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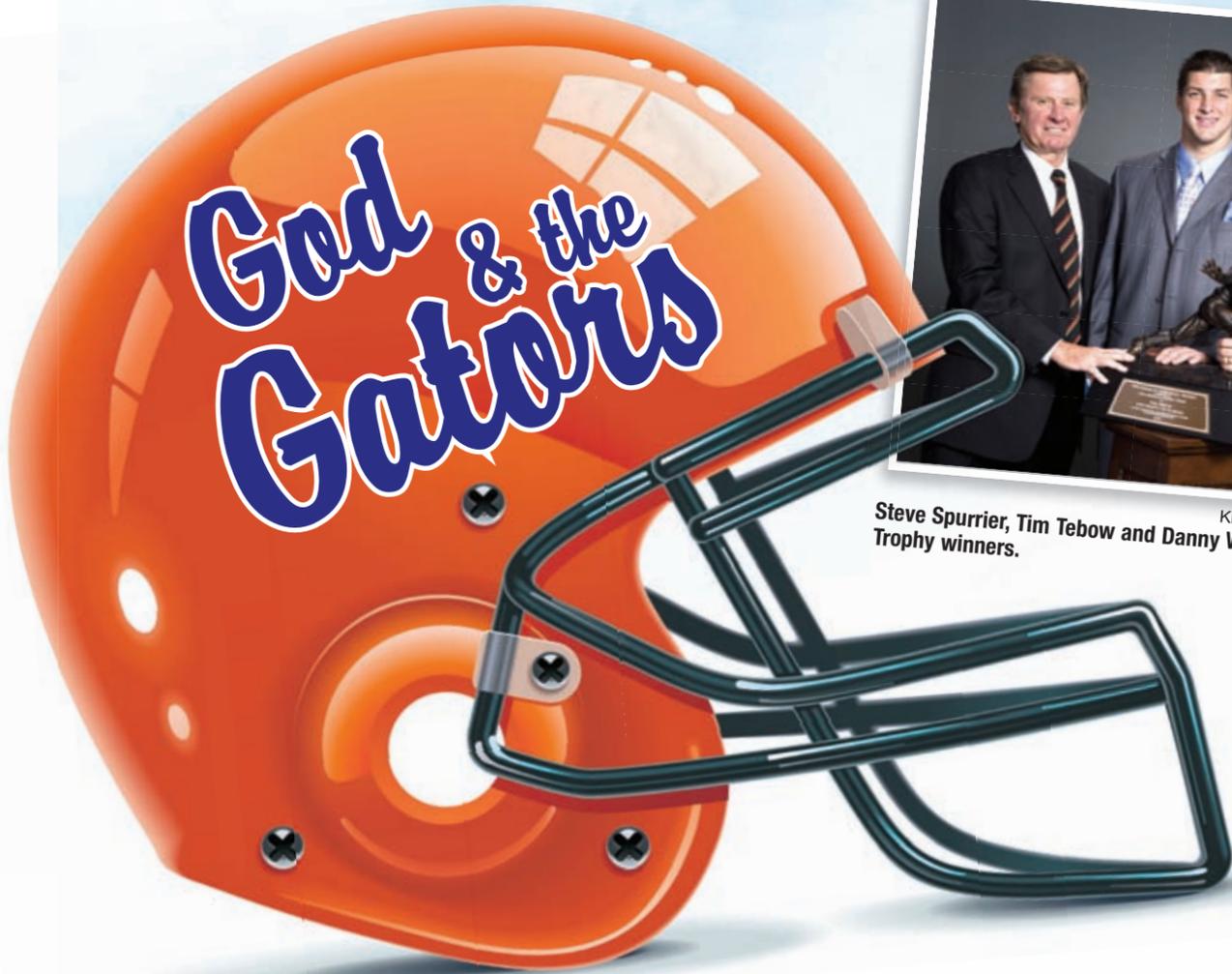
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Steve Spurrier, Tim Tebow and Danny Wuerffel, all preachers' kids, relied on faith to become the holy Heisman trinity at the University of Florida



Steve Spurrier, Tim Tebow and Danny Wuerffel are all Heisman Trophy winners. KELLY KLINE / GETTY IMAGES

BY ATHENA PONUSHIS
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HERE, THE FAITHFUL GATHER ON SATURDAY. Alumni hold their young on their laps and whisper what makes the sun orange and the sky blue. Prayers fall from the pews of their Swamp sanctuary onto the Florida field like a reptile dipping into dark waters. And from this mire, the Gainesville reverent see their trinity

rise: Steve Spurrier, Danny Wuerffel and Tim Tebow.

These three University of Florida quarterbacks are the only Gators to win a Heisman Trophy. All are the sons of preachers. And this curious coincidence fans the flame of the Gainesville creed — God must be more than good, God must be a Gator.

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Unfinished 9/11 memorial is still a powerful reminder

BY EVAN WILLIAMS
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The World Trade Center towers were still standing when Jerry Sanford took an early flight out of LaGuardia Airport in Queens, N.Y., on Sept. 11, 2001.

He ended up stranded in Pittsburg, Pa. where his connecting flight to Naples was canceled in the wake of terrorist attacks that destroyed the towers, the worst-hit location on a day that nearly 3,000 people died. He drove home in a rental car.

Like many people old enough to remember where they were when the collapse of

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9/11 memorial mass

>> The Gulf Coast Retired Firefighters Association is sponsoring a 9/11 memorial mass at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church on Rattlesnake Hammock Road. All are welcome.

the towers marked a moment in time, a type of Pearl Harbor for a younger generation, the events are deeply personal.

A native New Yorker and former press

secretary for the New York City Fire Department, Mr. Sanford returned to New York as a volunteer press secretary for a month after 9/11.

"I went to countless funerals of the guys I knew and worked with," he says.

Now he and the Collier County Freedom Memorial Task Force are trying to finish a memorial for the victims and heroes of that day and the wars the terrorist actions ignited.

Construction began on the Collier County Freedom Memorial in 2009, after

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COMMENTARY

Road map: Finding the real politic on a country afternoon



Tommy Lee Cook's Kingdom of Conservative Values bisects my Land of Liberal Lessons way down at the crossroads of American Political Expressions, which perfectly defines the breathtaking artistry in his novel new Buckingham restaurant, The Hut.

The restaurant is an American Political Expression of real politic if there ever was one, at least as I define it. It gets to the heart of the matter, which is why it might be worth a drive north from Naples.

For both of us, there's politics, and then there's politics: the politics of the moment, and the politics of permanence.

Mr. Cook thinks Glenn Beck "is a genius," for example, while I think he's U.S. Sen. Joseph McCarthy reincarnated. The devil, in other words.

So we don't agree about the politics of the moment. But we do agree about the politics of permanence — about the real politic, if I can characterize it this way.

And that's the way it should be in America.

Three hundred and sixty degrees of vibrant murals, painted from photos Mr. Cook took, depict the Everglades in the biggest dining room at The Hut.

Archival images of proud and smiling Miccosukee Indians grace the walls of another room, having come from Mr. Cook's friend, Woody Hanson.

Mr. Hanson's grandfather, W. Stanley Hanson, known affectionately as "the White Medicine Man" by Seminole and Miccosukee alike, took the rare pictures many decades ago throughout the area that is now Lee, Hendry and Collier counties. That was before air conditioning, before mosquito control, before casinos and before most Yankees.

On a lovely September afternoon, that once-upon-a-time act of real politic — photographing Native Americans a century ago — can allow Mr. Cook and me to forget, for a minute, the Republican or Democratic parties, along with the 2012 presidential slander-fest that will conclude in the November voting booth.

Instead, we can embrace the real politic: fried green tomatoes grown next door, or free-range pecan chicken or shrimp Diane or blackened grouper or roast pork or a back-strap filet with sandy grits and blackberry cobbler.

Mr. Cook is ready to do politics any way you want it, of course — momentary or not. Fried, broiled, baked and barbecued — or not. Glenn Beck, Joe McCarthy — or not.

Born way down in the mountains of Virginia and adopted at 1 month of age, he introduces this shooting star of a biographical fact while casually suggesting that all women have a choice, but he's glad the woman who was his mother made the right one. Hence, he can offer

both a personal and a political observation while touting the vibrant cuisine of his restaurant.

This is why I like Mr. Cook: He takes everything personally, including politics, just like I do.

If all politics is local, in Mr. Cook's view, it can also be full-flavored, with hints of nectarine and a brilliant pale golden color laced with crisp, citrus aromas and floral notes — a Maso Canali pinot grigio, for example.

That's pretty personal.

My politics, of course, are a little more pedestrian, leaning too often to an ice-cold can of PBR or a bottomless glass of sweet tea, but they're just as personal.

Like Mr. Cook, I take the meaning of the word politics in its Greek sense, meaning anything related to the polis: to the center of society, the pole, the anchor in our shared lives.

For him, that means Fresh-and-Florida without the sell-out comfort of franchising and pre-packed distribution.

That's why back in the kitchen of the new Hut there are no freezers. Every dish delivered to table or bar — to the more formal or less formal dining areas inside and outside — is fresh. Some of it is also local, grown 100 yards down the road.

When or if you go in, just ask him about any of this. He's the late-50s dude with the pickle-barrel chest over narrow hips, his hair pulled back tightly into a jaunty little pony-tail, his navy shirt with tiny stars tucked into his clean

denim, his needle-nosed cowboy boots suggesting a dancer's dream designed only for a Saturday night soiree, especially on feet that skip forward when he walks in light prancing steps, like those of a man about to jump over the moon and come up smiling.

Which is what he just did, by investing (with a partner) about \$2 million and a year's worth of hard work in a top-to-bottom redesign of the old place.

There are sprawling decks outside, overlooking verdant grounds imbued with pools, ponds, fountains and live oaks. The native flora and fauna seem to extend to the painted images inside, too, where bromeliads bloom in spiky red tongues of color from the trunks of cypress trees, where otters fish and frolic, and looky there — where a couple of good ol' boys fish from an airboat near a swamp cottage outside of which lie (in the shade of those bald ancient trees) several cob-sealed jugs of 'shine.

Just how accurate is this depiction of Mr. Cook's own camp, sequestered so deep in the Glades of eastern Collier County that when he and Woody Hanson sank his airboat last year, they had to walk more than 20 miles along a night-shrouded levy to get out?

I'd say spot on. That's the real politic for you. ■

(If you go: The Hut is on Buckingham Road in Lee County, reached by traveling east of I-75 about six miles on State Road 80, then turning south on Buckingham Road.)

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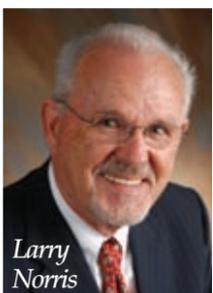
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OPINION

Spending? What spending?



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Special to Florida Weekly

Franklin Delano Roosevelt never denied that he created Social Security. Lyndon Baines Johnson didn't forswear any responsibility for Medicaid. Ronald Reagan never argued that his defense buildup didn't happen.

The Obama White House, in contrast, wants to wish away the historic federal spending that is one of its signature accomplishments.

White House press secretary Jay Carney has urged reporters to steer clear of "the BS that you hear about spending and fiscal constraint with regard to this administration." Not one to be out-classed by his press secretary, President Barack Obama kept up the edifying livestock theme by calling Mitt Romney's attacks on his deficit spending "a cow pie of distortion."

The White House has a deeply conflicted relationship to its own record. It is saddled with a bad case of spender's denial, a rare psychological disorder afflicting committed Keynesians facing re-election at a time of record debt.

On the one hand, spending is the lifeblood of "Forward." It saved us from another Great Depression. It is forging a glorious new future of green energy. It is the only thing standing between the American public and the untold devastation of the Paul Ryan budget. How do we know? Because President Obama says so.

On the other hand, the deficits and the debt that come with all this spending are alarming and unpopular. So Obama calls himself the most fiscally conservative president in more than half a century. When the president isn't extolling his transformative expenditures, he has a Walter Mitty life as the second coming of Dwight Eisenhower. He needs to consult an accountant and a therapist, and not necessarily in that order.

Andrew Taylor of The Associated Press writes that "Obama bears the chief responsibility for an 11 percent, \$59 billion increase in non-defense spending in 2009. Then there's a 9 percent, \$109 billion increase in combined defense and non-defense appropriated outlays in 2010, a year for which Obama is wholly responsible." Spending growth slowed after that, under the influence of the very same congressional Republicans that President Obama excoriates

for not allowing him to spend more.

There's no doubt that the president inherited a fiscal nightmare. Spending spiked as the economy tanked. His response has been to spend yet more every single year. As a percentage of GDP, spending has been at post-World War II highs throughout his term. If fiscal probity is truly his aim, President Obama is a miserable failure of a skin-flint.

The laughable claim to fiscal restraint is meant to recapture some of Obama's former ideological indistinctness. Back in 2008, he could say that he wanted a net cut in federal spending, in his guise as a post-partisan pragmatist. That was several \$1 trillion deficits ago. Now, the president can say whatever he wants, but his budgets are a matter of public record.

He should embrace those budgets in all their Keynesian majesty. They are one of his most consequential contributions to our national life, and a true expression of his philosophical core and that of his party. In his tawdry denials, the president almost acts as if \$5.5 trillion in new debt is something to be ashamed of. ■

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

Workers feel the pain of Bain



amyGOODMAN

Special to Florida Weekly

Four hardy souls from rural Illinois joined tens of thousands of people undeterred by threats of Hurricane Isaac during this week's Republican National Convention. They weren't among the almost 2,400 delegates to the convention, though, nor were they from the press corps, said to number 15,000. They weren't part of the massive police force assembled here, more than 3,000 strong, all paid for with \$50 million of U.S. taxpayer money. These four were about to join a much larger group: the more than 2.4 million people in the past decade whose U.S. jobs have been shipped to China. In their case, the company laying them off and sending their jobs overseas is Bain Capital, co-founded by the Republican presidential nominee, Mitt Romney.

We met the group at Romneyville, a tent city on the outskirts of downtown Tampa, established by the Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign in the spirit of the Hoovervilles of the Great Depression. A couple hundred people gathered before the makeshift stage to hear speakers and musicians, under intermittent downpours and the noise of three police helicopters drowning out the voices of the anti-poverty activists. Scores of police on bicycles occupied the surrounding streets.

Cheryl Randecker was one of those four we met at Romneyville whose Bain jobs are among the 170 slated to be off-shored. They build transmission sensors for many cars and trucks made

in the United States. Cheryl was sent to China to train workers there, not knowing that the company was about to be sold and the jobs she was training people for included her own. I asked her how it felt to be training her own replacements after working at the same company for 33 years:

"Knowing that you're going to be completely out of a job and there's no hope for any job in our area, it was gut-wrenching, because you don't know where the next point is going to be. I'm 52 years old. What are we going to do? To start over at this point in my life is extremely scary."

Cheryl and her co-workers learned that the Honeywell division they had been working for had been sold to Sensata Technologies. They researched Sensata. "We found out this summer that it was owned by Bain (Capital)," she said. "Then we found the connection between Bain and Gov. Romney. And that just spurred a little bit of emotion ... we wanted to stand up and fight back and take a stand for the American people and for our jobs."

Cheryl and her co-workers started a petition that got 35,000 signatures, which they delivered to Bain Capital in Evanston, Ill.

They work in Freeport, in the northwest corner of Illinois, not far from Iowa and Wisconsin. Tom Gaulrapp, another 33-year veteran of the Honeywell company now owned by Sensata/Bain, knew that Romney would be campaigning in both of those swing states. He described their efforts that followed: "We attempted to bring an open letter to the Romney campaign headquarters after they repeatedly said that they were unaware of the situation. At every stop, when we tried to have contact

with them, they locked us out of the building. (In) Madison, Wisconsin, they called the police on us."

So they went to a campaign event where Romney was speaking, in Bettendorf, Iowa. Tom stood up and appealed to Romney to come to Freeport to help them save their jobs. He was shouted down by the crowd, which chanted, "U.S.A! U.S.A.!" Tom continued: "We're there trying to save our jobs, and we were called Communists. For trying to stop our jobs from going to Communist China."

I asked Cheryl why they were targeting Romney, who no longer runs Bain. "Mitt Romney created the model of outsourcing jobs," she explained. "He created Bain ... he is still reaping very high benefits from Bain, financially. So he can pick up the phone and call his buddies and say, 'We need to stop this practice and keep the U.S. jobs here.'"

Bonnie Borman was pregnant with her daughter when she started at the factory 23 years ago. She told me, "I now have to compete with my daughter for minimum-wage jobs." Tom added: "We've been told our last day of work will be Friday, Nov. 2. We'll file for unemployment the following Monday. The day after that, we vote." Just to be safe, they should bring a photo ID. ■

— Denis Moynihan contributed research to this column.

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



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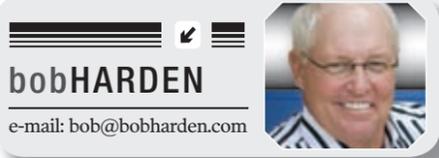
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The Inn on Fifth and McCabe's Irish Pub are downtown Naples landmarks, but they're not the only marks owner Phil McCabe has left on the Paradise Coast community.

Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida has chosen Mr. McCabe, the owner and CEO of Gulf Coast Commercial Corp., as one of its 2012 Business Hall of Fame laureates in recognition of his professional accomplishments and his commitment to the community.

Phil, his sister and three brothers were raised in the blue-collar community of Dorchester, Mass. Their father taught Latin, Greek, history and English in Boston; their mother was a stay-at-home mom.

Phil wasn't a great student, and as an alternative to being drafted during the Vietnam War, he joined the Air Force at the age of 19. In 1968, he was recruited to Air Force Intelligence, where he developed skills as a specialist in the analysis of the Russian missile program. He was stationed primarily in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

After active duty, he joined the CIA and served for four years in northern Iran before resigning to pursue his goal of being a business entrepreneur. At 27, he took his entire savings of \$25,000 and purchased his first hospitality venture, a bankrupt business off the coast of Maine, turning it into one of New England's first

bed-and-breakfast inns.

The success of that first endeavor paved the way for Phil's work in the real estate and hospitality industries that has helped shape the Naples landscape. In 1984, he sold his holdings in Maine and two years later opened the Inn of Naples, a boutique property with a restaurant. Six years later, he built another boutique hotel, the Inn at Pelican Bay.

He also developed, opened and operated the Inn on Fifth and its McCabe's Irish Pub & Grill, and four additional restaurants: Garden Court Café, Windows on the Water, McCabe Brothers Steak House and Boston's Restaurant & Sports Bar. Last year, he broke ground on a \$15 million expansion project at the Inn on Fifth. He has served on the board of directors of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce and is a former chair of the city's Community Redevelopment Agency. He serves on the board of the Fifth Avenue South Business Improvement District and was also one of the original volunteers to promote beautification of the landscape throughout Collier County.

Passionate about helping young people, Phil has awarded scholarships to dozens of local students through the Take Stock in Children program of the Education Foundation of Collier County and has advocated on behalf of high-risk children through other nonprofit and cultural organizations such as Fun Time Early Learning Academy, the Community Foundation of Collier County, Community School of Naples, Gulfshore Playhouse and The Naples Players.

Talking points with Phil McCabe

Something your mother was always right about: Make lots of time to spend with your children while they are growing up.

Advice for your kids: Work hard, study and prepare yourself for very competitive future. Take advantage of opportunities when they come along. Stay focused and organized. Master technology.

What makes you laugh: Irish jokes. "Modern Family." My two sons; we can laugh to the point of tears.

As a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up: It was always a dream/desire to own and operate my own business.

First job: I was a caddy at the age of 12 and a gas station attendant at 16.

What would you be doing if you weren't doing this: Would have continued my career with the CIA and retired by now. It was a real eye opening, taking me to Iran, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Israel.

Mentor(s): More businesses than individuals (i.e., Marriott, The Ritz-Carlton, Darden Restaurants, Truluck's).

Skill or talent you wish you had: I wish I were better in law, technology and tennis.

Guilty pleasures: Very fine French Champagne, chocolate.

Next vacation destination: Vail, Colo.



Last book you read: "Boomerang" by Michael Lewis.

Something you'll never understand: Why people have a hard time embracing change.

What are you most proud of? My sons.

Favorite thing about the Paradise Coast: The weather.

What the Paradise Coast really needs: Further expansion of cultural institutions such as theater and art; higher education.

What you miss about the Paradise Coast when you're away: Home.

I will always appreciate that Phil brought his wit and candor to my show as one of the first guests on my first broadcast more than nine years ago. He had already made a difference along the Paradise Coast back then, and he has

continued to do so ever since. ■

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

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- Barrett Avenue and Bayshore Drive - Speeding

Tuesday, Sept. 11

- Golden Gate Parkway and Sunshine Boulevard - Running red lights
- Santa Barbara Boulevard and 19th Court SW - Speeding
- 44th Terrace SW at Golden Terrace Elementary - Aggressive driving

Wednesday, Sept. 12

- Naples Boulevard and Pine Ridge Road - Running red lights
- Osceola Trail and Livingston Road - Speeding
- Goodlette-Frank Road and Granada Boulevard - Speeding

Thursday, Sept. 13

- Radio and Airport-Pulling roads - Aggressive driving
- Livingston Road and Enterprise Avenue - Speeding
- Devonshire Boulevard - Speeding

Friday, Sept. 14

- Vanderbilt Beach Road and Oakes Boulevard - Running red lights
- Immokalee Road and Ibis Cove Circle - Speeding
- Learning Lane at North Naples Middle School - Aggressive driving ■



New locations on the way for Goodwill shoppers

Bargain hunters will have two new Goodwill locations to scour for great buys, with the opening of a new donation center and bookstore in Naples and a new retail and donation center in Estero.

The Naples donation center and bookstore at 1795 Ninth St. N. will be Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida's second bookstore. The first opened in Fort Myers in October 2010.

The Estero center, at 10351 Corkscrew Commons Drive, will replace the Estero Goodwill boutique around the corner on Three Oaks Parkway and is more than three times larger. It will employ 20 workers, up from five in the current store.

The grand opening of the Naples donation center and bookstore is set for 8:45 a.m. Friday, Sept. 7. The store will open to the public at 9 a.m.

The Estero grand opening is set for 8:45 a.m. Friday, Sept. 14.

Both buildings utilize greener construction elements, energy-efficient interior lighting and native plant species throughout the landscaping. They also have convenient drive-up donation drop-offs and will accept donations of all items — clothing, books, household items and furniture.

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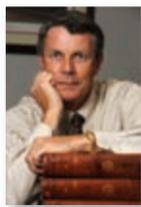
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Sept 18

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GATORS

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"I don't know what to think of it," Wes Jamison says of the Heisman happenstance. "The depth of Christianity in the UF football program, you don't really see it or hear about it, it's almost like a subculture, but it's there ... And it's pervasive."

Wes Jamison can speak to this matter: 1.) He has been ordained as a Southern Baptist pastor. 2.) He has studied and taught at UF. 3.) His father played football for the Gators. 4.) His son plays high-school football, loves Tim Tebow and would love to make his way to Gainesville.

"Florida football puts your faith on the line," says the pastor with a Ph.D. in agricultural politics. But when facing this mystery of three preacher's kids/Heisman quarterbacks, like most Gator fans he starts bragging about the Southeastern Conference. "In many ways, it's a crucible. It tests if your faith's for real."

The breakaway conference has gone on a six-year romp of the national crown. With the presence of Tim Tebow, Florida took two of these titles. To Pastor Jamison, this further attests to the divinity of his team.

To be fair, the Gators are far from saintly. There was the roaring probation of the '80s and player arrest reports seem to keep rolling on. Ben Hill Griffin Stadium consistently ranks as one of the toughest places to play an away game, while the Gainesville campus continues to rank as one of the best places to party, making it even more arousing that from such a collegiate Babylon springs forth this holy Heisman trilogy.

Scholars of religion and culture say Tim Tebow has become an icon because he represents the intersection of religion and sport. But he does not stand alone. Wuerffel and Spurrier came before him, cloaked in the same orange-and-blue cloth.

These Florida PK/QBs say they did as their fathers taught them: they prayed before kickoff, then gave the game to God. Because they played for a purpose bigger than themselves, sports psychologists say their faith freed them from any limitation in their heads. Because football was not their priority, their mothers say they found their focus.

All in all, this Heisman litany poses quite the quandary over the relationship of faith and football.

How much does what you achieve stem from what you believe? Because looking at these three, it seems their greatest talent may be the intangible, their greatest talent may be their belief.

"I can remember saying, after a lot of those wins at Florida, 'God has smiled on the Gators,'" says Spurrier, who coached the Gators to their first national title in 1996, capping off four consecutive SEC championships.

