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## WHEN FAITH MEETS TECHNOLOGY

*21st century tools stream God to the masses*

BY ELLA NAYOR

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THE REV. NIC PATTERSON OF the North Naples United Methodist Church knows that if you want to touch people with the word of God you have to speak their language and reach them first — just like Jesus did.

Smart phones, tablets, computers and social networks are making worshipping or discussing religion as easy as pushing a button.

Jesus even has a fan page on Facebook called Jesus Daily. In fact, faith-based subject matter

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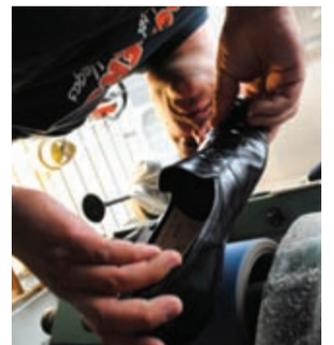
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## Boys & Girls Club ready to play ball on Jay & Patty Baker field

BY ATHENA PONUSHIS

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When administrators of the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County saw the rolls and rolls of AstroTurf being laid out on the new baseball field at the club's East Naples campus, their grown-up faces turned to the child-like expressions of those they serve — gawking in disbelief.

"It looks like a little Major League Baseball field down there," says Tony Orr, vice president of resource development. "And we built it for the kids who need us the most."

Two years went into the making of the

baseball field. The backing of the Cal Ripken Foundation made it so. A formal ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held in November with Cal Ripken Jr. present to dedicate the field. But for now, the field's ready and so are the kids, who can hardly wait to christen the ball park with pitching, hitting and base running as they get back into the swing of their after-school programs next week.

"It's an opportunity for them to have a



JAY AND PATTY BAKER

place to play, to keep them off the streets and keep them focused on having a better life," says Jay Baker, who was named chairman of the Cal Ripken Foundation board in June. He and his wife Patty donated more than \$1 million to the field, which has been named in their honor.

Mr. Baker says by the end of the year, the foundation would like to have 12 similar fields constructed across the country. Within five years, it hopes

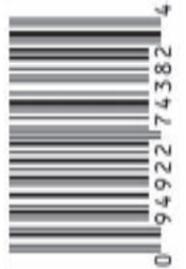
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# COMMENTARY

## Embracing the sunshine (finally)



Republican State Sen. Lizbeth Benacquisto caught me by surprise earlier this month by taking the first step in a major change of political philosophy.

Apparently, she has decided to embrace the sunshine in a state where there's plenty of it, and where she's lived for more than three decades.

Now in the waning days of her representation of District 27, which stretches roughly from the Atlantic coast in Palm Beach County to the Gulf Coast in Charlotte and Lee, Sen. Benacquisto is likely headed for the newly drawn District 30 seat, come November.

I guess the state's congressional leaders decided that providing therapy to help the bi-coastal and therefore very bipolar District 27 was a waste of time. So they dispatched it like a broken-legged horse, which is a relief to all of us, including the horse.

Brown-haired, brown eyed and slender, Sen. Benacquisto saw this coming a long time ago, I suspect.

For years she's been a Wellington-based east coaster who didn't appear much west of the Palm Beach County line. But lately she's begun turning her attention consistently to the slower, lazier backwater — if I can refer to the southwest coast in terms many east coasters find credible.

First, she married Bruce Strayhorn, a prominent Fort Myers-based attorney who headed Hillary Clinton's regional effort to

win the Democratic nomination in 2008 (he quickly became a Republican after the couple exchanged vows in December in an east-coast restaurant). Then she started spending a lot more time in community centers and at community events on the west coast, as her Facebook page shows.

Neither Mr. Strayhorn's photo nor any mention of him appears in any of Sen. Benacquisto's political notices that I've seen — unlike photos of her children or friends. Nor does mention of this second marriage for her turn up in her official senate biography, online.

But maybe none of this is personal. And besides, she slipped through the Republican primary in her bid for the District 30 seat earlier this week like a fast half-back through a defensive line of mere shadows.

Her single Republican opponent, Rep. Trudi Williams, had dropped out of the race in May.

And the goal line lies in clear sight. Since the new District 30 is heavily Republican — it consists of Lee and the mostly rural southeastern belly of Charlotte — she's probably a shoe-in on Nov. 6 against Democratic challenger Debbie Jordan.

Be that as it may, only eight days before last week's primary — on Aug. 6, according to the date on stationary embossed with the official golden seal of the Florida State Senate — Sen. Benacquisto took the most important step in her political career, in my humble opinion: she addressed a flattering letter to me, personally.

And she signed it in crisp blue ink with what appears to be her very own forward-leaning, swish-and-glide signature.

Like many members of my species, I am

deeply subject to flattery. Frequently when letters of praise reach me, I check carefully around me to insure that members of my own family, along with various dogs, cats, horses, and even that infernal goose I wanted to shoot but didn't in deference to my wife, are not watching.

When I'm certain that no one is looking, I leap to my feet, cackling wildly like a bald bipolar buzzard (which puts me in mind of District 27) or a sick crow, and stride around the living room like a battalion commander, dodging book cases and piano benches, gesturing aggressively, and seeking a mirror in which to admire my magnificent countenance.

Fortunately, there are none, which allows me to persist in inflated self-congratulations for many minutes, and sometimes hours and days.

This is what the letter said:

"Dear Mr. Williams:

Please accept my warmest congratulations on winning the Florida Press Association's First Amendment Defense, Jon A. Roosenraad Award and the Business Reporting Award. Achieving these distinguished awards is no easy task, and you deserve all the recognition coming your way."

Sweet, isn't it?

But then it got really good.

"I appreciate your dedication to in-depth journalism and to the people of this community," Sen. Benacquisto continued. "I wish you the best of luck with future endeavors, and I hope you will not hesitate to contact my office with any questions or concerns you may have.

"Sincerely, Lizbeth Benacquisto, Senate District 27"

Wow! Wow, wow, wow.

What makes this extraordinary, is that apparently the senator has decided I am so cool, and she has found my work celebrating open records, open government, and wide-open, gaping, instant access for every single reporter to every single elected or appointed official so illuminating and appealing, that she herself is now going to become a wide-open, instantly accessible Florida state senator, starting today.

Not only is that immensely flattering, but it's a huge relief. It's going to be good for readers, too, since they might actually get a little insight into what their elected leader is thinking about from time to time.

The last three times I tried to reach the senator for stories — most recently to talk about redistricting and what it could mean to her (this was before Rep. Trudi Williams, no relation, dropped out of the race) — I couldn't.

I telephoned her offices and e-mailed her. I even tried to go through her man by asking Bruce Strayhorn to encourage her to call me — but nothing. Not only did she decline comment, but she never even replied.

Clearly, now Sen. Benacquisto has decided that we members of the media — this one, at least — is really just a conduit that can pass good solid data, with all of its political nuances, to readers who'd like to know what the folks they elected are doing, right from the horse's mouth.

But not the bipolar horse. That's all over now, and we can put District 27 and the old Sen. Benacquisto, silence and all, away.

Now, perhaps, we can welcome the new Sen. Benacquisto and her soon-to-be real District 30 into the warm Florida sunshine. ■

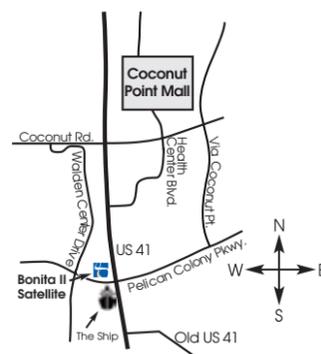
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## OPINION

# The rise of food stamp nation



**richLOWRY**

Special to Florida Weekly

Tom Vilsack is one of the most important welfare administrators in the nation. Oh, yeah — he's also secretary of agriculture.

Two-thirds of the Agriculture Department's budget is devoted to welfare programs. The biggest is food stamps, which is now the nation's second-largest welfare program after Medicaid. Its inexorable growth during the past decade, through good times and bad, is a testament to government's self-generating expansion.

Asked what labor wanted, the great 20th-century union leader Samuel Gompers answered, "More." The modern welfare state lives by the same credo. About 17 million people received food stamps back in 2000. Some 30 million received them in 2008. Roughly 46 million people receive them today. From 1 in 50 Americans on food stamps at the program's national inception in the 1970s, 1 in 7 Americans are on them now. Even when the economy is projected

to improve in the future, usage of food stamps will remain elevated above historic norms. Food Stamp Nation is here to stay.

One of its pillars is so-called categorical eligibility, which means that if someone is eligible for another welfare program, he is presumptively eligible for food stamps. In 2000, the Clinton administration issued regulations saying that merely getting a noncash welfare benefit could make someone eligible. Getting a welfare brochure or referred to an 800 number for services is enough to qualify in almost all the states. In Vermont, receiving a bookmark with a telephone number and website for services is enough.

Categorical eligibility effectively wiped out the program's old asset test (i.e., you couldn't have \$30,000 in the bank and get food stamps), although income limitations still apply. In the Obama stimulus, the work requirement was suspended, too, and hasn't been restored. The requirement had discouraged young, able-bodied nonparents from utilizing the program; now there are millions of them on food stamps.

That the food-stamps program is part of the farm bill — now up for debate in Congress — is itself a scam, an exercise

in rural-urban logrolling that gives everyone an interest in seeing the bill pass.

As every level of government works to grow the program, attempts to scale it back are predictably savaged. When Jeff Sessions, a Republican senator from Alabama, advocated reforms to save \$20 billion out of a \$770 billion budget for food stamps during the next decade, he was portrayed as a Dickensian villain. The New York Democrat Kirsten Gillibrand accused him of not caring about kids and insisted that food stamps are an engine of economic growth, since every \$1 spent on the program allegedly generates \$1.71 in economic activity. There's nothing, apparently, that food stamps can't do.

Needless to say, there are destitute people who need help. But the goal should be to reduce dependence on food stamps to historic levels after the recession, and restore the asset test, re-establish a work requirement and implement a better system for income verification. When almost 15 percent of Americans are on food stamps, the government should reacquire itself with two words: "too much." ■

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

## On gun laws, bipartisan consensus, not gridlock, is the problem



**amyGOODMAN**

Special to Florida Weekly

Another mass murder, another shooting spree, leaving bodies bullet-riddled by a legally obtained weapon. This time, it was Oak Creek, Wis., at a Sikh temple, as people gathered for their weekly worship. President Barack Obama said Monday, "I think all of us recognize that these kinds of terrible, tragic events are happening with too much regularity for us not to do some soul-searching." Amidst the carnage, platitudes. With an average of 32 people killed by guns in this country every day — the equivalent of five Wisconsin massacres per day — both major parties refuse to deal with gun control. It's the consensus, not the gridlock, that's the problem.

The president's press secretary, Jay Carney, said, "We need to take common-sense measures that protect Second Amendment rights and make it harder for those who should not have weapons under existing law from obtaining weapons." It's important to note where Jay Carney made that point, reiterating the phrase "common sense" five times in relation to the President's intransigence against strengthening gun laws, and invoking "Second Amendment" a stunning eight times. He spoke from the James S. Brady Press Briefing Room in the White House, named after one of Mr. Carney's predecessors, shot in the head by John Hinckley during the attempted assassination of President Ronald Reagan in 1981. Brady survived and co-founded with his wife the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence. After each of these massacres, the Brady Campaign has called for strengthened gun control.

This latest mass killing was very likely a hate crime, perpetrated by Wade Michael Page, a white, 40-year-old U.S. Army veteran with links to white supremacist groups and membership in skinhead rock bands. Page grew up in Littleton, Colo., the same town where, in 1999, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold plotted and executed their mass-murder plan at Columbine High School. Page was in the U.S. Army from 1992 to 1998. He did missile-system repairs and later was a "psychological operations" specialist, although it is not clear in what capacity, based first at Fort Bliss, Texas, then at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Page received a "general discharge" from the U.S. Army, lower than an honorable discharge, but not as bad as a dishonorable one. Reports suggest he had a problem with alcohol, with several arrests for drunken driving. He recently lost a truck-driving job for the same reason, which may have precipitated the loss of his home to foreclosure. Page may have been troubled, but he was by no means unknown. After the shooting, FBI Special Agent Teresa Carlson of Milwaukee told the press, "There may be references to him in various files, and those are things that are being analyzed right now, but, we had no reason to believe, and as far as we know, no law-enforcement agency had any reason to believe that he was planning or plotting or capable of such violence."

Page was a prominent member of the neo-Nazi skinhead music scene, was known to the Southern Poverty Law Center, which tracks right-wing hate groups, and was also personally interviewed, between 2001 and 2003, by Pete Simi, associate professor of criminology at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Despite the arrests, despite the history of membership in hate groups, Page was able to walk into a gun shop and buy the 9 mm pistol legally, according to the

shop owner. The fact that it was legal is the problem.

As if on cue, two days after Page's murderous rampage in Wisconsin, Jared Loughner appeared in court to plead guilty to the shooting spree in Tucson, Ariz., that left six dead and many injured, including former member of Congress Gabrielle Giffords. Loughner has been diagnosed with schizophrenia, and will spend the rest of his life behind bars. Patricia Maisch survived the shooting. As Loughner was tackled that day in January 2011, Maisch grabbed the high-capacity magazine that Loughner was using to reload his gun. Maisch and two other survivors of that shooting have launched an advertisement with the group Mayors Against Illegal Guns, demanding that both President Obama and Gov. Mitt Romney come up with a plan to deal with guns in this country.

The day after the Wisconsin shooting, I spoke with Gurcharan Grewal, president of the Sikh Religious Society of Wisconsin. He told me:

"Ultimately, the problem comes to gun control. I don't know when we're going to get serious about all this, and I don't know how many more lives it will take before something will be done."

Neither Obama nor Romney agrees that gun control is the answer. It will take a movement to make it happen. ■

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# Tiny Toddler, Big Future



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# PROFILES IN PARADISE

## Earl and Thelma Hodges: 50 years of generosity and service



he spent 22 months in Japan serving in the Army Grave Registration Service.

Upon visiting an uncle in Naples in 1956, he decided to stay and went to work as an assistant to the owner of Pittman Funeral Home. In 1962, he opened his own funeral home. Five former employees now own their own funeral homes, a tribute to Earl's philosophy of "people development" as a business owner.

Thelma moved to Naples in November 1955 from Lawrence, Mass., and was one of three original employees at Naples Community Hospital (hired three months prior to its opening in 1956). A registered nurse, she helped set up the first hospital administration. Early on she was in charge of the emergency room, central supply and surgery. Her employment there continued for more than 20 years.

Thelma and Earl met six months after he arrived in Naples, and they were married a year and a half later, in June 1958.

Thelma has always been a member of the Naples Community Hospital Auxiliary and has served in nearly every leadership position. She still volunteers in the White Elephant Thrift Shop.

In 2007, Earl and Thelma made an unprecedented gift of \$12 million to International College, which advanced the school to university status and prompted its renamed to Hodges University. That same year, Earl and Thelma were each awarded an honorary doctorate from the institution.

Earl and Thelma Hodges have provided loyal support and valuable service to the entire Paradise Coast for more than 50 years. This month, proclaimed Early & Thelma Hodges month by the Naples City Council, they are being honored throughout the community to which they have been so generous for so long and in so many ways.

The accompanying photo shows Earl and Thelma at a Memorial Day service this past May at Hodges Funeral Home, which they opened 50 years ago this month.

Earl was just 13 years old when he attended a funeral service at a rural church and cemetery for a friend of the family in Tennessee and realized then and there that he would commit himself to the funeral profession. He coaxed the funeral director to give him a ride back to town in the hearse, and then started going on calls with him when he wasn't working after school at the local drug-store.

After high school, he worked for a Tennessee funeral home until World War II, when he joined the military. He earned his Tennessee funeral directors license in 1948. During the Korean War

### Talking points with Earl and Thelma Hodges

**As a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?**

Earl – A funeral director. Thelma – A model.

**What was your first job?**

Earl – A soda jerk at local drug store in Livingston, Tenn. Thelma – A clerk in a dress shop.

**What are you most proud of?**

Earl – Hodges University and its president, Dr. Terry McMahan. Thelma – The progress and growth of NCH Healthcare System.

**What makes you laugh?**

Earl – Boys with dyed hair.  
Thelma – People and their antics.

**What skill or talent do you wish you had?**

Earl – I wish I had advanced computer skills.  
Thelma – I've always wanted to be able to sing or play the piano.

**Next vacation:**

Earl and Thelma: North Carolina.

**Guilty pleasure?**

Earl – Peanut and banana on crackers.  
Thelma – I really can't think of one!

**What was your mother always right about?**

Earl – Tell the truth and you don't have to remember what you said. Thelma – Always treat people the way you would like to be treated.



**Something others might be surprised to learn about you?**

Earl – I hate public speaking. Thelma – There is nothing about me that would surprise anyone, especially since the last few weeks our lives have been an open book!

**Favorite thing about the Paradise Coast?**

Earl – Our home and the weather.  
Thelma – The beauty, cleanliness and people.

**What do you miss about the Paradise Coast when you're away?**

Earl – The people. Thelma – My home and friends and family, beach, but I find it comforting that it's there.

How fortunate we all are to have these two special people call the Paradise Coast home. ■

— 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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## Join the clean-up on Keewaydin

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On Aug. 25, transportation to and from Keewaydin Island will be provided by the Sweet Liberty, which will depart the City Dock at 8:30 a.m. and return around 12:30 p.m.

On Sept. 8, volunteers will board the Calusa Spirit at 8:30 a.m. at Pelican Bend Restaurant on Isle of Capri. The boat will return to the dock around 12:30 p.m.

Space is limited and reservations are required. E-mail [Keewaydincleanup@gmail.com](mailto:Keewaydincleanup@gmail.com) and include the name and phone number of each participant and which date you would like to attend. ■

## Rookery Bay offers landscaping workshops

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

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

## Smart911 can enhance emergency response

Because every second counts in an emergency, the Collier County Sheriff's Office and the Naples Police Department have partnered to implement Smart911, a database that allows citizens to create a secure safety profile of vital personal and household information, including medications, medical conditions and even photographs of each member of the household. Information about family pets can also be entered.

The safety profile, with specific details that can help first responders save lives, will be displayed to the 911 operator immediately when an emergency call is placed. A profile also can give law enforcement officials immediate access to a photograph if a child goes missing. For the hearing-impaired, it can alert the call taker to initiate text messaging as a means of communication in an emergency.

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# TECHNOLOGY

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seems to capture more attention than anything else on Facebook, according to allfacebook.com, an unofficial Facebook blog that discusses how the website changes society.

A scan of Facebook pages shows multiple prayer-related messages, Bible passages and religious content that's passed along to and from friends and family daily. Many of the faithful are even choosing to attend religious services online.

## Divine via virtual pipeline

The fact that religion and faith matter in a big way on social media sites and online means a lot to local clergy, whose mission is to not only reach the masses but to connect with their own flock.

The new virtual pipeline created by technology creates a platform for pastors, rabbis and other religious leaders to reach followers.



BARRAS

At Temple Beth El, Rabbi Jeremy Barras employs technology and social media. The synagogue has a Facebook page that was started in 2009 and an interactive website.

"I think in order to meet people's expectations you have to be technologically savvy," Rabbi Barras said.

Meeting these high-tech expectations helps keep the members connected to the faith community. Soon the synagogue's classroom will be wired so people will be able to take classes from their homes.

The synagogue broadcasts services live — a service that has become popular with congregants who for one reason or another cannot be there in person.

At Peace Lutheran Church in Fort Myers, Rev. Walter Still devotes his energies to serving his community. He engages people in his energetic sermons and talks. His secretary, Susan Mitchell, who is in charge of the church's social media, extends the preacher's arm via technology. Peace Lutheran has an interactive website, Facebook page and MP3 audio versions of services to download. Ms. Mitchell said that people pay attention to Facebook so much that if churches happen-



MAYS

ings are not posted people ask why. "I think social media opens the doors for religion," she said. "It's about getting the word of God out there."

Rev. Rusty Mays of Messiah Lutheran Church in Cape Coral has an older congregation, which he said is not as interested in Facebook as some other groups.

"That's not an effective tool for us," he said.

But e-mail and the church's active website, which allows congregants to take adult education classes, are more popular. Helen Gierke, the church's secretary, said 75 percent of the nearly 400-member congregation uses the e-mail system.

And Rev. Mays said he uses the Internet to search for daily devotionals to inspire him.

Rev. Mike Faircloth of the New Hope Baptist Church in Cape Coral preaches to a younger congregation. He said the



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Cyber Pastor Nic Patterson of North Naples United Methodist Church shoots a segment for his website at his studio in the church.

use their electronic devices to download an online version of the Bible if they forget theirs at home.

He said he hopes to develop a mobile application for the church itself in the near future.

## Cyber services

One of Southwest Florida's largest churches has defined itself by being on the cutting edge of technology. North Naples United Methodist Church has its own cyber pastor, Rev. Patterson. The tech-savvy church hosts more than 1,000 people live each week in its "iChurch" available on its website. The site reported that on a recent Sunday, there were more people attending services online than in church. Pastor Patterson said he is excited about the use of technology in bringing more people to hear the word of God.



PATTERSON

"We've got to communicate it in a way that people understand," Rev. Patterson said.

And, like other clergy, he said he must work hard to maintain the congregation amid an information- and technology-driven world.

"We have to change the way we communicate," he said.

