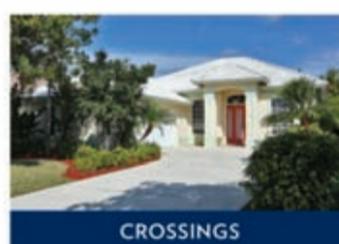
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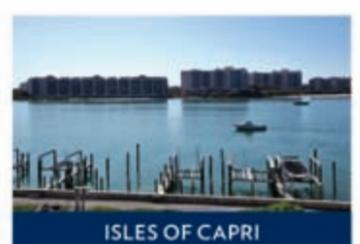
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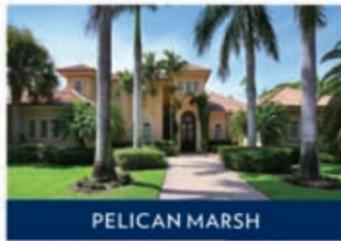
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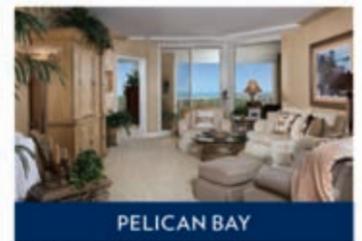
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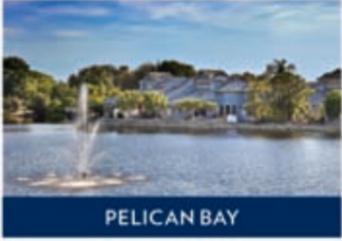
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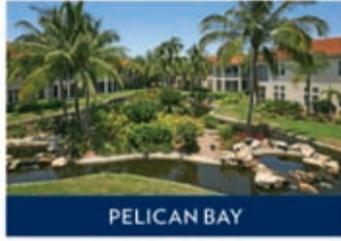
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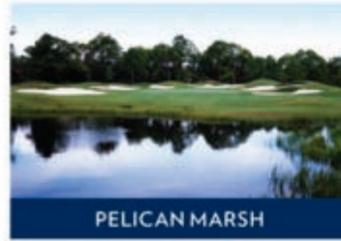
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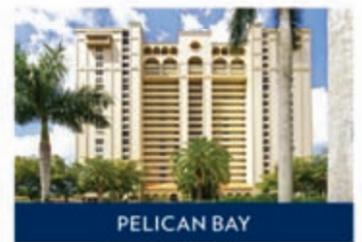
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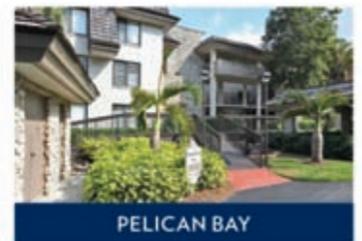
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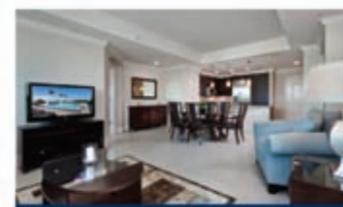
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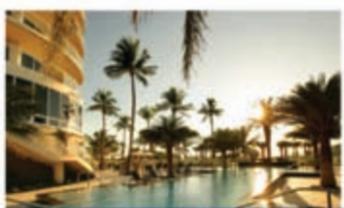
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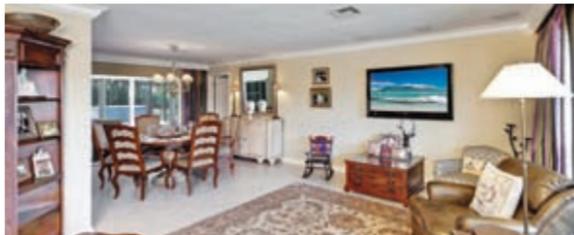
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the Isabella that is a transitional style utilizing varying shades of teal, chocolate, paprika, white and cream.

■ **Grey Oaks Realty** has announced that Diamond Custom Homes has started construction on the Alessandra villa model in the Miramonte neighborhood within Grey Oaks Country Club. The residence will have more than 3,700 square feet under air, with three bedrooms plus a library/study and 3½ baths. Lusia Shafran and the team at Pacifica Interior Design are creating and will execute the model's interior. Fully furnished, the model will be priced at \$1.795 million. Base price of the



The Massiano at Firano at Naples

Alessandra is \$1.395 million.

■ **Toll Brothers** has completed the Massiano at Firano at Naples. On a lake-view site with southern exposure, the move-in-ready home has three bedrooms plus a study and 2½ baths, a great room and a formal dining room. The home encompasses 2,216 square feet of air-conditioned living space. With covered entry, lanai and two-car garage, the Massiano is 2,913 total square feet. It's offered for \$528,385.

■ **Paradise Homes of Sarasota** has been selected to build a new neighborhood at Talis Park (formerly Tuscan Reserve) in North Naples. The builder will construct semi-custom homes at Fairgrove, the first of three new neighborhoods to be introduced at Talis Park within the next several months. The Fairgrove neighborhood will offer homes from 3,000 square feet to 3,600 square feet. Prices will begin at \$1.1 million. A model home is targeted for completion this winter.

■ **The Ronto Group** has announced that Harbourside Custom Homes has started construction on a third model home at TwinEagles. Construction of the Wynfield, with interior design by Baer's Furniture, is set for completion this fall. The four-



The Wynfield by Harbourside Custom Homes at TwinEagles

bedroom, four-bath floor plan totals 4,131 square feet, with 2,784 square feet of living area, a three-car garage and lanai.

■ **Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club** announces that sales in its Amalfi neighborhood have reached 75 percent. Four beachfront home sites remain available. Costa Amalfi is on the Peninsula, the newest section in the luxury waterfront resort community. Each single-family lot enjoys a wide stretch of beach and southwest waterfront views with available boat docks. Home designs offer from 1,850 square feet to more than 4,000 square feet of air-conditioned living space.

■ **Paul Pelak** has joined Lennar Homes as a new home consultant at the builder's Emerson Park community in Ave Maria.

■ **Debbie Burkhardt** has joined the staff at Tri-Rose Realty. A Naples resident since 2006, she came here from Mt. Pleasant, Penn., and has experience as a tax accountant and a musician.

■ New agents to join John R. Wood Realtors are: **Floean Mader** and **Nathan Treadwell** in the agency's Central office, and Pamela Pendleton in the Old Naples office. ■

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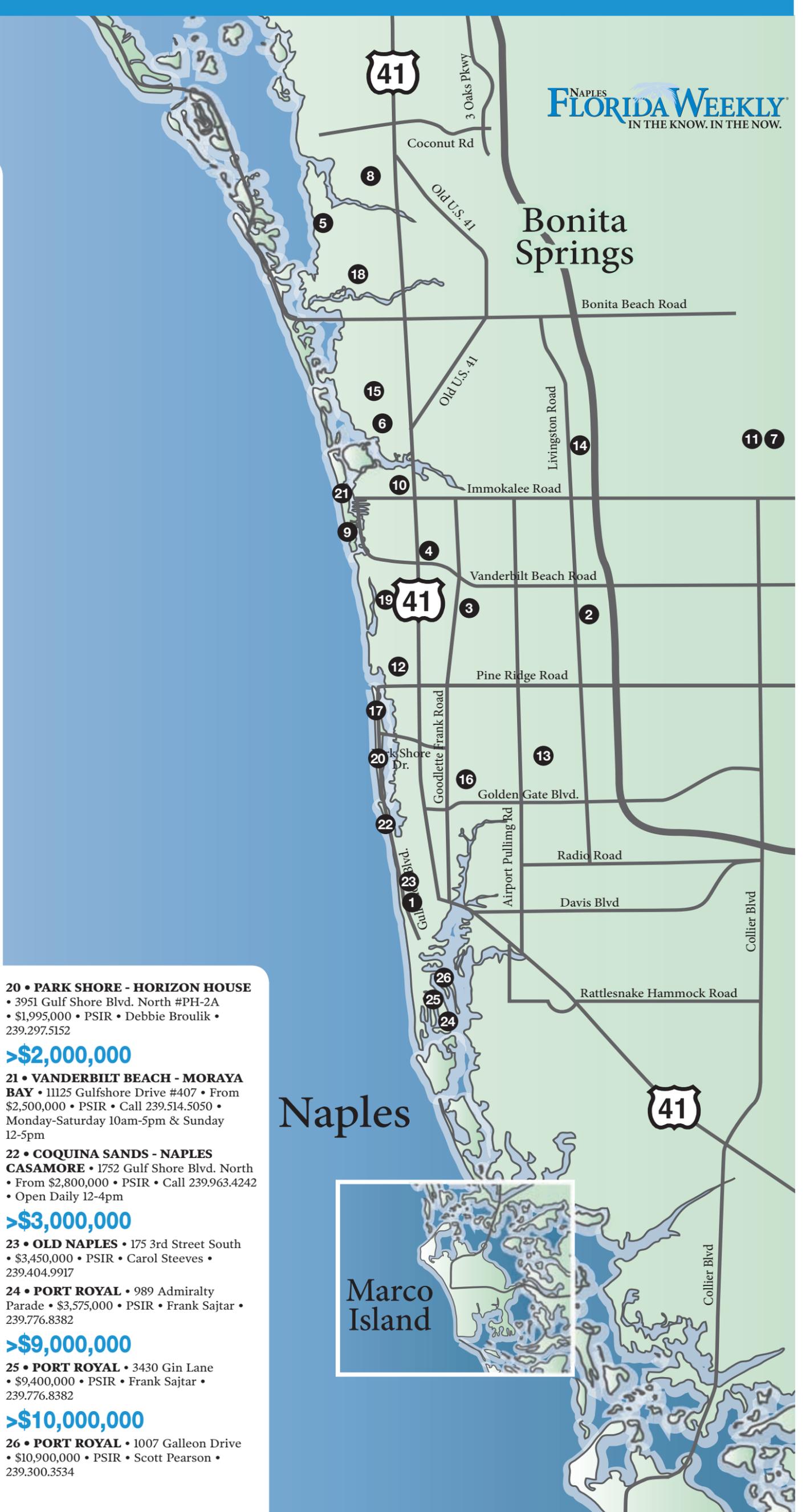
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Cast of kids goes crazy for 'Kokonut Kapers'

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The Naples Players' KidzAct present "Kokonut Kapers," a zany look at a life involving gangsters and pirates on an island off the coast of Florida, Friday-Sunday, July 6-8, at the Sugden Community Theatre. Show time is 7 p.m., with an additional matinee at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 8.