As a player, Spurrier was awarded the Heisman Trophy in 1966. As a coach, he was known for his fun-and-gun offense. This tactic of aerial assault may have been triggered by his last high school football game. "We were down 21-0. Coach told me to throw on every down," says Spurrier, who threw four touchdowns in the second half, then was recruited by another son of a preacher, UF Coach Ray Graves.

If his faith and his father gave him an edge in football, Spurrier says it was in the prayer his father taught him to say before the game. "I have never believed in praying to win," says the son of Presbyterian Minister John Graham Spurrier.



Steve Spurrier, University of Florida quarterback and Heisman Trophy Winner, #11, in 1964.

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"The most religious person doesn't necessarily make the best athlete and the best athlete doesn't have to be the most faith-based individual. There are three ways to waste your energy: wishing, worrying and whining. Faith means being able to relinquish all worries you have no control over."

— Harold Shinitzky
sports psychologist

er II. "My Dad taught me to pray that we would play the best we could, that there would be no injuries to either team and that the Lord's will be done. If it was meant for us to win, okay."

Growing up as the son of a preacher, life meant that Spurrier's dad could make it to all of his games — football, basketball, baseball.

"My Dad was my first coach," says Spurrier, thinking back to Little League in Tennessee. "But he did not lavish a lot of praise on me. He always said, 'You could do a little better.'" Even when Spurrier was a hotshot in the sixth grade, scoring 30 points in a basketball game, his father did not gloat over the shots he made, he always said, "Good, but what about the shot you missed?"

Spurrier reflects on these moments, sitting in his office as the head coach of the University of South Carolina, holding a picture showing his mom and his dad, his brother and his sister and himself standing in front of their home, right next to their church in Athens, Tenn. "I was the baby," says Spurrier, looking at his 6-year-old self.

Since his father passed, Spurrier says he hears his dad's voice more through country music than out on the football field, especially when listening to "Precious Memories," an Alan Jackson album. "My Dad loved all those old gospel songs," he says. "When I hear Alan Jackson — and I play that CD a lot — I hear my Dad leading the congregation in song on a Sunday or Wednesday night. Sunday morning



Tim Tebow

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was a little more official."

When Spurrier thinks of how all three UF Heisman winners are the sons of preachers, he chalks it up to "coincidental." He seems more curious about how all three of them ended up being quarterbacks, as if there's some inherent link to the sons of shepherds taking on the roles of leaders. But as far as the Gators being anointed, he says, "The other team has Christian players, too."

When Spurrier first started coaching, he read somewhere that a coach should not push his faith on his team, but he should not hide it from them either. So he makes a distinction: "The team chaplain is the minister. I'm the coach."

And this makes a distinction among the UF Heisman trio: Spurrier appears to be a football player who happens to be Christian, while Wuerffel and Tebow appear as Christians who happen to be football players.

Says Harold Shinitzky, sports psychologist, "The most religious person doesn't necessarily make the best athlete and the best athlete doesn't have to be the most faith-based individual."

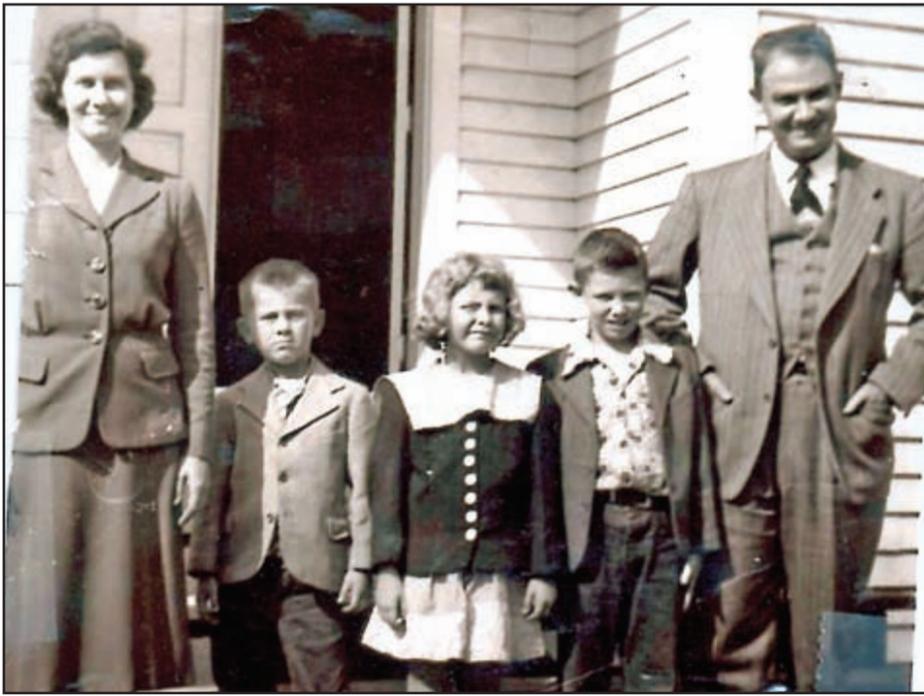
For more than 20 years, Dr. Shinitzky has counseled Olympic athletes and professional athletes from every major sports association. Regardless of the religion, he describes faith as the antidote to worry; therefore, he finds faith beneficial.

"There are three ways to waste your energy: wishing, worrying and whining," he says. He goes into hypotheticals of athletes wishing for a blowout season, worrying they will not make the cut or whining about some referee call. "Faith means being able to relinquish all worries you have no control over."

He then plays the role of a faithful quarterback: "I don't worry if my lineman will do his job, he has to. I have faith in him, we practiced."

If faith has the ability to help people recover from medical illness, he reasons faith can help someone play football. He says faith frees you from your head, because when you're stuck in your head, you end up over-thinking things, you freak yourself out, a condition Dr. Shinitzky refers to as "paralysis through analysis."

But he does find it weird how the public has a tendency to ascribe victory to an individual who has apparently



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Above: The Spurrier family in 1952.

Right: Coach Steve Spurrier on fan day in 1999.



been given his ability through his faith. When a reporter interviews the victor, he says the viewing audience expects to hear, "I would like to thank God." But what about the interviews in the losing locker room? "We never hear them say, 'Well, apparently God has forsaken us.'"

So more than aligning faith with ability, he attributes faith as lending perspective. And if a Heisman quarterback holds his trust in a greater good through his series of downs, Dr. Shinitzky sees that as more than impressive, but healthy.

Lola Wuerffel raised a Heisman quarterback. The wife of a preacher, she does not believe it takes a preacher to raise a child of Heisman fortune. As long as faith remains their focal point, she believes life and sport will fall in place.

"I think that all three of them ... their faith does give them confidence in something other than whether they succeed or fail on the football field," says Danny Wuerffel's mom. "They know their lives don't hinge on one aspect of their life."

Driving from Atlanta to Jacksonville, driving from grandchildren to grandchildren, she talks about what life looked like for Danny growing up.

The son of an Air Force chaplain, Lt. Col. Jon Wuerffel, Danny moved around a lot. His mother directed the choir, so he was always in the choir, "whether he wanted to or not." His mother says the moving around and the military were good for him. He met a lot of people. And even though there may have been military ranks outside chapel walls, inside all were equal.

"Danny was not intimidated talking to a general and he was just as happy talking to an airman," Mrs. Wuerffel says. "He didn't start football until junior high. And having lived in Florida, now, that's late."

But Danny proved to be a quick study. If his college career were to read



Danny Wuerffel

like a football possession, it would look like this: First down: SEC championship. Second down: SEC championship. Third down: SEC championship. Fourth down: SEC championship, national title and a Heisman Trophy, to boot.

Coached by Spurrier, Danny threw for 10,875 yards and 114 touchdown passes. He brought his hands together in prayer after every touchdown pass.

"A lot of people criticized him for that, saying, 'God doesn't care who wins the football game,'" remembers Mrs. Wuerffel, who says that was not her boy's intention. He simply did what he read in the Bible to do, "In all things, give glory to God."

After Danny won the Heisman Trophy, Mrs. Wuerffel says parents kept coming up to her, asking, "What do I need to do to get my boy there?"

"There's no way you can orchestrate that," she says. "It's almost like it's a God thing."

Her boy happened to play football in a huge football state and happened to be recruited by a coach who liked to

throw the ball 500 yards a game. Mrs. Wuerffel says God made it so and God could have made it different.

These days, people ask Danny about his health more than his faith. He has been diagnosed with Guillain Barre syndrome, a rare immune disorder that attacks the nervous system.

Mrs. Wuerffel says Danny frequently naps due to fatigue, storing up his energy for Desire Street Ministries. Founded in the Ninth Ward of New Orleans, his ministry aims to revitalize impoverished neighborhoods. And his mother sees this service as his life coming full circle, for when her husband first came out of the seminary, he was assigned to a black church in Pensacola, as they needed a minister. Danny was baptized in that Lutheran church.

"As important as football is to him — and it has given him so many opportunities — his priority is still his faith and that this life isn't all there is," Mrs. Wuerffel says. "He's doing his best to help others see that."

This may be the most puzzling part about these decorated PK athletes: Football does not matter.

Sean O'Neil studies religion and culture and has a burgeoning interest in religion and sport, particularly the case of Tim Tebow. The scholar earned his doctorate at UF and now teaches religion and American Studies at the University of Tennessee. He has never met Tebow, but walking around the Gainesville campus, the quarterback once gave him a thumbs up.

Dr. O'Neil mentions this clip, "You can find it on YouTube," where Tebow wears a microphone playing against the Chicago Bears, one of Denver's perceived miracle wins last season.

During the game, whether Tebow's being sacked or throwing an interception, when the Bears fumble in overtime, viewers hear Tebow singing Christian hymns.

"It's a fascinating window into his faith," Dr. O'Neil says. "Football's not his priority, even when he's playing it."

Dr. O'Neil feels Tebow's faith frees him from fear, a la running into defensive lineman when other quarterbacks might slide. And his faith frames the football field as his platform, hence the Tim Tebow Foundation.

But as far as articulating Tebow's grasp on the relationship of faith and football, Dr. O'Neil lays it out like this: "He does not believe God helps him win or lose. He's not sure about God's role in football. But he is clear, God is in control of his life, no matter what happens on the field."

On the Florida field in 2007, Tebow became the first college sophomore to win the Heisman Trophy, after becoming the first major college quarterback to reach 20 passing touchdowns and 20 rushing touchdowns in a season.

More than making it cool to be Christian, Dr. O'Neil says Tebow is the physical representation of the tension

statues erected outside Ben Hill Griffin Stadium in honor of the Heisman winners (Tebow's bearing the verse John 3:16 on his eye black), the scholar sees that even though Tebow may be Christianity's latest sports celebrity, he has company.

"Studying religion and culture, you see the Eastern Orthodox Church, the Catholic Church make icons of their faith," Dr. O'Neil says. "Gainesville has embodied these three Heisman quarterbacks as their icons. There are statues of them that people take their pictures by."

Mick Hubert knew these men before they were bronze. Hubert has been the voice of the Gators for 24 years. When Spurrier threw his visor, when Wuerffel clasped his hands, when Tebow took a knee, Hubert announced it on the radio.

He says Wuerffel was not the best practice player, but when the scoreboard was on, he was on. Spurrier did not try to please other people, but lived by the mantra, "I got to be me." And Tebow lifted up his teammates, showing them they can do more than they ever believed.

"Perhaps the common denominator of the three," Hubert begins, "I think they all really felt they were given a God-given ability, I guess you might say, given something special and they felt a responsibility to that."

Back in the mid-'90s when Wuerffel was making every week look like a highlight reel, Hubert says, "I didn't think anybody would ever be a bigger celebrity than Danny." Now he asks, "Who could be bigger than Tim Tebow?"

Luke Jamison does not think it will be him.

Luke lives in Jupiter and goes to Grace Immanuel Bible Church with his father, Wes Jamison. Yes, his father's a preacher. Yes, his grandfather played for the Gators. And yes, Luke loves Tim Tebow. "But I'm probably not going to win the Heisman Trophy," says the 14-year-old DE/TE for Jupiter Christian. "Only the best player in football wins the Heisman Trophy."

And Tebow holds that coveted role in Luke's eyes.

"It's fun to look at him, how he was, what he did and try and do it myself," says Luke, who read Tebow's book and tried to do his workouts. "I can't even do the preacher (bicep) curls he did in eighth grade."

If Luke had to pick his favorite Tebow quote, it would be: "Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard." Such words lend Tebow the intention of David and the size of Goliath, an image Luke sees as inspiring for his high school team.

"We're not the most athletic team. We're not very strong, not very big and not very fast," Luke says. "But if we can do everything right, if we work together as a team, maybe we can take down some of the big, fast, strong teams we play against."

And when Luke thinks on this work ethic, he sees the principles of football overlapping the principles of his Christian life. "You can't just say something 50 percent, you have to devote your whole heart to it and your whole attention to it," he says. "You can't let something wait until tomorrow, you have to give 100 percent to the moment at hand."

"I'll try as hard as I can to get into college, then I'll try as hard as I can from there," sounding as though he does not care to be as good as a football player as the blessed three, as long as he can be as good a Christian. ■



Wes and Luke Jamison

the Christian community tends to feel with the broader world. Because the masses relate to him, they idolize him. And when Dr. O'Neil looks at the three

MEMORIAL

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plans began forming in 2004. The project is stalled because of the expense required to build a 40-foot granite American flag and base called for by the memorial's original design.

Although the county donated the land on which it's built, in Freedom Park at Goodlette-Frank Road and Golden Gate Parkway, the rest of the project is paid for with private donations. The recession slowed the progress of fundraising efforts, says Mr. Sanford, who is chairman of the task force.

Part of the Freedom Memorial is finished, though. A construction fence surrounds the area where the flag will stand, but people already visit the walkway and read bricks inscribed with personal messages.

The task force and the Gulf Coast Retired Firefighters Association have raised about \$800,000 so far; at least another \$1 million is needed to complete the flag.

Plans call for the flag to be made with rose granite, cut into a gently waving flag shape, with cutout stars through which sunlight will shine. The stone will come from quarries in the United States, and in order to ensure that the colors match, it must be purchased all at one time, board member Sam Cadreau explains.

"Part of it would be coming out of the Southwest," he says. "And I think the other place for our best match is Maine."

Mr. Sanford says the task force board is considering reducing the thickness of the granite used on the flag to save



An aerial view of the Collier County Freedom Memorial

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A rendering, left, and a model of the memorial flag, which will be made of rose granite.

money.

Naples artist Gerald Ladue's winning design called for granite to be used.

"(Granite) is certainly long lasting," Mr. Ladue says, "and an appropriate way to show our respect to the people we are honoring, the victims and heroes of 9/11 as well as all of our veterans."

His plans also call for a fountain that alludes to the twin towers, and a walkway — already finished — in the shape

of the Pentagon (one of the sites hit on 9/11). But the American flag was his inspiration.

"You know you see it in a parade and your heart skips a beat," he says.

To make a donation to the Collier County Freedom Memorial, purchase a brick or invite a representative from the task force to speak to your organization, call Jerry Sanford at 254-3169 or visit www.CollierRemembers.org. ■

It's not too late to nominate a great teacher

The Education Foundation of Collier County kicks off its 23rd year of the Golden Apple Celebration of Teachers by inviting the public to nominate a favorite teacher for a Golden Apple award. Nomination forms are being distributed to students in Collier County Public Schools; nominations can also be made online at www.GetOnTheBus-Collier.org/Nominate.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, Sept. 7.

This celebration dinner will take place on Friday, May 10, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club and will honor Teachers of Distinction and Golden Apple recipients. Also that evening, tune into WINK-TV for an in-depth view into the classrooms of this year's six Golden Apple recipients.

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At 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, Rabbi Ammos Chorny will lead a High Holy Days prep program that will include reacquainting attendees with the melodies, recipes and special themes of the High Holy Days. Learning to sound the shofar will be an option for all in attendance.

Although there is no charge for the Selichot program or the prep program, reservations are requested and can be

made by calling 434-1818.

The High Holy Days schedule is as follows:

■ **Rosh Hashanah services:** 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, and at 9:30 a.m. Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 17-18.

■ **Yom Kippur services:** 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25 (Kol Nidre) and at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26.

Beth Tikvah, the Naples affiliate of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, is at 1459 Pine Ridge Road, just west of Mission Square Plaza.

For more information, including pricing for Holy Day services, call Phil Jason at 287-8921. ■

Businesses can SCORE with 'i Gives Back'

Iberiabank continues its "i Gives Back" outreach program by partnering with SCORE of Naples on a series of seminars to help small businesses. The first session is from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, at the bank's Naples headquarters, 2150 Goodlette Road.

"Financial Management Tips and Tools for Small Business Owners" will address ways to improve profitability, more accurately project finances, forecast inventory purchases, streamline financial statements, prepare for seasonal fluctuations and manage overhead. It will also touch on financing options for working capital and fixed asset needs. A SCORE volunteer will moderate the session; Linda Williams and Indira Maharaj of Iberiabank will

facilitate the discussion.

Ms. Williams has been helping business owners and individuals with their financial needs for more than 35 years. Ms. Maharaj is a 16-year veteran of the banking industry.

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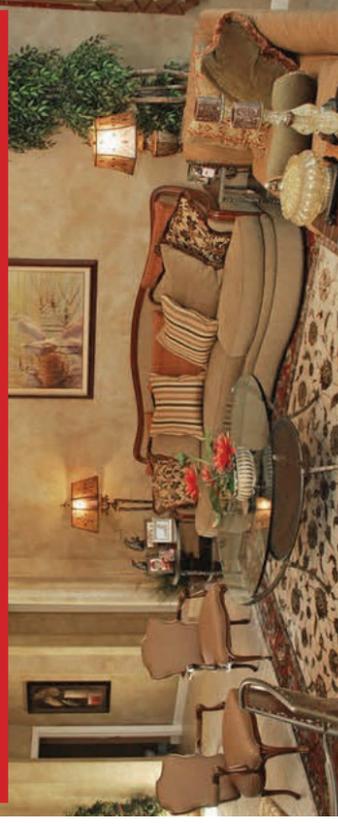
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Providing students with hands-on vocational training is one of the core goals of The Immokalee Foundation. This summer, six TIF high school students headed to Thomas Riley Artisans' Guild in Naples to craft 12 children's Adirondack chairs with matching ottomans under the guidance of professional craftsmen. Their creations will be sold at TIF's 2012 Charity Classic Celebration.

For three years, the artisans' guild has welcomed TIF students to its 32,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility for a student project.

"It has always been important for us to give back to the community that has given so much to us," says Doug Poe, general manager of the guild. "Anytime we can work with students and let them see a side of business they've never really been attuned to is special. Maybe it will spark an interest they didn't know they had."

Prior to the students' arrival, the professional craftsmen at Thomas Riley did all of the planning and cutting that students were unable to complete due to safety requirements. They also assembled one chair as a sample for the students to follow. The students were given a plan including a deadline. They did the sanding, prepping and assembly of the chairs and ottomans.

"They worked together as a team to complete the project and at the end, felt a great sense of accomplishment," Mr. Poe says. "They all felt proud that they had created something that would then be sold to benefit The Immokalee Foundation. They want to help, and this was their way of giving back."



Immokalee Foundation students with craftsmen at the Thomas Riley Artisans' Guild: Ben Riley, Mike Benfield, Chedeline Frederick, Marcos Diaz, Martin Garza, Juan Pablo Garza, Brisa Martinez, Chris Thomas, Marco Hernandez, Mike Diaz and Doug Poe.

The students were grateful for the chance to work with the craftsmen and learn new skills.



"It was a fun, great experience to try something new," says Martin Garza, adding that he not only values the career insight that TIF has provided him over the years, but also the foundation's firm focus on education. "TIF helps me stay focused and do good in school. They help me do well."

Marco Hernandez participated in the program last year and knew he wanted to return. "I liked the step-by-step process of building the chairs, and, of course, the finished product."

For the first time, two females participated in the project. Brisa Martinez

and Chedeline Frederick both were thrilled with the experience and thankful that TIF allowed them the opportunity to experience different career options.

Ms. Frederick, a four-year TIF student, loved meeting new people and working with her hands. Ms. Martinez says she was particularly fond of using the router.

Mr. Poe and his colleagues at the Thomas Riley Artisans' Guild were impressed with the group. "The kids are what keep us going," Mr. Poe says. "They were enthusiastic, respectful, followed instructions and worked well together. They were there because they wanted to learn."

Heather Meech, TIF's event coordinator, said the support that TIF has received from Thomas Riley Artisans' Guild has

been overwhelming. "They enjoy having and teaching the kids. They believe in these students and to us that is priceless. We are so thankful for their support."

The next step for the students will be attending the TIF Charity Classic Celebration on Nov. 16 at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples, to show off their craftsmanship. The furniture will be available for sale at that time. The sets are made of a high density, durable material typically used on decks and trim work, thus they are able to withstand the outdoors. ■

— For more information about The Immokalee Foundation and its programs that focus on building pathways to success through college and career development, direct scholarships, mentoring and tutoring, call 430-9122 or visit www.immokaleefoundation.org.

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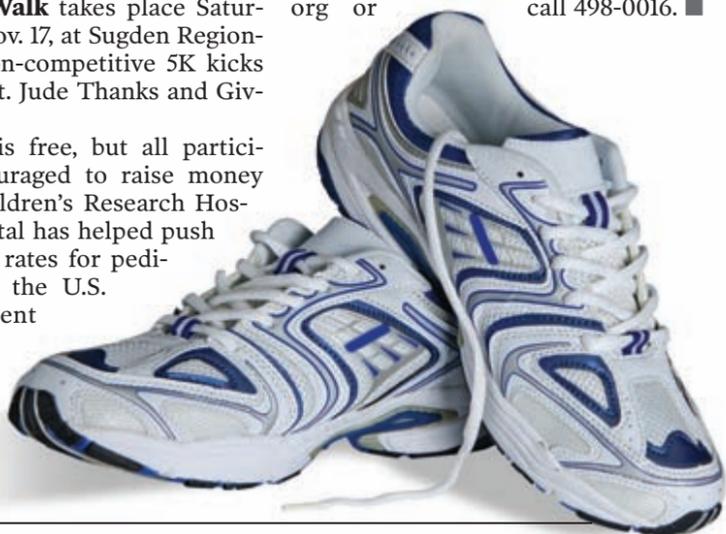
Here are some outdoor activities coming up to benefit various charitable organizations.

■ The annual **Walk for Life** benefiting Pregnancy Resource Center sets out at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, along a two-mile route at North Collier Regional Park. For registration or more information, call Jessica Wilder at 513-9775 or visit www.prcwalkforlife.org.

■ The **American Cancer Society's 2012 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5K** walk takes place Saturday morning, Oct. 20, at Cambier Park. To learn more about joining a committee, starting a team or becoming a sponsor, contact Kathy Cleeland at the ACS by calling 261-0337, ext. 3859, or e-mailing Kathy.Cleeland@cancer.org.

■ The **Southwest Florida St. Jude Give Thanks Walk** takes place Saturday morning, Nov. 17, at Sugden Regional Park. The non-competitive 5K kicks off the annual St. Jude Thanks and Giving Campaign.

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to disease among U.S. children older than 1. Visit www.givethankswalk.org to learn more.

■ The **2013 Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure** is set for Saturday, March 9, at Coconut Point in Estero. Those who sign up by Dec. 31 pay \$25 for the 5K run or walk and \$35 for the chip-timed race. Fees will increase by \$5 after Jan. 1 and again on race day. Sign up by Sept. 30 and be entered into a drawing for a round-trip American Airlines ticket for travel anywhere in the continental U.S.

More than 10,000 participants, volunteers and sponsors attended the 2012 event. Seventy five percent of all net proceeds from the Southwest Florida Race for the Cure stay in Southwest Florida, and 25 percent of proceeds are given to national research programs.

For more information or to register for the 2013 race, visit www.komenrace.org or call 498-0016. ■

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■ The **Women's Council of Realtors, Bonita Springs-Estero Chapter** holds its annual golf tournament on Friday, Sept. 21, at Estero Country Club. Continental breakfast at 7:30 a.m. precedes the 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. Lunch and a silent auction follow the four-man scramble tournament. This year's sponsor is Storm Force.

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■ The **Marco Island Police Foundation** holds its 10th annual golf tournament on Saturday, Sept. 29, at Island Country Club. Check-in and continental breakfast start at 7:30 a.m. and the shotgun start for the four-player scramble is at 8:30 a.m.

Registration for \$110 per person includes the awards luncheon. Hole sponsorships for \$100 are available now. To sign up or for more information, call Debra Shanahan at 248-7419 or Mike McNaboe at 250-4612.

■ **Gulfshore Playhouse** holds its eighth annual golf tournament Monday, Nov. 5, at The Colony Golf & Country Club in Bonita Springs. Participants will enjoy lunch on the driving range before the 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. Agave Southwestern Grill will provide a free margarita for all players, and a buffet dinner and awards celebration will follow the tournament.

