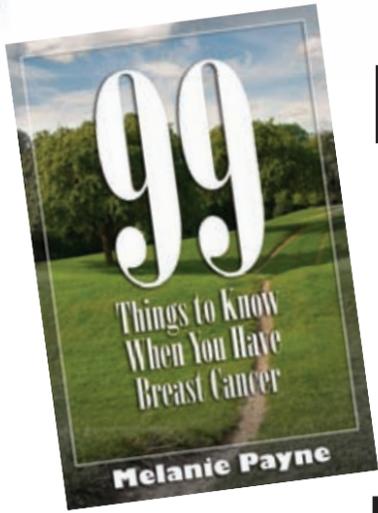


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READERS OF MELANIE PAYNE'S NEW SHORT BOOK, "99 Things to Know When You Have Breast Cancer," may recognize the writing style from her newspaper reportage — even-handed and clear, conscientious and funny, and held together by an unusual amount of common sense. But instead of her daily role as an investigative reporter for *The News-Press*, where she is known for pulling back the curtain on scam artists, thieves and crooked deals in her regular column, "Tell Mel," this offering is compiled of her more personal

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New research brings doctors closer to a cure for breast cancer

BY ROGER WILLIAMS

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In the arena. In the ring. On the battlefield. On the front lines. The struggle, the fight, the war.

The martial metaphors are nearly irresistible in describing the bloody contest against breast cancer, because the stakes are mortal for every patient diagnosed.

In this war likely to sweep into the lives of almost 230,000 American women this year, killing about 40,000 of them, according to the American Cancer Society,

knowledge is power.

Thirty years ago, knowledge in the form of early detection meant a 74 percent chance of survival for five years. Now, it means a 98 percent chance, statistics show. There's a reason.

"Let me give you three words," explains Dr. George Sledge, winner of the prestigious Komen Foundation Brinker Award for Scientific Distinction (to name one of many awards), and one of the nation's most celebrated research oncologists: "Research cures cancer."

Dr. Sledge and several others pioneering new research have at least one thing

in common as 2012 slides toward 2013: their newest investigations identify genes or proteins whose function has remained invisible until now — villains that work in or around tumors and cells to resist current medicines, or even to assist them.

In recent days, the functions of these life enemies have been described publicly for the first time.

Coincidentally, a ground-breaking and potentially world-altering genetic study published Sunday in the journal *Nature*

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At the heart of the research

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There are two ways to use the word humanity, and one is a quantification. "Humanity" is evolving.

But I use the word differently when I talk about people such as Saori Furuta or Dr. George Sledge or Marsha-Dawn Hall or Dr. Renato Iozzo.

An irony of war, any war, is how much the humanity — the humane glory — of certain individuals appears in lustrous response to the brutality of circumstances and the callousness of other individuals.

In that regard, the war against breast cancer is no different than the wars against Nazis or terrorists or the Taliban or the war against poverty. (Are we still in that one?)

Somehow from the face of war emerge individuals and acts of great beauty. Of goodness and grace.

Dr. Sledge, for example — a man born in North Carolina and for the last three decades a professor of medicine and pathology at the Indiana University Simon Cancer Center — became an oncologist in the war on cancer because of a 21-year-old leukemia patient.

He walked into her room one day as an intern — he was still in his 20s himself — and she said, "Dr. Sledge, what am I going to do about my two children?"

As he tells the story, he had no answer. He'd never been asked such a question, or had to confront such a human and terrify-

ing moment. He tried to keep his composure until he left the room, he admits now. Then he fled to a stairwell, hid, and cried for an hour before he could reappear.

"I knew after that what I was going to do with my life," he says. "We all have personal reasons for getting into this — some are fascinated by biology, some are inspired by a great teacher. Mine happened to be a patient, a young African-American woman, with a couple of kids, who ended up dying.

"Is it depressing? Well, if you're a doctor there's nothing better in life than being able to help people. In some cases that involves curing them of their diseases. But doctors don't render any human being immortal. My job is to relieve pain and suffering even when I can't cure."

His father would later die of cancer. His mother-in-law would be diagnosed with breast cancer, and all of it would render his vocation worthy, he told me.

He isn't the only one to feel that way, either.

"It's personal to all of us — everyone knows someone who has been affected by breast cancer — and now it's very personal to me," explains Dr. Renato Iozzo. Born and raised in Italy, now he serves as professor of pathology and cell biology at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia.

His wife, diagnosed with breast cancer in recent years, is a survivor.

There's a refreshing, no-time-for-nonsense candor about these doctors, an immediacy that seems to suggest they have only a single agenda: getting on with the work. They answer their telephones. They listen. They care about who is on the other end. They don't waste time.

The same is true of the pure researchers, such as Ms. Furuta at the Berkeley lab in California. She wrote detailed answers to questions I posed as if responding to a journalist in the middle of a busy work day or night were the most natural thing in the world. She was even willing to talk until 1 a.m. Pacific time, about things like phosphorylation or a 3D phenotypic reversion assay.

What in the world, right?

"Hi, Roger. Phosphorylation is the enzymatic addition of a phosphate group to certain amino acids (e.g., serine, threonine or tyrosine) of a signaling protein, usually for its activation. Phosphorylation causes a conformational/functional change of the protein, which allows consecutive interaction by and activation (i.e., another phosphorylation) of a molecule downstream of the signaling pathway."

Understand, I had told her that *Florida Weekly* readers were educated. I failed to mention that the paper's writer doesn't have a clue.

And a 3D reversion assay?

Well if you must know, "We use a phenotype of cells in 3D culture to determine their malignancy. In 3D culture, normal breast cells form a regular, well-polarized spherical structure of a defined size, called acinus. Acinus is a functional unit of mammary glands for milk production. On the other hand, breast cancer cells form an irregular-shaped, non-polarized aggregate that keeps growing. Bissell lab (as it's called at Berkeley) discovered a phenomenon called 'tumor reversion' where cancer cells resume normal cell-like phenotype (i.e., acinus structure) when treated with certain pharmacological agents that suppress growth signaling. One of such signaling is the EGFR signaling. We showed that our

tumor reversion approach effectively suppresses the tumor growth in animals. However, when cancer cells express a molecule to confer resistance to suppression of EGFR signaling, they do not revert. We found that FAM83A is the molecule which makes breast cancer cells resistant to the EGFR-TKI-mediated reversion of cancer cells."

Which means that the treatment known as EGFR-TKI might well work in breast cancer, too, not just some other cancers, if FAM83A can be inhibited.

The language and descriptions you've just read offer only a tiny glimpse of the battlefield on which these men and women, known as researchers, wage a struggle that can and sometimes will save our lives, and the lives of people we love.

They're fundamentally kind. They have tenacity, discipline and the willingness to work for years just to get to a point of understanding like the one described above.

They are not going to sell you a product; they are going to try to save your rear end.

And that takes money, as Marsha-Dawn Hall knows. Many of us also know that, but she actually did something about it. Now, she's executive director of Susan G. Komen for the Cure of Central Florida.

"These doctors, these scientists, they find one thing that takes them to the next level," she says. And what does that take?

Money.

Oh, and her mother is a two-time survivor of the disease, too. ■

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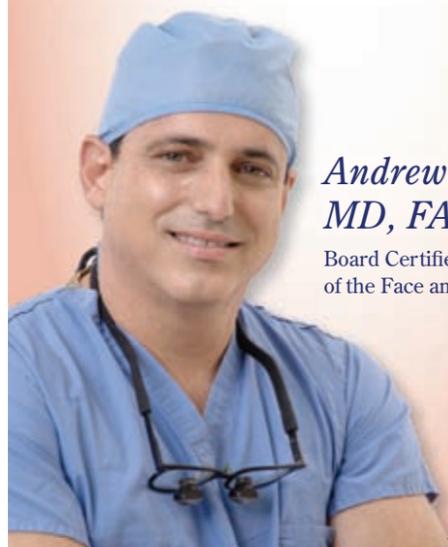
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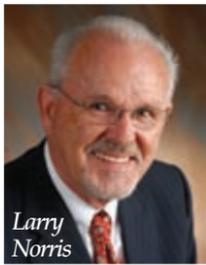
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Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

Honorary survivor chair recalls her own strides made 16 years ago

BY GLENN MILLER
Florida Weekly Correspondent

Maureen Aughton knows the date, even 16 years later. She learned she had breast cancer on Feb. 13, 1996.

"It started a wild ride," the Naples attorney says.

On Oct. 20, 16 years, eight months and seven days later, Ms. Aughton will serve as the honorary survivor chair for the American Cancer Society's 2012 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5K walk in Cambier Park.

She knows there is a very good chance she might not have made it to 2012. Or much beyond 1996.

"I'm the poster child for early detection," she says.

In the mid-1990s, she was in her early 40s and the mother of three young children ranging in age from 8 to 13. When she went in for a routine mammogram, she didn't suspect anything was amiss.

"I couldn't feel anything" like a lump, she says.

Tests, however, detected cancer. The news was frightening. She freely admits that. She knew what the outcome could be, that she wouldn't see her children grow up. "One of my sons had a friend whose mom died of breast cancer," she says.

She was young, fit and active. Then began the treatments. Her then-husband, William, an oral surgeon, knew his way around hospitals and doctors and helped guide her through the decisions and procedures that followed.



Maureen Aughton, left, and fellow breast cancer survivor Susan Freeman at this year's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer kick-off party.

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She was advised to have a lumpectomy. That was on a Monday.

Four days later, she returned to Naples Community Hospital for another procedure, a lymph node dissection.

Her youngest, Mark, was then 8.

"I didn't want to tell him," she says, adding she felt he was too young to understand what was going on with his mom.

Her middle child, David, was 11 and was the one who had a friend whose mother died of breast cancer.

"I had to kind of explain I had this," Ms. Aughton recalls. "Try to explain as best you can to an 11-year-old."

Then there was 13-year-old Lindsay.

"That was hard. She was becoming a

teenager."

At the same time, Ms. Aughton had to make critical decisions about her care. She needed to get better — and not just for herself. "I had young kids," she says. "I couldn't just sit back and do nothing."

She researched the pros and cons about radiation and chemotherapy. She listened to her husband and doctors. She found "The Breast Book" by Dr. Susan Love and devoured every word.

After the lumpectomy and lymph node procedure, she had radiation for eight weeks. Then she started on the drug Tamoxifen and would be on it for five years.

She was feeling strong and playing tennis regularly while undergoing the radia-

tion regime every morning, Monday through Friday.

Things were looking good. For two years, though, she had to see a doctor every month, rotating between an oncologist, a radiological oncologist and her surgeon. Every month she saw one of them. For two years.

Then she graduated to seeing each of her doctors once a year.

That stopped 10 years ago, six years after her breast cancer diagnosis.

"I consider myself cured," she says today.

Her children are now adults. Mark is studying marine biology at Florida Gulf Coast University. David is in medical school. Lindsay lives in Orlando and works in the hospitality industry. And their mom is the honorary survivor chair for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.

Ms. Aughton says she's not sure she's worthy. "At first I asked, 'Don't you want somebody with a more compelling story?'" she says.

Allison Freeman, an American Cancer Society staff partner for the Making Strides volunteer committee, welcomes Ms. Aughton's participation.

"We're very lucky to have her," Ms. Freeman says. ■

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notes. Big on brevity, "99 Things" (\$7.99 for the paperback, \$5.99 for the tablet download on Amazon.com or as a printable version on Amazon's Create Space) is a quick read at less than 30 pages. Yet it covers an array of topics that range from utilitarian to funny, from specific ("Yes, everyone IS looking at your breasts") to more general ("Don't ignore your gut but don't be ruled by it"). There is diet advice in there, such as "If you get diarrhea, eat bananas, yogurt and applesauce."

Ms. Payne said the book "is not the only 99 things," to know about breast cancer. But it's a good place to start, a guide for women, and in the end, greater than the sum of its parts. "99 Things" is a portrait in miniature of walking through breast cancer and out the other side. All the long waits in medical rooms, concerned family members, and hair loss from radiation show up here. And in the end (spoiler alert) there is Ms. Payne's favorite thing, No. 99: "You've won, enjoy it."

There is plenty of wisdom forged in experience sprinkled throughout the book. You've heard of playing "the race card," for instance. Ms. Payne hasn't tried that. But she does suggest in the book, "Play the cancer card. You don't have to turn it up all the time, just when you think you need it and it will trump anything else on the table."

She used it to get a few extra strokes in a golf game, she admits.

"Every once in a while, you don't feel

like doing something or you want your way, and you say, 'and I've got cancer,'" she said.

Who could argue with that?

That may be a silver lining, but nothing about breast cancer turns out to be easy, of course.

Dreaded diagnosis

The toughest part might be the shock of being handed the official diagnosis, Ms. Payne suggests, something she initially ignored — at least for one day.

Her doctor tried to reach her by phone a number of times on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2008, which happened to coincide with the presidential election.

"Election day in a newsroom is a fun day and I didn't want my fun day ruined," said Ms. Payne. "... You get pizza and it's buzzing, it's just buzzing."

And she already had a pretty good idea of what the news would be, anyway. During an earlier appointment, she sneaked a peek at medical forms that a radiologist who had performed her biopsy left in a room where she was being treated.

"Never leave a reporter in a room and say, 'lay right there. I'll be back,' and lay the papers there," Ms. Payne jokes dryly. "That's how sources slip you things."

The radiologist had written in the report the initials "DCIS," with a question mark after it. Plug that into Google and it stands for ductal carcinoma in situ, which meant that it was contained and had not spread, according to the Mayo Clinic website. It had been discovered at its earliest stage, when it's not considered deadly, but would still require surgery and radiation therapy

to get rid of the deformed cells and keep the cancer from coming back.

Tests later confirmed what the radiologist correctly suspected. A mammogram had first detected the cancer since it was not noticeable by touch at this stage. That is a Stage 0 or I cancer (depending on which doctor she asked), Ms. Payne said. She opted to have a lumpectomy, undergo radiation treatment and continue to take a preventive drug called Evista. All that reduces the risk of recurrence.

Meanwhile, Ms. Payne offers the book as a friendly voice of experience to women going through the disease. She decided to self-publish "99 Things" on Amazon.com to create easier and more immediate access for readers.

Even though Ms. Payne is the author, the words belong in part to Marla Thomas Barnes, who was Ms. Payne's close friend for nearly 30 years. She dedicated the book to her.

The women met at Wellesley College in Massachusetts when they were teenagers. Ms. Payne had grown up in Cleveland, Ohio. Ms. Barnes, who later became an investment banker, lived with Stage 4 breast cancer for the better half of two decades before succumbing to the disease during the spring of 2008, said Ms. Payne, who later that same year received her own diagnoses.

"When I got it, I so much wanted to talk to her about it," she said, tears welling up. "I really, really missed her more because I feel like she would have helped me. In a way, that's kind of how I felt about the book... I could be the Marla for other people. I could be their friend that went through it." ■

MORE TIPS FROM '99 THINGS'

- 3** Read everything you can get your hands on. But don't believe everything you read.
- 4** If you can find a breast cancer navigator in your town, make an appointment to go see her. She is a specialist in breast cancer and can help you make decisions and give you information on doctors, resources, research and options. She's invaluable.
- 57** Remember, you can get through this, really you can.
- 61** Sometimes call a friend and start the conversation or by saying, "Let's talk about anything but breast cancer."
- 99** Now might be the time to make big changes in your life. Change jobs, run off to Europe, get married or start a business. Do things you've always wanted to do but never had the nerve. You've won, enjoy it.