With a cast of 34 singing and dancing through it all, "Kokonut Kapers" is filled with swift action, a treasure chest of jokes and a plot that moves like a hur-

ricane. Cordelia Hawkins and her kids must do something to earn money on storm-devastated Kokonut Island. They



decide to open Kokonut High, a private institution of higher learning that prom-

ises a degree for every student — for a hefty tuition fee. Along with the handful of future snorkeling scholars that show up, a crime syndicate also lands on the island and wants to take it over. And when an accreditation team from state-side shows up insisting to meet the faculty (which doesn't exist), the madcap musical is thrown overboard.

Fans will recognize Tim Kelly's zany set of characters wandering about the island — happy-go-lucky students, fuming parents, long-lost guests, Coast Guard personnel and two girls, both

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But I was just teasing



For his recent book "30 Lessons for Living: Tried and True Advice from the Wisest Americans," researcher Karl Pillemer interviewed hundreds of men and women over the age of 65 to learn their secrets for living a good life. During in-depth discussions, these older Americans offered advice on everything from careers to parenting and — of course — love.

The book opens with a chapter on marriage and includes the lessons that came up in the interviews time and again: Marry someone who shares your core values, friendship is as important as romantic love, and communication is the foundation of a strong relationship. Which all makes sense to me.

But here's a tidbit that caught my attention: Watch out for teasing.

"After we got married, we went through sort of a teasing phase, and it was getting out of hand," the book quotes one of the interview subjects, Ben Santorelli. "So we made a pact that we wouldn't tease the other person at all, and it really helped. It can degenerate into something nasty, teasing."

Teasing, really?

As far as I'm concerned, a little playful mocking is the lifeblood of relation-

ships. Doesn't an ability to laugh at ourselves bring us closer?

"I'm kind of a jokester, and maybe I thought it was funny," Mr. Santorelli said. "But it digs a little too deep. And then she would probably retaliate. It certainly changes the other person's attitude after they got teased."

I considered what he was saying and realized it's true that I'm often the one who leads the teasing. It's also true that my own feelings are easily hurt. How many times have I sulked after a perceived slight from my beau, only to have him respond, "But I'm just playing?"

The more I thought about it, the wiser Mr. Santorelli's suggestion seemed. And then I saw teasing in action.

I recently ran into a group of young teens at the local coffee shop. They were 12 or 13, a mixed group of boys and girls, loud and feckless as only teenagers can be. One boy, long and lean in a basketball jersey, elbowed the boy next to him and pointed at the girl standing in front of them.

"Look at that," he said. "Look at that girl's cellulite."

The other boy looked around, unsure. "Cellulite?"

"You know, those bumps on the backs of her thighs."

The girl stared at the floor. She was tall and pretty, and it's hard to imagine the boy in the jersey didn't have a thing for her.

By now all the boys were laughing.

"And look at her toenails," the boy in the jersey said. "Girl, when we leave here I'm going to buy you some toenail clippers."

The other boys snickered and nudged each other.

"Toe nail clippers," one

echoed.

It's hard to gauge what our teasing looks like from the inside, when we're either the ones dishing it out or taking it in. But when you see it from the outside, with all its petty meanness and downright ugliness, it's hard to imagine how we ever let it creep into our relationships in the first place. ■



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Indie 'Memento' is next up in NIFF summer film series

The Naples International Film Festival continues its summer movie series with a screening and discussion of "Memento" (2000) beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 10, at Silverspot Cinema in Mercato in North Naples.

A landmark thriller written and directed by Christopher Nolan, "Memento" stars Guy Pearce, Carrie-Anne Moss and Joe Pantoliano. The story follows an insurance investigator (Pearce) as he struggles to find his wife's killer. His efforts are complicated by his short-term memory loss, the result of an attack. Using clues such as photos, notes and tattoos, he desperately tries to identify the murderer and at the same time figure out what part his self-professed close friend (Pantoliano) and a bartender (Moss) play in the mystery.

The film is presented as two sequences of scenes: one series in black-and-white shown chronologically, and a series of color sequences shown in reverse order. The two merge at the end of the film, creating one compelling story.

Critics and movie lovers alike have praised the film's unique structure and how themes of memory, perception, grief and revenge are woven throughout. "Memento" received two Academy Award nominations and



won numerous other accolades. Mr. Nolan's other films include "Inception," "The Dark Knight," "The Prestige," "Batman Begins" and "Insomnia." His most recent work, "The Dark Knight Rises," is set for release later this month.

The summer film series is presented by the NIFF Film Society, for which PNC Wealth Management is the official 2012 sponsor.

Tickets for "Memento" are \$25 per person and include a choice of house wine, beer or fountain drink, savory bites and a sweet treat. NIFF members also enjoy complimentary promo-sized popcorn. Tickets are available at the theater or at www.silverspotcinema.com.

About the NIFF

The fourth annual Naples International Film Festival takes place Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 1-4, beginning with a red-carpet gala at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts and continuing with film screenings and other programs at Silverspot Cinema.

For information about NIFF membership and festival sponsorship opportunities, call 775-3456 or visit www.naplesfilmfest.com.

Mondays offer second chance to catch FMff's best offerings

Film fans who missed some of the 77 movies screened during the Fort Myers Film Festival earlier this year have a chance to catch some of the best features at "Missed it Monday" starting Monday, July 30, and running through Sept. 3 at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in downtown Fort Myers.

Admission is \$5. Doors open for happy hours at 6:30 p.m. and the shows start at 7 p.m.

Join filmmakers and indie enthusiasts for dinner and drinks at Ford's Garage prior to the event and get \$2 off your



entree. Then, enjoy the afterparty at Twisted Vine Bistro for late night happy hour on the patio.

The third annual Fort Myers Film Festival takes place March 20-24, 2013, at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, Alliance for the Arts, and Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre as well as numerous ancillary locations to be announced later.

Submissions can be made directly at www.fortmyersfilmfestival.com.

To see footage and interviews from this year's festival, go to www.youtube.com/fortmyersfilmfest.

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tri-colored shoes. There are tailored jackets, bold splashes of color, mixed textures, layering.

"They have their own personal sense of style they've developed," says Mr. Cohen. "They've learned to know what they like and have developed that style over the years.

"They don't follow trends. Unlike younger people, they dress for themselves, not for other people. That allows them a sense of freedom. They feel more free in many parts of their life, and a lot of that comes across in the way that they dress."

In the beginning

Mr. Cohen started his blog, advanced-style.com, in 2008, soon after moving to New York City from San Diego. The blog chronicles his street photography of women he's come across on the sidewalks of New York — women of a certain age with an idiosyncratic sense of style.

He describes the mission of his street-style blog as to "shed light on older people and show that there's a whole world of people who are still working, who have creative passion. I wanted to change people's ideas of what it means to age through these examples of these incredible women I was meeting."

After a few months, others started writing about his blog. He began doing so well that he was able to spend less time at his day job in the bookstore at the New Museum. He left that job two years ago.

When some publishers approached him about doing a book based on his blog, he said yes to powerHouse Books.

"Advanced Style" (\$35) was released in late May. The first printing sold out almost immediately.

The *New York Times*, quoted on the back cover, says: "If Holly Golightly had a grandson... Unlike countless other street-style bloggers in the city, Mr. Cohen has garnered a large, devoted following for his blog... by focusing on a large — and astoundingly overlooked — demographic: the silver-haired set."

He's just returned from Europe, doing book signings in Geneva, London, Paris and Amsterdam.

"It's great to hear people in different cities talk about how the book has inspired them," he says. "Ladies come up to me and tell me that they don't feel invisible any more, or younger women say they can't wait to look like the women in the book.

"That was my goal, to see people's feelings and ideas (about older people) changing."

Grandmother's gift

Mr. Cohen developed his appreciation of fashion from his late maternal grandmother, Bluma Levine, a librarian.

"My grandmother was my best friend; I spent a lot of time with her," he says,

"It's about how you put yourself together, rather than spending a lot of money on clothing."

— Ari Seth Cohen



Author/photographer Ari Seth Cohen with Mimi Weddell, who inspired him as the subject of a documentary titled "Hats Off" and became his first friend in New York City.

adding he became fascinated with learning about her past. Together they would go through her old clothing, jewelry and photographs. Everyone in the photos was stylishly dressed, he notes.

They would watch old movies, and he was struck by the elegance of the people in the black-and-white films.

Mr. Cohen left San Diego to study art history at the University of Washington in Seattle. After he graduated, his grandmother grew ill, so he devoted five years of his life to helping his mother take care of her.

"That time spent with her was very influential in developing my feelings toward older people," he says.

She was in her 90s when she died six years ago.

