

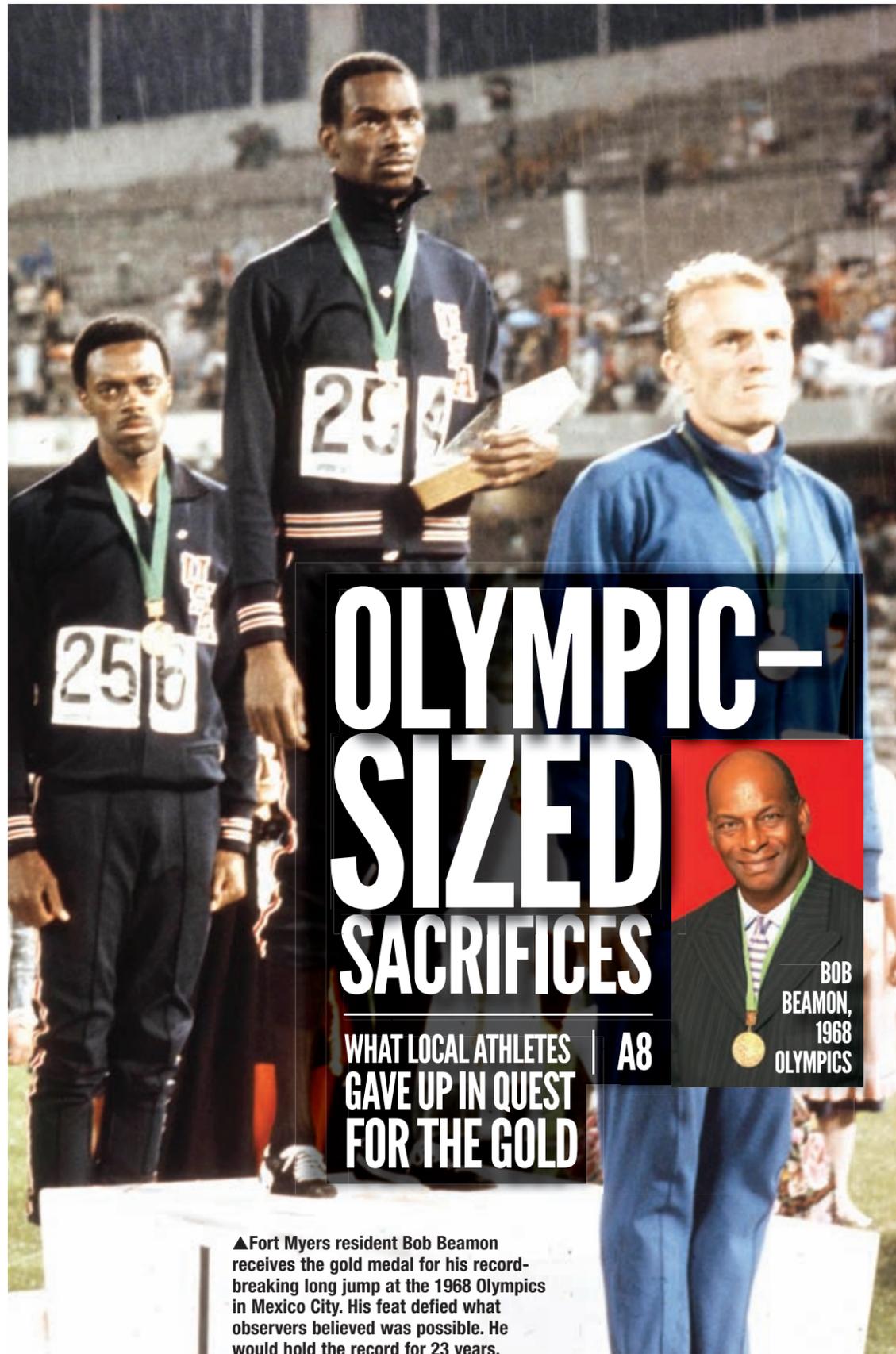
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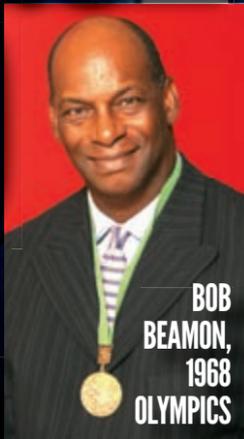
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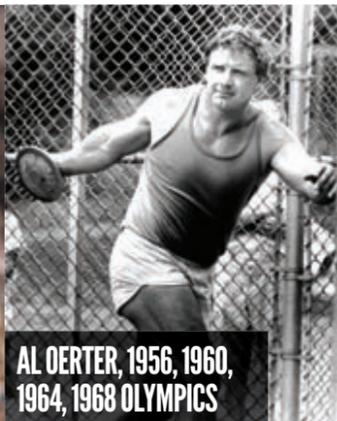
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## Adults taking the plunge to learn how to swim

BY EVAN WILLIAMS

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Although Bettina Whyte tried to take swimming lessons a number of times, as a child and later in college, it never stuck.

"My parents weren't really water people," she says. "I think a lot of it was a fear of water."

As a former crisis manager, it was Ms. Whyte's job to go into public companies that were sinking financially, take them

over and figure out how to either save them or lead them through bankruptcy. When it came to getting in real water, though, she wouldn't even put her head under.

Now 63, Ms. Whyte learned to swim five years ago with instruction from Monica Cardwell, a private teacher who works in the Naples and Bonita Springs area and is the former aquatics supervisor at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples. Ms. Cardwell is also a certified lifeguard and massage therapist.

"The first thing she said to me was, 'Put your head under water and blow bubbles,'" Ms. Whyte recalls. "I looked at her like she was an idiot. I said, 'I can't do that. I can't put my head under water.'"

Now she tends to swim about a half mile per day and considers this later life skill "my greatest achievement."

Other adults who are improving their ability to swim might not have started

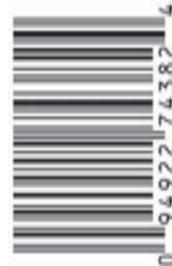
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## COMMENTARY

## Getting religion — again



Beginning last week, I undertook a ceremony so American — so dangerously appealing, so garishly colorful and so costly — that little else can bear comparison except the world's other major religions.

The Jews have their mitzvahs. The Christians have their confirmations. The Shia Muslims have their Sehras.

But those who have signed on as Americans, per se, have a single insistent ceremony they repeat every five or 10 years throughout their adult lives: the Ceremony of the New Car.

For this acquiring exercise in greed, excess, speed, the desire for raw power and extraordinary sexual appeal combined with perfect technology, measureless comfort and unassailable safety, Americans must give up only one thing: vast amounts of native American greenback.

That's the perversely designed green paper adorned with pictures of the ugliest men in America, flanked by juicy numbers such as \$20, \$50 or \$100 — the American communion wafer, if you will. Without copious amounts, a man cannot do what a man has to do.

And what does a man have to do these days — plow the south 40? Round up 300 head of cattle in palmetto scrub on a ribby little mustang and put them on a boat at Punta Rassa? Plunge like fate into the lone Atlantic, to recall the words of Herman

Melville in "Moby Dick?" Work on the line in a factory at 15, then own the whole damn shebang at 50? Shoot the eye out of a running prairie dog at 500 yards with a model 1894 Winchester 30-30 lever action repeating rifle, backwards, while riding at a full gallop and flawlessly reciting Rudyard Kipling's poem, "If?"

No. Those skills are no longer required.

Now, a man has to Buy, just like a woman.

And Sell, of course, in the case of those male and female Americans — let's call them Greenback Priests — overseeing the Ceremony of the New Car.

Greenback Priests come in many forms, and some of them are advertising writers. First, they offer up seductive introductory incantations in print. Then, the American worshipper researches the matter on his computer. He fills himself (in my case) with titillating language and arousing images that alter his ability to see clearly.

Who needs large flagons of communion wine when you have inebriating language like this? I started right at the top, of course, because that's how I like to think of myself. Greenback Priests are loath to dissuade worshippers of such aspirations. They give us flatulent celebratory catechisms, instead, to instruct and prepare us for sacrifice — for what they reverently call "The Sale."

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PRIEST: Ferrari is less a lifestyle and more a life choice. You either want a Ferrari or you have other interests. It unites the super rich with ambitious enthusiasts. These are cars that touch you on an emotional level...

WORSHIPPER (stands, jumps up and down, pumps fist repeatedly, drools): AMEN TO THAT, brother! Touch me, baby, touch me!

Following that portion of the ceremony, the worshipper does a little more research and discovers an available 2012 Ferrari 458 Italia, configured for "Saudi." Hell, he figures, I can drive it in eastern California or have it reconfigured for subtropical I-95, I-75 or maybe (for some real sexy fun) U.S. 41 across the 'Glades — the original two-lane Tamiami Trail.

The car comes with a mid-mounted 4.5-litre V-8 engine that produces 562 horsepower at 9,000 RPMs, incorporating direct injection and mated only to a seven-speed dual clutch automated manual gearbox (that's an engineering paradox, not an advertising contradiction) that shifts in 0.05 seconds. It has an E-Dif differential and an F-1 track skid control system, with the new "prefill" brakes so when a worshipper's foot lifts off the throttle, the pistons in the calipers move the pads toward the discs to reduce the stopping distance, I'm told.

That's going to be important if an alligator decides to cross the road when I come tooling along at the 458's top speed of 202 miles per hour.

I know we can buy this car, I say to myself. I know it. We WILL FIND A WAY. That's what Americans do, especially the American Man — that's M-A-N — performing the Ceremony of the New Car.

How much, asks my wife?

Not as much as you'd think, I reply. About, ah, \$372,000. And we only have to put 10 percent down and provide a "salary certificate" from our employer along with three months of bank statements — we may have to exaggerate those a little.

More than our HOUSE, she says tautly?

Uh huh. But not much more. And only \$37,200 down. (Besides, I think reverently to myself, this isn't a car, it's a cathedral, a monument to...)

Look, says my wife, have you ever heard of a "Fiesta?"

Sure, I say. A poor man's street party.

Right, she says. Dependable, and made by Ford. Or a "Fit?" (Honda) or a "Scion" (Toyota) or a...

Right, I interrupt, coming suddenly to my senses. Sobriety is a painful experience, because it often comes with facts.

If we buy a car that gets 28 miles per gallon and drive it for 100,000 miles while paying an average price of \$4 per gallon, we will spend \$14,288 on gas alone. But if we buy a car that gets 20 mpg, we'll spend \$20,000 to gas up for that same distance.

Not only that, but if we put \$5,000 down and take out a \$20,000 car loan at 5 percent for 60 months, we're going to pay almost \$28,000 for a \$25,000 car. So \$28,000 for the car, plus \$14,300 for gas — that's \$42,300 in the next five years, before any maintenance.

But who cares if you're buying a 2012 Ferrari 458? This baby gets a combined, city-highway 14 miles per gallon on premium gas. If I drive 10,000 miles, I'll only have to pay about \$3,200 for the highest-octane gas — figure about \$4.50 a gallon.

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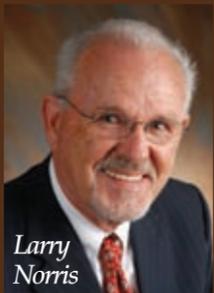


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# GUEST OPINION

## 10 crucial questions for every candidate

**BY MIKE REAGEN**

Special to Florida Weekly



Reagen

The Leadership Collier Foundation, a program of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, exists to build a broad-based network of leaders, to enhance the abilities and skills of these leaders through education, to share diverse perspectives and involvement, to foster community trusteeship and civic good, and to develop solutions for the public benefit of all in Collier County.

The 30-member LCF board of directors recently reflected that, robust rhetoric aside, this is a toxic time. Our nation is conflicted about politics and economics.

As we start this "second half" of the campaign season, the board thought it wise to remind all candidates of a few principles of sound governance and ask them to provide reflective answers to questions as they seek our votes.

So, it may be reasonable to ask our candidates to respond to questions originally crafted at the Center for Public Leadership at Harvard Kennedy School under the leadership of David Gergen and modified by LCF for our local candidates:

■ What core values do you guide your life by?

■ What personal attributes and competencies do you believe will guide your public service once you are in office?

■ What weaknesses do you believe could affect your decision in elected office?

■ What historical figure has exercised leadership in a way that you admire and would guide your actions by?

■ What experiences have helped you understand the mindset and values of others?

■ Can you give us an example of how you have overcome resistance to a needed change?

■ Tell us about a high performing team that you've built in the past. What made it high performing? What did you do to help make it so?

■ Can you share some examples of when you served to bring person and groups with polarized opinions together so that all voices were heard at the table?

■ What do you want us to appreciate about your judgment?

Fundamental to our nation's progress has been the ability to embrace the ideas, equity, stability, clarity and efficiency in the conduct of our political, social and economic life. We want government to protect equal and individual rights and to respect the separation of powers among all levels of our government and our communities.

We require our leaders' actions and



■ The Internet and technology have flattened the political playing field, allowing for more participation and collective decision-making. How will you capitalize on technology to create a more participatory democracy and give people the opportunity to influence your decision-making?

■ How will you engage the next generation when you are in office? How will you bring them into the political process and encourage them to participate in it?

decisions to be transparent, lawful, ethical, accountable and measurable. We want our leaders to listen to us and to respond to our legitimate needs and to behave in a civil and appropriate manner toward one another. ■

— Mike Reagen is the president and CEO of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce and president of the Leadership Collier Foundation board of directors.

## OPINION

### Obama's dupes

**richLOWRY**  
Special to Florida Weekly



Give the Obama Youth credit for this: At least they didn't vote their self-interest.

The cadres of college students and recent graduates who swooned and fainted for Barack Obama four years ago will long be remembered for one of the most ill-considered fliers in the annals of self-defeating enthusiasms. In the cold light of day, the youthful idealists, believers and activists of 2008 look like the lamentable saps, patsies and suckers of 2012.

Rarely has a politician owed so much to a constituency he has served so poorly. The president promised young voters the moon, and all they got was their old childhood bedroom back in their parents' house. He fired them up with an inspirational vision that didn't include struggling to find a job to begin to pay off their onerous student loans. He sold a new kind of politics and gave them more debt and more entitlement spending that they will labor to fund all their working lives.

Obama's inability to deliver on a recovery worthy of the name has devastated recent college graduates. By one count, half of them are unemployed or underemployed. More of them are carrying debt from college, more than 60 percent, than have full-time employment. Studies show that graduating into such a weak economy has a long-lasting dampening effect on the earnings of young people. They bear the brunt of the economic failure of their champion.

If man doesn't live by bread alone, neither does the youthful Obama voter. He is attracted to the president's social views, to his supposedly forward-looking progressivism, to what his historic election symbolized in 2008, to his cool and cerebral style. Obama hasn't created the conditions for them to get a decent job, but he can represent their mutual values.

Based on fiscal calculations alone, it would take a clinical psychologist, not a political scientist, to understand the young Obama voter. The basic dynamic of the entitlement state favors the old over the young. It is natural that retirees and baby boomers would be fiercely protective of the entitlement status quo that they will benefit from at someone else's expense. It is less natural for the someone

else — i.e., the young worker — to volunteer for the privilege of getting fleeced.

They qualify as double victims of the president's Keynesian-inflected deficit spending; they suffer from the still-anemic economy now, yet must pay the \$5 trillion bill later. They are Generation Debt. On the current trajectory, they will inherit the country after the locusts have eaten. But, hey, did you see the president "slow jam" the news on "Late Night With Jimmy Fallon"?

Crumbs from the president's giveaways — like low-interest Stafford college loans — can't possibly compensate for this larger picture. Some young people notice. A New York Times article reported that the president is encountering more youthful skepticism than in 2008: "The nation's first-time voters are less enthusiastic about him, are significantly more likely to identify as conservative and cite a growing lack of faith in government in general."

For all that, the president is still performing well among voters under 30. They were fooled once, and will be fooled again. They are Obama's dupes. ■

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

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# PROFILES IN PARADISE

## Putting her real-life experiences to work in her fiction



I've had Karna Bodman on my show many times to discuss political commentary or to review one of her books (the most recent of which, "Castle Bravo," was released June 1). A most entertaining author, she combines her experience as a former Washington insider with great imagination and skill.

In her professional life, Karna has written television scripts, newspaper columns, magazine articles and position papers for the president of the United States. All these efforts required attention to brevity, so when she finally had time to write novels, she re-tooled so she could take an idea and expand her efforts to include outlines for her plots, character sketches, research and more.

She grew up in Wilmette, Ill., outside Chicago, and had the good fortune to attend New Trier High School, long known as one of the best public high schools in the country. After graduating from the University of Michigan, she headed West, securing her first job working as a reporter and then anchor for TV stations in San Francisco and Los Angeles. Then she moved to Washington, D.C., to anchor the 10 p.m. news on Channel 5 and to host a nationally syndicated program on business and

economic issues as well as a three-hour news/talk radio show.

When in San Francisco, she had the opportunity to interview then-Gov. Ronald Reagan several times. A few years later, after he was elected president, she became White House deputy press secretary to Jim Brady. Her last position with the White House was as senior director of the National Security Council. When she left the White House to become senior vice president of a public affairs firm, Karna was the highest ranking woman on the White House staff.

"Castle Bravo," her fourth book, is dubbed an international thriller. In it, Director of Homeland Security Samantha Reid receives intelligence about a possible new threat to the country's national security. While she and her staff are inundated with potentially dire issues on a daily basis, this new one is staggering. What if a hostile country or group gets hold of a small nuclear device, and instead of aiming it at one of our cities, they intend to detonate it high in the atmosphere? The result would be the creation of an electromagnetic pulse sending shock waves that would "fry" all electronics on the ground in its line of site. There would be no electricity grid, no Internet, no communications, transportation, refrigeration, ATMs. It would set us back to the year 1910.

In calling attention to these threats in an engaging, thriller format, Karna reminds us of George Bernard Shaw's

## Talking points with Karna Bodman

### Something that's been on your mind:

I think about politics, our White House and Congress all the time... I am very concerned about the direction of our country. We desperately need to cut the budget, reduce our taxes and regulations, unleash the entrepreneurial spirit of American business and emphasize individual responsibility — not the expansion of government.

### Something your mother was always right about:

If you can't say something nice about someone, don't say anything at all... My exception to that is certain politicians.

**As a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?** There were times I wanted to be a singer.

### What do you do when you're not writing novels?

I write lyrics to country songs and I also serve on a number of boards — for PBS TV and radio stations in Washington, D.C., for the Naples Forum Club and Naples Community Church. I keep pretty busy.

**Favorite vacation destination:** I love Paris. But then, who doesn't?

**Skill or talent you wish you had:** I wish I had kept up the piano.

### Advice for your grandkids:

Study and work hard. And when you get out of college, try to "create jobs," don't just expect someone else to "give" you one.

**Last book read:** "Kill Shot" by Vince Flynn.

### Something you'll never understand:

How supposedly educated people can believe we can spend our way to prosperity. Let's bury Keynes' economic ideas once and for all!

**What are you most proud of?** Next to my sons and marrying my wonderful husband, it would be serving in President Reagan's White House.

**Guilty pleasure:** Chocolate!

### Favorite thing about the Paradise Coast:

In addition to the great weather, I love the people... the "Midwest culture," if you will. Everyone you meet is so helpful and friendly. What a contrast to many other places one would visit.



comment that, "The best way to get your point across is to entertain."

I look forward to reading "Castle Bravo" and after it, "Affairs of State," on which Karna is working now. ■

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

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# Olympic-sized sacrifices necessary for gold

BY ATHENA PONUSHIS

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Jim Millns remembers going to the grocery store, being so hungry, but having no money. He and his roommate once scraped up enough for a box of corn flakes, but they did not have enough to buy milk, so they ate their cereal with Kool-Aid. For a time, this was what he lived off of — corn flakes and Kool-Aid — as Mr. Millns trained to be an Olympian.

“Not exactly what you think of when you think of a champion,” says Mr. Millns, a figure-skating bronze medalist at the 1976 Games. For 30 years, he and his partner, Colleen O’Connor, were the only ice dance team from the United States to win an Olympic medal in figure skating.

But before he thinks of the glory, he remembers the grit. Mr. Millns gave up a job in engineering to be a bellman, thereby allowing him to skate from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. He would catch a few hours of sleep, then skate again from 10 a.m. to noon. From noon to 2 p.m., he would squeeze in “all the things we had to do,” meaning aerobics, weight lifting, stretching and ballet. Then back to being a bellman from 2 to 10 p.m.

Now the president of the Florida chapter of Olympians at 63 years old, Mr. Millns remembers being 24 and watching the lives of his college roommates unfold. “They went on with life,” he says of their careers and marriages and children. “Yes, I was very envious of them. I kept thinking, ‘If only,’ ‘If only I could get this medal,’ ‘If only I could complete this task,’ ‘If only I could achieve this goal,’ then I could go on with life, like them.”

But he never questioned why he must achieve such a feat, so he kept on eating corn flakes, skating through the night, carrying bags as a bellman and sometimes sleeping on a box spring; his Olympic aspirations putting his life on hold.

As the Summer Games get underway this week in London, some of the world’s top athletes, former medalists living in Southwest Florida, recall their own paths to greatness. For some, working toward a medal was life-saving. Others say their training made them lead two lives. Some were trying to do what their fathers had done before them. Some were trying to make the world fall in love with their sport.

From the outside, spectators see their countrymen run and jump and shoot and defend. Their thoughts may hang on the final act and not tarry long on the years and years of training, for such cultivation of will and strength may seem too strenuous, too incomprehensible. But it’s in these years engrossed in sweat and belief where these athletes feel comfort and find their sense of purpose. Here are the inside stories, not on their crowning moment of gold, but on their journeys, their metamorphoses from men to Olympians.

## From bullets to record-breaker

While some competitors saw their commitment to their conditioning as sacrifice, gold medalist Bob Beamon saw his track-and-field training as his salvation.

Mr. Beamon grew up on the streets of Jamaica, Queens, N.Y. He says he saw his friends go down the path of drugs and crime. He says he saw too many of his



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## Al Oerter in the ring, 1979.

friends end up in coffins. Somewhere around the age of 12, Mr. Beamon says he had the sense to change his habits of “hanging out.”

“The stuff I was doing I had to stop, or else I wouldn’t be sitting here today,” says Mr. Beamon, sitting in his office as the chief executive officer of Art of the Olympians. The organization on the banks of the Caloosahatchee in downtown Fort Myers dually serves as an art museum and a center devoted to promoting the Olympian ideals of sportsmanship and excellence.

“I’m a believer in, ‘Who said it was going to be easy to reach your goal?’” says the man who took the 1968 gold medal in the long jump, but once brought a switchblade and some bullets to school for show and tell. “I think I was in the first grade,” he says. “I thought that was cool. Boy, was I right in it.”

His sport became his way to stay out of trouble, so even though he was pressured to hang around gang leaders, he trained. The young Mr. Beamon would just run and jump, run and jump and run and jump, a kid from Queens visualizing himself as an Olympian.

“For me, my goal was to win a gold medal. But I had to commit to it. I had to feel confident,” he says. “You have to feel a certain way about yourself, you have to feel good about yourself, feel

like you have just as much ability to reach that goal as anyone else.”

At the 1968 Summer Games in Mexico City, his goal became legend. Soaring 29 feet 2½ inches, Mr. Beamon set a new world record. He shattered the previous long-jump record by nearly 2 feet. He held the world record for 23 years. At 65 years old, he holds the Olympic record still.

But when he did it, he did not know. He carried on nonchalantly, as he was not familiar with the metric system. When one of his teammates told him what he had done, he collapsed to his knees, saying in that moment, he felt in between time and space.

“Sometimes you just do it,” he says.

## Two lives between goals

As much as Mr. Beamon may have been looking for another life, U.S. soccer defender John Bocwinski was trying to live two — one as an elite athlete and one as a provider.

When Mr. Bocwinski was selected to the 1972 Olympic soccer team, he did not put his life on hold, he put the Games on hold, requesting a two-week vacation from training so he could go get married.

“Can’t you wait ‘til after the Olympics?” his team manager asked.

“No,” said Mr. Bocwinski. So he mar-

ried in Milwaukee, honeymooned in Nashville, then hightailed it to Miami to train with his team. He risked the lapse in training because the only moment in that part of his life greater than his Olympic experience was when he first saw his wife from the soccer field. “Oh God, I could write a book on it,” he says of their meeting.