According to research by Harvard University professor Robert Putnam, the percentage of young Americans who say they have no religious affiliation increased from 5 and 10 percent to 30 to 40 percent. To clergy like Rev. Patterson, who is 28, this means people need to be reached out to in a way that works today.

For some of the faithful, online services mean the difference between going to church or not.

"On the occasional weekends when we can't make Mass, we download the readings for that Sunday from the diocese website and take turns reciting the readings and Gospel," said Sherri Holly of Fort Myers.

Relating to the people and bringing them to share their faith in a community setting — much the way Jesus did — is vital to clergy.

Rev. Patterson said he defers to Jesus' teachings. Jesus talked in parables — stories that people of his time could understand, Rev. Patterson said.

So with a cyber campus, high-tech website, iChurch and his own cyber pastoring, Rev. Patterson hopes to be doing just what Jesus did — speaking the people's language. So far, his work seems to be paying off. Through his Cyber Pastor program, Rev. Patterson talks online to many people — some in crisis.

Recently Rev. Patterson told someone to spend time with God in silence. His message seemed to help the person at the end of the computer.

"Sometimes it's easy for people to open up in that kind of way," Rev. Patterson said. "It's amazing the kind of response I get."

Rev. Patterson said the cyber ministry will soon include a Bible studies mobile app.

Margaret Hambrick, a Florida Gulf Coast University professor and department chair of communication and philosophy, said it is important to know and understand whom you are communicating to.

"To be a good communicator, you need to be both effective and appropriate," she said.

## Blessing or a curse?

Fire can burn down a home or build a warm hearth. Technology isn't much different.

"Technology is not bad in and of



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Rabbi Yitzchok Minkowicz of Chabad Lubavitch of Southwest Florida.

church's several Facebook pages for youth ministry and the church itself are well used. Two-thirds to three-quarters of the congregation use online technology such as Facebook or e-mail. The church's interactive website allows users to listen to past services and transmit prayer requests electronically.

Though Rev. Faircloth said technologies such as the Internet and social media do not take the place of face-to-face interactions, they are often important for the initial interaction.

"Quite a few people find us through our website," he said.



FOHS

PowerPoint has been used for services for more than a decade and e-blasts or mass e-mails are sent out regularly at the Lamb of God Church in the San Carlos Park area, said Rev. Walter Fohs. The church also has a Facebook page and electronic newsletter.

"We have better communication because of e-mail," Rev. Fohs said.

For Imam Mohamed Al-Darsani of the Islamic Center for Peace in Fort Myers, technology is crucial in getting the message out to his followers.

"It's an asset between the people and the faithful," he said.

The center's website is being rebuilt but according to the information on the site, the ability to access the Qur'an will be available in different languages soon.

Rev. Jonathan Edwards of the First Presbyterian Church of Naples said the use of technology is useful but not critical for his congregation.

"What really works is the face-to-face interactions," he said.

Still, the church has a Facebook page with 30 to 40 active members. In the fall, Rev. Edwards said he plans to use a screen system as an educational aid during services.

For Rabbi Yitzchok Minkowicz of the Chabad Lubavitch of Southwest Florida, high-tech is applied to many faith-based services and activities. The Chabad

uses a state-of-the-art computer system and Facebook.

"We love technology," Rabbi Minkowitz said.

On a recent interfaith prayer breakfast in Fort Myers, the orthodox rabbi read his prepared speech from his iPad.

But despite the Chabad's sophisticated and advanced level of technology, it never strays from its roots. All of the fancy equipment and devices are powered down and shut before the beginning of the Sabbath on Friday evening. No electricity is used during the Sabbath, which lasts from Friday evening to Saturday evening. For the Jewish faithful, any kind of work, including the use of electricity, is forbidden on the Sabbath.

At the Samudrabadra Buddhist Center, Facebook and online technology help the members stay current and in touch with Buddhists around the world.

"It's really a beautiful tool being able to share," said Abby Citron, the center's education coordinator.

Rev. Denny Postell of the Real Life Church in Punta Gorda gives his parishioners a theatrical experience with the use of live video, screens and projection. Its website and Facebook page help keep congregants connected. During services, Rev. Postell encourages members to



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**Temple Beth El in Fort Myers employs a Facebook page and a website.**

itself," said Dr. Rose Thorn, a Fort Myers psychologist. "It's the intention that's implied."

Local clergy face making sure their intent helps their houses of worship.

The Rev. Joseph Clifford of St.

Columbille Catholic Church supports the use of technology for reaching out to parishioners as he would any good tool. He uses Google Earth to find a parishioner's house for a home visit.

And St. Columbille has a website, uses e-mail and sends out an electronic news bulletin. Though the church does not yet have a Facebook page, one could be in its future.

"To us, it's not an immediate concern as a form of communication," Rev. Clifford said.

With the use of Facebook come issues such as dissention or the conveyance of information not deemed appro-

priate or in tone with the church's mission or teachings.

"We have to safeguard the integrity of the church," he said.

The church does use a screen for viewing mass. This allows the 5,000-person congregation to see the service. Though they have a screen, it is not broadcast online. Rev. Clifford said technology is vital, but has to be used wisely.

"Technology cannot replace the experience," he said.

Rituals such as communion and spending one-on-one time with someone cannot be conducted online or with an electronic device. For some things, there is no substitution.

"That would be allowing technology to take over," Rev. Clifford said.

But he is quick to point out the blessings given by the use of technology.

"To me, it takes me closer to God," he said. "Now, we are really seeing how huge the universe is."

Rev. Clifford cites an example of reading about Genesis in the Bible.

"Were not telling the story," he said.

"We can see the story. Science has the great potential to see the awesome mystery of God. And this is just the beginning."

Most area clergy see a blessing and a curse in technology. Rev. Faircloth embraces the use of electronic media to communicate better with congregants but still wants people to come to church on Sunday.

"It doesn't very effectively take the place of human interaction," he said.

Rev. Walter Fohs has experienced a lot of change in his 44 years as a pastor. The Lamb of God pastor in south Lee County, who is retiring soon, began his ministry with a phone. Now everything is on a computer, social media and apps.

But he said it's vital for clergy to change with the emerging technologies.

"You will get nowhere without technology," he said "It can't replace face-to-face. It's a door to pass through. Probably, churches that are dying haven't embraced technology."

And the fact that one's view of God often changes with technology is OK with Rev. Fohs.

"We have people who want to have an understanding of God from 1930," he said. "Clergy across the nation are caught in that bond. You're just going to be an old chair sitting in the corner."

Younger clergy such as Rabbi Barras, 37, are on top of the need to stay relevant in relating to today's tech-savvy congregations. The fact that he broadcasts services live became important for one family in California who could not attend the memorial services of a dear friend. Though Rabbi Barras typically would not broadcast a funeral service, he weighed the value of making it available online for the grieving family. But Rabbi Barras also laments about

people relying too much on technology that they see it as a replacement for being present in the faith community. He and other clergy are concerned about some people who lose control of technology and become addicted to it. He cited examples of people constantly checking their smart phones and tablets.

"If your mind is on your technology, it's very hard to be spiritual," he said. "It's like the devil sitting on your soldier."

In Port Charlotte, Rabbi Solomon Agin of Temple Shalom, said e-mail and other electronic media are helpful but he worries too about the distraction that technology can have. "There's a downside to all this technology," Rabbi Agin said. "We begin to lose our verbal skills. There can always be a side effect to anything. When you come into the synagogue, the technology has to stop."

Rabbi Agin has watched people texting as they came in the door to services. One 13-year-old student in training for his Bar Mitzvah had to be told to stop texting in class. He asked Rabbi Agin if he could at least finish sending his text.

"They let it run their lives," he said. Religious leaders said being responsible and sticking to their mission of sharing the word of God is essential with the use of technology.

"If we were going to use technology, we need to remember our essential mission to the Gospel," said Rev. Mays of Messiah Lutheran Church in Cape Coral. ■



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## Collectors take a shine to iridescent glass

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Ancient Roman iridescent glass dug up in Israel is now being featured in modern jewelry. One of the jewelry designers told viewers of a late-night shopping channel that the thin layer of iridescence called "patina" was taken from the ancient glass and assembled flake by flake on a base used to create new jewelry. A chemical reaction causes buried glass to form the iridescent layer. We have seen 1950's bottles buried in a damp location that show this type of iridescence.

Artists have admired this glass iridescence since the early 1800s. In 1817, a man from Scotland patented a way to iridize glass, but the glass that collectors like today, the kind with a golden iridescence, was made by Ludwig Lobmeyr of Austria-Hungary in 1873. Other glass artists, including Louis Comfort Tiffany, began making their own type of iridescent glass. Some of the factories that made gold iridescent glass and the date they started are: Glasfabrik Johann Loetz-Witwe (1890), Wilhelm Kralik Sohn (1890s), Tiffany (1896), Koloman Moser (1900), Quezal Art Glass Co. (1901) and Steuben Glass Co. (1903). Carnival glass, a less-expensive and very different-looking type of iridescent glass, was made after 1908. Collectors and even experts often cannot identify the maker

of a gold iridescent glass piece because the pieces are all so similar. And modern glassmakers can produce very similar glass pieces, too, so there is much confusion. The most expensive and most popular is Tiffany gold glass.

**Q:** I would like to know the age and make of my cast-iron toy gun. It's marked "TG-27" and has a funny nub on the bottom and a short barrel. It probably opens at the grip. My brother repainted the entire gun to cover up rust.

**A:** Your toy gun is a cap gun made by the National Toy Co. The nub on the bottom of the grip lifts up to show where the caps should be loaded. Although the company didn't officially incorporate until 1914, your cap gun likely dates from 1911. The company's products were successful and sold in stores like FAO Schwarz. Since your cap gun is repainted, its value is very low.

**Q:** Please settle a dispute between my husband and me about our small table. It has been in my family for years. We think it's made of iron. It has two pierced oval shelves and a marble top

and it's marked "B & H" and "1646." The paint is chipped. I say it should not go to a landfill and my husband insists it should. Who is right?

**A:** Your iron table was made by Bradley & Hubbard Manufacturing Co. Walter Hubbard and his brother-in-law, Nathaniel Lyman Bradley, started making cast-metal clocks, call bells, lamps, chandeliers, sconces, bookends, frames, andirons and sewing birds in 1854 in Meriden, Conn. The company was sold to Charles Parker in 1940. During the late 1800s and early 1900s, Bradley & Hubbard made many types of small ornate tables and stands to hold plants, flowers, calling cards, smoking accessories and inkstands. The tables and stands sell today for about \$150 to \$350, depending on condition. All Bradley & Hubbard products are collectible. Don't throw the table away.

**Q:** I have a scrapbook that belonged to my great-grandfather and then my grandfather. It's a scrapbook all about the Villa Igiea in Palermo, Sicily. It has about 145 pages and is filled with newspaper clippings from the early 1900s.

We would like to keep it in the family, but wonder what it might be worth. Who might be interested in it?

**A:** Collectors and libraries value letters, cards, documents and photographs of famous people. If the person who kept the scrapbook isn't famous, the value of material in an old scrapbook is minimal unless the photos and letters relate to a historic event. Condition is always important, too. Collectors don't like newspaper clippings as much as they like postcards, trade cards and "scraps" (small die-cut colored pictures). They will pay \$1 to \$10 for common examples and more than \$100 for rarities. If your scrapbook includes more than clippings, you may find it has more value by taking it apart and donating or selling the individual photos, postcards and scraps.

**Tip:** Do not display carnival glass made before 1910 in direct sunlight. The glass, introduced in 1907, will turn purple or brown and its iridescent finish may fade. ■

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The pewter mounting with the mark of the Van Houten company helps identify this iridescent glass vase. Loetz and Kralik both used Van Houten pewter after 1890. Neal Auction's experts in New Orleans could say only that the 7½-inch-high vase was "Continental." Because of its quality, it auctioned for \$854.

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# PLAY BALL

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to have 50 fields. "It's something we have our minds set on," he says. "It's a wonderful way to help any community."

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ORR

it's dirt, but really it's just more artificial clay-colored blades. Compliment the grounds and you will learn why the club cannot risk kids getting grass stains or sliding-into-home dirt and tatters on their shirts. "Clothes are something our kids

cherish," says Jason Kurek, marketing and development director. "They don't have much of them. It's hard for them to get a new outfit." Hence the artificial turf.

In 2011, the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County served 2,200 children and teens, Mr. Kurek says. But, he adds, 43,000 children attend Collier County public schools, and he knows that many of them live at or below the poverty level and could benefit from the club's programs and services. He hopes the baseball field will help the club reach them.

Mr. Orr sees the ball field as a venue for children to forge friendships, find confidence in themselves and develop character. By teaching children the fundamentals of baseball — teamwork, leadership and sportsmanship — he sees children learning the fundamentals of life.



COURTESY PHOTOS  
Baker Field at The Boys & Girls Club. At right, BGCCC Kids at Cal Ripken camp.

To put it simply, he says, "The athletics we have here provide kids with an opportunity to be themselves."

As far as the field and the dreams, he says, "We're ready."

The Boys & Girls Club plans to start baseball and softball leagues in the fall. A soccer league will kick off later this month, and flag football



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teams might also take advantage of the expansive outfield. "The field's ready," Mr. Orr reiterates. "We're just looking for the right people from the community to come in and volunteer to coach."

To think of the spring training possibilities — having the Boston Red Sox or the Minnesota Twins come out for baseball clinics and work with the children as mentors — makes Mr. Orr near giddy. He says the Jay & Patty Baker Field stands open for all Boys & Girls Club community partners to use — organizations like Youth Haven, Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida, The Salvation Army, the Golisano Children's Museum of Naples and The Naples Children and Education Foundation.

Boys & Girls Club administrators see this teaching of life skills through the lure of sport as "stealth learning." Site director Derek Clemmensen accompanied several local club members to a Cal Ripken Foundation baseball camp in Baltimore in May. For many, it was their first trip on an airplane.

"You watch kids from all over the country come together as one team," Mr. Clemmensen says. He remembers watching children who had just met cheer each other on from the dugout. "The sportsmanship and attitude after two days is awesome."

Now that the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County has its own baseball field, he hopes to see this same kinship on a county-wide scale. ■

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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPHERD

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### Freedom under attack

■ A bar in Horry County, S.C., named the Suck Bang Blow filed a lawsuit in May challenging the county's new ordinance prohibiting motorcyclists' "burnouts" (engine-revving with back-tire-spinning, creating smoke — and enormous noise). The bar claims that burnouts are important expressions of its customers' "manliness and macho"

and as such are protected by the First Amendment.

■ Luigi Bellavite complained to reporters in Mountain View, Colo., in July that the theft of his "Vote Satan" yard sign ought to be prosecuted as a "hate crime" under state law — as he is a member of the Church of Satan. Police called it an ordinary theft. ■

### Government in action

■ Miniature golf is remarkably simple to play, requiring neither experience nor much exertion, and even toddlers can negotiate their own brand of fun on the course. However, in March, a set of "accessible design" standards went into effect, under the Americans With Disabilities Act, governing such things as the "slope" of courses (maximum 1:4 rise on some holes), the maximum length of the blades if artificial turf is used, and the minimum area of the "tee-off" landing (48 inches by 60 inches, with a slope not steeper than 1:48).

■ The only unlimited-issue U.S. visa allowing fast-lane entrance for certain foreign workers is the O-1, available to those (e.g., scientists, technology engineers) who, in the opinion of the State Department, demonstrate "extraordinary ability." Reuters reported in June that an O-1 recently went to British

journalist Piers Morgan, whose extraordinariness seems limited to replacing Larry King on his CNN interview program, and another to Shera Bechard, Playboy's Miss November 2010, whose other accomplishment seems to be the creation of an online photo-sharing experience called "Frisky Friday."

■ Canadian rap singer Manu Militari was, until earlier this year, sufficiently patriotic to have received more than \$100,000 in government grants that originated with the Canadian Heritage department. However, a June video released ahead of his new album "L'Attente" portrayed Afghan Taliban fighters targeting a convoy of Canadian soldiers, planting a roadside bomb and aiming their rifles at the Canadians' heads. Over 150 Canadian soldiers have died fighting the Taliban and their insurgent allies. ■

### Forgetful

■ *USA Today*, quoting a Pentagon official, reported in July that, during the last decade, the Pentagon had paid "late fees" totaling \$610 million for not returning leased shipping containers by the due dates.

■ A Government Accountability Office report in July revealed that the federal government's vast properties include about 14,000 offices and buildings that are vacant (or nearly so), but which the

government still pays to maintain (at about \$190 million a year). (A large building in Washington, D.C.'s Georgetown — among the most valuable real estate in the city — has sat mostly unused for more than 10 years.)

■ The Miami-Dade County, Fla., government confirmed in April that it had discovered, in storage, 298 brand-new vehicles that had been purchased in 2006-2007, but which had never been used. ■

### Police report

■ New Mexico is an "open carry" state, with otherwise-law-abiding adults authorized to display loaded handguns in public. However, in the town of Vaughn (pop. 500, located mid-nowhere), perhaps the only ones not authorized to carry are the town's two police officers. Chief Ernest Armijo had been convicted in 2011 of criminal nonsupport of a wife and two sons, and among the conditions of probation was the prohibition on gun possession. Deputy Brian Bernal has his own domestic issue: a conviction for family violence that bars him, under federal law, from carrying.

■ Most people who call an FBI field

office would be in serious trouble if they left an answering-machine message for a named agent, along with the caller's name and telephone number, in a message consisting of at least 13 F-word epithets threatening to "break (the agent's) (F-word) neck." However, when Thomas Troy Bitter left the message at the San Diego field office, according to a July report in *OC Weekly*, the agency, after initially charging Mr. Bitter, quietly dropped the prosecution with no further repercussions. *OC Weekly* speculated that Mr. Bitter is a confidential informant whom the FBI was late in paying. ■

### Great art

Paris designer Jean-Emmanuel "Val-noir" Simoulin's latest project combines his boyhood fascination with jacket patches and the societal fascination with body modification. He said he will

sew patches featuring his band's next album directly onto the skin of his own back. "It's a nostalgic project about my teenage-hood, when I had an iron faith (in) black-metal (music)." ■

### Recurring themes

It has been reported variously as an urban legend and a true story, but a well-documented July report in Chinese media, picked up by CNN, looks unfortunately authentic. A 13-year-old boy in Shandong Province was severely injured by a prank at an auto repair shop at which he worked. Doctors at Bayi Chil-

dren's Hospital in Beijing confirmed that the co-workers had inserted the nozzle of an air pump into his rectum and shot air into the intestines, inflating his belly, damaging his liver, kidneys and stomach, and sending him into a coma for eight days. Doctors deflated him, but at press time, he remained in intensive care. ■

# Adopt-A-Soldier seeks donations

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.

This year members hope to raise \$10,000 by Oct. 15 and extend their campaign to even more troops.

The group is also collecting names from local residents of family and friends who are soldiers and will ensure that those soldiers receive packages.

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).

To provide the name of a soldier you would like to receive a care package, call Sally Masters at 253-1579 or Debbie Zvibleman at 272-8878. ■

# Gear up for AARP Driver Safety Class

The next AARP Driver Safety Class led by instructor Greg Johnson is set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28, at the Golden Gate Community Center.

The class is designed to help drivers learn about new traffic laws, refresh their driving skills and reduce their risk

for tickets and accidents. Drivers over age 55 might be eligible for a discount on auto insurance upon completion of the course.

Registration is \$12 for AARP members, \$14 for others. Sign up by calling 732-5310. ■



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Please join Hodges Funeral Home  
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**Saturday, August 18**  
**4-7 p.m.**

at Hodges Funeral Home  
525 111th Ave. N., Naples

<p>Cocktails 4-5 p.m.</p>	<p>Invocation and commendations 5-6 p.m. Musical interlude by members of the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra</p>	<p>Reception 6-7 p.m.</p>
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**RSVP required. Please call 597-3103.**  
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### Also in honor of Earl & Thelma Hodges Month:

**Thelma's Thursdays**  
**NCH White Elephant Thrift Shop**  
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50 percent off most items.  
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**Eat with Earl at Gyrene Burger**  
Aug. 16, 23 and 30  
Mr. Hodges and his grand nephew, Leslie King, serve as  
lunchtime celebrity burger-meisters, and diners will enjoy  
50 cents off the price of every burger.  
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**Friday, Aug. 31**  
**1 p.m.**  
Calling all Junior Deputies of yesteryear!  
Mr. and Mrs. Hodges are the guests of honor at an ice cream social  
celebrating Earl's pioneering advocacy  
of the Junior Deputies League of Collier County.  
Cake and ice cream courtesy of Goodwill Industries.  
Naples Depot Museum  
1051 Fifth Ave. S.  
For more information, call Ellie Krier at 262-0015.

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### Diabetes education combined with cruise

Lake Diabetes & Medical Supply, in conjunction with Preferred Travel of Naples, will sponsor diabetes education onboard the Silversea Cruises Silver Spirit to the Caribbean this fall. Passengers will learn how to manage diabetes from certified diabetic educators and will also enjoy instruction from the culinary experts and fitness team onboard the luxury cruise ship.

The at-sea program is recognized by the American Diabetes Association and accredited by the American Association of Diabetic Educators. Participants are in classes for a few hours each day but also have time to enjoy regular cruise activities and excursions.

The Silver Spirit sails roundtrip from Fort Lauderdale on Nov. 30 to the Turks and Caicos Islands, St. Barts, St. Kitts and Tortola before returning to Fort Lauderdale on Dec. 10.