"She went to Columbia University in New York and always told me I should move to New York if I wanted to do something creative," he says. So he did.

A style icon

His first friend in the city was Mimi Weddell,

"She danced and acted and was so full of life. Always wore gloves and hats," he says.

When he spoke with her at a screening, he says, "She became my first friend in New York." (She died at age 94, a year after they met.)

"I was so inspired by her, I started walking

around the streets and saw all these incredible women who defied our prejudices, women in their late 80s, 90s, even 100, who were independent, expressing themselves through style."

He began taking photos and posting them on his blog.

"New York makes you want to dress up when you're on the street," he says. "You don't know who you're going to run into. It's hard to stand out, because there are so many people, you're walking through a density, there's so much traffic on the street."

The women he photographs don't wear the latest fashions; they're not trendy, nor do they necessarily spend a lot of money on clothes.

"They're very creative with their dressing," Mr. Cohen explains. "They recycle things in their wardrobe, try to use things in different ways. It's about how you put yourself together rather than spending a lot of money on clothing."

Many of his subjects shop at thrift stores he adds.

Aspire to be wonderful

Mr. Cohen, at 30, is friends with women three times his age.

"Yesterday I went to a 95th birthday party for a filmmaker; she just got back from Morocco. Then I went out to dinner with a 100-year-old lady. She's busy seven days a week. Her social calendar is so full, I had to wait two months to get together with her!"

He does photograph older men, and some appear in his book, but he realizes that men are not overlooked as they age. Older men, he says, "are always called distinguished or weathered."

"It's more necessary to focus on women. Those are the ones who are really made to feel invisible and ashamed of getting and looking older. Men don't have that pressure on them as they get older. Men have never told me, 'I feel invisible.'"

With the success of the blog and the book, Mr. Cohen is working on an

"Advanced Style" film with Lina Pliplyte. They've already shot more than 150 hours of footage. Snippets can be seen on Mr. Cohen's website and on YouTube.

"It tells a lot more of their story," he says. "It goes way beyond fashion and style to how they live their lives."

He's puzzled as to why there's such an emphasis on youth in our society.

"People are living longer," he says. "You can't aspire to be younger. You can't aspire to be a teenager."

"But you can aspire to be wonderful at an older age." ■



the 90-something-year-old actress who is the subject of a documentary called "Hats Off." When Mr. Cohen first saw the film, she reminded him of his grandmother.



COURTESY PHOTO

Sawyer True, left, as Swampy the pirate and Frankie Federico as Cap'n Kidd

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flirting with the same boy (who's busy talking and rocking about his love for Olive from Orlando). The musical also boasts a wide variety of catchy Francoeur tunes, with savory flavorings of salsa, Latin, Jamaican and even the hilarious Hawaiian number, "Little Wahini Baby."

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. Call 263-7990 or stop by the box office. ■

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■ **Kokonut Kapers** – By KidzAct of The Naples Players at the Sugden Community Theatre July 6-8. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org. See story on page C1.

■ **Flea Bitten** – Enjoy dinner and laughs over “Flea Bitten,” a two-person comedy about colorful flea market characters, every Thursday at Mongello’s. \$24.95 for dinner and the show. 4221 Tamiami Trail E. 793-2644.

■ **Psycho Beach Party** – By Laboratory Theatre July 6-28 at 1634 Woodford Ave., Fort Myers. 218-0481.

■ **Grease** – At the Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers, through Aug. 18. 278-4422 or www.BroadwayPalm.com.

■ **Puss In Boots** – By Broadway Palm Children’s Theatre at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Fort Myers, July 6-Aug. 4. All performances begin with a buffet at noon. 278-4422 or www.BroadwayPalm.com.

■ **Caught in the Net** – At the Off Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers, July 12-Aug. 18. 278-4422 or www.BroadwayPalm.com.

Thursday, July 5

■ **Plant Clinic** – Bring your gardening questions to the Naples Botanical Garden for advice from expert Master Gardeners from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. 643-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.

■ **Garden Tour** – Take a guided tour of The Norris Gardens at Palm Cottage, home of the Naples Historical Society, beginning at 10 a.m. \$10 per person (free for children and NHS members). 137 12th Ave. S. 261-8164 for reservations.

■ **Trunk Show** – Blue Mangrove Gallery hosts the Trollbeads national summer trunk show through July 7. 1089 N. Collier Blvd., Marco Island. 393-2405.

■ **Jebry and Friends** – Catch up with Jebry and friends for live jazz from 6-9 p.m. at New York Pizza and Pasta. 11140 Tamiami Trail N. 594-3500.

■ **Tribute Show** – See a Neil Diamond tribute show at The Stage in Bonita Springs. Dinner seating begins at 5:45 p.m. and the show begins at 7:15 p.m. 9144 Bonita Beach Road. 405-8566. Call about other tribute shows on the calendar this week, including Bob Seger and Led Zeppelin.

■ **A Stand-Up Guy** – Jim Short performs tonight through Sunday at the Off the Hook Comedy Club, 599 S. Collier Blvd., Marco Island. 389-6900.

Friday, July 6

■ **Art Party** – The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs hosts an opening reception and open house for “Sand, Surf, Summer” from 6-8 p.m. The beach-themed fun includes a steel drum band. 26100 Old 41 Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.



Naples author Marlena Brackebusch will sign copies of her newest novel, “Traacherous Voyage,” from 5:30-7:30 p.m. July 6 at The Dock at Crayton Cove. The restaurant makes an appearance in the book, as does its popular Dark and Stormy cocktail. Everyone who purchases a book will enjoy a complimentary Dark and Stormy.

Saturday, July 7

■ **Have Some Heart** – The Roger “RC” Campagnolo Memorial 5K Heart Walk/Run sets out at 7 a.m. at North Collier Regional Park. Activities take place until noon. 823-6574 or www.therunshoppe.com.

■ **Skim Board Demo** – Learn some tips during a free skim board demonstration by Pro Team rider Dave Scott from 9 a.m. to noon on the beach at 16th Avenue South. Giveaways and refreshments included. 262-1877.

■ **Really, Really Free** – Share your useable items, skills, ideas, music and more at the Really, Really Free Market from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Fleischmann Park. naplesreallyfree@gmail.com.

■ **Dixieland Jazz** – Enjoy Dixieland jazz runs from 1-3 p.m. at The Norris Center. 213-3049.

■ **Miromar Music** – Ben Roberts performs from 4-7 p.m. at Miromar Outlets. 948-3766 or www.MiromarOutlets.com.

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Sunday, July 8

■ **Dog Days** – Bring your canine companion (on a leash) to Naples Botanical Garden for a walk from 8-11 a.m. every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. Free admission for members and their dogs; \$12.95 for non-member humans and \$7.95 for their four-legged friends. 643-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.

■ **More Miromar Music** – Ron Stanley performs from 1-4 p.m. at Miromar Outlets. 948-3766 or www.MiromarOutlets.com.

■ **Foreign Film** – See “Departures” (Japan, 2008) and discuss the movie afterward with John Guerra from 1-4 p.m. at the Naples Center of the FGCU Renaissance Academy. An unemployed

cellist answers a classified ad titled “Departures” thinking it is an advertisement for a travel agency, only to discover that the job is actually in a funeral parlor. Rated PG-13. \$4 for members, \$5 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 425-3270 or renaissance@fgcu.edu.

■ **Reggae Jam** – Jahgape performs at South Street Oven & Grill starting at 10 p.m. 1410 Pine Ridge Road N. 435-9333.

Monday, July 9

■ **All Acoustic** – It’s acoustic artist night beginning at 7 p.m. at Fred’s Food, Fun & Spirits. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.

■ **Jazz with Jebry** – Join Jebry and friends for live jazz and dancing from 6-9 p.m. at Mongello’s, 4221 Tamiami Trail E. 793-2644.

Tuesday, July 10

■ **Decoding Dan Brown** – Learn to separate truth from fiction in Dan Brown’s novels in an FGCU Renaissance Academy class titled “History of Secret Societies and Conspiracy Theories” from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Naples Center of FGCU. Dr. Alex Crandall instructs. \$20 for Renaissance Academy members, \$25 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 425-3270 or renaissance@fgcu.edu.

■ **About the Everglades** – The Renaissance Academy of FGCU presents “The Everglades: A Treasure Squandered?” from 1:30-3 p.m. at the Naples Center of FGCU. Steve Valdespino instructs. \$20 for Renaissance Academy members, \$25 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 425-3270 or renaissance@fgcu.edu.

■ **Marching Molars** – Dave Graff, environmental specialist at Rookery Bay, shares fun facts about sea cows in a presentation titled “Manatees and Marching Molars” at 2 p.m. at the Marco Island Library, 201 S Heathwood Drive. Registration required. 394-3272.

■ **Movie Night** – Gulf Coast Town Center presents a free screening of “The Emperor’s New Groove” beginning around 8:30 p.m. on the Market Plaza lawn. 267-0783 or www.gulfcoasttowncenter.com.

Wednesday, July 11

■ **Book Discussion** – Librarian Claudia Schmitt leads a discussion of “Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter” by Tom Franklin beginning at 2 p.m. at Naples Regional Library, 650 Central Ave. Registration required. 263-7768 or 262-4130.

■ **Green Drinks Happy Hour** – Chez Boet hosts Old Naples Green Drinks Happy Hour from 5:30-7:30 p.m. with guest Joann Johansen from The Conservancy of Southwest Florida. All who are interested in learning more about or contributing to local efforts in environmental sustainability are welcome. Two-for-one drinks and \$5 small plates in the bar salon. 595-7002 or www.chezboetnaples.com.