Soon he had a baby on the way. He worked the night shift at American Motors shipping engines from the loading dock, starting work at 11 o’clock at night, finishing up around 7 o’clock in the morning. He would come home, throw on his warm-ups and run two miles. He ran these two-mile sprints more than once a day, always in under 12 minutes.

“I was 33 years old. I was the oldest player on the team,” says Mr. Bocwinski, who played left full back. “I had 19-year-old kids sitting on the bench waiting for the old man to get hurt, but guess what? The old man never got hurt.”

Now 75 and living in Naples, Mr. Bocwinski was born in Argentina to Polish parents. He and his family immigrated to the United States when he was a teenager. When he thinks of any physical sacrifice he may have made or any financial wage he may have lost while training to compete in the Olympics, he says, “I was tired ... But my goodness, an opportunity like this to represent the greatest country in the world and you are an emigrant kid who came to America? You just got to have the strength from somewhere.”

## Popularizing their passions

Just as Mr. Bocwinski had to find the strength, Robert Kurland had to find the money. After winning consecutive NCAA titles in 1945 and 1946, the 7-foot center went on to play basketball in the 1948 and 1952 Olympics.

“We won the gold medal both times,” says Mr. Kurland, who now lives on Sanibel at 88 years old. “Yes, people were born 88 years ago,” he jests. “We walked around and shot baskets on the back of barn doors.”

He played Olympic basketball back in the day when the U.S. team had to run around the country trying to raise enough money to send the boys to the games. The players and coaches were amateurs back then. Referees were volunteers.

“We went to Europe on a boat,” Mr. Kurland says. “We stayed at a military camp that was functional during World War II. We slept four to a room.”

Mr. Kurland did not see these inconveniences as sacrifices, but rather growing pains for both himself and his game. He was a boy who loved his sport, and as an Olympian, he was able to watch the world fall in love with basketball, right in front of him.

Half a century later, Winter Olympian Jason Smith had a similar experience, as he helped show the world curling was not just some game with brushes, but more like shuffleboard on ice.

Mr. Smith lived with two of his teammates, he even shared a bunk bed with one of them, bringing their rent down to \$250 apiece, so they could afford not to work but practice eight hours a day.

Mr. Smith, 28, now lives in Fort Myers and no longer competes. Yes, he did share a bunk bed, but his journey to the 2010 Games may better show the sacrifices his loved ones made in his stead.

Growing up in Duluth, Minn., his grandfather ran the concession stand at

their local curling club. "He only did it for me and my friends," Mr. Smith says. "He did it for the access, to allow us to practice, to get us on the ice so we could get better and travel to world championships."

During his 45-minute lunch breaks in high school, Mr. Smith would go to the club and practice because his grandfather was always there, every day.

Family was ever the motivator in Steve Colgate's Olympic voyage, as well. "My father competed in bobsledding in the 1936 Olympics," says Mr. Colgate, an Olympic sailor from the 1968 Games, though when he competed the sport was called yachting. "It could have been subliminally I said to myself, 'If he can do it, I can do it, but in a completely different sport.'"

Mr. Colgate started sailing at 9 years old. At 77, he still sails.

"You love your sport and you don't think it's a sacrifice to do your sport," says the Olympian, who now runs his Offshore Sailing School in Fort Myers. "It's fun, it's exciting, it's a challenge, so where's the sacrifice?"

**Tales of gold**

The word sacrifice stems from Latin roots meaning, "to make sacred or holy." No one may have exemplified this more than the late Al Oerter. He remains the only Olympian to win the same event four times in a row, setting Olympic records each time.

Mr. Oerter was known to turn his adversities into gold medals, taking the gold in discus in the 1956, 1960, 1964 and 1968 Olympics. First, he faced the adversity of being too young to win a medal. Later, he faced the adversity of being too old. And days before the 1964 Tokyo Games, Mr. Oerter tore the cartilage from his ribcage.



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Bob Beamon's "Leap of the Century" surpassed the measuring device judges had put in place.

"I'm a believer in, 'Who said it was going to be easy to reach your goal?'"

— Bob Beamon, Olympic gold medalist

He was advised not to compete, but as Mr. Oerter says on a memorial video on his website, "I had put in four years' worth of work to get to these games and I just was not going to allow an injury, regardless of the intensity of the injury, to prevent me from competing in the games."

So trainers taped him up from armpit to hip, iced the injury to prevent further internal bleeding and out onto the field he went to win yet another gold medal.

"He loved it," his wife Cathy says of his discus throwing. "The first time he stepped into a discus ring, he said it felt like coming home."

Mrs. Oerter serves as chair of the Art of the Olympians board, the nonprofit charity her husband envisioned and now exists in his tribute — for as an athlete, he could squat 750 pounds and bench press 525, but as an abstract artist, he loved to throw paint on canvas.

And as an Olympian, he gleaned the gift of a four-year perspective. On his memorial video, he says when thought of his goals in terms of day-to-day, he would slow down. But when he looked from the vantage of a long-term commitment, his day-to-day would disappear; hence his sacrifice, or rather, "what he made holy."

"I guess people like to hear my stories," the late Olympian was quoted saying as one of his many Oerterisms. "But I'd prefer they went out and developed their own story." ■



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TRACK & FIELD – Gold Medal Finals, MEN'S 4x 400M RELAY, MEN'S 5000M, MEN'S JAVELIN, WOMEN'S 4 x 400M RELAY, MEN'S DIVING – Platform Gold Medal Final, WOMEN'S 800M/HIGH JUMP/ VOLLEYBALL – Gold Medal Final	NBC2 News	WRESTLING – Freestyle Gold Medal Finals

**Ceremony**



# SWIM

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completely from scratch like Ms. Whyte, but they're taking the plunge more often for their own reasons.

Naples resident Jesse Booth, 70, felt he was never any good at swimming. "It worked, but it wasn't efficient," he says. "I never had any type of instruction."

Mr. Booth is taking swimming lessons for the first time, along with a group of 10 others, at a new Naples clinic for inexperienced adult swimmers. They pay \$35 per month to meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings under the direction of Jon Caswell of T2 Aquatics and Naples Swim School, at the YMCA Norris Aquatic Center. Coach Caswell, a former head swimming coach at Providence College in Rhode Island, started the clinic in June.

Called Mastering Masters, the lessons can be a prelude to T2's U.S. Masters program, which is more competitive and holds monthly meets, or just for fun, exercise and learning fundamental strokes. Mastering Masters is for ages 19 and up, although many of the students are in their 30s to 50s, according to Wyn Saunier, T2 Aquatics director of operations.

"It's for people who aren't swimmers," Mr. Saunier says. "We're talking a step up from basic water safety."

Brian Mayotte, 36, competed in a recent triathlon in Naples that involved a quarter-mile swim in the open ocean. "I could swim the distance, I was just terrible at it," he says about the effort. So he enrolled in Mastering Masters in hopes of getting good enough to finish such a swim comfortably. "What you learn here



Coach Jon Caswell, left, with students in his Mastering Masters class, including Jesse Booth, seated.



Jesse Booth, 70, is taking the plunge to go beyond his rudimentary swimming skills.

in the know

## Mastering Masters

- >> **What:** Swimming lessons for ages 19 and older
- >> **When:** 7:30-8:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays starting in September (slightly different hours in the summer)
- >> **Where:** T2 Aquatics and Naples Swim School, at the YMCA Norris Aquatic Center, 13275 Livingston Road
- >> **Cost:** \$35 per month

is how to reach, how to maximize your stroke, maximize your kick," he says.

At a recent session, Coach Caswell has the group start off with a 10-minute swim. After a break, they swim shorter distances, alternating between faster and slower paces. He asks the participants to count the number of strokes it takes them to get to the other side of the pool.

"I try to teach them how to get to the other side of the pool with the least number of strokes," he says.

Mr. Booth is learning how to be a better swimmer after being forced away from other types of fitness. He's always been an avid runner, and used to work out at a gym almost religiously, three or four days per week. But within the last five years, pain in his body forced him to give that up. His doctor prescribed a low dose of steroids to help alleviate the pain. Looking for alternative ways to exercise, Mr. Booth found swimming reduced his pain, also enabling him to cut back on his medication.

"I look at swimming as something that could replace other things, because I think you can swim later in life," he says.

After the initial 10-minute swim, he pops up from the water into the humid evening air, out of breath. "I'm feeling it," he manages to say. ■

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## Naples Municipal Airport earns Florida DOT award

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The Florida Department of Transportation named Naples Municipal Airport the state's General Aviation Airport of the Year for 2012. The award recognizes superior achievement in the airport's safety program; appearance and impression left on users; and management, including innovative programs, service to the public, financial stability and compliance with regulations.

Aaron Smith, state aviation director for FDOT, presented the award on July 24 during the 43rd annual Florida Airports Council Conference in Naples.

"This airport continues the tradition of providing the local community and state with an airport that is economically self-sufficient while remaining focused on improving safety and secu-

rity with an emphasis on maintaining the aesthetics and acoustics that are important to local residents," Mr. Smith said. "The airport manager and his staff relentlessly seek opportunities to bring new businesses to the airport, thereby increasing job opportunities and economic growth."

Mr. Smith also cited the rehabilitation of the main runway in 2011 and most taxiways during the last four years; exceptional service to airport users; use of the airport as a venue for community events; and the customs facility that opened in 2010, saving time and fuel costs for international flights.

Other local airports honored include Marco Island Executive Airport for General Aviation Project of the Year and Southwest Florida International Airport for Commercial Service Airport of the Year. ■

## Adopt-A-Soldier campaign seeks donations for troops

U.S. troops in Afghanistan are the focus of the Adopt-A-Soldier project started last year by the Women's Council of Realtors, Naples-On-The-Gulf Chapter. That first effort resulted in more than 155 care packages being sent overseas to various platoons. The packages were so well received that the chapter received an American flag that had flown over one of the platoons' camps as a thank-you.

This year WCR Naples-On-The-Gulf members hope to raise \$10,000 by Oct. 15 and extend their campaign to even more troops.

Monetary donations and/or supplies for care packages are welcome. Acceptable items include: Beef jerky, granola bars, packages of nuts, Rice Krispies Treats, powdered drink mixes (individual

sizes), alcohol-free hand wipes, socks (black and boot-cut only), AA and AAA batteries, gum and hard candies, small tubes of toothpaste and individually wrapped toothbrushes.

Drop-off locations for donations are: Kensington Country Club; Coldwell Banker (north office); John R. Wood Realty (Immokalee office); the Law Firm of Quarles and Brady; Woods, Weidenmiller & Michetti, Attorneys at Law; and Third Federal Savings and Loan.

The chapter is also planning a poker run fundraiser in October, with details TBA.

For more information, including a way to donate money online, visit [www.Adopt-A-Soldier.org](http://www.Adopt-A-Soldier.org), or call Sally Masters at 253-1579 or Debbie Zvibleman at 272-8878. ■

## Rookery Bay offers workshops

Landscape professionals and the general public are invited to three landscaping classes presented in August by the coastal training program at Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve. The sessions are:

■ **"Water-Wise and Other Irrigation Concepts,"** 8-11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 9 - Participants will learn about water conservation tips, irrigation principles and associated legislation.

■ **"Good Plant, Bad Plant, Right Plant,"** (taught in Spanish) 8-11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 21 - This session will cover mangrove regulations, invasive plant con-

trol and tips on keeping plants healthy.

■ **"Urban Pond Management,"** 8 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Aug. 29 - Topics will include general stormwater maintenance, plantings around ponds and maintenance techniques that can greatly help keep a pond clean.

Classes take place at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center, 300 Tower Road. The fee for each is \$15 and includes breakfast. Registration is required three days in advance. To sign up or for more information, call 417-6310, ext. 231, or visit [www.rookerybay.org/greenscape](http://www.rookerybay.org/greenscape). ■



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Friends, family and colleagues turned out to celebrate Tim Durham, deputy chief of the Collier County Supervisor of Elections Office, when he received the 2012 James V. Mudd Fellowship Award from the Leadership Collier Foundation. The award honoring outstanding public service was created in memory of former Collier County Manager Jim Mudd. Shown here are, left to right, Collier County Supervisor of Elections Jennifer Edwards, Chief Jim Bloom, Dawn Durham, Mr. Durham, Cheyanne Durham, Toni Mudd and Sheriff Kevin Rambosk.



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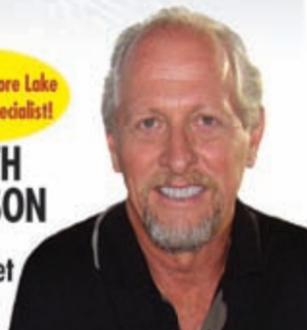
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# UNDERCOVER HISTORIAN

## Remarkable 'Mama Hokie' fought back a gator in the Glades



MARIA STONE / COURTESY OF THE COLLIER COUNTY HISTORICAL RESEARCH CENTER INC.  
**Mama Hokie, minus her right forearm, in front of her fishing worm farm, along the Tamiami Trail in Ochopee.**

With the news earlier this month about the Moore Haven teen who lost part of his arm to a 10-foot alligator while swimming with friends, I thought it would be the opportune time to share another alligator tale from nearby Ochopee.

For several years after arriving in Naples in 1981, every time I drove to Miami I sped by a most colorful sign posted along the Tamiami Trail, catty-corner from the tiny post office in Ochopee, touting "Beer Worms."

"What on earth are those?" I always wondered with a smile.

The sign belonged to Clara and Sam McKay, and it stood in front of their home and business, a fishing worm farm. Sam also established a travel trailer camp there in the 1950s, providing affordable lodging to the growing numbers of campers called "tin canners" — so nicknamed due to their trailers' uncanny resemblance to tin cans. The camp was built on a five-acre clearing of land known as the Ochopee Farms. It was in business prior to the formation of the Big Cypress National Preserve, and it housed several wooden dwellings known as chickees, traditional shelters supported with cypress poles, with a raised floor and open sides and then topped with an A-framed thatched roof

made from cabbage palm fronds.

Following Sam's death in 1966, Clara continued to run the business, which now also offered various sundries as well as beer and worms (not "Beer

Worms"). As traffic along the Trail increased, so did Clara's reputation and warm hospitality, endearing her to many while also earning her the nickname of Mama Hokie. The landmark roadside

sign continued to bring travelers to her door for more than 30 years.

At 81 years old, Mama Hokie nearly died after walking out onto her wooden bridge over the canal to dump a bucket of water, something she did on a regular basis. An alligator came out from under the bridge and grabbed her by the arm. She frantically fought him off while hanging onto the bridge for dear life. The nightmare struggle finally ended when she realized that the gator had twisted off half of her right arm.

Miraculously, Mama Hokie managed to call 911 before passing out on the bridge. It would take 30 minutes before the medical helicopter arrived. She was unconscious, but paramedics managed to resuscitate her as they sped to the hospital.

Within an hour of the attack, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Commission officials had located the alligator and retrieved Mama Hokie's lower arm and hand, which were, unfortunately, too mangled to reattach.

Following five months of therapy and recuperation, Mama Hokie returned home to her beloved Ochopee and continued her remarkable lifestyle with the help and support of her friends, neighbors and church. The freak accident required her to give up her worm farm business, however, because it was just too hard to work with one hand (even though she did finally master writing with her left).

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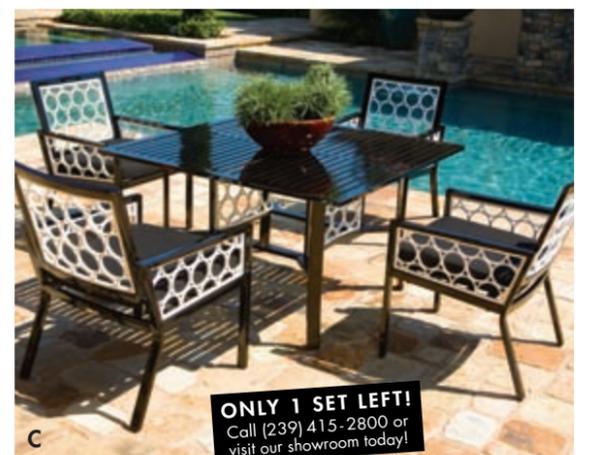
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# Shy Wolf Sanctuary steps up relocation plan, needs donations

**SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY**

Shy Wolf Sanctuary, Education and Experience Center Inc. is preparing to relocate after it was forced to close its gates to visitors after an anonymous complaint to Collier County Code Enforcement over the sanctuary's website advertisements.

Since its founding in 2001, Shy Wolf Sanctuary has offered a sanctuary and home to exotic animals in need of rescue and refuge, while screening and rehoming those better suited for family life.

The sanctuary is run 100 percent by volunteers and relies solely on donations from supporters in the community and daily visitors. With visitations being halted, donations are critical in order to ensure ongoing operations and relocation to land that was purchased in 2010.

With Nancy Smith, president of the sanctuary's board of directors, called out of town on an emergency, Deanna Deppen, vice president of the board, issued this statement:

"The board of directors and Shy Wolf volunteers would like to thank the community for their overwhelming support. This is a challenging time, made even more difficult by Nancy's unexpected and sudden absence. We are striving to maintain daily operations and care of the resident animals while looking to the future."

Shy Wolf Sanctuary currently sits on 2.5 acres off White Boulevard in Golden Gate Estates. The future facility will be farther east on 20 acres in the Belle Meade area. The board has chosen to put time, effort and money into pursuing a conditional use permit for the new location. The sanctuary had already planned on moving for the benefit of the animals and community, but has been forced to do so as soon as possible.

"We are encouraged, after meeting with county code enforcement officials, that they will assist in expediting the usual lengthy and costly process," Ms. Deppen said.

The board is also seeking sponsors to aid in the development of the new sanctuary as well as anyone with expertise who can help with the relocation process. For more information, call 290-9867 or visit [www.shywolfsanctuary.com](http://www.shywolfsanctuary.com). ■

### in the know

#### Shy Wolf fundraiser

>>What: A trunk show of art and services (donations welcome)

>>When: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 27-28

>>Where: Anahata Holistic Healing & Spiritual Center, 945b Central Avenue

>>Info: 262-0811

## MAMA

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MARIA STONE / COURTESY OF THE COLLIER COUNTY HISTORICAL RESEARCH CENTER INC.  
Mama Hokie's "Beer Worms" once stood along the Tamiami Trail in Ochopee.

another life-threatening experience. The canal outside her home overflowed, and she awakened in the middle of the night to discover 6 inches of swamp water inside. While wading across the room to escape, she stumbled and fell. Unable to right herself, she struggled to keep her head above the foul water throughout the rest of the night.

A park ranger came looking for her the following day and found her, barely lucid and protesting the need to go to the hospital. After passing out, she was rushed to the hospital, where she was treated for the next three weeks; this was followed by two weeks of recuperation at a friend's home before she was finally able to return home.

Sadly, Mama Hokie never fully recovered from this last incident. The combination of her lengthy exposure in the water coupled with the immense ingestion of swamp water, along with her age,

caused pneumonia to set in, requiring her return to the hospital for three more weeks. This additional hospitalization took its toll on her, leaving her weak and unable to live alone ever again. After her release, she reluctantly moved into a nursing home for proper care. With her health declining quickly, Mama Hokie passed on Dec. 16, 1996 — of a broken heart and body, so the story goes. ■

— Maureen Sullivan-Hartung arrived in Naples in 1981. Following a year's stint as a reporter for the former weekly *Everglades Echo* newspaper, she began freelancing. Her first book, "The Hidden History of Everglades City & Points Nearby," was published in 2010 by The History Press in South Carolina. Look for her *Undercover Historian* column every other week in *Florida Weekly*. Learn more about Ms. Sullivan-Hartung at [www.maureenwrites.com](http://www.maureenwrites.com).



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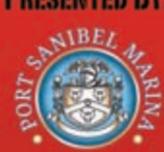
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Local chapters, meeting times and locations include:

**Bonita Toastmasters Club:** 7 p.m. every second and fourth Wednesday at the Bonita Springs Fire Station, 27701 Bonita Grande Drive. For more information, call Scott Vail at 777-3642.

**Collier Communique Club:** 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at Books-A-Million in Mercato. Call Robert Rizzo at (407) 493-8584.

**Naples Sunrise Bay Toastmasters Club:** 7:45 a.m. on the first and third Tuesday in Moss Hall at Moorings Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Drive. Call Steve McCann at 777-8851.

**Naples Toastmasters Club:** 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday at Naples General Aviation Center, 200 Aviation Drive N. Call Steve Jallad at 776-5398.

**Toast of the Coast Toastmasters Club:** Noon on the second and fourth Friday at Stantec (previously Wilson Miller), 3200 Bailey Lane, Naples. Call Gwen Greenglass at 431-0931.

**Naples Advanced Toastmasters:** 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday in the meeting room at the North Collier Government Center, 2335 Orange Blossom Drive. Call Linda Valentine at (954) 780-6683. This club has prerequisites for membership.

**Toastmaster Academy:** 6:30-8:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday in the meeting room at the North Collier Government Center, 2335 Orange Blossom Drive. Call R. Sunde at 594-3828.

■ The **Ohio State Alumni Club of Naples** invites Buckeyes alumni and friends to happy hour from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, at Seasons 52. All are welcome. The restaurant is at 8930 Tamiami Trail N., just north of Vanderbilt Beach Road.

RSVP by calling Debbie Scartz 248-7408 or e-mailing [jimdebs@comcast.net](mailto:jimdebs@comcast.net).

■ The **Rotary Club of Bonita Springs** Noon is hosting a dress collection drive this month to benefit the PACE Center for Girls-Immokalee. Women are encouraged to donate new and gently used dresses or handbags. Items can be dropped off at two locations:

At Design Your Gift, 3441 Bonita Beach Road, between 9 a.m. and noon Saturday, July 28.

At Survey Café, 10530 Wilson St. from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday all month.

PACE Center for Girls targets the needs of females ages 12-18 who are dependent, truant, runaway, delinquent or in need of academic skills.

Donated dress and accessories will be sold at "Love That Dress!" on Wednesday evening, Aug. 29, at the Waldorf Astoria Naples. For more



Rena Romano, above, and below with Ragnhild Sunde of Toastmaster Academy Naples, conducted the academy's July workshop about how to craft a speech that makes people want to listen. The next workshop, "The Art of Using Humor to Convey Your Message," is set to begin at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, at the North Collier Government Center on Orange Blossom Drive. Attendance is free for Toastmaster Academy Naples members, \$10 for members of other Toastmasters clubs and \$15 for non-Toastmasters members. For more information or to reserve your seat, call Tashahara Jallad at (970) 519-1330 or e-mail [info@toastmasteracademy.org](mailto:info@toastmasteracademy.org).



information about the event, call Nannette Staropoli at 676-9756 or e-mail [lovethatdresscollier@gmail.com](mailto:lovethatdresscollier@gmail.com).

■ The **Inbetweeners**, a social group for singles ages 40-65, welcomes newcomers and regulars at gatherings every Wednesday. The Aug. 1, 8 and 15 gatherings will be from 5-8 p.m. at Fred's Diner, 2700 Immokalee Road; Aug. 22 and 29 will be from 5-8 p.m. at Bokampers, 8990 Fontana Del Sol Way. For more information, visit [www.meetup.com/inbetweeners](http://www.meetup.com/inbetweeners) or e-mail [naplesinbetweeners@gmail.com](mailto:naplesinbetweeners@gmail.com).

■ The **Zonta Club of Bonita Springs** is accepting nominations for its 2012-13 Woman of the Year. The award will be presented at the club's

annual "Glass Slipper Ball" on Friday, Nov. 10, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point.

Deadline for nominations is Aug. 1. Send a letter explaining the nominee's accomplishments and how she inspires and empowers others in the community. Since 1998, Woman of the Year recipients have all played key leadership roles in local charitable organizations and foundations, and many have worked hard on women's issues that represent the heart of the club's mission to improve the circumstances of women at all stages of life, both locally and globally.

Past winners include: Trish Leonard, Jane Wheatley, Arden McCurdy, Cherrill Cregar, Fran Luessenhop, Nancy Near, Marjorie Rubacky, Patsy

Graham, Nancy Keefer, Diane Lepola, Barbara DuFrane, Jacky McCurdy, Marie Tranovich and Jane Hogg.

Nominations can be e-mailed to Patty Gift, club president, at [patty.gift@morgankeegan.com](mailto:patty.gift@morgankeegan.com). The club's board of directors will select the Woman of the Year.