For more information, contact Preferred Travel of Naples at 261-1177.

### Planned Parenthood pregnancy class

Planned Parenthood of Collier County offers "The 3Ps," a free workshop about prenatal care, having a healthy pregnancy and parenting newborns.

The next sessions are set for Wednesday, Aug. 22 (in English) and Wednesday, Aug. 29 (in Spanish). Both meet from 5:30-8:30 p.m. in the education room at Planned Parenthood, 1425 Creech Road. Space is limited, and registration is required. Call 262-8923, ext. 316, to reserve a space.

Among the other women's health services provided at the center are: routine physicals for women age 14 and older, breast exams, cervical cancer screening, HIV testing, fibroids evaluation, hormone replacement therapy, mammogram referrals, and testing and treatment for urinary tract and vaginal infections.

For a complete list of services and information about appointments and payment, call the above number or visit [www.plannedparenthood.org](http://www.plannedparenthood.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. ■

## Brain hubs boil when hoarders face pitching their own stuff

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

A new study seems to support classifying hoarding disorder as a psychiatric illness. In patients with hoarding disorder, parts of a decision-making brain circuit under-activated when dealing with others' possessions, but over-activated when deciding whether to keep or discard their own things, a National Institute of Mental Health-funded study has found. NIMH is part of the National Institutes of Health.

Brain scans revealed the abnormal activation in areas of the anterior cingulate cortex and insula known to process error monitoring, weighing the value of things, assessing risks, unpleasant feelings, and emotional decisions.

NIMH grantee David Tolin, Ph.D., of Hartford Hospital, Hartford, Conn., and colleagues, report on their functional magnetic resonance imaging study in the August 2012 issue of the journal Archives of General Psychiatry.

Hoarding disorder, a proposed category in psychiatry's new diagnostic manual, DSM-5, is characterized by avoidance of decision-making about possessions.

The new findings pinpoint brain circuit activity suspected of underlying the lack of self-insight, indecisiveness, sense that the wrong decision is being made, inflated estimates of the desirability of objects, and exaggerated

perception of risk that are often experienced with the disorder.

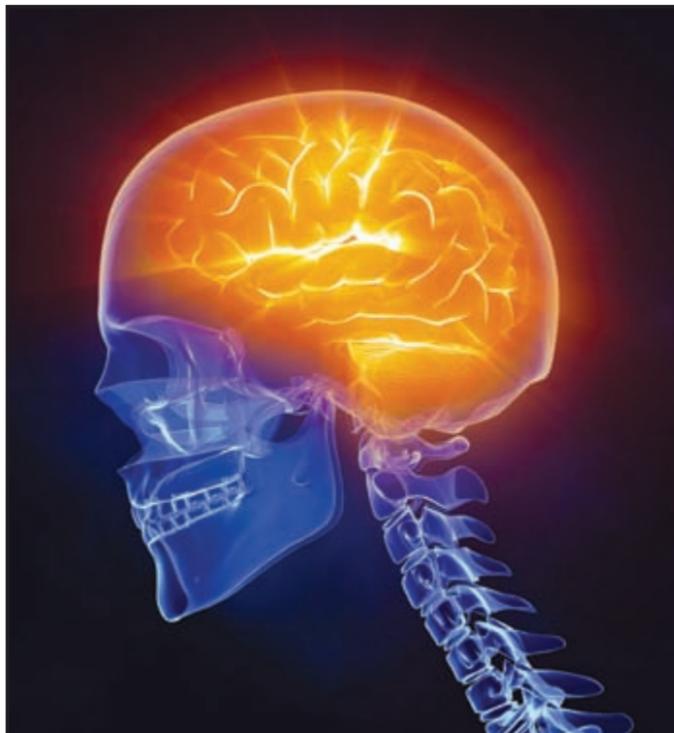
In the study, brain activity of 43 hoarding disorder patients was compared to that of 31 obsessive compulsive disorder patients and 33 healthy

disturbed regulation of brain systems responsible for various dimensions of behavior that may cut across mental disorders as traditionally defined," said Bruce Cuthbert, Ph.D., director of NIMH's Division of Adult Translational Research.

In this case, the implicated brain areas are hubs of a salience network that weighs the emotional significance of things and regulates emotional responses and states. Hoarding patients' severity of symptoms, self-ratings of indecisiveness, and feeling of things being "not just right" were correlated with the degree of aberrant activity in these hubs. The results add to evidence of impaired decision-making in hoarding disorder and may help to disentangle its brain workings from those of OCD and depression.

NIH, the nation's medical research agency, includes 27 Institutes and Centers and is a component of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. NIH is the primary federal agency

conducting and supporting basic, clinical, and translational medical research, and is investigating the causes, treatments, and cures for both common and rare diseases. The mission of the NIMH is to transform the understanding and treatment of mental illnesses through basic and clinical research, paving the way for prevention, recovery and cure. For more information, visit [www.nimh.nih.gov](http://www.nimh.nih.gov). ■



controls while they had to decide whether to keep or discard their own or others' junk mail and newspapers. Notably, such ownership did not appear to differentially affect brain activity in the OCD patients. Hoarding disorder patients, as expected, decided to keep many more items than the other groups.

"The results of this study reflect an accelerating trend toward finding

## Check, recheck and check again



One of the most fascinating and rewarding experiences of our recently completed, and outstanding, Joint Commission review was accompanying the senior physician surveyor as he traced a cancer therapy medication, administered to an outpatient oncology patient at the North Naples Out-Patient Infusion Service. The Joint Commission experts purposely focus on complicated areas of high risk to ensure we are functioning as safely as possible.

Treating a cancer patient with chemotherapy starts with confirming the physician's orders, triple checking that

the right medication is given to the right patient at the right time. Board certified oncology pharmacist Jeff Weiss (no relation), working directly with our team of oncologists, supervised every step of the electronic ordering process. This is imperative as cancer medications are powerful and can have serious harmful effects if not carefully monitored and administered only after laboratory data is checked to make sure the patient is ready for the treatment. The oncology pharmacist provided the first check of the patient's chemotherapy regimen. A clinical pharmacist, often one of the pharmacy supervisors — Sheila Markham, Maria Esposito or Laurence Bosse, then completed the second check of the chemotherapy regimen. The third pharmacy check was completed by the outpatient infusion pharmacist, Connie Martinez,

who supervised pharmacy technician Maria Alvarez in sterile compounding of the medication and again verified the orders with the medication as it was actually labeled. Gail Hill was the primary pharmacist the day we visited.

Once these checks were completed, OPIS RN Maria Cox, also the charge nurse, administered the chemotherapy medication. Here too, an additional second check by an RN colleague and administrative nurse, Susan Lynn-Butler, was initiated.

Our oncology pharmacists are consulted on about 100 chemotherapy regimens per month and OPIS dispenses about 400 oncology medications per month. NCH hospital pharmacies dispense 230,000 medications monthly. Even with this volume, the safety record

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# CLUB NOTES

■ 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.

■ The **Inbetweeners**, a social group for singles ages 40-65, welcomes newcomers and regulars at gatherings every Wednesday. The Aug. 22 and 29 gatherings 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 **Tiger Bay Club of Southwest Florida** will welcome political consultant and commentator James Carville as the keynote speaker at its annual dinner Monday, Sept. 17, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa. Registration and networking begin at 6 p.m.

The former co-host of CNN's "Cross-

fire," Mr. Carville gained prominence as a political mastermind for his work on Bill Clinton's 1992 presidential campaign. Nicknamed "The Ragin' Cajun," he is a recurring guest on CNN's "The Situation Room" and often debates political topics with his wife, Republican strategist Mary Matalin.

His presentation for Tiger Bay Club members and guests will provide insight into the post-convention political scene and what he expects for the November elections. In a no-holds-barred summary, he will analyze both parties' efforts to win the White House and seats in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.

Tickets are \$200 per person. For reservations or more information, visit [www.swfltigerbay.org](http://www.swfltigerbay.org).

■ **Toastmasters International** teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of meeting locations. Guests are always welcome. Local members will host an open house for those who want to learn more about



Carville

Local Toastmasters 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 Presbyte-

rian Church, 791 Harbour Drive. Call Steve McCann at 777-8851.

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**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.

For more about the organization, visit [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org). ■

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for chemotherapy medication at NCH is remarkable. While we must always protect against overconfidence, our team can still feel proud of an extraordinary, long-term performance. Understandably, the nurses in OPIS get great patient feedback for care and compassion, especially when many patients have recurrent treatments.

Speaking of compassion, I also received

the following note from a nurse colleague recently, whose cousin visited the emergency department on North Campus and was diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer:

"My cousin does not have health insurance. The social work department put us in touch with Lynn Hurley, the breast health navigator with the foundation. She is amazing. Within minutes, she had scheduled follow-up tests and most importantly given my family some peace in this most devastating time with the financial help that she was able to offer. I am an employee

of NCH and a nurse, and I was and continue to be so proud of our organization. I just wanted to send my gratitude and inform you of this truly amazing employee."

Finally, two other "amazing" friends of NCH, Thelma and Earl Hodges, are being recognized this month throughout Southwest Florida for their contributions to the community. Thelma was the third employee of NCH, a charge nurse when we opened with 50 beds and 10 physicians a half-century ago. She has been with us ever since in one capacity or another. Following her retirement, she continued with

the hospital auxiliary and has accumulated more than 15,000 hours (the equivalent of another eight-plus years of employment). Thelma claims to be the first to truly say, "This Is My Hospital" — and who can doubt her.

Thanks, Thelma and Earl, Lynn Hurley, and the pharmacy team. And thank you all, for making NCH what it has become for every citizen of our great community. ■

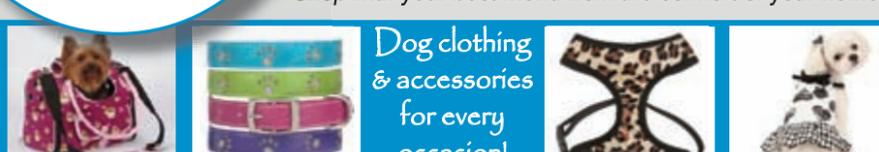
— Dr. Allen Weiss is the president and CEO of NCH Healthcare System.



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# PET TALES

## Time to Play

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BY DR. MARTY BECKER AND GINA SPADAFORI

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When we think of pets who need exercise and playtime, cats do not automatically spring to mind, but they should.

Our domestic cats don't need to hunt for a living, but they still have those natural instincts to chase, climb and hide. Toys, games and other forms of entertainment enrich your cat's life and burn calories, keeping him happy and healthy. And kitty playtime takes only two or three minutes several times each day. Here are some of our favorite ways to keep cats active, both physically and mentally.

■ **Get a move on!** Cats are attracted by motion. Even the laziest of cats gets excited by the bouncing beam of a flashlight or laser pointer. Following the fast, erratic motion enhances a cat's ability to think and move quickly. To give your cat a real workout, direct the light beam up and down stairs or walls, encouraging the cat to run and jump. Be careful not to shine a laser pointer in your cat's eyes. Chasing a pingpong ball down the hall will also get your cat moving. Some cats will even bring it back to you.

■ **Gone fishin'.** Other toys that arouse a cat's desire to chase are fishing-pole toys, which have flexible handles attached to lines with furry or



feathery lures at the end. Dangle it over your cat's head or drag it in front of him and watch him become a silent stalker: ears forward, rear twitching, then pouncing on his prey, rolling and kicking to "kill" it. His amazing flips and spins in pursuit of the lure will keep your kitten — and you — entertained for hours, or at least until your cat is ready for another nap. Just remember to put it away when you're not around to supervise: You don't want your cat swallowing the string and developing a dangerous intestinal obstruction.

■ **Live-action entertainment.** A peaceful way to give your cat a taste of the hunt is to set a bird feeder just outside the window. The birds stay safely outdoors and get a meal out of the deal, while your cat's life is made more interesting on his side of the window. This is a great way to encourage your cat to do a little jumping — onto the windowsill — and to appeal to his birder nature.

■ **Kitty brain candy.** The rapid movements of birds, meerkats, aquarium fish and other prey animals are like crack for cats. Feed your cat's hunger for prey in a nonviolent way by turning on a nature show or popping in a DVD made especially for cats. Make sure your TV is securely placed so it won't fall over if your cat decides to leap at the screen in a vain attempt to score a meal.

■ **Will play for food.** The pet stores have a variety of food puzzles — toys you put food into for your cat to work out. If you can't find a food puzzle your cat likes, try a homemade version. Put dry food inside an empty paper towel roll, and let your cat figure out how to get at it. Or get a Wiffle ball and insert pieces of kibble. They'll fall out when your cat bats the ball around.

■ **Hide and seek.** Put an empty paper sack or a cardboard box with a little packing paper inside it on the floor and let your cat explore. He'll love the dark interiors and crinkly noises. Boxes are extra fun when you have two cats, providing the perfect way to play hide-and-seek.

Use your imagination to keep your cat busy. So many cats these days are indoors, which is good for them, the neighbors and the wildlife. But when you close the door on your cat, you need to make the indoors more interesting. Fortunately, doing so strengthens the bond between you and your pet. ■

### Pets of the Week



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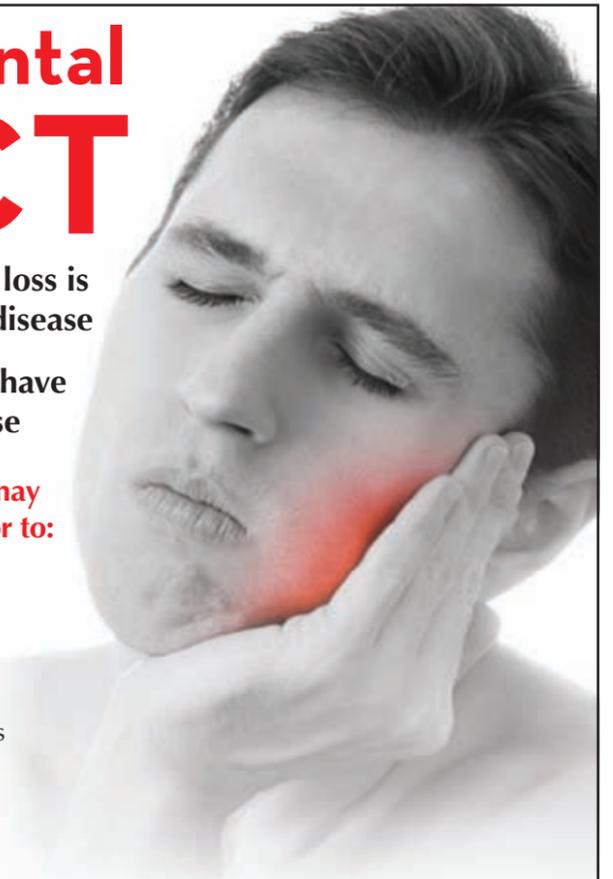
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First like a poignant pin hole pointed to being: camera obscura a lone star perfect in the morning sky. then rent rip tide like skies over Golgotha gone ecstatic, rains pouring less purpose than cleansing the dark, more an exposé, sonorous peeling

and from the far reaches visibility beyond visible

(it could have been missed — the keystone cap is the arch enemy)

ah: pieces of eight: how can one desire this that pervades AlwaysZ

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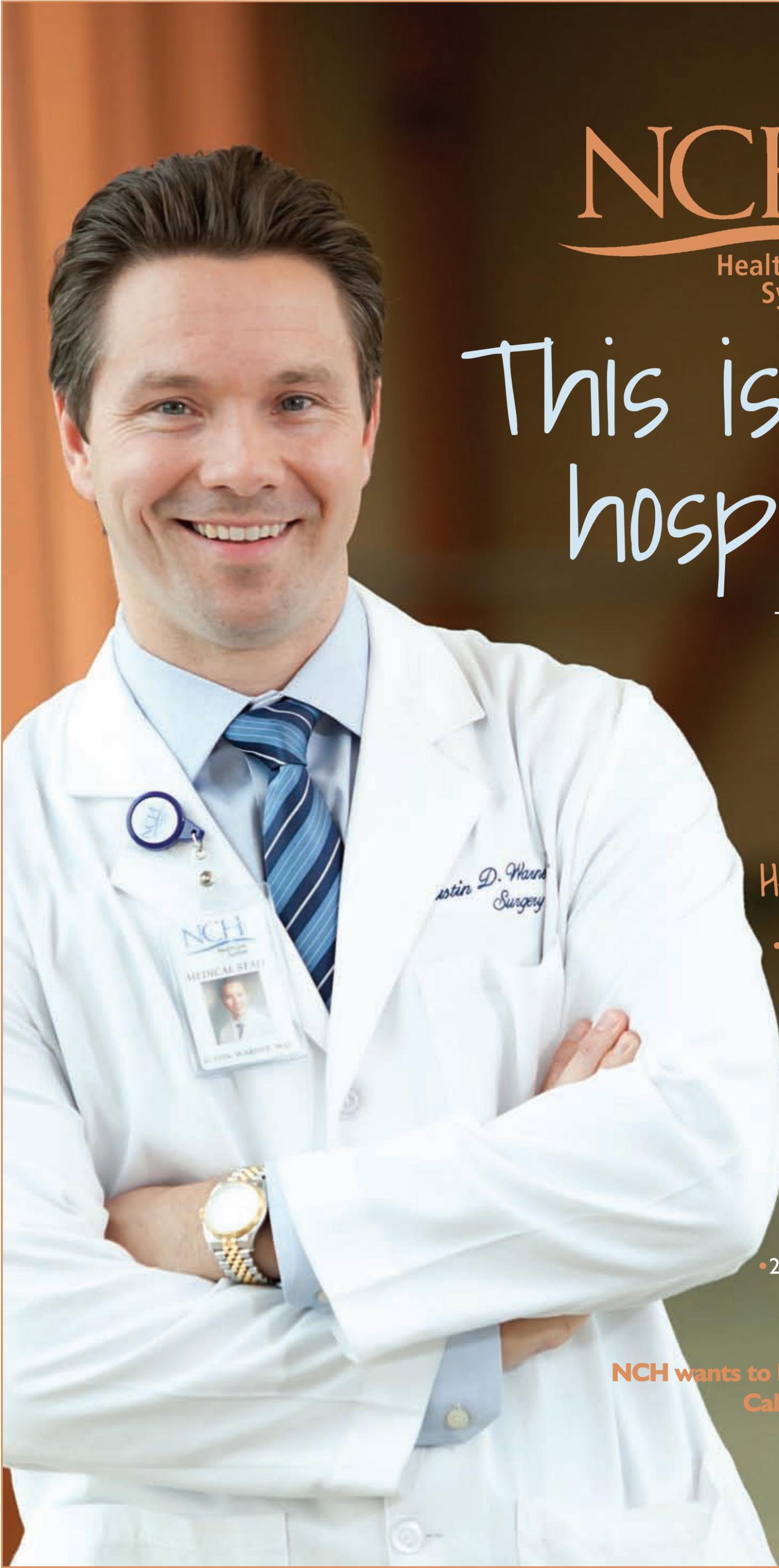
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Above: Alexander Guardia, an employee at Silvio's Shoe Repair in Naples, at work.

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## *in someone else's* **SHOES**

BY EVAN WILLIAMS

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Vincent van Gogh painted "A Pair of Shoes" in 1886. It hangs in the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam. The famous image of a pair of beaten up workboots reminded a visitor there of Silvio Palomba, who had opened Silvio's Shoe Repair in Naples in 1980. The museum visitor later gave Mr. Palomba a framed print of the painting. It hangs in the vestibule at his shop, a reminder

that he is surrounded every day by a steady stream of potential Van Goghs.

Other Southwest Florida cobblers are, too. But instead of painting the used shoes, they're restoring them: stitching them up, gluing them back together, giving their customers' footwear new life even if they'll never last as long as Van Gogh's old, immortal ones.

"My daughter Lily got these little slipper shoes while she was in Italy and she

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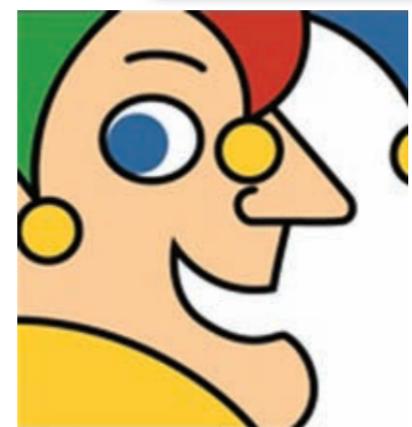


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# MONEY & INVESTING

## Measuring candidates with an economic yardstick



The study of economics in college or graduate school is generally not laced with political discussion. However, most post-academic economic discussions are fully woven with political rhetoric. The intermingling is heightened with increasing age and during a presidential election.

Rightly so, economics should play a big part in voters' decision-making in the upcoming election. Surely both Mitt Romney and Barack Obama will promise plenty of economic everythings to their targeted economic audiences.

Some voters will sift through these promises to determine how each candidate stands on specific economic issues critical to their wellbeing. Just as there are voters who select a candidate based on a single religious issue, there are voters who are focused on a single economic issue. For instance, an isolated economic issue could be a specific social programs upon which voters individually rely (e.g., for many seniors who have seen greatly diminished interest rates paid on their savings, their survival might require that Medicare benefits remain intact and not at any higher costs.) Another example of a single economic issue could be corporate taxation (e.g., corporate executives who are trying to decide country location for their expansion plans want certainty in long term taxation rates and equity investors reliant

on stock gains want lower taxation levels on their shareholder earnings).