■ **Marine Lecture** – Marine mammal researcher Denise Boyd presents “Helping Stranded Marine Mammals” from 6-7 p.m. at the Rookery Bay Environmental Research Center. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for wine and light refreshments. \$8 for Friends of Rookery Bay, \$10 for others. 300 Tower Road. RSVP to 417-6310 or www.rookerybay.org.

Coming Up

■ **Movie Night** – The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of SWFL presents “The Political Dr. Seuss” film and discussion at 7 p.m. July 12 in conjunction with the exhibit “American Cartoonists, Nazi Germany and the Holocaust.” 4760 Tamiami Trail N. RSVP to 263-9200 or www.holocaust-museumswfl.org

■ **Repun Tango** – Hosts a class for beginners at 7:30 p.m. followed by milonga from 8-11 p.m. July 14 and 28. \$15 per person. 1673 Pine Ridge Road. 738-4184 or www.pablorepuntango.com.

■ **Food Truck Rally** – Seminole Casino Immokalee hosts a Food Truck Rally from 1-5 p.m. July 15. www.seminolecasinoevents.com.

■ **Book Talk** – Librarian Kathleen Dolan leads a discussion of Amy Franklin-Willis’ “The Lost Saints of Tennessee” beginning at 2 p.m. July 17 at South Regional Library. After the discussion, be prepared to share the title of your latest great read. 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway. Register by calling 252-7542.



“Forest Grump” by Neapolitan Sandra Yeyati, above, is among the photographs in the “Camera USA” juried exhibit on display at The von Liebig Art Center through Aug. 10. The center at 585 Park St. is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Admission is free. Call 262-6517 or visit www.naplesart.org.

■ **Summer Wine Series** – Angelina’s continues its summer wine dinners on July 18 with a menu by Executive Chef Greg Scarlatos paired with wines from Italy and South America. \$89. 24041 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs. Call 390-3187 or visit www.angelinasof-bonitasprings.com for reservations.

■ **Hot Cars** – Seminole Casino Immokalee hosts a Motorsports Corvette Show from 4-7 p.m. June 21. www.seminolecasinoevents.com.

■ **Caladium Festival** – Naples Botanical Garden members can hop a bus to Lake Placid for the 21st annual Lake Placid Caladium Festival on Aug. 24. \$85 per person includes festival admission, lunch and a tour of caladium fields and downtown’s historical murals. 643-7275 or kkyle@naplesgarden.org. ■

— Submit calendar listings and high-resolution photos to events@floridaweekly.com. E-mail text, jpegs or Word documents are accepted. No pdfs or photos of flyers. The deadline for calendar submissions is noon Sunday.

Marco community theater group announces auditions for fall show

The Island Theater Company (formerly The Island Players) on Marco Island will hold open auditions for the fall production of "It's a Scream" at 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 13. Callbacks will take place Monday and Tuesday, July 16-17.

All auditions will take place on the second floor at Centennial Bank, 615 East Elkcarn Circle. Performances will be in September and October at the Marco Island Historical Museum.

Described as a "horror-bly funny" mystery/comedy, "It's a Scream" is set in the 1950s, as the old Hollywood studio system is falling apart and the new TV industry threatens the box office. Young studio head Spencer Pierce has

inherited his father's film studio and pays a call at a gothic mansion to lower the boom on the career of his top actor, Alexander Moreau.

The script by David DeBoy calls for three men ages 30-70 and two women ages 25-70. No singing or dancing required, however, sides (copy of dialogue chosen from the script) will be provided at the audition. A current photo and resume is requested but not mandatory.

If unable to make the open audition due to prior conflicts but are interested, call 394-0080 to schedule an appointment with the director. ■

IT'S A SCREAM!

BY: DAVID DEBOY

Young voices invited to try out for chorale

Young people between the ages of 7 and 17 who love to sing are invited to audition for the Philharmonic Youth Chorale's 2012-13 season on Saturday, Sept. 8. The chorale performs with the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra.

Candidates should prepare a song of their choosing which they believe showcases their vocal talents. Selections should be no longer than two minutes. A copy of the song should be provided for the piano accompanist. All auditions must be with piano accompaniment, not to recorded music or a cappella. Applicants will be asked to

match pitch and, depending on their musical background, may be asked to sight-read.

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

Auditions will be held in the administration building at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. For more information or to schedule an audition, call 254-2642 or e-mail jlawfer@thephil.org. ■

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ARTS COMMENTARY

'All Shook Up' will knock your bobby sox off

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Remember when rock was in its infancy and music was exciting?

You'd hear a song on the radio or spin a 45 on your record player, and it was like an instant shot of adrenaline: Your emotions were jazzed, and you just *had* to get up and dance.

Watching "All Shook Up" at the Sugden Community Theatre opening night was like that.

The show cleverly takes the music of Elvis Presley and uses it to tell a number of love stories, based loosely on Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night."

Yes, it's a strange mash-up. But don't roll your eyes or dismiss it.

Not only does it work, but it works exceedingly well — even if you're not particularly wild about Elvis' songs. This show reinterprets his music in a fresh way while staying true to the original versions.

It isn't one of your typical jukebox musicals, thrown together with little regard for plot or substance. And while it might be fluff, "All Shook Up" is smart fluff, thanks to Joe DiPietro's skillful writing.

The plot? Well, that's a little complicated, and it grows more so with every scene. Chad (Chris Valente), a roustabout, rides into town on his motorcycle. All the women swoon, and all the men want to be like him. But Mayor Matilda (Ellen Cooper) is unhappy. The self-proclaimed moral compass for the town, the mayor has passed the Mamie Eisenhower Decency Act, which decrees: No loud music, no tight pants and no public necking. Chad, she fears, will only encourage indecency and perversion.

Natalie (Alana Marie Neuman), a mechanic, falls for Chad, but he's interested in Miss Sandra (Laura Needle), as is Natalie's dad (Jim Corsica.) Dennis (James Giordano) is interested in Natalie, but she wants Chad. So Natalie dresses up as a man and pretends to be Ed, so she and Chad can hang out together.

And that's just part of the plot. There

are at least three other love stories going on.

This isn't a love triangle. It's more like a love octagon.

People have described the show as "Footloose" meets "Grease," but actually, it's better than either of those musicals.

Without being too heavy-handed about it, Mr. DiPietro, the playwright, weaves in themes about tolerance, inter-

powered the vocals. But The Naples Players have evidently fixed that problem: Every lyric can be clearly heard.

And what singing it is!

The ensemble is strong and powerful, and the solo voices are spectacular.

Particularly outstanding is Joyce Austin as Sylvia. Her 11 o'clock number, "There's Always Me," toward the end of Act II, had the audience applauding mid-song.

character is as flexible as a telephone pole.

With 32 people in the cast and 10 people in lead roles, it's impossible to name every outstanding performer. But special mention should be made of Ms. Cooper, who, as the fun-squelching mayor, almost steals the show. During her solo, "Devil In Disguise," she grabs a guitar and impersonates almost every axe-wielding rock cliché ever performed on a stage. I couldn't stop laughing.

With Carol Smith's hair design and Dot Auchmoody's costuming (pink cat-eye glasses and pill box hat), Mayor Matilda looks like a blonde Lucille Ball.

Under Dallas Dunnagan's deft direction, the cast gets the comedic tone of the show exactly right. And their youthful enthusiasm is contagious.

Among the director's nice touches: a clever bus scene where one of the riders reads "Twelfth Night" as the passenger behind her peers over her shoulder. (Miss Sandra is also seen carrying a copy of "Twelfth Night" later in the show.)

Matt Flynn's sets are superb, from the abstract lines of the prison in "Jailhouse Rock" to the weathered look of the abandoned fairgrounds and the typeface on the sign for the roller coaster.

The choreography by Dawn Lebrecht Fornara is as varied and fun as the music itself. It's part "Shindig," part Broadway.

This production should not be missed. "All Shook Up" is a lively, exuberant musical that puts a big smile on your face and makes you feel great.

It's the perfect way to kick start your summer. ■



Ellen Cooper as Mayor Matilda, the town's self-proclaimed moral compass, with Joe Loiacono as her loyal deputy and Chris Valente as the new-in-town roustabout.

racial romances and the importance of following your dreams.

"You gotta kickstart your life!" Chad declares.

Later on, another character says: "I think music is some sort of magic: the way it can take over your body and can change you and make you realize how beautiful life can be."

And the show demonstrates just that. "All Shook Up" hits you at full blast right from the opening number, "Jailhouse Rock," and the energy just doesn't let up. The songs are so organic to the show, it's almost as though they've been written for it.

Music director Charles Fornara directs a rockin' 12-piece band that includes two guitars and a bass, just like the Broadway show had.

In previous productions at the Sugden, sometimes the orchestra has over-

Also impressive is Johanne Nordilus as Lorraine, Sylvia's daughter, making her Sugden debut singing "That's All Right" while fighting with her mother and "It's Now or Never" with her new love.

Mr. Valente, as Chad, channels the spirit of Elvis without impersonating him. He walks that fine line and is confident without being obnoxious, cool yet vulnerable.

Ms. Neuman does a great job playing Natalie/Ed, wearing her heart on her sleeve yet acting tough.

Mr. Giordano is endearingly gawky as the always overlooked Dennis, and Noah Samotin is earnest and sweet as a young boy in love for the first time.