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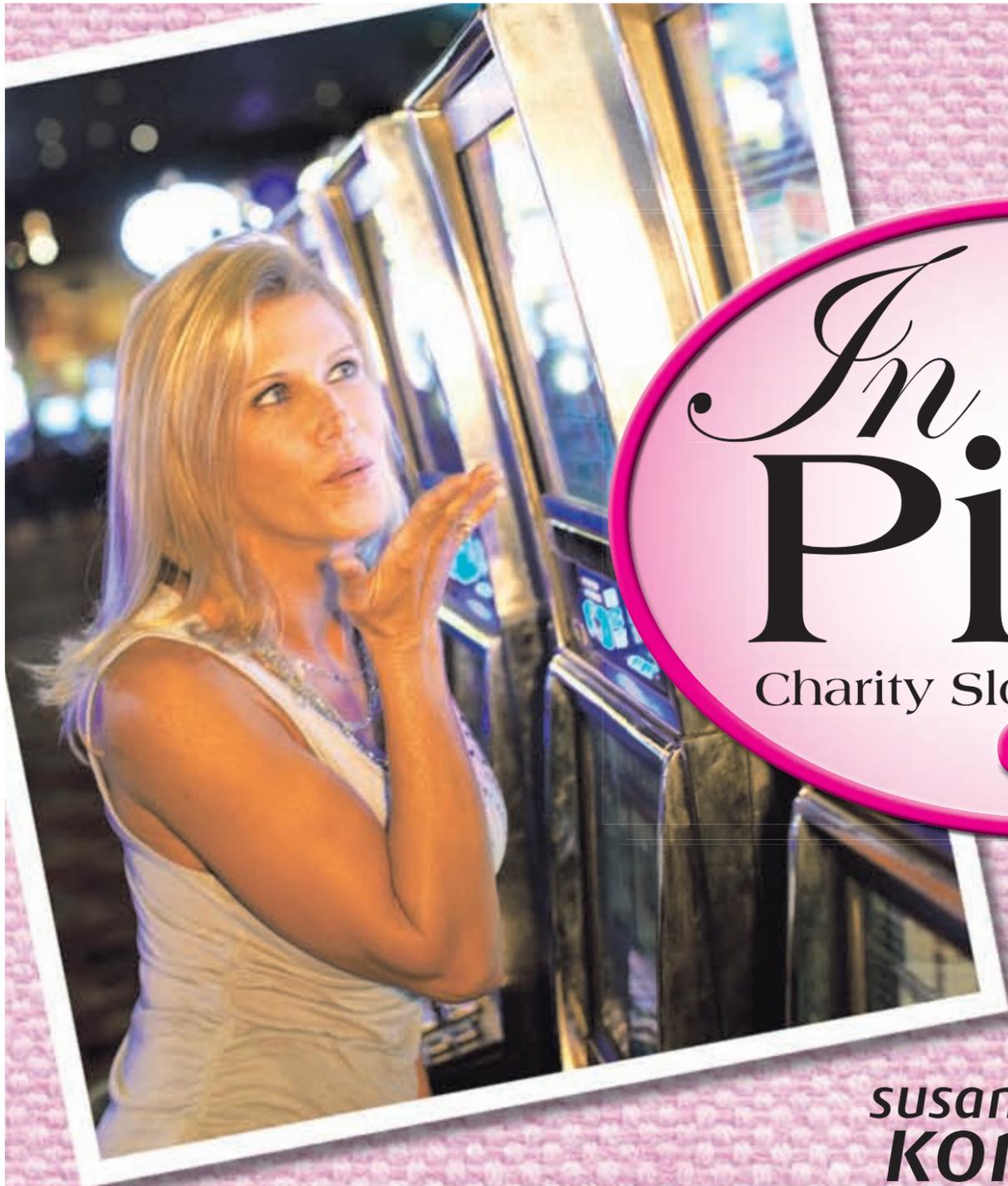
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and reported Monday this week in *The New York Times* identifies four types of breast cancer, each with a different genetic character and all carrying variations on their own themes.

"This is the road map for how we might cure breast cancer in the future,"

Washington University's Dr. Mathew Ellis, one of the many researchers who contributed, told the *Times*.

Whether or not that ultimately proves true, the enemy has been exposed. Now, it can be targeted by doctors and research scientists.

Here, *Florida Weekly* offers a glimpse of the work of three research teams: Dr. Sledge's team at the University of Indiana, where he serves as co-director of the Breast Cancer Program and professor of medicine and pathology; the work of scientists in the Life Sciences Division of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in California, part of the U.S. Department of Energy; and the work of Dr. Renato Iozzo, a professor of pathology, anatomy and cell biology at Thomas Jefferson University's Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia.

What these men and women have done, in part, will allow other researchers to target the inhibitors — the tumor defenses — and defeat them.

But as tidy a problem as that may sound in the abstract, in reality it isn't, as the newest study, one part of the large "Cancer Genome Atlas" being sponsored by the federal government, reveals.

Instead, it's many problems, each of them distinct and different.

"The study's biggest surprise involved a particularly deadly breast cancer... often called triple negative," reported *The New York Times*. "Researchers found that this cancer was entirely different from other types of breast cancer and much more resembles ovarian cancer and a type of lung cancer."

That means that drugs long used to fight those diseases may be tried in the fight against this one form of breast cancer.

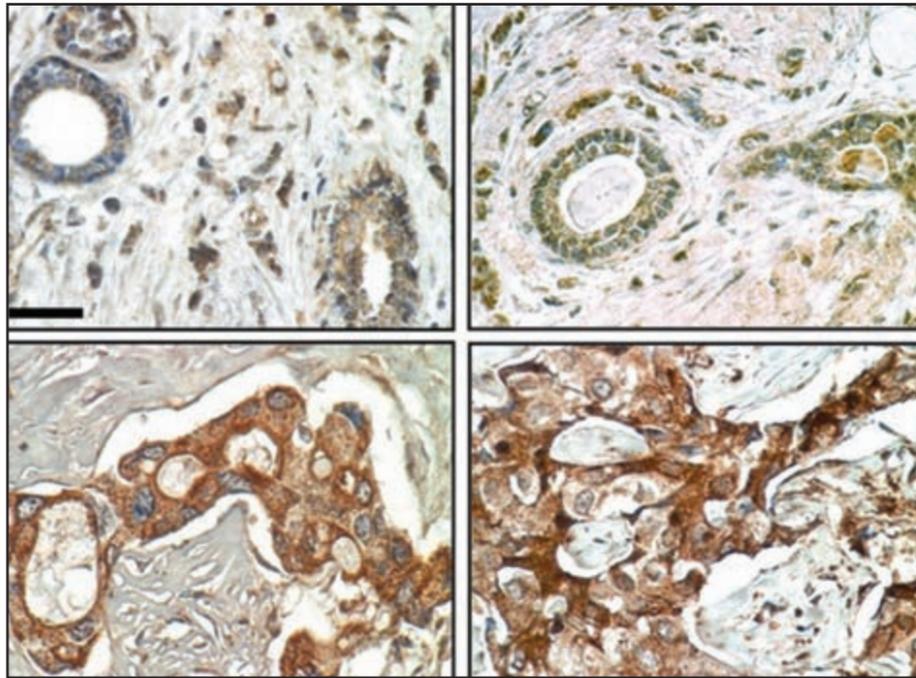
Unfortunately, there appear to be many other forms, with a variety of genetic supports.

So before considering the implications of new research, we would do well to understand breast cancer as a villainous multitude, warns Dr. Sledge.

"In treating breast cancer, we used to have one-size-fits-all: If you were diagnosed, you did surgery and chemo, and you went home. That was it," he explains.

"What we've learned is that breast cancer should be viewed as a boarding-house where criminals hang out. Some are petty thieves, some are bank robbers, some are killers. The way we apprehend and punish them is different for each.

"Breast cancer is several diseases rather than one. So will we find a cure for breast cancer?"



Normal (above) and malignant (below) cancer cells show that the harmful cells have a much higher incidence of a protein called FAM83A. The protein is linked to resistance to certain cancer drugs. The discovery may provide a new target for future therapies.

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"Never, because there is no such thing as 'breast cancer.' There are different diseases that share the breast."

And those can be beaten, he insists — by research, certainly, but not by research alone. By research along with support from everybody else involved.

"The way we're going to get to a cure for this disease or the many diseases that make up cancer is through the dedicated work of the laboratory — and of the physicians bringing drugs from the lab to the hospital. And by the courage of women who become part of the research and treatment, and by the support of our larger society for that research."

Everyday warriors

He's speaking of people like Marsha-Dawn Hall, the eloquent and fiercely determined new executive director of Susan G. Komen for the Cure of Central Florida, whose nine counties have raised about \$5.5 million in recent years, more than \$1.1 million of it going strictly to research.

Ms. Hall joined the fight after hearing Oprah Winfrey poignantly describe the lack of access for some women to the first step in care — a mammogram. That lack of access can prove fatal, since early detection is the key to more certain long-term survival.

"I remember thinking, 'That sucks' — that's when I decided to volunteer," she recalls. So she signed up for the Susan G. Komen walk to help raise money, and two days before the event her mother was diagnosed with breast cancer.

"There was no family history — she never smoked or drank — and it raises the same kinds of questions that occur when younger people in their 20s get the disease, or when anybody does," Ms. Hall says. "Why and how?"

"We have to answer those questions. I want answers. The only way to get the answers is with research, and it takes money. We know what the money will do, we know the value of it. These doctors, these scientists, they find one thing and that takes them to the next level. Research is a house built on itself."

All over Florida, similarly passionate people are supporting research muscle

in the fight against breast cancer.

"We have touched very medical breakthrough in breast cancer — we've funded more breast cancer research than any other charity in the world," notes Miriam Ross, executive director of Komen Southwest Florida.

But in some ways — promising ways, perhaps — the fight is just beginning. Especially in the lab.

Dr. Sledge and the lab at IU

HER2, or human epidermal growth factor receptor 2, is a protein, and not one anybody wants. It nourishes the growth of cancer cells. Thus it holds the distinction as a cause of one of the most dangerous forms of breast cancer. The result of a mutating gene (not inherited), it affects at least one of every five breast cancer patients (and others, too).

Dr. Sledge's work is part of the larger body of research that has produced several new drugs to deal with this protein, including a combination of a drug popularly called Herceptin (the actual name is trastuzumab), and a cancer-fighting agent called DM-1. The result, known as TDM-1, is so new it is not yet on the market (perhaps later this year, he says), although clinical trials have been hugely promising.

"They've taken a plant poison, a toxic molecule, and attached it to an antibody that recognizes specific cancer proteins," Dr. Sledge explains.

"The antibody takes the chemo just to the cancer cell but not to the normal cell. So we can make use of toxic agents on cancer cells, but it allows us to avoid the toxic effects on most normal cells that lead to bad side effects."

And that, he says, "is a sea change. My group has been heavily involved in the development of two targeted therapies — they're called antiangiogenic therapies."

Such therapies stop the growth of blood vessels in and around tumors that contribute to their growth.

Not only are treatments more precise now, but because of the research from Dr. Sledge and his team, along with others, "we now know who to treat, which allows us to avoid side effects for those who will not benefit from this drug. In the past, we knew chemo benefited some women, but not which women. So we're actually doing less chemo."

Mina Bissell and Saori Furuta at Lawrence Berkeley National Lab

Mina Bissell and Saori Furuta are pure

scientists, women who have devoted their working lives doing the painstaking research that can ultimately pin down hidden connections between cancers, the genes or proteins and other agents that may either supply them or, perversely, protect them, and the therapies that seek to defeat them.

Which brings us to last week. Last week, the two women, with a supporting team of researchers, announced the culmination of about 10 years of effort by proving that a link exists between a genetic protein known as FAM83A, and epidermal growth factor receptors in the body. Those can go awry by adding a phosphate molecule to proteins "downstream," which signal or spark tumor growth, an action called phosphorylation, explains Ms. Furuta.

To date, a therapy effective in the treatment of lung cancer with similar characteristics — it's called EGFR-TKI, for tyrosine kinase inhibitors — has not been effective in the breast cancer fight.

Ms. Bissell, Ms. Furuta and others at the Berkeley Lab have learned why.

In effect, Ms. Furuta explains, FAM83A is what Dr. Sledge might describe as a murderer.

"FAM83A is an oncogene (a gene that causes cancer) which is highly expressed in different types of cancers, including lung and breast cancers. We found that it is the bad-guy responsible for the resistance to and therapeutic failure of EGFR-TKI treatment of breast cancer."

With this discovery, she adds, the potential for big changes stand much closer.

"We believe the impact of our finding is tremendous. Now we know the cause for the therapeutic failure of EGFR-TKI treatment of breast cancer. We showed that inhibition of FAM83A significantly suppresses the tumor growth and makes cancer cells more sensitive to EGFR-TKI treatment. This information can be utilized for designing small compounds targeted to FAM83A and lead to a more effective therapeutic design in the future."

Dr. Iozzo at Jefferson Medical College

It amounts to this: the most deadly form of breast cancer, the most murderous of the killers, is known as triple negative, in part because it metastasizes so effectively.

But Dr. Iozzo and his researchers have learned and demonstrated that a protein known as decorin helps tumor-suppressing genes in the tissue that surrounds triple negative tumors stop those tumors from spreading, or metastasizing.

"Originally we thought decorin was affecting the tumor, but surprisingly it affects the so-called tumor micro-environment, where malignant cells grow and invade, igniting genes to stop such growth," he told the journal *Science Daily*.

In a conversation with *Florida Weekly*, he noted that the research had been ongoing for most of 20 years. "The surprising part is that nobody thought this would affect the connecting tissue," he explains.

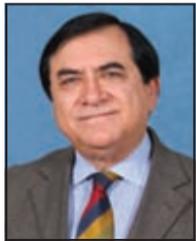
"Now, this needs to be pursued, and I don't know if I have the strength to do it. A company should do it, somebody who can do a clinical trial and see if there's any effect on survival."

That will take money and volunteers, cash and courage, researchers and their supporters recognize.

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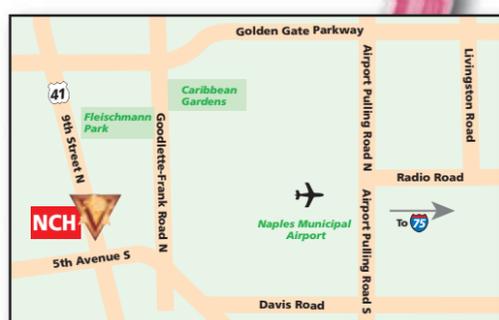
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Last year's Stiletto Sprint drew men and women, boys and girls — many wearing high heels — to race from The von Liebig Art Center to Sugden Plaza to benefit Susan G. Komen for the Cure and the Garden of Hope & Courage. This year the sprint takes place Saturday, Oct. 20. See details on page A17.