For those who are not focused on isolated economic issues and who are trying to better understand the U.S. economic landscape, the following issues might factor into their candidate selection.

The single biggest economic issue facing the U.S. is unemployment. As of August 2012, U.S. unemployment was at 8.3 percent. Far beyond the number of unemployed are the additional millions who are unemployed but, as they are no longer looking for work, they are not counted as being unemployed. And beyond those millions, there are the underemployed, who are part-time employed yet seek full-time hours or the full-time employed, but in positions that do not fully use their skills.

Understanding the magnitude of the economic problem is important for figuring a solution (i.e., how to get people who want to work and use all their skills in a full-time setting) and for figuring, for the interim, how to ameliorate the hardship on those who are in these multiple categories.

In economic terms, the Gross Domestic Product of the U.S. must grow at rates greater than 2.5 percent per annum for many years in order for employment problems to begin to be cured. As the various levels of government within the U.S. are facing budget contractions, government "make work" is less probable. The most likely area that can spur GDP growth is the private sector... And preferably to recover some of the manufacturing jobs that left our borders.

For us to garner a competitive manufacturing edge, there needs to be a game chang-

er in the cost of manufacturing/production in the U.S. The game changer will not be lower wages, as we do not want to become competitive with the Chinese paying 50 cents an hour. In my opinion, the game changer that would allow us to be competitive in manufacturing is a marked reduction in energy costs both within the manufacturing process and the energy costs of shipping products to buyers. Energy cost reduction could be accomplished through building the pipelines to move energy resources that lie in the ground simply awaiting a transportation solution, or through creation of super batteries that run on salt water, or through other innovations. A country increasingly focused on expanding the manufacturing sector can benefit from: the multiplier effects of business investment; improvement its trade imbalance from being a net importer (which is a GDP drag) to being a net exporter (a GDP boost); and creation of the sorts of middle class jobs that are associated with manufacturing.

Further, voters need to be sensitive to discussion on free trade as it is critical to our ability to manufacture more within the U.S. and to export more. Free trade that opens our markets to a country that has no interest in buying our products might be very costly to U.S. employment base.

Government regulation might be another economic issue about which politicians will need to weigh in. Here are examples of issues that seem to be preventing expansion that creates more employment: new plant isn't built due to a myriad of regulations; businesses aren't started due to compliance costs and time needed to execute all compli-

ance measures; medical costs rise due to a mandate to update all medical records in a certain way, etc.

Possibly the next biggest issue that the U.S. faces is the "fiscal cliff," the name given to expiration of multiple lower tax policies (and automatic reversion to higher levels of taxation) and a curtailment of various U.S. government expenditures in order to force spending cuts.

In simple terms, the U.S. government has been spending beyond its means for a very long time. The fiscal cliff will bring contentious debate as it inevitably will focus on taxation (will it increase? by how much? which sector will be more greatly burdened?) and it will focus on social programs (Medicare, Social Security and Medicaid) which have had exponential cost increases and for which the cost trajectory takes us into the stratosphere.

So, consider "vetting" the candidate's economic platform far beyond whether the candidate has promised you the chicken that you want in your pot. Consider whether the candidate addresses core issues of unemployment and the fiscal cliff and if the solutions proffered are specific and realistic.

In my opinion, unless you are hearing plans for how the private sector can be incentivized to create meaningful manufacturing jobs within the U.S. and how we can lower our energy costs, we have little chance to create a brighter future. ■

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# SHOES

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just wore them out completely,” said Kelly Sullivan, one of Silvio’s customers. She had the slipper shoes repaired, along with other shoes she brings to the shop.

Things have changed since Van Gogh painted shoes and they were made mostly by hand. Today it’s just as likely that a cheap pair of “patent” leather high heels or sweat-stained athletic shoes will end up in the garbage. Some of those might cost more to repair than they are new. But cobblers have adapted to the demands of the market and stay busy, especially in the winter season, with not just shoes but purses, luggage and other leather goods.

“It’s gratifying at the end of the week,” says John Morreale, a third-generation shoe repairman whose Sicilian-born father, Sal, opened Morreale Shoe Repair in Fort Myers in 1975. “We’re never rich and we’ll never be rich. But at least we’ve seemed to live half-way middle class.”

The shop has remained in the same spot since it opened, on U.S. 41 in the Kmart Plaza. The footwear of former NBC-2 anchor Craig Wolf, as well as the workboots of Lee County Sheriff Mike Scott, have been repaired by Mr. Morreale or his father. He specializes in orthopedic shoes.

A workbench in his shop, hidden by tools and a mashup of dried glue with bits of string, leather and other things, was built by Mr. Morreale’s grandfather more than 30 years ago. (He plans to build a new one in the next year or two). Back in Sicily, his grandfathers were both shoemakers as well as cobblers.

“It takes years to learn a lot of this stuff, just to perfect it,” said Mr. Morreale. “It’s not rocket science but repetition, repetition, repetition. My father could do it with his eyes closed even in his old age.”

Shoes come in all shapes, sizes and colors, of course, and the machines, tools and materials used to sew up, sand down and work with shoes are just as varied. The Morreales have attracted many loyal customers over the years with their work. They also like the richly layered smell of the store, made up of leather, glues, polish, some burning incense, and a little poignancy, depending on how you view old shoes and professions.

“One thing I hear every day is they love the smell when they walk in,” said Mr. Morreale, who has grown immune. “... I’m around it so much I smell nothing.”



## The cobbler/farmer

Years ago, Mr. Morreale opened a shoe repair shop in Port Charlotte, which he sold to Luis Sanchez. Mr. Sanchez has run John’s Shoe Repair shop on U.S. 41 for more than a decade. He is originally from Cuenca, Ecuador, in the Andes Mountains. His father was a cobbler there and later ran a shoe repair shop in New York in the 1950s, just north of the city in Westchester County where he still lives.

His father (who is still alive) built a small-scale model of that old shop, complete with himself working away at a bench and a tiny mousetrap in the corner. The model sits on a top shelf in the workroom in the back of Mr. Sanchez’s shop in Port Charlotte, collecting cobwebs.

Mr. Sanchez himself remains busy repairing shoes. He also sells new Red Wing shoes and Panama hats he brings from Ecuador. He moved to Philadelphia in his late teens, and to Miami in the 1990s before moving to Port Charlotte. He lives with his wife, Socorco, and has three boys and a girl who live in Orlando.

Mr. Sanchez, who is 54, plans to return to Ecuador in his old age.

“I have a house, a little farm in the Andes,” he said, “about 3,000 meters above the sea. It’s cold. In the day it’s a little warmer.”

There, he farms a few different crops including onions, potatoes and corn (caretakers look after the farm now) and has goats as well as llamas. The llamas “love the cold weather,” he said,



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Above: John Morreale, owner of Morreale Shoe Repair in Fort Myers.

Left: Luis Sanchez, the owner of John’s Shoe Repair in Port Charlotte.

one comfortable shoe. And that’s why we exist, to fix that comfortable shoe and give it back.”

His accent is still distinctive all these years after moving to the United States, after his marriage to Anna in 1965. They’re still together. He was a plumber in Italy, where four of his uncles were shoemakers and cobblers. His father-in-law in Boston taught him the trade.

Having grown up in a part of south Naples in Italy, Mr. Palomba many years later was curious to learn about this identically named town on the Southwest Florida coast.

“Can you imagine I’m in Boston and someone says, ‘I live in beautiful Naples in Florida?’ I says, ‘what are you talking about?’”

He took a vacation here in January 1980 to find out, then moved here later that same year, bringing the shoe repair business with him. His son Joe and daughter Elena now work at the shop, too. They are two of a larger family, a patchwork of children and grandchildren who over the years have taken their places in photographs prominently displayed under the long glass countertop by the register at Silvio’s. ■

his forehead beaded with sweat, the backdoor of his workroom open for ventilation on a steamy August afternoon.

## Patchwork

For shoe repairmen, many small jobs add up to a decent living. Mr. Palomba in Naples calls this “the patchwork” nature of his business. While restoring a pair of shoes might cost \$50 on average, many repairs are smaller fixes, especially as shoes have become cheaper: a few stitches here, some glue there.

Almost a half-century ago, Mr. Palomba remembers, synthetic soles as well as plastics worked their way into shoemaking. Many are made cheaply.

“You go to Payless and pay \$10 a pair,” he says. “Gimme a break. Those are the ones that ruin business because they cost more to repair (than they cost new).”

The biggest part of their business is fixing women’s shoes.

“They may have 30 pairs (of shoes). They leave the 29 behind to use that

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

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## My Dumbest Investment

### A Regrettable Moo-ve

My dumbest investment was putting money in cows — cattle — which I did twice, losing both times. First, I purchased three "exotic" heifers. The demand for this particular breed went down fast, and one of my animals turned out to be incapable of producing calves, which was the whole point in the first place. The second time — well, it's too painful to talk about. My rule ever since: Don't invest in anything that eats!



— B.R., Calgary, Alberta

**The Fool Responds:** Well, you might invest in your children. But otherwise, be careful. It's easy to see someone make a bundle on some unusual kind of investment and then to try to do the same. But you're at a disadvantage if you don't have a solid understanding of the cattle business — or art, or real estate, for that matter. To succeed as a landlord, in addition to market savvy, you need certain skills, or you'll have to pay to hire them. Even with stocks, it's smart to stick to companies and industries you understand very well, where you have a good handle on which companies are best poised to succeed. ■



Do you have an embarrassing lesson learned the hard way? Boil it down to 100 words (or less) and send it to The Motley Fool c/o My Dumbest Investment. Got one that worked? Submit to My Smartest Investment. If we print yours, you'll win a Fool's cap!

## Last week's trivia answer

Several decades old and based in Colorado, I'm a top global satellite company, operating in more than 100 countries. My HughesNet service is North America's top high-speed satellite Internet provider, and my Slingbox devices stream television programming. I offer digital video set-top box products for the European free satellite and terrestrial viewer markets. In 2008, my parent company separated me from DISH Network, with which I still do business. In 2011, I bought Hughes Communications. I operate 11 satellites and rake in more than \$2.7 billion annually. My ticker looks like some college entrance exams. Who am I? (Answer: EchoStar) ■



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## Ask the Fool

### Fair Value

Q How can I determine a stock's fair value?

— C.B., Nashua, N.H.

A A company's fair, or true, value is not easy to determine. Smart analysts will perform complex calculations — and still disagree. They often use a "discounted cash flow" analysis, which involves (take a deep breath) projecting future free cash flows and assigning them present values based on a chosen discount rate, which is often the weighted-average cost of capital. (You were warned!) Despite all this, their results are still estimates, based on educated guesses.

There are simpler approaches to valuation. One very rough method is comparing a firm's price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio to its growth rate. If the growth rate is much higher, the stock may be undervalued.

Another easy approach is just to check out the company's historical P/E ratio range, which you can find at sites such as morningstar.com, money.msn.com and caps.fool.com. If the stock's P/E has usually been between 15 and 20 and it's 25 now, there's a good chance it's overvalued.

Remember, too, that P/E ratios tend to vary by industry. Automakers, for example, typically have low ones, while less-capital-intensive businesses such as software firms often have higher P/Es.

Don't rely on any of these methods alone, though. Always gather plenty of information and look at many factors. To learn which companies our analysts think are undervalued, try our Motley Fool Inside Value newsletter for free, at [insidevalue.fool.com](http://insidevalue.fool.com).

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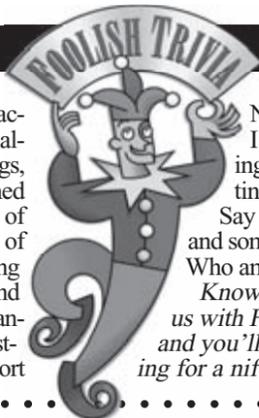
Q Where can I find the quarterly and annual earnings reports companies file with the Securities and Exchange Commission? — M.E., Detroit

A Try the horse's mouth, at [sec.gov/edgar.shtml](http://sec.gov/edgar.shtml). You can also call the company and ask for a copy of the latest reports, or poke around the company's website.

Got a question for the Fool? Send it in — see Write to Us

## Name That Company

Based in Virginia, I'm a top federal contractor and defense/aviation company, specializing in global security, among other things, and known for offerings such as unmanned systems and cybersecurity. I'm the product of multiple mergers, acquisitions and spinoffs of companies, and their histories feature building the lunar module that landed on the moon and carrying Charles Lindbergh across the Atlantic. These companies have included Westinghouse, Ryan, Teledyne, Litton, Newport



News and TRW. In 2011 I spun off my shipbuilding business, forming Huntington Ingalls Industries.

Say my ticker symbol twice, and someone might open a door. Who am I?

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

## The Motley Fool Take

### Dive Into This Dumpster

Waste Management (NYSE: WM) isn't just the industry leader in dumping garbage. It's also the nation's largest recycler, an innovator in generating renewable energy, and the owner of 271 landfills and 107 recycling facilities as of the end of 2011. The stock took a hit recently on disappointing earnings due to higher gas prices and lower commodity costs. It's still a great potential investment for your portfolio, though.

The average American produces 1,600 pounds of trash each year. Thus, Waste Management deals in non-optional necessities and is a defensive stock. In 2008, when most stocks plunged, it rose. Its industry is very capital-intensive, so competitors can't just materialize easily.

Waste Management is the industry leader

with a \$15 billion market cap, bigger than that of both its largest competitors combined. Size matters in this industry, and Waste Management has the definite advantage.

It's innovative, too. For example, it has been exploring methods of converting methane gas into electricity to power its trucks and many homes. This could end up providing the industry with an entirely new source of revenue. Some worry, though, about Waste Management's exposure to underfunded pensions and its focus on growing via acquisitions.

Waste Management's dividend recently yielded 4.3 percent. Learn more about the company and see if you'd like to dump it into your portfolio. ■



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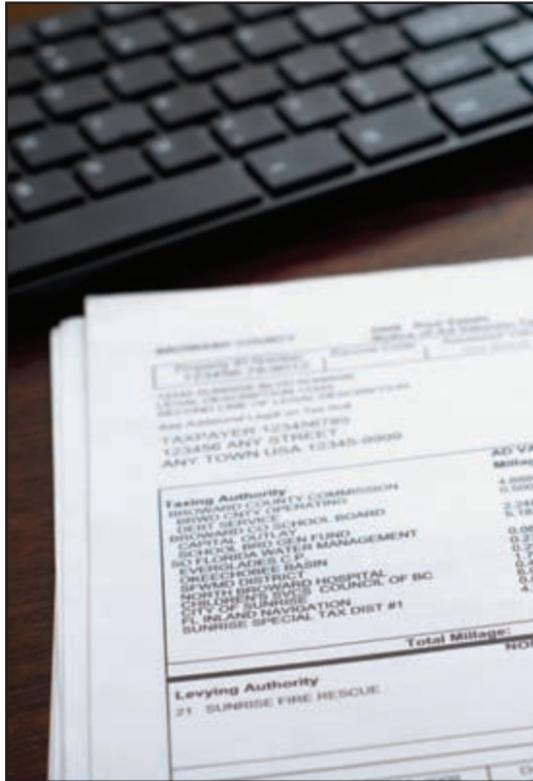
"We have entered a new era where court documents are filed electronically in a timely and more efficient process for Collier County," Mr. Brock said. "Our customers, our staff and taxpayers will benefit from this major step forward. It's a win-win-win for all concerned."

The clerk's office implemented simple eFiling for court documents in criminal, civil traffic, probate, juvenile dependency and juvenile delinquency cases. Electronic filing will allow attorneys to file documents with the courts from their computers, via the internet, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

This service will begin with simple eFiling on existing cases. In the near future, new cases will be opened online and all related documents and records filed electronically.

The Florida Association of Court Clerks' eFiling Portal, [www.myfl-courtaccess.com](http://www.myfl-courtaccess.com), is the web address

where attorneys set up accounts using their Florida Bar number and establish a user name and password. After creating an account, an attorney will be able to file documents and records electronically using the FACC portal and a uniform case number.



Learn more about eFiling and the FACC portal at [www.collierclerk.com/pdf/CMSeFilingInstructions](http://www.collierclerk.com/pdf/CMSeFilingInstructions). ■

## CenturyLink raises tons of food nationally

CenturyLink employees and the company's local communities collected 106,275 pounds of food and \$271,900 in the 2012 CenturyLink Feed the Children Backpack Buddies Food Drive, which took place June 25-29 in approximately 650 company locations across the country.

To further support its employees' efforts, the CenturyLink Clarke M. Williams Foundation contributed \$1 million to the drive.

Locally, 55,906 pounds of food (including monetary donations, actual food items and the foundation contribution) were collected to benefit the Harry Chapin Food Bank.

Also, 23,676 pounds of food (including monetary donations, actual food items and the foundation contribution) were collected to benefit the St. Matthew's House.

Food banks can purchase food at a lower cost per pound than the average person could at a store, estimated on average to be six pounds of food per dollar given. Based on this calculation, CenturyLink employees, community members and the Foundation donated more than 7.7 million pounds of food across the country.

More than one-third of the households that food banks serve report having to choose between food and necessities such as rents and medical care. ■

## Wright awarded road project

The Florida Department of Transportation has awarded Wright Construction Group a roadway improvement project on U.S. 41 that stretches 32.3 miles from SR 29 in Collier County to the Miami-Dade County line.

The \$10.55 million contract consists of safety improvements to guardrails, milling and resurfacing of shoulders, base work, shoulder widening, shoulder treatment, turnouts, bridge rail retrofit, and signing and pavement markings. The road's shoulders on both sides will be widened from 2 feet to 4 feet. Work is set to begin Oct. 1 and is expected to be complete in March 2014.

"The idea is to enhance safety along this National Scenic Byway not only for motorists but for bicyclists as well," project manager Robbie Powell said. "Plus, with a wider shoulder, drivers may also have better chance of spotting wildlife before the animals attempt to cross the road, so maybe we can help protect wildlife as well."

This section of U.S. 41 runs through Big Cypress National Preserve, skirting the northern border of the Everglades National Park for about 20 miles.

Wright Construction Group was established in 1946 in Elkhart, Ind., and moved to Southwest Florida in 1981. ■

## 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](mailto:kluk77@comcast.net) or visit [www.napleschamber.org](http://www.napleschamber.org).

■ 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](http://www.wnocc.org).

■ The **PC Business Users Group of Naples** meets from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, at Naples Regional Library, 650 Central Ave. For more informa-

tion, visit [www.pcbug.org](http://www.pcbug.org).

■ **Partner 4 Performance**, a networking group for small business owners, meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second Thursday and from 8:30-10 a.m. on the fourth Thursday of every month at Patric's in Mission West Plaza. Cost is \$10, plus \$12 for the lunch meeting. For more informa-

tion, call 948-0050 or visit [www.partner4performance.com](http://www.partner4performance.com).

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

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## Marco Island Yacht Club hosts the annual Dog Days party



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# REAL ESTATE

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## House Hunting:

Sited on a choice lot with western exposure, glistening lake and sweeping views of the 16th and 17th fairway of the Bob Cupp Championship course, this two-level, 5,300-square-foot residence reflects the ambience and architecture of a Mediterranean villa. Among the details: soaring ceilings appointed with coffer and tray detail, marble floors and walls of glass that bring the beautiful outdoors inside.

The chef's kitchen has custom cabinetry, top-of-the-line appliances and granite countertops. The

family room and breakfast nook open to the summer kitchen and pool area, while the formal living/dining room areas feature French doors opening to the pool loggia. The master suite and one guest suite are on the first floor; two additional guest suites and a loft complete the second floor.

A benchmark of gracious elegance, this residence is offered at \$1.85 million. For more information or to arrange a showing, contact Emily K. Bua or Tade Bua-Bell at Naples Estate Properties, 465-4646. ■



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## Miromar Design Centers hosts HGTV Design Star

HGTV star and former model Monica Pedersen reveals the secrets to entertaining at home on Tuesday, Aug. 21 at Miromar Design Center. The host of HGTV's "Designed to Sell," "Bang for Your Buck" and "HGTV Dream Home Give-away" gives you her step-by-step guide to "must-know" party-planning ideas for spectacular events.

Ms. Pedersen's new book, "Make It Beautiful: Designs and Ideas for Entertaining at Home" shows how to create beautiful, innovative parties for a range of occasions and budgets including "The Perfect Wedding," "Book Club," "Wine Tasting," "That's Italian" and "Finishing on the



"Make It Beautiful: Designs and Ideas for Entertaining at Home"

18th Hole." Beautiful photography illustrates the elaborate themed tablescapes,

which Ms. Pedersen says you can create with things already in your home and includes menu ideas and recipes.