Registration for \$375 per person includes



two tickets to the Gulfshore Playhouse Season Celebration on Sunday evening, Nov. 4, at The Norris Center.

For registration or more information, call 261-7529 or visit www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org.

■ The **Immokalee Foundation's 2012 Charity Classic Pro-Am golf tournament** will pair two dozen of the world's greatest golfers with Naples' most philanthropic players. It takes place Monday, Nov. 12, at Bay Colony Golf Club, starting with breakfast and golf demonstrations and ending with lunch and an awards ceremony.

Entry fees begin at \$5,000 and include tickets to the 2012 Charity Classic Celebration dinner and auction Friday, Nov. 16, at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples.

For registration or more information, call The Immokalee Foundation at 430-9122 or visit www.immokaleefoundation.org.

■ The **LPGA Tour** returns to Naples in November, and volunteers are being recruited now to be a part the CME Group Titleholders, the grand finale of the LPGA Tour season at TwinEagles, Nov. 12-18. Golf knowledge is not required.

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Journal about 500-mile pilgrimage becomes restaurateur's first book

BY KATHY PRUTOS
 Special to Florida Weekly

"Follow your heart... life is brief," were the last words Dr. Herman Fredenburg spoke to his friend David O'Brien. Mr. O'Brien was living a comfortable life in Alaska, but as he approached his 50th birthday, he decided to heed his friend's words and celebrate his half-century milestone with a 40-day pilgrimage walking The Way of St. James, or the Camino de Santiago de Compostela.

Over the centuries, the 500-mile trek across Spain has been walked by millions in search of a second chance at life.

Throughout his journey, Mr. O'Brien wrote daily in his journal of the physical, mental and spiritual challenges he faced as he mingled with his fellow travelers, wrestled with his boots and blisters and learned to listen to his own rhythm and inner guidance.

Seven years later, Mr. O'Brien is the manager at Handsome Harry's Third Street Bistro, and his journal has been published as his first book, "The Camino Will Provide — Learning to Trust the Universe."

"It's the story of renewal and healing. It's also a story of redemption and faith," he says. As the pilgrimage progressed, he explains, he was forced to unload things that burdened him both physically and spiritually.

"I opened my heart and let go of all the things that had kept me from being

myself," he says. "The most rewarding part of the journey is the book and my hope that it will challenge the reader to follow their heart," he concludes.

After all, life is brief.



"The Camino Will Provide - Learning to Trust the Universe" is \$14.95 at amazon.com and at www.thecaminowillprovide.com. For every copy purchased through his website, Mr. O'Brien donates \$1 to the Native American Scholarship Fund in the name of Dr. Herman Fredenburg. ■

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History education awards established

BY LOIS BOLIN

Special to Florida Weekly

The Naples Spirit of '45 celebration in August focused on paying tribute to the Greatest Generation and connecting younger generations to the legacy of WWII veterans and home front workers. Guests at the Greatest Generation breakfast at the Hilton Naples heard from speakers from various wars and enjoyed guests performances and the announcement of three Collier County History Fair awards established in the names of three unsuspecting honorees whose service to community and country were highlighted.

Earl and Thelma Hodges, honorary chairs for the third annual Greatest Generation breakfast, assumed they were part of a secret plan to honor WWII veteran and Neapolitan Peter Thomas. Instead Dr. Franklyn Johnson, a WWII prisoner of war, turned the table on the Hodges by announcing that the Hodges Heritage Award was being established in their honor. It will be awarded to the Collier County History Fair entry that best focuses on local or Florida history. The award carries a \$100 cash prize sponsored by Hodges University.

Mr. Hodges spoke at the breakfast about the lifelong bonds WWII forged for him. He introduced two of his 1st Army Infantry buddies, Nick Hale and Robert Miksa, and then turned his attention to Dr. Johnson, author of the book "One More Hill." Mr. Thomas announced that the One More Hill Award in Dr. Johnson's honor had been

established and will be awarded to the JROTC student whose local history fair entry advances to the Florida History Fair. It will be accompanied by a \$100 prize sponsored by Grace Lutheran Church.

Dr. Johnson, a former Boy Scout and JROTC student, also learned that his book will be donated to all Collier County schools that have a JROTC program.

Announcement was also made of the creation of the Spirit of '45 Award in honor of Mr. Thomas. Students from across Florida are eligible for the award if their local history fair entry advances to the state competition and is related to WWII, a WWII veteran or an innovation stemming from WWII.

The Naples Spirit of '45 committee presented Mr. Thomas with the American Spirit Award in recognition of his unyielding dedication to honor and preserve the memories of America's armed forces. The award was inscribed: "To brighten the future we must illuminate the past."

Winners of the Collier County History Fair, which is now in its fifth year, advance to the Florida History Fair for students in grades 6-12 in Tallahassee every May. The winner of the Florida History Fair goes on to the National History Day competition held every June. ■

— Lois Bolin is chair of the Naples Spirit of '45 committee and coordinator of the Collier County History Fair. She can be reached at 777-2281 or sfibolin@aol.com.

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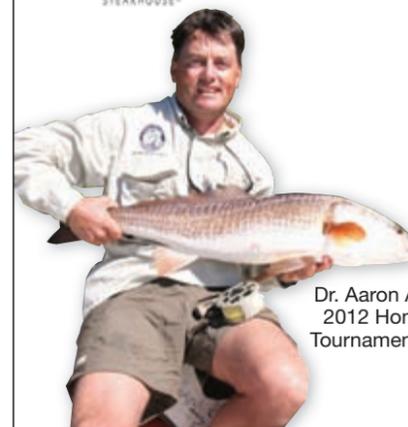












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Collier County libraries benefit from 55 years of Friends

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Even before Collier County had its first library, those supporters pursuing that dream called themselves the Friends of the Library. Officially establishing themselves in 1957, these Friends would be on hand to help with the establishment of and subsequent fundraising for that first library, known today as Naples Regional Library (and to old-timers as the Central Avenue library).

It was 55 years ago this week, on Sept. 3, 1957, that the Collier County Commission, at its regular meeting in the county seat of Everglades City, voted 4-1 to create the Collier County Free Public Library. According to the passage of the referendum quoted in the *Collier County News* (forerunner of the *Naples Daily News*), the library would have “a central station, perhaps at Naples, collection stations at other points and a travelling bookmobile to connect them. The cost of the project will be \$15,000 a year from the county and \$10,000 a year in federal aid for four years...”

Through the determined efforts of the Friends, the Naples Woman’s Club, Naples Chamber of Commerce and the *Collier County News*, along with hundreds of concerned citizens across the county, the Collier County Free Public Library was born. Born, but not yet built.

Before that 1957 vote, however, the present-day library system already had its origins with the Naples Woman’s Club. Historically speaking, in most small towns across America, local women’s clubs are usually the driving force or founders of libraries, hospitals, garden clubs and youth shelters

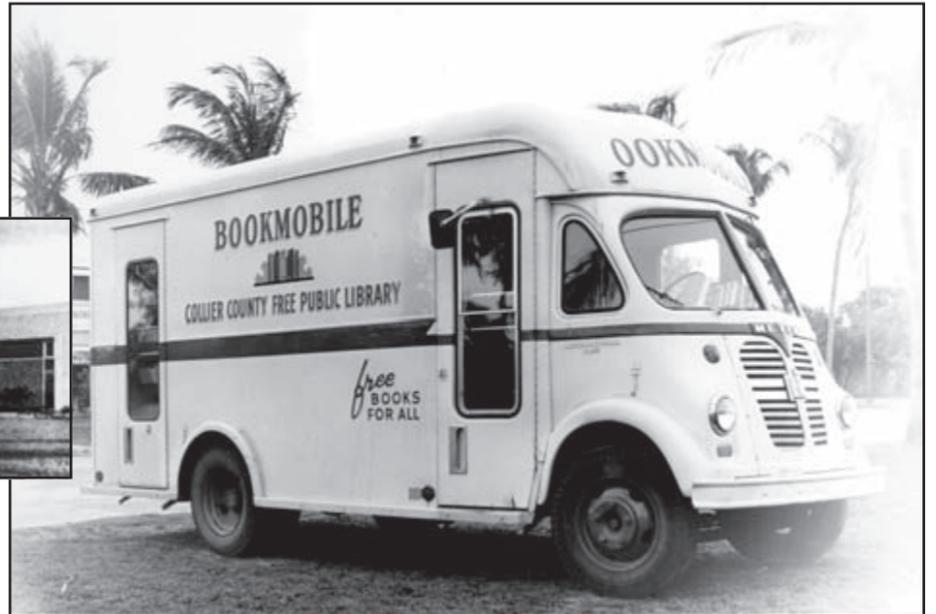


The first Collier County Free Public Library on Central Avenue, referred to today as Naples Regional Library, sits on property donated by Dr. and Mrs. Ferdinand C. Lee.

— and Naples was no exception. In 1950, the Naples Woman’s Club provided a small room in its pre-Park Street clubhouse to house a small collection of 7,000 books that would be the basis for the Collier County Free Public Library on Central Avenue.

In 1961, the Friends launched a capital campaign to raise funds for the construction of the Central Avenue library complete with administrative headquarters. The original plans called for a building with 6,600 square feet, plenty of parking space and room for expansion. In 1963 a sign was erected designating the land as the proposed library site.

Very special Friends, Dr. and Mrs. Ferdinand C. Lee, generously purchased the



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The Collier County Free Public Library Bookmobile, funded by the Friends of the Library, provided continuous library services to county residents in the remote regions of Marco Island, Everglades City and Immokalee from 1958-1981. On its maiden voyage to Everglades City on Aug. 1, 1958, 15 adults filled out forms for library cards and 129 books were circulated.

block of land the library sits on and then gifted it to the Friends. In 1965, the Friends entered into an agreement with the county, announcing that the library land and building would be leased to the county for the sum of \$1 annually for the next 99 years.

All the fundraising efforts during the previous five years finally paid off when the new library opened its doors on Feb. 13, 1966. The cost of construction was met entirely by donations, without any capital expenditures by the county.

Those spearheading the Friends in this much-needed project were the organization’s first president, Eugene Lee Turner, who was also president of the First National Bank of Naples; Mamie Tooke, fundraising chairman and president of The Bank of Naples; and attorney Benjamin Parks, who served as the president of the Collier County Library Board.

From books, videos and DVDs to book discussions and special programs for all ages, the Friends have faithfully paid for numerous items and services when the county has been unable to provide. The Friends have even bought chairs and carpeting for the various branches and provided scholarship money for library staff.

Every Collier County library — 10 in all — has benefitted from the generosity of the Friends. All of them have received materials for their collections from the Friends, and the Friends also provided the funding for the first Internet connection and paid the salary of the first volunteer coordinator.

Programming funded by the Friends ranges from art exhibits to film festivals and the seasonal Author Lecture Luncheon Series that since 1980 has drawn well-known authors such as naturalist Dr. Roger Tory Peterson, P.D. James, Robin Cook, Patrick Smith, Cleveland Armory, Pulitzer Prize-winning Rick Bragg, James Patterson, Mary Alice Monroe and Nicholas Sparks.

Funds are raised through membership in the Friends and through the above-mentioned author lecture series, which is the only Friends-sponsored program for which attendees must pay admission, as well as at the annual “Red, White & Routleet,” the casino night benefit coming up Friday, Nov. 2, at the Waldorf Astoria Naples.

To learn about how you can join the Friends of the Collier County Library System, call 262-8135 or visit www.collier-friends.org. I hope you will consider becoming a Friend during the organization’s 55th anniversary year. ■

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

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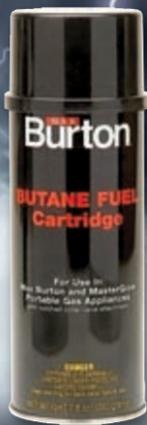
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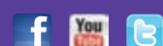
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■ **Nov. 1:** "The Power of a Plan: Women & Wealth" with wealth advisor Robin Hamilton.

■ **Nov. 8:** "Loving Longer & Better" with Dr. Caroline Cederquist.

■ **Nov. 15:** "Freeing Yourself Emotionally, Physically and Spiritually from Difficult Relationships" with Rebecca Zung-Clough.

All seminars are strictly educational; no products will be discussed. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Each program, including time for questions and answers, will be from 6-7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served courtesy of Morgan Stanley Smith Barney.

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Registration open for Edison classes



Registration is open at the Edison State College-Collier Campus for a pharmacy technician training program and for Spanish classes for medical professionals.

ESC offers the 14-week pharmacy technician training program, which includes an 80-hour externship, in association with the University of Florida. Classes begin Oct. 2, and attendance is limited to 10 students. Funding for qualified students is available. Participants learn the skills needed to assist a pharmacist in the packaging and mixing of prescriptions, maintaining client records, assisting with inventory control and purchasing. After completion of the externship, students meet the training requirements of the Florida Board of Pharmacy and are eligible to apply for certification by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board.

Classes in Spanish for medical professionals will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday from Oct. 6 through Dec. 15. Registration is \$225.

To sign up for either of the above programs, call 732-3128, e-mail Cecollier@edison.edu or download a registration form at www.edison.edu/collier/ce. ■

Another reason to quit

Study shows chemical in cigarette smoke slows the production of 'good' cholesterol

THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Cigarette smoking's association with heart disease has been known for decades, but researchers are still not certain what chemicals or molecular processes in the body form the basis of that link. Now University of Florida College of Medicine-Jacksonville researchers have unlocked some of the specifics, finding that a toxic compound in cigarette smoke called benzo(a)pyrene slows the production of "good" cholesterol, also known as high-density lipoprotein, or HDL.

The findings were published in a recent edition of *The Journal of Life Sciences*.

"Smoking-related health hazards are well-recognized, and the role of smoking in promoting premature heart disease is widely appreciated," said Dr. Arshag Mooradian, senior author of the study and a professor and chair of the department of medicine at the UF College of Medicine-Jacksonville. "The novelty in our study is the finding of yet another mechanism by which smoking can accelerate heart disease through reduction of the 'good' cholesterol that normally protects the heart."

The findings can help inform public health policy aimed at reducing health risks associated with cigarette smoking. In addition, the implications could go beyond cigarette smoking, because the chemical benzo(a)pyrene, or BaP, that is found in cigarettes is also prevalent in wildfire smoke that periodically engulfs many parts of the country, including Florida.

Smoking is a major risk factor for heart disease, contributing to more than one-third of deaths from heart disease annually, according to a 2008 estimate from the Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention. The same report found that adverse cardiovascular health effects were present in people who smoked as few as five cigarettes per day, but that



the risk for a heart attack drops within a year of kicking the habit.

Smoking increases blood pressure, decreases a person's tolerance for exercise and increases the likelihood of blood clotting, according to the American Heart Association. In addition, smokers consistently have lower HDL levels than nonsmokers. Low HDL or high LDL, or "bad" cholesterol, puts people at a higher risk for the hardening of the arteries that leads to heart attacks.

The UF researchers went looking for the scientific reason for lower HDL in smokers.

An early experiment looked at the effect of nicotine on fats in the body, but that yielded no clues. So the team went back to the drawing board, thinking about other elements of tobacco smoke that could be the culprit. They decided

to test BaP, which is also linked to lung cancer.

Cell culture studies showed that the chemical was directly tied to low HDL production. Further studies revealed that BaP affects the genes that regulate production of a protein that binds to cholesterol and carries it through the blood to the liver for disposal. High levels of BaP in the blood block production of that protein, known as apolipoprotein A-1, or apo A-1.

"The public health implication is that cigarette smoking not only affects your breathing and your lungs, but it affects your cholesterol," said study co-author Michael J. Haas, a research associate professor of medicine at the UF College of Medicine-Jacksonville.

The researchers suspect that other compounds in cigarette and environmental smoke could have a similar effect. They plan to expand their studies to testing in mice, which would give additional clues about how the findings might apply in humans.

"I think it's very important that we determine the relevance to human health and welfare," Mr. Haas said.

The findings are valuable because they reveal mechanisms through which cigarette smoking is hazardous for the heart, said Dr. George Griffing, an internal medicine professor at the Saint Louis University School of Medicine, who was not involved in the study.

"The importance of this study is two-fold: first, to understand and perhaps intervene on the heart-toxic effects of cigarette smoking," said Dr. Griffing, who has researched apo A-1 for decades. "But second, and more importantly, to better understand the regulation of HDL levels with the goal of developing a strategy of raising HDL levels to combat heart disease." ■

Here's why patient satisfaction is on the rise



Although we are most grateful that Tropical Storm Isaac decided to just brush by and left no significant damage or problems, we at NCH did benefit from a wet and windy but excellent "practice" run for a weather emergency.

Under the guidance of Scott Wiley, our emergency coordinator, our teams followed proper protocols, everyone cooperated and communications worked almost flawlessly. There is no predicting the rest of the hurricane season, of course; we hope we won't have anything major. But we are ready with a stockpile of food, medications, fuel, lessons learned and most important, a top-flight and experienced team.

An important part of teamwork is commending our colleagues on their efforts "above and beyond." Most of us at NCH are generous in the comments we share about our fellow caregivers. In that spirit, here's a recent e-mail I received from volunteer Bonnie Marshall:

"I just wanted to pass on to you a won-

derful expression of kindness I saw in the Surgical Family Waiting Room, where the wife of a surgical patient needed special care. When the woman's husband was taken for surgery, pre-op nurse Belva Hinthorn brought her to the family waiting room, got her lunch and informed me that the woman suffered from advanced Parkinson's disease.

"After the surgery, the woman sadly received bad news about her husband's condition. At about the same time, Phil Johnson arrived with pet therapy dog Fawn. Phil was wonderful, sitting and talking with the woman for 45 minutes. I then introduced Eileen Shaw, a CPE student doing rounds, to the patient's wife. Eileen stayed with her for another half hour, and then Belva drove the woman home. It was just wonderful to see NCH people helping someone in special need."

And here's a message I received from one of our own registered nurses:

"I was recently admitted to the hospital at NCH North, and I just have to comment on the excellent care I received. I had a bad experience two years ago and was so pleasantly surprised this admission. All the nurses and techs were professional and extremely compassionate. One nurse, Jacqueline Crawford, stayed an extra hour. After my release, I unfortunately was

rushed to the ER South with extremely high blood pressure. Dr. Young Lee and Lynn Moore, R.N., treated me like I was a member of their family.

"As a fellow colleague, I only hope I can exhibit the compassion and caring to my patients that these people gave to me. I am extremely proud to be a part of the NCH team and would recommend the hospital to all I come in contact with."

Finally, this e-mail came from occupational therapist Collette Krupp:

"Could I ask how I can make note of North Collier housekeeper Jeanne Jean, who every Saturday is willing to add to her work after pediatric third floor, by assisting our tiny acute office by the nursing station? As Saturday therapy crew, we almost always walk in to find trashcans overflowing. Jeanne is very willing to add to her workload, even cleaning the floors around us. How can her supervisors know the extra work she does so willingly?"

I think they know now, Collette. Thank you all for sharing the good works done for those we serve. Our patient satisfaction is on the rise, and e-mails like these explain the reasons why. ■

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

TO YOUR HEALTH

Physicians Regional earns recognition

The surgery department at Physicians Regional-Collier Boulevard has been designated as a Center of Excellence in minimally invasive gynecologic surgery. The designation comes from Advancing Minimally Invasive Gynecology Worldwide (AAGL), an association that promotes minimally invasive gynecologic surgery throughout the world. The hospital is the first in Florida to be awarded the designation. Among the many qualifications considered are: the experience of the surgical staff; patient outcomes; the hospital's technology and equipment; a specialized surgical team and ongoing quality assessment.

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Park Royal Hospital begins ECT treatment

Park Royal Hospital in South Fort Myers has launched its electroconvulsive therapy program for the treatment of severe depression and other treatment-resistant conditions.

"ECT is particularly successful with patients with severe depression who have had no improvement with other

treatments," says David Zammit, administrator of Park Royal Hospital. "Major medical and mental health facilities worldwide practice this state-of-the-art, scientifically sound treatment option. We think it is important to offer ECT to people in Southwest Florida."

Park Royal Hospital provides advanced behavioral health treatment services on both an inpatient and an outpatient basis, treating adult and geriatric patients for depression, anxiety and mood disorders, memory issues, post-traumatic stress disorders and co-occurring mental health and substance abuse issues.

For more information, call 985-2700 or visit www.ParkRoyalHospital.com. ■

Foundation formed for ovarian cancer

The Betty Allen Ovarian Cancer Foundation has been formed to raise awareness about ovarian cancer and to provide support for those affected by the deadly disease in Southwest Florida. Until an effective screening tool is developed, early detection of ovarian cancer will continue to depend on prompt symptom recognition leading to earlier diagnosis and improved prognosis.

Founder Sharie Allen Kearns' mother, Betty Allen, was diagnosed five years ago with Stage 1C ovarian cancer.

In addition to Ms. Kearns as president, founding officers of the foundation Nicole Laquis, vice president; Angela Abu Shahin, treasurer; and Trish Cronan, secretary.

The founding board of directors are:

Heather Fitzenhagen; Sherri Kubesh of 21st Century Oncology; Stella Farwell, a Captiva Island artist who has ovarian cancer; Mariquita Anderson, president of the Lee County Medical Society Alliance; and Brad Marquardt, owner/operator of Magnifying Selections Inc.

Founding members of the medical advisory board are: Dr. Jimmy Orr Jr. and Dr. Fadi Abu Shahin of Florida Gynecologic Oncology; and Dara Leichter of the Regional Cancer Center.

The foundation has a pair of events to commemorate National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month during September:

■ **"Shoe Away Ovarian Cancer"** is set for 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at Saks Fifth Avenue in Bell Tower Shops, Fort Myers.

■ **"I Scream for a Cause"** is set for Saturday, Sept. 29, at Handel's Homemade Ice Cream & Yogurt in Bonita Springs, with 20 percent of the day's sales going to the foundation.

For more information about the Betty Allen Ovarian Cancer Foundation, visit www.ovariancancerfl.org. ■

Saks, Bosom Buddies have 'Key to the Cure'

To help raise both money and awareness for women's cancers, Saks Fifth Avenue at Waterside Shops 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.

Group beginning for those grieving over sudden loss



Anyone who has experienced the unexpected death of a loved one or close friend is invited to participate in "Grief After Sudden Loss," a support group that will meet weekly for four weeks starting Monday, Sept. 17. Facilitated by an Avow grief counselor, sessions will meet from 5:30-7 p.m. every Monday through Oct. 8, at WHERE?

Attendance is free, but registration is required. To sign up or for more information, call Frank Sodano at 261-4404.

Avow also offers a variety of ongoing weekly grief support groups. For full schedule, call the above number or visit www.avowhospice.org.

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PET TALES

Pick a parrot toy

Rotate a variety of toys for your bird – and be prepared to replace them often

BY DR. MARTY BECKER
AND GINA SPADAFORI
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Parrots are incredibly intelligent, and for anyone who doubts this, we point to the late Alex, Dr. Irene Pepperberg's well-known African grey, who showed by matching words to objects the parrots are anything but "bird brains."

And yet, we too often see these brilliant beings kept as little more than decorative objects, prized for their plumage and locked for nearly all their lives in cages that are too small, no matter how large. Is it any wonder so many pet birds die young, or rip out their own feathers in frustration?

Toys are essential to maintaining the physical and mental well-being of parrots large and small. Playthings help keep pet birds fit while fighting the boredom that can contribute to behavioral problems, such as feather-picking.

Although you can buy toys by major manufacturers from the big chain stores, it's also nice to choose from the variety of playthings lovingly made by a cottage industry of bird lovers and available from independent bird shops, through catalogs and on the Internet.

Some basic rules apply when shopping for toys, to ensure they are suitable and safe for your bird. Look for the following when choosing bird toys:

■ **Materials:** Toys are subject to your bird's healthy urge to destroy, which



COURTESY PHOTO

A variety of toys is essential to the health and well-being of parrots.

means safe components are a must. Wood, rawhide, plastic or stainless steel chain, rope, cloth and hard plastic are among the more popular materials that make up safe toys. Choose toys that break down into pieces that can't be swallowed. An exception: Toys made to hold food items, such as dried corncobs or fruit chunks. With these, eating is a large part of the fun.

■ **Construction:** Challenging toys, the best choice for busy birds, feature pieces combined in ways that make it hard for the birds to pull the whole product apart — but not too hard. Indestructible toys are not appropriate for most birds, because the time and energy used to rip apart the gadget is part of the reason toys fill such a need.

■ **Size:** Little toys for little birds, big toys for big birds. A big bird can catch and lose a toe in a toy made for a smaller

bird, and small birds can get their heads trapped in toys made for their larger relatives.