Mr. Corsica, as Natalie's father, is especially funny when he's trying to be cool. He had me in hysterics when he tried to swivel his hips like Chad; his

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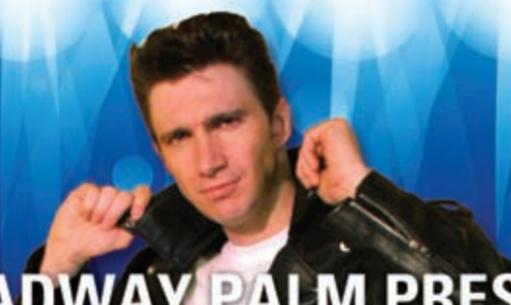
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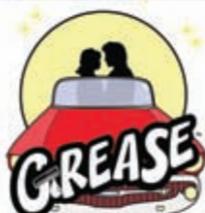
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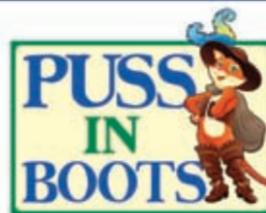
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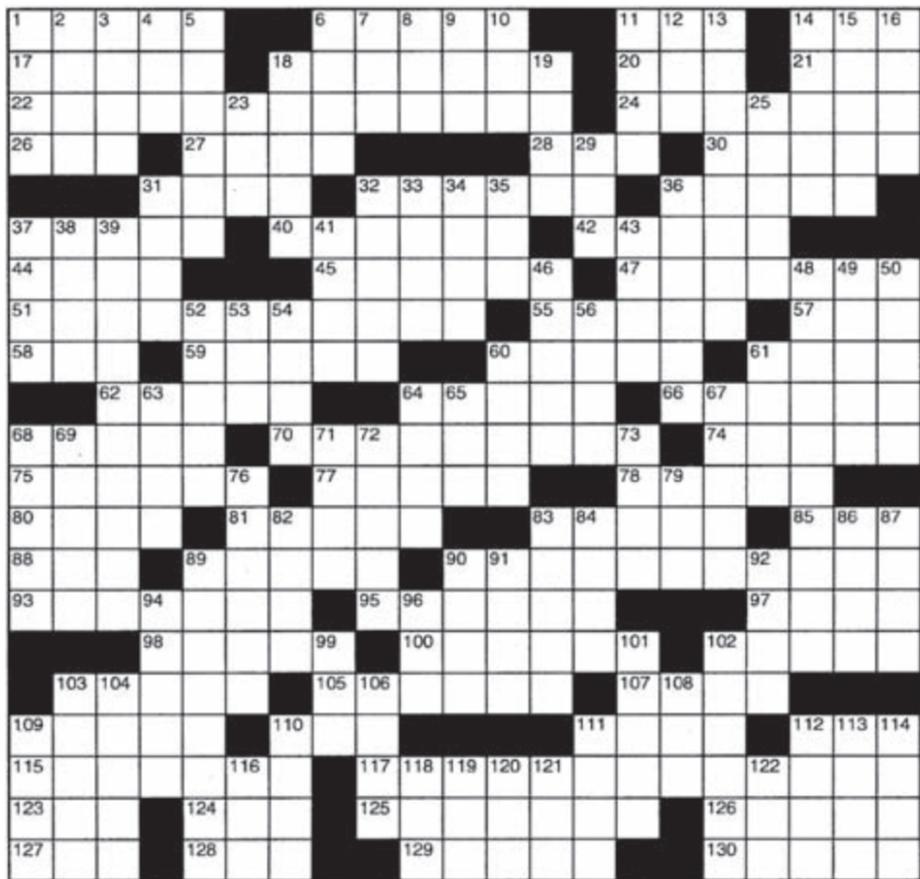
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 - 18 In a perfect world
 - 20 Slangy suffix
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 - 22 Start of a remark by 117
 - 24 Northwest-ern capital
 - 26 "— Day Now" ('62 hit)
 - 27 Stallion's son
 - 28 Pom's perch
 - 30 — laugh
 - 31 Hound's handle
 - 32 Torah, e.g.
 - 36 '92 US Open champ
 - 37 What you've gotta have
 - 40 Acquire
 - 42 Harden
 - 44 — Romeo
 - 45 Spring holiday
 - 47 Side by side
 - 51 Part 2 of remark
 - 55 Lamb product
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 - 59 Boiling
 - 60 West African port
 - 61 Like — of bricks
 - 62 Austerity
 - 64 Austen hero
 - 66 German mark?
 - 68 Sierra —, CA
 - 70 All wet
 - 74 Terra firma
 - 75 Is useful
 - 77 Author Potok
 - 78 Column style
 - 80 Claim
 - 81 Problem for Pauline
 - 83 Fernando or Lorenzo
 - 85 Rocker Nugent
 - 88 Herriot title start
 - 89 "Odyssey" enticer
 - 90 End of remark
 - 93 17 Across' title
 - 95 "The — Kid" ('84 film)
 - 97 Orthodox image
 - 98 Pants measurement
 - 100 Study
 - 102 Stick one's neck out
 - 103 Sports-caster Musberger
 - 105 Classical hunk?
 - 107 Shopper's delight
 - 109 — in (tipped off)
 - 110 Shuffle-board stick
 - 111 TV's "— Living"
 - 112 Hum bug?
 - 115 More eminent
 - 117 Speaker of remark
 - 123 Hosp. area
 - 124 Erwin or Gilliam
 - 125 She handed Theseus a line
 - 126 Break off
 - 127 Endorses
 - 128 Cast a spell
 - 129 Trepidation
 - 130 Neighbor of Oman
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Comic Carvey
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 - 4 Uh-uh
 - 5 Draw forth
 - 6 Touch up the text
 - 7 Big boys
 - 8 Baseball's Ripken
 - 9 Ransom — Olds
 - 10 Brownie, for one
 - 11 Former surgeon general
 - 12 Unwell
 - 13 Andy's area
 - 14 Tell's target
 - 15 They get hit on their heads
 - 16 Hors d'oeuvre holder
 - 18 Northern hemisphere?
 - 19 Scream
 - 23 Start to snooze
 - 25 Free-for-all
 - 29 "The Greatest"
 - 31 Munich Mrs. Iowa, e.g.
 - 33 "The Man in Black"
 - 34 Formal ceremony
 - 35 Like-minded
 - 36 Forester or Outback
 - 37 Rain hard?
 - 38 Lohengrin's love
 - 39 Priced right
 - 41 Leonine Lahr
 - 43 Highflying agcy.
 - 46 Show one's feelings
 - 48 Penguins' place
 - 49 Newfoundland's nose
 - 50 Fractional amount
 - 52 Actor Bruce
 - 53 To and —
 - 54 Galley features
 - 56 — terrier
 - 60 Pharmacy measure
 - 61 Jai —
 - 63 Spring flower
 - 64 Twofold
 - 65 Paul's "Exodus" role
 - 67 The Brainy Bunch?
 - 68 Lady of the house
 - 69 Spanish city
 - 71 Farm measure
 - 72 Use one's noodle
 - 73 Tiny coin
 - 76 Etan
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 - 83 Yoga position
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 - 86 North Carolina campus
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 - 89 Plymouth leader
 - 90 Small songbird
 - 91 Mala —
 - 92 Swampland
 - 94 Like Sauternes
 - 96 Mil. address
 - 99 Sweater letter
 - 101 Cosmetician Lauder
 - 102 "Patriot Games" author
 - 103 Thwart a blitz
 - 104 Sewell of "A Knight's Tale"
 - 106 — vu
 - 108 "Do — say, not . . ."
 - 109 Commercial award
 - 110 Pivotal point
 - 111 Ain't right?
 - 112 Put on a happy face
 - 113 In addition
 - 114 Genesis setting
 - 116 When the French fry
 - 118 Significant years
 - 119 — Tin Tin
 - 120 "— Doll" ('64 hit)
 - 121 Fabric amts.
 - 122 Charge

SEE ANSWERS, C9

HOROSCOPES

- **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Your energy levels are rising, and you feel you can handle anything the job requires. That's great. But don't isolate yourself. Keep your door open to your workplace colleagues.
- **LEO (July 23 August 22)** A workplace change could lead to that promotion you've been hoping for. But you'll have to face some tough competition before the Lion can claim his or her share of the goodies.
- **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Your rigidity regarding a difficult workplace situation could be the reason your colleagues aren't rushing to your assistance. Try being more flexible in your demands.
- **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** That uneasy mood could be your Libran inner voice reminding you that while it's great to be with your new friends, you need to take care not to ignore your old ones.
- **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** A sudden spate of criticism could shake the Scorpion's usually high sense of self-confidence. Best advice: You made a decision you believed in — now defend it.
- **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Your reluctance to help restart a stalled relationship could be traced to unresolved doubts about your partner's honesty. Rely on a trusted friend's advice.
- **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** The capricious Sea Goat is torn between duty and diversion. Best advice: Do both. Tend to your workaday chores, then go out and enjoy your well-earned fun time.
- **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Cutting back on some of your activities for a few days helps restore your energy levels. You should be feeling ready to tackle your many projects early next week.
- **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** A co-worker might be secretly carping about your work to mutual colleagues. But associates will come to your defense, and the situation will ultimately work to your advantage.
- **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Aspects favor socializing with family and friends, but an irksome workplace situation could intrude. No use grumbling, Lamb. Just do it, and then get back to the fun times.
- **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** There's still time for you Ferdinands and Fernandas to relax and sniff the roses. But a major work project looms and soon will demand much of your attention through the 23rd.
- **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Your enthusiasm persuades even the toughest doubters to listen to what you're proposing. But don't push too hard, or you'll push them away. Moderate for best results.
- **BORN THIS WEEK:** Your ambition makes you a success at whatever you choose to do — especially if it's in the world of the performing arts. ■

By Linda Thistle

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★★★★
Is it worth \$10? Yes

Within the first 30 seconds of "Magic Mike," we see Channing Tatum's nicely shaped backside. It's the type of cheap thrill the trailers have been promising for months, and rest assured, there's no shortage of six-pack abs or sexy male stripteases throughout. If you're going for the pretty boys, you will not be disappointed.