The former model is as comfortable in a tool belt as she is in couture. A self-taught designer and do-it-yourself enthusiast, Ms. Pedersen grew up in a world of home repair and remodeling, where she absorbed her father's handyman skills as well as her mother's talents with a sewing machine. Ms. Pedersen is the featured speaker on



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Tuesday, Aug. 21, at 11 a.m. at Miromar Design Center. She will personally sign her new book at a complimentary wine reception following her presentation. Seating is limited. RSVP by Monday, Aug. 20. Register online at [MiromarDesignCenter.com](http://MiromarDesignCenter.com). Call 390-8207 for more information. ■

### If you go

- >> **What:** Tuesday Seminar Series – Monica Pedersen Seminar and Meet the Designer Book-Signing Reception (books available for purchase)
- >> **When:** Tuesday, Aug. 21, at 11 a.m.
- >> **Where:** Miromar Design Center, 10800 Corkscrew Road, Estero
- >> **Admission:** Free
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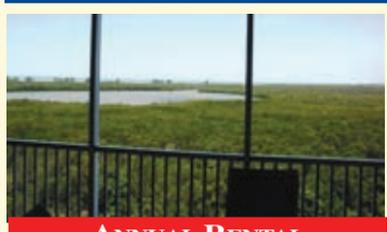
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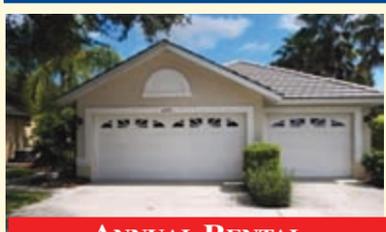
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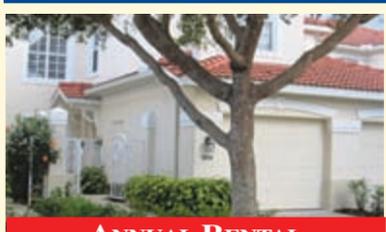
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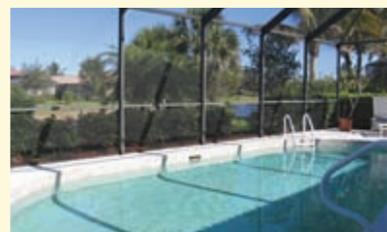
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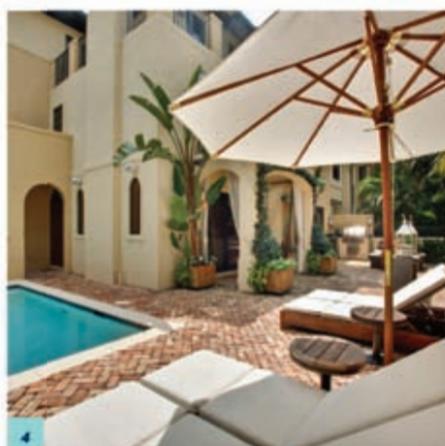
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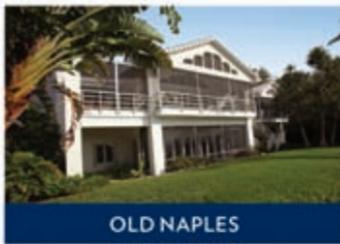


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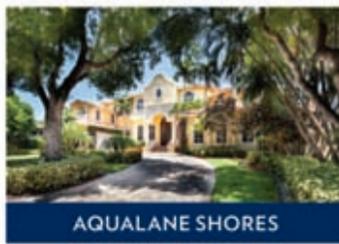


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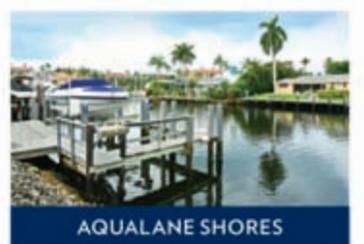
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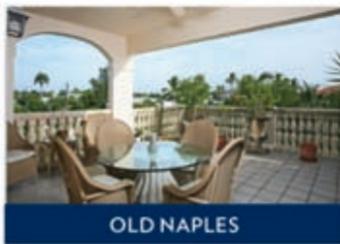
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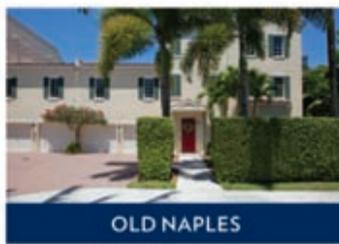
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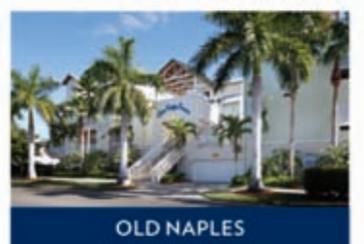
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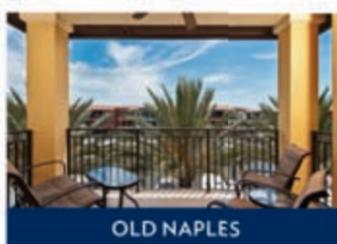
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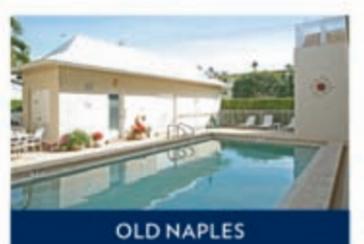
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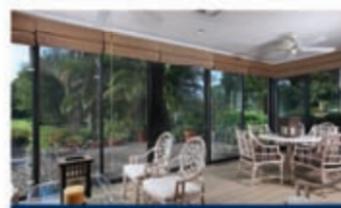
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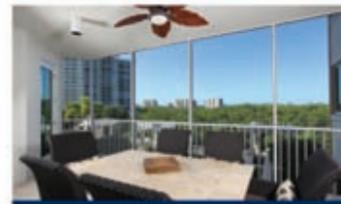
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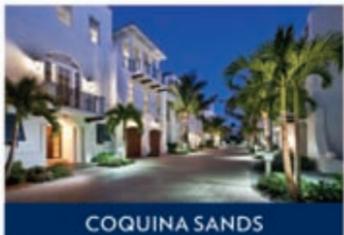
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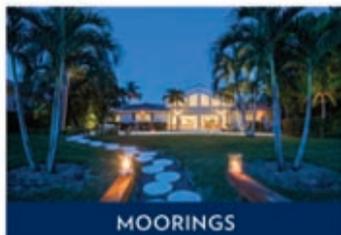
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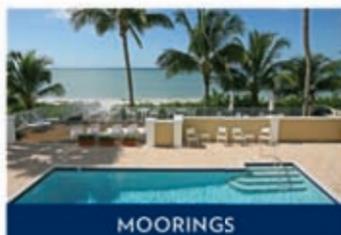
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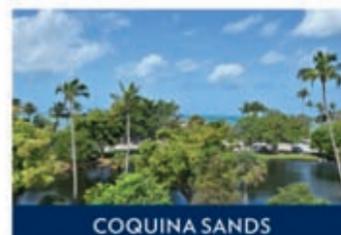
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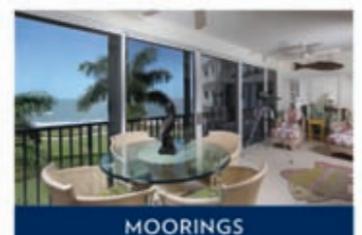
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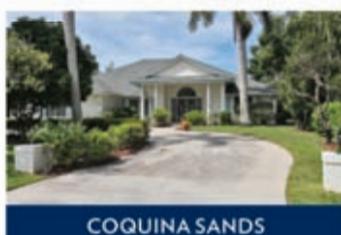
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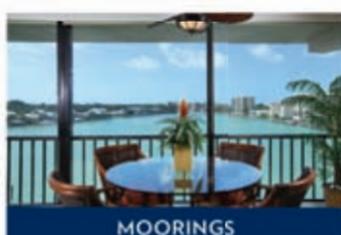
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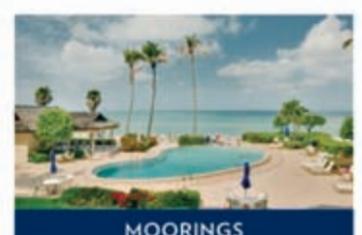
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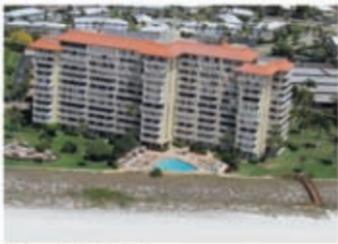
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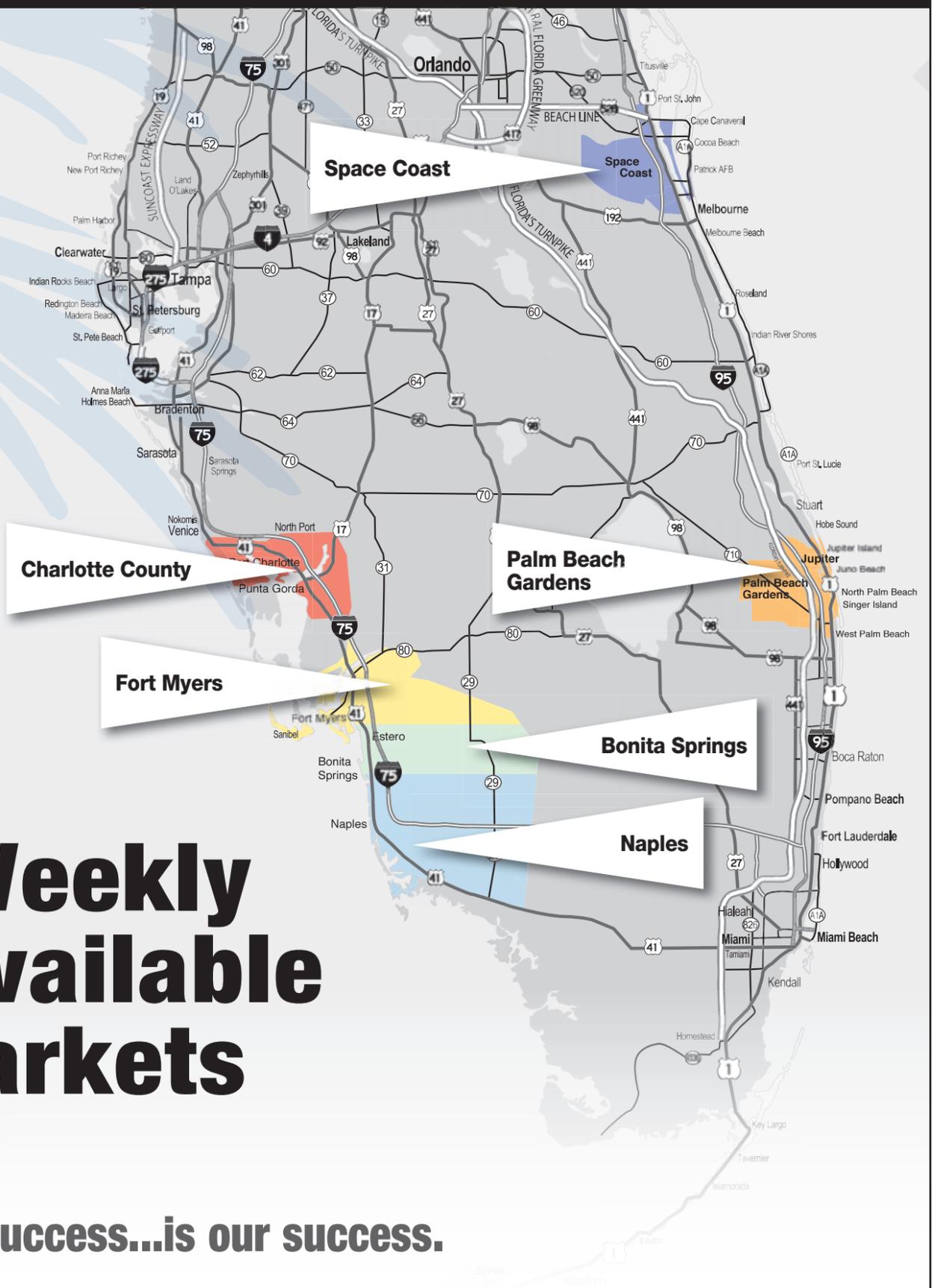
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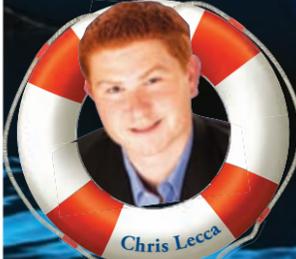
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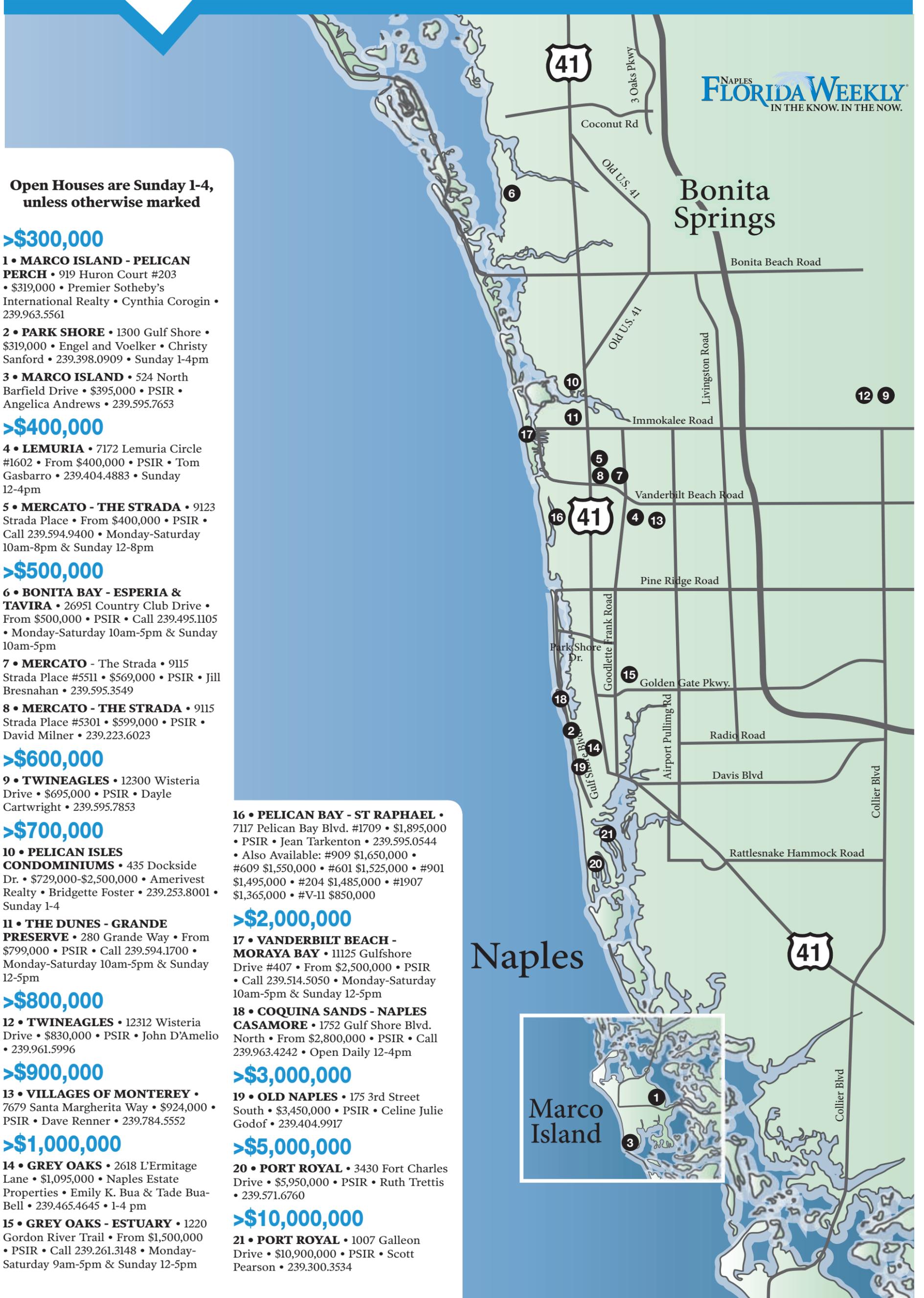
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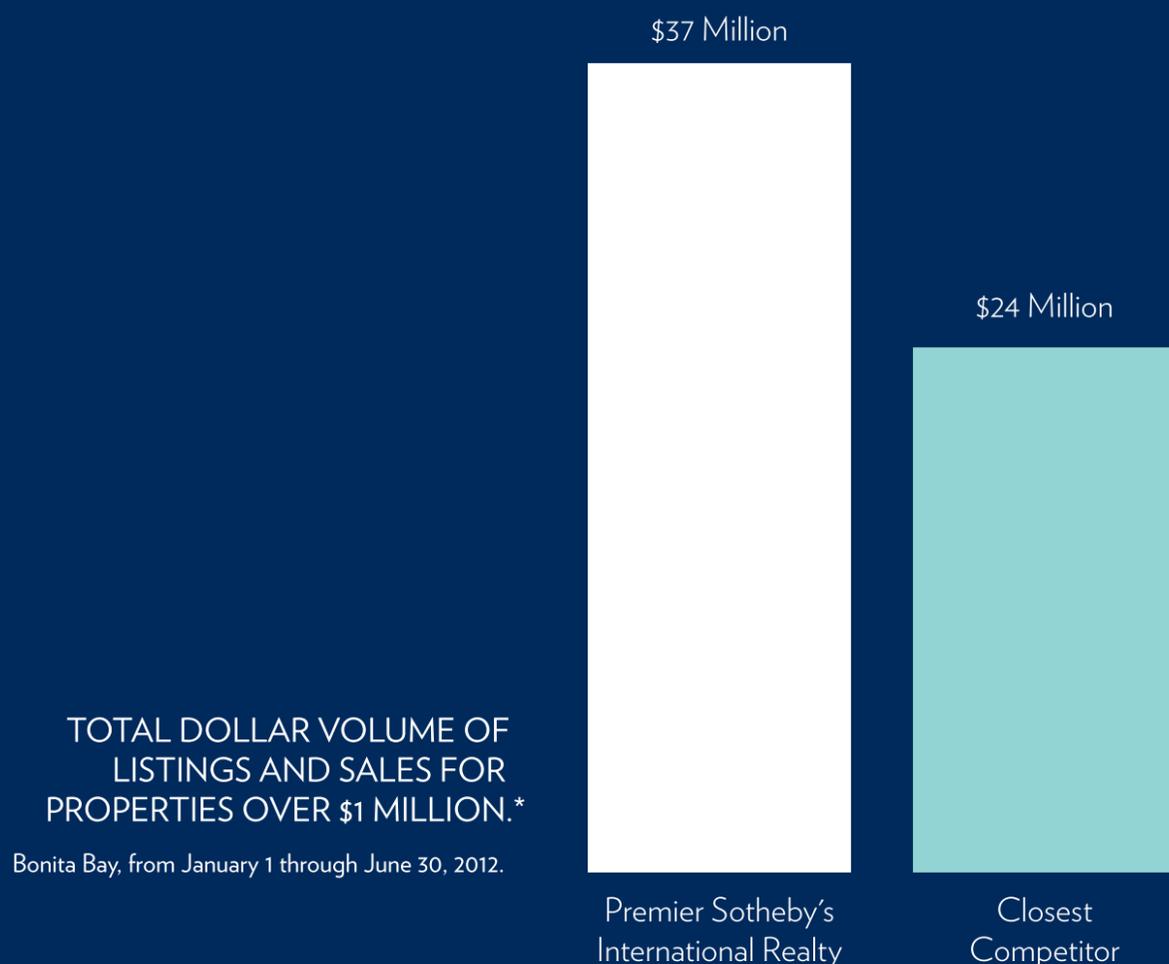
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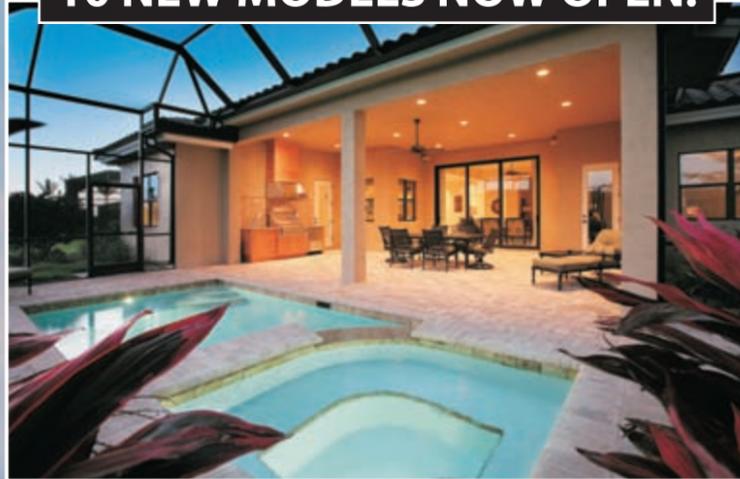
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Then and now: The covers of iconic albums superimposed on modern-day shots of the exact spots where the original pictures were taken.

## Album cover discoveries

*New Yorker follows clues to learn locations*

BY NANCY STETSON

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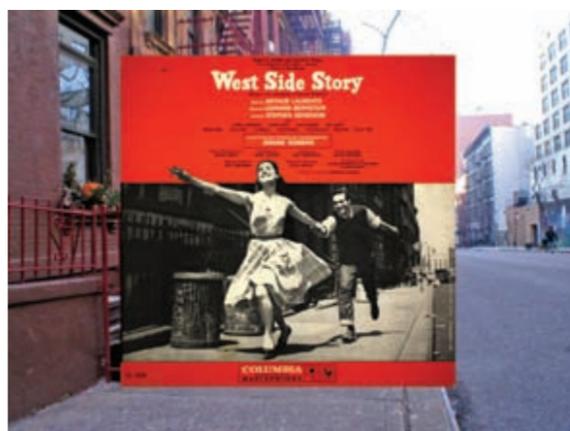
WHEN IT COMES TO REAL ESTATE, THE SAYING goes, the three most important things are: location, location, location.