Some birds are apprehensive of new toys. If yours is one of them, try to set the toy outside the cage (but within eye range) for a day or two, and then put it on the floor of the cage for another day or two. Once your bird starts to play with the toy, you can go ahead and attach it to the cage.

Don't overwhelm your pet with toys. Instead, keep two or three in the cage and rotate new ones in regularly. Shopping for bird toys can be fun, but the costs do add up, especially if you have one of those gleefully destructive parrots. With some creativity, you can make your money go further by complementing store-bought bird toys with alternatives.

The cardboard cores of toilet paper and paper towel rolls are perfect for shredding, especially for smaller birds. Other cheapies include ballpoint pens with the ink tube removed, pingpong balls, old plastic measuring cups and spoons, and plastic bottle tops. Toothbrushes are another bargain toy, sturdy and colorful. The hard plastic keys on a ring sold for human babies are also a budget-wise buy that birds love. (Wash in hot soap and water, rinse well and air-dry before offering such items to your bird.)

Keep your eyes and mind open for playthings your bird can enjoy — you may surprise yourself with the possibilities! ■

Pets of the Week



>> **Jaden** is a playful, curious, 5-month-old domestic shorthair. His adoption fee is \$55.



>> **Georgette** is a beautiful, 3-month-old domestic shorthair who would love to go home with a friend (cats and kittens are two-for-one at the shelter). Her adoption fee is \$75.



>> **Dino** is a 3-year-old shih tzu mix who has a great personality. His adoption fee is \$150.



>> **Savannah Hope** is a bit timid at first, but she warms up to a friendly face and touch. She's 8 years old, knows the sit command and alerts you when she needs to go outside. Her adoption fee is \$45.



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“Little darling, the smiles returning to the faces
Little darling, it seems like years since it’s been here
Here comes the sun
Here comes the sun, and I say
It’s all right.
Sun, sun, sun, here it comes...”
— Lennon, Harrison, McCartney, “Here Comes the Sun”

“Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; but Jacob was a simple man, dwelling in tents. And Isaac loved Esau because he did eat of his venison, but Rebekah loved Jacob.”
— Genesis 25: 27-28

“There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, ‘I will go over and see this strange sight — why the bush does not burn up.’ “
— Exodus 3:2-3

“The invisible worm that flies in the night in the howling storm has found out thy bed of crimson joy and his dark secret love does thy life destroy.”
— William Blake, “The Sick Rose”



the climb down the ladder from my lofty dreaming place from my bed of roses re-minds me of the angels Jacob saw ascending and descending aspiration declension inclination: was it one of those winged me send jeers that wrestled him all night disintegrating his hip with a mere touch?
his-story starting long before, before the deception of bringing slaughtered goats in the stead of the deer meat of his father’s heart request — giving this concocted stew with arms

covered by the fake fur of his mother’s intentional thicket — thicker than the burning bush to be born to be seen by the precise precedent graven giver — and the rationalization born from the prior sale of the bowl of stew for birthright (was this deal worse than the Indian sale of Manhattan?) it is mine: purchased fair and square after being saved from sacrifice — the ram in the thicket of the father not fairing so well.

the latest storm has been named for

the father Isaac: “he will laugh” and many other names to follow — wanna bees — and many other names before: even all tolled together less an idea than an unfolding infolding semaphore

now paying not stew but attention seeing a new daze tearing welling the west bank the left bank all the sects intersecting and across the oceans of maize, far from mayhem willing this new bringer of sun: be not outside like Icarus be moonshine balanced exquisite

(postscript from Online Etymological Dictionary: exquisite early 15c., “carefully selected,” from L. exquisitus “carefully sought out,” thus, “choice,” from pp. of exquirere “search out,” from ex- “out” + quærere “to seek.” A vogue word 15c.-18c., given wide extensions of meaning, none of which survive.) ■

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

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Skimboarders at sunset. Southwest Florida's beaches attract visitors from all over the world.

Foreign tourism

— what the numbers show

BY ROGER WILLIAMS

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Rob Wells, the owner and affable ambassador to rustic elegance at the Tarpon Lodge on Pine Island, worked right through the Labor Day weekend welcoming people from near and very, very far to his sumptuously appointed accommodations.

After a decade on the job that included surviving a recession (one that seemed to come with razor blades

attached for easy bleeding) and an oil spill (ditto), Mr. Wells would be well within his rights to just sit down and kick back for a moment.

But no. At noon on Sunday he could be seen striding out of the white-washed buildings overlooking the spectacular vista of Charlotte Harbor and the outer islands, across the green lawn past the pool, and onto the Tarpon Lodge's pier and dock, where a

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U.S. debt troubles just start at \$16 trillion



Voters are aware, or they should be aware, that the federal government has a huge debt burden and has been running huge deficits for many years.

Some voters will be busy playing the fiscal blame game this election season, while other voters will adopt their party's perspective about what should be done to fix the fiscal problem. In both cases, they might not take the time to understand the financial condition. For voters who want to have a better grasp of the U.S. government's fiscal condition and want to communicate this understanding to others, then read on.

Most agree that the federal budget is bloated and has large entitlement programs. The shortfalls have been deficit-financed in recent years, meaning federal expenses exceed receipts. Borrowing finances the difference, or shortfall. The budget deficits of the past four years alone have added \$5 trillion to the U.S. national debt, which now stands at about \$16 trillion.

The concept of a budget — of anyone's budget — is that spending should not exceed earnings or receipts. That is, unless (ill-advisedly) funds are borrowed to spend even more. Borrowing eventually brings its own limitations on the run-

away spending.

For instance, even state and local governments (entities with capacity to issue municipal debt) have hit the walls of budget and debt excesses. They are now either renegotiating their debts outside of bankruptcy court (e.g., New Jersey, California, Wisconsin, New York, etc.) or are filing bankruptcy in order to get a court-appointed receiver to force a reduction in their debts (e.g., the cities of San Bernardino, Calif., Stockton, Calif., Falls Church, RI.)

So how can the federal government continue to spend beyond its revenue sources/receipts? How can it be the exception to laws of financial gravity that apply to private enterprises, households, charities, state and local governments, etc.?

The first reason is that Congress has not forced a plan to curb budget excesses and the debt ceiling has never been a true ceiling, just a moving target. Secondly, the U.S. Treasury has two large and unique buyers for its debt, and each buyer seemingly has endless sources of funds. The U.S. Federal Reserve Bank prints money to buy U.S. debt, printing at its discretion and without any Congressional approval needed. Foreigners/sovereign funds with large dollar balances seek a safe haven in the U.S. to park their trade surpluses.

For many voters, the aforementioned is their complete picture of our financial condition. The U.S. is burdened by a lot of debt and is still on a path to add a lot more. That's within an economy that can't

add jobs despite trillions spent by the government.

Unfortunately, the situation is worse than that. The true debt of the U.S. federal government is actually \$51 trillion per the U.S. Treasury's Financial Management Services in The Financial Report of the United States Government dated December 2011.

A big part of financial planning is knowing and preparing for the future. If big cash is coming in, you budget differently. If big liabilities are soon to require repayments, then you save up now in order to make future payments or you work to lessen your future commitments if you know there is no way you will ultimately be able to pay them.

The U.S. federal government knows that it faces large expenditures in future years related to various entitlement programs. Most of the difference between current bond debt of \$16 trillion and the true debt of \$51 trillion relates to growth in future liabilities for retired federal employees, veterans, Social Security and Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries.

The total indebtedness of the U.S. government is the sum of the present outstanding debt plus future obligations. Total indebtedness of \$51 trillion is the present debt of \$16 trillion plus present value of future obligations and interest costs of \$35 trillion.

The Treasury says that Social Security has a present value debt of \$11 trillion (or present value of \$38 trillion of Social Security future taxes received less \$49 trillion

in future Social Security payments.)

Medicare has a present value debt of \$26 trillion (or present value of \$12 trillion received in Medicare taxes less \$38 trillion in future Part A and Part B Medicare benefits, or \$328,000 per household.)

These huge liabilities are calculated using what many think are overly optimistic estimates for future GDP growth.

Medicaid carries a present value, unfunded debt burden of \$24 trillion. That number is calculated assuming unemployment improves at 0.5 percent per year for many years.

What does this economic information mean to a voter? The federal government has done abysmal financial planning and it has failed to communicate the entirety of the budget and debt problem to the voter. When the Treasury writes a report on the severity of the problem, no one talks about it and it is brushed under the Congressional carpet. Clearly, the tires are set to come off the fiscal wheels in a few years unless the next elected president is short on words and political positioning, long on getting the job done, and able to lift an axe to expenses while still growing the economy. Before you vote, think twice about who will get that job done, since if it doesn't get done, all the other fluffy promises won't matter. ■

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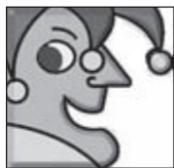
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It's a familiar event: You're at home and busy when the phone rings, and you find yourself speaking with a broker you don't know who urges you to invest in something. This is a "cold call." A classic one might inform you that you're among the "lucky few" to be offered a "sure-thing investment." You might even be guaranteed to "triple your money within six months!"

Cold calls claim many victims. Know that promises of high returns with low risk are likely to be broken. Scoff at warnings that you have to "act now!" Any good investment should still be around tomorrow. Avoid "inside" tips, because it's illegal to pass on or act on material that is inside information. Steer clear of anyone unwilling to provide details in writing. Beware of predicted or "guaranteed" profits.

If a cold-calling broker really had a valuable stock to offer, he or she wouldn't have to convince strangers to buy it. People would be snapping up shares on the open market. Stocks that cold callers try to sell are often ones that no one else wants,

stocks that their firm wants to unload.

This applies to initial public offerings (IPOs), too. Shares of IPOs that people are excited about tend to be hard to come by, not aggressively hawked over the phone to strangers.

You can ask any cold caller to put you on his firm's "do not call" list. You can also prevent other innocents from being conned by turning in any hypes. Take names and notes during the call and report anything shady to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) at sec.gov/complaint/select.shtml. The SEC offers excellent guidance on cold-caller restrictions at sec.gov/investor/pubs/coldcall.htm. (Shady behavior includes rudeness, aggressive sales techniques and ultimatums.)

Anyone thinking of investing with a cold caller should check out the regulatory background of the salesperson and/or brokerage firm. To do that, visit the FINRA Broker-Check area at finra.org/brokercheck, or call 800-289-9999.

If this is too much to remember, you have an even easier option: Just hang up. ■

My Dumbest Investment

Horror Movies

I started following Netflix when I noticed how poorly it was managing itself. When the stock fell nearly 20 percent in a single day, to about \$170, I bought. I thought the market was being harsh and it would surely bounce back. I learned that greed is not the best strategy for me to pursue.

— S.K., Tampa, Fla.

The Fool Responds: Netflix shares topped \$300 a little over a year ago. But then the company announced price hikes, followed by a decision to split into two companies, Netflix for the growing streaming business, and "Qwikster" for the DVD-by-mail business. The split has since been abandoned, but the stock fell hard and was recently near \$60.

Pessimists worry about its competition and the significant expense of building its library, while optimists like its rising subscriber rolls, its dominance in streaming video and its commitment to reinvesting in itself. They're hopeful about its growth prospects abroad, as well. The curtain hasn't come down yet for this company, but it's not for the fainthearted. (The Motley Fool owns shares of Netflix and our newsletters have recommended it.) ■



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

I trace my roots back to 1919, when the American entrepreneur Cornelius Vander Starr founded American Asiatic Underwriters, my oldest predecessor company, in Shanghai, China. It had two employees back then. By 2007, I had 116,000 workers laboring in 130 nations and jurisdictions. I had 74 million customers then, along with assets of \$1 trillion and \$110 billion in annual revenue. In danger of failing in 2008, I ended up bailed out. I no longer owe the U.S. government money, but the U.S. Treasury is now my biggest shareholder. I'm still a global insurance company. Who am I? (American International Group) ■



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Ask the Fool

Naked Investing

Q What are "naked calls"?
— L.P., Honolulu

A They're a way to invest using options. There are two main kinds of options: calls and puts. Owning a call gives you the right to buy a set number of shares, at a set "strike" price, within a certain period of time (often just a few months). You pay for this right. Puts give you the right to sell shares.

You sell (or "write") naked calls when you don't own the underlying stock. It's risky because if the stock soars, you may have to buy it at the new, high price to deliver it to whoever bought the call you sold. You can potentially lose a lot. Of course, if the stock doesn't pass the strike price before the option expires, you pocket the price of the option. That's why people write naked calls.

With the much more conservative covered-calls strategy, you sell a call only when you own the underlying stock and are willing to part with it, if need be. You don't lose money this way. If the stock soars and someone exercises the option you sold him, you don't have to buy the shares at the new, high price — you already own them and can hand them over, still having pocketed the price of the option. Of course, you may end up wishing you still owned the stock.

Q Are there some websites where I can learn about companies engaging in shenanigans?

— S.A., Detroit

A There are plenty. For example, footnoted.org reports on surprising information buried in financial reports, while gmiratings.com reviews how well companies govern themselves. Our Fool writers also report on shenanigans — check out our recent articles at fool.com/foolwatch.

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

Name That Company

Based in San Antonio and with a market capitalization of about \$16 billion, I'm the world's largest petroleum refiner and marketer, among companies that don't drill for oil. I operate 16 oil refineries and 10 ethanol plants, and a 33-turbine wind farm. I have about 6,800 retail and wholesale locations, and also pump out products for industries ranging from health care and plastics to transportation, beauty products and manufacturing. Years ago I was part of the Coast-



al States Gas Corp. My U.S. gas stations bear my own name, or Diamond Shamrock, Shamrock or Beacon. 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

Robots to Invest In

Consider Intuitive Surgical (Nasdaq: ISRG) for your portfolio. It carries more risk than many companies, but it offers more potential reward as well. The company is the biggest player in the robotic surgical equipment arena, selling hospitals its "da Vinci" machines that permit surgeons to perform procedures in less invasive ways.

In the company's last quarter, revenue was up 26 percent over year-ago levels and earnings grew by 32 percent. The company has no debt and generates solid cash flow. Better still, the company doesn't make money only by selling its million-dollar machines — a little more than half its revenue is recurring, from service contracts and supplies and accessories for

the machines.

Then there are procedures. Most of the procedures its machines perform are hysterectomies and prostatectomies, but the company is working to get approval for new procedures. If and when it succeeds, significant new revenue streams will open up. International sales represent another avenue to growth.

Intuitive Surgical seems like a promising long-term investment. Learn more before you jump in, or perhaps just add it to your watch list and hope for a lower price. Its stock price, recently near \$500 per share, may not be a screaming bargain, but it doesn't seem severely overvalued, either.

(The Motley Fool owns shares of it and its newsletters have recommended the stock, too.) ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

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

■ **The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** invites members to "Business Before Business Exhale..." to catch their breath before season begins from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6, at LaPlaya Golf Club. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ **SCORE Naples and the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** host a workshop about getting the most out of your advertising dollars by targeting prospects through generational marketing from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 8, at chamber headquarters, 2390 Tamiami Trail N. Robyn Bonaquest of B-Squared

Advertising is the presenter. Registration is \$25. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ **The Next Wake Up Naples** for member and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, at the Hilton Naples. Guest speaker will be Richard Akin, president and CEO of Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ **SCORE Naples and the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** host a workshop for managers about reducing stress and improving efficiency from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, at chamber headquarters, 2390 Tamiami Trail N. Wellness coach Peggy Sealson is the presenter. Cost is \$25. Register at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ **The Inn on Fifth and the Naples St. Patrick Foundation** host Business After 5 for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at the Inn on Fifth. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ **The Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce** invites members and guests to Business After Five from 5:30-7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month. The location changes from month to month. The Sept. 19 gathering is at Marco Island Florist. For more information, e-mail Katie@marcoislandchamber.org.

■ **The PC Business Users Group** of Naples meets from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at Naples Regional Library, 650 Central Ave., for a program by In House Digital Marketing Group. For more information,

e-mail Larry Wasserman at larryeds@aol.com or visit www.pcbug.org.

■ **The Collier County Lodging & Tourism Alliance** hosts Jim Gibson, director of marketing for Seminole Casino Immokalee, at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, at the Hilton Naples. Mr. Gibson will discuss expansion plans for the casino and how local tourism partners can do business with the casino. Free for CCLTA members, \$10 for others. Reservations required by Sept. 19. E-mail Pam Calore at pam.cclta@gmail.com.

■ Members and guests of the **Women's Network of Collier County** meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of every month at Shula's at the Hilton Naples. Cost is \$22 for members, \$25 for others. The next meeting is Sept. 11. Sign up at www.wnocc.org. ■

TOURISM

From page 1

party of Germans had just put in and tied off their boat. As evening settled over the scene some six hours later, the tireless Mr. Wells was still doing the same thing, and with as much friendly warmth as ever.

The moment was ripe with significance: only days earlier, Visit Florida, which promotes tourism for the Sunshine State, announced that the number of foreign visitors jumped by a whopping 10 percent in the quarter ending June 30, compared to the same three-month period in 2011.

But Southwest Florida is its own country in some ways, and Mr. Wells, who is also a partner in the ownership of Cabbage Key, knows that as well as anybody.

“We’re far, far from recession proof,” he explained calmly, admiring his optimism with a cautionary note that foreign tourists are not the rock upon which the house of tourism is built, here. Nevertheless, “there seem to be more German visitors recently.”

That’s not what Visit Florida meant, however, when it announced the increase. It meant visitors from South and Central America where economies have flourished — visitors more likely to travel to such destinations as Miami and Orlando, noted Mr. Wells.

A member of the Tourist Development Council, he pointed out that in recent months Lee (along with Collier and Charlotte) has been turning an eye to that market — but without the big draws of a Disney World or an international city where the languages of the Americas are as available as cups of espresso or Cuban sandwiches.

“We’re trying to figure out how to market what we have here,” he said.

That marketing is ambitious — officials would like foreign tourists not merely to buy food and lodging, but to buy homes. And it gets a little easier when the neighbors have good luck — Naples, for example, was recently ranked number two among the 15 “happiest” coastal communities in the United States, in which to live. That welcome feat came from Coastal Living magazine, and it benefits everyone



COURTESY PHOTOS
The Tarpon Lodge on Pine Island has many local visitors and some from other lands.

along the southwest coast, officials say.

Not to be outdone, Charlotte County announces right up front on the welcoming website (www.floridasinnovationcoast.com) that “Greater Charlotte Harbor and the Gulf Islands (were) voted the best place to live in the South.”

SWFL’s wide appeal

The quarter ending June 30 saw 18.8 million domestic visitors on top of the 2.4 million foreign tourists, state figures show — a slight increase that

may suggest more spending and more confidence in the U.S. economy, too. All that translates into more jobs and increased profits, along with a greater sales tax revenue for the state, which excites officials.

“When we see an increase in tourism numbers, it is encouraging to know that we are inching toward where the industry was prior to not only the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, but the national recession,” one official — Carol Dover, president of the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association — told the Florida News Service.

That may be the goal, but in Southwest Florida it may still depend on Canadians (along with visitors from other parts of the state and country).

“For a long time, our bureau has had offices in Germany and the United Kingdom,” explained Lee Rose, a spokesman for the Lee Visitor and Convention Bureau who researches the origins and numbers of tourists, and their spending.

“We have seen a trend with quite an increase in Canadian visitors. For the entire state, Canada is consistently the major, the number one international tourist feeder market. And in Lee, we’ve seen quite an increase in Canadian

numbers.”

So many that the county hired a Canadian marketing agency to promote and track Maple Leaf visitors.

Many come from the Toronto area, “but what was somewhat of a surprise was that we saw quite a few come from western Canada, too,” Mr. Rose said.

Meanwhile, nothing is static.

If, for example, the region suffers from a sudden bloom of red tide, all bets are off. But Collier County officials reported last week no red tide on any beach in the county, or for that matter north of it.

“Traditionally the South American market has gone to Miami and Orlando, but for several months now, we have been putting forth efforts to make some leeway into those markets,” Mr. Rose noted.

“We’ve sent some sales staff to Brazil, for example, and hopefully some South Americans will see the southwest coast as a nice change of pace from Miami or Orlando.

“We’ve also undertaken initiatives to work a little more into the French market, but all of it is a process that takes a great deal of time.”

And numbers in the region don’t always look like numbers in the state.

In April, for example, Lee County reported that numbers were down from the previous April by 7.4 percent (from roughly 518,000 to 480,000). Figures were similarly showing a decline in numbers in May, but that changed suddenly.

In June, visitation was up 26.2 percent, from 334,800 to 422,975, while expenditures rose 10.6 percent from \$174.8 to \$193.2 million.

Mr. Wells, heading out to greet a grinning family of boaters-turned-diners to the fine restaurant he operates at the Inn, treated it like any veteran sailor treats any good weather.

“This is great,” he said, keeping one cautious eye on the future horizon. ■

“We’re far, far from recession proof... there seem to be more German visitors recently.”

— Rob Wells
owner, Tarpon Lodge

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Lubner Group retained for new Barbados project

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The Naples-based Lubner Group and Clive Daniel Home have been retained by Pure Beach Resort & Spa on the Caribbean island of Barbados to provide design services and custom furnishings for more than 300 planned condominium villas.

Set against nearly 18 acres in the Lesser Antilles in the North Atlantic, Pure Beach Resort & Spa is expected to include 309 residential villas and condos plus a boutique hotel and convention facility. Construction of the first phase is expected to begin in February, with completion scheduled for December 2018. Negotiations are under way with Sotheby's International Realty Barbados and Preferred Residences to represent the property.



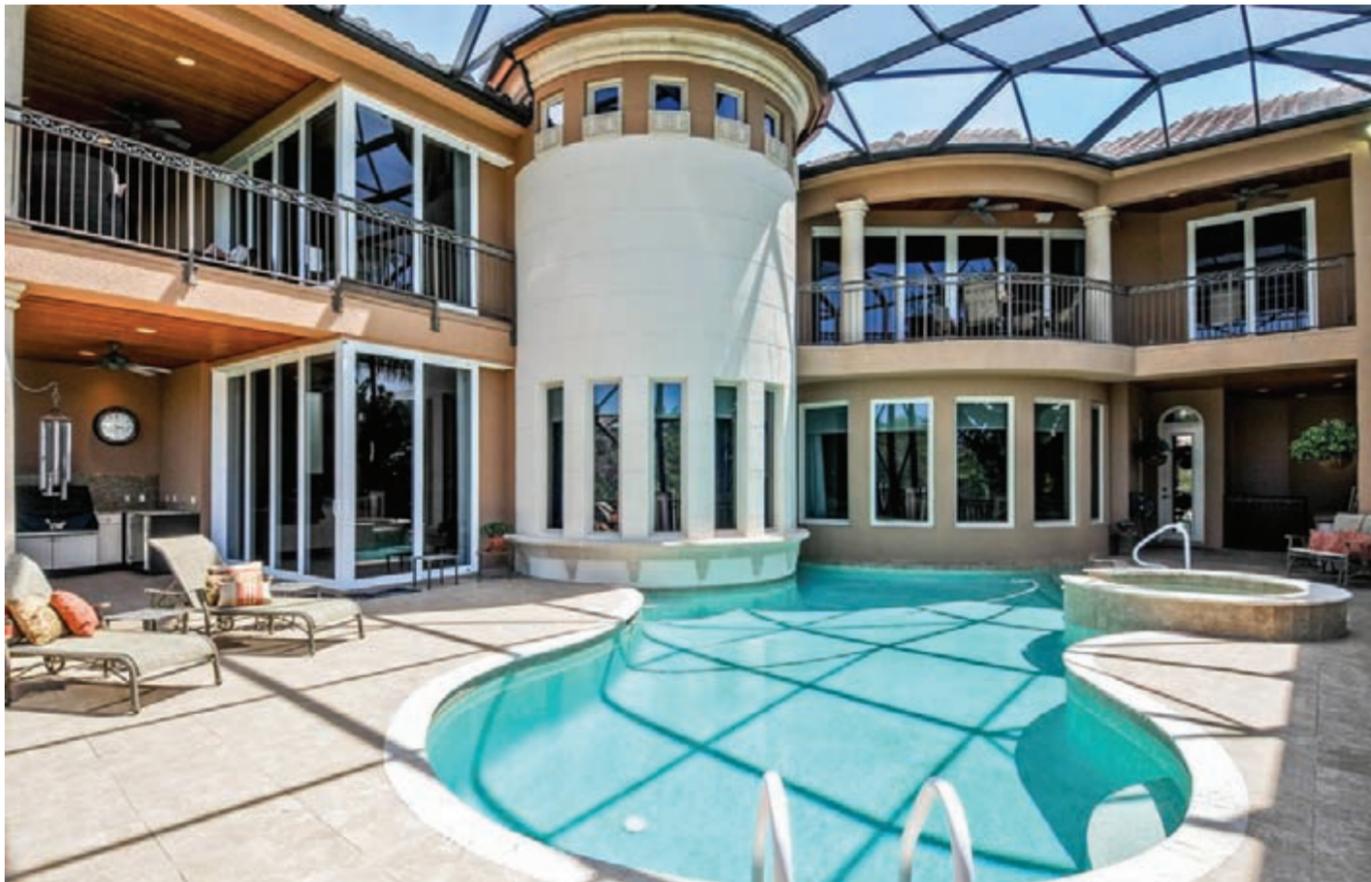
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The development is the largest government-approved real estate project in Barbados, and the site is considered one of the last beachfront development opportunities on the island available to accommodate a development of its size. Buyers of full and fractional ownership are expected to be mid- to high-end buyers from the UK, Canada, the U.S., Asia and continental Europe.