If this is all you care about, however, you'll overlook the earnest story about a guy who wants to put the stripping life behind him and go into business for himself. That guy is Mike, and Tatum plays him in a nicely nuanced performance that shows how far he's grown as an actor.

Mike's saving money to open a custom furniture business (and/or auto detailing — he has big plans), but he has trouble securing a loan. This means extra shifts at a construction site and more devotion to his nighttime gig as a stripper.

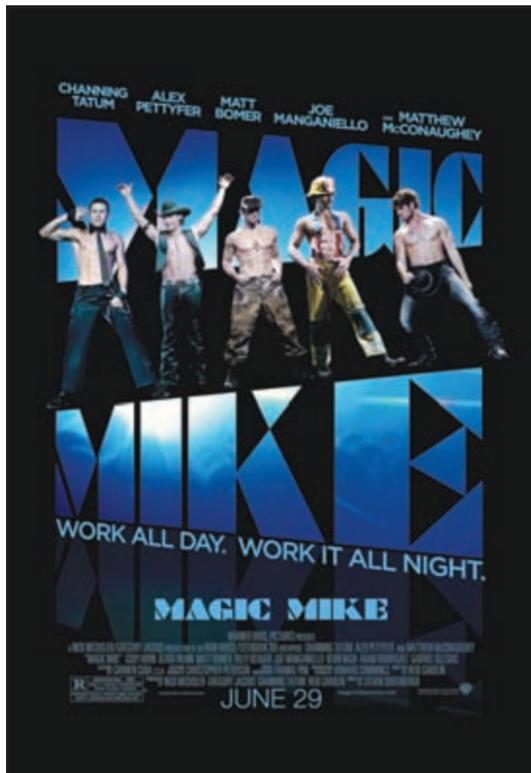
The strip club includes scores of randy women and is run by Dallas (Matthew McConaughey), a big smiler who takes care of himself before anyone else. The other dancers are Ken (Matt Bomer), Tito (Adam Rodriguez), Tarzan (Kevin Nash), Big Dick Richey (Joe Manganiello) and The Kid (Alex Pettyfer), Mike's latest recruit who's learning on the fly. The Kid has a feisty sister, Brooke (Cody Horn), who has little going for herself but nonetheless views the men judgmentally.

Stripping aside, what makes the movie work is Tatum getting us to sympathize with Mike, who both loves his life and loathes it. When his repeated attempts to "go legit" turn out futile, we can't help but feel sorry for him.

It's a shame that lost amongst the numerous stripteases is a nice dramatic performance that once again proves Tatum's versatility. Consider: This year alone he's gone from action ("Haywire") to drama ("The Vow") to comedy ("21

Jump Street") and is perfectly at home in each. And now, in "Magic Mike" he proves he can combine his pretty looks and acting ability.

Much has been made of Tatum's personal history as a stripper, but writer Reid Carolin's script is only loosely based on Tatum's experiences. Steven Soderbergh directs with a steady hand, allowing us to enjoy life with the guys



in the beginning then slowly revealing the unpleasantness and dangers as the plot unfolds.

The love story is unfortunate and tacked on, and the extended dance sequences do slow the film down, but Soderbergh understands the stripteases are the film's selling point and doesn't shortchange what the audience wants.

To that end, I give credit to the rest of the cast as well: These men are actors, not dancers, but for the rest of their lives people will refer back to this movie as either a badge of honor or source of embarrassment. All of them, to a man, just go for it. And that's a good thing for all. ■

in the know

>> Channing Tatum told me in an interview that while Matthew McConaughey was shooting his striptease, the extras got so rowdy they ripped off his g-string.

CAPSULES

Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter ★★½

(Benjamin Walker, Dominic Cooper, Rufus Sewell) Abraham Lincoln (Walker), both before and during his presidency, fights and kills vampires in an effort to keep them from taking over the country. As long as you're not dumb enough to take any of this seriously, the 3D, action and effects are nicely done. There's good trash and bad trash, and this is good trash. Rated R.

Safety Not Guaranteed ★★★

(Aubrey Plaza, Jake M. Johnson, Mark Duplass) A magazine intern (Plaza) befriends a man (Duplass) who places

an ad for time travel but just might be completely insane. This is a funny, smart comedy. Plaza ("Parks & Recreation") is great in her typically detached way, Johnson gets the biggest laughs in a strong supporting turn, and the ending will take you by surprise. Rated R.

Brave ★★★

(Voices of Kelly Macdonald, Emma Thompson, Billy Connolly) Unhappy with her mother's (Thompson) insistence that she be more "girly," teenager Merida (Macdonald) asks a witch to cast a spell to change her mother's mind. Little does Merida know the work it will take to undo the curse. The spirited story has some unexpected twists, but the 3D is nothing special and there's not much for adults. Rated PG. ■

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Here's what's coming:

July 11: "Les Contes D'Hoffmann"

Joseph Calleja stars as Offenbach's loveless poet Hoffmann, who loves and loses three women in the course of the opera: the mechanical doll Olympia (Kathleen Kim), the frail singer Antonia (Anna Netrebko) and the greedy courtesan Giulietta (Ekaterina Gubanova). James Levine conducts the production by Bartlett Sher.

Estimated running time: 3 hours



MICAELA ROSSATO / THE METROPOLITAN OPERA
Joseph Calleja as Hoffmann in "Les Contes d'Hoffmann."

July 18: "Lucia De Lammermoor"

Anna Netrebko stars as Donizetti's emotionally fragile Lucia, whose forced marriage to a man she doesn't love leads to madness and murder. Mariusz Kwiecien sings the role of her tyrannical brother, Enrico, and Piotr Beczala is her lover, Edgardo. Marco Armiliato conducts; Mary Zimmerman's production stages the opera as a Victorian-era ghost story.

Estimated running time: 2 hours, 25 minutes



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Anna Netrebko in the title role of Donizetti's "Lucia de Lammermoor."



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You could attribute the result to bad luck, if you were so inclined, but the plain fact is that if you played the hand this way, the outcome is really your own fault.

The moment dummy comes down, you can see that the contract is ice-cold if the diamonds are divided 2-2 or 3-1. The only threat is an unlikely — but possible — 4-0 break. Granting that a 4-0 diamond division is only a 1-in-10 possibility, that does not excuse the failure to make provisions for it.

Once you've developed the habit of worrying about such things, it becomes clear that the right play at trick two is the jack of diamonds, not the deuce. If West has all four diamonds, leading the jack will enable you to make four diamond tricks — and the contract — because dummy's K-Q-7 will eventually swallow up West's 10-9-4

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

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South	West	North	East
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2 ♦	Pass	3 NT	

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with the aid of repeated finesses. It is true that if East has all four diamonds, leading the jack won't help you a bit. But if that is the actual case, there's absolutely nothing you can do to salvage the contract. In bridge, all you're expected to do is to control the controllable. ■

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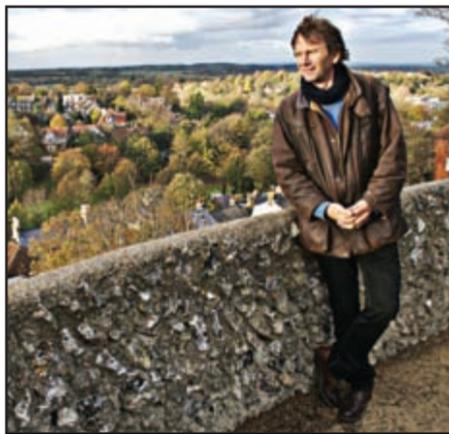
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Q: About 25 years ago, I bought a kitchen table with one leaf and four chairs at a used-furniture store in Connecticut. One end of the table bears a label that says "Dinah Cook Furniture" around the image of a black woman wearing a kerchief on her head. Can you tell me when the set was made and who made it?

A: "Dinah Cook Furniture" was a trademark used by the Western Chair Co. of Chicago. The trademark may have been used to appeal to black customers during the great migration of black Americans from the South to Northern cities. If so, the set probably dates from the 1920s or '30s.

Q: I have a 1937 Philadelphia Athletics scorecard that's in mint condition. It's really more like a program, because it's a six-page booklet that's 10 3/4 inches high by 6 5/8 inches wide. The inside of the booklet includes a team photo and roster, a schedule of home games, a list of the pitchers and catchers for all the teams in the American and National leagues, a photo of Chubby Dean with his facsimile

Fresh vegetables were part of the diet of the Victorian household during the warm growing months. But stored root vegetables and home canned food were used on snowy days. Advertisers knew that imaginary vegetables acting like humans were as popular a fantasy as fairies, elves, brownies, pixies and gnomes. Few color pictures were available. Magazines and newspapers were printed in black and white.

But in the 1880s, retail stores advertised with colored trade cards, about 6-inch-by-2 1/2-inch, that were saved and often put in scrapbooks. There were many different anthropomorphic fruit and vegetable cards.

Humanized veggies were pictured not only in the U.S. but also in England, Germany, France and Italy. The comic figures with human bodies often had names, such as Mr. Prune, The Baldwin Twins (apple heads) and Mr. Pumpkin. And there often was a funny caption, like two strawberry heads asking: "What are you doing in my bed?"

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autograph, the prices of refreshments and a lot of interesting ads. What is it worth?