1. Amy Carducci and Tiffani Landry
2. Lawrence Perillo
3. Kalen Krier and Jacqueline Ouellette
4. Kristin and Rylie Cibellis
5. Barbara Reed and Kristen Griffin
6. Glenna's Gang



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Women Supporting Women to benefit the Garden of Hope & Courage and Cancer Alliance of Naples took place at Handsome Harry's last year. This year's event is set for Thursday, Nov. 1, at The Naples Yacht Club. See details on page A17.

1. The evening's theme was inspired by Audrey Hepburn "I believe in pink... I believe in miracles"
2. Augie Greenberg, Sheryl Hillburn and Susan Watts
3. Event founder and breast cancer survivor Alice Carlson
4. Mickey Gargan, Augie Greenberg, Leslie Turruellas, Lynn Grewe, Linda Simon, Jean Pikus and Mary Ellen Brennan

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2011 BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH EVENTS



The American Cancer Society's 2011 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk drew a colorful crowd to Cambier Park. This year's walk sets out from the same location on Saturday morning, Oct. 20. See page A17 for sign-up information.

1. Team AA
2. Show us your biceps
3. Susan Markisen, 2011 honorary survivor chair
4. Event chair and NBC2 anchor Stacey Deffenbaugh
5. The Naples FlipStars (formerly known as the SWAT Team)



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New ribbon raises breast reconstruction awareness

My Hope Chest, a Florida-based nonprofit, has introduced the Breast Reconstruction Awareness Ribbon, the first ribbon to support uninsured and underinsured breast cancer survivors. The pink, white and yellow ribbon speaks to restoration, transformation and the completion of the cancer journey that many survivors seek through reconstructive surgery after mastectomy. For those who desire, breast reconstruction provides closure and a new wholeness, allowing a woman to put the disease behind her at last.

"The traditional 'pink ribbon' has branded breast cancer 'awareness, education and research,' but it overlooks a huge population of underserved survivors that live with scars and a constant reminder of the disease," founder Alisa Savoretti says. "There are hundreds of breast cancer groups in America focused on prevention and finding a cure, while the need for breast reconstruction has flown under the radar."

The colors in the breast reconstruction ribbon transition and transform, just like the survivors My Hope Chest helps to become whole again, Ms. Savoretti says. The ribbon goes from

pink, the original breast cancer color, to white for the power of healing. The white blends to yellow, the color of hope, sunshine and new beginnings, she explains.

My Hope Chest hopes this new symbol will help others recognize this need and shine the light on this epidemic for thousands who have sacrificed a piece of themselves to save their lives.

Founded in 2003 by Ms. Savoretti, My Hope Chest services pick up where other breast cancer organizations leave off, providing what it calls the "final step of breast cancer treatment" and helping

women become whole again. Ms. Savoretti knows from first-hand experience how breast reconstruction after cancer helps restore not only the body but also transforms and heals the mind and spirit. She founded the organization after her own struggle with breast cancer.

My Hope Chest is a national nonprofit organization that provides breast reconstruction for uninsured and underprivileged breast cancer survivors. For more information, visit www.myhopechest.org.



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Postal Service hosts Mobile Mammography bus

The U.S. Postal Service is offering a simple way for women to get their annual mammograms. The Radiology Regional Mobile Mammography Bus is on the road traveling to post offices throughout the area in October. Here's the schedule:

- Coco River Post Office, North Naples, 8 a.m. to noon, Thursday, Oct. 4
- Bonita Springs Post Office, 2-6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4
- North Fort Myers Post Office, noon to 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11
- Lehigh Acres Post Office, 8 a.m. to noon Monday, Oct. 22
- Page Field Post Office, Fort Myers, 2-6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 22
- Downtown Fort Myers Post Office, noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23
- Naples Main Post Office, 8 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Oct. 24
- Cape Coral Central Post Office, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25
- Tice Post Office, noon to 4 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29

Mammography is proven preventative health care, saving lives and making a difference in the long-term survival of those diagnosed with breast cancer. The baseline mammogram should be performed at age 40 unless



the patient is high-risk.

The Mobile Mammography Bus is a great way to bring the convenience of annual screening to the workplace or a community. Walk-in service is available, but appointments are preferred and can be made by calling 936-2316. Appointments are typically 20 minutes.

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BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Physicians Regional plans first Pink Party

Physicians Regional Healthcare System hosts its first-ever Pink Party for Breast Cancer Awareness Month beginning at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, at Clive Daniel Home. Admission is free, and the party promises to deliver a healthy blend of essential wellness information, live entertainment, a raffle and silent auction, cooking demonstrations and home décor shopping.

Auction and raffle proceeds will benefit Cancer Alliance of Naples. Guests will be able to sign up for a reduced-price mammogram (\$89), and \$10 from every appointment completed in October will go to CAN.

Mandy Green, director of Complete Women's Care of Naples at Physicians Regional-Collier Boulevard, says that as a single event with information on health-care issues such as gynecology, maternity, dermatology, nutrition and diabetes, the Pink Park will provide women "with the essential tools to help medically safeguard their future."

Clive Daniel Home is at 2777 Tamiami Trail N. For reservations to the Pink Park, call 348-4180 by Monday, Oct. 15. ■

Slices of pizza add up to a Slice of Hope

The second annual national Slice of Hope dining event begins at 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12. The host restaurant in Naples is Aldo's Ristorante Italiano & Bar at 4820 Davis Blvd., in the Kings Lake shopping center.

Owners Kelly and Adelchi Musico invite everyone to dine with them at Aldo's for a Slice of Hope. Free fun for kids will include face painting, a Home Depot workshop, arts and crafts, science exhibits and tours of fire engines from the East Naples Fire Department. For the adults, free activities will include live entertainment, wine tastings and various merchant exhibits.

Entertainment will be provided by two Naples acts: Boss Hogg playing Southern rock 'n' roll, and Matty Jollie (a regular on the stage at Campiello, Burn and Blue Martini) with smooth favorites.

Florida Everblades player Ryan McGinnis greet guests and pose for photographs.

The fundraising portion of the night will include a bounce house, sticky wall, super slide and pumpkin painting activities for kids. There will also be a live auction and raffle.

The Mammogram Mobile unit will be available for mammograms.

"Last year when I heard about the Slice of Hope, I immediately wanted to participate," Ms. Musico says. "We pledged to donate 30 percent of our sales from the day, and as the event neared, my staff and customers wanted to participate, too. People were donating restaurant gift certificates, golf packages, wine

packages, hotel stays, gym memberships, spa packages, the list goes on — we went all out and decorated the restaurant pink and put together some beautiful baskets to auction off. We sold raffle tickets and raised even more money.

"It was so rewarding to have the community come together," she adds. "I am honored to be hosting the national fundraising event in Naples this year."

Cycling for a cure

Out of 241 pizzerias nationwide that participated in Slice of Hope last year, Aldo's raised the most amount of money for the cause.

Slice of Hope is sponsored nationwide by the foodservice trade magazine Pizza Today. Participating pizzerias donate 15 percent to 30 percent of their sales on Oct. 12 to help find a cure for breast cancer, with 100 percent of the proceeds benefiting the Karen Mullen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Members of the Pizza Today staff will cycle throughout the state Oct. 8-12 to bring attention to the Slice of Hope cause. Leading up to the event, Pizza Today's editor-in-chief, Jeremy White, and a team of cyclists will pedal from Lakeland to Naples, arriving at Aldo's

with a police escort and being greeted by Naples High School cheerleaders and drummers.

For more information, visit www.aldosnaples.com and click on Slice of Hope, call Ms. Musico at 253-3114 or e-mail aldospizza01@msn.com.

About the foundation

Karen Mullen was diagnosed with triple negative breast cancer in 2006. She fought the battle for four years before the disease took her life. She left behind a young son and husband. The Karen Mullen Breast Cancer Foundation and its signature Slice of Hope event were created by Garrett Mullen, Karen's husband of 20 years, and Mr. White of Pizza Today.

Last year's inaugural Slice of Hope raised more than \$100,000. As a result, the foundation presented a \$50,000 check to the University of Washington to study the effects of Parp 2 inhibitors on triple negative breast cancer, and \$35,000 to

help fund research at Ohio State University and the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. For more information about the Karen Mullen Breast Cancer Foundation, visit www.endthisdisease.org. ■



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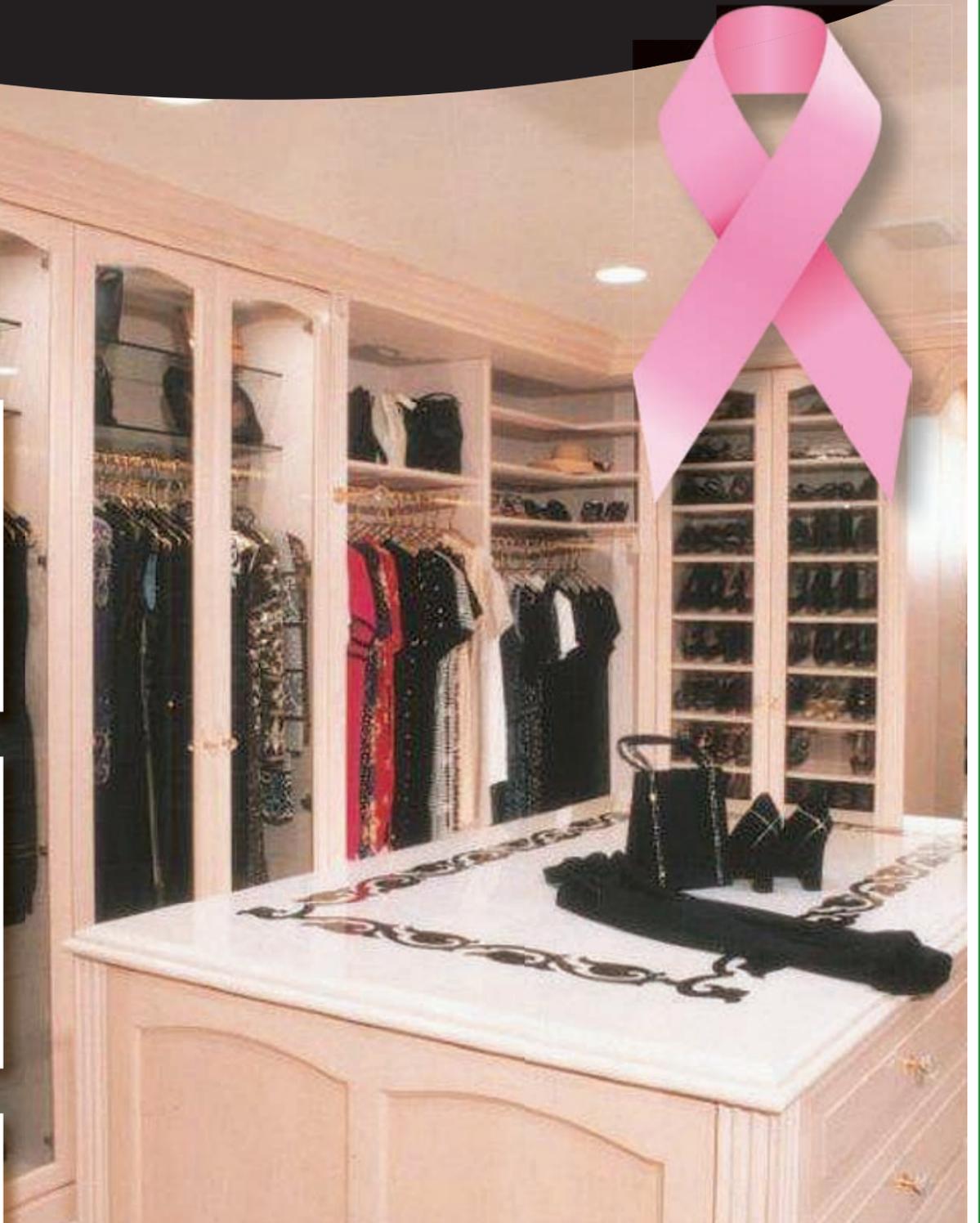
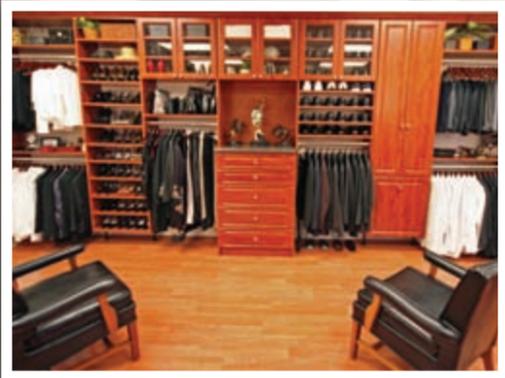
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Put on Your Pink Bra and Party!

4-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3 Blue Martini at Mercato

Make a \$5 donation to the American Cancer Society and enjoy a Pink Passion martini. All month long, Blue Martini will donate \$1 from every Pink Passion to ACS. Info: www.putonyourpinkbra.com/naples.

Spirit Girls Night Out

5-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4 Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club

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In the Pink

1-9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6 Seminole Casino Immokalee

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ment, the casino will donate \$5 of each \$10 slot to Komen for the Cure-SWFL. Info: (800) 218-0007.

Slice of Hope

Friday, Oct. 12 Aldo's Ristorante Italiano & Bar 4820 Davis Blvd.

The restaurant will donate 20 percent of sales to the Karen Mullen Breast Cancer Foundation. Info: 659-2536 or www.aldosnaples.com. See story on page A14.

TREK Ride to Raise Awareness

9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 13

Trek Bicycle Store, Coconut Point
Pedal a 10-mile or 25-mile route to raise funds and awareness for breast cancer awareness, screening and treatment. Info: 390-9909, www.trekbikesflorida.com.

The Pink Party

6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17 Clive Daniel Home 2777 Tamiami Trail N.

Physicians Regional Health System presents an evening of women's health information and fun. Admission is free. Proceeds from a raffle and silent auction will benefit Cancer Alliance of Naples. RSVP: 348-4180. See story on page A14.

Let's Push Pink

5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18 Naples Bay Resort

For \$25, enjoy appetizers and get a ticket for a door prize. The Calendar Girls will entertain, and the best-dressed pink bra will win a special prize. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. Info: www.putonyourpinkbra.com/naples.

Key to the Cure

4-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18 Saks Fifth Avenue, Waterside Shops

Join the "Celebration of Survivors" and enjoy a cocktail from Blue Martini. RSVP required. Call 592-5900, ext. 203.

Wreaths of Pink

Oct. 18-31 Fifth Avenue Design Gallery 365 Fifth Ave. S.

Fifth Avenue Design Gallery will have pink wreaths created by are designers up for silent auction, with proceeds going to Komen for the Cure-SWFL. The gallery will donate a portion of all floor sales during that period to the cause. Info: 417-3650.

Shop & Share for Bosom Buddies

Friday and Saturday, Oct. 19-20 Waterside Shops

Stores will donate a portion of all sales both days to Bosom Buddies Breast Cancer Support. In the pavilion from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, enjoy refreshments and a fashion show; from 3-4 p.m., Bosom Buddies mother-and-daughter breast cancer survivors will model the newest fall fashions. Info: 417-4600 or www.bbbsci.org.

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Bosom Buddies Breast Cancer Support

Bosom Buddies support group meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second and last Wednesday of every month in the

Telford Education Center at the NCH downtown campus. Info: 417-4600.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 20 The Village on Venetian Bay

Gather pledges and step out for this noncompetitive walk to raise awareness of and dollars for the American Cancer Society's fight against breast cancer. Info: 403-2204 or www.putonyourpinkbra.com/naples.