The Lubner Group and Clive Daniel Home offer design and purchasing services with capabilities for crafting custom-designed furniture and total turnkey furnishing packages for commercial projects as well as shared-use properties such as timeshare resorts, hotels, fractional ownership and private residence clubs.

Dan Lubner, president of both and The Lubner Group and Clive Daniel Home, says the companies will create a new line of custom furnishings specifically for Pure Beach and adds, "Our team will also coordinate every facet of the design, manufacturing, shipping and installation process."

For more information, visit www.purebeachresort.com.



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House Hunting: 199 Topanga Drive

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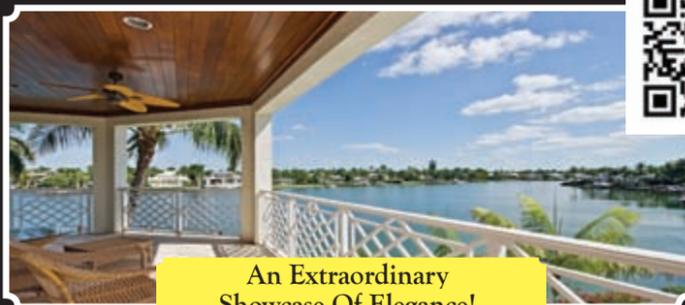
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- Gorgeous Port Royal Estate
- \$10,500,000 MLS 211517836
- Lauren & Michael Taranto 239.572.3078

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TUSCAN INSPIRED PRIVATE ENCLAVE

- 4 Bedrooms, + Den, 4.5-Baths
- Side Load 4-Car Garage
- Covered Loggia w/Pool and Spa
- Beautiful Lake & Preserve Views
- \$2,100,000 MLS 212001463
- Martinovich & Nulf 239.398.3929

PARK SHORE



SOLAMAR AT PARK SHORE

- 3 Bedrooms, 3-Baths, 2 Balconies
- Lovely Kitchen w/Dry Bar & 2 Wine Coolers
- Gulf, Bay & Cityscape Views
- Electric Hurricane Shutters Throughout
- \$799,900 MLS 211507508
- Liz Appling 239.272.7201

BONITA SPRINGS



SPANISH WELLS

- Custom Built Home
- Fabulous Lake & Golf Course View
- 4 Bedroom, 3 Full Bath/ 2921 SQ. Ft. of Living Area
- Sparkling Pool
- \$475,000 MLS 212007126
- Cory Lauer 239.465.9290

BEAR'S PAW



BEAR'S PAW VILLAS

- 2 Bedrooms, 2-Baths
- Exceptional Views
- Fully Furnished & Golf Cart Included
- Gate Golf Course Community
- \$254,900 MLS 211514969
- Jo Ellen Nash 239.537.4785

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GULF SHORE BLVD S. 19- ROOM ESTATE

- 7 Bedrooms, 9 Full & 2-Baths
- 10,000 S.F. Custom Estate
- 3 Fireplaces, Wine Cellar, Elevator & Theater
- Beautiful Pool & Fountains
- \$7,400,000 MLS 212008187
- Michael & Lauren Taranto 239.572.0066

VANDERBILT BEACH



EXPANSIVE BAY VIEWS

- 3 Bedrooms, + Den, 3 Full & 1- Half Baths
- Soaring Ceilings & Open Floor Plan
- Large Master Suite w/Fireplace
- Gulf Access, Boat Dock & Lift
- \$1,970,000 MLS 212017871
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LOCATED WITHIN A PRIVATE ENCLAVE

- 3 Bedrooms, + Den, 3.5-Baths
- Mediterranean Inspired Villa
- Custom Pool w/Spillover Spa
- Nestled in Lush Tropical Landscaping
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CUSTOM DESIGNED COACH HOME

- 3 Bedrooms, + Den, 3-Baths
- Maple Hard Wood Floors & Custom Bookcase
- Custom Designed Coach Home
- Situated on a scenic Lake
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AVE MARIA



DEL WEBB

- Panoramic Lake & Golf Course Views
- Bundled Golf Included
- Granite Counters, Stainless Appliances
- Heated Pool & Spa
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PORT ROYAL



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1205 SPYGLASS LANE

- 4 Bedrooms, + Den, 4-Baths
- Dramatic Soaring Ceilings
- Gulf Access w/Boat Dock and Lift
- Beautiful Open Heated Pool
- \$5,200,000 MLS 212016138
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PINE RIDGE



INCREDIBLE HOME ON PRIME HOMESITE

- 4 Bedrooms, + Den, 4.5-Baths
- Wood & Satin Marble Floors Throughout
- Deluxe Kitchen w/Huge Island
- Faux Finishes & Soaring Ceilings
- \$1,850,000 MLS 212007630
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COVE TOWERS



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- Bay, Preserve & Gulf Views
- World Class Amenities
- \$785,000 MLS 212018981
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BONITA BAY



BAYVIEW

- High Rise Living in Bonita Bay
- 3 Bedroom, 3 Baths
- Large Lanai with Sunset Views
- Enclosed/Oversized Garage
- \$424,900 MLS 211514648
- Bob Fagan, The Fagan Team 239.272.3006

BONITA BAY



OAKWOOD LAKE VILLAS

- 2 Bedroom, Den, 2.5 Baths
- Recently Updated, Immaculate
- 2 Car Garage, Private Setting
- Spacious Open Loft
- \$229,000 MLS 212019489
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- 4 Bedrooms, + Den, 4.5-Baths
- Beautiful Courtyard w/Fountain & Fireplace
- 70' Lanai w/ Custom Pool & Spa
- In Home Massage Room & Retreat
- \$3,650,000 MLS 211518573
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BONITA BAY



GRACIOUS SENSE OF LUXURY

- 3 Bedrooms, + Den, 3.5-Baths
- 4 Terraces w/ Gulf and Bay Views
- Timeless Elegance Offered Fully Furnished
- Stunning Appointments Throughout
- \$1,695,000 MLS 212003728
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ULTIMATE LOCATION FOR PRIVACY

- 3 Bedrooms, + Den, 3-Baths
- Surrounded by 3 Lakes
- Professionally Designed Gourmet Kitchen
- Private Wood Paneled Elevator
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RIVER REACH



OLDE FLORIDA STYLE HOME

- 3 Bedrooms, + Den, 2-Baths
- Custom Island Kitchen
- Beautiful Master Retreat
- Gulf Access Via Gordan River
- \$400,000 MLS 212016025
- Doug Haughey 239.961.1561

SPANISH WELLS



LAS BRISAS

- 2 Bedroom + Den, 2 Bath
- 1,670 Sq. Ft. of Living Space
- Sunset Views on Golf Course/Lake
- Large Closets/Large Master Bedroom
- \$219,000 MLS 211516009
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- 3 Buildings / 5 Total Units
- New Pool and Spa
- New 2-Car Garage
- Excellent Rental Opportunity
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PRIVACY AND SECURITY

- 3 Bedrooms, + Den, 3.5-Baths
- Second Story Private Entrance
- Soaring Ceilings & Open Floor Plan
- Spacious Center Island
- \$1,475,000 MLS 212003728
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REGATTA AT VANDERBILT BEACH



SPECTACULAR VIEWS

- 3 Bedrooms, 3-Baths
- View of Vanderbilt Lagoons
- Offered w/the Design
- Walk to Vanderbilt Beach
- \$649,000 MLS 211507508
- Annette Villano 239.272.7201

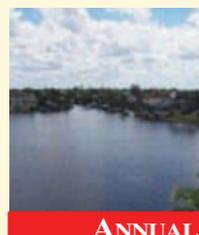
BONITA SPRINGS



RICHVIEW

- 3 Bedroom, 2.5 Baths
- Western Exposure
- Extra Lot w/ Boat Dock
- High End Upgrades
- \$360,000 MLS 212003728
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BREATHTAKING VIEWS

- 3 Bedrooms, + Den, 3.5-Baths
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PRIVACY AND SERENITY ABOUND

- 3 Bedrooms, + Den, 3.5-Baths
- Second Story Private Guest Suite
- Soaring Ceilings & Custom Architecture
- Spacious Center Island Kitchen
- \$1,475,000 MLS 212016592
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REGATTA AT VANDERBILT BEACH



SPECTACULAR VIEWS

- 3 Bedrooms, 3-Baths
- View of Vanderbilt Lagoon, Boat Dock Included
- Offered w/the Designer Furnishings
- Walk to Vanderbilt Beach
- \$649,000 MLS 212012319
- Annette Villano 239.248.6798

BONITA SPRINGS



RICHVIEW

- 3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath W/ Pool
- Western Exposure with Outdoor Kitchen
- Extra Lot w/ Boat & RV Storage
- High End Upgrades Throughout
- \$360,000 MLS 212025995
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VANDERBILT BEACH



ANNUAL RENTAL

BREATHTAKING WATER VIEWS

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

PARK SHORE



OPEN SUNDAY 1 - 4:00

310 DEVILS BIGHT

- 3 Bedrooms, 3.5-Baths
- 140' on the Water & Wide Bay Views
- Fabulous Backyard w/Pool and Tiki Bar
- Boat Dock Accommodates a 30' Boat
- \$3,095,000 MLS 212021154
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PELICAN BAY



MARBELLA AT PELICAN BAY

- 3 Bedrooms, 3-Baths
- Extensively Upgraded
- Beautiful Custom Hard Wood Built-ins
- Stunning Spacious Kitchen
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SPECTACULAR LAKE & PRESERVE VIEWS

- 3 Bedrooms, + Den, 3-Baths
- Custom Designed & Furnished
- Boat Slip & Lift Included
- Custom Built ins: Entertainment Center & Wet Bar
- Beautiful Gourmet Kitchen
- \$594,000 MLS 212009182
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MOORINGS



BOATING BEACH LOCATION

- 2 Bedrooms, 2-Baths
- Completely Renovated
- Boat Slip & Lift Included
- Short Boat Ride to the Gulf
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PINE RIDGE



ANNUAL RENTAL

SITUATED ON A PRIVATE LOT

- 4 Bedrooms, 3-Baths
- Beautiful Terrazzo Floors
- Sits on Over an Acre of Land
- Screened Lanai with Pool
- \$2,400 / Month MLS 212025579
- Kristin Porter 239.253.2099

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PADOVA AT MEDITERRA

- 4 Bedrooms, + Den, 5-Full & 2-Half Baths
- Exquisite Details throughout
- Unbelievable Master Suite & Bath
- 2 Grand Pools, Spa and Fireplace
- \$2,849,000 MLS 211001986
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BONITA BAY



ELEGANT & CLASSIC RESIDENCE

- 2 Bedrooms, + Den, 3-Baths
- Beautiful Curved Bay Windows
- Private Sun Balcony
- Gulf, Bay & City Views
- \$949,000 MLS 212005117
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BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED COACH HOME

- 3 Bedrooms, + Den, 3-Baths
- Gorgeous Kitchen w/Butler's Pantry
- West Exposure w/Stunning Sunsets
- Private 2-Car Garage & Gated Community
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ROOKERY POINTE



OPEN SUNDAY 1 - 4:00

20301 ROOKERY DRIVE

- 3 Bedroom / 2 Bath, Newly Renovated
- Lake & Sunset Views on Oversized Lot
- Open Floor Plan by Arthur Rutenberg
- Maintenance Free Gated Community
- \$299,900 MLS 212012127
- Don Graves 239.287.7107

LONGSHORE LAKE



ANNUAL RENTAL

NORTH NAPLES COMMUNITY

- 3 Bedrooms, 2-Baths
- Gated Community
- Spacious Lanai w/Private Spa
- Many Community Amenities
- \$1,750 / Month MLS 212019697
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MEDITERRA



SPECTACULAR FURNISHED MODEL HOME

- 5 Bedrooms, + Den, 5.5-Baths
- Huge Outdoor Kitchen
- Courtyard Lanai w/Pool & Spa
- 2-Story Guest House
- \$2,199,000 MLS 212003384
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SHADOW WOOD



KENWOOD

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- Extensive Lake Views - SE Facing
- 4 Bedrooms + Den; 3 Bathrooms
- Extensive Upgrades
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- Bob Nemece 239.273.2556

BEAR'S PAW



GULF ACCESS COMMUNITY

- 3 Bedrooms, 2-Baths
- Beautifully Remodeled
- Stone Fireplace
- Gorgeous Hardwood Flooring
- \$499,000 MLS 212013651
- Jo Ellen Nash 239.537.4785

HERITAGE BAY



OPEN SUNDAY 1 - 4:00

10250 HERITAGE BAY BLVD., #3616

- Exceptional 2 Bedrooms, + Den, 2-Baths
- Bundled Golf Community
- Picturesque Lake & Golf Views
- Numerous Upgrades
- \$265,000 MLS 212012131
- Jackie Sweet 239.298.9000

PELICAN MARSH



ANNUAL RENTAL

EGRETS WALK

- 2 Bedrooms, + Den, 3-Baths
- Fabulous Lake Views
- Large Screened Lanai
- Premier Community Amenities
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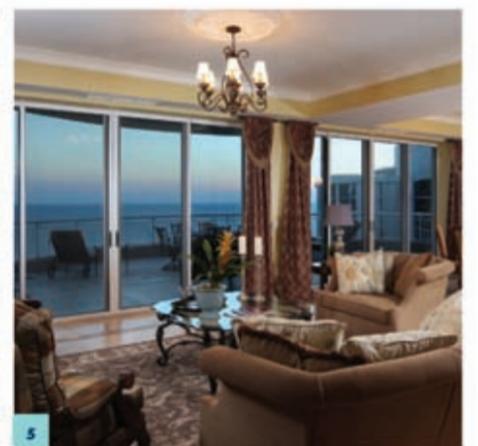


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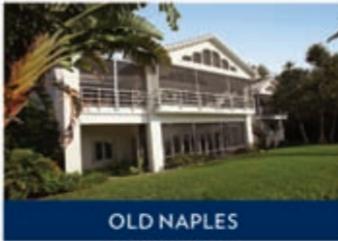


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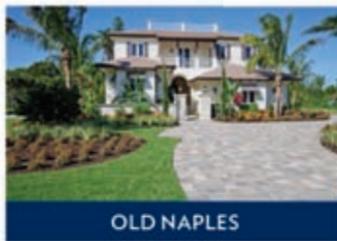
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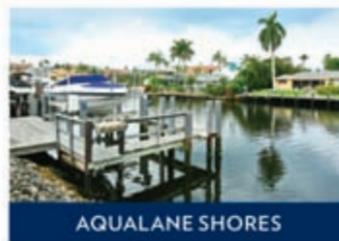
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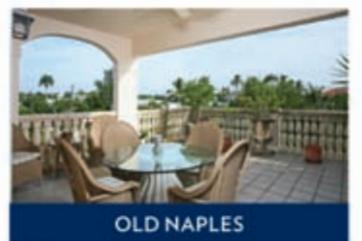
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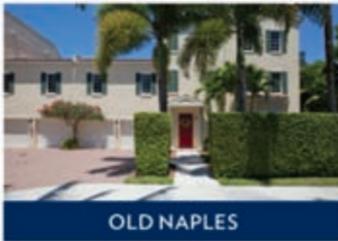
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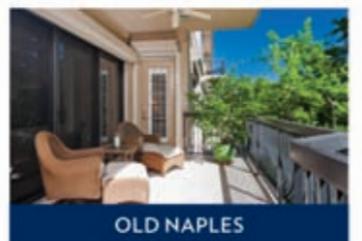
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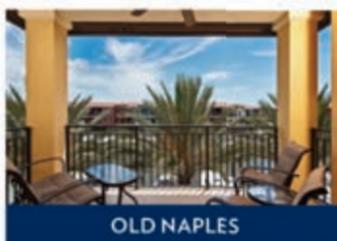
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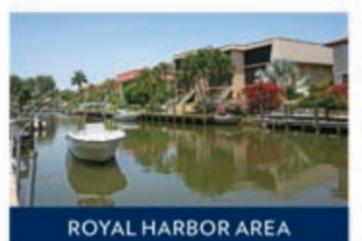
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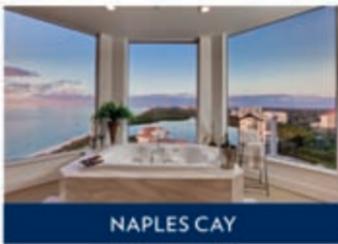


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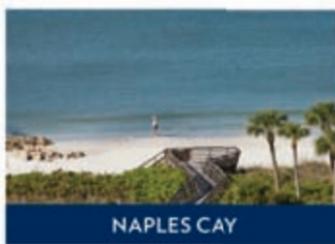
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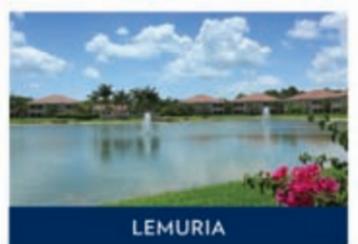
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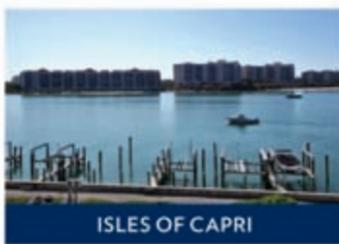
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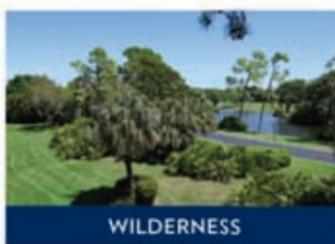
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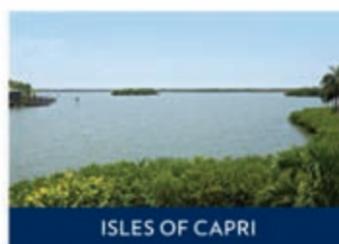
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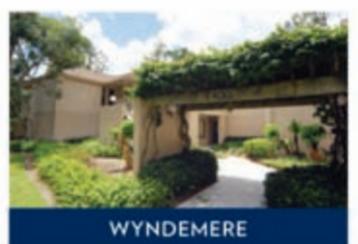
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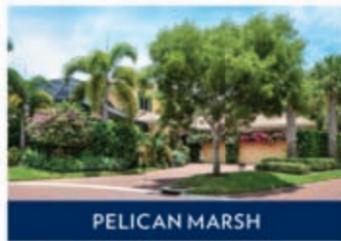
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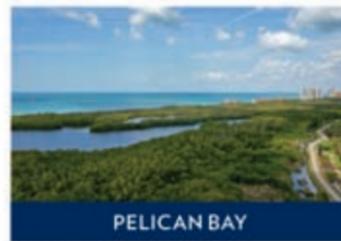
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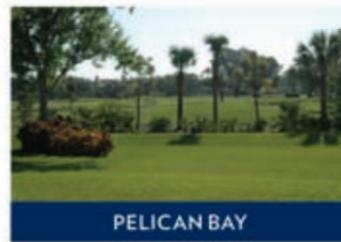
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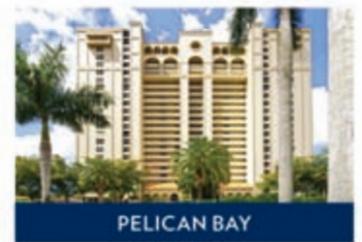
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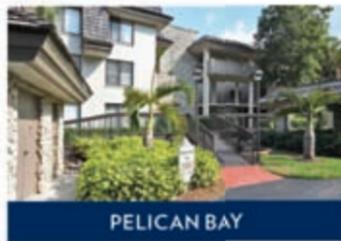
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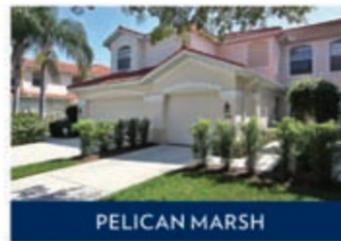
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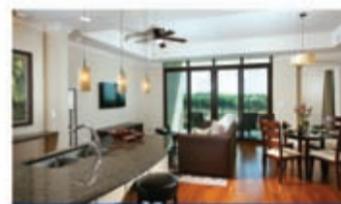
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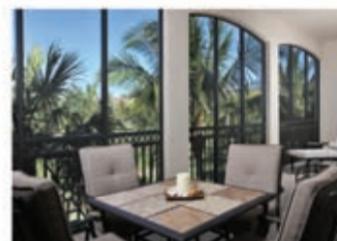
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SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Terzetto, the newest phase of The Colony Golf & Bay Club by WCI Communities, is accepting reservations for its luxury penthouse residences. Construction is scheduled to begin soon on the first phase, which will consist of 10 buildings.

Residences in Terzetto will overlook nature preserves, lakes and the 11th hole of The Colony's Jerry Pate-designed championship golf course. Each three-bedroom residence will occupy an entire floor of the three-story buildings and will have two full baths, a powder room, two-car garages and elevator and stairway access. Luxury features and finishes will include wet bars, granite kitchen countertops and coffered/tray ceilings.

Terzetto's first-floor homes will have a living and dining room, his-and-her walk-in closets in the master suite and 2,839 total square feet of living space. The kitchen will feature an oversized center island/breakfast bar and pantry. Doors from the living room and master bedroom will access the nearly 230-square-foot lanai.

Second- and third-floor homes will

offer living and dining rooms, den and 3,852 total square feet of living space. They will have an elevator lobby, foyer and walk-in-closets in the bedrooms.

Prices at Terzetto will begin in the mid-\$400,000s. Buyers will be able to personalize their home through WCI's Design Studio at the company's nearby Bonita Springs headquarters.

Terzetto will also offer a variety of amenities at the club, including formal and casual dining options, a cocktail lounge, golf pro shop, men's and women's lounges and locker rooms and the spa and fitness center. Outdoor amenities include a swimming pool and a tennis pavilion with six Har-Tru courts.

Residents of The Colony Golf & Bay Club also have access to Pelican Landing amenities: a 34-acre island beach park, canoe park, tennis courts, fitness center and community center. The community's resident services program can arrange everything from key holding, housekeeping services and pantry stocking to dry cleaning, domestic and international travel and at-home massages or yoga instruction.

For more information, call (800) WCI-2290 or visit www.WCICommunities.com. ■

Learn about opportunities surrounding Southwest Florida International Airport

Lee County continues to lay the groundwork for a variety of real estate development projects and business opportunities at Southwest Florida International Airport.

Mark Busalacchi, director of properties for the Lee County Port Authority, will offer an overview of the properties available, explain business incentives and provide an update on the infrastructure projects underway at the next meeting of the Real Estate Investment Society of Southwest Florida. Guests are welcome to join members for lunch beginning at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, in the clubhouse at Pelican Preserve in Fort Myers.

Mr. Busalacchi will discuss:

- Skyplex Boulevard, a commercial route being built between Daniels Parkway and Chamberlin Parkway, and the 1,100 acres of commercial sites at Skyplex being marketed by the LCPA.

- Construction of a direct access road from I-75 to the airport terminal.

- Business development incentives and real estate broker compensation programs.