For commercial real estate agent Bob Egan in New York, the adage holds true for his hobby as well: He tracks down where the covers of classic rock albums were shot.

He posts the results, along with his entire step-by-step search process, on his website, PopSpotsNYC.com.

Using the minimal visual clues an album cover's photograph offers — a cobblestone sidewalk, an unusually shaped window, a building in the background — he figures out the exact location the cover was shot.

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## FGCU photo lands on magazine cover

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

A dramatic sunset snapshot of the Florida Gulf Coast University campus trumped four other finalists from around the country in a contest to choose the cover of an international education magazine.

FGCU graphic designer Bob Klein's entry drew 2,469 votes in the Facebook face-off, edging out California State, Fresno, which came in second with

2,212 when voting ended July 25. Other finalists chosen by the American International Education Foundation were Drexel University, Iowa State University and Metropolitan Community College of Omaha, Neb.

The Los Angeles-based nonprofit foundation will display the FGCU image on the fall edition of its semiannual UScampus Guide, which is distributed at AIEF

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FGCU graphic designer Bob Klein's photo will be featured in the fall edition of UScampus Guide.

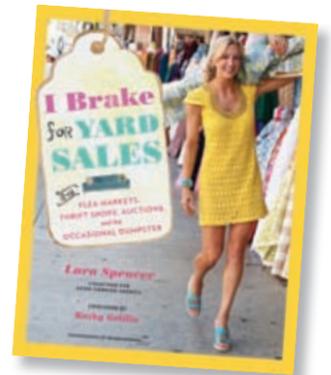
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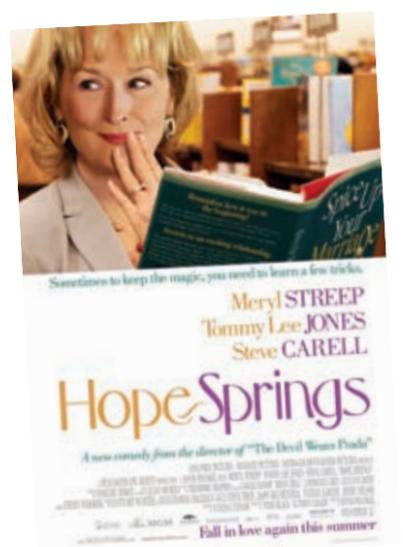
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# SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

## Love's muddied waters



What if the complicated world of relationships was much simpler than we imagine?

I spent the past weekend with a group of friends at a beach house along the shore. One night after dinner, I sat paging through a typical women's magazine full of make-up tips and dieting advice and the obligatory tricks for how to seduce a man.

"It's always the same story," I said to the other women seated near me, "What kind of shoes should I wear to make a guy like me? How do I make my man happy in bed?"

The young women laughed and rolled their eyes. The husband of one of the women, tinkering with his computer in the corner, chimed in.

"Let me answer those for you," he said. "Higher heels. And oral sex."

We all tittered and turned back to our reading material, but I couldn't get what he said out of my head, mainly because he was right. It's amazing how we manage to make something so easy seem so difficult.

In the wake of the debate over whether women can have it all, I've watched my friends — professional women in their early 30s who often spoke wist-

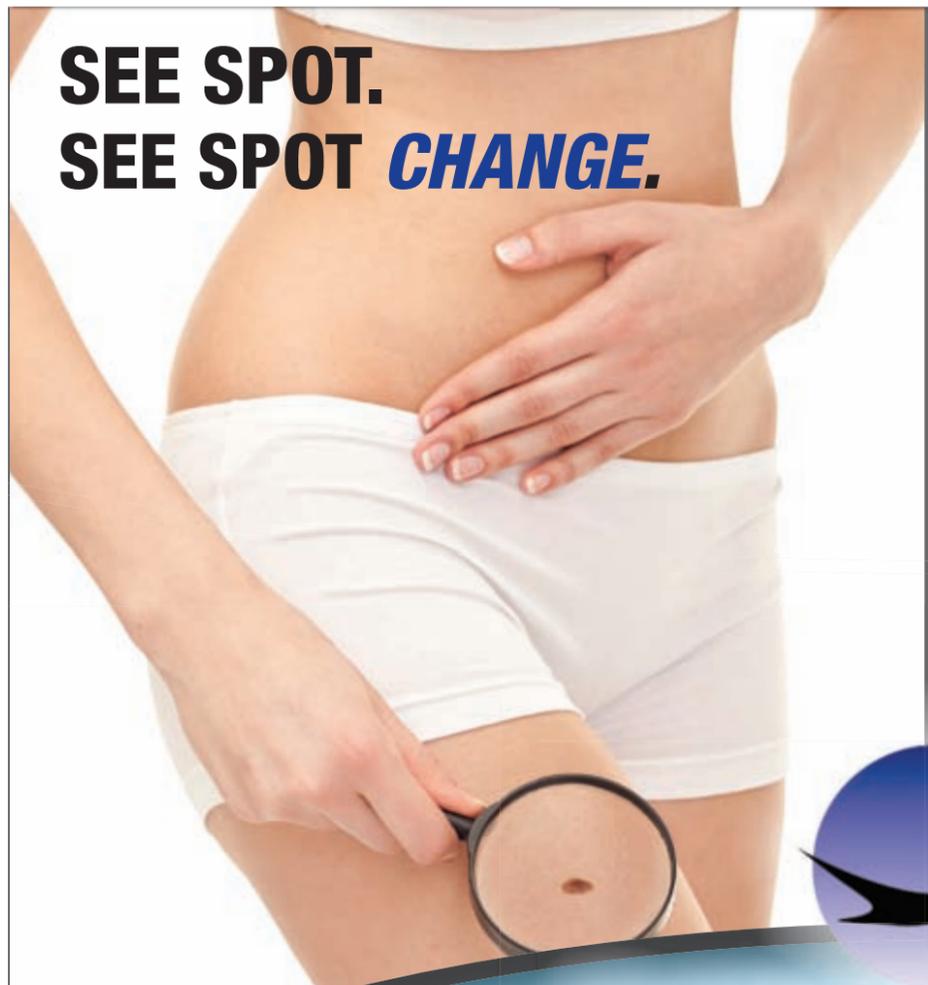
fully of marriage and starting a family — worry over the details of how to make a partnership work. I've seen them convince themselves that meaningless flings are the way to go. They claim that marriage, or even a committed relationship, is just too complicated.

I'm currently reading a fascinating guide from the doyenne of good taste for *The Times of London*, Lucia van der Post. In her book, Mrs. Van der Post includes a lovely chapter on love and marriage where she chronicles some of the lessons she's learned from her own long and successful relationship. Interestingly, she addresses just this debate shared by youngish women today.

"Women can earn their own livings, have a perfectly satisfying social life, enjoy the pleasures of sex and even have children without tying the knot," Mrs. Van der Post writes. But she tells the story of a successful but lonely career woman who spoke wistfully of a colleague who left the firm to get married and have children. "Underneath [the woman] felt a deep longing that was something she couldn't help, an old biological recognition of the need to bond, of one man to commit to one woman, and to create a safe haven for each other and their children. A longing, too, to be . . . 'safely gathered in' — something that marriage in its best and most reassuring form can do."

I think my friends — the ones who worry that a steady relationship may not

be for them — would recognize this longing. I'm pretty sure they carry it in themselves, too. Sometimes I wonder if they don't purposefully muddy the waters and use their fretting to hide their deep disappointment that it hasn't happened for them yet. Perhaps what we need is less intellectualizing, less thinking-it-through, and more of a willingness to be steady, to be still, to let the waters settle so we can see clearly what it is we want. I'll bet we'll see that it's not that complicated at all. ■



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# BEACH READING

## 'I Brake for Yard Sales'

by Lara Spencer  
(Abrams Books, \$24.95)

REVIEWED BY ROSE M. CROKE

Lara Spencer, former host of "Antiques Roadshow," tells readers how she regularly scours local flea markets, estate sales and thrift shops, and transforms her secondhand finds into first-class design elements and conversation pieces.

Although Ms. Spencer co-anchored "Good Morning America," this book is about her other life as an interior designer and antiques dealer. The only mention of a celebrity is the foreword by comedienne Kathy Griffin, whose home Ms. Spencer decorated with furniture pieces she found at flea markets, estate sales, auctions, thrift shops and on eBay.

When she was a young girl, Ms. Spencer's mother would take her "sale-ing" every weekend. That spelling is intentional, since yard "sale-ing" didn't require a boat, only a car with enough space to haul their prized secondhand finds home. In fact, the book's title comes from the bumper sticker on her mother's station wagon: "I Brake for Yard Sales."

Ms. Spencer advises not to approach decorating too seriously. "Figure out what makes you happy and go for it," she affirms. Stunning before-and-after photographs provide step-by-step advice on what to look for while shopping and how to get high style for low prices by using the three R's of decorating on a budget: Rescue, Recycle and Reinvent. Would you ever think of using a vinyl shower curtain to reupholster the fabric on your kitchen chairs? Ms. Spencer did, and the results were ingenious and super thrifty.

Ms. Spencer has a keen eye for finding diamonds in the rough. In fact, she used to frequent the Salvation Army thrift shop in New York City. Her persistence paid off when she discovered a pair of authentic numbered Picasso lithographs priced for just \$35!

Readers might not be so lucky in their own treasure hunts, but "I Brake for Yard Sales" will supply valuable information, ideas and inspiration on creating personal spaces that reflect the people, places and things they love without breaking the bank. ■



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# COVERS

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His website includes the original album cover and images of what the location looks like today. He also superimposes the album cover — in perfect angle and proportion — onto the image of the street today; the past and present co-existing in one very striking image.

“In one viewing, as you look at the picture, it’s there but it’s not there at the same time,” he says. “You do get the sense that time has gone by. You also get the excitement that the place is right there and you can see it.”

The albums, mostly from the ’60s and ’70s, include such iconic records as Bob Dylan’s “The Freewheelin’ Bob Dylan” and “Highway 61 Revisited,” The Who’s “The Kids Are Alright,” Simon and Garfunkel’s “Wednesday Morning, 3 AM,” Billy Joel’s “52nd Street” and Steely Dan’s “Pretzel Logic.”

And though it’s not a rock album, he tracked down the exact location where the 1957 original cast album cover of “West Side Story” was shot.

That one was pretty simple to figure out, he says: the area looked like the Hell’s Kitchen neighborhood of Manhattan. He also noticed an address painted on a trashcan Tony and Maria were running past.

Another easy one was figuring out where the photo on the cover of Neil Young’s “After the Gold Rush” was taken. It shows the musician walking past a nondescript brick wall with a black iron fence in front of it.

Not much to go on. But Mr. Egan ate regularly at a restaurant across the street, and recognized the wall and fence.

“Every time I went to the souvlaki place, (I’d look across the street and say) ‘That’s the same place as the Neil Young album.’ It didn’t seem to be that hard.”

The site today doesn’t look exactly the same as it did in 1970.

Mr. Egan learned why: “They’d dug up the street (since then),” he says. “The photographer wrote in to me.”

So did Graham Nash, of Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young. He told Mr. Egan he had the spot exactly right, explaining, “I was standing right in back of the guy when he took the photograph.”

Mr. Egan also knew the cover of “The Freewheelin’ Bob Dylan” was taken nearby, on Jones Street at West 4th — that iconic image of Dylan and his then-girlfriend Suze Rotolo, huddled together in the winter cold, his hands stuffed in his pockets, her arms linked around his, as they walk down the center of a snowy New York street.

“Friends would pretend to take pictures walking down the street,” he says. “I even took my mother-in-law’s picture with her husband (with the two of them in the same pose.)”

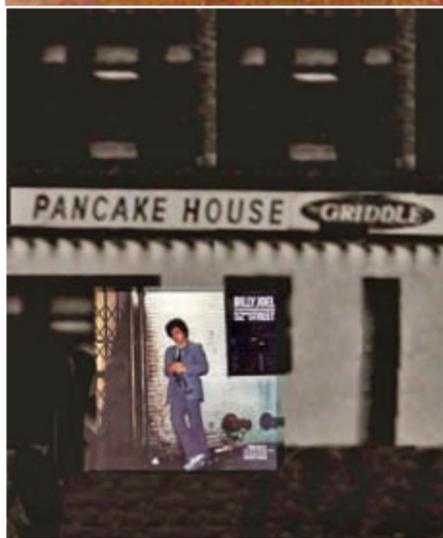
Mr. Egan, who’s 59, started sharing his passion for old rock album covers a year and a half ago when he started his PopSpotsNYC site.

Since then he’s been on the “Good Morning America” website, the topic of a Buzz: 60 video spot and written about in British papers *The Sun* and *The Telegraph*, which called him a “pop culture detective.” And on Aug. 8, *The Wall Street Journal* ran a half-page story about him in its New York Metro section.

“I’m shocked,” he says. “That my little thing that I do out of my room here gets all this attention is funny to me. It’s like somebody else’s life.”

He was surprised to learn that the cover of Dylan’s “Highway 61 Revisited” was shot on the stoop of a house he’d passed regularly.

He tracked down the cover of Dylan’s autobiography, “Chronicles: Vol. 1” and was especially proud of finding where a Saturday Evening Post cover photo of



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**Finding where the “52nd Street” cover was shot was tricky, since the building had been remodeled and tenants have changed.**

Dylan was shot. Mr. Egan considers it his “most interesting and satisfying one. “Ultimately,” he says, “it turned out it was in a section of town with streets that had been completely leveled; the streets didn’t exist anymore. It was 57 years ago, a travel back through time to find an exact spot where a photographer stood and took Dylan’s picture, and the street doesn’t exist anymore.”

“The fact that it was so old. I found it for future generations, so they can find out where it was, based on what I found.”

The landscape changes so fast in New York, he says.

“It’s nice for me to take a picture before it goes,” he says.

Mr. Egan uses a variety of tools to trace the album covers to their origins.

First, he says, “I love New York. I know New York so much that if an album was taken here, I have a pretty good guess where it was, just visually.”

Back in the late ’70s, he wrote a book called “The Bookstore Book,” a guidebook to all the bookstores in New York. As part of his research, he walked or rode a bicycle on every street in Manhattan below 125th Street.

He also knows the city well through his real estate dealings.

“It’s my knowledge of New York combined with... my little bits of arcane knowledge,” he says.

He also uses Google maps and Bing, as well as various reference materials at the New York Public Library, including old telephone books, old maps and photos. If he can’t identify the building the musician’s standing in front of, well, maybe he can get a clue from the building next to it, or one in the background.

Also, he says, he gets the impression



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**Above: Bo Diddley’s “Have Guitar Will Travel” from 1960 over a shot of the current location in Brooklyn. Left: The cover of Steely Dan’s “Pretzel Logic” shot outside of Central Park.**

ioned and couldn’t relate to people.”

His blog doesn’t just have a local appeal; rock fans are curious to learn about the sites where their favorite albums were shot, and visitors to New York use it as a guide of places to visit.

He’s heard from people overseas who are planning on visiting New York and want to see some of the sites.

He has about a hundred more classic album covers to put up on his blog, he says. Most of them are by classic rock acts.

He knows bands from the ’80s and ’90s, but “they’re not the ones I concentrate on,” he says. “I skewer my things to an older audience.”

“The golden era of record covers is over. Graphically, they’ve shrunk and are not that exciting any more.”

His blog, he says, is “a labor of love (where) I can share my knowledge of New York City with the public.”

Everyone is so interested in it, he says, and it’s fun to do.

“Also, it’s like living a detective story.

“But it’s challenging to me. Right here’s a picture — where is it? I have to go through a thought pattern, and when I finally get the eureka moment, it’s very fun, very enjoyable.” ■

from various photographers that back then, they’d meet the rock stars right outside their homes or recording studios, walk around the block, and take their pictures. So if he knows where a musician was living or recording at the time, it’s likely his or her album photo may have been shot nearby.

“I’ve always been interested in where famous things happened,” he says.

Mr. Egan grew up in Massachusetts. (His mother lived in Punta Gorda for almost 30 years, and now lives in Port Charlotte.)

After college, he moved to New York City and lived in Greenwich Village for 25 years.

“All the guidebooks listed stuff about people who lived here in the ’20s, like Djuna Barnes, e.e. cummings, Eugene O’Neill. That was interesting. But wasn’t it cooler that Neil Young shot his album cover right here?”

“The old guidebooks were old fash-

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**SATURDAY, AUG. 18, 9 P.M.**  
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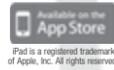


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■ **Caught in the Net** - Through Aug. 18 at The Off Broadway Palm Theatre. 278-4422 or [www.BroadwayPalm.com](http://www.BroadwayPalm.com).

■ **Grease** - At the Broadway Palm Theatre through Aug. 18. 278-4422 or [www.BroadwayPalm.com](http://www.BroadwayPalm.com).

## Thursday, Aug. 16

■ **Funny Guy** - Shane Mauss takes the stage tonight through Sunday at the Off the Hook Comedy Club, 599 S. Collier Blvd., Marco Island. \$20 general admission, \$45 VIP. 389-6900.

■ **Tribute Show** - A Rod Stewart tribute show takes place at The Stage, 9144 Bonita Beach Rd. Dinner seating begins at 5:45 p.m. The show starts at 7:15 p.m. 405-8566.

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

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■ **Queen Tribute** - A Queen tribute is set at The Stage, 9144 Bonita Beach Rd. Dinner seating begins at 5:45 p.m. The show starts at 7:15 p.m. 405-8566.



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■ **Concert Pianist** - Bryan Andrew Tari performs in concert at 7 p.m. at IberiaBank on Marco Island as a benefit for the Marco Island Center of the Arts. \$25. For reservations: 394-4221.

■ **Dixieland Tunes** - A Celebration of Dixieland Jazz runs from 1-3 p.m. at The Norris Center, 755 Eighth Ave. S. 213-3049.

■ **Live Music** - The Gladezmen take the stage at 9 p.m. at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits. 2700 Immokalee Rd. 431-7928 or [www.fredsnaples.com](http://www.fredsnaples.com).

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

■ **Live Tunes** - The Chicago Mob performs from 8-10 p.m. in Market Plaza at Gulf Coast Town Center. 267-0783 or [www.gulfcoasttowncenter.com](http://www.gulfcoasttowncenter.com).

## Sunday, Aug. 19

■ **Roller Derby** - The Fort Myers Derby Girls collect donations for Dress for Success SW Florida during tonight's game against the South Florida Roller Girls at Bamboozles Skating Center, 2095 Andrea Ln. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. and the bout starts at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/219385](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/219385).

■ **Food & More** - Seminole Casino Immokalee hosts its monthly Paradise Food Truck Rally from 1-5 p.m. Enjoy a day of dining and live entertainment. Admission is free. Food items start at \$5. [www.seminolecasinoevents.com](http://www.seminolecasinoevents.com).

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■ **Music Jam** - Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits hosts a singer/songwriter Workshop Jam from 5-6:30 p.m. every Sunday with local musicians Lucia and Bob. After the jam, the Notorious Band of Misfits perform from 7-10 p.m. 2700 Immokalee Rd. 431-7928.

## Monday, Aug. 20

■ **Art Class** - Award-winning artist Richard Rosen teaches a five-week class in Clay: Handbuilding & Raku Techniques from 6-9 p.m. today and from 1-4 p.m. Aug. 23. \$195. For reservations: 821-1061 or [rictra@earthlink.net](mailto:rictra@earthlink.net).

■ **Film Series** - TGIM: Thank God for Indie Mondays with host Eric Radatz is held on Mondays at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for a happy half hour with the show starting at 7 p.m. \$5. [www.fortmyersfilmfestival.com](http://www.fortmyersfilmfestival.com).

## Tuesday, Aug. 21

■ **Movie Night** - The Mercato's Movies on the Lawn series presents "The Great Outdoors," starring John Candy and Dan Ackroyd. Free; bring lawn chairs. The film starts at sunset. [www.facebook.com/mercatonaples](http://www.facebook.com/mercatonaples) or [www.mercatoshops.com](http://www.mercatoshops.com).

■ **Painting Classes** - Oil painting classes are offered on Tuesdays at Christine's Art Studio at Rosen Gallery & Studios, 2172 J & C Blvd. \$85 per class; reservations required. (727) 560-8264.

■ **Motown Tunes** - Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits hosts a Motown evening with Omar Baker from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. 2700 Immokalee Rd. 431-7928.

## Wednesday, Aug. 22

■ **Open Mic** - Original artists are invited to showcase their music from 7:30-10:30 p.m. at Open Mic Night at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits. 2700 Immokalee Rd. 431-7928.

## Coming Up

■ **Art Party** - An opening reception for "Infinite Mirror: Images of American Identity" is set for 5-7 p.m. Aug. 23 at the FGCU Arts Complex. 590-7199 or [asturdiv@fgcu.edu](mailto:asturdiv@fgcu.edu).

■ **Funny Guy** - Comedian Arj Barker performs Aug. 23-26 at the Off the Hook Comedy Club, 599 S. Collier Blvd., Marco Island. 389-6900.

■ **Margaritaville Sounds** - A Jimmy Buffet tribute show is set for Aug. 23 at The Stage, 9144 Bonita Beach Rd. Dinner seating begins at 5:45 p.m. The show starts at 7:15 p.m. 405-8566.

■ **Tribute Show** - An Eagles tribute show is set for Aug. 24 at The Stage, 9144 Bonita Beach Rd. Dinner seating begins at 5:45 p.m. The show starts at 7:15 p.m. 405-8566.