The third annual Stiletto Sprint

5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20 Start at The von Liebig Art Center

A light-hearted, 500-yard race to benefit the Garden of Hope and Courage at NCH and Komen for the Cure-SWFL. Info: 434-6697 or 498-0016.

Bowl for the Cure

1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28 The Beacon Bowl 5400 Tamiami Trail N.

A tournament sponsored by the United States Bowling Congress, plus silent and live auctions and more fun to benefit Susan G. Komen for the Cure-SWFL. Info: 597-3452 or 333-1825.

Women Supporting Women

5:30-8 p.m. Thursday Nov. 1 The Naples Yacht Club

Enjoy fine wine and food at the 11th annual Women Supporting Women to benefit Cancer Alliance of Naples. \$75 (mail a check payable to CAN to Alice Carlson, 2730 Leeward Lane, Naples 34103) or \$85 at the door. Info: www.wswnaples.com. ■

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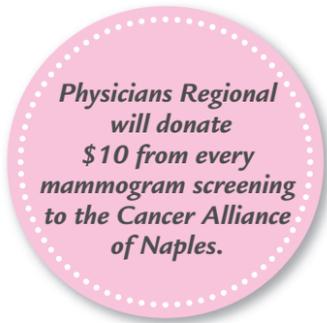
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Renaissance Academy lets adults go back to school, too

The kids are settled back in school, and now it's time for parents and grandparents to sign up for classes.

Fall courses offered by the Renaissance Academy of Florida Gulf Coast University begin Oct. 1 in several Southwest Florida locations, including the FGCU Naples Center at 1010 Fifth Ave. S., the Commons Club at The Brooks in Bonita Springs and Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club in Estero (RA classes will be offered at the Marco Island Historical Museum this winter).

Topics range from beginner to advanced iPhone and iPad operations to self-hypnosis and understanding classical music.

The fall session runs Oct. 1-Dec. 31. Membership is not required in order to enroll, but members receive discounts on registration. Cost of joining for the fall session is \$20 per person, \$30 per couple. Members who purchase four courses will receive a single 90- or 120-minute lecture for free.

The following are just a few of the classes and single-session lectures coming up at the Naples Center. For a complete catalogue and online registration, visit www.fgcu.edu/racademy/.

For more information, call 434-4737 or e-mail renaissance@fgcu.edu.

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Spring Tide Red, Alex Suescun

Rookery Bay plans activities for National Estuaries Day

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Capt. Alex Suescun, former host of the saltwater fishing television show "Tarpon Bay Tales," highlights National Estuaries Day activities at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29.

A former Cape Coral resident who now lives in Miami, Capt. Suescun is a professional redfish angler and self-taught graphic artist and illustrator who often incorporated his own still photography and illustrations in the graphics of his show. He now exhibits his works and has a show, "Florida Fish and Game Art Fusion," on view at Rookery Bay through Nov. 9.

"Tarpon Bay Tales" aired nationwide from 1999 to 2010 on the Sportsman Channel, Fox Sports Net, Comcast Sports Southeast and Sun Sports.

As part of National Estuaries Day, Capt. Suescun will conduct a backcountry fishing techniques seminar at 1 p.m. featuring photos and video clips. He also will discuss and sell his 27 works, in which he aims to capture the beauty of gamefish and wildlife as well as the pride and joy of the anglers and hunters who pursue them.

Other activities through the day include half-hour narrated boat trips on Rookery Bay, the opportunity to try kayaking and stand-up paddleboarding, a fishing clinic for kids, tours of the sci-

ence labs, touch tank, kids crafts, a food vendor and other indoor and outdoor activities.

National Estuaries Day takes place at the country's 28 estuarine research reserves to recognize the importance of this habitat where rivers meet the sea.

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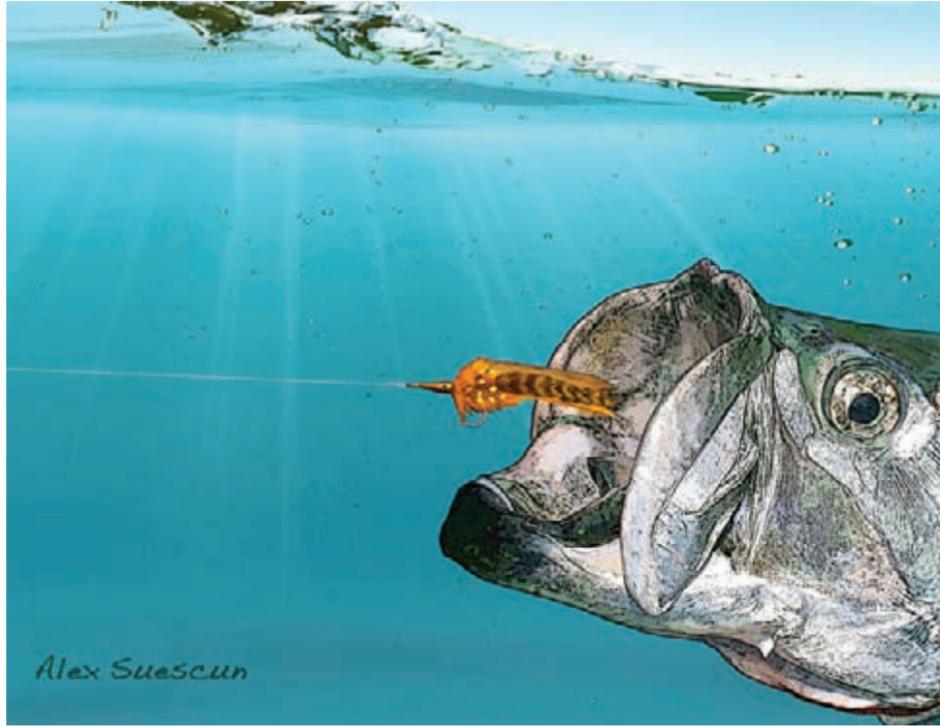
start their lives.



CAPT. ALEX SUESCUN

Estuaries also provide valuable opportunities for recreation and buffer our coastal communities from storm events.

The Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center is at 300 Tower Road, off Collier Boulevard south of U.S. 41. For more information and a detailed schedule of National Estuaries Day events at the center, call 417-6310, ext. 401, visit www.rookerybay.org or follow Friends of Rookery Bay on Facebook. ■



Alex Suescun

Tarpon Take, Alex Suescun

Registration opens for paddle race and trail run

Registration opens Monday, Oct. 1, for the third annual Rookery Bay Reserve Adventure Race that combines kayaking and running. The race sets out at 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, starting with a 3K paddle along Henderson Creek followed by a 4K trail run at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center. The event benefits the Friends of Rookery Bay.

All participants will receive a T-shirt, post-race refreshments and free admission to the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center. Awards will be presented to the top three finishers in the men, women and relays categories.

Registration, which is limited to 70 people, is online at www.rookerybay.org. Fees are \$40 for individuals and \$70 for relay teams. Kayak rentals are available for a separate fee. The race is sponsored by Up A Creek Kayak Tours, Friends of Rookery Bay, and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. For more information, visit the website above. ■

Lunch & Learn lectures begin with orchid lesson

Learn about an environmental topic and enjoy a hot lunch with dessert during the Lunch & Learn Lecture Series starting Wednesday, Oct. 3, at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center. The series runs through April from noon to 1 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month. Lunch and dessert are provided by Carrabba's and Costco.

Admission is free for Friends of Rookery Bay members and \$8 for non-members. Reservations are strongly recommended and can be made by calling 417-6310, ext. 401.

Dave Graff, education specialist at Rookery Bay, kicks off the series on Oct. 3 with "Native Orchids of Southwest Florida." Southwest Florida is home to an amazing variety of native orchids — more than 40 in Collier County alone. Learn about some of their surprising adaptations and the challenges to their survival in one of the greatest orchid hotspots in the United States, right here in our own backyard.

Also in the series:

■ Nov. 7: Adrian Salinas, public infor-

mation officer with Collier Mosquito Control District, presents "Mosquitoes 101." Southwest Florida is home to 43 species of mosquitoes. Mr. Salinas will share information about mosquito biology and life cycle; surveillance, including landing rates, trapping and dipping; how treatment decisions are made; and as tips for protection against mosquitoes.

■ Dec. 5: John Kiseda, executive director of the Florida Society for Ethical Ecotourism, discusses "Being an Eco Traveler in Southwest Florida." Mr. Kiseda, who is also sustainability-

education coordinator for Lee County Parks and Recreation, notes that eco travelers have a tremendous impact on the tourism industry in Southwest Florida by choosing accommodations and tour providers that work to protect the environment and benefit local cultures and communities. During this presentation, find out more about the statewide connections between conservation and tourism through the Florida Society for Ethical Ecotourism.

The remaining speakers will be announced soon. ■

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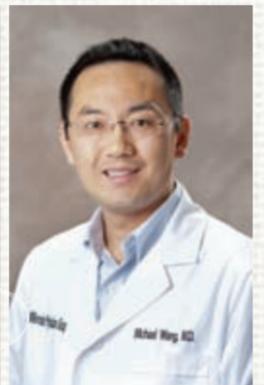
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OPINION

Susan Rice's dodge



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Special to Florida Weekly

"To see what is in front of one's nose," George Orwell wrote, "needs a constant struggle." Ambassador to the United Nations Susan Rice is losing the struggle — although, in fairness, it's not clear how hard she's trying.

After the deadly attacks on our embassies, Rice appeared on the Sunday TV shows in what was widely taken as an audition for secretary of state in a second Obama administration. She proved herself willfully clueless and morally obtuse. In other words, perfectly suited for the job. Based on this performance, she should start measuring the drapes on the State Department's seventh floor.

The ambassador insisted that the protests in Egypt and Libya were a spontaneous eruption of Islamic rage over a rancid, barely coherent anti-Muhammad video posted on YouTube. It was an unusually purposeful spontaneity, though.

In Egypt, a crowd that included the brother of al-Qaida leader Ayman al-

Zawahiri showed up to tear down the American flag and replace it with an al-Qaida banner on the anniversary of 9/11. What are the odds?

In Libya, the attackers were described by House Intelligence Committee Chairman Mike Rogers as coordinating indirect and direct fire. The militants launched, he said, "two different separate attacks on locations there near the consulate, and they repelled a fairly significant Libyan force that came to rescue the embassy."

In Rice's telling, the protests aren't an "expression of hostility in the broadest sense to the United States or U.S. policies." Yet the Egyptian rampagers reportedly chanted, "Obama! Obama! We are all Osama!" In Afghanistan, protesters cried, "Death to America." Demonstrators routinely burn American flags. It's hard to imagine how to make broader expressions of hostility to the U.S.

For Rice, they love us; they just hate what we post on YouTube. She blamed "a very hateful, very offensive video that has offended many people around the world." Note the euphemism. "Offended" is what you are when someone uses the wrong dinner fork; "stark raving mad" is what you are when you storm

an embassy over an amateurish video. The "many people around the world" happen to be concentrated in one region and one religion.

The fact is that video is more a pretext than a provocation. As in prior such episodes of violence over alleged Western offenses against Islam, the people who are enraged need to be told to be enraged, and perhaps paid a little on the side for their trouble.

To blame the laughably bad anti-Muhammad video for the violence, rather than the provocateurs on the ground, is a concession to the logic of blasphemy laws giving aggrieved Muslims a veto over free speech. The administration has already shown itself disturbingly sympathetic to these efforts, co-sponsoring a U.N. resolution in 2009 against religious hate speech. In free societies, religious hate speech is simply free speech, otherwise Richard Dawkins and Sam Harris wouldn't be allowed to publish. Any hedging on this principle is a betrayal of who we are.

There's no assurance that Susan Rice sees that, any more than she sees anything else in front of her nose. ■

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

Get the frack out of my water



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Special to Florida Weekly

Western Pennsylvania is considered the birthplace of commercial oil drilling. On Aug. 27, 1859, Edwin Drake struck oil in Titusville, Pa., and changed the course of history. Now, people there are busy trying to stop wells, and the increasingly pervasive drilling practice known as fracking. Fracking is the popular term for hydraulic fracturing, the technique used to extract natural gas from deep beneath the earth's surface. It's promoted by the gas industry as the key to escaping from dependence on foreign oil. But evidence is mounting that fracking pollutes groundwater with a witches' brew of toxic chemicals, creating imminent threats to public health and safety. It has even caused earthquakes in Ohio. As people mark the first anniversary of Occupy Wall Street, popular resistance to the immense power of the energy industry is on the rise.

Underlying the problem of fracking is, literally, the Marcellus Shale (which is formally called, coincidentally, the Marcellus Member of the Romney Formation). This massive, underground geologic formation stretches from upstate New York across Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio, through West Virginia, Tennessee and parts of Virginia. Unlike the easily extracted crude oil of Saudi Arabia, the natural gas in the Marcellus Shale is captured in tiny pockets, and is hard to get at. In order to extract it with what the industry considers efficiency, holes are drilled thousands of feet deep, which then turn a corner and continue thousands more feet, horizontally. The detonation of explosive charges, coupled with the infusion of high-pressure fluids, fractures the shale, allowing the gas to bubble up to the surface.

The components of the fluids used for fracking are considered protected trade secrets, although they are known to contain toxins. Where the fracking fluids go is a key question. "Only 20 percent of that water returns, and that water returns with radioactive material — barium, strontium," former Pittsburgh Councilman Doug Shields told me. "It's inherently dangerous. There's no environmental-impact studies on the part of the state. The state the institutions of our government — failed miserably to do any kind of due diligence ... no environmental-impact studies, no health-risk studies. And now I've got sick people all over."

Shields put forth a city ordinance banning fracking, which passed. The oil and gas industry fought back: "They went so far as to pass an act, Act 13, that pre-empted all zoning ordinances and authority for just one industry: the oil and gas industry," said Shields, "And Pennsylvania has a use by right, under the law enacted in February, to drill anywhere — (including) residential areas." Pennsylvania townships sued, calling unconstitutional the obliteration of their local rights to maintain public health. They won, but are scheduled to defend their rights in Pennsylvania's Supreme Court Oct. 17.

The problem gets worse in Ohio. Unlike Pennsylvania and New York, Ohio has not banned wastewater injection wells. These wells are used to dispose of waste liquids, by pumping the liquids far underground. Ohio has become the dumping ground for fracking wastewater from Pennsylvania and New York. Like fracking liquids, much of the material is known to contain toxins, but little more is known about what is being pumped underground. Nor is there any certainty about where the liquid ends up.

Last June, Athens, Ohio, resident Madeline ffitch decided to take action. She sat in the road, blocking access to

a local injection well, with her arms secured inside two concrete-filled barrels. In what onlookers described as a complete law-enforcement overreaction, several agencies arrived to extract ffitch. She was charged with inducing panic, a fifth-degree felony. Rather than inducing panic, however, ffitch's act of nonviolent civil disobedience has inspired local support, bringing national attention to the issue.

Fracking entered the national debate when the award-winning documentary "Gasland," made by filmmaker Josh Fox, showed how people living near fracking operations could easily set their kitchen tap water on fire. Fox recently released an "emergency short film" to focus attention on grass-roots efforts to ban fracking in New York state. Like every good journalist, and appropriately, in this post-Citizens United era, Fox follows the money. He points out that former Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge is now a lobbyist for the gas industry, and has received, for his efforts, more than \$900,000, while current Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett has received more than \$1.6 million in campaign contributions from the industry.