■ The **Naples chapter of Zonta International** meets on the first Tuesday of every month for a lunch and a program at Brio Tuscan Grill in Waterside Shops. At the Aug. 7 meeting, guest speaker State Rep. Kathleen Pasidomo will discuss human trafficking. Networking begins at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$17 and reservations are required. Call Erica Vanover at 449-3114.

■ The **Naples Newcomers Club** welcomes women who have been permanent residents of Naples for no more than five years and who want to meet others who are new to the area.

The club meets for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on the second Thursday of every month at country clubs throughout the area. In addition, groups within the club plan outings and dates to share varied interests, such as mah-jongg and duplicate bridge, gourmet cooking and discussions about philosophy.

Prospective members are invited to coffee at 10 a.m. on the first Thursday of each month. For meeting locations and more information, call 298-4083 or visit [www.naplesnewcomers.com](http://www.naplesnewcomers.com).

■ The **Southwest Florida Federated Republican Women** invites registered Republicans interested in making a difference to join like-minded women for a lunch meeting on the first Wednesday of each month in the clubhouse at Arbor Trace. Cost is \$18. Reservations are required and can be made by calling Anne Brown at 254-9979.

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

■ The **Women's Cultural Alliance**, an affinity group of the Jewish Federation of Collier County, welcomes new members for the 2012-13 season. Programs range from book groups and Spanish and French classes to art studio tours and tai chi classes. Social groups that plan various events are: the Serious Foodies, WCA Couples, the Single Connection, Dinner Dames and Jazzophiles.

Kathleen van Bergen, CEO and president of the Philharmonic Center for the Arts, will be the guest speaker at the season's first luncheon on Friday, Nov. 16, at Grey Oaks Country Club.

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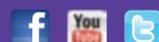
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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPHERD

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### Urinal technology

■ Two Brazilian firms collaborated recently to test a whimsical device that could perhaps lessen splashing on men's room floors: a urinal containing a fretboard that makes musical sounds as liquid hits it (if the stream is strong enough). According to a May report in the Brazilian edition of Billboard magazine, versions were set up in several Sao Paulo bars to see if men's aims

improved. (Flushing produces an online address from which a sound recording of the user's "music" can be retrieved.)

■ In a project that has already gone live in 200 Michigan bars and restaurants, the state's Office of Highway Safety Planning has installed "talking" urinal cakes featuring a female announcer urging inebriated patrons to call a taxi. ■

### Latest religious messages

■ From time to time, Buddhist groups attempt to improve their "karmic balance" by doing good deeds for Earth's animal inhabitants. (Previously, "News of the Weird" mentioned a California group's "freeing" fish by buying out a pet shop's inventory and liberating the "lucky" fish into the Pacific Ocean — where they were undoubtedly eaten almost immediately by larger fish.) In June, about 50 members of the Let Blessings and Wisdom Grow Buddhist group in Beijing bought at least 200 snakes, took them into a rural area of Hebei province, and, chanting, released them. Almost immediately, the snakes infested the nearby village of Miao Erdong, horrifying the villagers, who were able to club to death some of the snakes, but who remained on edge.

■ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's weekly Morbidity and Mortality newsletter reported in June that, officially,

11 newborn Jewish males in New York City between the years 2000-2011 were diagnosed with herpes simplex virus that had been passed on by a circumcision technique in which the "mohel" (circumciser) contains bleeding by sucking blood directly from the wound.

■ Scottish officials were reportedly optimistic about a recent decision of the legislature of Louisiana. State officials this year broadened a voucher program to allow parents to choose private schools with Christian fundamentalist curricula. One prominent textbook for that curriculum (offered by the Accelerated Christian Education program) touted sightings of Scotland's Loch Ness monster as "evidence" that humans and dinosaurs walked the Earth at the same time, thus undermining the widely accepted scientific theory of evolution. Officials now anticipate an influx of tourists to Loch Ness, near Inverness. ■

### Cultural diversity

■ Television ads appeared recently in India exploiting women's obsession with lightening their skin — a fascination already responsible for a rich market in facial bleaching. Now, ads for "Clean and Dry Intimate Wash" promise to "refresh" a woman's private parts by making them fairer. Female columnist Amrit Dhillon, viewing an ad of a disinterested husband ignoring his too-brown wife, denounced the product as catering to "self-hatred — of race and gender" and urged the banning of the ads.

■ In May, the Beijing Municipal Commission of City Administration and Environment issued a formal rule to crack down on unhygienic public restrooms. The toilets' attendants will be ordered to take corrective action any time they count a number of flies equal to two times the number of stalls in the restroom. The city official in charge downplayed the likelihood of inspectors themselves counting flies. "The regulation is specific ... but the inspection methodology will be flexible." ■

### Questionable judgments

■ Adriana Villareal of Dos de Mayo, Argentina, lost her husband two years ago but now makes it a point to visit his tomb about four times a year, and not just briefly. Ms. Villareal brings bedding, an Internet connection, and a small stove so that she can remain three or four days at each visit. Said Ms. Villareal, according to a June Agence France-Presse dispatch, "When you love someone, you do all sorts of things."

■ The Illinois Supreme Court affirmed a lower court ruling in June in which Marshall Hollins was sentenced to eight years in prison for taking cellphone photographs of a 17-year-old girl with whom he was having sex. That sex was voluntary and, since Illinois' age of consent is 16, legal. However, the court ruled, it is still illegal in Illinois to take sexual pictures of a child, and that particular law defines underage as under 18. (Mr.

Hollins had claimed, unsuccessfully, that he surely ought to be able to take pictures of a legal event.)

■ British soccer player John Terry was acquitted in July of hurling racial abuse at opponent Anton Ferdinand, even though Mr. Terry's three-word phrase was acknowledged by the judge to contain the word "black" and two words that are commonly censored in family newspapers. According to a *New York Times* dispatch before the verdict, there was much testimony about the "paint-peeling profanities" that soccer opponents routinely use on the pitch (in particular, referencing each other's mothers' sex lives). In handing down the verdict, the Westminster Magistrates' Court judge said he was not certain that Mr. Terry was not simply repeating a slur that he had heard moments earlier. ■

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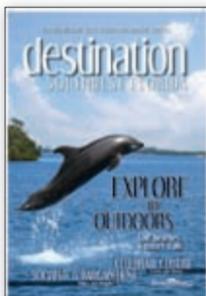
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"Until there is a cure, we offer an interim solution," says Sue Bidwell, owner of the Home Instead Senior Care office serving Naples.

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.

For more information, call Home Instead Senior Care at 596-2030 or visit the website above.

## Lighthouse classes for visually impaired

Lighthouse of Collier Center for Blindness and Vision Loss and the Florida Division of Blind Services offer programs to help blind and visually impaired be independent in Collier.

Homewood Residence Naples provides space to Lighthouse of Collier for a class in independent living skills for the blind and visually impaired. Anyone who has been recently diagnosed with macular degeneration, cataracts, tunnel vision or another eye condition and who needs help learning how to socialize, navigate, communicate and feel safe in a sighted world is welcome.

For more information, call Lighthouse of Collier at 430-3934 or visit [www.lighthouseofcollier.org](http://www.lighthouseofcollier.org).

## Blood center needs all types

The Community Blood Center needs to replenish its supplies of all types of blood. Donors can visit the following Community Blood Center locations:

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

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

For a list of Community Blood Center bloodmobile locations and times, visit [www.givebloodcbc.org](http://www.givebloodcbc.org).

## Free counseling for caregivers

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

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

## 'Saving Our Tiniest Treasures'

HCH Hospital Ball will help expand Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

### SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Attendees at the recent kick-off party for the 2012 NCH Hospital Ball learned more about specialized equipment for the NCH Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, which this year's ball will benefit. Among that equipment is the Giraffe Neonatal Omnibed, which properly positions babies, provides a safe and protective healing environment to promote developmental support, allows for quick and accurate assessment of weight in bed, and other specialized functions that



Cathy Ravelo, NICU/pediatrics nurse manager, explains the Giraffe Neonatal Omnibed to guest Rufino Hernandez



Dr. Allen Weiss, NCH president and CEO, with Rebecca Zung-Clough and John Clough

result in better outcomes for the community's youngest patients.

With the theme of "Saving Our Tiniest Treasures," the ball is set for the evening of Saturday, Oct. 28, at The

because when there are no available NICU beds to care for a sick or premature baby, NCH has to send those children to facilities outside Collier County, making it difficult for parents

and other family members to be close to those who need them most, the newborns.

Also at the kick-off event, guests were introduced to several members of the Hospital Ball Leadership Committee, including Stacey Herring of Fifth Third Bank, Hospital Ball chair; Ray Dweck of Northern Trust, auction chair; and Stefan Contorno of Merrill Lynch, sponsorship chair.

Ritz-Carlton, Naples. Proceeds will help fund expansion of the NICU.

Just like the little miracles who thrive there, the NICU is rapidly growing and must undergo a major expansion to care for the youngest patients at NCH. With an average daily census of 12, the NICU has outgrown its current nine-bed unit and must expand to provide for the most critically ill or premature babies who require immediate, life-saving care.

The expansion is important

The NCH Hospital Ball is the longest running annual gala in the history of Naples. For the past 54 years, friends of the hospital have gathered at the ball to raise funds and awareness for critical hospital programs and services. Approximately 600 supporters typically attend the event, which sells out quickly. This year's organizers encourage patrons to save the date and buy tickets early.

For more information, call Cynthia Bennett at 436-4511 or visit [NCHmd.org/hospitalball](http://NCHmd.org/hospitalball). ■

## NCH earns a spot among top rankings — again



Once again, U. S. News & World Report has recognized the NCH Healthcare System as among the Best Hospitals in the nation and in Southern Florida. NCH is the only hospital in Southwest Florida to have achieved this distinction twice.

This is the 23rd year the magazine has published its national Honor Roll — 720 top hospitals across the nation, ranked in 16 specialties and in selected metropolitan and regional areas. This year, NCH was ranked 22nd of all hospitals in Florida, with particular high performance in gastroenterology and orthopedics. Complete rankings and methodology of this process are available at <http://health.usnews.com/best-hospitals>.

According to Avery Comarow, health rankings editor at U.S. News, these hospital rankings are a GPS-like aid to help steer patients to hospitals with strong skills in the procedures and medical conditions that present the biggest challenges. "All of these hospitals are the kinds of medical centers that should

be on your list when you need the best care. They are where other hospitals send the toughest cases," Mr. Comarow said.

U.S. News is but the latest independent observer to recognize NCH. We have been fortunate over the past few years to be recognized for our quality, safety, financial stability and overall excellence by a number of respected authorities, including:

■ The Society of Thoracic Surgeons, which ranked our open heart surgery program among the top 10 percent in the country.

■ HealthGrades, which has ranked NCH among the best in Florida in many fields for years.

■ Moody's, which has reaffirmed our A2 stable bond rating. (Until last year, we never even had a bond rating.)

■ Hospitals & Health Networks magazine, which gave us a Most Wired award for excellence in health-care information technology.

All these awards are gratifying and certainly make us proud. But most important is our work in placing the patient first. That's the real key to NCH. We are a team of almost 4,000 colleagues, more than 600 physicians and 1,200 volunteers who care for patients — one at a time. Each of our patients is our most important responsibility.

To bolster our great team, Helen Thompson, recently retired from the United States Navy Reserve, has joined us as a chief information officer. Some of her notable assignments included the U.S. Military Hospital Kuwait, CIO/communications officer, and Navy Reserve deputy CIO responsible for 270 facilities. She also led Baldrige Award-winning Heartland Health's information technologies initiative for nine years.

Ms. Thompson will lead our effort with Cerner to integrate our community's medical records with a health information exchange. We welcome her to our leadership team.

We have been on a journey these past 12 years, evolving from a sole community hospital to a medical destination where one of every eight patients comes from outside our five-county area. We weather our industry's, our region's and our nation's challenges with a focus on execution, diligence and teamwork that has forged our reputation for excellence.

Every day brings new challenge and greater success. It is my privilege to be associated with such an institution and its people. ■

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

## Galleria Shoppes in good shape for Naples Family Fitness

**SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY**

A group of Naples-based investors has acquired the Lifestyle Family Fitness location at 2349 Vanderbilt Beach Road and is now operating it as Naples Family Fitness. The transaction followed the announced sale of the regional-based Lifestyle Family Fitness chain to national fitness company LA Fitness.

The two-story, 31,000-square-foot fitness center opened in 2008 and offers a wide range of amenities, including cardio and weights, cycling, tanning

facilities and sauna. A group fitness room accommodates classes in cardio and aerobics, strength training and toning, water exercise, yoga, Pilates, dance, Zumba and nutrition.

The new owners have completed renovations and are determining a plan to offer additional fitness and health programs as well as to expand the club's facilities. More spa-type services are planned along with enhancements to the center's day care program.

No changes are anticipated for the club's 4,500 members, whose contracts are being honored by the new owners.

The fitness center currently employs about 30 individuals, and plans are to increase the staff.

Jasmin Mann, leasing manager for The Galleria Shoppes at Vanderbilt, said Naples Family Fitness is in line with the overall branding of the property as an upscale lifestyle center. Among the tenants at the center on the northwest the corner of Vanderbilt Beach

and Airport-Pulling roads are Starbucks Coffee Company, Pei Wei Asian Diner, Café Alfredo, Let's Yo! Yogurt shop and Shoe Mart.

For more information about Naples Family Fitness, e-mail Naplesfamilyfitness@gmail.com. ■



## Physicians Talent Showcase wins National Association of Music Merchants Award

The National Association of Music Merchants named the Steinway Piano Gallery in Bonita Springs and Greg Billings as one of America's Top 100 Music Dealers and the gallery's Physicians Talent Showcase, an annual benefit for the Neighborhood Health Clinic in Naples, as the Outstanding Promotional Event of 2011.

NAMM is the nonprofit association with more than 9,000 member companies in 87 countries. Its mission is to strengthen the musical instruments and products industry and to promote the pleasures and benefits of making music.

The Physicians Talent Showcase was born from the shared interest of Mr. Billings and his wife Sara. He is a musician, writer and businessman with a fascination for medicine; she is a registered nurse with a love of music. Both are committed to helping the disadvantaged. Together they produce the annual showcase that brings musically talented doctors to



Greg Billings of the Steinway Piano Gallery, left, accepts the award from Stephanie Langston in Nashville.

ZACH PHILLIPS, MUSIC INC MAGAZINE

the stage at the Sugden Community Theatre to benefit the Neighborhood Health Clinic, a medical home for low-

income, uninsured working adults. "This event is the perfect way to merge our passions for music and

health care while supporting our community" Mrs. Billings says.

Since the first Physicians Talent Show in 2005, the Billings have provided a showcase for more than 50 physicians and have raised more than \$150,000 for the Neighborhood Health Clinic. Naples' finest doctors have sung, danced, played instruments ranging from the musical saw to the ukelele, and performed magic and ventriloquist tricks.

"The Physicians Talent Showcase has been a huge success with tremendous financial support for the clinic's mission and an opportunity for physicians to share their musical talents," says Dr. Bill Lascheid, who co-founded the clinic with his wife Nancy. "The Billings have created a wonderful event and gift to the community and the clinic. For that, we give our heartfelt thanks."

The eighth annual Physicians Talent Showcase is set for Tuesday, Oct. 9. ■

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# Intern makes a 'human connection' with Parkinson's patients

BY CHUCK CURRY  
Special to Florida Weekly

As he approached his 22nd birthday in June, Joseph Fields found himself in this position: He needed volunteer hours as a completion to undergraduate studies at Florida Gulf Coast University and as a springboard to medical school.

What he found through the Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida Inc. was a group working to develop and maintain their ability to speak and swallow — and a rapt audience.

"I had no idea the therapy would be so similar to the breathing and kinesthetic of vocal training. I felt like I had been practicing therapy for most of my life," says Mr. Fields, who was born in Miami and graduated from Naples High School.

When he wanted to improve his singing and take the nasality out of his voice, he explains, his father had referred him to retired speech pathologist Dr. Bernard Fogel.

"I remember calling him and hearing his booming radio announcer voice over the phone. After a session, we'd usually talk, and he mentioned his previous volunteer work with PASFI."

Dr. Fogel has a long history with PASFI, as a volunteer instructor of the specialized speech classes for persons with Parkinson disease and also through his service on the board of directors.

Fast-forward several years, and young Mr. Fields found himself carrying his keyboard into the PASFI classroom and even thumbing through some of Dr. Fogel's materials from his days at PASFI.

Mr. Fields, who has a focus on both music and medical school, volunteers

his talents to help with the weekly voice aerobics class hosted by PASFI at its headquarters in Naples. Voice exercise is important to Parkinson patients, as the disease can rob them of the ability to speak and swallow.

It didn't take long for Mr. Fields to see how voice exercises can bring change to those who suffer from the disease. "I'd say the best moment was helping a Parkinsonian named David," he recalls. "The first week he could only utter a mumble, then a week later, with a little confidence and breathing exercises, he could say his name in front of the group."

Mr. Fields' brief internship at PASFI isn't lost in either memory or deed. PASFI officials immediately saw his impact on members and even captured some on video that will be put on DVD and used in future voice classes.

"Joseph has been a wonderful asset to our members," says Ruth Hubing, executive director of the organization. "He brings a love of music and an interest in its healing effects to our class that is infectious. Many of us haven't sung in years because of poor vocal ability, but we've dropped our inhibitions and are joining right in with the group."

"PASFI has been blessed to have Joseph volunteer with us."

Looking back on a track from Naples High school to the University of Central Florida and back to Southwest Florida for FGCU, Mr. Fields is pleased.

"I'd say transferring schools was the most difficult. At UCF I was originally a double major in opera and biology. I wasn't getting what I wanted out of either of them," he says. "It was a tough call. I switched to private composition

lessons with maestro William Noll in Naples and biology research at FGCU. Best decision I ever made."

Mr. Fields, whose father, Dr. Kenneth Fields, practices in Naples, has been practicing for his MCAT (medical college admission test) and plans to take it by Sept. 1.

Wrapping it all up, the younger Mr. Fields is both succinct and straightforward: "It's important to establish a human connection within your

work. If you connect with people and give them confidence, they'll have confidence in you."

## About PASFI

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

The organization sponsors exercise classes every week from Naples out to Bonita Springs and 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 Suite 201. On Tuesdays it offers a memories class called "My Story" in which members write their life history



Joseph Fields interning at PASFI.

and will have a video taken and put on DVD to share with family.

Also at the Naples office, support group meetings are held at 10:30 a.m. Thursdays 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 417-3465, e-mail pasfied@aol.com or visit www.PASFI.org. ■

— Chuck Curry is the media administrator and administrative assistant for the Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida Inc.

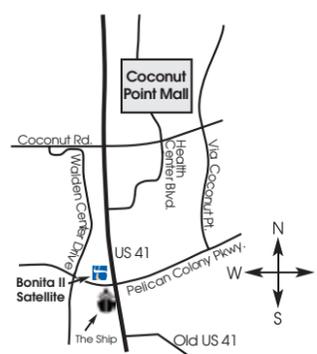
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Four- and two-legged friends of Humane Society Naples put on a fashion show at Coastland Center to focus on what's new to wear for fall and who's available for adoption from the no-kill shelter. Models were from Five Star Talent and Productions; The Body Shop and Francesca's Collections provided fashions.

1. Fabiola Jauregui and Guss
2. Trisha Borgess and Furbee
3. Kathleen and John Karpovich with two furry friends
4. Jauregui Fiorella and Daniela and Samantha Kyle admire Ericka
5. Dezree MacDonough with an adoptable kitty



Cindy and Mindy Hall with Angel

## Help send kids back to class ready to learn

Parents, teachers and kids are starting to think about getting back to school, and that means school supply drives are under way to help ensure that every student returns to the classroom ready to learn, not worried about having the tools to help them succeed.

Local supply drives include:

■ **Fifth Third Bank** - This is the fourth year Fifth Third Bank has partnered with the Education Foundation of Collier County to collect school supplies.

Through Aug. 1, customers, employees and anyone else can drop donations into bins at bank branches throughout the county (visit [www.53.com](http://www.53.com) for the nearest location). Fifth Third will provide backpacks, and the Education Foundation will distribute them filled with the donated supplies.

■ **Youth Haven** - Youth Haven is Southwest Florida's residential emergency shelter for boys and girls ages 6-14 who have been removed from their homes due to abuse, neglect or abandonment. To help its young clients start the new school year with excitement rather than the anxiety of being unprepared, the agency welcomes donations of supplies that can be dropped off between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday at 5867 Whitaker Road. For more information, call Laura Philbert at 687-5175 or e-mail [laura.philbert@youthhaven.net](mailto:laura.philbert@youthhaven.net).

■ **The Shelter for Abused Women & Children** - The annual "Give Back - Fill a Pack" drive helps provide supplies for the first day of school and throughout the year as children and teens come into the Shelter's program.

Donations can be dropped off between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at Options Thrift Shoppe, 968 Second Ave. N. For more information, call Rebecca Grabau at 775-3862, ext. 235, or e-mail [rgrabau@naplesshelter.org](mailto:rgrabau@naplesshelter.org).

Suggested items include glue sticks, crayons, index cards, pens, pencils, pink erasers, paper (both lined and plain printer paper), two-pocket folders, dry erase markers, spiral notebooks, binders and rulers, backpacks and lunch boxes (and ice packs), zipper pencil bags, boxes of Kleenex and wet wipes. Gift cards are also useful to stores such as Target, Office Depot, etc. ■

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## PET TALES

# Planning for a parrot

Even 'easy' species can be high-maintenance pets

BY GINA SPADAFORI

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After years of dreaming, planning and preparing, I moved onto a small piece of country property where I could have more — and more kinds — of animals than were previously allowed in my old suburban neighborhood. My horses live with me now, and I have added more pet chickens. Goats? Maybe. But one kind of pet I haven't had since my beloved little parrot, Eddie, died a few years back is on my list again.

Parrots aren't like other pets. They're wickedly smart, relatively high-maintenance, very messy and exceptionally long-lived. I'm going to think long and hard before making the plunge, and not just because many kinds of parrots are likely to outlive me now.

I will go slowly mostly because I know that when it comes to parrots, too many people get in over their heads, choosing a pet who's too large, too loud, too expensive and, ultimately, too much to handle. I know which species are too much for me. But even the easier ones? I'm still thinking.

Parrots are wonderful pets, although they are much more work than many people realize. Before you fall in love with a parrot who's not a good fit for you, consider a few species that may fit the bill better.

■ **Cockatiels:** When properly raised and socialized, these popular pets like to snuggle and be petted. If you've seen only the gray bird with orange patches, you may be surprised at how many cockatiel color



The cockatiel is one of the easiest parrots to handle, and a charming bird who enjoys interaction.

and pattern variations are available these days. Some cockatiels learn to talk, but many are better at whistling.

■ **Budgies:** Because of their small price tag and easy availability, budgerigars (commonly, but improperly, known as "parakeets") are often treated as throwaway pets — easily purchased, easily disposed of and easily replaced. This attitude keeps people from valuing these birds for their affectionate personality. Some budgies even become very good talkers, albeit with tiny little voices. Budgies are commonly found in two varieties: the narrow American and the huskier English. Many budgies can be tamed by gentle, patient handling and can bond closely with their human companions.

■ **Lovebirds:** When hand-raised and socialized, lovebirds enjoy being handled. They're very affectionate, not overly loud and are capable of picking up a few phrases. The peach-faced lovebird is the most

common, and this species also comes in many interesting color mutations. Contrary to popular belief, you don't need to keep them in pairs.

■ **Poicephalus:** These small parrots are an easygoing bunch. Of the species available as pets, the Senegal is probably the most common, a handsome little bird with a gray head, green back and wings, and yellow-orange underside. Poicephalus parrots are known for their small size — a little bigger than a cockatiel — and affectionate personalities. They're not the best talkers, but some will pick up a few phrases.

■ **Pionus:** Not as flashy as other mid-sized parrots, the pionus is often overlooked. But what it lacks in bright colors it makes up for with a winning personality. Several varieties of pionus are available as pets, all small enough to be easy to keep and handle. Their personalities are considered among the most sedate of all parrots, and they're not excessively loud.

Those are my top five, but there are other "starter birds" to consider. Among them are the Pyrrhura conure (such as the green-cheeked), the Quaker or monk parakeet (where legal), and the lilac-crowned or other smaller Amazons. And, yes, I'm thinking about another caique, like Eddie. Finally, the tiny and colorful parrotlet deserves consideration, too.