■ **Caladium Festival** - Naples Botanical Garden members can hop a bus to Lake Placid for the 21st annual Lake

Placid Caladium Festival on Aug. 24. \$85 per person includes festival admission, lunch and a tour of caladium fields and downtown's historical murals. 643-7275 or [kkyle@naplesgarden.org](mailto:kkyle@naplesgarden.org).

■ **Florida Movie** - See "Wind Across the Everglades," starring Burl Ives and Peter Falk and filmed in and around Goodland, on Aug. 24 at the Collier County Museum. 3331 Tamiami Trail E. in Naples. [www.colliermuseums.com](http://www.colliermuseums.com) or 252-8476.

■ **Beachfront Jazz** - New Groove City performs at 7 p.m. Aug. 25 during the 27th annual SummerJazz on the Gulf series on the lawn at the Naples Beach Hotel. The series continues Sept. 22 with Eight to the Bar. 261-2222 [www.naplesbeachhotel.com](http://www.naplesbeachhotel.com).

■ **Charity Event** - A charity slot tournament to benefit The Shelter for Abused Women & Children is set for 1-9 p.m. Aug. 25 at Seminole Casino Immokalee. \$10 entry fee. [www.seminolecasinoinmokalee.com](http://www.seminolecasinoinmokalee.com) or [www.seminolecasinoevents.com](http://www.seminolecasinoevents.com).

■ **Hot Cars** - The Downtown Car Cruise-In runs from 5-8 p.m. Aug. 25 in downtown Fort Myers. All cars are welcome. (855) RDA-EVENTS.

■ **Reality Show** - The finale for "Senior Prom," a competition reality television dance show starring eight Naples seniors and their Broadway legend mentors/partners, starts at 7 p.m. Aug. 25 at the Naples Philharmonic Center for the Arts. Audience members are encouraged to attend in "prom attire." Enjoy a special reception with Debbie Reynolds for VIP ticketholders. [www.thephil.org](http://www.thephil.org) or 597-1900.

■ **Painting Class** - "Lavender & Lace," an oil painting class with Christine George, is set for 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 28 at Rosen Gallery & Studios, 2172 J & C Blvd. Complete a painting in just one class. \$85. Six-student limit. (727) 560-8264.

■ **Art Event** - Art Walk, presented by the Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs, is set for 5-7 p.m. Aug. 30 at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. See a new group of artists and exhibitions accompanied by musical entertainment. Free. 495-8989.

■ **Tribute Show** - A Neil Diamond tribute show is set for Aug. 30 at The Stage, 9144 Bonita Beach Rd. Dinner seating begins at 5:45 p.m. and the show starts at 7:15 p.m. 405-8566.

■ **Song & Dance** - Dancing by the Fountain is set for 6-9 p.m. Aug. 30 at The Village on Venetian Bay. Enjoy dancing, demonstrations and more, with Modern Steps School of Dance and entertainment by Michael J Levaul. 261-6100.

■ **Rock Band** - A Fleetwood Mac tribute show is set for Aug. 31 at The Stage, 9144 Bonita Beach Rd. Dinner seating begins at 5:45 p.m. The show starts at 7:15 p.m. 405-8566.

■ **Florida Film** - "Follow That Dream," starring Elvis Presley, airs Aug. 31 at the Collier County Museum, 3331 Tamiami Trail E. [www.colliermuseums.com](http://www.colliermuseums.com) or 252-8476. ■

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

# Golden retriever event scheduled



A "Golden Day of Festivities" benefiting Golden Retriever Rescue of Southwest Florida is set for 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, at For Footed Friends. The store is located at 13040 Livingston Rd. #4 in the Marquessa Plaza.

Enjoy a silent auction for two original framed artworks painted by current goldens in need of adoption, demos of alternative forms of animal healing, including a reiki master and an animal massage therapist, and meet the food representative from Nutri Source/Pure Vita. Meet golden retrievers available

for adoption, talk to rescue personnel and enjoy raffles and free samples.

GRRSWF is an all-volunteer non-profit organization that serves Collier, Lee, Charlotte and surrounding counties. Founded in 2009, GRRSWF has rescued more than 320 golden retrievers and golden mixes. The organization takes dogs from shelters and owners who can no longer keep them and finds new forever homes for the dogs.

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# ARTS COMMENTARY

## Puppets, sweating and sports coverage



If they gave out medals for Most Offbeat Olympic Coverage, *The Wall Street Journal* would certainly be in contention for one.

I know the Games ended Aug. 12 with a big musical bash, but I've been so entertained by the WSJ's journalism that I just have to write about it.

Sure, ESPN magazine had its annual Body Issue with full-page shots of various U.S. Olympic athletes posing (discreetly) in the nude.

And Sports Illustrated magazine had two Olympic issues back-to-back (though it still doesn't seem to have the hang of covering women athletes with the same seriousness as it covers men.)

But the WSJ just wowed me with its creative, offbeat stories.

For example, there was the Aug. 8 article "Olympic Mopper's Job is 'No Sweat'" by Geoffrey A. Fowler and Rachel Bachman, about the people whose job it is to quickly mop up the athletes' sweat from the courts. Some of the sweatier sports named: badminton, volleyball, team handball and basketball.

The volunteers were also responsible for raking the sand in the beach volleyball courts. Mr. Fowler and Ms. Bachman described how they'd run out and quickly smooth the sand while "Yakety Sax," the old Boots Randolph tune from the "Benny Hill Show," provided a soundtrack.

On Aug. 11, Sara Germano took a look at sudden fame, writing about how athletes' Twitter followers suddenly increased, in "Congrats, Here's Your Medal — And 500,000 New Followers."

An Aug. 10 story by Arian Campo-Flores and Jeanne Whalen took a look at Fort Myers' Art of the Olympians museum. The article explains how, since 1912, the modern Olympic Games have

The bar to admission is not high. 'Right now, we're not judging,' says Sandy Talaga, director of operations, though 'it does have to be considered somewhat good art.'

On Aug. 7, Charles Forelle and David Enrich wrote about how sports writers covering the Olympics left their impartiality at home. Their story, "The Loudest Olympic Fans? The Hardbitten Folks in the Press Box," looked at how sports reporters, usually forbidden from cheering for a team, were throwing aside all restraint and rooting for their country's athletes.

My favorite sentence: "So aggressively does NBC edit the Olympics for its prime-time coverage that viewers are often left with the impression that other countries exist only so that Team USA has someone to play against."

And, proving that sport writers will make statistics out of *anything* sports-related, Sara Germano, Tony Olivero and Pia Catton wrote "Group Hug: Which Olympic Sport Wins Gold for Touchiest" (Aug. 10). You might think it's men's basketball, where men like to pat each other on the butt and high-five each other, but the touchiest Olympic sport turns out to be female volleyball. The story how after almost every play, the U.S. women's team would stop and hug each other after.

I applaud

why..." well, it turns out the WSJ reporters thought the same thing. Then they went and did some great reporting and found the answers.

It's sports writing that appeals to those who don't even care for sports.

### Sports clothespins

And that's not all. The paper did some pretty creative video coverage of the Games too.

It was faced with the challenge of how to cover the Olympics visually when NBC possessed the sole rights.

How do you show what happened when you can't show footage of the Games?

Nikki Waller, the paper's management and careers editor, came up with the idea of using puppets to re-enact some of the events, and spearheaded the Homemade Highlights project.

It's an idea that's been used in a number of comedy shows, but it's pretty unexpected for a paper such as the WSJ, which has a

reputation for being ultra conservative and businesslike.

The puppets, created out of painted, wooden clothespins, feature a photo of an athlete's face on top. (When the puppets do have arms, they're made from popsicle sticks.)

Each Homemade Highlights episode



Screen shots from *The Wall Street Journal's* low-fi Olympic coverage that employed clothespin puppets and crude handmade sets.

began with this introduction: "NBC paid over \$1 billion to broadcast the London Olympics." (Next screen) "*The Wall Street Journal* paid..." (Next screen) "...less than that." And the beginning of the Olympic anthem ("Bugler's Dream") would be played on what sounds like a toy xylophone.

Thanks to set designer Ann Taylor, the sets were equally as creative — and simple — as the puppets. Crowds were created by pasting different colored pom-poms on a piece of paper and including an occasional flag.

The Olympic pool? Blue crinkled cellophane.

The uneven bars in gymnastics were made of pipe cleaners, and the balance beam was a pretzel stick.

Highlights included gymnastics, the badminton scandal and the rivalry between swimmers Michael Phelps and Ryan Lochte. (As the two puppets "swam" in the "pool," they were preceded by a yellow stick with WR on it.)

The Homemade Highlights, written by Ben Cohen and videotaped by Emily Prapuolenis, are a clever, low-fi way to visually represent important Olympic moments.

Though the Olympics may be over, you can still relive these special moments on YouTube. ■



included art competitions.

The reporters also included this paragraph: "Whether the growing collection of the Art of the Olympians elicits its critical acclaim remains to be seen.

the paper for thinking outside of the box and giving us these wonderful stories that are so entertaining and informative.

If, during the past couple of weeks, you've ever sat on your couch watching the Games and said, "I wonder

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Mr. Klein says he snapped the winning photo in 2010 as he was walking across campus after shooting an event. Looking west toward the back of Lutgert Hall (before Marieb Hall was built next to it), he captured the cloudy but color-soaked sunset on his Nikon D90 digital camera with high dynamic range imaging that intensifies light and shadow.

"HDR is what makes it look surreal," Mr. Klein said. "It takes three exposures — one proper exposure, one underexpo-

sure and one overexposure — and sandwiches them together. That's what makes the clouds so dramatic."

Finalists for the Facebook vote were selected based on the size, orientation and resolution of the image as well as content that would most appeal to international readers, according to the AIEF.

For more information, contact Mr. Klein at 590-7079. ■

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— **Bob Klein**, FGCU graphic designer

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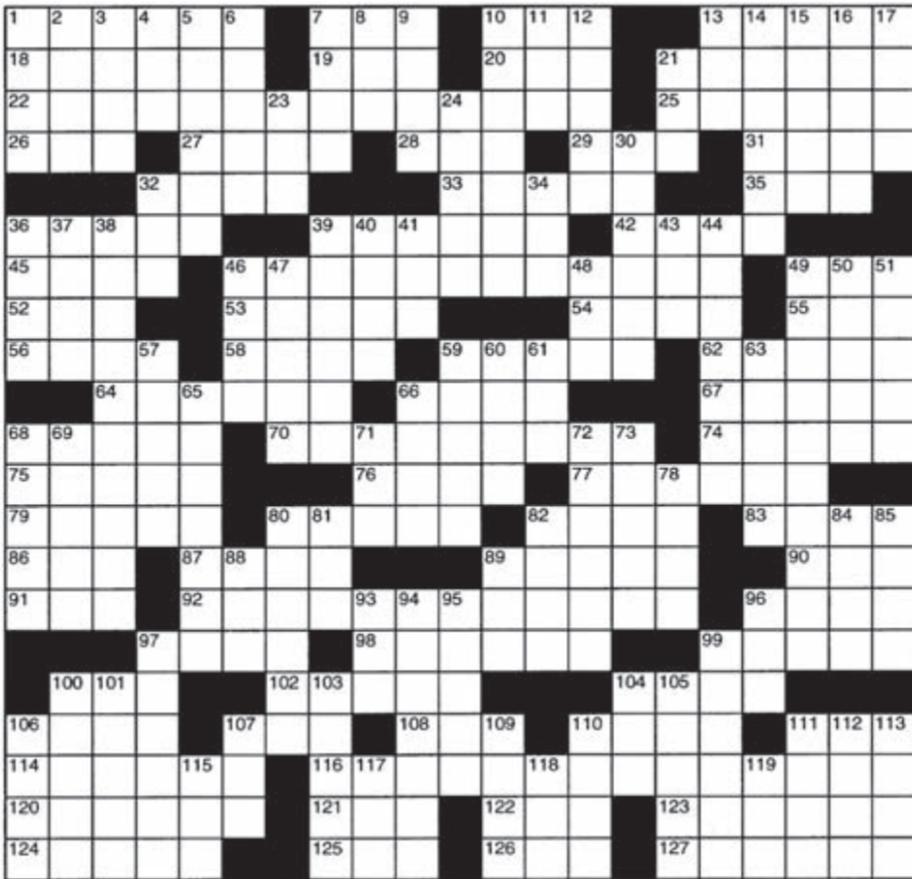
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## HOROSCOPES

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** A colleague might try to goad you into saying or doing the wrong thing. It's best to ignore the troublemaker, even if he or she riles your royal self. Your supporters stand with you.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Be careful not to let your on-the-job zealotry create resentment with co-workers who might feel you shut them out. Prove them wrong by including them in your project.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Although it's not quite what you hoped for, use your good business sense to make the most of what you're being offered at this time. Things will improve down the line.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** A more positive picture of what lies ahead is beginning to take shape. But there are still too many gaps that need to be filled in before you make definitive plans.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Continue to keep a tight hold on the reins so that you don't charge willy-nilly into a situation that might appear attractive on the surface but lack substance.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** You still need to demand those answers to your questions. Remember, your wise counseling earns you respect, but it's your search for truth that gives you wisdom.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** You'll find that people are

happy to help you deal with some difficult situations. And, of course, knowing you, you'll be happy to return those favors anytime. Won't you?

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Give that special someone in your personal life a large, loving dollop of reassurance. That will go a long way toward restoring the well-being of your ailing relationship.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** This week could offer more opportunities for ambitious Lambs eager to get ahead. But don't rush into making decisions until you've checked for possible hidden problems.

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Some light begins to shine on professional and/or personal situations that have long eluded explanation. Best advice: Don't rush things. All will be made clear in time.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Although you might want to protest what seems to be an unfair situation, it's best to keep your tongue and temper in check for now. The full story hasn't yet come out.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Work prospects are back on track. But watch what you say. A thoughtless comment to the wrong person — even if it's said in jest — could delay or even derail your progress.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You are a delightful paradox. You like things neat and tidy. But you're also a wonderful host who can throw a really great party. ■

By Linda Thistle

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# LATEST FILMS

## 'Hope Springs'



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Is it worth \$10? Yes

Any couple that doesn't fight is lying to themselves and/or has been together so long they have their routines down pat. For Kay (Meryl Streep) and Arnold (Tommy Lee Jones) in "Hope Springs," it's both. Married 31 years, they don't fight because they don't talk, and their routines are so established that they're just going through life's motions.

The golf-obsessed, curmudgeonly Arnold is fine with this. Kay is not. They sleep in separate bedrooms and rarely touch, leaving her alone and aimless. She is so desperate to feel something again that she makes a reservation with renowned marriage counselor Dr. Bernard Feld (Steve Carell) in Hope Springs, Maine. Arnold expectedly doesn't want to leave the comfy confines of his Omaha home, but reluctantly agrees.

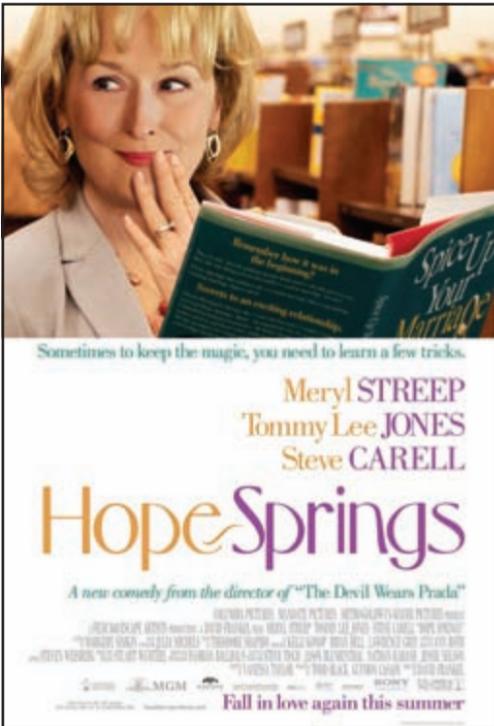
What follows in director David Frankel's film is an insightful look at the subtle, easy-to-miss ways that a marriage can disintegrate. Kay and Arnold's two grown children are out on their own, leaving the couple unsure what to do with one another now that it's just them. And so they grow apart, to the point where an indifferent kiss before he leaves for work in the morning is just about the only contact they have.

Their sessions with Dr. Feld are probing, uncomfortable and appropriately awkward. There are no easy answers, and a reluctant Arnold is a point of frustration for both Kay and us viewers alike. We know the sooner he comes around the sooner they can be happy again, but Frankel doesn't make anything easy, and in the long run both the movie and the couple are better for it.

"Hope Springs" is perfectly cast, though admittedly we'd be saying the same if Jeff Bridges accepted the role of Arnold when it was offered to him. Funny man Carell smartly plays things straight and leaves the heavy work to Streep and Jones, both of whom are up to the task. The brilliance here is in the small details: Note the way Streep makes Kay very self-conscious by frequently adjusting her

clothes, and how she always has a quietly pained look on her face. And watch how Jones's Arnold doesn't even look at Kay in the morning as they go through their morning routine. He loves her but he's numb to her, and small details such as these make it all feel true.

One of the smart things about Vanesa Taylor's script is its avoidance of easy conflict. Lest you think otherwise, it is not an inability to perform that prompts Arnold's resistance to his wife. He also hasn't been unfaithful, even if his mind



has wandered from time to time. The exclusion of these two things allows the story to have more integrity and remain relatable for all couples, even those without extreme dysfunction.

Indeed, anyone who's ever been married knows all marriages have their conflicts, and the strength of the union determines how well the couple will work through their issues. This is what we see in "Hope Springs," and it's something that all couples — young and old — can relate to.

And if you're one of those youngsters who thinks, "that'll never happen to me/us," mark your words you, naïve soul. I guarantee Kay and Arnold didn't think this would happen to them either. ■

in the know  
>> In the movie, Hope Springs is in Maine, but the film was shot in Connecticut.

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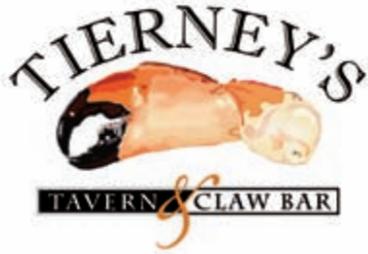
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It's never too early to mark your calendar for galas and fundraisers not to miss in the coming social season. Nor is it too soon to list your nonprofit organization's event in *Florida Weekly*. Send Save the Date details to editor Cindy Pierce at cpierce@floridaweekly.com.

■ The United Arts Council will hold a **season kick-off party** with gourmet dining, fine wines and entertainment by local musicians Tuesday, Nov. 13, at the Bay Colony Golf Club. Co-chairs for the evening are Sandi Moran and Emily James.

For tickets or more information, call 263-8242.

■ The 2012 **"Every Life Is Beautiful"** dinner to benefit Sunlight Home, a residential shelter for pregnant women and teens, is set for Friday, Nov. 9, at Club Pelican Bay. Billy Dean & Dawn will entertain, and the keynote address, "Adoption: A Loving Alternative," will be presented by Brittany Mahler of the Tampa-based Bethany Christian Services.

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

■ The NCH Healthcare Foundation hosts the 54th annual NCH Hospital Ball on Saturday evening, Oct. 27, at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples. This year's theme is **"Saving Our Tiniest Treasures."** Proceeds will help fund expansion of the NCH Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

and provide care for more of the community's youngest patients.

The evening begins with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction followed by dinner and dancing. For reservations or sponsorship information, contact Cindy Nelson at 436-4511 or visit nchmd.org/hospitalball.

■ To help raise both money and awareness for women's cancers, Saks Fifth Avenue Naples partners with Bosom Buddies Breast Cancer Support for the **2012 Key To The Cure**, a charity shopping weekend Oct. 18-21. The Oct. 18 kick-off will feature fashions modeled by Bosom Buddies clients as well as entertainment and refreshments.

Beginning Oct. 1, Saks will offer a limited edition Key To The Cure T-shirt designed by Carolina Herrera for \$35, with 100 percent of the purchase price being donated to local charity partners.

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

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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.

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

Visit [www.humanesocietynaples.com](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 **fourth annual Naples International Film Festival** is set for Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 1-4. The red carpet opening night gala and screening take place at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts, while features, documentaries and film shorts of all genres will be screened at Silverspot Cinema at Mercato Nov. 2-4.

Merrill Lynch is the opening night film and party sponsor. The evening begins with the red carpet arrival at 5:30 p.m., followed by the opening film screening at 7 p.m. and a late-night party afterward. VIP admission is \$159 per person. General admission tickets are \$29.

Opening night tickets are available at the Phil box office, 597-1900 or [www.thephil.org](http://www.thephil.org).

For more information about the festival, call 775-3456 or visit [www.naplesfilmfest.com](http://www.naplesfilmfest.com). ■

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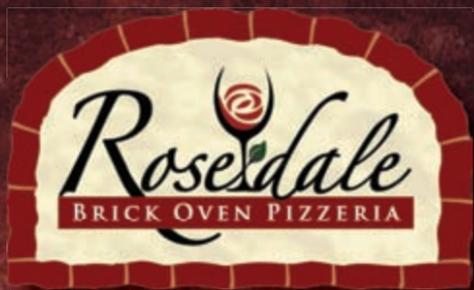
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## WRITING CHALLENGE

# New image kicks off round two for writers

The response to the *Florida Weekly* Writing Challenge has been tremendous. We've received more than 50 submissions for the first round of the contest. The quality of the stories has made choosing which entries to publish a noteworthy task for our editors. The competition is just getting started.