Fracking as a political issue, like that tap water, is catching fire. Traveling the country on a 100-city tour covering the 2012 election, I continually meet people who are deeply concerned about what is percolating beneath them. Public outrage is shifting into coordinated action. Their message: "Keep the frack out of my water." ■

— Denis Moynihan contributed research to this column.

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

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A listener contacted me and suggested I interview Dave Bego, author of "The Devil at My Doorstep" and the founder and president of Indianapolis-based EMS Group. I read Dave's book with awe and amazement and have been pleased to have him on my show as a guest several times since then.

He started EMS in 1989 as a commercial cleaning company with two small accounts in Indianapolis. Today its nearly 5,000 employees service more than 3,000 facilities in 36 states from coast to coast. The company's growth has come via internal sales and 10 acquisitions to date.

Dave has survived the unimaginable in business, and his books — the above title and its sequel, "The Devil at Our Doorstep - Exposing the Real Agenda of Big Labor: The Taking of American Freedoms" — read like fast-paced novels. I believe understanding his story and his message is important for all of us.

His books chronicle his experience waging war with Andy Stern and the SEIU from late 2006 until the present. Some other corporate executives have either compromised their core values and caved in to union demands, or decided they could not withstand the possible financial consequences of an extended battle with SEIU. But Dave has survived the assault

from Mr. Stern and his union thugs, and in the process, he has become an expert on the Employee Free Choice Act and related union political activities.

In 2006, he was asked by SEIU to sign a "neutrality agreement" that would have nullified his employees' right to a secret ballot for union affiliation. From the beginning, Dave, who grew up in a union environment and who supports free choice for employees, offered the opportunity for SEIU to conduct a secret ballot. When the SEIU refused, he fought to protect his employees against the loss of their freedom to vote by secret ballot in an election.

A secret ballot eliminates the threat of repercussions from those who may disagree with individual choice about whether unionization is proper. Despite damage to his and his company's reputation, Dave has emerged with his integrity and his company intact. Ironically, the employees at the EMS Group have a better compensation/benefits package than SEIU members in similar jobs in the area — and they don't pay union dues.

Dave has become the voice and face of the opposition to the pending Employee Free Choice Act. In early 2009, he sent a letter to every member of Congress outlining factors for consideration and opposition to the EFCA. He intends to broaden his media exposure to speak out against the legislation that he believes is a direct threat to entrepreneurship, free enterprise and capitalism.

Although Dave began his career with a major agro-business corporation, his

Talking points with Dave Bego

Mentors: My mom and dad.

Something your mother was always right about: She was a tough competitor, which I believe rubbed off on me. She would never give up and never let me give up. She also was a caring person and the pied piper of animals, another part of her that rubbed off on me.

As a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up? A professional baseball player.

Guilty pleasures: Red wine and a brownie sundae.

Skill or talent you wish you had: Patience.

Advice for your grandkids: I subscribe to Calvin Coolidge's quote: "Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent."



What makes you laugh? Dogs and their antics.

Last book you read: Barry Farber's "Cocktails with Romanov."

Something you'll never understand: Why some Americans,

when they do not like or agree with something, feel compelled to change it through imposing their will upon others. There are a lot of things I do not agree with, but I do not attempt to impose my will upon others.

dream was always to found and grow his own company. Married with young children, he quit his job and invested the family's life savings to start his business.

His ability to find, develop and motivate people has been key to his success. He has been relentless in building a company with an employee-focused culture from top to bottom.

EMS is also an environmental leader, one of approximately 15 commercial clean-

ing companies in the U.S. that has been GS-42 certified.

When Dave and his family are not in Indianapolis, they spend time at their home here on the Paradise Coast. ■

— 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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Monday, Oct. 1

- Northbrook Drive and Immokalee Road - Red-light running
- 11th Avenue North at Naples Park Elementary - Aggressive driving
- Goodlette-Frank and Vanderbilt Beach roads - Aggressive driving

Tuesday, Oct. 2

- Hunter Boulevard - Speeding
- Collier Boulevard and Golden Gate Parkway - Speeding
- Santa Barbara Boulevard and Coronado Parkway - Aggressive driving

Wednesday, Oct. 3

- Lakewood and Davis boulevards - Red-light running
- Shadowlawn Drive at Shadowlawn Elementary - Speeding
- Radio and Livingston roads - Red-light running

Thursday, Oct. 4

- Airport-Pulling Road and Naples Boulevard - Speeding
- Pine Ridge Road at I-75 southbound exit Aggressive driving
- Granada Boulevard and Goodlette-Frank Road - Speeding

Friday, Oct. 5

- U.S. 41 East and Bayshore Drive - Red-light running
- Rattlesnake Hammock Road and Hawaii Boulevard Aggressive driving
- St. Andrews Boulevard and Wildflower Way - Speeding

Join the celebration of local heroes

The Collier County Sheriff's Office will help Costco celebrate its fifth annual Heroes Night from 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29.

Costco hosts the event every year to recognize local government agencies and organizations that help make a positive difference in the community. Representatives of CCSO's special operations, investigations and youth relations bureaus will be on hand to meet and greet the public. North Naples deputies and crime prevention specialists will also help out by providing crime prevention safety tips.

Refreshments will be served, and drawings for door prizes will take place. To RSVP or for more information, call Costco at 596-6437. The store is at 6275 Naples Blvd.

The public will also have the opportunity to meet representatives from numerous agencies and organizations.

Refreshments will be available as well as drawings and door prizes. ■

Free car seat safety checks

The Collier County Sheriff's Office can help ensure your child is safely secured in your vehicle(s) through its free car seat inspection service.

Florida law requires parents to use a child restraint system. If children are not properly restrained while traveling in a vehicle, they could easily be injured in a collision or any other emergency situation.

For more information or to schedule an appointment for a free inspection, contact Marianna Herrera at 252-0367, e-mail trafficsafety@colliersheriff.net or visit www.colliersheriff.org. ■

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Upcoming Events



Oct 4 Candidate Forum **FREE!**

Candidates from Congressional District 19, Florida Senate District 30, and County Commission District 3 will speak at the Village Church Auditorium at Shell Point, sponsored by The League of Women Voters of Lee County. Candidates will make opening presentations and respond to questions. The forum is from 7pm to 8:30pm, and a meet and greet with the candidates will occur from 8:30pm until 9pm. **Call (239) 489-8472 for more details.**

Oct 9, 17 & 31 **FREE!**

Learn More About Shell Point at 10:00am

Join us for a group presentation about the Lifestyle and Lifecare available at Shell Point followed by a narrated bus tour of the community. Light refreshments will be provided. **Call (239) 466-1131 or 1-800-780-1131 for reservations.**



Oct 9 Shell Point Singers Fall Concert with Special Guests North Star Percussion **FREE!**



at 7:15pm. Inspiration and entertainment will light up the stage as the 50+ voices of the Shell Point Singers present their annual fall concert celebration with special guests North Star Percussion. While the Singers perform popular tunes, the percussionists entertain using their sticks and mallets. **For more information, call (239) 454-2282.**

Oct 11 The Federal Budget 101 **FREE!**

at 7:00pm. We welcome Chauncey Goss who worked with Congressman Paul Ryan in the Office of Management and Budget. He established his own consulting firm in 2010 and provides analysis to help businesses address the economic policies emanating from Washington, D.C. **Call (239) 489-8472 to reserve your place.**



Oct 29 Healthcare Implications and Challenges for Southwest Florida at 7:00pm **FREE!**

Jim Nathan, President and CEO of Lee Memorial Health System, will share his perspective of the complexities of healthcare and how they impact Southwest Florida along with the implications of the current political activities. **Call (239) 489-8472 to reserve your place.**



Join us from 11:00am to 3:00pm. Shell Point's Fall Open House offers guests an opportunity to learn more about the services and amenities offered in the resort-style lifecare community through tours, informative presentations, and interactive events. Stroll through furnished models, meet retirement counselors and residents, and simply enjoy the beautiful setting. **For information, (239) 466-1131 or 1-800-780-1131.**

Nov 2 & 3 Craft Bazaar **FREE!**

from 10am to 3pm. Attend the annual Shell Point Holiday Craft Bazaar, hosted by The Shell Point Crafters Group, to view and purchase a variety of crafts, art, and jewelry, all handmade by the many talented crafters at Shell Point. The free event will be held in The Woodland Commons at Shell Point. **For more information call (239) 454-2290.**

Nov 9 Shell Point Open Golf Tournament **2012 SHELL POINT Open**

The Legacy Foundation will host the 9th Annual Shell Point Open Golf Tournament at the Shell Point Golf Club. All proceeds from the 18-hole scramble will benefit the Waterside Medical Complex at Shell Point. The \$125 per person fee includes 18 holes of golf with cart, player gift bag, prizes, breakfast, and lunch. A portion of the fee is a charitable contribution. **To register call Deborah at (239) 466-8484.**



Visit www.shellpoint.org/LES for full descriptions of this month's events!

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CLASSES

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Mondays, Oct. 8-Nov. 12; \$80/\$95.

■ **Classified Press Leaks - National Security & Politics:** A lecture examining the reasons for the increase in classified and strategic press leaks, the politics behind them and the damage they cause - At the Naples Center from 1:30-3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9; \$20/\$25.

■ **Verbal Martial Arts:** Learn how to respond to verbal attacks, win arguments and negotiate successfully. Understand the difference between male and female logic and how to deal with both - At the Naples Center from 1:30-3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23; \$20/\$25.

■ **"Saving Private Ryan" - The Real Story:** Go beyond the film and learn about what really happened to the real

life "Ryan" brothers' heroic D-Day combat action. Presentation includes firsthand interviews, pictures, newspaper clippings and post-war details - At the Naples Center from 1:30-3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24; \$20/\$25.

■ **The Brain Fitness Café: Memory Strategies:** This PowerPoint presentation and handouts will give the learner the tools to begin the process of coping with an aging mind but working toward optimum brain health - At the Naples Center from 10-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 25; \$25/\$20.

■ **The Secrets of America's Richest and Oldest Families:** The author of "Old Money America, Aristocracy in the Age of Obama" explores the history, viewpoints, quirks and preoccupations of our nation's blue bloods. Learn about what motivates the wealthy class and leads to behaviors that are mysterious, contradictory, sometimes weird and often very funny - At the Naples Center from 10 a.m. to noon Monday, Oct. 29; \$24/\$29. ■

Sign up to volunteer or teach at the Renaissance Academy

The Renaissance Academy needs volunteers to help with telephone support, student registration, catalog distribution, greeting students and taking attendance, etc., at its various locations for the fall and winter/spring sessions.

If you would like to share your passion on a topic or a set of topics, propose a lecture or series of classes to teach at the Renaissance Academy. Course presenters interact and engage with a community of adult students, leading them through courses without the administrative hassles of traditional teaching, such as tests, grades and

homework.

Proposals are being accepted now for Winter/Spring 2013 classes and lectures that will take place January-May. Lectures are usually 75 minutes long plus Q&A.

There are no advanced degree requirements for RA presenters. FGCU pays an honorarium of \$75 for a 90-minute lecture and \$300 for a four-session course.

For more information about becoming a volunteer or a class presenter, call the FGCU Office of Continuing Education at 425-3270 or e-mail renaissance@fgcu.edu. ■

Local jobs show some improvement despite statewide stagnation

BY MICHAEL PELTIER

The News Service of Florida

Florida's August jobless rate remained unchanged from July, standing at 8.8 percent as the economy's jerky recovery continues, the Department of Economic Opportunity reported Friday.

The August rate was 1.2 points lower than in August 2011 and represented an increase of 77,800 non-agricultural jobs over the year. Total non-agricultural employment grew by 23,200 from July, a net increase that included a loss of 5,200 government positions.

The rate in Lee County dropped to 9.5 percent compared with 9.8 percent in July. Collier County's unemployment rate improved marginally from July to August, going from 9.7 to 9.6 percent. The rate in Charlotte County remained unchanged from July at 9.3 percent. Just one year ago, all three counties had unemployment rates higher than 11 percent.

Nationally, the unemployment rate in August fell to 8.1 percent from 8.3 percent in July, a drop attributed to more people giving up job searches instead of finding jobs, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. The figure was 1.2 percentage points below an adjusted 9.3

percent rate in August 2011.

Florida's non agricultural workforce topped 7.3 million in August, an increase of 77,800 jobs from a year ago, or 1.1 percent, the agency reported.

The business and professional sector led the pack, increasing by 4.0 percent, or 42,700 jobs from August 2011. Construction continues to lag, falling 2.6 percent, or 8,500 jobs, from a year ago.

Florida's civilian workforce fell by 10,000 from July but showed an increase of 9,000 employees over the year, according to figures adjusted for seasonality.

The recent release of information is the latest in a series of economic indicators that show the state's recovery has been far from seamless. The U.S. Census Bureau recently released a report that showed median income in Florida dropped 2.9 percent in 2011. The state's

median income dipped from \$45,609 in 2010 to \$44,299 in 2011, according to the American Community Survey. The national median income is \$50,502.

The survey also found that 17.3 percent, or about one in six Floridians, live below the poverty level, which is about \$23,000 for a family of four.

That's up from 16.5 percent in 2010. National poverty rates also went up to 15.9 percent. Both state and national rates have climbed for the past four years. ■



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Public forums will help prepare voters for upcoming elections

The League of Women Voter of Collier County invites the public to two free forums about the upcoming elections. Attendance is free at both events.

■ Candidates for Collier County sheriff and the Collier County Commission Districts 1 and 5 will be in the spotlight at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, in the commission meeting room (third floor of the Collier County Administration Building, 3299 Tamiami Trail E.).

The forum will be broadcast on Comcast Channel 97 and replayed by Collier County government.

■ The 11 proposed constitutional

amendments will be the focus of attention beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, at Naples United Methodist Church, 6000 Goodlette-Frank Road. The Collier Community Alliance, Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce and the *Naples Daily News* join the League of Women Voters in sponsoring this event.

Panelists who are well versed in the issues will present the pros and cons of the legislature-sponsored amendments.

The League of Women Voters of Florida has posted nonpartisan information on the proposed amendments at www.thefloridavoter.org. ■

Voters urged to try mail/absentee ballots

Due to a lengthy ballot and anticipation of high voter turnout for the General Election, the Collier County Supervisor of Elections Office strongly urges citizens to consider voting via mail/absentee ballot.

Absentee ballots, once reserved for voters who could not make it to an early voting site or the polls on Election Day, are available to any registered voter in Florida. If voting by mail/absentee, voters can vote in the comfort of their home, or wherever they are around the world, and can read the ballot at their own pace. To date, more than 36,500 Collier County voters have requested absentee ballots for the Nov. 6 General Election.

Request an absentee ballot by visiting www.colliervotes.com or calling the Collier County Supervisor of Elections

office at 252-8450. Requests for ballots to be mailed must be made by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, after which voters can pick up a ballot at the Supervisor of Elections office after calling in their request.

Completed ballots must be returned to the Supervisor of Elections office by 7 p.m. on Election Day.

Postage will be 65 cents for ballots returned via mail.