I'll be thinking about it for a few months longer, and in the end I may decide never to have a parrot again. But I will always yearn for the cleverness and the quirkiness these special pets bring to any home. ■

### Pets of the Week



>> **Buzz** is 3 months old. He has beautiful yellow eyes and is as affectionate as he is classically handsome.



>> **Lola** is a 6-month-old Labrador retriever mix who weighs about 35 pounds. Friendly, smart and eager to please, she likes people, cats and other dogs.



>> **Tootie** is a beautiful 4-month-old girl who has a sweet, loving personality.



>> **Wiggly** is a 6-month-old Italian greyhound and Chihuahua mix who weighs about 9 pounds. He's quite handsome, good on his leash and fun to take on walks. He gets along beautifully with people, cats and other dogs.

### To adopt or foster a pet

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

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# MUSINGS

## Cartouche



“Who breaks a butterfly upon a wheel?”

— Alexander Pope, “Epistle to Dr. Arbuthnot”

“Perhaps I may become a Highwayman again, or I may simply be a single drop of rain.”

— Jimmy Webb, “Highwayman”

“Your money or your life!”

— greeting of a highwayman

“I like them all. There’s bits and pieces of books that I think are good. I never rework a book. I’d rather use what I’ve learned on the next one, and make it a little bit better. The worst of it is that I’m no longer a kid and I’m just now getting to be a good writer. Just now.”

— Louis L’Amour’s response to inquiry posed late in his life regarding which of his writings was his favorite.

“Look upon my works, ye mighty, and despair.”

— Percy Bysshe Shelley, “Ozymandias”

When Jimmy Webb was staying in a London hotel suite, complete with piano, he had a dream that he was a bandit on horseback, a highwayman, being chased. In his words, “I had a black cape and pistols. I was being chased within an inch of my life, and I know for a fact that if they caught me they were going to kill me.” When he woke up, he wrote the song “Highwayman,” which he recorded in 1977 in the album *El Mirage*. In 1978, Glen Campbell also recorded it, in the midst of contention with Capital Records.

The song is about a soul with four incarnations in different places and times in history. These were a highwayman, a sailor, a construction worker on Hoover Dam and a star ship captain.

In Switzerland, in 1984, four men were in another hotel room: Willie Nelson, Chris Kristofferson, Waylon Jennings and Johnny Cash. These country music outlaws decided to record the song again, each man singing one of the incarnations. The song reached number one on the U.S. Billboard Hot Country Singles in 1985. Between 1997 and 1999, these four artists dramatized a four-CD box set of seven stories by Louis L’Amour.

L’Amour has written 89 novels, 14 short story collections, and two works of non-fiction which have been translated into 20 languages and are all still in print.

I wonder if Louis L’Amour know about Louis L’Amour, aka Louis Dominique Garthaus, aka Cartouche, a real highwayman in the environs of 18th-century Paris until he was, as they say, broken on the wheel. His exploits have also been sung and told in bal-

lads and bodice rippers.

This life on the hoof, on the wheel, on the disc is like protoplasm that was caterpillar, that now is awaiting to wake, with wings perhaps. To all this-and-that over and over, over and under we speak, giving names that clothe, that give form and format. We transmogrify, evolve, transmute. Bandit forms come in many names, like Baskin Robbins flavor rainbows. The names transmigrate, attach here and there, and come unglued and reattach, with pleasure and punch, wealed and dealed, shell game app peeled.

To the name: A cartouche is an Egyptian hieroglyph enclosure that signals a royal name. A cartouche is usually vertical, but it can become horizontal if it fits the name better that way. This surrounding oval meant protection. If a cartouche is cut in half, its significance shifts. It would now mean “to cut, to divide, to separate.”

In 21st century CE, cartouche incarnates again: In the contemporary world of computer programming the word can refer to a block of text within a code page that contains metadata about the code. Perhaps the author’s name (some things never change) would be given, or perhaps the purpose.

Now, some may feel that this is changing

the subject, but changing the subject is what this is all about.

Because cartouche contains metadata, we have here and now a titular obligation to move toward discernment regarding metadata. We can agree that metadata refers to data about data. But here is the caveat, so NB: Because content is unknown when structures are being designed, structural metadata must be data about containers of data. Here, in this context, the individual instances of data, the data content itself, is irrelevant at best.

Said in the clearest form possible, structural metadata is not-data about data content. Put that in your cartouche, ancient mama. Or just hum if you don’t know the words.

(Why do I want to tell you that I love you?)

May every cartouche be... ■

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*Gulf prepares  
 for a*  
**Cuban disaster**

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AMERICAN PROTESTS NOTWITHSTANDING, Cuba and partner Venezuela may begin drilling for oil from a Chinese-made deepwater rig late this summer within 120 miles of Key West, officials say.

"It's worrisome. I don't know what you do about it. Some of this may be Castro and (Hugo) Chavez thumbing their noses at us," says Chauncey Goss, a Republican candidate for the District 19 seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. Mr. Goss has said he will not support any drilling in the eastern gulf.

The U.S. has little recourse but to watch, since the drilling would occur in the sovereign waters of Cuba and the U.S. embargo on Cuba prevents American companies from participating in oil exploration by selling equipment or expertise.

"The idea of non-U.S. drilling

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"In this case, the fact that it's a government-owned company and that government is run by a dictator who is not exactly an ally of the U.S. means that the incentive to take the necessary precautions is likely to be lower than it would be for a private oil company. So, the chances of a spill are likely to be higher."

— Dean Stansel, FGCU economics professor



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# MONEY & INVESTING

## Gamechangers: deflation followed by hyperinflation



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The U.S. GDP is barely growing. Press and analyst reports suggest that the U.S. might soon face a deflation and hint that hyperinflation could follow. Despite aggressive monetary base expansion, there is no inflation as measured by CPI or PPI (www.bls.com). What does this mean? How can investors prepare?

In deflation, prices of goods and services fall; inflation goes below 0 percent.

In monetary terms, deflation can occur if: 1) the monetary base grows more slowly than the economy; or 2) the speed with which money is used (velocity) seriously drops (e.g. money sits). Since 2008, the U.S. has greatly expanded money supply (inflationary) but the attendant drop in velocity (deflationary) has contributed to no inflation.

If explained in supply/demand terms, prices fall due to: 1) lack of demand from money hoarding; 2) excess supply of international goods and services; and 3) decreased demand due to contraction in credit/loans.

Various deflationary conditions currently exist: lower velocity; hoarding; excess international supply; and, since March 2008, \$7 trillion of international credit/loan contraction within the shadow banking sector. (Florida Weekly, July 18, "The Hunt for Inflation Leads to a Dead End".)

In deflation, GDP can get crippled. Buyers of goods and services defer spending,

waiting for next month's or next year's lower prices.

If and when deflation surfaces, the U.S. central bank will fiercely fight it... if it has any spare monetary tools to do so.

Hyperinflation, inflation in excess of 50 percent per month, is an entirely different beast; it is not birthed from inflation as it comes from collapse of a currency. Per hyperinflation expert, Peter Bernholz: "...the creation of money to finance a public budget deficit has been the reason for hyperinflation." ("Monetary Regimes and Inflation by Peter Bernholz, 2003.)

Now how can deflation reverse course and suddenly become the opposite... to a hyper degree? History suggests this progression: 1) a severe contraction/deflation in a country's GDP occurs; 2) taxation receipts fall and budget deficits further increase; 3) there is inability to issue new debt to pay older debt's interest and principal; 4) money is printed to make debt payments and other domestic expenses; 5) the fiat currency's value collapses causing a shift out of the currency and into assets which can maintain value, are liquid, can be used to effect transactions, and can be transported.

### Red flags

Usually, countries with government deficits greater than 20 percent of government expenditures are flagged as candidates for hyperinflation. Some of Bernholz's candidates (and their deficit ratio) include: U.S. (26 percent); U.K. (20 percent); Spain (21 percent); and Japan (25 percent).

A country's hyperinflation risk is lessened if its deficits have been internally financed (i.e., not by foreigners). The risk is lessened because domestic citizens and

institutions are more willing to accept a devalued currency than foreign counterparts. Still, such fiat currency would still precipitously fall as confidence in the debtor country collapses. Many eyes are on Japan; though internally debt financed, Japan's critical debt load might crush even its most faithful domestic buyers.

For countries that are large debtors and externally financed, hyperinflation risk is much greater.

The UK and the U.S. are both externally financed and both have borrowed using their own fiat currencies. As each controls its own money press, (increasingly worthless) money could be printed; hypothetically, foreigners would receive their payments in these collapsed currencies: Enter hyperinflation.

A country is at its highest risk for hyperinflation when it has large debt-financed deficits and has largely externally financed and the debt is denominated in a foreign currency. Since that country can't print foreign currency, virtually all of such debtor's foreign exchange reserves are dedicated to debt repayments to foreigners. However, the country's fiat currency is printed to pay its internal bills and debts and its currency collapses. Again, enter hyperinflation.

Spain is a twist on the last theme; it lacks its own currency and now owes Euros. But Spain cannot print money (hyperinflate) as the Euro printing press is run by the EU's central bank.

However, in all of history, hyperinflation has never taken over a core country. It has remained the plight of peripheral countries, as there is exit from their currency and purchase of safe (or safer) currencies. In the present situation, to where would U.S.

capital flee? To the Japanese Yen? China Renminbi? EU's Euro? Brazil's Real? British Pound? Maybe some, but not all. And that leaves Canada or Australia as options... but any prior deflation in the U.S. would have likely crushed these natural resource dependent economies and currencies.

If the U.S. loses its foreign reserve status (meaning a new safe haven currency has emerged), the now low risk of hyperinflation in the U.S. increases. U.S. capital will flee to the new, safer reserve currency.

We live in a chaotic financial world where the imponderable, the black swan, the non-linear, the "once-in-a-lifetime" events are all happening, and frequently so. In that context, hyperinflation is possible.

The very best investment approach, subject to suitability, is to have a truly diversified portfolio that includes traditional assets of stocks and real estate but importantly includes a diverse basket of commodities, currencies and gold, which can be managed long or short. Obviously, U.S. dollar denominated bonds would be decimated in an environment of 50 percent monthly inflation. ■

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BARNHART

**Mark Schwartz**, president and owner of Storm Force Hurricane Protection, has been named chairman of the nominating and governance committee of the board of directors of Friends of Foster Children of Collier County.



SCHWARTZ

**Jonathan Rotella** has been appointed to serve on the advisory board for Naples Capital Advisors Inc. to provide oversight, strategic guidance and performance monitoring for the trust and investment management functions of Naples Capital Advisors and its affiliate, Capital Bank, N.A. Mr. Rotella is the founder and CEO of NexGen Hyperbaric & the Center for Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Medicine.

New officers for the Florida Gulf Coast University Foundation board of directors are: Chairman **John Fumagalli**, president and CEO for the Southwest Florida region for Northern Trust; vice chairman **Charles Winton**, owner of Estero Bay Chevrolet; treasurer **Miller Couse**, chairman and CEO of the First Bank of Clewiston; assistant treasurer **Steve Magiera**, vice president for administration and finance at FGCU; and secretary **David Call**, chairman, president and CEO of Fifth Third Bank (South Florida).

**Charles "Chuck" Kettelman**, **Janet Cohen** and **Angela Black** have been elected to serve four-year terms on the board of directors of the Florida Gulf Coast University Foundation.

**Kristi Lester**, **Laura Stacell** and **Carolyn Tieger** have joined the board of directors for Collier Child Care Resources Inc.



STACELL, TIEGER, LESTER

Ms. Lester is a public information officer apprentice with the Collier County Sheriff's Office. She earned a bachelor's degree in communications from Florida Gulf Coast University and a master's degree in public administration from Hodges University.

Ms. Stacell is a former Head Start director for the Collier County School District and a former member of the Healthy Start Coalition and the Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida. She earned a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in education from Illinois State University.

Ms. Tieger, the president of entrepreneur Communications LLC, is an independent consultant specializing in public affairs, public relations and crisis management. She previously was a partner in the international public relations firm Porter Novelli. She also was executive vice president of Burson-Marsteller and was an owner and general manager of Goddard Claussen's Washington, D.C., office. She was named Public Affairs Executive of the Year by PR News in 2006 and Washington PR Woman of the Year by Washington Women in PR in 2005.

**Keith Jacoby**, CFA, has been named to the board of directors for Royal Palm Academy. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration with minor degrees in economics and psychology from Flagler College and began his career in the financial services industry in 1995 as an advisor at Prudential Securities, a predecessor firm of Wells Fargo Advisors. For the past 15 years, he has specialized in coordinating the financial affairs of a select group of high-net-worth families.

**Frank Friend**, **Robin Bache Gray** and **Richard Tooke** have been appointed to the board of directors for the Bayshore Cultural and Performing Arts Center.

Mr. Friend will serve on the development committee. He is a management consultant and the former director of education for SCORE Naples and director for the Center for Critical Thinking.

Ms. Bache Gray will serve on the Bayshore CAPA marketing committee and oversee social media efforts. She performs with Naples Ballet and volunteers with Humane Society Naples and Seacrest Country Day School.

Mr. Tooke will serve as visual arts coordinator for Bayshore CAPA. He retired as director of the department of rights and reproductions at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City.

## Expansion

Air Technology Engines is expanding manufacturing space as well as hiring. The authorized Honeywell T53 service

## Health Care

**Dr. Alexander Eaton** of Retina Health Center has been reappointed as a consulting associate in the department of ophthalmology at Duke Eye Center. Part of the Duke University School of Medicine in Durham, N.C., the center specializes in the treatment of blinding eye diseases such as macular degeneration and diabetic retinopathy. Dr. Eaton is an alumnus of Duke University School of Medicine.



EATON

**Jessica Woodman** has joined the staff at Community Pregnancy Clinics as a registered diagnostic medical sonographer. She previously worked at Lee Memorial Health System as a sonographer for two years.

## Hospitality

**Tyler Field** has been promoted to executive chef at the Club at Mediterra. A certified executive chef and graduate of The Culinary Institute of America, Mr. Field comes to Mediterra from Isleworth Golf & Country Club in Windermere, Fla., where he served as chef de cuisine/sous chef for six years, working under Certified Master Chef Russell Scott, one of the world's 61 CMCs. He holds a bachelor of professional studies degree in culinary arts management.



FIELD

## Interior Design

**Joan Kiefer** has been named Miromar Design Center's July 2012 Designer of Distinction. She has been in the interior design business for more than 30 years and is the principal designer of Naples-based Joan Kiefer Design and Burdett Design Build, LLC. Prior to founding her design business, Ms. Kiefer was



KIEFER

a senior interior designer for a national architectural firm, owned an antique shop and served as a docent for an art museum.

## Media

**Julie Clay** has joined the staff at EJC Productions as writer and producer to oversee and produce social media content for EJC clients and to write and distribute press releases and collateral. Ms. Clay most recently was the communications and event officer at St. Matthew's House.

## Real Estate

**Christine Citrano** has joined the Naples office of Downing-Frye Realty. She has been working in residential sales in the Naples market since 2004 and holds several industry designations, including ABR, CIPS and GRI. She belongs to the Naples Area Board of Realtors and the Women's Council of Realtors Naples-on-the-Gulf Chapter.

The Bonita Springs Estero Association of Realtors announces the following members of the 2012 BEAR Leadership Academy: **Amy Velyvis**, **Cathi Bruce**, **Cathy Wynn**, **Donna Marcotte**, **Ed Alvarez**, **Heather Wightman**, **Jeff Piipponen**, **Jerry Feldstein**, **Jessica Berube**, **Kim Buehler**, **Mary Jo Griffith** and **Machael Cameron Jackson**.

Monitors for the 2012 class are Academy alumni Gariann Small and Cindy Kruesi; secretary is Erica Bernhardt.

## Retail

**Kim Nye** has joined Saks Fifth Avenue at Waterside Shops as general manager. For the past nine years she has worked at SFA in Troy, N.Y., most recently as vice president and general manager. Ms. Nye has a 32-year career at SFA, starting with the company's executive trainee program. She holds a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University.

**Tara Beauchesne** has been named director of marketing and business development at Coconut Point in Estero, a Simon Property Group center. She will work to create, develop and implement the overall strategic marketing direction of the shopping center in order to meet corporate and property business and marketing objectives. She previously was the marketing director for AccuData Integrated Marketing and has also worked as a marketing manager for Source Interlink and as a senior marketing manager for WCI Communities Inc. ■

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# State economists predict a lull in foreign tourism

## Canada could be the bright exception

BY MICHAEL PELTIER

The News Service of Florida

Economic woes in Europe will trickle across the Atlantic over the next few years as potential international guests stay home or see their native currency buy less once they arrive, a panel of economists has predicted.

Meeting on July 23 to recalibrate earlier estimates on a host of indices from housing starts to unemployment, economists from the Florida Legislature and the governor's office made only minor changes to a forecast last revised in December.

The bigger economic picture remains largely unchanged, said Amy Baker, coordinator of the Legislature's Office of Economic and Demographic Research. Florida is expected to avoid another recession, but the climb back remains slow.

"We are not expecting any dramatic changes in our previous forecast," Ms. Baker said. "We are making some minor adjustments, but that's about it."

Job growth will remain sluggish as the state continues to claw its way back following a real estate and hous-

ing crash that began in 2007. Even the most optimistic projection has Florida's unemployment rate above 6 percent until 2016. That figure should gradually decrease over the next few years, fueled in part by a reduction in housing inventory and slowly rising home prices.

Compounding Florida's recovery will be the situation in Europe, which is embroiled in debate over the structure and make-up of the European Union. The union is experiencing significant financial instability as it decides the fate of Greece and looks at other struggling countries that have become a drag on the economy.

Florida's tourism industry may suffer as a result. European travelers have helped buoy the state's multibillion-dollar market in recent years as favorable exchange rates have led many visitors to Florida's shores. Such exuberance could ebb as economic uncertainty and a rising U.S. dollar make traveling more expensive.

Overseas tourism might drop by up to 2 percent over the next 12 months, before picking up again in 2014. It will not return to robust year-to-year growth until 2015.

"I'm seeing a decline through 2013 as Europe experiences the brunt of their recession," said Clyde Diao, an economist in Gov. Rick Scott's office.

One bright exception is Canada. Taking advantage of lower gas prices, the flow of Canadians to Florida could increase by nearly 6 percent by the end of 2013. Canadian tourism dropped 11.4 percent during the first three months of 2012, a drop largely due to high gas prices. ■



## DISASTER

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(there) has always been a concern, and now it's heightened," notes another District 19 candidate, Gary Aubuchon, a state representative and Republican. "It's important that Washington applies pressure to make sure that all international laws and rules — particularly as they relate to safety — are being followed."

But profit as well as anxiety is part of the consideration for some Americans watching events in Cuban waters unfold with the summer.

Investors who bet their money on the government-owned Venezuelan oil company preparing to do the drilling, Petroleos de Venezuela S.A., might do well, according to Durig Capital, a U.S. investment firm. Last month, Durig recommended that investors buy high-yield, short-term Yankee bonds for Petroleos de Venezuela, estimating an 11.43 percent yield in profit by the time they mature in Oct., 2014.

"Given the savvy, high reward to risk opportunity we see these bonds represent, we are recommending (them) for our clients looking for both greater cash flow and diversification away from over-weighted U.S. economy-based assets, and it is why we are adding it to our Foreign and World Fixed Income holdings," the company advised in an online newsletter.

The Cuban-Venezuelan effort would follow a failed attempt last spring by a Spanish company, Repsol, to locate oil from the same rig only about 70 miles off Key West.

But ocean currents there were not as dangerous as those in waters 6,000 feet deep, located south and mostly west of the Keys. Given the flow patterns of those currents, Florida beaches on both coasts would lie in a potential zone of catastrophe if a BP-style deep-water accident were to take place in those waters, according to spill scenarios produced by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

"If oil did reach U.S. waters," NOAA warns in a typically understated written comment, "marine and coastal resources in southern Florida could be

at risk, including coral reefs and the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, located north (and east) of the Cuban drilling sites."

Not only could southern Florida's marine ecosystems be at risk, they could be devastated for decades to come or even destroyed forever, say members of Hands Across the Sand. An international organization with many Florida chapters, Hands will join together on beaches worldwide on Sunday, Aug. 4 (see [www.handsacrossthesand.com](http://www.handsacrossthesand.com) for Florida locations).

"The mantra of Hands is this: No to offshore drilling, Yes to clean energy," says Robin Hurley, coordinator of the event on Fort Myers Beach.

"People need to be aware of this drilling plan even though it's outside our waters. You should contact the various environmental agencies or your congressional representatives to protest," she adds.

One factor influencing both investors and the opinions of other analysts may be the safety record of Petroleos. Unfortunately, it's difficult to discover in simple searches.

"We can call for higher returns, greater profits, more free cash flow, but we have to know at what point companies are sacrificing safety performance to increase profits — the single most risky and potentially value-destructive strategy possible," wrote Paul Sankey, a Deutsche Bank analyst quoted in CNNMoney, who had delivered that opinion to investors a month after the BP spill.

"It's not possible to state with certainty, based on comparable data, who has combined best profitability with best safety. That is an enormous hole in our ability to analyze and recommend stocks."

Although he was speaking of American oil companies, the same is true of most others. What it means is that estimating a ration of safety to profit is probably anybody's guess.

Environmentalists, economists and politicians all analyze Cuba's new search for energy and wealth in gulf waters differently. The Cubans claim as much as 20 billion barrels lie below their waters, while the U.S. Geological Survey estimates 5 billion barrels.

But they all reach at least one similar

conclusion, based on the sober estimation of NOAA: The potential downside of the project for Americans and Floridians is dismal.

Officials at the Keys National Marine Sanctuary, at Rookery Bay in the Ten Thousand Islands region, and at the Charlotte Harbor Aquatic Preserves on the southwest coast did not return phone calls asking about their concerns by press time.

Spokeswomen for both NOAA and the state Department of Environmental Protection said their agencies are working closely with the U.S. Coast Guard, who would take the lead in any catastrophe affecting American waters or shores.

"We also work with local communities to make sure their emergency response plans are up to date," says Jennifer Diaz, press secretary for the state DEP.

She would not elaborate, or talk about the specific threat imposed by drilling in waters off Cuba with currents that can reach Florida in less than 100 hours.

No senior officers of the International Association of Drilling Contractors, which offers training and establishes safety standards for rig operators and sub-surface engineers, responded to requests for comments.

But the organization's president and CEO, Steven Kolville, noted in an online trade journal, [www.drillingcontractors.org](http://www.drillingcontractors.org), that the IADC has upgraded its "Knowledge, Skills and Abilities" tests designed to make rig operators competent.

"The revamped KSAs will provide the industry with a benchmark for globally consistent drilling position requirements, as well as recommend means for effectively evaluating personnel," he promised.

But whether that can help an organization — Petroleos de Venezuela S.A. — managed not just for profit but for its value as a cash cow that funnels money into many state programs in Venezuela, is anybody's guess, says Dean Stansel, an economics professor at Florida Gulf Coast University. Professor Stansel previously worked at the CATO Institute, a conservative Washington-based think tank.

Professor Stansel weighed both the

upside and the downside of the Cuban-Venezuelan drilling arrangement this way:

"In simple economic terms, if the world supply of oil increases, that would put downward pressure on the price. So the upside is the lower price.

"The downside is that it's a government-owned company, so they may be less careful about avoiding a spill. The profit motive is a wonderful thing. It gives producers a strong incentive to avoid unnecessary costs, such as the costs of an oil spill."

Sometimes. In the case of B.P., the profit motive didn't work in preventing the worst U.S. spill in a generation or more. But there are other factors, too, Professor Stansel notes.

"In this case, the fact that it's a government-owned company and that government is run by a dictator who is not exactly an ally of the U.S. means that the incentive to take the necessary precautions is likely to be lower than it would be for a private oil company. So, the chances of a spill are likely to be higher."

U.S. House candidate Goss questions whether the cost of getting to oil in such deep water will ultimately prove worth it to the Cubans and Venezuelans.

"It's very deep, it's expensive to get, so it costs more, and if they're not getting that much more oil for the effort, you have the accounting-to-scale thing that goes on. So if it's expensive to extract, why would they? Opportunity cost suggests that rig could be used more effectively somewhere else."

As for the politics of it, "both Venezuela and Cuba are going to take care of themselves," Mr. Goss surmises.

That may not help protect Florida's beaches come fall and winter, but it will likely make a difference over time.