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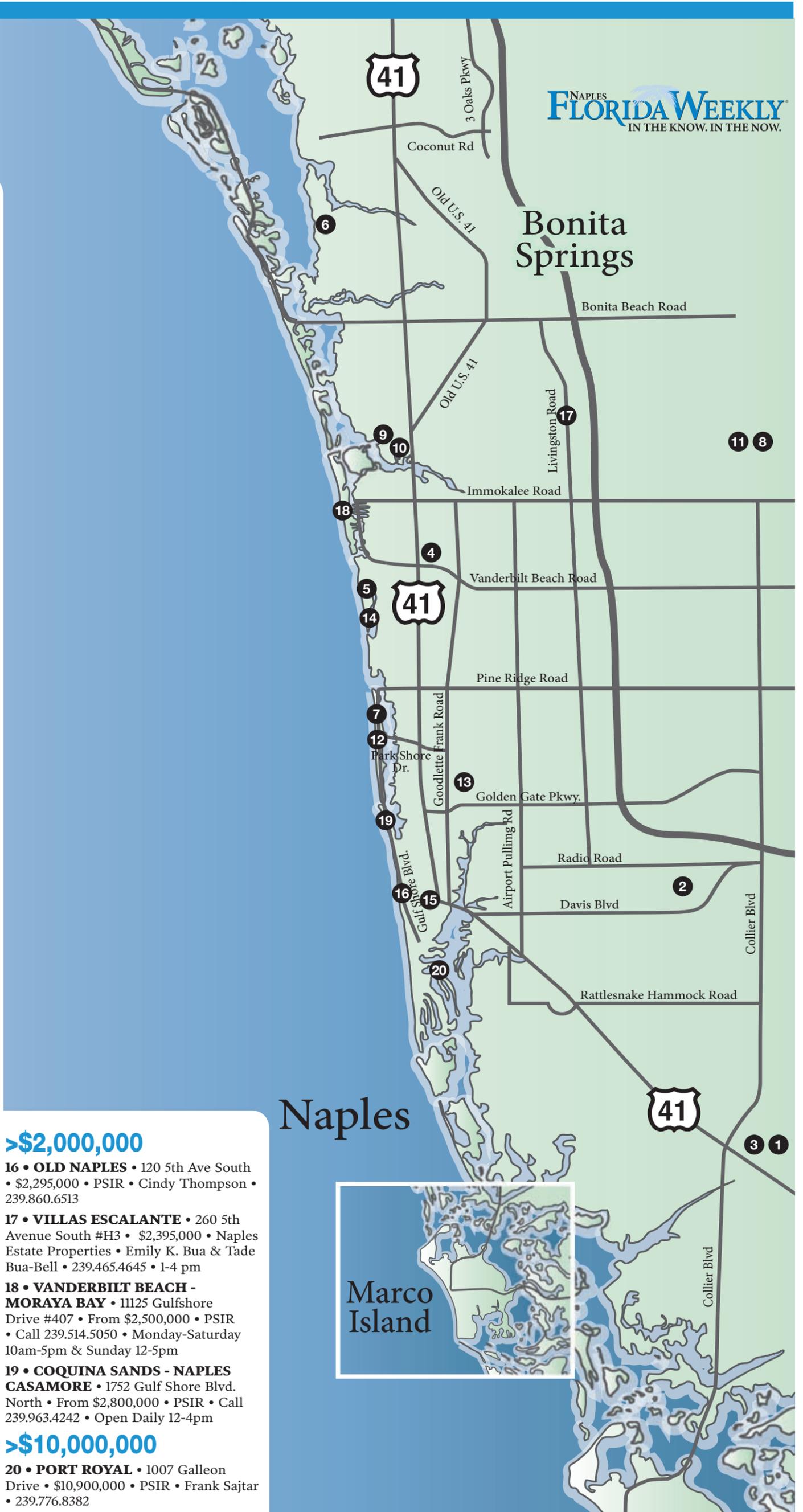
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IT'S BACK! After a brief hiatus, The Percussion Summit — the Philharmonic Center for the Arts' homegrown celebration of all things that can be struck, beat, tapped, brushed or rung with sticks, mallets, brushes, fingers or hands — returns on Saturday, Sept. 8.

The concert features percussionists from the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, Tampa's Florida Orchestra and the Jacksonville Symphony. This year's guest drummers are Ndugu Chancler, a Los Angeles studio musician and teacher at the University of Southern California, and Ruben Alvarez, a Chicago-based Latin percussionist, drum set artist, composer and producer.

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Schlehr named to top spot at Naples Art Association

BY KATHLEEN TAYLOR

Special to Florida Weekly

A familiar face from The von Liebig Art Center has been named executive director of the Naples Art Association. Aimee Schlehr, a part of the staff since 2009, will move into the role of executive director and continue to lead the organization. The announcement was made by Stacey Bulloch, president of the board of directors.

"Aimee has shown real initiative by steadily taking on increasing responsibilities at the art center and has proven to be a valued and thoughtful member of the team," Ms. Bulloch says. "In her time



SCHLEHR

here, she has inspired a spirit of cooperation with all who are involved. Her understanding of what the art center means to the community and its members is paramount, and we are excited to recognize her exceptional talent and leadership with this new title."

As executive director, Ms. Schlehr becomes a chief representative and spokesperson of the NAA, and as such, she eagerly engages with community leaders to encourage investment in the

association. She believes that the best years are yet ahead, where the organization's relationships will strengthen, its mission becomes reenergized and businesses and individual donors are engaged and recognized for their support.

"I love being part of this team, building community relationships and seeing artists of all ages creating and honing their talents," she says.

Ms. Schlehr will continue to oversee the financial management and day-to-day operations of the art center.

"As a nonprofit, the challenge is to run the organization as a business while

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Wily in love, like a cat



My boyfriend has a new cat. "She's not my cat," he says. This tiny kitten from the house next door that has been hanging around his place for the last two weeks. She bounded out of the bushes when he first moved in, all fluffy black fur and raucous purring, and in short order she has pawed her way into his space. Now they spend every night together, and she wakes him up just after dawn with her cold nose pressed against his cheek. "But she's not my cat," he says when I tease him, this manly man who stands 6-foot-5, whose arms are thick as logs — and who has been a dog person for as long as I've known him. "I mean, she's hanging out here. But she knows it's not serious." I had to laugh. How many times have I heard this exact quote from the mouths of my male friends? This must be a standard line for a standard thought process. Sure, all the outward signs of a relationship are there; sure, the kitty probably goes back to her cat friends and gushes about the great new guy she's met, how serious they are, how he's thinking about getting her

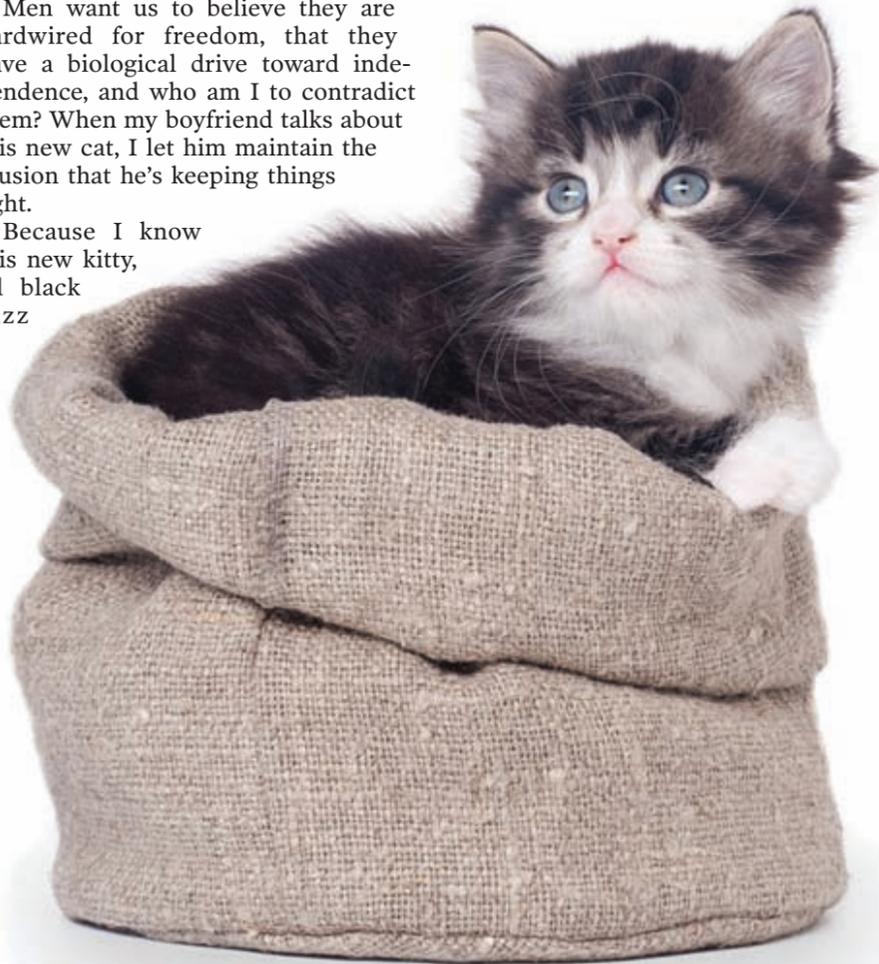
fixed. But my boyfriend? He's just not that into her.

Or so it seems. Maybe this is all part of a bigger game.

Men want us to believe they are hardwired for freedom, that they have a biological drive toward independence, and who am I to contradict them? When my boyfriend talks about this new cat, I let him maintain the illusion that he's keeping things light.

Because I know this new kitty, all black fuzz

and soft eyes, is wise in the way that all women are wise. She is patient. She is sweet. She rubs his head with her small head in the morn-



ings, and she purrs when she sees him.

So that all the while he's telling me it's nothing serious, his actions speak louder than his commitment-free words. He's started buying her cat food. The good stuff, I hear. When he caught her drinking out of the toilet, he made a special trip to the store to buy her a water dish. Last week he talked about getting her spayed.

"Not because I'm keeping her," he said. "Just so, you know, she won't have any babies."

From the way he talks, you'd think he was the one deciding the terms of their relationship.

Perhaps we would all do well to take a lesson from their, shall we say, "courtship."

I've read too many relationship advice books that urge women to dictate the conditions of their relationships. These books say a woman should lay down ultimatums when her desires aren't met on schedule. But I have to wonder if that's always the best approach.

Not that a woman shouldn't know her limits or be clear about her desires, but when it comes to getting what she wants, I wonder if more sweetness — more purring — isn't in order. Sometimes that's exactly what it takes to make a man realize what he's wanted all along. ■



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AUDITION CALLS

There's no shortage of opportunities for aspiring or experienced actors to try out for roles in the new season's productions by area theater companies. Here are some auditions coming up:

■ The **Marco Players** hold tryouts from 7-9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 10-11, for Neil Simon's "Plaza Suite."

Richard Joyce will direct the comedy about what happens in the lives of several couples who check in to Suite 719 in The Plaza Hotel. The cast calls for four women and six men of various ages.

Rehearsals for "Plaza Suite" begin Oct. 1, and performances are set for Nov. 7-25.

The Marco Players also has numerous opportunities for volunteers, from stage managers and set designers to ushers, throughout the season.

For more information, call Marilyn Hilbert at 594-8584 or visit www.themarco-players.com.

■ The **Naples Players** hold auditions for the main stage production of "Leading Ladies" beginning at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Sugden Community Theatre.

Roles are for two women ages 18-35, one woman age 60-80 and five men ages 18-65.

A comedy by Ken Ludwig, "Leading Ladies" follows English Shakespearean actors Jack and Leo, who find themselves so down on their luck that they are performing "Scenes from Shakespeare" on the Moose Lodge circuit in the Amish country of Pennsylvania. All performers need to be comfortable with broad characters and physical comedy.

John McKerrow will direct. Rehearsals begin Oct. 8, and performances are Nov. 20-Dec. 15.

In addition to performers, volunteers are needed backstage and the front of the house for the new season. For more information, call 434-7340, ext. 10.

■ **TheatreZone** will hold auditions for equity and non-equity performers (principal/chorus) for the new season on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 15-16. Appointments are being scheduled between 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. at the G&L Theatre on the campus of The Community School of Naples.

The season opens with "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum." Rehearsals begin Nov. 19, and performances are Nov. 29-Dec. 9. The season continues with "Grand Hotel," "Next to Normal" and "110 in the Shade."

For more information about scheduling an audition, call 449-2323 or e-mail Artistic Director Mark Danni at markdanni@theatrezone-florida.com. Equity members without appointments will be seen throughout the audition day as time permits.

■ **Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre** in Fort Myers has scheduled open auditions for adults and children for five productions in its upcoming season on Saturday, Sept. 29.

Children ages 6-17 will audition at 10 a.m., with sign-ups beginning at 9 a.m. Performers ages 18 and up will audition at 1 p.m., with sign-ups starting at noon. Auditions are on a first-come, first-served basis. No appointments will be taken.

Shows in the season's lineup are: "Miracle on 34th Street," "Fiddler on the Roof," "The Sound of Music," "Menopause the Musical" and "Shrek the Musical."

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BEAT

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The upcoming summit is the 10th such program to take place at the Phil. It didn't take place last year; in 2004, Hurricane Ivan prevented it from happening.

"The new management brought it back," says John Evans, principal timpanist for the NPO and coordinator/emcee of the event. "Kathleen van Bergen (who became president and CEO of the Phil a year ago this month), felt it was a very good educational event and community outreach. I presented the idea to her very early once she got here, and she said she'd like to bring it back."

Tickets are \$10, and anyone who buys one can also attend the percussion clinic from 3-6 p.m. for free. In keeping with the concert's informal tone, attendees can choose for themselves where to sit in the Phil's main performance hall.

About the guest artists

Mr. Chancler has performed with musicians such as Herbie Hancock, Hugh Masekela, Miles Davis and Freddie Hubbard, and performed and recorded with George Duke, Patrice Rushen, John Lee Hooker, Frank Sinatra, Weather Report, Lionel Richie, Kenny Rogers and Thelonious Monk. He played drums for Michael Jackson's "Thriller" album. (That's his drumming on "Billie Jean.")

"We'll play 'Billie Jean,'" Mr. Evans promises. "We couldn't let him leave without him playing that." He says Mr. Chancler will also perform "Birdland," which was a big hit for Weather Report.

Both tunes, as with everything at The Percussion Summit, will be performed using only percussion instruments.

Mr. Alvarez wears multiple hats, including being musical director of the Raices Latin percussion ensemble and El Trio Tropical Latin Music ensemble. He has recorded and appeared with a number of artists, including Eddie Palmieri, Chucho Valdes, Anita Baker, The Commodores, Junior Wells, Dave Mason, Patricia Barber, the Chicago Sinfonetta and the Seattle Philharmonic Orchestra.

He was a guest artist at the 2005 Percussion Summit, a last-minute substitute for Taku Hirano, who cancelled in order to take care of his family in New Orleans, in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

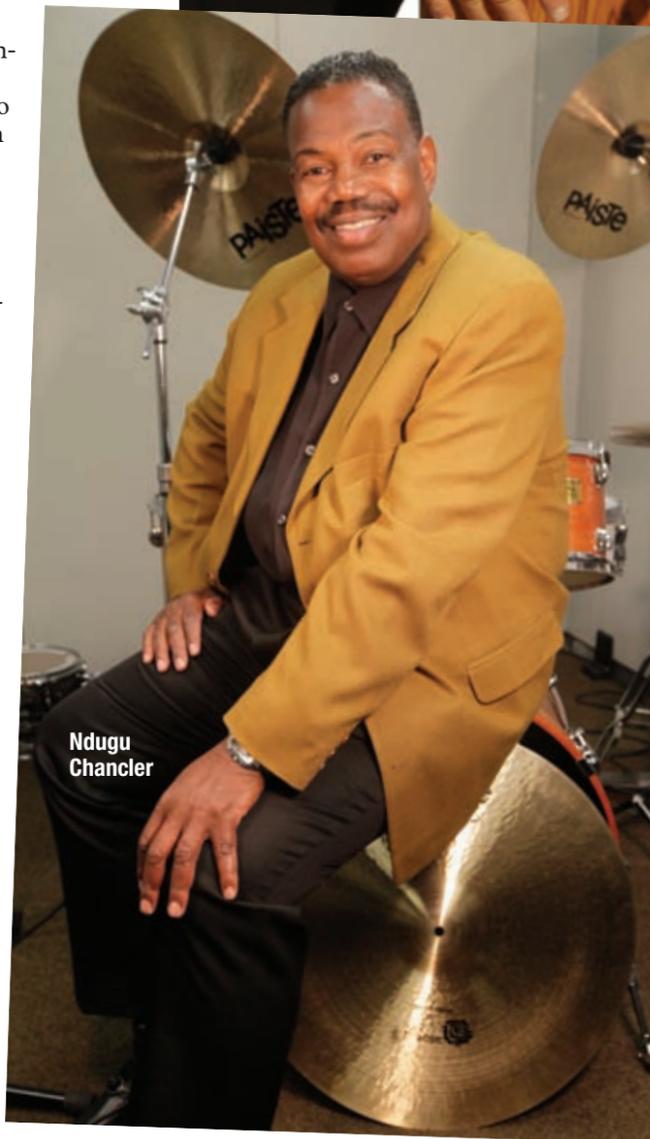
"Ruben was really popular when he was here," Mr. Evans says. "He does a great job of incorporating the audience and bringing them into the show. He has a lot of energy. He's great fun."

He offers a word of advance notice to concert-goers: "Do not expect to just sit in your seat." Mr. Alvarez, he explains, "will have you chanting and singing along with him, as well as who knows what else. I think last time he had people up dancing in the aisles."

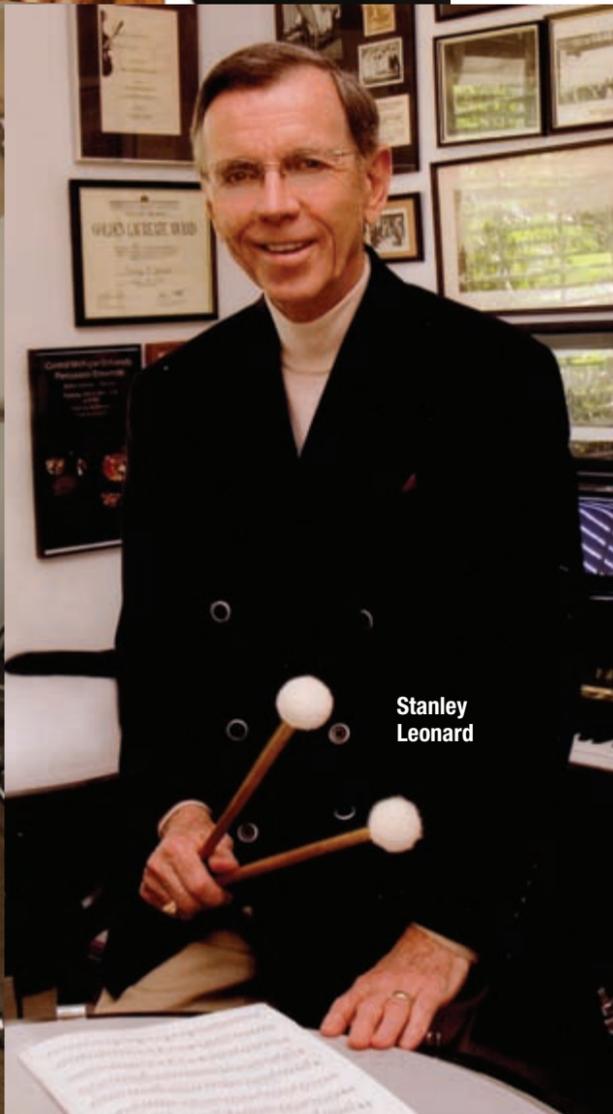
The first half of the evening's performance focuses on a world theme, with pieces influenced by Japan, Australia,



Ruben Alvarez



Ndugu Chancler



Stanley Leonard

Spain and Africa.

The second half features Mr. Chancler, Mr. Alvarez and a steel drum band, which is always an audience favorite. "I don't have steel drums play every year," Mr. Evans says, "but when I don't, people say they wish they had heard it."

Among the other percussion instruments that will keep the beat this year: snare drums, timpani, congas and timbales, along with marimbas, vibraphones and xylophones (all instruments played with mallets) and orches-

tra bells or the glockenspiel.

"And 'African Welcome Piece' starts off with people playing bullroarers. That's one of the more unusual ones," Mr. Evans adds.

Previous Percussion Summits have featured atypical instruments such as car brake drums and — another audience favorite — garbage cans.

"No garbage cans this time," Mr. Evans says.

Cause for celebration

The concert will begin with the

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The Percussion Summit

- >> **When:** 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8
- >> **Where:** The Philharmonic Center for the Arts, Naples
- >> **Cost:** \$10
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world premiere of a composition by Stan Leonard, former principal timpanist of the Pittsburgh Symphony for 38 years. "Drum Celebration" is the fourth piece Mr. Leonard has composed for the Percussion Summit over the years.

"I knew it was going to be the opener," the composer says. "John likes to have something that grabs the audience's attention right off the bat."

The piece is written for 14 musicians — and no conductor. "It has an underlying rhythm that everybody can hold onto," he explains. It opens with the famous rhythm from Ravel's "Bolero."

"One drummer starts out," Mr. Leonard says, "and gradually the others join in. By the time the piece is cranking up a little bit, eight snare drummers are playing it, but they're playing it very softly." Gradually, the timpani, cymbals and the bass drum — "strictly the normal kind of battery instruments" — join in.

As the piece progresses, the players use different kinds of sticks and brushes on the drums, then return to the sticks for the conclusion. "It's like a race to the end," he says. "There's a little foot-stomping on the floor."

Mr. Leonard's music is published and has been performed in the United States, Europe and all over the world. He estimates he's written about 40 pieces for percussionists, but only a few that call for as many instruments as "Drum Celebration."

He initially had some other ideas about what he would write for the return of The Percussion Summit, "But then I got to thinking, 'Let's make this a celebration, as we didn't have a Percussion Summit last year.'"

"Drum Celebration," he says, is exactly what its name implies. "It's a celebration of drums. And this just happens to be a celebration. We're back in the saddle."

"We're having a Percussion Summit again." ■

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■ **Art Opening** – The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs holds an opening reception for the “Color” exhibit from 6-8 p.m. The juried show explores the idea of color in all the hidden niches of our collective psyche. The reception features a special “Colors” contemporary dance performance by artist Angela Hicks. 26100 Old 41 Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

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Saturday, Sept. 8

■ **For the Birds** – As migration season begins, Naples Botanical Garden and the Collier County Audubon Society present a guided tour for young “bird nerds” ages 6-18 beginning at 8 a.m. at the Garden. \$5 for ages 4-14; \$10 for others. Registration through Audubon required. 643.7822 or e-mail collieraudubon@live.com.



Dine and dance just like the good old days when jazz vocalist Nevada Wilkens accompanied by The Jerry Stawski Trio headline Cloyde’s Supper Club Soiree from 6-8:30 p.m. Sept. 12. \$35 for a four-course dinner, \$5 for classic cocktails such as shaken-not-stirred martinis, Manhattans, Sidecars and Old-Fashioneds. Reservations: 261-0622.

■ **WordGirl Visit** – WordGirl, the star of the PBS children’s show, greets fans at the Golisano Children’s Museum of Naples from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. 15080 Livingston Road. 514-0084 or www.cmon.org.

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

■ **Feel the Beat** – The Percussion Summit begins at 3 p.m. and continues

with a concert at 8 p.m. at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org. See story on page C1.

■ **Saturday Nights Alive** – Mixed media artist Debbie Henderson and sculptor Joel Shapses showcase their art at Saturday Nights Alive at Mercato. Meet the artists at 6 p.m. in Suite 5130, and enjoy more art, music and performances outside until 9 p.m. www.facebook.com/mercatonaples.

■ **Tribute Show** – The Stage hosts an AC/DC tribute show tonight beginning at 7:15 p.m. Call about more tribute shows coming up, including Rod Stewart, Bob Seger and Billy Joel. 9144 Bonita Beach Rd. 405-8566. www.thestagebonita.com.

■ **Two to Tango** – Brush up on your tango steps with a class at 7:30 p.m. and say for milonga from 8-11 p.m. at Repun Tango Naples. \$15 per person. 1673 Pine Ridge Road. 738-4184.

■ **Acoustic Rock** – The Trouble Makerz perform from 8-10 p.m. in Market Plaza at Gulf Coast Town Center. 267-0783 or www.gulfcoasttowncenter.com.

Sunday, Sept. 9

■ **Pickin’ and Grinnin’** – The Alliance for the Arts and the Acoustic Music Society of Southwest Florida kick off an indoor bluegrass series from 2-5 p.m. with the guitar and fiddle duo Ritter and Lewis, guitar players Steve Palmer and Lance Shearer and The Sawgrass Drifters at the Alliance of the Arts, Fort Myers. 939-2787 or www.artinlee.org.

■ **Chamber Music** – The chamber ensemble of the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra presents “Passion and Drama” at 3 p.m. today and 8 p.m. Tuesday. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

Monday, Sept. 10

■ **Art Talk** – The FGCU Department of Visual and Performing Arts presents a gallery talk titled “Jerry P. Sell: Realism In Portraiture” at 4 p.m. in the FGCU ArtLab. The exhibit is on display through Sept. 28. 590-7238 or asturdiv@fgcu.edu.

■ **All That Jazz** – Jazz things up with

Jebry and friends from 6-9 p.m. at Mongello’s. 4221 Tamiami Trail E. 793-2644.