Mail/absentee ballots will be confirmed by comparing the signature on the returned ballot envelope with the signature in the voter registration file.

Citizens who are not yet registered to vote must do so before Tuesday, Oct. 9, in order to participate in the General Election. For more details, and to update your voter information, visit the website or call the phone number above. ■

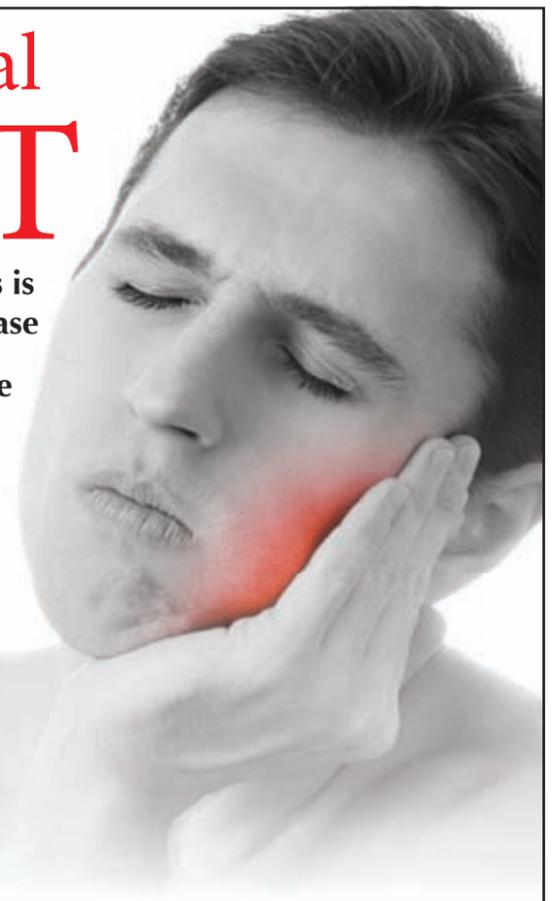
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SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY



Therapeutic horseback riding has made national headlines thanks to Ann Romney and her story of living with multiple sclerosis. However, this vital therapeutic option has many benefits that help children and families living with a broad range of physical, emotional and learning disabilities.

In its 17th year serving the Collier County community, Naples Equestrian Challenge is one of the 800 facilities nationwide that belong to the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International. In 2011, NEC was named one of PATH International's "Premier Centers" for maintaining the industry's best practices in therapy and barn management.

NEC continues to grow, with approximately 375 participants passing through the barn doors to learn from the year-round therapeutic horseback riding and equine facilitated learning programs. All of the riding instructors at NEC are independently trained and certified through PATH International.

"Part of why I love working here is seeing firsthand the physical and emotional improvements that our riders achieve," says Kim Minarich, executive director. "It makes a big difference in their lives."

The riders at NEC don't just ride in circles. They follow a customized lesson plan to help improve their specific physical and emotional needs. For example, a rider might be instructed to pick up an item and place it in a bucket at the end of the arena. What might seem like a simple task to most people is actually developing complex skills on many levels.

First, the rider is encouraged to give verbal directions to the horse, which helps him improve his communication skills.

Then, through the motion of riding, the horse's natural gait provides a gentle rocking motion that simulates walking. In order to stabilize himself in the saddle, the rider naturally develops muscle tone and balance.

Placing the item in a bucket helps the rider learn to focus on a task and improve fine motor skills. And for an additional challenge, a side-walker might move the bucket to different

Kids have a ball at Baker Field inaugural event

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Fifty underprivileged and at-risk children learned how to play baseball and softball at the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation's opening clinic at the new Baker Field. The students, who attend programs at the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County, Youth Haven and Grace Place, also took part in a character-building exercise led by Corporal Barry Ardery of the Collier County Sheriff's Office. The clinic, which will be held monthly, is funded by a grant from Naples Children & Education Foundation - founders of Naples Winter Wine Festival.

"The kids had a great time," said Colleen Miller, site monitor for the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County. "We showed them which hand to wear the baseball glove on for starters, as many of them had never played softball or baseball before. They really took to the sport and are looking forward to the next clinic."

During a character-building segment, Corporal Ardery led an exercise focused on teamwork, sportsmanship and respect. Four students who exemplified those qualities each received a certificate of achievement.

"Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation's clinic formats are a strong mix of sports

and sportsmanship," said Karen Scott, chair of NCEF's grant committee. "We are so pleased to partner with them to benefit Collier County's underprivileged and at-risk children, whose needs go beyond medical and academic hardships."

The Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation was created by his sons, Bill and Cal Ripken Jr., to build character and teach critical life lessons to disadvantaged youth. Their mission is to reach those kids using baseball as a platform. The foundation and Boys & Girls Club of Collier County will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the official opening of Baker Field on Nov. 8.

Since 2000, Naples Children & Education Foundation, which is governed by NCEF trustees, has been dedicated to making a profound and sustaining improvement in the lives of under-

privileged and at-risk children in Collier County. Through the Naples Winter Wine Festival, NCEF has raised \$107 million since 2001, making it the most successful charity wine auction in the world. Proceeds have impacted more than 150,000 children through 36 charities. Major initiatives funded in collaboration with other private and public entities have included a pediatric dental clinic and an early learning center.

The 2013 Naples Winter Wine Festival will take place Jan. 25-27. For more information about Naples Winter Wine Festival and Naples Children & Education Foundation, visit www.napleswinefestival.com or call 888-837-4919. ■



Jonathan Florexl gives baseball instructions



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in the know

The seventh annual Bootstrap Bogie

- >> **What:** Barn dance and signature fundraiser for Naples Equestrian Challenge
- >> **When:** 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10
- >> **Where:** Under the covered arena at NEC, 206 Ridge Drive off Goodlette-Frank Road
- >> **Tickets:** \$350 per person
- >> **Why:** Fundraising events and donations ensure that NEC can offer therapy riding on a sliding fee basis. No rider is ever turned away for an inability to pay.
- >> **Info:** 596-2988 or www.naplesequestrianchallenge.org

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CLUB NOTES

■ **Clans of Ireland USA** members and guests will meet at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 1, at Chrissy's restaurant at Courthouse Shadows. Guest speaker will be Catherine Cruikshank, regional director of education for the Alzheimer's Association of Southwest Florida.

The evening's hostess is Maire Peters. Call 775-0101 for reservations and mention the Irish surname or place you would like to know more about.

■ The next meeting of the **Women's Travel Club** is set for Tuesday, Oct. 2. For information about membership and to sign up for the meeting, call Tracy Ball at 961-3248 or e-mail womenstravelclub@madtravel.com.

■ The **Southwest Florida Federated Republican Women** invites registered Republicans interested in making a difference to join like-minded women for a lunch meeting Wednesday, Oct. 3, in the clubhouse at Arbor Trace. Cost is \$18. Reservations are required and can be made by calling Anne Brown at 254-9979.

■ **Ikebana Naples Chapter #160** invites the public to the first meeting of the new season from 9-11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, at Moorings Presbyterian Church.

Guest speaker Karou Sweet will discuss the basic principles of the Ohara method of flower arranging, which employs a flat bowl rather than a tall vase. Ms. Karou earned the third term master's degree from the Ohara School in Japan and has taught the method for

more than 20 years in the United States along with maintaining a career as a tennis professional. She will demonstrate a more advanced modern Ohara style and a beginner style and will give the audience an opportunity to try an Ohara design.

Chapter members and guests should visit www.IkebanaNaples.com for details of what supplies to bring. Non-members are asked to make a reservation by e-mailing ikebananaples@me.com.

■ The **League of Women Voters of Collier County** will hear from Tiffany Smith, tax counsel for the Senate Finance Committee, at its monthly meeting Friday, Oct. 12, at the Hilton Naples. Cost including lunch beginning at 11:30 a.m. is \$25; the public is welcome to come for the program beginning at 12:30 p.m. for free. Lunch reservations must be made by Oct. 9. Visit www.lwvcolliercounty.org.

■ The **Naples chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society** meets at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15, in the Kapnick Education Center at the Naples Botanical Garden. Guest speaker and wildflower expert Roger Hammer will discuss "Endangered Wildflowers of Florida." For more information, call 597-7222 or e-mail bjrochel@comcast.net.

■ Members and guests of the **Ohio State Alumni Club of Naples** will gather for the fall kick-off social from 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25, at the Imperial Golf & Country Club, 1808 Imperial Golf Course Blvd. Cost is \$45 per person for

hors d'oeuvres (cash bar).

For reservations, visit www.naples-buckeyes.com. For more information about the club, call Sara Ann Mousa at 593-9196.

■ The **Inbetweeners**, a social group for singles ages 40-65, welcomes newcomers and regulars at gatherings every Wednesday. On Oct. 3 and 10, the group will meet from 4-7 p.m. at Big Al's, 8004 Trail Blvd., and the Oct. 17, 24 and 31 gatherings will be from 5-7 p.m. at the Naples Ale House, 6300 Hollywood Blvd.

For more information, visit www.meetup.com/inbetweeners or e-mail naplesinbetweeners@gmail.com.

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

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

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

■ The **Naples Music Club** welcomes new members interested in supporting music education and performance, pro-

viding student scholarships and engaging in collaborative outreach efforts within Naples and neighboring communities. Club members enjoy member recitals at First United Methodist Church, "Music a la Carte" salons in private homes, the annual Student Scholarship Winners Recital and other special programs throughout the year.

Club president for 2012-13 is Maurizio Nisita. For more information and an application for membership, visit www.naplesmusicclub.org.

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

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

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

For more information, contact Jane Hersch 948-0003 or janehersch@comcast.net. ■



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Adopt-A-Soldier campaign continues

U.S. troops in Afghanistan are the focus of the Adopt-A-Soldier project started last year by the Women's Council of Realtors, Naples-On-The-Gulf Chapter. That first effort resulted in more than 155 care packages being sent overseas to various platoons.

This year members hope to raise \$10,000 so they can extend their campaign to even more troops. To that end, they've planned a poker run to take place Sunday, Nov. 4. Cars and motorcycles can set out at 10 a.m. from Harley-Davidson of Naples, 3645 Gateway Lane and then make stops at Boston Beer Garden, Stevie Tomatoes, Porky's on Marco Island and Foxboros before winding up at Freddie Rebel's on Shirley Street by 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per poker hand.

Those who don't participate in the poker run are urged to donate money or supplies for care packages. Suitable items for care packages include: small tube of toothpaste and individually wrapped toothbrushes; beef jerky, hard candies, gum and single-serving packages of granola bars, nuts, Rice Krispies Treats; powdered drinks mixes (individual serving sizes), AA and AAA batteries, alcohol-free hand

wipes and Starbucks VIA coffee packets.

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

For more information, including drop-off locations and a way to donate money online, visit www.Adopt-A-Soldier.org.

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



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RIDING

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might move the bucket to different positions to work different muscle groups.

Throughout the lesson, the rider develops social skills by bonding with his or her side-walker and the horse.

One child's story

For the past six years, one boy living with the devastating effects of shaken baby syndrome has made steady progress while riding at NEC.

Zach "Zachman" Aldridge was born healthy, but at 10 weeks old, he was hospitalized at the hands of his birth father. Suffering from a brain aneurism and multiple broken bones, little Zach wasn't given much hope to survive. Specialists told his mother that he "might" live for a year.

His mother's hope for a miracle was granted as the days turned into weeks, months and even years. Finally, on Zach's fifth birthday, the doctors said that he would have a normal life expectancy.

However, the effects of shaken baby syndrome would leave the family's version of "normal" extremely challenging on a good day. Zach lives with multiple physical and emotional disabilities including autism, cerebral palsy and paralysis on the left side of his body. He didn't meet the normal milestones that healthy children achieve; at age 4, he was not walking or talking.

That was when Rebekah Aldridge, Zach's mother, met an NEC volunteer and learned about the benefits of therapeutic riding. After a medical evaluation, Zach was enrolled in the nonprofit's therapeutic riding program.

Zach had defied the odds by surviving as long as he had, and his mother knew that this might be his only hope at a brighter future.

"It wasn't easy at first. He wouldn't even let us put a riding helmet on," Ms. Aldridge says, adding his head was probably very sensitive from the many surgeries that he had undergone as an infant. But, she continues, "We don't live life around Zach's disabilities. We do what is in his best interest, which means sticking it out."

Once he finally got on a horse, Zach couldn't even hold his head up, so the NEC riding instructors propped him up using boppy pillows. He was also supported by two very dedicated side-walkers: his grandparents, Mary and Ed Jones.

NEC follows the stringent safety guidelines of the therapeutic riding industry by having each rider accompanied by a leader who maintains control of the horse and two side-walkers who provide support for a rider with limited physical abilities.

After a few short months, the Aldridge family saw drastic improvements. First, Zach spoke one of the most precious words his mother could hear: "Mommy." Then, he began telling the horse to "trot on."

One of the biggest surprises of all came, however, when he started walking.

Therapeutic riding and the natural rhythm of the horse's gait gently rocked his hip back into place and improved his muscle tone, allowing Zach to finally walk on his own.

Though life is filled with therapy and hard work, Zach continues to make progress that routinely impresses both his doctors and his family.

His mom has since remarried. Wade Aldridge is a dedicated and loving husband who works two jobs to provide for his family. Biology doesn't matter to



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Zach Aldridge, in the saddle, with Steve Cere, Ed Jones and Connie Sharpe at Naples Equestrian Challenge.

Wade; Zach is and always will be his son. From the twinkle in his eye, you can see the special bond between a true father and son.

Looking to the future, taking care of Zach continues to be a huge commitment. He still cannot dress himself or tie his shoes, and he needs help feeding himself. Chronologically he is 10, but mentally he is about 3 years old.

Despite the challenges, Rebekah loves being Zach's mom. Most recently, the child that wasn't supposed to talk said: "Oh you are so beautiful, Momma!"

About NEC

Naples Equestrian Challenge Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization with the mission to improve the lives of children and adults with special needs through therapeutic riding and other equine-relat-

ed programs. With a dedicated staff and volunteers, Naples Equestrian Challenge provides therapeutic riding programs to 375 participants per year. Through donations and sponsorships, the organization is able to provide this vital therapy to those who need the service most, regardless of income level. The therapeutic riding programs offered at Naples Equestrian Challenge foster growth and confidence, empowering riders living with cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, stroke, autism spectrum disorder, amputations, spina bifida, spinal cord injuries, multiple sclerosis and a range of emotional, learning and developmental disabilities. For more information on programs or volunteer opportunities, visit www.NaplesEquestrianChallenge.org. ■

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HEALTHY LIVING

Physicians Regional earns high marks

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Physicians Regional Healthcare System was recently named one of the nation's 620 top performers on key quality measures by The Joint Commission, the leading accreditor of health care organizations in America. PRHS was recognized for exemplary performance in using evidence-based clinical processes that are shown to improve care for certain conditions, including heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, surgical care, children's asthma, stroke and venous thromboembolism, as well as inpatient psychiatric services.

The ratings are based on an aggregation of accountability measure data reported to The Joint Commission during the 2011 calendar year. The list of Top Performers increased by 50 percent from its debut last year and represents 18 percent of accredited hospitals reporting data.