"It's a pretty safe bet that Castro won't live forever," Mr. Goss says. "In fact, I can say with certainty that he won't. Neither will Chavez, who is not healthy, and not working in the best interests of his people. Something has to give."

With any luck, what finally gives won't be a pipe and a drill stretching downward 6,000 feet below the ocean's surface, fixed to a floating rig only 120 miles from the sea-blessed shores of the Sunshine State. ■



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### P/E Ratios Explained

The price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio can give you a clue as to whether a stock is undervalued or overvalued. It's a measure that compares a company's stock price to its earnings per share (EPS), usually for the previous 12 months. Think of it as a fraction, with the stock price on top and the EPS on the bottom. Divide the stock's price by EPS, and voila — the P/E. The ratio is calculated for you at many online stock research sites, such as finance.yahoo.com.

Imagine that Sisyphus Transport Corp. (ticker: UPDWN) is trading at \$20 per share. If its EPS for the last year (adding up the last four quarters reported) is \$1, just divide \$20 by \$1, and you'll get a P/E ratio of 20.

Note that if the EPS rises and the stock price stays steady, the P/E will fall — and vice versa. For example, a stock price of \$20 and an EPS of \$2 yield a P/E of 10. (In stock-talk jargon, you might say that such a stock is "trading at a multiple of 10.")

You can calculate P/E ratios based

on EPS for last year, this year or future years. Published P/E ratios generally reflect past performance. Intelligent investors should really focus on future prospects by calculating forward-looking P/E ratios. Simply divide the current stock price by the coming years' expected EPS. Compare a company's current P/E to its historical range, too.

Many investors seek stocks with low P/E ratios, as they can indicate beaten-down companies that may rebound. But remember that a low-P/E stock can always fall further. And don't just fall for a seemingly low P/E, as P/Es vary by industry. Car manufacturers and banks typically have low P/Es (often in the single digits), while software and Internet-related companies command higher ones (often north of 30).

Don't stop your research with a stock's P/E. There are many other numbers to examine when studying a stock — such as its sales and earnings growth rates, debt level and profit margins. Compare companies to their competitors, too. ■

## My Dumbest Investment

### The Wrong Time for GE

My dumbest investments have been buying General Electric at \$32.50 and watching it plunge to \$6.50, and setting sell limits too high in 2000 and watching some stocks go to zero.

— B.A., Hilton Head Island, S.C.

**The Fool Responds:** Those who bought GE in the '30s have indeed been burned, but if they've hung on, their losses (which are not yet realized, since they haven't sold) have shrunk. The stock was recently trading around \$20. The company's future is promising, too, as it invests in alternative energies and its core businesses. Its GE Capital unit, which got whacked in the recent credit crisis, has turned itself around and will resume paying dividends to the parent company. GE's stock has sported a dividend yield above 3 percent lately, too.

With GE and also with your setting sell limits too high, your errors might have been avoided if you'd tried to determine what your various stocks were really worth. With overvalued ones, consider selling or not buying, or be prepared for a dip in the price. If you're planning to hold great companies for decades, simply expect temporary downturns. ■

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### Selling Triggers

**Q** How do you know when it's time to sell a stock?

— E.M., Syracuse, N.Y.

**A** Your ultimate results depend on the price at which you bought and sold a stock, so selling at a sensible time is critical. Consider selling if you've found a significantly more promising place to put your money. (If you find only a slightly more attractive place, the tax hit on any capital gains might wipe out the value of moving your money, unless the stock is in an IRA.)

You might also sell if the stock is now significantly overpriced or if the reason you bought the stock is no longer valid. (Perhaps the company has made some boneheaded moves, and you no longer have confidence in management, for example. Or maybe competitors are eating the company's lunch.)

Selling is also smart if you'll need the money within three to five years. Such short-term money shouldn't be in stocks in the first place.

Other selling triggers include if you don't know much about the company, if you can't remember why you bought it, if you're just holding for emotional reasons, or if you can't explain how it makes its money. Whenever you buy a stock, consider jotting down the reasons why you did and when you might sell. Then refer back to that paper periodically.

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**Q** Do you have a step-by-step guide to investing?

— P.N., Lake Charles, La.

**A** Of course. Click over to fool.com/school, and you can read our "13 Steps to Investing," which include using index funds, opening a brokerage account, planning for retirement, studying companies and more. Check out our book, "The Motley Fool Investment Guide" (Touchstone, \$15), too, or Kathy Kristof's "Investing 101" (Bloomberg, \$17).

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## Last week's trivia answer

Based in Burbank, Calif., I was founded in 1923 and have grown into a top global entertainment company. I operate the ABC television network, ESPN, SOAPnet, theme parks, water parks, resort hotels, a cruise line, Hyperion Books, Hollywood Records, Touchstone Pictures and much more. I own a chunk of A&E/Lifetime networks, as well. You may associate me with lions and rodents and ducks. I bought the Muppets in 2004, Pixar in 2006 and Marvel in 2009. I issued my first stock in 1940. It has gained about 8 percent, on average, annually over the past 20 years. Who am I? (Answer: Walt Disney) ■



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## The Motley Fool Take

### Investing in 3-D

If you're seeking stocks that offer more risk and possible reward than a typical blue-chip, consider 3-D printing pioneer 3D Systems (NYSE: DDD). It's a market leader in an emerging technology, with only one serious competitor at the moment, Stratasys (Nasdaq: SSYS), which recently merged with Objet, 3-D printing's third major player. 3D's revenue, net income and free cash flow have all been trending solidly upward.

3D Systems is making a major push for the home user. Its plug-and-play printer and community model is the first of its kind. The Cube (and its Cubify.com community) is similar to Hewlett-Packard's successful razor-and-blade-style printers-and-ink

model. Scale matters with such a model, though, so 3D Systems will need to appeal to more than the hobbyists.

The company's other products and services encompass medical uses, aerospace applications and more, and its service revenues are increasing at a rapid clip.

With big potential comes big risks, and 3D Systems is not risk-free. Profit margin has been shrinking recently, and the company remains largely dependent on corporate clients such as automakers or defense contractors, which are facing tough times of their own.

3D Systems isn't cheap, but it might reward long-term investors. (The Fool owns shares of 3D Systems, and its newsletters have recommended it and Stratasys.) ■

# 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.

■ **Young Professionals Naples** members and guests meet for happy hour and networking from 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, July 26, at Naples Bay Resort, 1500 Fifth Ave. S. For information, visit www.yppnaples.com.

■ **Young Professionals Bonita Springs** will hear from Betsy Richards of Southwest Florida College about "The Perfect Interview" from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 26, at Bucca di Beppo in North Naples. Sign up at www.bonitaspringschamber.com.

■ **The Leadership Collier Foundation** hosts an alumni social hour from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 26, at Shula's at the Hilton Naples. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ **The Executive Club of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** meets from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, July 26, at the Sugden Community Theatre. This is a free, members-only event. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ The next **Wake Up Naples** for members and guests of the **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** takes place at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8, at the Hilton Naples. Guest speaker will be Katheleen van Bergen, president and CEP of the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. The morning's sponsor is Century-

Link. \$20 for members in advance; \$25 for non-members and at the door. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ **The Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** holds its next **Business After Hours** from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9, at Stir Crazy at Coconut Point. The evening's sponsor is The News-Press. \$10 for members in advance; \$15 at the door. \$30 for non-members. Sign up at www.bonitaspringschamber.com.

■ **The Above Board Chamber** presents "**Your Legal Rights as a Business Owner**" at its luncheon meeting beginning at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 13, at the Hilton Naples. Panelists include attorneys Mark Adamczyk, Scott Beatty, Celia Deifik and Damian Taylor. For reserva-

tions or more information, call 910-7426 or visit www.aboveboardchamber.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. Cost is \$22 for members, \$25 for others. The next meeting is Aug. 14. Sign up at www.wnocc.org.

■ **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 Aug. 15 gathering is at The Snook Inn. For more information, e-mail Katie@marcoislandchamber.org. ■

# NETWORKING

## Chamber hosts visitors from the Mekong Delta



The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, through the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program, recently hosted eight visitors from Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam who were here to learn about economic development and preservation of natural resources.

The group spent a day in the Everglades at Big Cypress Preserve, where staff explained the continued restoration of the Big Cypress ecosystem, controlled burns, water management, climate change, exotic plants and ongoing maintenance of the preserve. Representatives from the Seminole Tribe met with the group at the Oasis Visitor Center and spoke about land use rights and history and culture of the tribe and its relationship with the federal government. An airboat ride was complements of the Seminole Tribe.

The Naples Asian Professional Association joined the visitors for an evening reception and presentation about the chamber's Partnership for Collier's Future Economy.

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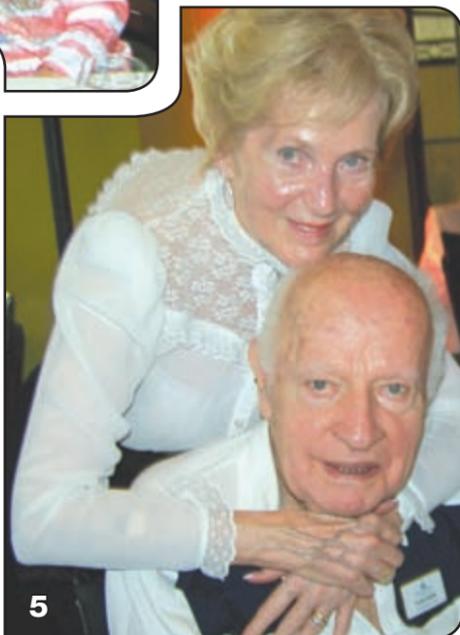
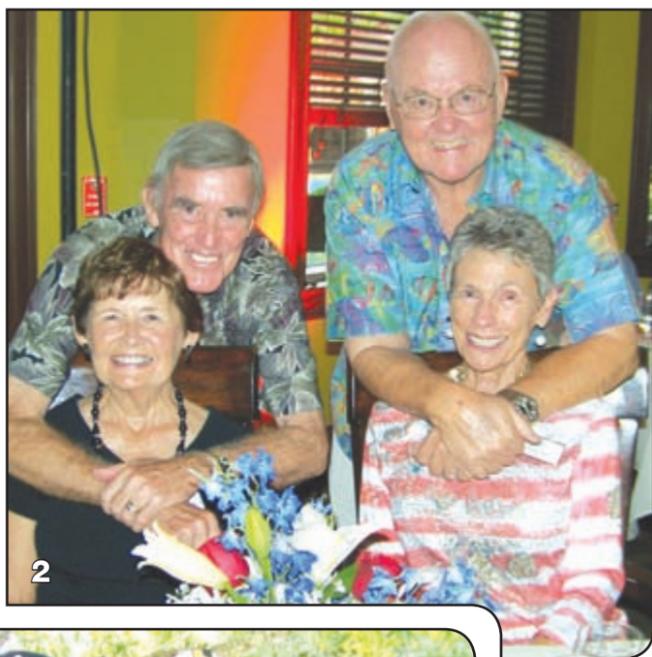
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## Saluting the Fourth of July at The Arlington



1. Linda Krehling
2. Lee and Linda Busing with Judson and Shirley Carr
3. Chris Dwyer, Vicki Tracy, Jeanette Simmermon and Kim Pell
4. The Golden Gate Cadets: Tiara Velasco, Alexander Ramos, Lt. Col. Paul Garrah, Eli Velasco, Marisela Moreno and Joseph Foster
5. Patricia and Louis Smith
6. L'il Miss Firecracker Madison Taylor and her grandmother Mary Ann Brown

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# REAL ESTATE

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## House Hunting: 10141 Verona Lakes Lane, Miromar Lakes

Sweeping views of a 700-acre freshwater lake are the hallmark of this former model home in the Verona Lago neighborhood at Miromar Lakes.

With nearly 3,400 square feet, the home has three bedrooms, 3½ baths and a den. Cypress wood ceilings and hardwood floors add elegance and warmth to the family room, and the chef's kitchen is an ideal spot for guests

to gather. Friends and family can also relax poolside on the spacious lanai or take a boat ride from the private dock to one of more than 300 events on the social calendar at the award-winning Miromar Lakes Beach Club. The cul-de-sac lot has 200 feet of water frontage and allows room for the addition of a guesthouse.

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Coach homes by Lennar in Treviso Bay.

two-car garage. Prices for the coach homes will range from the low to the mid \$300,000s.

The entrance to Treviso Bay is off

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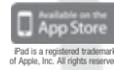


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Karen Van Arsdale 239.860.0894  
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Ruth Trettis 239.403.4529  
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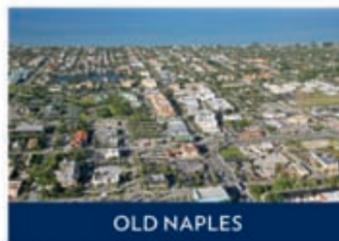
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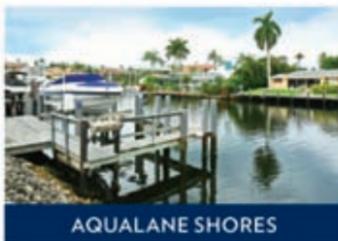
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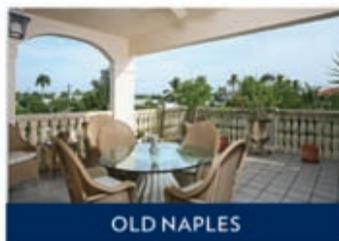
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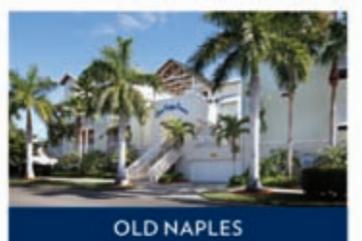
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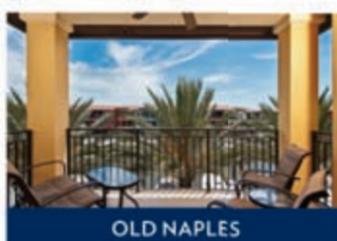
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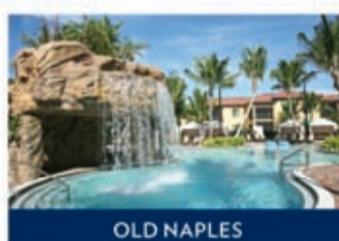
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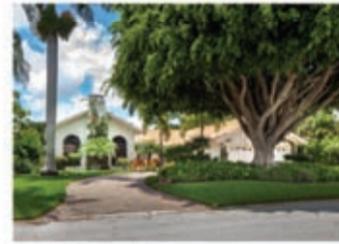
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# Naples



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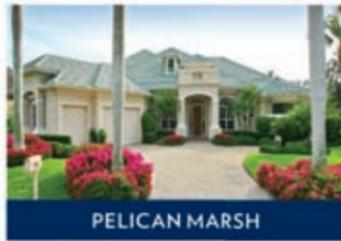
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689 Lismore Lane  
Sharon Kiptyk 239.777.3899  
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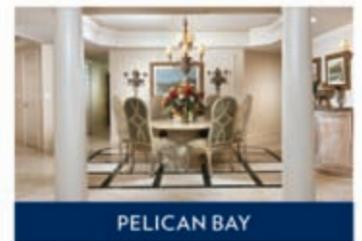
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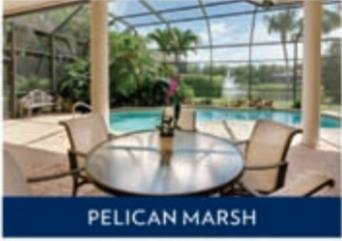
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St. Raphael #901  
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PELICAN BAY

Bridge Way Villas #180  
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PELICAN MARSH

1010 Spanish Moss Trail  
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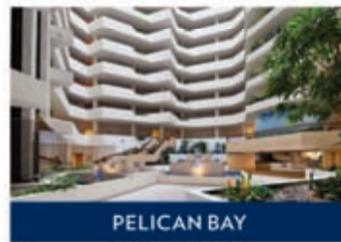
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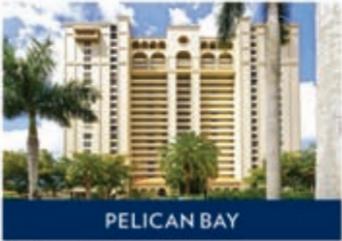
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Grosvenor #1403  
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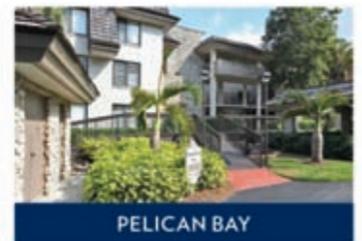
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Clermont #105  
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Marquesa #703  
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**198 Beach Drive South**  
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Brock/Julie Wilson 239.595.5983  
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Within the Veneta section of the community on the way to Marco Island, Chiasso will offer four floor plans, ranging from 2,583 square feet to 3,522 square feet under air.

The Washington will serve as the builder's furnished model. The lakefront home features three bedrooms plus den, 3½ baths and a courtyard style three-car garage. The base price for the Washing-

ton is \$529,990. One of a Kind Design Inc. is completing the interior of the 2,788-square-foot model.

Other floor plans in Chiasso are:

■ The Hawthorne, with 2,583 air-conditioned square feet and a base price of \$514,990.

■ The Madison, with 3,246 air-conditioned square feet and a base price of \$564,990.

■ The Emerson, with 3,522 air-conditioned square feet and a base price of \$584,990.

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# NABOR report: Prices remain firm as inventory decreases

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY



Overall housing inventory levels are the lowest they have been in six years, according to the latest

report from the Naples Area Board of Realtors, which tracks home listings and sales within Collier County (excluding Marco Island). Inventory declined at least 12 percent in each price category from the second quarter of 2011, which had 7,208 properties, to the second quarter of 2012 with 6,310 available properties.

"We are finding that in many cases, properly priced properties are selling quicker, and some are generating multiple offers. This is causing price increases in some segments of our market," says Brenda Fioretti, NABOR media relations chairman and managing broker of Prudential Florida Realty.

"We are seeing the gap between the list price and sale price narrowing in most market sectors," adds Cindy Carroll of Carroll & Carroll Real Estate Appraisers. While a 10-12 percent discount off the list price was the norm 12

to 18 months ago, 5-7 percent (and less) is the current trend, Ms. Carroll says. "This results from the continuing decrease in inventory and reflects sellers holding firm on their asking price. Buyers are realizing that the pool of available properties that meet their individual criteria is limited."

The second quarter report provides comparisons of single-family home and condo sales (via the SunshineMLS), price ranges, geographic segmentation and includes an overall market summary. An overall summary combines the statistics for both single family and condominium properties. Among the highlights of the second quarter:

- Overall closed sales increased 4 percent from 2,700 sales in the second quarter 2011 to 2,817 sales in the second quarter 2012.

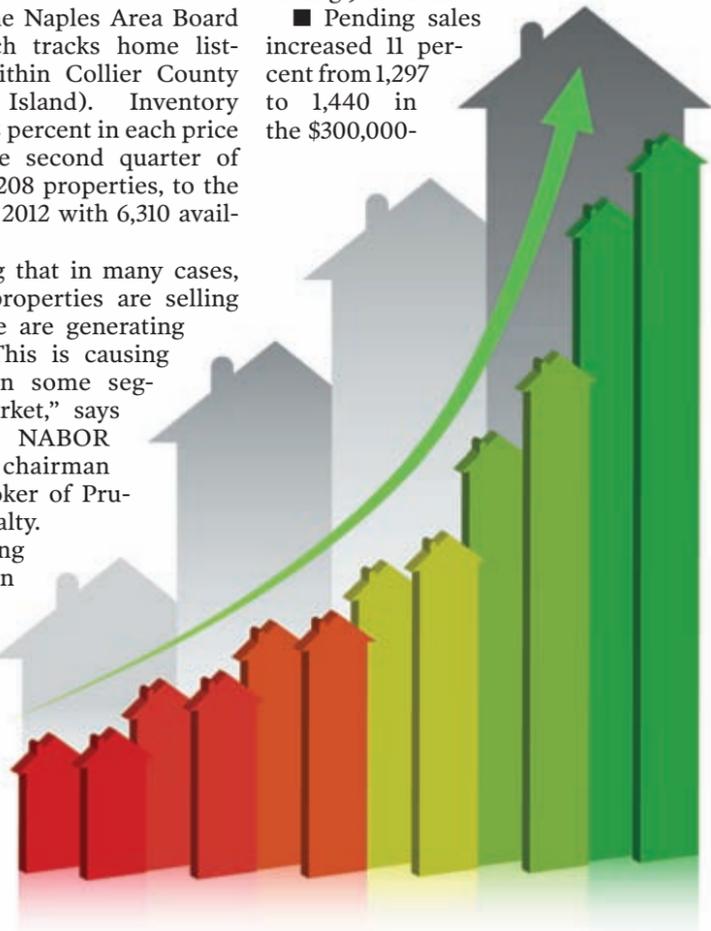
- The overall average days on the market) decreased 2 percent from 188 days in the second quarter 2011 to 185 days in the second quarter 2012.

- Naples Beach Area overall closed sales increased 15 percent from 568 closed sales in the second quarter 2011 to 654 closed sales in the second quarter 2012.

The June NABOR report provides annual comparisons of single-family home and condo sales (via the SunshineMLS), price ranges, geographic segmentation and includes an overall market summary. The statistics are presented in chart format, along with the following details about June:

- The overall median closed price increased 9 percent from \$175,000 in June 2011 to \$190,000 for the 12-month ending June 2012.

- Pending sales increased 11 percent from 1,297 to 1,440 in the \$300,000-



- \$500,000 category and 16 percent from 910 to 1,057 in the \$500,000-\$1 million category for the 12-month period ending June 2012.

- Overall closed sales increased 12 percent in the \$500,000-\$1 million category and 10 percent in the \$1 million-\$2 million category for the 12-month period ending June 2012.

"The real estate market continues to clear. Prices haven't done much, but inventory is down, and this is progress from an economic standpoint," says Shelton Weeks, director of the Lucas Institute for Real Estate Development & Finance at Florida Gulf Coast University.