A: Reproductions of your scorecard have been made, so the first thing to do is to make sure it's an original. If it's an

original, you can try selling it online or to a dealer who sells sports memorabilia. Expect to get about \$35-\$45 for it. The Philadelphia Athletics, an American League team founded in 1901, became the Kansas City Athletics in 1955, then moved to California in 1968 and became the Oakland Athletics.

Q: I have two small rubber toy motorcycles that belonged to a cousin who was born about 1930. One is red with green wheels; the other is green with red wheels. Both have "Auburn" printed on the rear wheel and a rider who appears to be a policeman. What can you tell me about them?

A: The Auburn Rubber Co. was found-

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It's never too early to mark your calendar for galas and fundraisers not to miss in the coming social season. Nor is it too soon to list your nonprofit organization's event in *Florida Weekly*. Send Save the Date details to editor Cindy Pierce at cpierce@floridaweekly.com.

■ Erik Weihenmayer, the first blind man to climb to the top of Mount Everest and the only one to reach the top of all Seven Summits, will speak at Youth Haven's third annual "**Home Hope Healing**" luncheon Wednesday, Jan. 30, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Event co-chairs are Kim Collins and April Garrett.

A former middle school teacher and wrestling coach, Mr. Weihenmayer is one of the most celebrated adventurers in the world. Despite losing his vision at the age of 13, he has become an accomplished mountain climber, paraglider and skier, redefining what it means to be blind and opening the eyes and minds of people around the world.

Tickets are \$250 per person or \$1,500 for patrons, who get two seats at the luncheon as well as invitations to a VIP reception beforehand. Sponsorships also are available. For more information, contact Carol Shaw at Youth Haven by calling 687-5155 or visiting carol.shaw@youthhaven.net. For more information about Youth Haven, visit www.youthhaven.net.

■ The 2012 "**Every Life Is Beautiful**" dinner to benefit Sunlight Home, a residential shelter for pregnant women and teens, is set for Friday, Nov. 9, at Club Pelican Bay. Billy Dean & Dawn

will entertain, and the keynote address, "Adoption: A Loving Alternative," will be presented by Brittany Mahler of the Tampa-based Bethany Christian Services.

Tickets are \$75 per person. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, contact Linda Hale at Sunlight Home by calling 352-0251 or e-mailing Linda_Lee_Hale@yahoo.com. For information about Sunlight Home, visit www.sunlighthouse.org.

■ Literacy Volunteers of Collier County stage the annual "**Dancing with the Stars for Literacy**" at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club. Notable Neapolitans are paired with professional dancers from the Naples Academy of Performing Arts to dance two-minute routines. As well as being judged on their dancing ability, performers also compete for a prize awarded to the dancer who raises the most money for LVCC.

Tickets are \$175 per person. Advertising sponsorships, table sponsors and a silent auction produce additional funds for LVCC. The organization is dedicated to teaching non-English speaking adults and their families to read, write and speak English in small classes, one-to-one sessions and outreach programs.

For information about becoming a volunteer tutor or to purchase tickets for "Dancing with the Stars for Literacy," call 262-4448 or visit www.collierliteracy.org.

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tion to benefit Cancer of Alliance of Naples, at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, at the Hilton Naples. Jason Resmiti from TV's "The Bachelorette" is the evening's special guest.

Tickets are \$125 per person or \$800 for a table of eight. For reservations or more information, call 643-4673 or visit www.cancerallianceofnaples.org.

■ The second annual "Love That Dress!" for PACE Center for Girls-Collier at Immokalee takes place Wednesday, Aug. 29, at the Waldorf Astoria Naples. VIP admission and shopping from 4-6 p.m. is \$150; general admission from 6-9 p.m. is \$25. "Backstage Pass," a sneak peek fashion show to give fashionistas an idea what's in store in new and gently used dresses and handbags for the big sale, is set for Thursday, Aug. 16, at Waterside Shops. Tickets are \$75.

Tickets for the above two events go on sale online Wednesday, Aug. 1, at www.pacecenter.org/love-that-dress-collier.

Several dress collection parties are planned in the weeks ahead, giving donors a chance to meet and mingle as they offer up fashions for the cause. If you can't get to a dress collection party, two drop-off locations in Naples will welcome your contribution: Pristine Fine Dry Cleaners, 506 Ninth Ave. N., and the management office at Waterside Shops.

For more information about donating a dress, volunteering to help with a collection party or "Love That Dress!" sponsorship opportunities, call event chair Nannette Staropoli at 676-9756 or

e-mail lovethatdresscollier@gmail.com.

■ Humane Society Naples holds its popular "Strut Your Mutt" costume parade and contest for best-dressed pets (and owners) on Saturday, Oct. 20, at Germain BMW. It's a great event for vendors of pet products of all kinds as well.

The society's 14th annual **Tea & Fashion Show** moves to The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort this year on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 6.

Visit www.humanesocietynaples.com for information about tickets and sponsorship opportunities as the dates draw closer.

■ The Collier County NAACP's 30th annual "Freedom Fund Banquet" is set for 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Hilton Naples. Tickets are \$100 per person.

For reservations or for information about sponsorships or advertising in the banquet program, call 455-2886, e-mail naacp@naacpcolliercounty.com or visit www.naacpcolliercounty.com.

■ Naples Botanical Garden and Marissa Collections welcome Michael Kors as the featured designer for the ninth annual "Hats in the Garden" luncheon Thursday, Nov. 15, at the Garden. Mr. Kors will present a runway show of his Spring 2013 ready-to-wear collection.

Marissa Collections will host a Michael Kors Spring 2013 trunk show at



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Eleanor Chabreja at the 2011 "Hats in the Garden"

the Third Avenue South boutique Nov. 15-17 in conjunction with the fashion designer's visit to Naples.

Patron tables for "Hats in the Garden" are \$10,000 and are available now; a limited number of single tickets for \$500 are also available. For more information, call the Garden at 643-7275 or

visit www.naplesgarden.org.

■ The 2013 "Mending Broken Hearts with Hope" luncheon to benefit the Shelter for Abused Women & Children is set for Friday, Feb. 22, at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples. Guest speaker

Dr. Susan Weitzman is the founder and president of The Weitzman Center, a nonprofit educational and resource center dedicated to helping survivors of upscale violence, increasing public awareness and educating professionals who respond to these survivors. She has written a book, "Not to People Like Us: Hidden Abuse in Upscale Marriages," and is working on a documentary about the subject.

The luncheon will also feature a silent auction and the Designer Boutique (Feb. 22-23).

Tickets are \$350 per person, \$1,500 for patrons. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, call 775-3862, ext. 261, or e-mail cdalessandro@naplesshelter.org.

■ The third annual **Naples International Film Festival** is set for Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 1-4. The red carpet opening night gala and screening take place at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts, while features, documentaries and film shorts of all genres will be screened at Silverspot Cinema at Mercato Nov. 2-4. Check www.naplesfilmfest.com for details as the date draws near, or call 775-3456. ■

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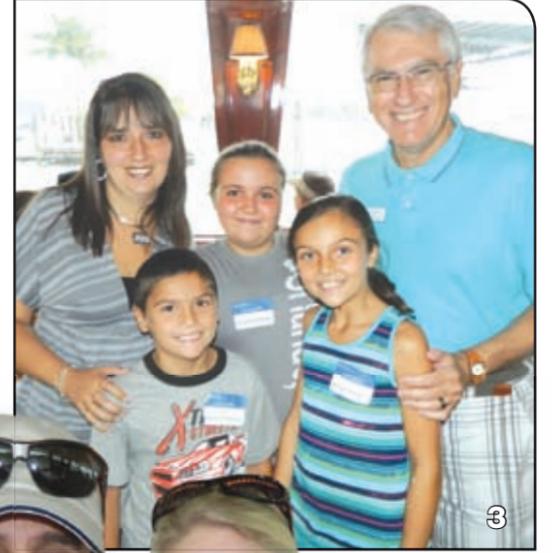
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Ruby Detzel, center, with Mike Hoffman and Amy Sedlacek

1. Capt. Charles Jackson with Angel Sanchez
2. Bill Barnett with Ricardo Vazquez, Anthony and Jennifer Garay, Marla Saaverda, Angie Garay and, at front, Emma and Daurlin Garay
3. Lynette Shiver, left, with Stephen, Amanda and Amber Shiver and Tom Falciglia
4. Linda and Bob Harden, left, with the Sanchez family: Eric, Anthony and Edwin, back row, and Angel and Gloria, front
5. Make-A-Wish kids and siblings are amazed by Keith Raygor's magic tricks
6. Sandra Buxton and Itzel Chavez

A dress collection party at Noodles for PACE Center's 'Love That Dress!'