This is the second year in a row that PRHS has been recognized as a top performer; it is one of 244 hospitals to hold that distinction. It is one of 41 hospitals operated by Health Management Associates to make the top performer list; 30 of these hospitals have been top performers in both years of the recognition program.

"We understand that what matters most to patients at Physicians Regional Healthcare System is safe, effective care. That's why Physicians Regional Healthcare System has made a commitment to accreditation and to positive patient outcomes through evidence-based care processes," says CEO Todd Lupton. ■

Free class will show high school athletes how yoga can help

Yoga instructor Melanie Solis will conduct a complimentary class for high school athletes from 3-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at Bala Vinyasa Yoga, 6200 Trail Blvd. N. in Naples. Ms. Solis will explain how teens can use yoga to help them gain a competitive edge and prevent injury. She will also discuss how using breath awareness can help athletes "stay in the zone."

For more information, call 598-1938 or visit www.bvyoga.com. ■

Shelter classes focus on healthy relationships

The Shelter for Abused Women & Children offers two six-week classes in how to build healthy relationships. Participation is free.

The first session will meet at Trinity-by-the-Cove Episcopal Church from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays, Oct. 9, 16, 23 and 30, and on Wednesdays, Nov. 7 and 14.

The second session will meet at Naples United Church of Christ from 5:15-7 p.m. on Thursdays, Oct. 4, 11, 18 and 25, and Nov. 1 and 8.

Registration is required in advance. Call 775-3862, ext. 233, or e-mail ldescoteaux@naplesshelter.org. ■

Weight training associated with reduced diabetes risk

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Men who do weight training regularly — for example, for 30 minutes per day, five days per week — may be able to reduce their risk of type 2 diabetes by up to 34 percent, according to a new study by Harvard School of Public Health and University of Southern Denmark researchers. And if they combine weight training and aerobic exercise, such as brisk walking or running, they may be able to reduce their risk even further — up to 59 percent.

This is the first study to examine the role of weight training in the prevention of type 2 diabetes. The results suggest that, because weight training appears to confer significant benefits independent of aerobic exercise, it can be a valuable alternative for people who have difficulty with the latter.

The study was published online in Archives of Internal Medicine on Aug. 6.

"Until now, previous studies have reported that aerobic exercise is of major importance for type 2 diabetes prevention," said lead author Anders Grøntved, visiting researcher in the Department of Nutrition at HSPH and a doctoral student in exercise epidemiology at the University of Southern Denmark. "But many people have difficulty engaging in or adhering to aerobic exercise. These new results suggest that weight training, to a large extent, can serve as an alternative to aerobic exercise for type 2 diabetes prevention."



Type 2 diabetes is a major public health concern and it's on the rise. An estimated 346 million people worldwide have type 2 diabetes, and diabetes-related deaths are expected to double between 2005 and 2030, according to the World Health Organization. More than 80 percent of these deaths occur in low- and middle-income countries.

The researchers, including senior author Frank Hu, professor of nutrition and epidemiology at HSPH, followed 32,002 men from the Health Professionals Follow-up Study from 1990 to 2008. Information on how much time the men spent each week on weight training and aerobic exercise came from questionnaires they filled out every two years. The researchers adjusted for other types of physical activity, television viewing, alcohol and coffee intake, smoking, ethnicity, family history of dia-

betes, and a number of dietary factors. During the study period, there were 2,278 new cases of diabetes among the men followed.

The findings showed that even a modest amount of weight training may help reduce type 2 diabetes risk. The researchers categorized the men according to how much weight training they did per week — between 1 and 59 minutes, between 60 and 149 minutes, and at least 150 minutes — and found that the training reduced their type 2 diabetes risk by 12 percent, 25 percent, and 34

percent, respectively, compared with no weight training. Aerobic exercise is associated with significant benefits as well, the researchers found — it reduced the risk of type 2 diabetes by 7 percent, 31 percent, and 52 percent, respectively, for the three categories above.

The researchers also found that the combination of weight training and aerobic exercise confers the greatest benefits: Men who did more than 150 minutes of aerobics as well as at least 150 minutes of weight training per week had a 59 percent reduced risk of type 2 diabetes.

Mr. Grøntved said that further research is needed to confirm the results of the study as well as to analyze whether or not the findings can be generalized to women. ■

Distinguishing 'quality of life' from 'standard of living'



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Three words help to distinguish Southwest Florida from everywhere else: quality of life. One reason ours is a continually improving quality of life: We are blessed to have community members who care. That was very much in evidence recently at a meeting of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce "2012 Board Advance." It was attended by a record 140 leaders and led by Michael Wynn, chairman of the chamber's board of directors.

At the meeting, we discussed among other topics the factors that contribute to quality of life, which shouldn't be confused with the concept of standard of living (which is based primarily on income). Quality of life encompasses far more than money. For example:

■ **Built environment** - We are fortunate to live in an extraordinarily comfortable environment. Our entire area is relatively young with robust support services and infrastructure. This is a real strength.

■ **Employment** - Collier County

depends on hospitality, tourism, real estate and growth by retirement. Another significant and growing employment factor in our community is health care.

■ **Physical health** - Collier has been one of the healthiest of Florida's 67 counties for years; we were the healthiest in 2010 and 2011 and fourth healthiest in 2012. Our "Sustaining Excellence" initiative, led by Dr. Joan Colfer of the Collier County Health Department and including more than 100 community leaders, is addressing such crucial health issues as morbidity, mortality, poor physical and mental health days, low birth weight, adult smoking, obesity, excessive drinking, motor vehicle crash deaths, sexually transmitted infections and teen birth rate.

■ **Mental health** - Collier's "Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System" has shown year-to-year improvement, according to data from the University of Wisconsin. The bedrock of any community's overall health is its public school system. Ours, which depends on inclusiveness, is doing well.

■ **Recreation and leisure time** - Our climate is unmatched, allowing year-round outdoor exercise; beautiful, safe, and abundant parks; music, drama, art centers, and museums. We have it all.

■ **Social belonging** - We are known to be a welcoming place and to have a community culture that emphasizes helping others. Feelings of mutual compatibility, selflessness and altruism distinguish us.

■ **Wealth** - Collier has a "dumbbell" shaped overall net worth. For example, many coastal families possess a high net worth and, at the same time, more than 50 percent of children attending our public schools receive free or reduced-cost lunches.

The quality of life discussion culminated with three suggestions to promote Collier's exceptional status:

First, brand our community. One idea, "This is My Community," would be a measure of public pride.

Second, focus on diversity. In order to recognize our strengths, to address our weaknesses and to continuously improve.

Third, civic responsibility. We're all in this together and must work for continuous improvement.

Ours is a wonderful community, with a quality of life that will continue to thrive, grow and prosper — just as long as each one of us continues to care. ■

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

Health Management Associates gives to local schools

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Last year, millions smiled as Ellen DeGeneres donated a huge sum of money to Whitney Elementary School in Las Vegas.

Whitney Elementary, whose students were often homeless, hungry and without proper clothing, was certainly worthy of Ms. DeGeneres' attention. At the time, however, considering the financial resources of many businesses and individuals in Collier County, several local schools may have rightfully found themselves envious of both Ms. DeGeneres' spotlight and generosity.

Flash forward to Sept. 24 this year, and two Collier County schools are smiling over a much more local act of kindness.

Mike Davis Elementary in Naples and Lake Trafford Elementary in Immokalee have been awarded \$10,000 each donations from Naples-based Health Management Associates, owner of Physicians Regional Healthcare System. This is the second consecutive year Mike Davis Elementary has been on the receiving end of HMA's generosity.

Similar to Ms. DeGeneres's target school, more than 97 percent of Mike Davis Elementary students live in low-income apartment housing, and 95 percent of those children qualify for free or reduced-price lunch.

Though a portion of the funds provided to Mike Davis are already earmarked for the school's "Ticket to Read" program, Principal Melanie Fike is carefully considering the best use of her school's financial windfall. Considering the lack of resources available to many of her students at home, Ms. Fike

and her staff feel an obligation to provide a greater level of compassion and care. In her words, "A donation like this gives us the opportunity to provide students with materials and experiences that they may otherwise not have."

Thanks to his new infusion of funds, Principal Brian Castellani of Lake Trafford Elementary is also about to see part of his educational wish list fulfilled. His plans include PE equipment, positive behavior incentives and grade-level performances to showcase student talent.

The HMA gift, Mr. Castellani says, "will help us knock down barriers such as distance, language and simple economics." The Parent-Teacher Organizations at some schools, he adds, simply don't have the economic resources to raise large sums of money to support additional programs.

Mr. Castellani, whose facility boasts a noteworthy program for intellectually disabled children, also hopes to expand his curriculum to offer more classes targeted to this student group.

The local school donations are a part of HMA's company-wide initiative called "Getting2Great." G2G builds a stronger, more cohesive culture for HMA's team of associates, physicians, caregivers and leaders with the overarching goal of giving back to the community.



Above: Mike Davis Elementary students admire the giant check for \$10,000 that Health Management Associates presented to their school.

Below: At Mike Davis Elementary, staff members Michelle Rodriguez and Abby Fuller celebrate with students at the check presentation.



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established soft spot when it comes to the children of Collier County. Other local benefactors of HMA's philanthropy include First Tee of Naples, Cancer Alliance of Naples, the Golisano Children's Museum of Naples, Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida, various middle and high schools, and many others.

CEO Gary Newsome of HMA presented the \$10,000 checks to the principals, staff and students at both schools. A native of southwest Virginia's Appalachian region, Mr. Newsome has witnessed poverty's downside as well as philanthropy's upside all of his life.

"I have seen similar home-life challenges firsthand. Early in our married life, my wife taught at a school with a student population not much different than that of Lake Trafford or Mike Davis. It's so important we attempt to provide some of what these students otherwise may not have."

Collier County Commissioner Donna Fiala applauds HMA's generosity. "Enough cannot be said to compliment those businesses who step up to provide for our children. That being said, I am sure HMA joins me in urging other businesses to follow their example." ■

To date in 2012, HMA and Physicians Regional Healthcare System have donated more than \$500,000 to various local humanitarian causes. However, HMA and PRHS have a well-

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Green home, happy cats

Give cats some plants of their own to keep others unmolested

BY GINA SPADAFORI
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In the spring and summer, it's easy to enjoy greenery. It's all around us, and if we don't have any in our homes, we're outside enough to see all we want. But when the days shorten, we start to crave our indoor gardens.

Unfortunately, our cats do, too. But cats and houseplants don't have to be an either-or proposition. To have both, all you need to do is give your cats some plants of their own and make the other houseplants less attractive. And don't sweat the occasional chewed leaves or knocked-over pot.

Your cat needs some plants for nibbling, some for sniffing and some for play. For chewing, always keep a pot of tender grass seedlings — rye, alfalfa and wheat — growing in a sunny spot. Parsley and thyme are herbs that many cats enjoy smelling and chewing, and both can be grown indoors. Try some different varieties, especially with the parsley.

Catnip is a natural for any cat garden, but the herb is so appealing to some cats that they just won't leave it alone. Keep seedlings out of reach of your pet, or the plant may never get a chance to reach maturity. Once you've got a mature plant, snip off pieces to give your cat, to stuff into toys or to rub on cat trees. Catnip can't hurt your pet, so let him get as blissed out as he wants. Don't be surprised, however, if catnip has

no effect at all: The ability to enjoy the herb is genetic, and some cats do not possess the "catnip gene."

Valerian is another plant that some cats find blissful, so be sure to plant some of



Keeping tender shoots of grass available for nibbling will help encourage your cat to leave other houseplants alone.

this herb, too. When your cat has his own plants, you can work on keeping him away from yours. Plants on the ground or on low tables are the easiest targets for chewing, digging up or knocking asunder, so make your houseplants less accessible to a bored and wandering cat. Put plants up high, or better yet, hang them.

For the plants you can't move out of harm's way, make them less appealing by coating leaves with something your cat finds disagreeable. Cat-discouragers include Bitter Apple, a nasty-tasting sub-

stance available at any pet-supply store, or Tabasco sauce from the grocery store. Whenever you find what your cat doesn't like, keep reapplying it to enforce the point.

Once your cat learns that the leaves aren't so tasty, you can teach him that dirt isn't for digging and pots aren't for tipping. Pot your plants in heavy, wide-bottomed containers and cover the soil of the problem plants with rough decorative rock. Foil and waxed paper are less attractive deterrents, and I don't like to recommend them as much as decorative rock because you're going to get tired of looking at that foil.

You can also deter your cat from approaching pots by using carpet runners around the plants, with the pointy side up.

Whatever tool or combination of tools you choose, remember that the most important ones are patience and compromise. Give your cat the greens he wants and make the rest less attractive to him. A lush indoor garden is within the reach of any cat lover willing to compromise for the happiness of the cat.

A final note: Not all plants are safe around cats and other pets. Lilies, in particular, are toxic — and a common source of pet poisoning. Check the ASPCA's Animal Poison Control Center's list of toxic and safe houseplants (aspc.org/pet-care/poison-control/plants) before buying any indoor greenery. ■

Pets of the Week



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— Rainer Maria Rilke, his epitaph

“So we are grasped by what we can not grasp; it has its inner light, even from a distance — and changes us, even if we do not reach it, into something else, which, hardly sensing it, we already are; a gesture waves us on, answering our own wave ... but what we feel is the wind in our faces.”

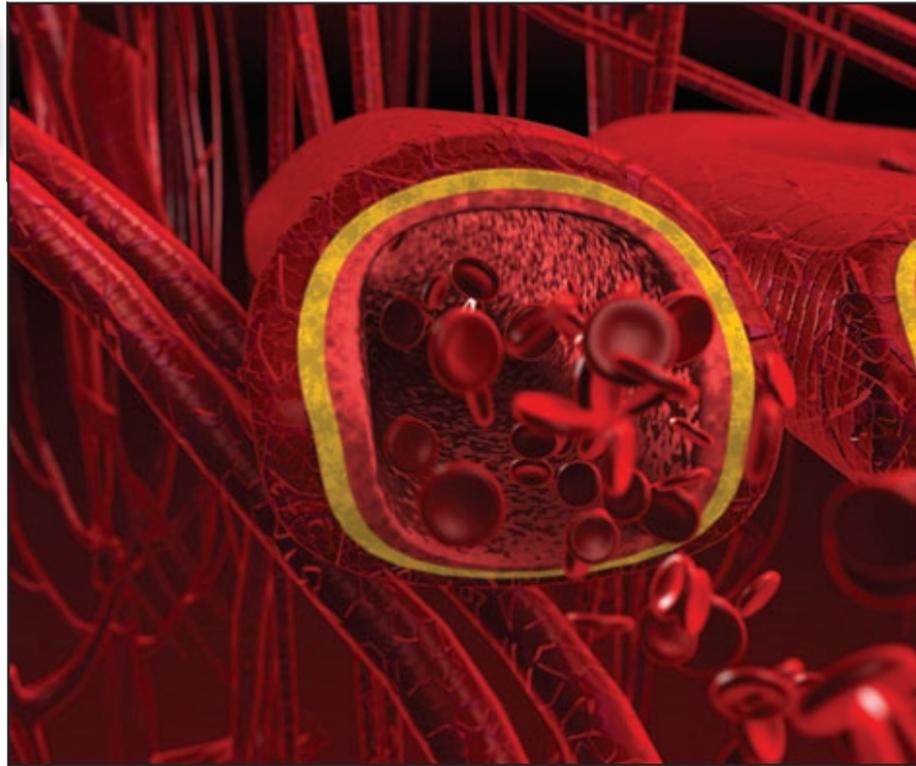
— Rainer Maria Rilke, “The Walk”

“I stretched my wings to rest them and grew oddly vast... it's true: I am a branch inside the forest, you though are the tree.”