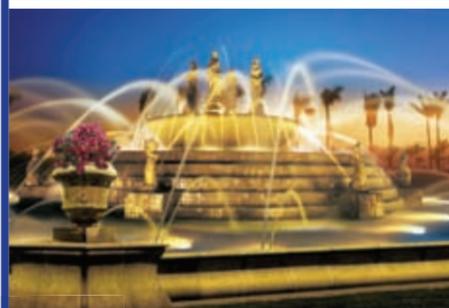
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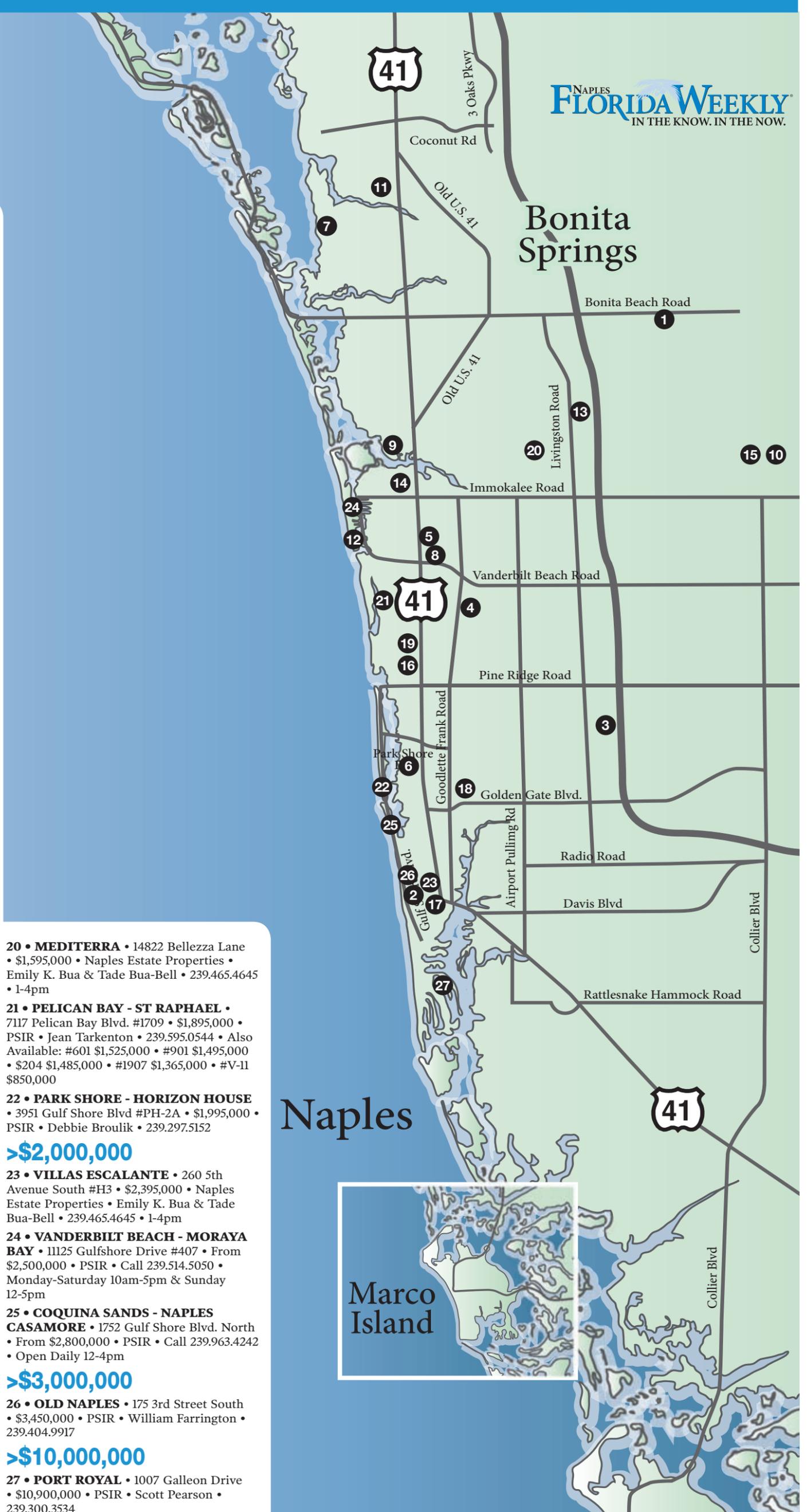
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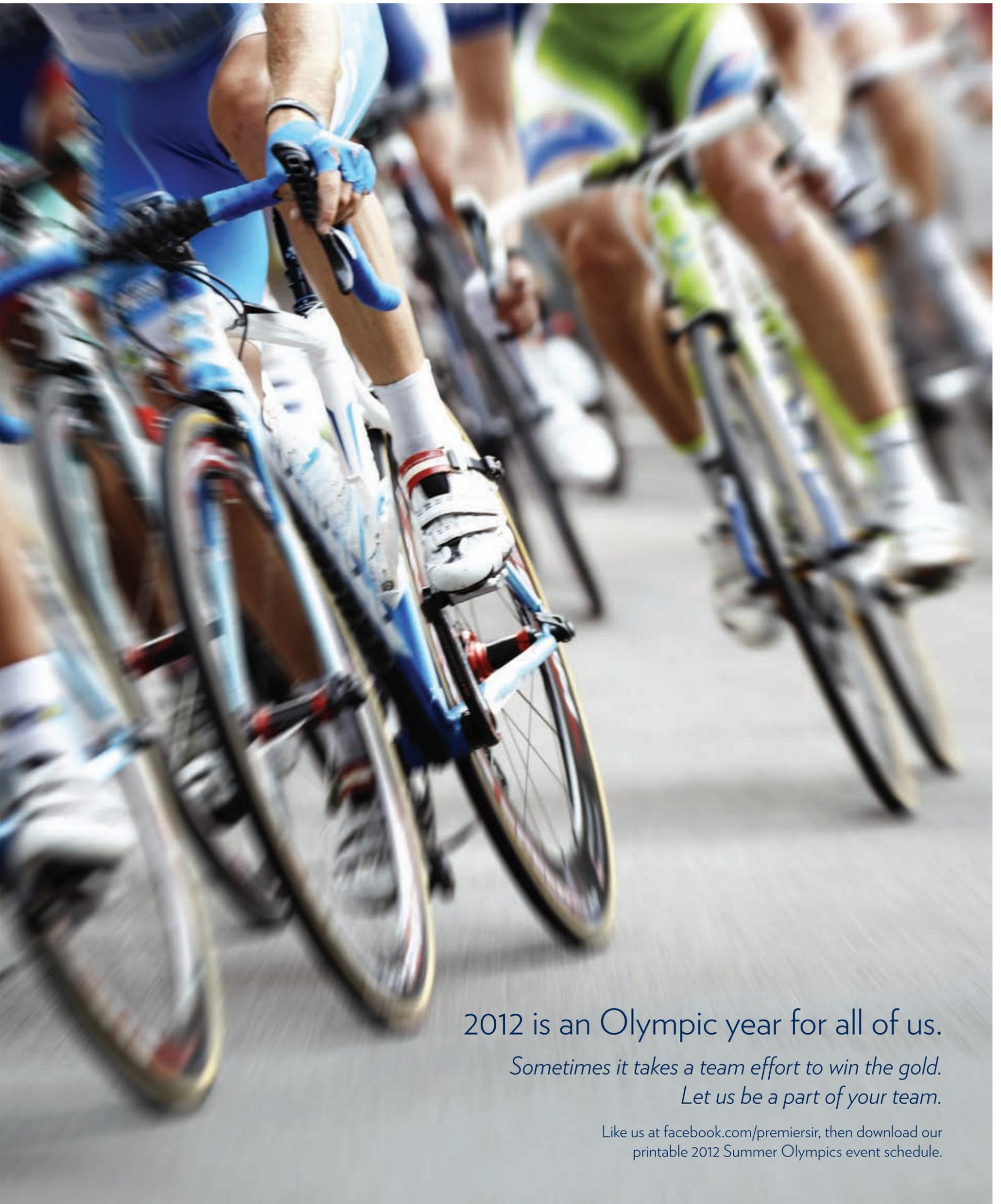
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*Philharmonic Center for the Arts announces its 2012-2013 season*

BY NANCY STETSON

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And now the Philharmonic Center for the Arts' annual catalog has one too.

Designed in-house, the publication has a fresh, updated look, with plenty of white space.

But a glance at who's performing during the 2012-2013 season reveals many familiar faces, including Dave Koz, Michael Feinstein, Paul Anka, Michael Bolton, Engelbert Humperdinck, Itzhak Perlman and The Ten Tenors.

"One of the common pieces of feedback we heard was that we want to make

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Lorna Luft

## Call to writers: The Florida Weekly challenge returns

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We'll continue with various heats of the competition and choose a few ultimate winners in November. Thanks for writing — and good luck. ■

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# SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

## Going all in



Texas hold 'em always breaks my heart. As much as I love cards, I can never get the game just right. For years, I thought it was plain bad luck. I never seemed to be dealt the cards I needed, and I was forever betting on the wrong hand — bluffing when I should have folded, dropping out early when I should have staked everything.

Only recently did I discover what I had been doing wrong: I liked to bet on the unknown future cards in the hope that I could make my hand work. I might have been sitting on nothing, but I'd still throw in my chips on the off chance that a good card was coming.

On a recent Saturday night, curled up on the couch with the man I'm seeing, I flipped through the channels until we came across a high-stakes poker championship. The game was down to the final bet as two players competed for a multi-million dollar pot. The player on the right decided to go all in; the player on the left matched him. Both men stood, and the audience stood with them. The lights in the TV studio dimmed and the music slowed, suddenly full of tense percussive beats. The players revealed their cards. The player on the left, the reigning cham-

pion with a sizable pot, held a low pair that matched a third card in the community pile. Three-of-a-kind. The player on the right, younger and more nervous-looking, held two diamonds. Among the community cards, two more diamonds sparkled. A near-flush. He needed just one more card, one more diamond, to win the hand and the championship.

But he was in for heartbreak. The dealer turned the final card to reveal a spade and the player's face fell. In holding out for something better, he ended up losing everything.

Which is, in many ways, a parable for relationships. I have these lovely female friends, single women in their mid-to-late 30s who seem to be forever searching for something better, always believing that the winning card is bound to turn up.

These are the women Lori Gottlieb called out in her book "Marry Him: The Case for Settling for Mr. Good Enough." Ms. Gottlieb, herself near 40 and still unmarried, wrote about how women often chase an elusive idea of Mr. Right — to our detriment. In her book, she encouraged women to consider a range of suitors, especially the ones who are solid mate material but who perhaps lack qualities the women once considered crucial (chiseled abs, soulful eyes, a plush bank account). In Texas hold 'em terms: Better to bet high on a low pair in the hole than to go all in hoping for good cards to come.

Which is perhaps one of the qualities I appreciate most about the man I'm dating, who turns out to be an excellent poker player. He knows better than to hold out for an anticipated card, some promise of a future good thing. He takes what he has in his hand, and if it's workable, if he thinks it might be a winner, he goes all in.

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# Library exhibit showcases works by Neapolitan Joe Chicurel

BY BILL PAPPALARDO  
Special to Florida Weekly

An eclectic collection of 30 works by Naples artist Joe Chicurel remains on exhibit in the Friends of the Library West Wing Art Gallery at Naples Regional Library through July 31. The show is made possible by Friends of the Library of Collier County.



Mr. Chicurel's oil paintings and giclées run the gamut from impressionism to modern art to abstract art. A student of the Marco Bronzini Studio of Naples, he paints people and places using vivid and intense color and composition to capture emotion and beauty. His technique includes the use of bristle brushes, thick paint and broad strokes on the canvas.

"My approach is to convey the joy of color and emotion," he says. "Some would say Naples is an inspiration for color but for me the use of color comes from within and not my surroundings."

Many of his works are minimalist studies of women who seem to walk out of a classic 1930s novel or movie screen. "The '30s is my favorite period, and it probably has a lot to do with advertising from the era," he says.

Mr. Chicurel, a native of New York City, was a dental officer in the U.S. Navy and practiced periodontics for 33 years. He found his artistic outlet when he retired and relocated to Naples in 2003.

"As a dentist, you deal with depth perception and fine motor movements," he says, "but as an artist, my aim was to be looser and move away from precise

movement and I think it shows up in the work."

About the fact that many of the elegant women depicted in his paintings are not smiling, the artist says, "Subconsciously, I may not have my subjects smiling. I would probably start comparing tooth sizes."

Mr. Chicurel set out to paint his impressionistic "Red Kimono" after seeing an image of a geisha dressed in a warm fan of colors in a thumbprint image from a magazine. "The color red stood out in the image," he says. "I created my own background for the painting, made it a bit more regimented and shaped the foliage and color to my own senses."

Similarly, "Waiting" was inspired from a fashion magazine image that captured human emotion. "I saw a photo of a woman on a couch looking into the distance. The painting has an open-ended theme. It's minimalism versus complexity and putting the focus on what complements the subject."



Mr. Chicurel is a member of the United Arts Council of Collier County and the Naples Art Association at the von Liebig Art Center.

The Friends of the Library West Wing Art Gallery at Naples Regional Library is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday. For more information, call 262-8135 or visit [www.collier-friends.org](http://www.collier-friends.org).

— Bill Pappalardo is executive director of Friends of the Library of Collier County.

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# PHIL

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sure we have a nice balance of favorites who come to Naples, who we enjoy hearing every year, and new talents we hadn't heard before," says Philharmonic CEO and president Kathleen van Bergen.

Some performers making their Phil debut include: Dionne Warwick, Whoopi Goldberg, Pink Martini, Lorna Luft and Voca People.

Those who've never played at the Phil before have a red oval next to their name that says "Debut!" or "New!"

The Phil's creative team thought that'd be a good way to call attention to the performers new to the venue, Ms. van Bergen says.

The season is very strong with jazz acts.

"It's a pretty fully stacked season for jazz," she agrees.

Perhaps the popularity of the Naples Philharmonic Jazz Orchestra helped the venue realize how popular the genre is. The ensemble, which includes two musicians from the Phil's classical orchestra, debuted two seasons ago with four dates, playing an early and later performance on each one. It sold out, and last season, it played six dates. This season, the ensemble is scheduled for eight, with six of the dates featuring guest artists.

Ms. van Bergen's particularly happy that Grammy Award-winner Esperanza Spalding will be performing at the hall April 17.

"I am a huge fan of Esperanza," she says. "I've heard her in the Twin Cities; she would come regularly to Minneapolis. You'd hear her in pretty small places, before she is who she is now."

"One of the things I love about jazz is when an artist puts all of themselves in the music. She's not only an incredible double bass player, and you hear that in her playing, but she values strong sounds. You hear that when she plays with some strings behind her, or in a combo. She's also a great vocalist and composer. I think that with every aspect of her music, she's able to put her entire being into it. It'll be terrific to see her here."

Pink Martini will perform Jan. 20. This eclectic, difficult-to-categorize group blends jazz, world music, cabaret, lounge and '40s and '50s film music in its own unique style.

"Pink Martini is another favorite," she says. "We had some conversations about where do we put them. They're more than jazz. Their spirit is jazz-worthy, (so we) put them in that category. They do an entire blend of genres."

The Phil is offering a free pink martini drink to those who buy a ticket for the performance.

Other jazz performances include Nnenna Freelon in "Lena: A Lovesome Thing," a tribute to the music of Lena Horne (March 1 and 2, in the Daniels Pavilion), Jane Monheit with violinist Mark O'Connor (Feb. 15 and 16 in the Daniels Pavilion) and the Monterey Jazz Festival on April 14, with Dee Dee Bridgewater, Chris Potter and Christian McBride.

"I think there's a great comedy season," Ms. van Bergen says. "Whoopi Goldberg is a debut for us in Naples. Martin Short is returning."

(Ms. Goldberg performs Jan. 12; Mr. Short on Dec. 12.)

"I don't know if people are as famil-



VAN BERGEN



Pink Martini



Ten Tenors

iar with The Capitol Steps. These are a group of former congressional staffers. It's just satire about Washington and all our political forces."

As they're performing Oct. 31, the week before Election Day, "they'll have plenty of political material," she points out.

She notes that the Phil had already announced its classical offerings, as well as the full Broadway season, which includes "Billy Elliot" (Feb. 19-24 and two shows currently playing on Broadway: "Anything Goes" (March 5-10), "Sister Act" (Jan 1-6). Three other Broadway shows will play for one night only: "Tap Dogs" (Nov. 11), "A Chorus Line" (Dec. 2, two performances) and "Dreamgirls" (May 22), a show that was scheduled for an earlier season but postponed.

The season is surprisingly light on country and bluegrass, two genres very popular in Southwest Florida. The only band in that category scheduled to perform is the Lonesome River Band in the Daniels Pavilion with two concerts on Jan. 27.

The annual speaker series isn't listed, though two speakers, both from the field of science, are coming: *NY Times* best-selling author and director of New York's Hayden Planetarium, astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson on Jan. 21 and astronaut and senator John Glenn (March 4).

The cabaret series, held in the Daniels Pavilion, also isn't listed this season, though there are two performers who fall into that category: Louise Pitre, the original lead in "Mamma Mia!" (March 29-30) and J. Mark McVey (Jan. 29-30), who was Jean Valjean in last season's "Les Miserables."

The upcoming season contains collaborations with other Naples performing arts groups.

(Last season, the Florida Repertory's production of "Red" played in the Daniels Pavilion.)

This year, "Master Class," a Gulfshore Playhouse production, will play in the Daniels Pavilion from April 5-21. The one-woman show is presented as opera diva Maria Callas giving a master class.

"I am a big fan of (founding director) Kristen Coury and what she's doing at Gulfshore Playhouse," says Ms. van Bergen. "This came up as something that was in her plan; it's a play that I love."

The Phil is also collaborating with Opera Naples, which will perform Puccini's "Tosca" on Dec. 20 and 22, accompanied by the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra.

"I've gone to many of their productions and am impressed with the growth they're showing," she says. "It's terrific to have them on stage. This is the first time that Opera Naples are here in a fully staged production."

In May, Opera Naples gave a concert opera at the Phil, but its performance in December will be with a full set and costumes.

The partnership is an extension of the Phil's opera season. It is still presenting two operas with Sarasota Opera: "Rigoletto" on Nov. 16, with the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra in the pit, and "Turandot" on March 27, with the Sarasota Orchestra accompanying.

"The idea around both of these collaborations is that we can do something together with these organizations that we couldn't do at the same level separately," Ms. van Bergen says, adding that it's also a way for the venues to "cross-fertilize our audiences."

Rock offerings consist of numerous doo-wop concerts and acts that were popular in the '60s and '70s, such as the Doobie Brothers (Oct 26) and Three Dog Night (Dec. 27.) For disco lovers, Gloria Gaynor and the Village People will perform on Jan. 9.

"I've received a lot of comments on Gloria Gaynor and the Village People," Ms. van Bergen says. "They're surprised they're coming to the Phil. But surprised in a good way."

Though fixed packages are still available, the venue is offering something new to subscribers. They call it "Create Your Own Series." Subscribers who buy tickets to four events save 10 percent; those who buy tickets to five or more events save 20 percent.

"It's inspired by the fact that many of our patrons purchase tickets in more than one area of artistic category," she says. "We're encouraging people to have an experience across the genres that they might not otherwise try. The more they purchase, the more they get a discount... You can't put anyone in one category. This is a way for people to buy what they want, or try something they might not have tried without incentive."

"Programmatically, one our strengths in next season, and something the Phil does really well, is variety. I've been having rich conversations internally with board members and with community members to find that programmatic balance. (We have new acts coming) but we are still inviting and engaging our favorites."

"I feel really good about this season. It's a great representation of the balance and variety we like to provide." ■

## in the know

### 2012-2013 Philharmonic Center for the Arts Season

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- Oct. 26 Doobie Brothers
- Oct. 31 The Capitol Steps
- Nov. 5 National Symphony Orchestra of Cuba
- Nov. 11 "Tap Dogs"
- Nov. 12 DRUMLive LIVE
- Nov. 15-16 "Broadway's Next HIT Musical"
- Nov. 19 Mannheim Steamroller
- Nov. 26 All That Jazz with Russell Malone
- Nov. 28 Dave Koz: Smooth Jazz Christmas
- Dec. 1 Michael Bolton
- Dec. 2 "A Chorus Line"
- Dec. 3 Cirque Chinois: National Circus of China
- Dec. 7-8 Hot Club of San Francisco: Cool Yule
- Dec. 9 Bowzer's Holiday Party
- Dec. 10 Jackie Evancho
- Dec. 12 All That Jazz with Steve Turre
- Dec. 12 Martin Short
- Dec. 16 The Rose Ensemble: An Early American Christmas
- Dec. 20-23 Steve Solomon: "My Mother's Italian My Father's Jewish I'm Home for the Holidays"
- Dec. 20 & 22 "Tosca"
- Dec. 27 Three Dog Night
- Dec. 28 Jack Hanna's Into the Wild Live
- Dec. 29 The Midtown Men
- Jan. 1-6 "Sister Act"
- Jan. 8-11 "Forbidden Broadway"
- Jan. 10 Ultimate Doo-wop
- Jan. 11 Paul Anka
- Jan. 12 Whoopi Goldberg
- Jan. 15 The Joffrey Ballet
- Jan. 17 All That Jazz with Randy Brecker
- Jan. 18-19 Melissa Manchester
- Jan. 20 Improvised Shakespeare Company
- Jan. 20 Pink Martini
- Jan. 21 Neil deGrasse Tyson
- Jan. 25 & 26 Harolyn Blackwell
- Jan. 25 Engelbert Humperdinck
- Jan. 26 Natalie Cole
- Jan. 27 Lonesome River Band
- Jan. 27 The Cleveland Orchestra
- Jan. 28 Selected Shorts
- Jan. 29-30 J. Mark McVey
- Feb. 1-2 "The Fella Sings Ella"
- Feb. 4-5 Last of the Red Hot Mamas
- Feb. 6-7 The Bronx Wanderers
- Feb. 7 Michael Feinstein
- Feb. 8 The Philadelphia Orchestra
- Feb. 10 "104 Years of Broadway"
- Feb. 11 Imagine Solutions
- Feb. 12 Alvin Ailey
- Feb. 13 The Ten Tenors
- Feb. 14 All That Jazz with Carmen Bradford
- Feb. 15-16 Jane Monheit & Mark O'Connor
- Feb. 19-24 "Billy Elliot"
- Feb. 26-28 "You Say Tomato, I Say Shut Up!"
- March 1-2 Nnenna Freelon: "Lena: A Lovesome Thing"
- March 3 Moscow Festival Ballet: "Sleeping Beauty"
- March 4 Jesse Cook
- March 4 John Glenn
- March 5-10 "Anything Goes"
- March 6-7 The Hit Men
- March 10-11 "Steppin' Out With My Baby"
- March 11 Kodo
- March 12 Academy of St. Martin in the Fields
- March 12-13 Tierney Sutton
- March 13 Itzhak Perlman
- March 17 The Irish Tenors
- March 20 "Seth Rudetsky's Big Fat Broadway"
- March 21-22 Lorna Luft
- March 24 Dionne Warwick
- March 26-27 The Second City
- March 27 "Turandot"
- March 28 All That Jazz with Dick Hyman
- March 29-30 Louise Pitre
- March 29 Queen Latifah
- March 30 Voca People
- April 4 Ultimate Doo-wop
- April 5-21 "Master Class"
- April 5 Savion Glover: "SoLe Sanctuary"
- April 7 Canadian Brass
- April 8 Smokey Robinson
- April 14 The Monterey Jazz Festival
- April 17 Esperanza Spalding
- April 18 Frank Sinatra Jr.
- April 25 All That Jazz with Romero Lubambo
- May 14 ArtsNaples World Festival Begins
- May 15 All That Jazz: "Music of Jerome Kern"
- May 22 "Dreamgirls"
- June 13 All That Jazz: "Music of Dizzy Gillespie"

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## Boulderbrook seeks artists for new festival season

Nationally renowned festival organizer Richard Sullivan announces that his Boulderbrook Productions event management company seeks artists for 14 art festivals he is coordinating for the 2012-13 season throughout Florida. The schedule includes three new festivals added this year.

Boulderbrook festivals typically feature 50 to 75 artists working in a variety of media who are selected for their quality and novel work. The smaller size allows artists to have more interaction with guests and higher sales opportunities. Participating artists are encouraged to conduct demonstrations at their booths.

### The 2012-13 shows are:

- Naples CityFest, Oct. 6-7
- Pier Park Masters, Panama City Beach, Nov. 10-11
- Seminole Immokalee Casino Art and Craft Show, Nov. 17-18

- Sanibel Masters Art Festival, Nov. 23-24
- Naples Masters Winter Art Festival, Jan. 19-20
- Sarasota Masters Art Festival, Feb. 2-3
- Ole' Art & Jazz Festival, Lely Resorts in Naples, Feb. 16-17
- Paseo Art & Jazz Festival, Fort Myers, Feb. 23-24
- Naples Masters Bay Fest, March 2-3
- Peace River National Art Festival, March 16-17
- Boca Grande Masters Art Festival, March 23-24
- Gulf Coast Masters Art Festival, March 30-31
- Marco Island Festival of the Arts, April 6-7
- Naples Art and Craft Event at CityFest, May 4-5

For applications and more information, visit [www.boulderbrook.net](http://www.boulderbrook.net). ■

## Free photowalk will focus on Instagram

Understand Photography and photographer Peggy Farren will host a free photowalk focusing on the Instagram app for cell phones beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday, July 29, at Mercato.

"No fancy cameras allowed," Ms. Farren says. "This is all about composition and creativity using our phones."

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■ **Pass It On... An Evening with Bill & Dr. Bob** – Presented by the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence Inc. and starring Gary Kimble and Richard Springle, July 27-29 at the Alliance for the Arts, Fort Myers. 939-2787 or [www.theatreconspiracy.org](http://www.theatreconspiracy.org).

■ **Grease** – Through Aug. 18 at the Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers. 278-4422 or [www.BroadwayPalm.com](http://www.BroadwayPalm.com).

■ **Puss In Boots** – By Broadway Palm Children's Theatre through Aug. 4. All performances begin with a buffet at noon. 278-4422 or [www.BroadwayPalm.com](http://www.BroadwayPalm.com).

■ **Caught in the Net** – Through Aug. 18 at the Off Broadway Palm Theatre. 278-4422 or [www.BroadwayPalm.com](http://www.BroadwayPalm.com).

## Thursday, July 26

■ **Art in Bonita** – The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs hosts Art Walk from 5-7 p.m. at the Arts Studios at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. 495-8989 or [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org).

■ **Local History** – Naples Backyard History presents "Naples Then and Now," a lecture and aerial photography exhibit by Art Ullmann, from 6-9 p.m. Free. 1170 Third St. S. 774-2978. [www.naplesbackyardhistory.net](http://www.naplesbackyardhistory.net).