■ **Films in Fort Myers** – TGIM: Thank God for Indie Mondays with host Eric Raddatz begins with happy hour at 6:30 p.m. following by the screening of several short films in consideration of their 2013 programming with local films and local music at 7 p.m. at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, Fort Myers. \$5. www.fortmyersfilmfestival.com.

■ **Bonita Screening** – The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents a screening and discussion of “Man on the Train” beginning at 7 p.m. \$8. 26100 Old 41 Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Tuesday, Sept. 11

■ **Walking Tour** – The Naples Historical Society conducts a walking tour of the downtown historic district beginning at 9 a.m. Meet at Palm Cottage, 137 12th Ave. S. Reservations required. 261-8164 or www.napleshistoricalsociety.org.

Coming up

■ **Library Films** – Friends of the Library of Collier County presents “The Best Man,” the 1964 film about a presidential election starring Henry Fonda, Cliff Robertson, Edie Adams and Ann Sothern. Screenings are at 2 p.m. Sept. 12 at Headquarters Library (593-0177); 2 p.m. Sept. 13 at Naples Regional Library (263-7768); and 5 p.m. Sept. 18 at South Regional Library (252-7542). Attendance is free, but registration is required.

■ **Seniors Got Talent** – Cooperative Associates Marketing Elderly Options presents a seniors talent show from 2-4 p.m. Sept. 12 at Hodges University. Tickets are \$10, with proceeds benefitting organizations that serve local seniors. To RSVP: 963-5542.

■ **Fun With Duct Tape** – Kids can have fun creating masterpieces with duct tape at the East Naples Library. A session for ages 9-12 is set for 5:30-6:45 p.m. Sept. 13; ages 13-17 are invited at the same time Sept. 27. Free. To RSVP: 775-5592.

■ **Picasso at the Lapin Agile** – By the Laboratory Theater of Florida Sept. 14-29 at 1634 Woodford Ave. 218-0481.

■ **Glow Bowling** – Florida Gulf Coast University’s Alumni Association hosts the sixth annual Dollars for FGCU Scholars bowling night and silent auction from 6-9 p.m. Sept. 15 at Beacon Bowl Lanes. 590-1087 or www.fgcu.edu/alumni.

■ **Food Truck Rally** – Seminole Casino Immokalee holds its monthly Paradise Food Truck Rally from 1-5 p.m. Sept. 16. Food items start at \$5. www.seminolecasinoevents.com.

■ **Mercato Movie** – Bring a chair or blanket and settle in under the stars for a free screening of “Tootsie” beginning around 7:45 p.m. Sept. 18 on the lawn across from Naples Flatbread and Yogurbella at Mercato. The 1982 comedy stars Dustin Hoffman and Jessica Lange. Movie night at Mercato is sponsored by Whole Foods on the third Tuesday of every month.

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

SAVE THE DATE

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.

■ **Baby Basics of Collier County** hosts its annual fall fashion show and brunch at 9 a.m. Monday, Nov. 12, at Dillard's in Coastland Center. Guests will enjoy a discount on all purchases throughout the store that day, and Dillard's will donate a portion of sales back to Baby Basics.

Tickets are \$70 per person, which will allow Baby Basics to provide diapers to two babies for a month. For reservations or more information, e-mail Camille@thesupplees.com or jogger2308@aol.com.

■ **Planned Parenthood of Collier County** has engaged two distinguished women's right advocates for its major fundraisers this season.

The **"Voices of Choice"** luncheon on Wednesday, Nov. 14, at the Naples Sailing & Yacht Club will feature lawyer and professor Sarah Weddington, who is believed to be the youngest person to ever win a case before the Supreme Court. Ms. Weddington successfully argued the 1973 landmark *Roe v. Wade* case, in which the court held that there is a constitutional right of privacy for individuals to decide whether to continue or terminate an unwanted pregnancy.

Luncheon tickets are \$75 a person.

Gloria Steinem will be the guest speaker at **"The Choice Affair"** on Saturday evening, Feb. 2, at The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club.

A voice for women's right for more than 40 years, Ms. Steinem has brought into the public eye a range of issues, from domestic violence and sexual harassment to reproductive rights and gender inequity in the workplace. A writer, activist and champion of the feminist and social justice movement, she co-founded *Ms.* and *New York* magazines as well as the National Women's Political Caucus.

Tickets to "The Choice Affair" are \$350 at the Friends Membership level; sponsorships range from \$1,500 to \$10,000.

Proceeds from both events will help give voice to the women, men and teens who benefit from the services of Planned Parenthood of Collier County, whose mission is to enable people to make responsible choices about their sexual and reproductive health by providing comprehensive medical and educational services and by promoting access to these services.

For reservations or more information, call 262-8923, ext. 309.

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

JDRF is the leading global organization focused on Type 1 diabetes (T1D) research. For more information, call 591-2825 or visit www.jdrf.org.

■ The 2013 **"Mending Broken Hearts with Hope"** luncheon for the **Shelter for Abused Women & Children** is set for Friday, Feb. 22, at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples. Guest speaker Dr. Susan Weitzman is the founder and president of The Weitzman Center, a nonprofit educational and resource center dedicated to helping survivors of upscale violence, increasing public awareness and



At the 2011 NCH Hospital Ball: Maya and Orlando Rosales, above left, and Dr. Michael Damask, Lori Joyce and Heather and Art Burton.



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educating professionals who respond to these survivors. She has written a book, "Not to People Like Us: Hidden Abuse in Upscale Marriages," and is working on a documentary about the subject.

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

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

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

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

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

■ **The Council of Hispanic Business Professionals** holds its fourth annual gala the evening of Saturday, Oct. 6, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. This year's beneficiary is the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County. Guests of honor will include five young CHBP scholarship recipients who are taking part in the Leadership Collier Foundation's youth program.

For tickets or more information, e-mail events@CHBPnaples.org or visit www.CHBPnaples.org.

■ The E.T. Brisson Detachment, Marine Corps League, Naples, celebrates the **237th Marine Corps Birthday Ball** on Friday evening, Nov. 9, at the Country Club of Naples. Guest of honor will be Maj. Gen. Mike Coyne, USMC (Ret.).

Tickets for \$75 per person must be purchased in advance. For reservations or more information, call 352-7611. For more information about the local league, visit www.marinecorosleaguena.com.

■ 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.

■ 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.

Tickets are \$175 per person. For information about becoming an LVCC volunteer tutor or to purchase tickets for "Dancing with the Stars for Literacy," call 262-4448 or visit www.collierliteracy.org.

■ 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.

■ Plans are cooking for the first-ever **"Naples Woman's Club Kitchen Tour"** showcasing exquisite kitchens in some of the loveliest homes in Port Royal. Set for Wednesday, Jan. 23, the tour will include area chefs offering their finest gourmet samplings, musicians, floral designs, gift boutiques and prize drawings at each home. A party at the Naples Woman's Club the day of the event will feature entertainment as well as Mikkelsen's desserts, Norman Love chocolates, artist Emily James, cookbook author Patsy Wright, olive oil tastings and more.

Tickets are \$50 per person and \$85 for patrons. Proceeds will benefit the Naples Historical Society, Baby Basics and the Naples Woman's Club philanthropic efforts. For tickets or more information, call Anne Palmer at 262-2259. For information about the club and its

80-year history, visit www.napleswomensclub.org.

■ **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.

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

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

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

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

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

■ **"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 or visit collier-friends.org. ■

ARTS COMMENTARY

From Broadway to babies, PBS presents winners



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If you appreciate quality TV, September will give you cause to fall in love with PBS all over again.

I was able to preview some shows scheduled to air this month, and all I can say is: Wow!

First I watched **"Broadway or Bust,"** a three-part series about promising high school musical theater performers. (Unfortunately, only a rough cut of the first episode was available for viewing; the filmmakers are still editing the series.)

Sixty students are selected from



Cast members from "Broadway or Bust"

50,000 high school musicals in 30 regional competitions. They're brought to New York City for five days of theater boot camp, officially known as the National High School Musical Theater Awards. The event culminates in a 2½-hour performance on a Broadway stage. Each student performs in the opening and closing number, as well as in a small ensemble. They also perform a solo. Six finalists are chosen, and at the end, one young woman and young man win the coveted Jimmy Award.

The students come from all over the United States; for many of them, it's their first time in New York City.

"It's amazing! It's how life should be," one student marvels upon seeing the city.

Another says: "I think New York is awesome. It doesn't care what you think of it, though I like the people here. I like the way that people dress, I like the buildings, and I want to live here."

For these kids, it's all about performing.

"Being onstage is when I feel most

alive," one says.

But for some of them, it's also where they feel the most nervous, especially when they see who they're competing against.

"They're coming to us as winners of their local competition," explains director Van Kaplan. "And they've been the star of their high school musical. And now we've surrounded them with 59 other students that are every bit as talented."

Some are inspired by that, others are intimidated.

In addition to receiving direction from Mr. Kaplan, the students are put through their paces by choreographer Kiesha Lalama and receive coaching from Broadway performers such as Liz Callaway and Michael McElroy.

In the first episode, singer/pianist Michael Feinstein stops by to talk with the group and winds up accompanying one student on "They Can't Take That Away From Me." After giving the young man feedback about his performance, Mr. Feinstein then proceeds to deconstruct the song, explaining its lyrics and structure.

"Broadway or Bust" viewers will see how a musical number develops, from first rehearsal to performance. And anyone interested in performing will learn valuable tips.

(For example, Mr. Kaplan tells the kids: "You're really auditioning from the moment you step into the room.")

The first episode of "Broadway or Bust" held promise; I was disappointed not to be able to see the entire three parts. Though the viewer is presented with many different kids, by the end of the first hour, certain individuals were starting to stand out. These are budding Broadway Babies, performers we might very well pay to see on stage a few years from now.

"Broadway or Bust" starts at 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9.

'Call the Midwife'

Just like that maid in "Gone with the Wind," I don't know anything 'bout birthin' babies.

But after watching the new BBC drama series, **"Call the Midwife,"** I almost feel like an expert.

I admit, I was doubtful about this show. I expected scenes with plenty of blood and endless women screaming through labor. And there is that; how can you have a show about midwifery without showing women giving birth?



Jessica Raine in "Call the Midwife"

But "Call the Midwife" is much more than that; it possesses an unexpected charm that makes it undeniably compelling television.

It was a smash hit in the UK, even more popular than "Downton Abbey."

Based on the memoirs of Jennifer Worth, who died last year, the series follows her as a young midwife assigned to work in London's impoverished East End in 1957. She's played by Jessica Raine, who, off-duty, looks as if she's stepped out of Vogue magazine or a '50s advertisement. (Vanessa Redgrave provides the opening and closing voiceovers of Jenny Lee later in life.)

Jenny is surprised to learn that she's to work out of a convent. And she's initially uncomfortable with the neighborhood and her duties, realizing "...I knew nothing of life itself."

Judy Parfitt plays Sister Monica Joan, an eccentric older nun who's delightfully daft. Soon after welcoming Jenny to the convent, she declares, "I feel we are prompted to go in search of cake." She's inspired by the Christian Mystics, but also sounds as if she'd fit right in if she were in California in the '60s, with all her metaphorical talk and mention of vibrations.

In episode two, another midwife comes to work at the understaffed convent: Chummy Browne, played by British comic actress Miranda Hart. Chummy is dismayed when she learns she'll have to learn how to ride a bicycle in order to visit the expectant mothers. On her first venture out, she manages to knock down a constable.

This series is the perfect balance of comedy and drama, giving us fully developed characters we come to care about.

"Call the Midwife" is surprisingly

magical and definitely addictive.

"Midwifery is the very stuff of life," says Ms. Redgrave in a voiceover. "Every child is conceived in love or lust and born in pain, followed by joy, or by tragedy and anguish. Every birth is attended by a midwife. She is in the thick of it. She sees it all."

"Call the Midwife" premieres at 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, and runs for six episodes.

Other shows

A little while ago, I wrote about watching the Metropolitan Opera's new production of Wagner's Ring cycle in a local movie theater, as part of the Met's "Live in HD" series. Now it's coming to PBS. The station will broadcast the Ring cycle in its entirety, over four nights, on its encore channel.

The first opera, **"Das Rheingold,"** airs at 9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, with the remaining operas airing consecutively on the following nights. Even if you don't plan on watching all 15 or 16 hours of this four-opera series, don't miss **"Wagner's Dream,"** a two-hour documentary about the making of this production. It airs on the encore channel as well, at 9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10.

Director Robert Lepage takes opera into the 21st century, using a 24-plank rotating set with digitalized images that react to body heat, movement and voice. Diehard purists, as well as some critics, hated the staging (one compared it to a basketball court), but it lured new people to opera. I thought it was a very creative way to stage an opera that's been called unstageable (because it calls for mermaids swimming underwater, flying horses and a rainbow bridge.)

Even if you don't like opera, "Wagner's Dream" is well worth watching, as you get to see behind the scenes and watch as an opera is created.

Also coming to PBS this September, on Masterpiece Mystery! is **"Wallander III,"** the third in a series of mysteries based on Henning Mankell's best-selling novels. Kenneth Branagh plays the brooding Swedish detective Kurt Wallander. This trio of shows consists of: "An Event in Autumn" (Sept. 9), "The Dogs of Riga" (Sept. 16) and "Before the Frost" (Sept. 23), all showing from 9-10:30 p.m. on Sundays.

So microwave some popcorn, settle down on your couch and enjoy some outstanding television on PBS this fall. ■

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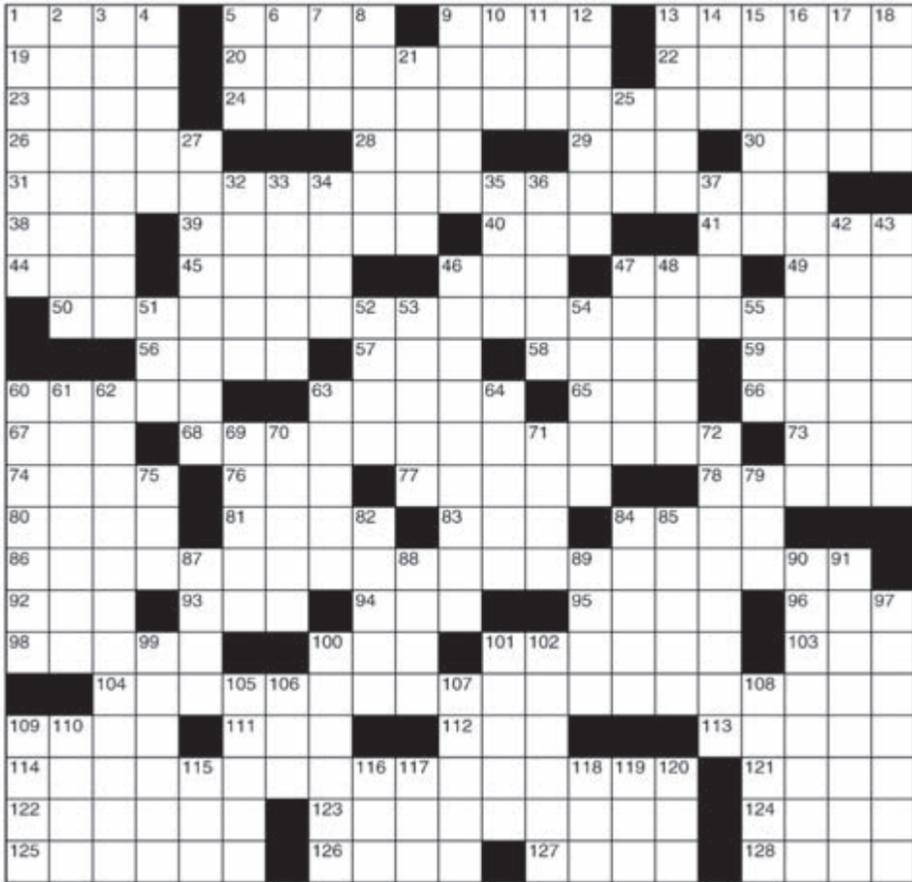
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HOROSCOPES

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** A rise in your energy level helps you finish an especially demanding task. Take some time now to spend with family and friends before starting a new project.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** This is a good time to re-establish contact with trusted former associates who might be able to offer good advice regarding that career change you've been contemplating.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Your resourcefulness combined with a calm, cool approach help you work your way out of a knotty situation and avoid a potentially serious misunderstanding.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** A calm, quiet period allows you to recharge your energies. But you'll soon be ready to saddle up and gallop off in pursuit of your goals.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Family matters need your attention. Check things out carefully. There still might be unresolved tensions that could hinder your efforts to repair damaged relationships.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** It's a good time to take a stand and show as much passion on your own behalf as you do when arguing for the rights of others. You might be happily surprised by the reaction.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** You bring sense and sensitivity to a

confusing situation. Things soon settle down, leaving you free to enjoy a week-end of fun and relaxation with friends and family.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Your ideas earn you the respect of your colleagues. But you'll have to present some hard facts and figures if you hope to persuade those who make the big decisions to support you.

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Keep those bright Bull's eyes focused on the project at hand. Avoid distractions. There'll be lots of time for fun and games later. Expect to get welcome news this weekend.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** You soon might have to decide about moving a relationship from its current status to another level. Don't let anyone influence your decision. It must be yours and yours alone.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** You finally can get off that emotional roller coaster and get back to focusing on your goals without interruptions through the rest of the week. A nice change is due by the weekend.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Trying to make an impression on some people runs into a bit of a snag at first, but it all works out. An old and almost forgotten personal matter once again needs attention.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a talent for being able to perceive possibilities where others see only problems. ■

By Linda Thistle

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"Bootlegging brothers try to keep the new authorities away as the brothers run their illegal business." There, that's it. One sentence. All "Lawless" needs to focus on is what connects to that one, simple sentence.

But director John Hillcoat can't help himself. He throws in love interests for two of the brothers, a gangster who has nothing to do with them, religious implications, a handicapped innocent in over his head, brutal violence with irrelevant characters and a third brother whose only role is to sit around and get drunk.

It's all a big, uneven and unfocused mess.

Based on a true story from early 1930s Virginia, Forrest Bondurant (Tom Hardy) runs a successful saloon. This is Prohibition-era America, but Forrest nonetheless makes a hefty profit on the side selling moonshine to locals, including cops. His youngest brother Jack is cowardly and weak but ambitious, and because Shia LaBeouf plays him, we know that he matters. Their other brother, Howard (Jason Clarke), is the aforementioned drinker.

All is well for them until a new special deputy named Charlie Rakes (Guy Pearce) comes to town threatening to clear out the lawbreakers. A war between Rakes and the Bondurants begins — I think, but there's so much going on that Rakes disappears for long stretches and is nearly forgotten about.

It's sad to say that some great actors are superfluous, but it's hard to argue otherwise. In this case, new bartender Maggie (Jessica Chastain, "The Help") strikes up a needless romantic tension with Forrest. Preacher's daughter Bertha (Mia Wasikowska, "Alice In Wonderland") strikes up a needless romantic tension with Jack. And gangster Floyd Banner (Gary Oldman, "The Dark Knight Rises") doesn't have much to do with anything. That doesn't even begin to list the other supporting actors/characters, all of whom get lost in the mix.

It's worth noting that there are moments in which central characters

could plausibly be killed off without damaging narrative momentum. When you have so many big names in a cast, you can afford to lose one or two along the way, especially if the shock value could/would reignite interest in the story.

If all these characters and angles were part of a TV series, it would work fine, but it's too much for 115 minutes. It's a shame, too, because the performances are strong across the board and the film is nicely made, particularly the costumes and production design.



The violence is often abrupt and surprisingly brutal, and the language is often vulgar, making what could have been a family-friendly PG-13 drama an R movie that is unnecessarily harsh. Sometimes violence needs to be jarring in order to make an impact; here it would have sufficed to have it mostly implied.

Screenwriter Nick Cave's script is based on the book "The Wettest County in the World" by Matt Bondurant, who is the real-life grandson of LaBeouf's character. As always, how loyal the script is to the book and reality is irrelevant. All that matters is making a good movie out of the intriguing source material, but "Lawless" is too long and all over the place to be good. ■

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CAPSULES

Premium Rush ★★★
(Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Michael Shannon, Dania Ramirez) Bike messenger Wilee (Gordon-Levitt) evades a dirty cop (Shannon) while trying to deliver an envelope on time. Good action and a surprisingly layered story make this an entertaining note to end the summer on. Rated PG-13.

2 Days In New York ★★★
(Chris Rock, Julie Delpy, Alexia Landau) Marion (Delpy) and Mingus' (Rock) happiness is tested when her crazy French family visits them in New York. Because their relationship feels real, we happily relate to the strain Marion and Mingus face, even when some of the laughs fall flat. A sequel to Delpy's "2 Days In Paris" (2007). Rated R.

Killer Joe ★★★
(Matthew McConaughey, Emile Hirsch, Juno Temple) Chris (Hirsch) is forced to put his sister, Dottie (Temple), up as a retainer for the services of an assassin (McConaughey) to kill their mother so they can collect mom's life insurance. The plot twists are telegraphed, but it's nonetheless grippingly intense and features McConaughey's best performance. Rated NC-17.

Cosmopolis ★★
(Robert Pattinson, Juliette Binoche, Sarah Gadon) A billionaire asset manager (Pattinson) loses it all as he encounters a variety of individuals while travelling through New York City to get a haircut. Writer/director David Cronenberg's film is dense and cerebral, which is fine, but it lacks emotion, which is not fine. Rated R. ■



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Meetings have been conducted with the principals of Gulf Coast, Golden Gate, Lely, Palmetto Ridge and Barron Collier high schools, and they have asked their respective band directors to nominate their best students for the scholarships. These young musicians will join the returning musicians from the NYJO's inaugural year to begin rehearsals in mid-

September. Performances will be evaluated by Mr. Stone and Assistant Musical Director Mark Pettey during the first several rehearsals to determine who is invited to receive the scholarship awards.

The jazz orchestra rehearses from 3:30-6 p.m. on Sundays running concurrent with the school calendar and through mid-April. The band will perform on the same stage with The Naples Jazz Orchestra at several of its public concerts at Cambier Park and on Tuesday, Dec. 4, at the Sugden Community Theater.

For more information, call Pamela Carey at 207-8299 or visit www.thenyjo.com. ■

Voices of all ages encouraged to try for Philharmonic chorales

Singers young and old are encouraged to audition to add their voices to the Philharmonic Center of the Arts' adult and youth chorales. Both chorales perform with the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra.

Adult auditions will take place throughout September; youth tryouts are set for Saturday, Sept. 8.

Those trying for the adult chorale should prepare a song no longer than four minutes to showcase their vocal talent. Sheet music of the song should be provided for the accompanist.

Under the direction of James Cochran, the adult chorale rehearses weekly on Tuesday evenings at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. For more information and to schedule an audition, call Michele Byrd at 592-5398.

The Philharmonic Youth Chorale is for young singers ages 7-17. Those who want to audition on Sept. 8 should prepare a two-minute song of their choosing. A copy of the song should be provided for the accompanist. Applicants will be asked to match pitch and, depending on their musical background, may be asked to sight-read.

Also under the direction of Mr. Cochran, the youth chorale rehearses weekly on Saturday mornings. Annual tuition for members is \$125, and there is a one-time music fee of \$25. Some scholarships are available.

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FLORIDA WRITERS

Revealing the surprising progress of Obama's agenda for change



■ **"The New New Deal" by Michael Grunwald. Simon & Schuster. 400 pages. \$28.**

Award-winning investigative reporter Michael Grunwald first came to the attention of many Floridians with his highly acclaimed "The Swamp: The Everglades, Florida, and the Politics of Paradise" (2006), which demonstrated his ability to organize what would seem to be an unwieldy amount of complex research into a vivid, coherent and intellectually stimulating narrative.



GRUNWALD

"The Swamp" has been a game-changer in the world of ideas. Even more so will be his new book about "The Hidden Story of Change in the Obama Era." While convincingly countering prevailing notions of the Obama administration's accomplishments, "The New New Deal" manages to be just plain fascinating reading.

In the face of his opponents' drumbeat attacks belittling the outcome of Obama's campaign message of hope and change, President Obama, as Mr. Grunwald tells it, has made good on a wide array of prom-

ises. A surprising measure of change has already occurred, much of it underneath the radar of the daily news cycle and public awareness. While it is astounding how many Obama initiatives have been stifled by Conservative Republican legislative blockades, it is equally astounding how much has been put into place. Underneath the hubbub and exchanges of insults, the game has changed.

Mr. Grunwald frames his discussion of the early years of Obama's presidency by analyzing several interrelated factors. First of all, the magnitude of the U.S. economic crisis was severely underestimated. Secondly, the Republicans were committed to regaining control of the government at just about any cost. Thirdly, the Recovery Act and its underappreciated "Stimulus" projects, put into place while Obama governed with a legislative majority, have suffered enormous losses in the battle for respect from the general public. Yet they have halted a likely fall into a severe depression and initiated many of the forward-looking goals announced in the campaign agenda.