This week we're printing a handful of our favorite stories based on the accompanying photo of an offshore rain shower. The deadline for stories based on that photo has now passed, but fret not writers, for round two is upon us.

We want to read your riff on the photograph below. Using it as a starting point for your creative process, we hope you'll come up with a narrative story or poem of no more than 1,000 words.

We'll accept your original stories in Word format or pasted into the body of an e-mail until Saturday, Sept. 1. E-mail them to [writing@floridaweekly.com](mailto:writing@floridaweekly.com). No snail mail, please. Be sure to include your name, address and contact information, along with a headshot if you have one.

We'll print our favorites from week to week as space allows.

The earlier we receive your submission,



the better your shot at seeing it in print.

We'll continue with new photo prompts and showcase a few ultimate winners in November. Thanks for writing, and good luck. ■

## Earth, air, fire, water

BY ROBERTA MORRIS HALL, NAPLES

The sun is low on the beach  
in the middle of the afternoon --  
a thin blanket of light  
crushed by the dark that fills the sky,  
a glowing mushroom cloud, black on the far edges.

Even the sunlight pales and retreats from it.  
The tiny sunbathers, distant on the shore,  
sit in their lounges  
witnesses to whatever prophecy this is.  
After all, this is paradise: No danger here.

Nature knows it is a waterspout,  
pulling the ocean up into the air  
through the mushroom's gigantic, glowing stem  
brightness and darkness merged,  
whirling out to sea.

The beach is safe for now.  
Birds will come back into the air,  
Sunbathers will rise from their earthbound chairs  
and plunge back into the ocean, its cool soft spray.  
But they have all borne witness. They have all seen.

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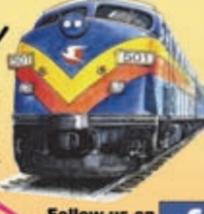


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## Ode to Naples's Beaches

BY JOEL HILBORN, NAPLES

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Powdery grains lead to blue ocean's crest.  
Particles absorb colors myriad,  
Simple or not, explained by cones and rods.  
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Often like tricks to our eyes are facade.

Foamy waves wash shells to and fro, and crash  
Kids and others exuberantly splash.  
Tourists flock like gulls to this attraction  
Bureaus beam with pride and satisfaction.  
Economy local and state depend  
Tides ebb and flow with nature's contraction.

Sunbathers welcome a soothing Gulf breeze  
As chefs prepare dishes they hope will please.  
Diners confused will ask, "What shall we order?"  
As they peruse menus praised by Fodor.  
Countless local children's bellies will groan,  
News gloomy tucked away in quick order.

A rainbow of umbrellas dot the sand  
Shielding some from the sun, nixing a tan.  
Like moon phases, the seasons continue,  
While pockets empty cry for revenue.  
Many others have never seen the sand  
Don't have cash for the free day at the zoo.

As the day winds down, they pack up to leave  
Back to the structure, a needed reprieve.  
Luxury autos take part of the test,  
Parade on 5th, impressing the rest.  
"Locals" curse tourists, recently were they,  
Transit buses take workers home to their nests.

Inarguably lovely, nature's gift,  
Has fallen into the chasm, our rift.  
Some have so much, some wish for just one,  
The beach, like the Earth, can be owned by none.  
What appears free, can be deceptive;  
Beaches, blue skies, belong to all, yet none.



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Master sand sculptor Abe Waterman of Canada

## Stage set for American Sandsculpting Championship

The American Sand Sculpting Championship will return for 10 days, from Nov. 16 - 25. Master sand sculptors will hit Fort Myers Beach, forming the largest sand sculpting event in the state.

Coordinated by the Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce, the 26th annual event will be managed by Big C Events, Pinchers Crab Shack, the Holiday Inn Fort Myers Beach and The Sand Lovers, all of which have been involved in other successful sand sculpting events including hosting the World Championships of Sand Sculpting last year.

"The partnership with the chamber,

the Holiday Inn Fort Myers Beach, and Pincher's Crab Shack is a winning combination for our beach community," said Bud Nocera, president of the Greater Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce. "We invite our beach businesses to join in with their own events to make this truly an island-wide festival."

Tourists and residents alike will have the rare opportunity to see a collection of some of the world's very best sand sculptors create amazing sand sculptures. Featuring 30 sculptors hailing from several different countries, the singles will compete the first week, fol-

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lowed by the doubles.

“As local master sand sculptors we are honored to be part of this team,” commented Bill Knight of The Sand Lovers. “The positive local support and newly formed partnerships make the event a success even before it opens.”

The American Sand Sculpting Championship was recognized as a top 20 event of the entire southeastern United States by the Southeastern Tourism Society and featured not only world class sculptors, but more than 60 vendors in the Sand Vendor Village, sponsored by Target.

The event will feature many interactive activities for guests to partake in including:

- 30 sand sculptures — More than 1,000 tons of sand will be sculpted, including one huge 350 ton sand sculpture.
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- Live Chain Saw Art — Watch Australian artist Andy Hancock create works of art from logs in a few minutes with only a chainsaw.
- Amateur Contest — Try your hand at sand sculpting, open to anyone and all levels of sculptors.
- State Championships — After four years, this year championship brings back a long-standing tradition, “The State Championships.” This is a competition where an advanced amateur sand



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Master sand sculptor Melinge Beaugard of Canada.

sculptor can prove his or her abilities and get one step closer to being accepted as a master sculptor.

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- Sand Vendor Village — More than 50 vendors from around the country will offer a great selection of food, beverages, specialty retail and arts and crafts.

The event will be at the Holiday Inn, 6890 Estero Blvd., Fort Myers Beach. Attendees are encouraged to arrive from the south in order to avoid traffic congestion. Event directors have coordinated a revolving bus system to transport attendees from the Lovers Key parking area to the site. Parking is also available in the Publix Shopping Center at Bonita Beach Road and U.S. 41 where a trolley will pick up attendees.

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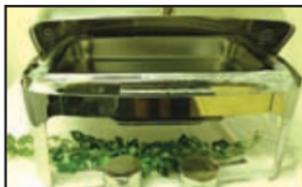
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# CONTRACT BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

## Diabolical defense

This deal occurred in the Vanderbilt Teams some years ago. South got to four hearts doubled on the bidding shown, and West led a diamond, won by East with the queen. East shifted to a trump, on which South played the nine. West could have taken the trick with the ten, but, in an effort to mislead declarer, he won the nine with the queen.

The benefit of West's clever play could be seen by what happened next. After ruffing West's diamond return, South played

a low trump, expecting to find the suit divided 3-2. In that case, he would have gone down only one.

But West won the second trump lead with the ten and cashed his A-K, extracting all of declarer's remaining trumps. East had discarded three spades as the trumps were played, so when West next led a diamond, East was able to score four diamonds before conceding the last three tricks.

Declarer thus lost five diamonds as well as four trump tricks to finish down six for a

North dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

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

Opening lead — two of diamonds.

loss of 1,700 points! South would, of course, have done much better had he not fallen into the trap so artfully laid by West. Had he not led another trump, he would have gone down two instead of six, losing only 500 points.

Note that West's fine play of winning the nine of trumps with the queen had everything to gain and nothing to lose. He realized that his queen play might induce declarer to expect a 3-2 trump division, and he also knew that his four natural trump tricks would remain intact even if South avoided further trump leads. West's attempted deception was surely not profound, but it was extraordinarily effective. ■



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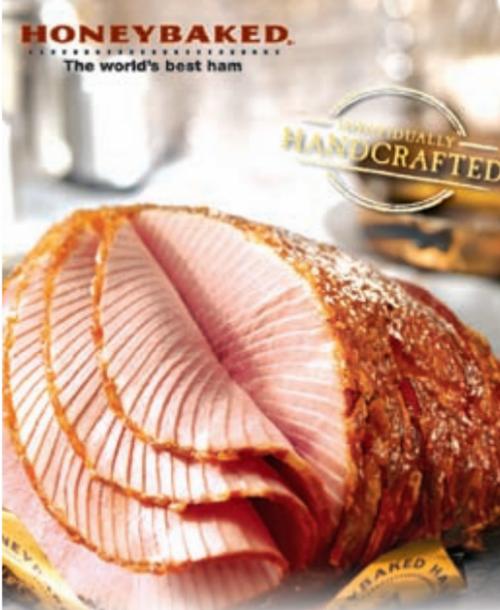
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➤ **Bokamper's Sports Bar & Grill**, 8990 Fontana Del Sol Way; 431-7611. With 70-plus flat-screen televisions, you won't miss out on your favorite team's game at this trendy sports bar, the brainchild of former Miami Dolphin Kim Bokamper. What sets this sports bar apart is an inventive menu that includes shrimp, calamari, tuna wontons and fish tacos in addition to the usual burgers, wings, sliders and chili. Bo's banging shrimp, in a sweet and spicy sauce topped with sesame seeds, were tasty and cooked just right. Bo's signature chicken wings were excellent, grilled then topped with a medium hot barbecue and garlic sauce accompanied by a bounty of celery and blue cheese dressing. The fish tacos, made with mahi, were terrific. Apple pie a la mode was a perfect finish to a winning meal. Full bar.

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

➤ **Daniela's, Wiggins Pass Crossing Plaza**, 13500 Tamiami Trail N.; 514-4414: The flavors of eastern Europe shine here in the hands of the eponymous chef and her sister. Add the violin stylings of Oleg Timuta (Saturday nights) and it's possible to imagine you are in a little Romanian cafe rather than a Naples strip center. Romanian, Hungarian and Italian fare meld harmoniously,

the result of the chef's heritage and travels. Salatas de vinete, aka Mom's delicious eggplant spread, is a great starter, lightly seasoned, smooth and silky, served with bread. The chiftelute, traditional Romanian meatballs, were delicious, too, especially with the cool, salty-sour pickles that came with them. Two adventurous souls can share the Transylvania platter, which features sarmale (homemade cabbage rolls), mititei (hand-rolled sausage) and csirke paprikas (classic Hungarian stew). All were first-rate, served with tasty polenta, spaetzle and vegetables. The capallacci verdi alla zucca (pasta filled with pumpkin, ricotta and Parmesan with a bechamel sauce) showed the kitchen's got great Italian chops, too. Save room for superb chocolate mousse or tiramisu. Beer and wine served.

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

➤ **Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar**, 8985 Tamiami Trail N.; 598-2424. There's plenty of beef to be had at Fleming's but this is a steakhouse that devotes the same attention to seafood, wine and service as it does to meat. From the 100-plus by-the-glass wine selections (which included flights — 2-ounce pours of three types) to the wicked Cajun barbecue shrimp, the roasted mushroom ravioli to the aged New York strip, barbecued Scottish salmon to chocolate lava cake, every course was well-timed, each item was

the proper temperature, well seasoned and served with a smile. Side dishes were a la carte, as is the custom at most steakhouses, but these were interesting — mashed potatoes with blue cheese, mac and cheese with chipotle cheddar and leeks -- and well executed. When the craving for a really good steak strikes, Fleming's can deliver it and a whole lot more. Full bar.

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

➤ **Komoon Thai Sushi and Ceviche**, 1575 Pine Ridge Road; 596-9991. If I lived closer to Komoon, I might never cook again. The unlikely-sounding menu offers a wealth of options, all done well. The sushi is artfully created from a list of possibilities from straight-up sashimi and sushi to a flashy green dragon roll, starring shrimp and avocado. A mixed seafood ceviche filled with white fish, shrimp, calamari, clams and red onion had a palate-pleasing balance of hot spice and cool seafood. From the cooked Japanese menu, the beef yaki soba was dead on and the Kiss Me with tofu revealed its Thai roots with a gingery garlic sauce. Servers are efficient and hospitable; the room is cozy and stylish. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★  
Service: ★ ★ ★ ★  
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★  
Reviewed January 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 been on Marco Island since 2005. Succulent hand-pulled meats and fresh seafood are tucked into tender tortillas, served with brightly flavored house-made salsas and sauces. Bracing margaritas in fruit flavors such as watermelon and pomegranate are served on the rocks or frozen, headlining a tequila-heavy cocktail list that goes on for days. The rustic charro beans, whole pintos laced with oregano and chunks of pork, are a revelation — and they're just a side dish. The taco trio — miniature corn tortillas overflowing with shredded beef, chicken and pork — is a good way to start, as is the ridiculously sumptuous queso fundido, a fondue of warm, silky white cheese garnished with diced scallions, jalapenos and chorizo that may send your eyes rolling back in your head. Available with three stuffings, the tamales are exemplary. A seafood-packed Cancun burrito was big enough for two, and its ingredients all perfectly cooked. Full bar.

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

## J Bistro chef believes in doing things the hard way

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James Hudson's staff at J Bistro in Fort Myers has a running joke: If the chef can find a way to make something more difficult or time consuming for them, he will find it and make them do it.

Hence his housemade prosciutto and mozzarella.

"I'm just as interested in the process as the outcome," Mr. Hudson says. "It helps me put food into greater context. Also, you won't waste product that took you three months to make."

Trained at Johnson & Wales University in Charleston, the 44-year-old chef from Corning, N.Y., has more than two decades of experience under his belt, including considerable time in Southern restaurants and a stint at the iconic Pier House Resort in Key West. Along the way, he has consistently pursued the refinement of what he calls global soul food.

He took a break from stretching cheese curds at his McGregor Boulevard restaurant to answer a few questions from Florida Weekly.

**■ Did where you grew up have any influence on your cooking or taste?**

We moved around a lot when I was a kid so I had the opportunity to sample tons of regional cuisine and learned really quickly to taste without prejudice.

**■ Was there someone in your life who inspired you to cook?**

With the exception of Julia Child on PBS, not really. I have, however, always been really food obsessed.

**■ What do you think are the most important qualities in a chef?**

The ability to teach and lead your staff. If you can't do that you're just a cook.

**■ Why do you think your restaurant has been successful?**

Because I have stuck to my guns and have refused to compromise my craft or personal evolution.

**■ How has your menu evolved since you opened? Are you influenced by food or dining trends?**

Overall, I think the menu has become both more simple and refined. By that I mean I am constantly striving to coax the maximum potential out of the ingredients. As far as following trends, if they make sense in the context of what I am interested in at the moment I'll go for it. But I have never been the kind of guy that



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**Chef James Hudson owns J Bistro at 15291 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers.**

follows. I prefer to lead.

**■ You appear to be one of the only local chefs cooking sous-vide style. What do you like about the method?**

It is without a doubt the best method of braising. Because you can so closely control the temperature, you have the ability to melt the collagen (what makes tough cuts of meat tough) without melting the fat or overcooking the meat. As an example, by cooking my beef belly dish sous vide, I can make it as tender as a braised beef but maintain the consistency of a New York strip cooked medium.

**■ How important is plate presentation to you?**

Presentation is the last thing I think about when conceptualizing a dish. First comes the season, next the flavor profiles I want. However, when it does come time for presentation, I like to contrast linear and abstract styles. For instance, the actual food may be presented in a straight line, but we will allow the garnish to fall like snowflakes onto the plate and we will sauce it like it's a Jackson Pollack painting.

**■ New York chef Gabrielle Hamilton's memoir "Blood, Bones & Butter" won a James Beard Award this year and was a bestseller. Do you ever read other chef's books or food blogs?**

First of all, let me say Gabrielle's memoir is one of the best I have ever read. Her restaurant, Prune, is the restaurant every chef secretly wants to have. I am a constant reader. If I have three minutes to fill, I have a book in my hand. I'm always



Sous-vide beef belly is an example of James Hudson's global soul food.



Pistou, a classic French soup, is packed with precisely diced vegetables.

trying to get into other cooks' heads be it through their blogs, an interview or a biography. Even when I buy a new cookbook, I almost never read the recipes. I am way more into the introduction or stories spaced throughout the book. That is where you find out what makes the chef tick.

**■ Could you imagine yourself having a different career? What would it be?**

That's easy. If I could start all over again from age 16 I would become an extreme meteorologist chasing tornadoes and hurricanes around the world. If I had to start a new career tomorrow, I would like to rebuild and restore antique aircraft.

**■ There's a lot of attention on foie gras right now because of the ban in California. Where do you stand?**

Foie gras is an extremely misunderstood food. I could easily write a novel-sized diatribe on the subject. Fowl have separate esophagus and trachea, therefore are not suffocating when they are being fed. The fattening of the liver is a natural occurrence in these birds. It's how they store energy for their bi-yearly migrations. Finally, if anybody would take the time to actually go to a foie gras farm they would see a lot of very content clean animals lining up for their twice-daily feeding. This product is very expensive, and the level of quality demanded by the consumer (me) is so high that the only way to produce it is to treat them with the utmost care. If you want to get upset about something take a look at how your chicken nuggets are made.

**■ Are you concerned about using sustainable seafood? A lot of restaurants still serve Chilean sea bass even though it's widely known to be overfished.**

This is a subject that we really should be paying attention to as a global society. The fact of the matter is that we are consuming selected species of fish at a rate that is not even close to sustainable. If I see Chilean sea bass on a menu I will and have walked out the door. I also personally will not eat or serve tuna, grouper, swordfish or cod.

**■ What do you wish Americans would eat more of?**

Offal (organ meat), small oily fish and crustaceans (like fresh sardines and whelks) and vegetables.

**■ Do you have any guilty food pleasures?**

I am a sucker for a greasy hamburger, preferably at 1 o'clock in the morning.

**■ Where do you like to eat out when you get the chance?**

I like to visit either Melissa (Talmage) at Sweet Melissa's on Sanibel or Harold (Balink) at Cru and just let them cook whatever they feel like making me. Truly, good eating is an act of submission. ■



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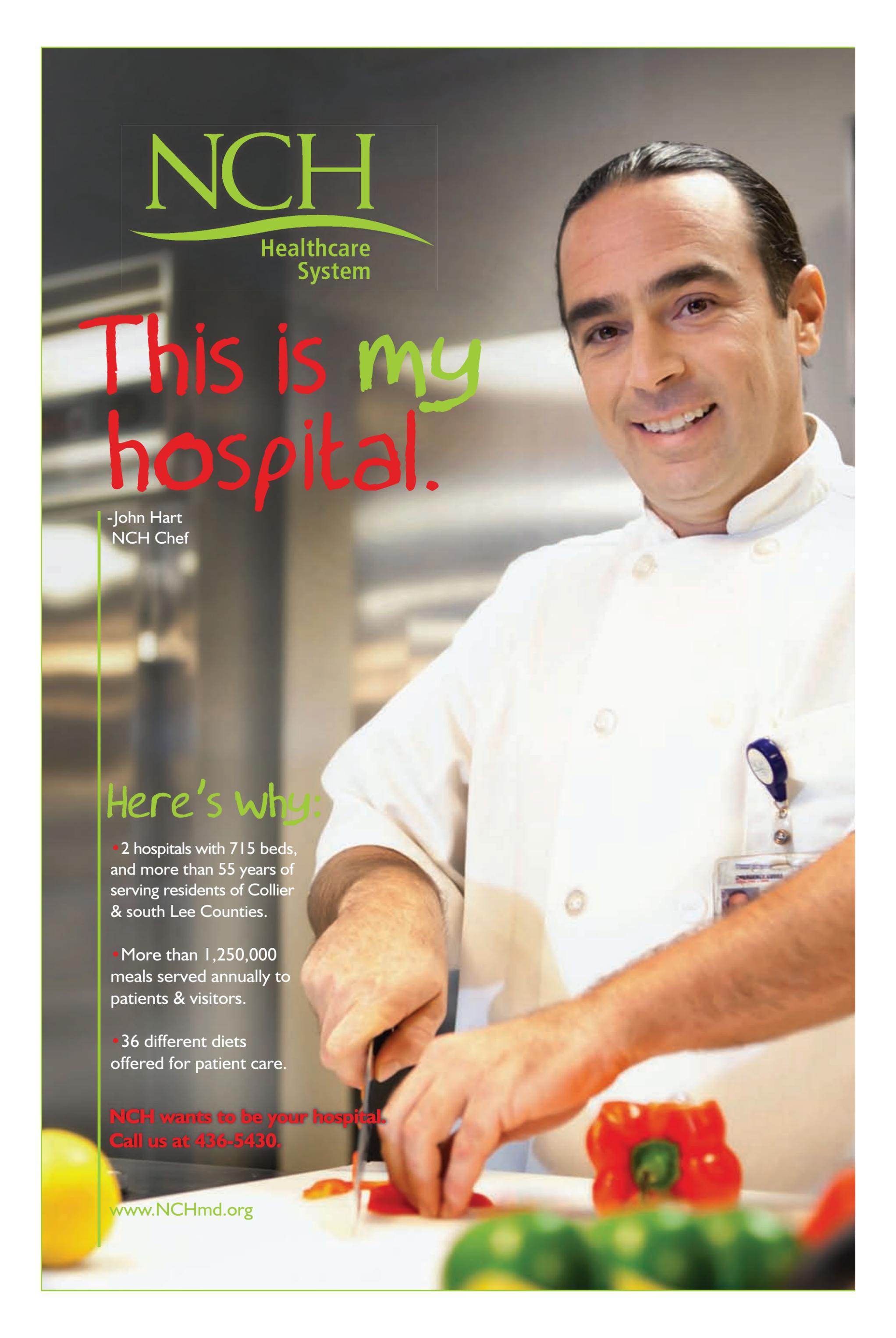
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