■ **Hot Summer Nights** – Middle and high-school kids are invited to Fleischmann Park from 6-9 p.m. for fun and games sponsored by the Collier County Sheriff's Office.

■ **Cartoons and the Holocaust** – A free lecture on "Donald Duck vs. Adolf Hitler: The Propaganda Films of Disney" starts at 7 p.m. at the Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida. 4760 Tamiami Trail N. RSVP: 263-9200 or [www.holocaust-museumswfl.org](http://www.holocaust-museumswfl.org).

■ **Dancing by the Fountain** – Enjoy dancing, demonstrations by Modern Steps School of Dance and entertainment by Michael J. Levaul from 6-9 p.m. by the north fountain at the Village on Venetian Bay. 261-6100.

■ **Love That Dress!** – Lux Boutique in the Village on Venetian Bay hosts a Dress Collection Party for the PACE Center for Girls-Immokalee from 5-9 p.m. Bring a dress or handbag to donate and enjoy hors d'oeuvres, wine and in-store specials.

■ **Open Mic Night** – The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs hosts "Locals Live!" beginning at 7 p.m. at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. Performers include Norman Deeley on acoustic guitar, dancer Danielle Lemes, acoustic rock by Dedicated Soul and Improv Anonymous Comedy. 495-8989 or [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org).

## Friday, July 27

■ **Tropical Arrangements** – Learn to arrange tropical flowers with help from Rebecca Oros from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Whole Foods in Mercato. \$15 includes vase and an assortment of flowers. Registration required. 552-5100 or [www.wholefoodsmarket.com/naples](http://www.wholefoodsmarket.com/naples).

■ **Museum Matinee** – "Edison the Man," starring Spencer Tracy, begins at 1 p.m. at the Collier County Museum in the Collier County Government Complex. Free. 3331 Tamiami Trail E. 252-8476 or [www.colliermuseums.com](http://www.colliermuseums.com).

■ **Fashion Rules** – Coastland Center presents "Fashion Rules" from 1-5 p.m. today and Saturday. The event includes 15 style sessions highlighting the "must haves" for fall. Enjoy samples from Godiva Chocolatiers, Chick-Fil-A and more, plus goody bags to the first 50 people each day. 262-7100.

■ **Lost Rodeo** – Listen to music by Lost Rodeo from 8-11 p.m. at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928 or [www.fredsnaples.com](http://www.fredsnaples.com).

## Saturday, July 28

■ **Battle of the Bands** – South Regional Library hosts Battle of the Bands for aspiring rockers ages 11-17 at 1 p.m. Spectators of all ages are welcome. 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway. 252-7542.

■ **Dixieland Tunes** – A Celebration of Dixieland Jazz runs from 1-3 p.m. at The Norris Center. 213-3049.

■ **Whole Foods Block Party** – Sample your way around the whole store and vote for your favorite recipe from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Whole Foods in Mercato. Free.



Sweet Art Gallery hosts an opening reception for "Tropical Dream" from 6-8 p.m. July 27. The evening will feature live art by expressionist Barbara Kern-Bush, who will paint guests as they arrive, and the unveiling of the new "Cubano Series" of paintings by Sharon Erbe. Shown here are "Havana Hattie's Most Excellent Cigar Stand" by Ms. Erbe, top, and "Red Wagon" by Ms. Kern-Bush. Free. The exhibit will hang through Aug. 9. 2054 Trade Center Way. 597-2110 or [sweetartgallery@aol.com](mailto:sweetartgallery@aol.com).

■ **Miromar Music** – Jim Blackburn performs from 4-7 p.m. at Miromar Outlets. 948-3766 or [www.MiromarOutlets.com](http://www.MiromarOutlets.com).

■ **Help a Friend** – An evening to benefit the Steve Reynolds Cancer Fund takes place from 7-11 p.m. at CJ's on the Bay on Marco Island. Enjoy music by Smokin Joe & Konnie, J Robert and Martin Houghtaling, plus happy hour drinks and hors d'oeuvres. \$20 donation. 389-4511 or [www.cjsonthebay.com](http://www.cjsonthebay.com).

■ **It Takes Two** – Repun Tango hosts a class for beginners at 7:30 p.m. followed by milonga from 8-11 p.m. \$15 per person. 1673 Pine Ridge Road. 738-4184 or [www.pablorepuntango.com](http://www.pablorepuntango.com).

■ **Join the Jam** – Frankie Colt hosts Summer Jam Night from 8-11 p.m. at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928 or [www.fredsnaples.com](http://www.fredsnaples.com).

## Sunday, July 29

■ **Foreign Film** – See "Water" (India, 2005) and discuss the movie afterward with John Guerra from 1-4 p.m. at the Naples Center of the FGCU Renaissance Academy. \$4 for members, \$5 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 425-3270 or [renaissance@fgcu.edu](mailto:renaissance@fgcu.edu).

■ **Miromar Music** – Ben Roberts performs from 1-4 p.m. at Miromar Outlets. 948-3766 or [www.MiromarOutlets.com](http://www.MiromarOutlets.com).

## Monday, July 30

■ **Cool Summer Treats** – Learn how to make Mint Cucumber Infused Spa Water, Frozen Dark Chocolate Bananas and more in this class by Julie Joiner from 6-7 p.m. at Whole Foods in Mercato. \$10. Registration required. 552-5100 or [www.wholefoodsmarket.com/naples](http://www.wholefoodsmarket.com/naples).

■ **Live Tunes** – SowFlo performs reggae tunes starting at 10 p.m. at Stevie Tomatoes Sports Page. 15215 Collier Blvd. 352-4233 or [www.stevietomatossportspage.com](http://www.stevietomatossportspage.com).

## Tuesday, July 31

■ **Dogs at the Garden** – Bring your pup for a stroll through the Naples Botanical Garden from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free for Garden members and their dogs; non-members pay \$12.95 for adults, \$7.95 for children and \$7.95 dogs. 643-7275 or [www.naplesgarden.org](http://www.naplesgarden.org).

■ **Motown Tunes** – Omar Baker plays Motown tunes from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.

## Wednesday, Aug. 1

■ **Super Cirque** – Cirque du Soleil's "Dralion" comes to Germain Arena today through Sunday. 948-7825 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

■ **Love That Dress!** – Fleming's Steak House and Wine Bar hosts the last Dress Collection Party for the PACE Center for Girls-Immokalee from 5-7:30 p.m. Pay \$30 and donate a dress or handbag in order to enjoy a wine tasting co-sponsored by Commercial Real Estate Women and the Zonta Club of Naples. RSVP: [www.crews-wfl.org/events](http://www.crews-wfl.org/events). More than 2,000 donated items will be sold at "Love That Dress" on Aug. 29 at the Waldorf Astoria Naples.



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■ **Mercato Music** – Mudbone performs from 6-9 p.m. Aug. 2 outdoors at Mercato. [www.facebook.com/mercatonaples](http://www.facebook.com/mercatonaples).

■ **Abstract Art** – The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs hosts an opening reception for “Show Me Your ‘Abs” from 6-8 p.m. Aug. 3. Enjoy live abstract artworks in music and dance, and create your own abstract imagery. 26100 Old 41 Road. 495-8989 or [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org).

■ **Five Kinds of Silence** – By Laboratory Theater of Florida Aug. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18 and 24-25. 1634 Woodford Ave., Fort Myers. 218-0481 or [www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com](http://www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com).

■ **Stuart Little** – The Youth Theater Department of the Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents “Stuart Little” at 7 p.m. Aug. 3 and at 2 and 7 p.m. Aug. 4 at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. 495-8989 or [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org).

■ **Shoreline Event** – “Hands Across the Sand 2012” asks people to draw a line in the sand to protect local waters and shores. Gather at 11 a.m. Aug. 4 at Crescent Beach Park, 1100 Estero Blvd., Fort Myers Beach. 265-6552.



Rosen Gallery & Studios invites area artists to an egret painting workshop with Christine George from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 6-7. Registration is limited to eight students and costs \$170 per person. 2172 J&C Blvd. To sign up, call (727) 560-8264.

■ **Foreign Film** – The Renaissance Academy at FGCU presents a screening and discussion of “Osama” (Afghanistan, 2003) from 1-4 p.m. Aug. 5 in the Naples Center of FGCU. \$4 for RA members, \$5 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 425-3272.

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# ARTS COMMENTARY

## Highlights and suggestions for next season at the Phil

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Every year, I look forward to the local performing arts venues announcing their upcoming seasons. (It helps to know there are fun things in store and motivates me to make it through another sweltering South-west Florida summer.)

This year, I was even more curious to see what the Naples Philharmonic Center for the Arts would announce for its 2012-2013 season, the first one planned with Kathleen van Bergen at the helm as CEO and president. (Though September will mark her one-year anniversary at the center, the 2011-2012 season was already booked by the time she came on board.)

With a new design and layout, the catalog is a much more egalitarian presentation of what's to come; gone are the full- or half-page photos of headliners; each event is granted approximately the same amount of space.

And, as noted in my CI cover story, the new season presents a mixture of old, familiar faces and new acts.

The most adventurous category seems to be jazz.

Ms. van Bergen had mentioned last season that she'd like to bring **Esperanza Spalding** to the Phil, and sure enough, there she is on page 17, scheduled to perform April 17. The bassist/vocalist/composer won a Grammy for Best New Artist last year, causing those whose musical diet is limited to Top 20 to say, "Who??" and thousands, if not millions, of tweens to be outraged that Justin Bieber hadn't won.

It's great to see the Phil pushing the boundaries a little with jazz. Yes, smooth jazz performer Dave Koz is returning once again for a Christmas show, but for those who like their jazz a little more adventurous, there's Eperanza, plus **Nnenna Freelon** with her tribute to Lena Horne.

I'm also happy that **Pink Martini** is coming to town (Jan. 20). This group transcends labeling, its music a blend of jazz, world music, cabaret, and 1940s and '50s lounge music.

The Phil is also offering some alternative performances to the traditional holiday offerings of Dave Koz and Mannheim Steam Roller. **The Rose Ensemble**, presenting "An Early American Christmas" (Dec. 16), looks as if it could be an interesting show. The group's based in St. Paul, Min., and I suspect their booking was suggested by Ms. van Bergen, as she worked in

St. Paul before coming to the Phil.

**The Hot Club of San Francisco** presents "Cool Yule" (Dec. 7-8, with two concerts each evening). This talented group of musicians has performed at the Phil



**The Hot Club of San Francisco**

before, becoming instant audience favorites with their humor and musicianship. Not many people seemed familiar with the group, and that's a shame, because its concert was simply astounding.

### Transcending the genre

The season seems skimpy on country and bluegrass acts. I'd love to see the Phil be as adventurous in this genre as it is in jazz. Perhaps they might consider booking Lyle Lovett, Alison Krauss and Union Station, the Punch Brothers or even the Goat Rodeo Sessions. Consider Rosanne Cash, Dwight Yoakam or Vince Gill. When Eden Autism Services Florida booked the Phil earlier this year for its annual benefit concert, Rodney Crowell was extremely popular with the audience.

Some of these artists transcend genre.

I'd also love to see the Phil be more adventurous in the rock category. They're heavy on nostalgia acts again, especially doo-wop, and if you used their bookings as a guide, you'd think rock ended in the 1970s. **The Doobie Brothers** are scheduled again (Oct. 26) and **Three Dog Night** (the band without original singer Chuck Negron), will be here Dec. 27.

There's somewhat of a buzz about **Gloria Gaynor** and **The Village People** coming (Jan. 9). Ms. Gaynor's "I Will Survive" is a gay anthem, and The Village People's



**The Village People**

songs were sung by unsuspecting heterosexuals unaware they were singing about cruising for men, whether at the YMCA or in the Navy.

I'm curious to see how that concert turns out. It could be a wild, fun party, or it could be a schlocky show that turns into karaoke night.

### 'Hipness points'

I doubt the Phil would ever invite Usher or Rihanna to perform. But it'd be nice if it booked The Black Keys, or They Might Be Giants, or David Byrne or Bon Iver or Sufjan Stevens or any number of contemporary acts.

There are a slew of great artists who perform at Orlando's Hard Rock Café or at Janus Landing in St. Petersburg — or even at larger venues on the east coast — but who unfortunately never make it this far south.

The Phil, however, gets hipness points for booking **Neil deGrasse Tyson** as a speaker. The astrophysicist with an unrestrained enthusiasm for science has been a guest on both "The Colbert Report" and "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart."

If you're into percussion, you'll be glad

**Kodo**, the Japanese drumming group, is returning (March 11). And the Phil's annual **Percussion Summit**, which didn't take place last year, is back (Sept. 8).



**Kodo**

I'd also put tap dancer **Savion Glover** in the percussion category, as he creatively taps out rhythms, putting a 21st century spin on an old dance style.

I'm thrilled **Dionne Warwick** is coming back to town, and hope I get to see her this time. (She performed at Fort Myers' Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in January, and tickets were \$175. Tickets for her March 24 show at the Phil range from \$98 to \$59.) Just like Bernadette Peters is the consummate interpreter of Stephen Sondheim's music, Ms. Warwick is the perfect interpreter of Burt Bacharach's.

I'm also looking forward to seeing **Harolyn Blackwell** in concert (Jan. 25-26). Though she had performed at the Phil before, the first time I heard her was at



**Harolyn Blackwell**

January's "Thank You Myra Days" gala in honor of founding CEO and president, Myra Daniels. Ms. Blackwell quite simply knocked my socks off. And her duet with Brian Stokes Mitchell of the Gershwins' "Bess You Is My Woman Now" elevated that song to a new level for me, as they sang it with such love and nuance.

### Black box offerings

Next season's operas at the Phil (with Sarasota Opera and Opera Naples) are again, all traditional. I'd love to see something modern, like "Anna Nicole," the opera about Anna Nicole Smith, or "Jerry Springer: The Opera," or John Adams' "Doctor Atomic" or Rufus Wainwright's "Prima Donna."

The center seems to be using its black box theater more, and that's a good thing. Quirky, non-A-list acts that may not sell out the main Hayes Hall can fill the Daniels Pavilion multiple times. An added plus is that the smaller venue provides a much more intimate concert experience.

I'd love to see the Phil branch out and present even more acts at the Daniels Pavilion. Perhaps offer a singer/songwriter series, with performers such as Patty Larkin, Jonatha Brooke, Josh Ritter, Patty Griffin, Over the Rhine, Sam Phillips, Beth Nielsen Chapman.

Book the Elevator Repair Service and have it perform "Gatz," its 6½-hour presentation of "The Great Gatsby." (Ben Brantley of *The New York Times* called it "the most remarkable achievement in theater not only of this year but also of this decade.")

I don't want to read too much into one season's offerings. After all, booking acts depends upon a multitude of factors, including cost, touring dates and availability of the hall.

But, judging from the new catalog, it promises to be an intriguing season. ■

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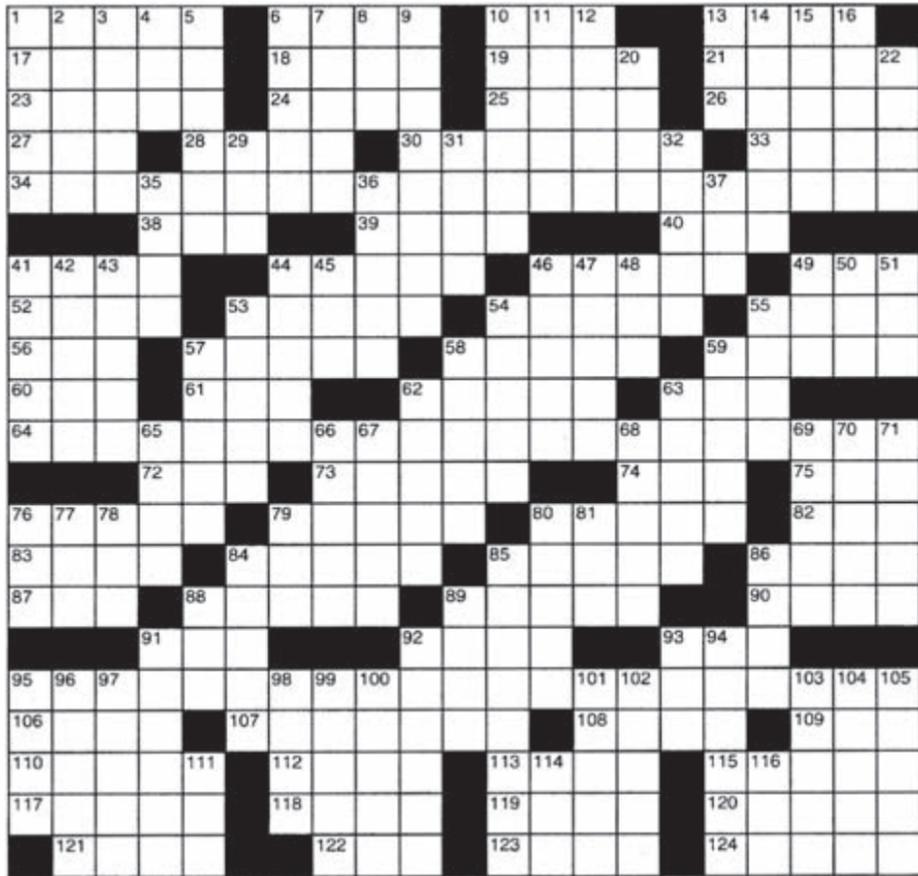
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## HOROSCOPES

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** A more stable situation begins, allowing you to feel more secure about making important decisions. Meanwhile, be sure to meet your project deadline so you can move on to other things.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Congratulations. A new personal relationship thrives as you learn how to make room in your busy life for this wonderfully warm and exciting emotional experience.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** A new contact opens some doors. That's the good news. But there's a caution involved: Be sure you protect your rights to your work before showing it to anyone.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** A former colleague might seek to resume a working partnership. Ask yourself if you need it. If yes, get more information. If no, respectfully decline the request.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Good times dominate your aspect. So why not have a party to celebrate a loved one's success? And do invite that special person you want to know better.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** The shy side of the Sea Goat soon gives way to your more assertive self. This should help you when it comes time to speak up for yourself and your achievements.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** A new period of stability

will help you deal with some recently reworked plans. Once you get your current task done, you can devote more time to personal matters.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Things are finally much more stable these days, so you can restart the process of meeting your well-planned goals with fewer chances of interruption or delay.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** A strong social whirl brings a new round of good times to fun-loving Rams and Ewes. Cupid also is busy aiming arrows at single Lambs hoping for a heart-to-heart encounter.

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** A romantic incident could take a more serious turn if the Divine Bovine considers meeting Cupid's challenge. Meanwhile, a professional opportunity is also about to turn up.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** A bit of hardheaded realism could be just what the Twins need at this emotionally challenged time. Face the facts as they are, not as you want them to be. Good luck.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Many opportunities open up. But you need to be aware of their actual pros and cons. Check them all out and make your choice from those that offer more of what you seek.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You love being the brightest light wherever you are, and people love basking in your warmth and charm. ■

By Linda Thistle

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He should be careful what he wishes for. Not only does a cat burglar named Selina Kyle (Anne Hathaway) steal pearls from Wayne Manor, but there's also a hulking madman named Bane (Tom Hardy) who wears a breathing mask and is determined to destroy Gotham.

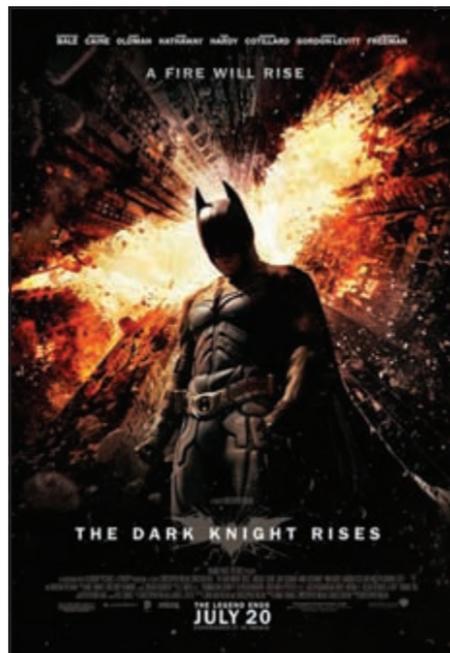
For help Wayne/Batman leans on Police Commissioner Jim Gordon (Gary Oldman), President of Wayne Enterprises Lucius Fox (Morgan Freeman), and a virtuous young cop named John Blake (Joseph Gordon-Levitt). Wayne also must balance new love interest Miranda Tate (Marion Cotillard), who invested in an energy project with Wayne and is concerned about the results.

This is a layered story with a number of moving parts, but not for a second does Nolan ("Inception"), who co-wrote the script with his brother Jonathan Nolan, appear out of control. In contrast, as the story evolves we only get more enraptured with the characters and conflicts, to the point where it's genuinely hard to imagine how Batman and allies will fight back against Bane and his plan to destroy the city.

The action, brisk editing (even at 164 minutes), costumes, set design and music are top notch, but what will really hit you are the performances. Michael Caine made me tear up on more than one occasion as

his Alfred pleads with Bruce to remain safe. Watch Anne Hathaway when Selina gets caught stealing the pearls — her facial expression changes in an instant, and it's subtle and beautiful to watch. Tom Hardy is fierce and imposing as Bane, and (thankfully) there's no issue in understanding what he's saying, which was a concern for those who saw advanced footage.

With the greatness of "The Dark Knight Rises," it's not a stretch to say these Batman



films comprise the best movie trilogy of all time. For this distinction all three films need to be great with no definitive weak links ("The Godfather III," for example), and each needs to surpass the excellence that preceded it. What's more, the three films need to be of the same storyline, not just random new adventures of old characters. You could make an argument for the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy being superior (I would disagree), but that's about it.

The anticipation one feels going into "The Dark Knight Rises" is matched only by the exultation inspired by its conclusion. For comparison, "The Avengers" was a fun, exciting ride; "Rises" is both an exciting ride and a superb film making accomplishment that's on level with Oscar winners and other high-minded fare.

Yes, it is that spectacular. ■

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>>> **Bane is often** shot from a low angle, which creates the impression that he is a large, imposing figure.



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Each screening begins at 1 p.m. and is followed by a discussion. Admission is \$4 for academy members and \$5 for others. The FGCU Naples Center is at 1010 Fifth Ave. S. For more information, call 425-3272. Here's what's coming up:

■ **July 29: "Water"** (India, 2005) - Chuyia's husband has died, and religious doctrine dictates that she now retire to an ashram to atone for the sins that caused her husband's untimely

death. As Chuyia bides her time among widows both young and old — some accepting of their fate, others bitterly resentful — the preadolescent widow's spirit remains unbroken and hopeful for a brighter future. Rated PG-13 for thematic material.

■ **Aug. 5: "Osama"** (Afghanistan, 2003) - Under the Taliban, women are forbidden to work or to walk in public without a man. A teenage girl, Osama, cuts her hair and dresses like a boy in order to get a job and support her mother and grandmother. Since the death of her father and brother in the Afghan wars, she is her family's only means of survival. Rated PG-13 for thematic material. ■

## NIFF Film Society presents 'The Player'

The Naples International Film Society presents "The Player" when the NIFF Film Society Summer Series continues at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7, at Silverspot Cinema.

Based on the novel by Michael Tolkin and directed by Robert Altman, the 1992 satirical film is set against a backdrop of sleazy Hollywood deals and the politics of the industry. Studio executive Griffin Mill (Tim Robbins) realizes he has gotten on the bad side of a screenwriter when he starts receiving threatening postcards. When he tries to identify the writer in order to pay him off, he inadvertently gives the writer ammunition for blackmail. As he's drawn into a web of intrigue, he tries to escape the police investigation that he caused.

In addition to Mr. Robbins, the multiple-award winning film stars Greta Scacchi, Fred Ward, Whoopi Goldberg, Peter Gallagher, Cynthia Stevenson, Vincent D'Onofrio and Sydney Pollack. Almost 60 Hollywood celebrities have cameo appearances.

Running time is 124 minutes. The film is rated R.

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**SATURDAY, JULY 28, 8 P.M.**  
**Antiques Roadshow**  
**Vintage Pittsburgh**

Take a look at what's happened to the value of some of Pittsburgh Roadshow finds since they were appraised in 1997.