As Mr. Grunwald points out, there have been stumbles along the way. Some projects and investments failed to pay off. And certainly the selling of the Recovery and Stimulus package was far from effective, especially since the media has focused on high-profile failures.

However, if one measures stated goals against what's been put into place, the country has been undergoing a stealth revolution that holds great promise for the future — if its legs are not amputated in the coming election cycle.

In clean energy, there have already been significant strides with many government-aided private ventures taking hold — and creating new jobs in the process. The renovation of the fragile energy grid is under way, along with other energy supply enhancements.

Important reforms in education — reforms to prepare the United States for a healthy position in the competitive world marketplace for ideas and products — are under way.

The push for building a network of electronic medical information is already improving medical care while introducing cost-saving, time-saving and error-avoiding benefits.

Mr. Grunwald goes so far as to provide convincing data on how the Obama administration gave middle-class workers tax cuts and promoted drastically needed, long delayed, infrastructure projects.

Synthesizing thousands of government records, more than 400 interviews and many visits to the sites of stimulus-fostered projects, the author makes the case that the administration itself has never been able to make: that the American people are better off than they were before President Obama took office.

Amazingly, by one expert accounting, only 0.001 percent of Recovery Act funds

were lost to fraud. Careful oversight and transparency worked.

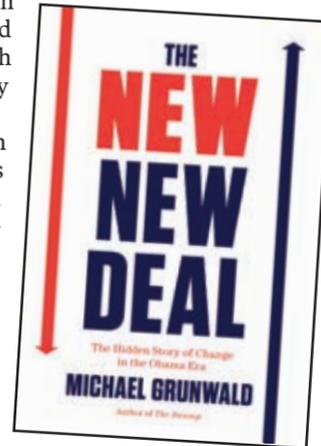
There are measures by which it can be argued that the New New Deal has been even larger than the original New Deal under President Roosevelt.

And yet, there lingers the slow progress on job growth even while productivity is up by almost every other measure. And that is the Achilles heel that keeps getting kicked. Perhaps there can be no return to traditional notions of full employment in an era when robotic production lines replace person-power on a daily basis.

While intellectually exciting and boldly eye-opening, "The New New Deal" rests most of all on the author's passion for detail; his ability to observe and underscore meaningful patterns; and his alert, often brilliant and always penetrating prose.

Mr. Grunwald, based in Miami Beach, has won the George Polk Award for national reporting, the Worth Bingham Award for investigative reporting and numerous other journalism prizes. His is a senior national correspondent for Time magazine. ■

— Naples resident Phil Jason, Ph.D., United States Naval Academy professor emeritus of English, is a poet, critic and freelance writer with 20 books to his credit, including several studies of war literature and a creative writing text.



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'Audrey Hepburn: A Charmed Life'

by Robyn Karney
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REVIEWED BY LARRY COX

Audrey Hepburn was born Eda van Heemstra in Brussels, Belgium, in 1929. Despite a rather complicated childhood in Nazi-occupied Holland, she trained as a ballet dancer in Amsterdam and later at the Marie Rambert school in London, where she made both her film and stage debuts in 1948. But it wasn't until three years later in the Broadway production of "Gigi" that she truly hit her stride.

After winning acclaim on Broadway, she won an Oscar for her film performance in "Roman Holiday." She quickly became an international celebrity, and throughout the 1950s and '60s was box-office gold. Three of her most popular film roles were in "Sabrina," "The Nun's Story" and "Breakfast at Tiffany's" — all Oscar nominations.

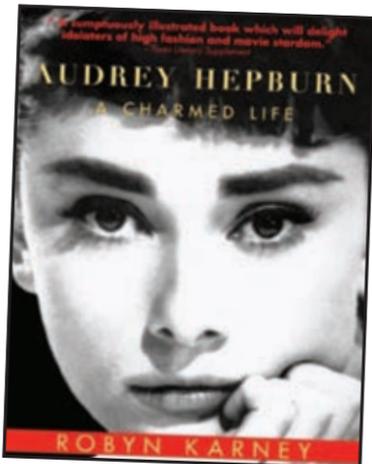
Although Hepburn died of cancer at her home in Switzerland in 1993, during her lifetime she left an indelible mark on our modern culture.

In a new biography, Robyn Karney,

editor of "Who's Who in Hollywood," captures all of the delicate, intangible facets of this remarkable woman. The 177 photographs chosen by Ms. Karney are stunning. Photographer Richard Avedon summed up the elegance of Hepburn when he said, "I am, and forever will be, devastated by the gift of Audrey Hepburn before my camera. I cannot lift her to greater heights. She is already there. I can only record; I cannot interpret her. There is no going further than who she is. She has achieved the ultimate portrait." Indeed.

Hepburn was more than an actress and international beauty. She worked tirelessly as a goodwill ambassador for UNICEF and was directly involved in numerous charities, especially those that aided children. It was this devotion to helping the poorest children of the Third World that set her apart from many others in the entertainment industry.

"Audrey Hepburn: A Charmed Life" shows why her style, poise, talent and inner warmth continue to fascinate, even two decades after her death. ■





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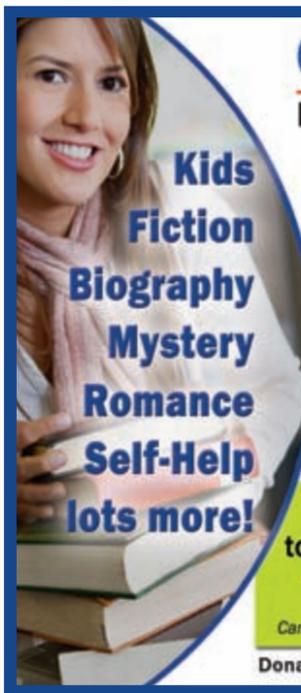
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staying focused on our mission," she says. "We have a responsibility to our donors and corporate supporters to utilize their gifts to strengthen programming and provide sustainability while reassuring them that their investment will make an impact on their community."

A graduate of Leadership Collier, Ms. Schlehr belongs to the National Association of Professional Women, which named her one of its 2012 Women of the Year. She serves on the boards for

Immokalee Housing and Family Services, the Seminole Club of Naples and the FSU Family Connection.

She holds a bachelor's degree from St. Leo University and she owned her own catering business for 15 years on Florida's east coast.

A fifth-generation Floridian, she enjoys travelling and spending time with her family, her husband of 25 years and her four children and newborn grandson. Also, with two daughters attending Florida State University in Tallahassee, she loves keeping tabs on FSU football.

— Kathleen Taylor is director of public relations and marketing for the Naples Art Association. ■

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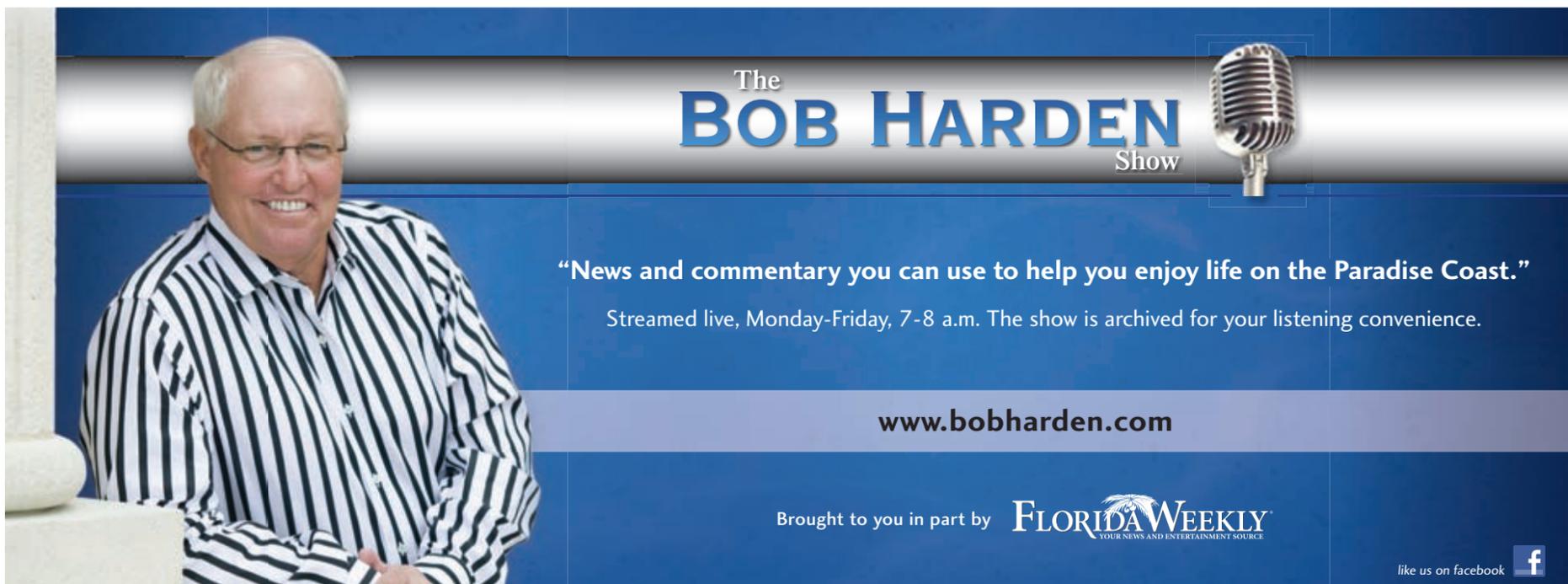
Artists throughout the United States are invited to submit one or two current works in any media for The von Liebig Art Center's "National Art Encounter 2012-2013" exhibition. The deadline for online applications is Wednesday, Sept. 12. Accepted artists will be notified by Oct. 18.

Jurors for this year's exhibition are Margaret Miller, director of the Institute for Research in Art at the University of South Florida in Tampa; Corrina Peipon, assistant curator at The Armand Ham-

mer Museum of Art and Culture Center in Los Angeles; and Dulce Roman, curatorial chair and curator of modern art at the Samuel P. Harn Museum of Art at the University of Florida.

The exhibition will be installed throughout The von Liebig and will be on view Dec. 8-Jan. 26. It opens with an awards reception Friday evening, Dec. 7. Many works in the show will be for sale.

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Image of destruction inspires latest round of competition

Round two of *Florida Weekly's* annual writing challenge wraps up this week with a poem sent in by a reader from North Port that was inspired by the photo of the couple recycling newspapers.

Now, it's time for round three. We want to read your riff on the photograph of the fallen tree shown here. Using the picture as a starting point for your creative process, we hope you'll come up with a fictional work 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. 22. E-mail them to 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. ■



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I Never Bargained for Old Age

BY CAROL A. CASTAGNA
NORTH PORT

I never bargained for Old Age.
Wrinkles — droopy jowls
Blurred vision and the like,
But here it is!
Falling boldly upon my face
Stamping its name, coldly —
then
smirking — laughing
Crotchety? Forgetful? Hard of hearing?
“Eh! What did you say, Sonny?”
I never bargained for Old Age.
Slipping in insidiously
I never said OK to this deal
We never shook hands over it
and agreed — No
It just stomped in boldly and coldly
Took hold and ... Wiped out the Young Days
As though it had the right — I never said it did, but, here it is
AND NOW?
I have to cope with this... as though Life's Struggle were not enough
to mold, and, to refine
I find Old Age around my bend
There at my door greeting me with its own inimitable stance.

Just there ... Dare I befriend this stranger? Dare I not?
To fight this inevitable caller will drain me of whatever energy remains.
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Put some fun into your collections and start hunting for old or new figurines, plates and drinking mugs that were meant to be jokes. Puzzle mugs date back to the 1700s. They were popular in taverns. When a patron was tipsy, the bartender poured ale into a mug that hid a realistic pottery frog at the bottom. Empty the mug and the frog appeared while other patrons laughed. In the early 1800s, Chinese export porcelains were sometimes decorated with humorous or off-color subjects. One famous design is a scene of a young woman wearing a full skirt and sitting on a swing. The man next to her appears to be pushing the swing. But on the back of the plate you can see the back of the woman. Her skirt is pushed up to show her bare backside. The design was so popular that the same scene was made into a molded iron ashtray 100 years later.

Many of these jokes were connected to drinking and bars. In the 1920s, when Prohibition was the law, dozens of small bottles and flasks were made by Schafer and Vater, a German company. They were satirical, funny and risqué. A disheveled drunk labeled "Prohibition," an Uncle Sam figure holding a martini glass, a

decanter shaped like a monk pouring a drink with the inscription "Spiritually Uplifting" and many other figural bottles that held whiskey were given as gifts for birthdays and holidays. Twentieth-century joke ceramics range from dime-store "potty figures" of children sitting on potties to George Tinworth's Royal Doulton figurines of animals acting like humans and English Martinware fantasy birds with removable heads. Twenty-first-century jokes are easy to find and include Disney and comic-book characters. Many of the fun pieces made before 2000 now sell for high prices. But don't ignore joke ceramics of today. They may turn out to be valuable in 50 years.

Q: We own a royal commemorative creamer and sugar that my grandparents brought to this country from Scotland in the early 1900s. We think it's from the wedding of King Edward VII to Queen Alexandra. Both pieces are cream-colored with multicolor portraits of the king and queen. The rims are gold and wavy. Neither piece is marked. What is the set worth?

A: Queen Victoria's oldest son, Albert "Bertie" Edward (1841-1910), was married to Denmark's Princess Alexandra in 1863. But he didn't become King Edward VII until Queen Victoria died in 1901. Your creamer and sugar commemorate the king's 1901 coronation, not his 1863 wedding. If your set is in excellent condition, it could sell for about \$125 to \$150. It



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would sell for more in England than in the United States.

Q: My wife and I own a 20-inch-high kerosene lamp. The globe and mantle are made of glass, and the base is brass, copper and pewter. The handles are pewter dragons, and the base is decorated with fanciful pewter birds. The lamp is stamped, "Consolidated, Pat. Sept. 990 Apr 30 05 April 11 93." Value?

A: The stamp indicates that your lamp was made by Consolidated Lamp and Glass Co. of Fostoria, Ohio. The company resulted from a merger of Wallace and McAfee Co. of Pittsburgh and Fostoria Shade and Lamp Co. of Fostoria. Consolidated had a reputation for making fine lamps and other lighting products. The company moved its operations to Coraopolis, Pa., after a fire badly damaged the Ohio factory. Collectors are particularly interested in Consolidated glass made after 1925, when its designers moved towards Art Deco and Lalique-inspired designs. The company temporarily closed during the Depression and closed for good in 1964. A matching pair of old Consolidated molded glass kerosene lamps recently sold for \$110 at auction.



COURTESY PHOTO

Q: Your April Fool's Day column stated that Prince Albert tobacco, introduced in the United States in 1907, was named for the "future king of England." But Prince Albert became King Edward VII when his mother, Queen Victoria, died in 1901.

Schafer and Vater, a German company, made this musical decanter to joke about Prohibition. A perfect example would sell for over \$300. This 11-inch decanter was sold by Uniques & Antiques of Aston, Pa., a few years ago.

A: Prince Albert was indeed already king when the tobacco brand was introduced here. But some tins have an added design on the front that says "Now King."

Tip: Most ceramics can be washed with soap or detergent and water but a few things should not be. Any pieces that are repaired, damaged or have painted decorations should not be soaked in water. Wipe them with a damp cloth after testing a small area. Unglazed pieces should be dusted. ■

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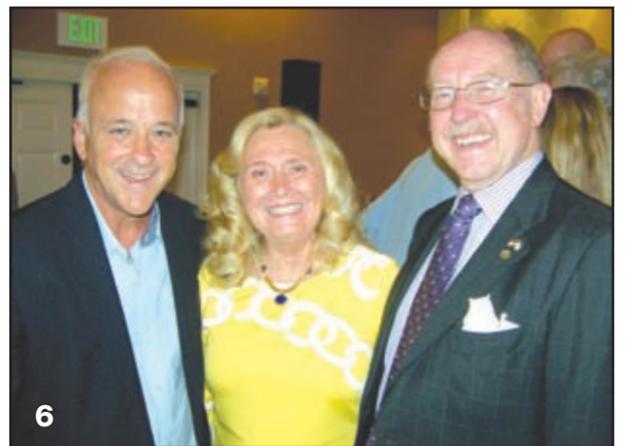
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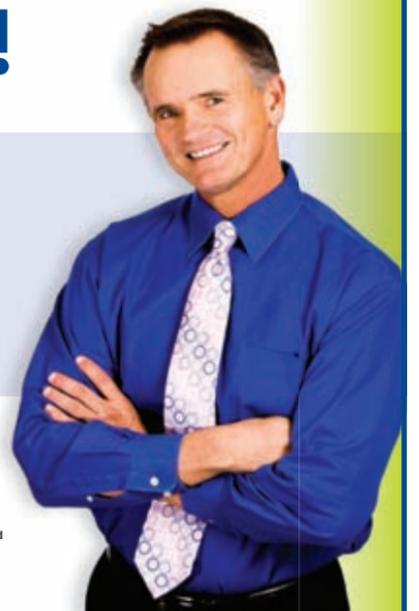
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Here are some capsule summaries of previous restaurant reviews:

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

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

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

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

For years, Big Hickory Seafood Grille has been known for pairing seafood with unlikely ingredients — grouper and

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

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

► **Daniela's, Wiggins Pass Crossing Plaza**, 13500 Tamiami Trail N., North Naples; 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 dining 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, was 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 knows its Italian chops, too. Save room for superb chocolate mousse or tiramisu. Beer and wine.

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

► **Loving Hut**, 975 Pine Ridge Road, Naples; 254-9490

Vegans will rejoice and even die-hard carnivores are likely to reconsider their anti-vegetarian stance after a meal at Loving Hut. Simply put: The food tastes great and the types of protein used make it seem as if there's meat in all of the vegan fare it serves. Using the lively flavor palette of Asia, the restaurant serves dishes such as crispy golden rolls (eggrolls minus the meat), papaya salad, tamarind-laced Thai hot and sour soup, zesty Vietnamese pho and Dancing Mushroom, which features mushrooms, soy protein, bell pepper, onion and garlic served on a sizzling platter, which presumably makes the mushrooms "dance." Even the cheese-free cheesecake was delicious. Soft drinks served.

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

► **Tarpon Bay**, Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa, 5001 Coconut Road, Bonita Springs; 444-1234

For a casual seafood bistro, it's hard to beat Tarpon Bay. It features a ceviche bar, several varieties of raw oysters and lots of fresh fish options. Wine devotees will find a host of interesting selections from which to choose. Dishes are attractively plated and served by a well-informed staff. We loved the sampler platter of eight varieties of ceviche (choose from one, two, three or eight types), particularly the Peruvian, a mix of scallops and mahi in a spicy marinade, and the shrimp with roasted corn, tequila, coriander, cumin and cayenne. Grilled red snapper paired well with both the young soy white miso sauce and the slightly sweet ponzu sauce but a spicy tropical salsa was a little overpowering. A lobster pot featured clams, mussels, lobster tail, fingerling potatoes, corn and roasted tomato. We added seafood sausage, which was delicious. For dessert: a flight of house-made ice creams, including peaches and mascarpone cobbler and kahlua flavors. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
Service: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★
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★★★★ Noteworthy	★ Poor
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Chinatown Restaurant serves fresh fare in simple setting

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The takeout menu for Chinatown Restaurant boldly declares that it serves "Authentic New York Style Cuisine."

Let's just say I've seen this claim made more times than I can count and have grown somewhat skeptical about it over the years.

After a meal at Chinatown, however, I'd venture to say there's some merit here.

Like those wonderful little mom-and-pop shops in the Big Apple, it's a modest, family-run spot offering a wide array of well-known dishes. Most are from the milder side of the Chinese palate including the ubiquitous usual suspects found in American Chinese restaurants but rarely, if ever, in those in China, such as chow mein, egg foo yung and chop suey.

There aren't any frills at Chinatown (which until July was strictly takeout), just a clean and orderly dining room with red booths and black tables and a few Asian prints on the walls. There are no tablecloths or placemats, and wines are minimal, described by our hostess as "red," "white" and "white zinfandel."

On the positive side, prices are low and portions are large.

There's plenty to choose from at Chinatown, with a handful of dishes designated as spicy. My advice to those who order these is to tell your server you want the dish served extra spicy. Otherwise, these dishes come out as disappointingly mild.

One such dish was the firecracker shrimp (\$6.95), which consisted of four shrimp encased in spring roll wraps,

accompanied by a fearsome-looking firecracker sauce. While it did have obvious red pepper flakes in it and a mild afterburn, it was much tamer a dish than its name would suggest. Nonetheless, the shrimp were fresh, crisp and not greasy and the sauce added zest.

After seeing well-loaded plates headed to other tables, we got our first sample of such largesse when an appetizer of barbecued beef ribs (\$5.95) arrived. The menu indicated there would be four ribs, but six large specimens appeared. They were tender and perfectly cooked, right down to the crisp glaze in which they'd been coated.

One unusual appetizer was spicy Korean beef lettuce wraps (\$7.95). The beef had been cut thin and stir fried with crunchy vegetables and a mildly spicy sauce, but the lettuce wraps were very small — lettuce leaves that had been cut in half, making them hard to wrap around the filling and eat with your hands.

While the servers were friendly, the one who mainly handled our table appeared far too infrequently. The lettuce wraps came long before the other two appetizers. Our beer and water glasses sat empty for long periods, and dishes we were finished with sat in front of us for as long as 20 minutes. I'd understand this if the place was full but there were no more than five tables occupied during our visit (although a number of takeout orders came and went as well).

When our entrees arrived, there was no room for them on the table, necessitating an awkward trade of old for new that could easily have been avoided had the table been cleared beforehand.

Nonetheless, our entrees were hot and jam-packed with fresh ingredients.

Lemon chicken (\$9.85) consisted of two large breast portions, expertly breaded and fried so the exterior was crisp but the meat was tender. They were then sliced for easy consumption. The ultra-yellow lemon sauce that accompanied the chicken had a pleasing natural lemon flavor and was just sweet enough to balance the tart citrus. This was a very well executed version of this dish.

We're accustomed to moo shu pork and chicken, but Chinatown offers several choices, including roasted duck (\$11.95). The pancakes were tender but firm enough to hold a goodly amount of crisp vegetables, shredded roasted duck and a light layer of hoisin sauce. One of my favorite finger foods, the duck made this moo shu extra special.

An order of sautéed string beans (\$8.50) consisted of a large plate of beautiful tender-crisp green beans lightly dressed with scallions, garlic and a mild sauce. We finished every one of these.

The only disappointing dish of the night was a sizzling specialty called Deep Sea Treasure (\$15.95), containing shrimp and scallops in what is described on the menu as a spicy sauce. While the shellfish and vegetables were fresh, as in the other dishes, and it did sizzle when our server poured it onto a super-hot plate, the sauce was not at all spicy. In fact, it was flat and tasted as if it had a ketchup base. It was also the most expensive dish we tried. Of all the dishes we sampled, this is the only one I wouldn't order again.

Once we'd finished eating, we were once again left to languish until a young woman who had been attending to a couple of other tables spotted us and came to clear our dirty dishes and box up our leftovers. I suspect that if she had been our server throughout

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Chinatown Restaurant
2059 Pine Ridge Road, Naples; 513-9881

Ratings:
Food: ★★★½
Service: ★★★½
Atmosphere: ★★★

- >> **Hours:** 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday; noon-9 p.m. Sunday
- >> **Reservations:** No
- >> **Credit cards:** Accepted
- >> **Price range:** Appetizers, \$1.95-\$7.95; entrees, \$7.50-\$16.95
- >> **Beverages:** Beer and very limited wine selection
- >> **Seating:** Booths and conventional tables indoors; one outdoor table for two
- >> **Specialties of the house:** Cantonese and Hunan style Chinese fare
- >> **Volume:** Low
- >> **Parking:** Free lot
- >> **Etc.:** Takeout and delivery (to a limited area) also available

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

the meal, we'd have had a smoother experience, as I watched her bustling around the room, keeping a close eye on her tables.

Nonetheless, it was a bountiful and enjoyable meal at a very reasonable price. It's clear the management values high-quality, fresh ingredients and takes pride in preparing them well and providing good value to customers. ■



Barbecued beef ribs are termed an appetizer but are meaty enough for a meal.



Deep Sea Treasure contains fresh-tasting shrimp and scallops but could have used a more flavorful sauce.



Tender-crisp green beans are the stars of this simple but well-seasoned dish.



Firecracker shrimp come wrapped in a spring roll skin and are served with a bright red dipping sauce.



Lemon chicken is lightly fried and accompanied by a tart-sweet sauce with a vibrant lemon flavor.

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