Yvonne Bourk, Leigh Anne Leggatt, Seth and Bella Berman, Nannette Staropoli

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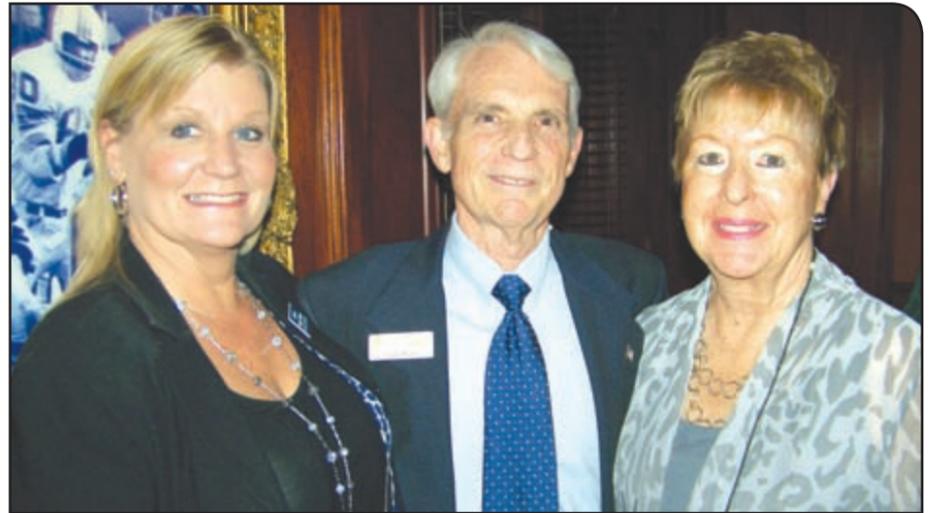
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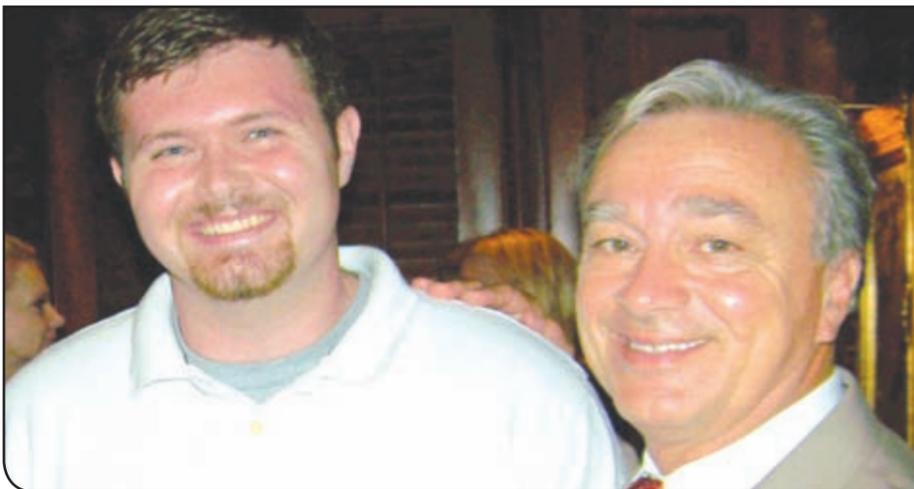
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Food: ★ ★ ★ ½
Service: ★ ★ ★ ½
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★
Reviewed November 2010

► **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 well-execut-

ed 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

► **Margarita's Mexican Restaurant**, 8971 U.S. 41, Naples; 431-6206

Margarita's is an offshoot of a Mexican restaurant by the same name that's been on Marco Island since 2005. Succulent hand-pulled meats and fresh seafood are tucked into tender tortillas, served with brightly flavored house-made salsas and sauces. Bracing margaritas in fruit flavors such as watermelon and pomegranate are served on the rocks or frozen, headlining a tequila-heavy cocktail list that goes on for days. The rustic charro beans, whole pintos laced with oregano and chunks of pork, are a revelation — and they're just a side dish. The taco trio — miniature corn tortillas overflowing with shredded beef, chicken and pork — is a good way to start, as is the ridiculously sumptuous queso fundido, a fondue of warm, silky white cheese garnished with diced scallions, jalapenos and chorizo that may send your eyes rolling back in your head. Available with three stuffings,

the tamales are exemplary. A seafood-packed Cancun burrito was big enough for two, and its ingredients all perfectly cooked. Full bar.

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

► **Coconut Jack's Waterfront Grille**, 5370 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs; 676-7777

A lovely water view paired with good food is a rarity around here, but one that Coconut Jack's manages to deliver. The vastly remodeled Vincenzo's on the Bay has a Caribbean atmosphere and menu to match. Chef Jon Venuto gives calamari a fresh taste by pairing it with a light and refreshing lemon-garlic-banana pepper sauce. Hot voodoo wings were perfectly cooked and crisp with a tongue-tingling sauce. Either dish would be enough to share. Both the (grilled) scallop basket with fries, cole slaw and citrus remoulade, and the mambo mahi tacos with cilantro salsa and Key lime aioli were terrific. The meal ended with a fittingly tropical dessert of coconut sorbet with strawberry-mango salsa, served in a coconut shell. Service was friendly and attentive throughout the meal. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★
Service: ★ ★ ★ ★
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★
Reviewed April 2011

► **Seasons 52**, 8930 Tamiami Trail N., Naples; 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, which includes 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: ★ ★ ★ ★
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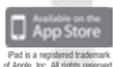


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Chef Brooke just doing what comes naturally



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Few people besides law school deans would argue that the world needs more lawyers. Statistically, twice as many people pass the bar every year as there are job openings in the field, according to research reported in the *New York Times*.

No such surplus exists when it comes to chefs who cook healthy, organic food bursting with flavor as well as nutritional value. Yet, Southwest Florida foodies almost lost one of those precious few to the legal world.

"I almost went into law," confesses Brooke Wagenheim, the culinary magician who conjures gluten-free faerie cakes, vegan pizza and wild salmon tacos at Chef Brooke's Natural Café in Fort Myers. "If I was not a chef, I would definitely be a lawyer. High heels and I do not get along, though. I am certain I made the right choice."

Fans of her food are, too.

Although she studied business at the University of Central Florida, Ms. Wagenheim's heart was always in the kitchen. Early jobs in health-food stores inspired her zeal for natural ingredients, international flavors and nutritional sustenance. Working at country clubs and restaurants from Minnesota to Tokyo gave her experience in running a restaurant. After six years at Ada's Natural Foods in Fort Myers, she struck out on her own with her Boy Scout Drive restaurant.

Since then, Ms. Wagenheim, 40, has endeared herself to her regulars by showering them with personal attention and nutritional savvy. She applied the same level of care to answering a handful of random questions for *Florida Weekly*.

■ Was there someone in your life who inspired you to cook? I have always had a passion for food, and I think Chef Julio, who ran the health-food store café where I worked while I was in college, really saw that in me and boosted my confidence that I was really onto something. My mom is my biggest inspiration and knows me better than I know myself.

■ What do you think are the most important qualities in a chef? Creativity and passion come to mind, as

does good business sense. I think you are born with it.

■ Did you have any odd jobs, food or non-food related, before you got to where you are? Making nori rolls early in the morning and then biking them to the health-food stores in Boulder, Colo. In Minneapolis, I was a personal chef for 12 Jesuit Catholic priests — one was a vegetarian. I once made a vegan chili for them and whispered into the ear of the veggie priest that he could eat it. All of the others loved it and were happily eating when one of them noticed the vegetarian priest was eating it, too. Then there was hell to pay. One of them yelled at me because I did not put meat in it.

■ Why do you think your restaurant has been successful? Because the most important thing to me is making delicious food, and I have mile-high standards.

■ How has your menu evolved since you opened? Are you influenced by food or dining trends at all? My menu is the same as it was when I opened, but the specials board has gotten much bigger. Food and dining trends do not influence me, except that many people want healthier fare and I offer it to them. I have the biggest cookbook collection of anyone I know, and I love to look at the pictures and read the recipes, but I usually go about it with my own devices.

■ Have you seen more people looking for vegan or gluten-free options since you first opened? I have new customers every single day. Most of them are interested in the food being either healthy, vegan or gluten free. I think many of the vegan and gluten-free folks know I am here. I label all the food items and baked goods that are vegan and gluten free. The first vegetarian cookbook I ever tried out was the classic "Moosewood Cookbook," and a lot of the recipes had tons of onions, cheese and wheat germ. How has healthy cooking improved since the '70s when Mollie Katzen's book came out? She is still one of my favorite cookbook authors, although I do not use cookbook recipes. I concentrate on fresh organic vegetables, nuts, seeds, herbs and spices. I dabble in multicultural condiments and I love onions!

■ What does the local restaurant scene need the most? I would love to see amazing, earth-shattering Indian food.



Chef Brooke's is all about healthy choices.



Brooke Wagenheim is the chef-proprietor of Chef Brooke's Natural Café in Fort Myers.



Tempeh tacos with pineapple-avocado relish are paired with kidney beans.

■ Are you using social media to market the business, or do you use that mostly for personal stuff? I post the specials on my Facebook page. Sometimes I wish I had a full-time assistant in the office.

■ Chef Gabrielle Hamilton's memoir "Blood, Bones & Butter" won a James Beard Award this year and was a bestseller. Do you ever read other chefs' books or food blogs? I have every one of Nigella Lawson's and Anthony Bourdain's books. I love the original "Nigella Bites" episodes. She is so passionate and so quirky! Tony has my "dream job," and I happen to be in love with him (ha-ha, not really). My favorite food blog is veganscraps.wordpress.com. This girl has traveled all over the world eating vegan dishes.

■ What do you wish Americans would eat more of? Beets. They are so rustic and earthy, and when prepared properly, delicious and healthy.

■ Do you have any guilty food pleasures? Excellent Italian food and top-shelf martinis.

■ Where do you like to eat out when you get the chance? Yabo, hands down.

■ What do you like to do when you're not thinking about food, talking about food or making food? What do you do to relax? I garden, read, watch TV and hang out with my friends at the bookstore. I also make candles and essential oil blends.

■ Any hidden talents? My writing ability is well known, as I have had numerous newspaper columns, but I also write poetry and sing.

■ Is there a TV chef that you most relate to? I really want to say Gordon Ramsay, as I completely understand him, but I think I will play it safe with my favorite, the witty and whimsical Nigella Lawson.

■ You work such long hours at the restaurant and teach classes on top of that, yet you still seem to have the energy to give your customers a lot of sincere, cheerful personal attention. What's your secret? It's a secret! Though I will divulge that I partake in a lot of wheatgrass. ■

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