**SUNDAY, JULY 29, 9 P.M.**  
**Masterpiece Mystery!**

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# FLORIDA WRITERS

## Semi-rural Sarasota sets stage for murder, nostalgia, romance



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■ **“Life and Death on the Tamiami Trail” by Sheila Marie Palmer. CreateSpace. 366 pages. \$14.99 from Amazon.com; \$9.99 Kindle e-book.**

I would have called it “The Sheriffs and the Gypsies.” Certainly this book, a disguised, ornamented memoir presented as fiction, is better than the unpromising title it wears.



PALMER

From the vantage point of a mid-1980s murder case, Sheila Marie Palmer launches what amounts to a cultural history of semi-rural Sarasota County. It’s the first book I’ve read set in this part of Florida that isn’t busy with marinas, sport fishing and transplanted retirees, with upscale eateries, tourists and second home ex-urbanites.

Ms. Palmer’s tale takes us through several decades in a place that’s rooted in neighborhood friendships and simple,

unpretentious lifestyles — a place that might no longer exist.

The protagonist, Sheriff Bernie Raines, has spent her life there. Raised in a friendly compound of small apartment-homes called Attwood’s Place, she had the somewhat unusual experience of living in an area that also was the home of a Gypsy clan. Her childhood friend was a boy named Zindelo, grandson of Dukker, the clan patriarch. Many of these colorful people had circus jobs.

Bernie must investigate the murder of a mob-connected criminal, Antonio Verde. When the immediate and only suspect turns out to be Zindelo, she isn’t sure how to react. Perhaps she should remove herself from the case; but instead, she chooses to enlist the assistance of Buck Davis, the sheriff of neighboring DeSoto County, who is already more than a fellow professional and more than a friend.

As the unfolding present dramatizes the investigation, providing authoritative details about procedural matters, flashbacks amplify the world of Bernie’s youth and the history of the region. It also amplifies much about Gypsy lore that is alternately charming and unsettling. That same forward motion, as you might have guessed, builds the deepening relationship between Buck and Bernie. The rumors blossoming around them are somewhat ahead of the progress of their romance, but the romance is catching fire.

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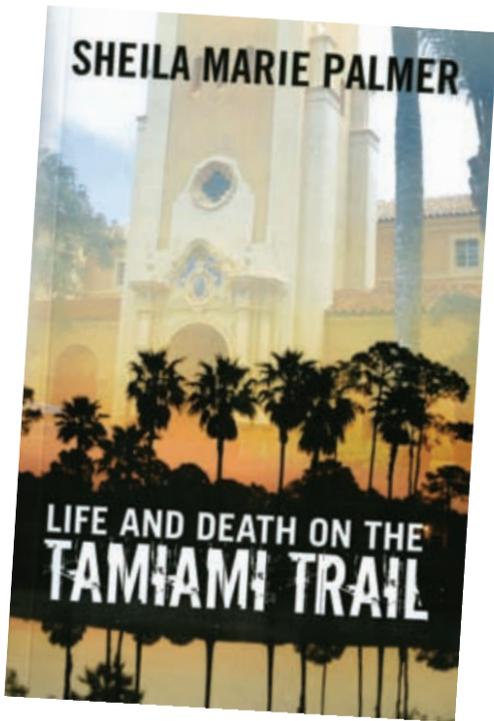
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she doesn't is not clear, but the mild threat puts additional pressure on her. So do certain strange occurrences that seem to be aimed at frightening or harming her.

The outcome is quite surprising. It explains why there is a collection of newspaper photos of Bernie, at different times in her life, with members of the Gypsy group hovering in the background, even though she wasn't aware of her old friends' presence on many of those occasions.

One of the odd touches of Ms. Palmer's book is the inclusion of photographs from her own life that serve to illustrate people and places in her novel. These photos invite readers to consider the distance (or lack thereof) between the author's real-life experiences and those imbedded in her work of fiction.

The author's note on the back cover could tell us all we need to know: "Sheila Marie Palmer was born in Florida during the 1950s. She lived in Sarasota for 33 years, worked in the court system for over a decade, and uses imagination to embellish her memories."

If you want to take a ride backward in time while following along the trail of a compelling murder mystery, "Life and Death on the Tamiami Trail" might be just what you're looking for.

**More about the author**

Sheila Marie Palmer lives on a barrier island named Perdido Key off the coast of Pensacola, Fla. She and her husband own a distributorship for balloons and balloon accessories with warehouses in Fairhope, Ala., and Fresno, Calif. She has completed approximately half of her second novel and has outlined two more. ■

Chicago who has been implicated in mob activities. What was he doing in Sarasota? He owns a piece of property there, but he's been a shadow — hardly known by anyone. What got him killed? And if it isn't Zindelo, who is the killer?

The answer lies hidden within Bernie's recurrent daydreams, dreams and nightmares. Something has kindled her memory of things past. No doubt the presence of Dukker and Zindelo is the primary spark. No matter how hard Bernie tries, however, there is a veil that her memory can't pierce.

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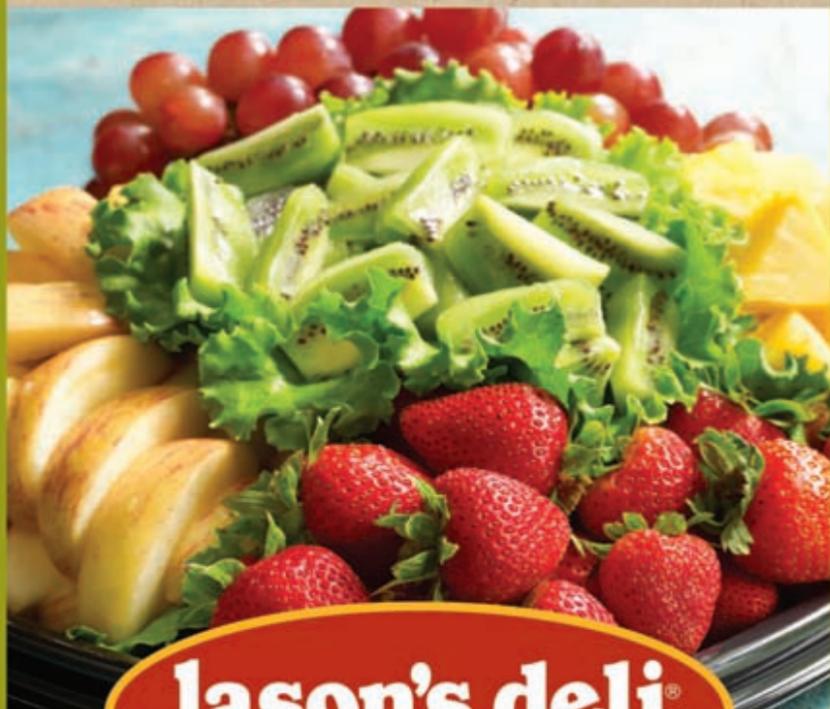
book. The girl is sitting on two books and reading a book. One bookend says "Fashioned by Ronson" and the other is labeled "Ronson All Metal Art Wares." It also says "Royal Old Gold." The figures are gold, and the books are black with gold edges. Can you tell me something about them and what they are worth?

**A:** Ronson was founded in New York by Louis V. Aronson in 1886. The company moved to New Jersey in 1887. Ronson is best known for its cigar and cigarette lighters, but it also made ashtrays, bookends, busts, desk sets, fraternal and religious items, lamps, medals, picture frames, toys, and many other things. Your bookends were made in the 1930s. Similar bookends were made with Dutch children. Zippo Manufacturing Co. bought most of the Ronson assets in 2010. Value of your set: \$125.

**Q:** I have several pieces of my mother's Guardian Ware cookware, including three triangle pots with lids and a large roaster pan with a lid. What are the pieces worth?

**A:** Guardian Ware, also called Guardian Service cookware, was made by Century Metalcraft Corp. of Los Angeles from the 1930s until 1956, when the factory burned down. Pieces were sold at in-home parties the way Tupperware was later sold. Guardian Ware was made of heavy-duty hammered aluminum. Before World War II, the ware's high-domed lids were metal.

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**Q:** My in-laws left an Abraham Lincoln picture to us, and we're wondering what it's worth. It's mounted in a carved oval wooden frame. The president is on the right sitting in a chair facing left and holding an open book in his lap. Mrs. Lincoln is in a chair on the left and is facing right holding a closed book in her left hand. The Lincolns' oldest son, Robert, is standing behind his mother's chair. Their youngest son, Tad, is standing close to his father. A portrait of son Willie, who died in 1862, is hanging on the wall behind the president. There's a small typed memo on the back of the picture. It says: "Eng'd by A. Robin, NY, Entered according to act of Congress in the year 1869 by G.W. Masee in the Clerks office of the District Court of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania." What is the picture worth, and how can I sell it? Should we reframe it?

**A:** What you own is a print made

from an engraving. After Abraham Lincoln was assassinated in 1865, the public clamored for Lincoln memorial souvenirs. Augustus Robin, a New York engraver, used a Matthew Brady photograph of Lincoln and Tad as a model to create a steel engraving of the family. The engraving was used by G.W. Masee, a Philadelphia printer, to make copies that could be sold to the public.

You own one of Masee's prints. Many were probably made, but it's not likely that many have survived for 150 years. The frame may be original, so don't reframe it. If you want to sell it, you can try online. It might sell for about \$100.

**Tip:** To clean old paper, try talcum powder. Take a soft brush or powder puff, sprinkle on the powder, leave for an hour, and brush it off. ■

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This 9 1/2-inch high figural tobacco jar sold at auction for \$144 in May 2012 at an Aspire online auction. She is showing her ankles, a naughty thing to do in Victorian times. The jar was made by Conta & Bohme of Germany. Photo credit: Aspire Auctions, Cleveland, Ohio.



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■ Dates with some of the best men in town go up on the block for **"Some Enchanted Evening,"** a bachelor auction 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](http://www.cancerallianceofnaples.org).

■ 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.

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Visit [www.humanesocietynaples.com](http://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](mailto:naacp@naacpcolliercounty.com) or visit [www.naacpcolliercounty.com](http://www.naacpcolliercounty.com).

■ **"Red, White & Roulette,"** the annual fundraiser for Friends of the Library of Collier County, takes place Friday, evening, Nov. 2, at the Waldorf Astoria Naples. The evening includes live entertainment, music, dancing and great food and prizes.

Tickets are \$100 per person. For reservations or more information, call 262-8135.

■ 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 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](http://www.naplesgarden.org).

■ The David Lawrence Center and Foundation host their 2013 signature fundraiser, **"An Evening in Venice, Masquerade Ball,"** on Friday, Jan. 18, at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples.

Event chair Gwyn Sanford and her

committee will transport guests to an elegant, 16th century-inspired masquerade ball set against the backdrop of Venice, Italy. The evening of revelry and fantasy will include dinner,



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Tickets to "An Evening in Venice, Masquerade Ball" are \$500 per person, \$1,200 per VIP patron and \$10,000 per premier sponsor table of 10; a variety of additional sponsorship opportunities also are available.

All proceeds will benefit the mission, operations and expansion of the David Lawrence Center, which provides prevention, intervention and treatment services for the one in four local children and adults who experience behavioral, emotional, psychological and substance abuse challenges.

For more information or to reserve a ticket, call Monica Biondo at 304-3505.

■ The Hunger and Homeless Coalition of Collier County hosts its annual **"Welcome Home"** dinner beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, at the Hilton Naples. The evening serves as the coalition's major fundraiser of the year. Proceeds help advance the mission to facilitate solutions to prevent and end

hunger and homelessness by coordinating services throughout the county. For more information, call 263-9363 or visit [www.collierhomelesscoalition.org](http://www.collierhomelesscoalition.org).

■ The **"Stiletto Sprint"** to benefit the Garden of Hope & Courage and Susan G. Komen for the Cure-SWF takes place Saturday, Oct. 20, along Fifth Avenue South. The fun begins at 4:30 p.m., and although the race is only 500 feet long, but it delivers miles of amusement as men and women, young and old, make a dash dressed in pink from head to toe and wearing heels of all heights. For details and registration, visit [www.komenswfl.org](http://www.komenswfl.org).

■ The ladies-only **"Little Black Dress Garden Party"** to benefit the Garden of Hope & Courage is set for Tuesday, Feb. 26. The evening begins with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction in the garden on the downtown campus of NCH and continues with "dinner in motion" at numerous Naples restaurants.

For reservations or more information, contact Amy Lane at 437-6697 or [amy@gardenofhopeandcourage.org](mailto:amy@gardenofhopeandcourage.org).

■ **"Magic Under the Mangroves,"** the annual gala for the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, is set for Thursday, March 7, on the grounds at the Conservancy Nature Center. Jeannie Smith is the 2013 chairwoman, and Northern Trust returns as presenting sponsor. Details about tickets and reservations are TBA and will be posted at [www.conservancy.org/magic](http://www.conservancy.org/magic).



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■ The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation-Suncoast Chapter hosts its annual black-tie **“Hope Gala”** on Saturday, March 2, at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples. The 2013 event will honor David Collar for his ongoing dedication to JDRF as well as to the community.

JDRF is the leading global organization focused on Type 1 diabetes (T1D) research. For more information, call 591-2825 or visit [www.jdrf.org](http://www.jdrf.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](mailto:cdalessandro@naplesshelter.org).

■ 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

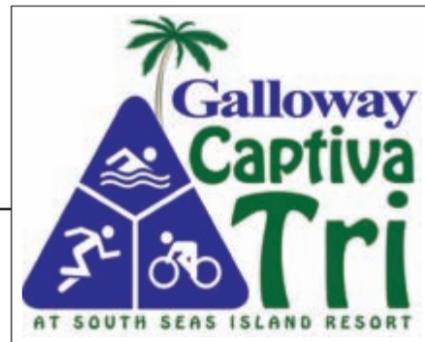
Haven’s third annual **“Home Hope Healing”** luncheon Wednesday, Jan. 30, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Event co-chairs are Kim Collins and April Garrett.

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](mailto:carol.shaw@youthhaven.net). For more information about Youth Haven, visit [www.youthhaven.net](http://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](mailto:Linda_Lee_Hale@yahoo.com). For information about Sunlight Home, visit [www.sunlighthouse.org](http://www.sunlighthouse.org). ■



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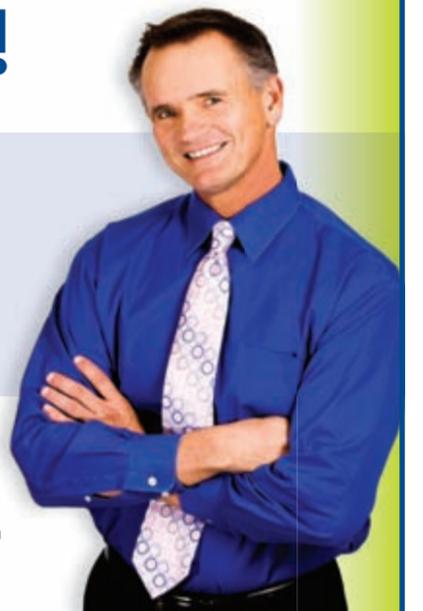
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Here are some capsule summaries of previously reviewed restaurants:

➤ **Aqua**, 862 Fifth Ave. S., Naples; 213-1111

This space has been an upscale steakhouse (Corks), and a casual seafood place (Bert's Seafood & Chowder House). Aqua floats somewhere in between, never quite anchoring itself to a strong concept. Here is a restaurant offering an \$18 shrimp cocktail and \$42 steaks, yet settling for supermarket wines by the glass (Kendall-Jackson, Robert Mondavi, etc.). Here is a kitchen meticulously plating minimalist morsels such as cubes of seared pork belly, while simultaneously burying a fish fillet in fruity rice. Here is a dining room half-committed to Caribbean colors and Haitian metal sculptures, but also sporting formal lighting fixtures that look like they belong in a museum. That pork belly was the highlight of the evening, seared and painted with a figgy honey-mustard barbecue sauce that was sweet and smoky. The fat melted in the mouth, leaving a creamy texture that contrasted the crisp crust and the succulent shreds of meat. As for entrees, a steak was bland and a snapper dish was overwhelmed by pineapple risotto. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ½  
Service: ★ ★ ★  
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★  
Reviewed June 2012

➤ **Big Hickory Seafood Grille**, 26107 Hickory Blvd., Bonita Springs; 992-0991

For years, this restaurant has been known for pairing seafood with unlikely ingredients (grouper and bananas, for example), and thus showcasing the fla-

vors of Florida and the Caribbean in innovative ways. Its location exploits the rustic charm of a marina that dates to 1969 and affords an impressive view of bay waters, mangrove islands and the finned and feathered inhabitants of each. The apple mango grouper, the latest fruit-and-fish combination on the menu, upholds the tasty tradition. The fish was nicely bronzed and its thick flakes perfectly moist; the sweetness of the apple-mango salsa served on top was nicely contrasted by a tart passion fruit sauce. Some dishes seem overpriced, such as the better-than-average conch fritters at \$14 for a half-dozen, but the generously portioned shrimp and lobster scampi is worth every penny at \$29. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★  
Service: ★ ★ ★  
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★  
Reviewed June 2012

➤ **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 operated 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. 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 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, its ingredients perfectly cooked. Full bar.

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

➤ **Sam-Bucco Bistro**, 14700 Tamiami Trail N.; 592-6050

Most restaurants keep customers coming back because the food is exceptional or the service is noteworthy or the ambience is beautiful. I've rarely encountered one in which all three approach perfection the way they do at Sam-Bucco Bistro, a mecca of Mediterranean splendor. The room glows a warm gold, creating an elegant ambience in which knowledgeable servers present course after course of superb food. Every dish is composed of fresh ingredients presented artfully. I could make a meal on the Turkish grilled calamari served with arugula, balsamic vinaigrette and fresh lemon juice. A sampler platter of creamy babaganouj, avocado salad, marinated mushrooms, cheeses and focaccia was also first rate. A nightly special featured a fettuccine pancake with Parmesan and cream topped with a cold water lobster tail, shrimp, peas and pink sauce. Also noteworthy was an entrée of shrimp and scallops chorizo with braised pears, mandarin oranges and tart pomegranate sauce. The wine list is extensive and impressive, too. Full bar.

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

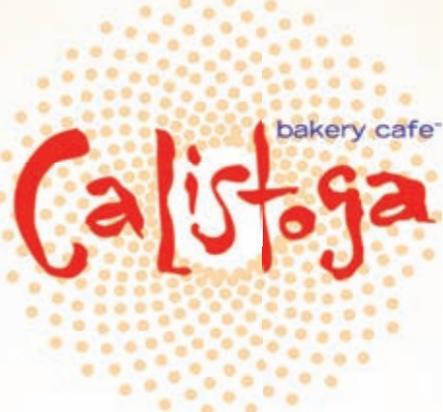
➤ **Seasons 52**, 8930 Tamiami Trail N., Naples; 594-8852

This small chain 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 (nothing contains more than 475 calories) without sacrificing flavor. Consider the globe-spanning wine list (more than 100 selections and 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. 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" — tiny treats (red velvet cake, pumpkin mousse and much more) served in large shot glasses — are the perfect way to end a meal without going over the edge. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½  
Service: ★ ★ ★  
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★  
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# CUISINE

## Naples earns lion's share of area's Wine Spectator awards



Southwest Florida racked up 29 awards in Wine Spectator's list of wine-worthy restaurants, published in the Aug. 31 issue of the magazine. The 2012 list includes 3,795 restaurants nationwide.

Not surprising is that Naples won the lion's share of the region's awards, but there are also winners from Boca Grande south to Marco Island, including one in Fort Myers.

The 2012 Restaurant Awards include 2,842 winners of the Award of Excellence, which recognizes restaurants that "offer a well-chosen selection of quality producers, along with a thematic match to the menu in both price and style." These restaurants usually offer at least 100 selections.

There are 878 winners of Best of Award of Excellence, the second tier, given to restaurants that exceed the basic award with wine lists that display either vintage depth or excellent breadth over several winegrowing regions. These generally offer at least 400 selections but could stock as many as 1,000 selections.

The coveted Grand Award went to 75 restaurants that display "uncompromising, passionate devotion to the quality of their wine program" and typically offer at 1,500 selections or more. Among these were perennial winners Bern's Steak House in Tampa and L'Escalier at The Breakers in Palm Beach.

Southwest Florida restaurants that won the Best of Award of Excellence include:

■ Naples: Baleen at La Playa Beach & Golf Resort, Bleu Provence and The Grill at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples



■ Bonita Springs: Angelina's Ristorante

Local Award of Excellence winners are as follows:



■ Boca Grande: The Main Dining Room at Gasparilla Inn & Club, The Pink Elephant and The Temptation

■ Bonita Springs: Chop's City Grill



■ Captiva: Keylime Bistro  
■ Estero: Blue Water Bistro and Ruth's Chris Steak House

■ Fort Myers: Sunshine Grille

■ Fort Myers Beach: Bayfront Bistro and Shoal's @ Sandy Butler Market

■ Marco Island: Arturo's and Sale E Pepe at Marco Beach Ocean Resort

■ Naples: Agave Southwestern Grill, Andre's Steakhouse, Capital Grille, Chops City Grill, Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar; Gordon's on the River, HB's on the Gulf at Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club, M Waterfront Grille,



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### Tequila time at Agave

Wine dinners take place regularly throughout the area, but Agave Southwestern Grill is trying something dif-



ferent: four-course tequila dinners. The first one took place July 25; others are set for Wednesdays, Aug. 22, Sept. 26 and Oct. 24. Each one will feature the tequilas of a specific producer. In August, it's Peligrosso. The September producer will be named soon and October's features 1921.

The dinners are \$65 per couple, and those who purchase seats at the tequila dinner series are entitled to a 15 percent discount on an Angelina's wine dinner, held the third Wednesday of each month at the Italian restaurant in Bonita Springs.

Agave is at 2380 Vanderbilt Beach Road. Reservations for the dinners are required. Call 598-3473.

### Lasagna gets its due

Celebrate the deliciousness of lasagna on Tuesday, July 31, at BRIO Tuscan Grille at the Waterside Shops and BRAVO! Cucina Italia at Mercato. The restaurants are offering half-price lasagna that day.

"Rooted in tradition and a secret family recipe, our lasagna has been a cornerstone of our menu since the beginning," says Phil Yandolino, founding chef of BRAVO/BRIO Restaurant Group.

At BRIO, Lasagna Bolognese al Forno will be offered for \$8.83. At BRAVO, Mama's Lasagna Bolognese will be available for \$7.13 at lunch and \$8.75 for dinner. Reservations are recommended. Call BRAVO at 514-0042 and BRIO at 593-5319.

### Dine at Joe's for rewards

Known for its award-winning breakfast and lunch fare, Joe's Diner is celebrating its 10th anniversary by offering a new rewards card. Sign up for the card and start earning 5 percent back on purchases. As customers use their cards, they will earn reward points, which can be used like cash toward future purchases.



Joe's is at 9331 Tamiami Trail N. Call 254-7929.

### Celebrity chefs help sick kids

The ninth annual Celebrity Chefs Dinner is set for Thursday, Aug. 23, at Rumrunners in Cape Coral for Barbara's Friends, a charity that benefits The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida.

Casual in style but serious in nature, the event features chefs' stations throughout the restaurant along with wine and vodka stations a silent auction and a live auction hosted by Kelley Burns. For a \$50 donation, guests enjoy a champagne toast and a chance to win a handcrafted piece of jewelry by Mark Loren.

This year's chefs include Norman Love, Harold Balink of Cru, Ron Duprat of Bravo's "Top Chef" series, Fabrice Deletrain of The Joint and Ralph Centalozza and Todd Johnson from Rumrunners.

Rumrunners is at Cape Harbour in southwest Cape Coral. For reservations for the fundraiser, call 985-3550.

### Hyatt's healthy kids menu

Hyatt Regency Coconut Point has introduced For Kids By Kids, a menu that was tasted, tested and approved by kids, including 11-year-old Haile Thomas, whose online "Kids Can Cook" show promotes healthier eating for the younger set.



The menu offers more nutritious, fresh and interactive items for children and includes a three-course organic menu developed by renowned food pioneer and chef Alice Waters.

Among the items on the new menu are the Top Your Own Taco (a whole-wheat tortilla with scrambled eggs, cheese and fun toppings; Shaken Chopped Salad with roasted chicken, brown rice and yogurt basil dressing; Build Your Own Whole Wheat Sub Sandwich; and grilled beef with potatoes, roasted vegetables and salad. Kids can also choose a half portion from the adult menu for half the price. ■

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