— Rainer Maria Rilke, “Annunciation: The Words of the Angel”

“mu,” a Japanese word alleged to mean “Your question cannot be answered because it depends on incorrect assumptions.”

— Dictionary.com



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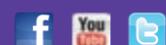


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Fresh Local DEALS



Angelina's Ristorante in Bonita Springs has off-season specials during the slower months.

Restaurants brace for season with promotions, local fare and big events

BY NANCI THEORET

Special to Florida Weekly

For local foodies, summertime and off-season mean dining at discounted prices, often without a reservation. In their effort to keep tables filled during traditionally slow seasons, more Southwest Florida restaurants are offering limited-time deals and multi-course menus to get locals through their doors, and ultimately returning. It's a marketing strategy that has kept many



Top: Rabbit Run Farm uses organic pest control methods and specializes in tropical fruits and heirloom vegetables used by local restaurants. Above: The Twisted Vine is one Fort Myers establishment celebrating Restaurant Week starting Oct. 5.

restaurants open, even if it calls for cutting into profitability.

"Our business owner says, 'You know, our margins may be a little lower because of the specials we run in September, but it keeps our employees employed,'" says Glee Ann Agius, marketing director for Parrot Key Caribbean

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Injecting corporations into the taxation debate



"Don't talk about religion or politics!" used to be the forewarning given by a spouse before a couple entered a party.

Those two exclusions might need to make way for yet another untouchable subject: taxation, a topic that evokes strong emotions and opinions. Some reactions are knee-jerk, without basis in facts; some are political party mantras; and some have been well studied and subjected to great and internal debate.

The phrase "paying their fair share" implies that the very rich are not paying their fair share of personal taxes. The origin of this phrase might well have come from the statement of multi-billionaire Warren Buffett, who announced that his personal income tax rate was a low 16 percent. It's a very unfair taxation level from his perspective. For some, everything this multi-billionaire does or says is, de facto, correct.

On the other hand, a "fair share" as argued by the very rich suggests there should be some greater level of contribution to fiscal tax receipts by the 51 percent of the population that currently pays zero federal income taxes. (The majority of this group however, does pay other forms of taxes including property taxes, payroll taxes and sales taxes.)

Corporate taxation is a beast that few

want to approach. Yet, it is a critical element within the U.S. fiscal budget that needs to be addressed in order to solve our budget crisis, end our deficit spending, etc. Far beyond the thousands of lines of IRS Tax Code, the complexity reaches to distant lands, which offer much better corporate tax rates.

How big are U.S. corporate taxes? Some think aggregate of dollars paid by corporations is much bigger than the aggregate of personal income taxes. Such is not the case. Corporate taxation was \$200 billion in receipts (for federal fiscal year 2011), a small number when compared to personal taxation receipts of \$1,100 billion. The U.S. 2011 budget was more than \$3.6 trillion and required \$ 1.3 trillion in deficit financing through Treasury debt issuance. (Source: An Update To The Budget And Economic Outlook: Fiscal Years 2012 To 2022, August 2012, www.cbo.gov)

The Congressional Budget Office most recently reported that the effective tax rate for U.S. corporations was 12.1 percent, the lowest in 40 years and definitely lower than 25.6 percent, which was the average corporate tax rate since the late '80s. That number is still a lot lower than the top nominal corporate tax rate of 35 percent.

Why is there such a big difference between personal and corporate taxes? Part of the reason is that U.S. citizens are taxed on their worldwide income wherever they live. For example, a U.S. citizen living in France and earning income there is taxed by the U.S. on that income. What about offshore accounts maintained by U.S. citizens in order to avoid taxation?

There's not much of that these days. The risks of being caught for tax evasion are too great.

The point is that if income is earned here or earned in foreign domiciles, it is taxed by the U.S. But such is not the case for U.S. corporations, especially multinational corporations, which have far reaching foreign subsidiary operations. Foreign operations are taxed at rates of their foreign domicile. So of course, with the U.S. having the second highest corporate tax rates — second only to deeply recessionary Japan — corporations choose foreign domiciles as often as they can. True, once those earnings are foreign domiciled, the U.S. parent corporation cannot bring it back into the U.S. without paying tax penalties. And some multinationals, which have huge overseas cash coffers (e.g., Apple), now want to bring it back into the U.S. and, of course, they want penalties waived.

When business went gangbusters globally (1985 to present), it was quite natural and normal for U.S. multinationals to expand property, plants and equipment overseas. Once subsidiary income was earned overseas, the question became "Do we bring it back to the U.S. or do we leave it there?" Then the question morphed into, "Do we move profits to other places overseas where there are even lower tax rates?" The present-day questions is, "Gee, those overseas tax rates are so good, how can we take stuff that we actually do / make here in the U.S. and move it to a business center outside the U.S. and claim that the foreign operation made the money?"

That last question has allowed skill-

ful maneuvering by U.S. tech companies. Although brainchildren and senior management were in the U.S., they could just move the sales center to a low-tax country and, voila! They can ship billions of dollars of code and downloads out of a two-man shop in Luxembourg despite the fact that the product was really engineered/ designed/strategized by thousands in the U.S. Higher U.S. taxes disappear for many tech companies able to get around a base tenet of U.S. corporate taxation: If the resources to make something reside here in the U.S., then it really is U.S. income. If the resources lie outside the U.S., then it might be rightfully considered to be a foreign entity.

Now these thoughts are offered so that your vituperous exchanges on taxation can be broadened to include corporate taxation. If we lose any more of our corporate business base, we have really made the goal of lower unemployment a much steeper climb. ■

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ON THE MOVE

Accounting

Christopher Marrie, CPA, has become a principal of Hill, Barth & King LLC, Certified Public Accountants and Business Consultants. Mr. Marrie has been with HBK since 1998 and is based in the Naples office, providing a variety of accounting and assurance services to individual clients, businesses and non-profits. He has been instrumental in the growth of HBK's construction niche.

Amy Dalen has been promoted to supervisor and Jared Holes has been promoted to the senior level in the Naples office of Hill, Barth & King LLC, Certified Public Accountants and Business Consultants.

Banking

Danielle Angle has joined Shamrock Bank as assistant branch manager at the Ave Maria banking center.

Professional Advancement

Myra Williams, community and veteran liaison for VITAS Innovative Hospice Care, has completed the End-Of-Life Nursing Education Consortium for Veterans training and is certified to teach the curriculum. She also has completed the "Powerful Tools for Caregivers" training and is certified to teach the six-week program to caregivers in the community.



WILLIAMS

Velma Delgado, Hispanic community liaison for VITAS Innovative Hospice Care, has completed the "Powerful Tools for Caregivers" training and is now certified to teach the six-week program to caregivers in the community.

Community Involvement

Stacey Herring, vice president/senior mortgage loan officer for Fifth Third Bank, is serving as chair of the 2012 NCH Hospital Ball. Other members of the leadership committee for this year's ball are: **Stefan Contorno** of Merrill Lynch, sponsorship chair; **Raymond Dweck** of Northern Trust, auction chair; **Patrick Trittler** of Lutgert Insurance, past



HERRING

co-chair; and **Reg Buxton**, media and security consultant, past co-chair. The ball takes place Saturday, Oct. 27, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort.

Polly Keller, founder of the David Lawrence Center and the David Lawrence Foundation, has been named honorary chairperson of "An Evening in Venice, Masquerade Ball," the 2013 signature fundraiser for the center. The ball is set for Friday, Jan. 18, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort.

Paul Cioffi and **Dan Kozlowski** have been named co-chairs of the fourth annual Red, White & Roulette casino night to benefit Friends of the Library of Collier County. Mr. Cioffi is board president of the Friends organization, and Mr. Kozlowski is a board member. Red, White & Roulette takes place Friday, Nov. 2, at the Waldorf Astoria Naples.

Health Care

Pediatrician **Jorge Camina** has been named associate medical director of the Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida. Dr. Camina joined Healthcare Network in 2004 and has served as chief of pediatrics for the past four years. A native of Miami, he graduated from the Ponce School of Medicine in Ponce, Puerto Rico, and completed his pediatric residency at the University of Florida.



CAMINA

Insurance

Robert "Vic" Blackwelder has joined the Ted Todd Insurance Agency as senior sales manager based in the office on Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. He previously was the Fort Myers and Naples district insurance manager for the Southwest Florida office of AAA.

Law

Walter Neighbors, Esq., has joined The Bryant Law Office in Naples, providing services in family law, real estate, landlord/tenant and personal injury matters. Mr. Neighbors has an extensive background in the real estate development industry, most recently serving as vice president of land acquisitions for a California company. He is certified by the



NEIGHBORS

Florida Supreme Court as a mediator in both circuit civil and family law, and is a qualified arbitrator. His community involvement includes Habitat for Humanity, the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life and Special Olympics.

The Naples-based law firm of **Cardillo Keith Bonaquist** has opened a second location in The Galleria Plaza in Estero. In addition to partners **John Cardillo**, **William Keith** and **James Bonaquist**, the firm includes attorneys **Christopher Marsala**, **John Cardillo** and **Scott Rowland**.

Marketing

Trish Leonard, owner of TLC Marketing & Creative Services, and **Mary Shalies**, owner of AdSource, have been hired as agency of record for Waterford Executive Centre in Bonita Springs. The center was previously known as Dublin House.

Dana Mirman has joined the Naples office of Kreps/Demaria Public Relations as an account executive to provide media relations and strategic communication support to clients including Talis Park, Premier Sotheby's International Realty, Strada at Mercato, Tavira at Bonita Bay and Stonegate Bank. Ms. Mirman has more than 15 years of experience in public relations, nonprofit and print and broadcast journalism, including having been an associate editorial producer at ABC News.



MIRMAN

Property Management

Hayden & Associates, Community Association & Commercial Management Services, has been appointed to provide management and accounting services for Tamiami Square Commercial Condominium Association, Inc., which oversees the Tamiami Square retail center in North Naples. The firm will also provide property management services for the Tamiami Square buildings at 14700 Tamiami Trail N.

Real Estate

Shawna Gannaway recently passed the real estate exam and is now a licensed assistant of Lynette Grout, an agent with John R. Wood Realtors.

Jeannette Batten of John R. Wood Realtors has relocated to the brokerage's

Old Naples location on Fifth Avenue South. She has joined Oscar Velez to form the "Naples Luxury Home Team."

Deborah Zvibleman of John R. Wood Realtors has earned the designation of Certified International Property Specialist. She is also the president of the Women's Council of Realtors, Naples-on-the-Gulf Chapter.

Retail

Robin Gleason has been named general manager of retail operations at Tommy Bahama on Third Street South. She has been with the company for 11 years, most recently in Las Vegas.

Gary Klann has been named manager of Norris Home Furnishings' 46,000-square-foot showroom in Naples. He brings more than 18 years of management experience in the home furnishing and design industry, several of which have been with Naples businesses.



KLANN

Kira Hvidsten has joined True Fashionistas Designer Resale in Naples as store manager. Ms. Hvidsten has extensive experience as a sales associate for brands such as Gucci, Yves Saint Laurent and Valentino. Most recently, she was a sales associate at Nordstrom in Waterside Shops. She earned a bachelor's degree in design marketing from Parsons School of Design and a bachelor of fine arts degree from Hamilton College.

Travel

John Burgess, manager of the leisure travel division and one of the top travel specialists at Preferred Travel of Naples, has been named Travel Advisor of the Month by Cox & Kings, one of the leading tour operators specializing in luxury private and group travel to Africa, Asia and the Pacific, India, Latin America and Europe. Before joining Preferred Travel, Mr. Burgess owned his own travel agency.



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Mary Ann Ramsey, president and owner of Betty Maclean Trave has been named a Travel + Leisure Magazine Super Agent. She is one of 12 travel professionals from around the world to receive the designation. ■

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The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce celebrated 2012 Industry Appreciation Week Sept. 17-21, culminating in the Excellence in Industry Awards luncheon on Sept. 20 at the Hilton Naples.

The following awards were presented:

■ **Business Expansion:** Presented to a company that expanded operations in 2011 investing capital and creating jobs in Collier County. The winner: Inn on Fifth, which is building a \$16 million expansion across the street from its main hotel on Fifth Avenue South.

■ **Newcomer Award:** Presented to a company that began its operations in 2011 and is experiencing optimal business growth in Collier County for the first year in business. The winner: KidsTek Learning LLC, owned by John and Lisa Van Gilder. The company uses Legos to teach children about science,

technology, engineering and math.

■ **Entrepreneurship Award:** Presented to a company with 1-99 employees that sets the standard for entrepreneurship and creativity. The winner: Position Logic, a provider of GPS tracking software. The company was on the Inc. 500 list of the fastest-growing private companies in the United States.

■ **Innovation Award:** Presented to a company that exemplifies innovative leadership through product or process. Winner with fewer than 50 employees: ValueCentric; winner with more than 50 employees: The David Lawrence Center.

■ **Green-to-Gold Award:** Presented to an organization or institution that exemplifies "green leadership" through product, practice and/or process. This award advocates the sustainable management of resources and the stewardship of the natural environment. Organizations



Jing Li, David Flood, Felix Llubes, Hong Long, Phil McCabe, Karen Rollins, David Schimmel, Todd Turell, Lisa and John Van Gilder

that use and/or create technologies to build "green" economic opportunities and benefits are eligible for this award. The winner: Turrell Hall & Associates, which provides specialized consulting services in the areas of marine, environ-

mental and coastal engineering.

■ **Civic Responsibility Award:** Presented to an organization or institution that has helped create a better quality of life for all citizens in Collier County. The winner: Avow Hospice. ■

Naples company rescues Miami Beach project

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Canyon Ranch at the 68th block of Collins Avenue on Miami Beach exemplifies the resurgence in that area's real estate market. Just eight hours after releasing eight penthouse residences that had been designed and constructed by Naples-based EBL Partners, all eight residences sold for an aggregate price of \$7 million, yielding just under \$800 per square foot.

Before EBL's involvement began three years ago, the penthouse space on the cen-

ter tower's 15th and 16th floors comprised one extremely large two-story suite.

"We saw an opportunity to maximize the value of the space by transforming the single suite into eight comfortably-sized residences," says Michael Hawkins, EBL managing partner. The work presented many challenges, the most formidable of which was the installation of new concrete floors in areas where the concrete slabs had been removed to creating the vast two-story suite, he adds. And the work had to be done while the rest of the Canyon



Canyon Ranch in Miami Beach

Ranch hotel and residential tower was open for business.

Operated by the same entity that created the famed Canyon Ranch spa in Tucson, Ariz., the Miami Beach property includes 580 units, 150 of which are condo/hotel. The design consists of a 35-story north tower, the 16-story center tower that houses the condo/hotel residences as well as the eight penthouses that just sold, and a 21-story south tower.

Construction and sales at the Canyon Ranch property started in 2007. As was the case for many real estate projects in Miami and throughout the U.S., the development was negatively impacted by the crash of the national real estate market. EBL assumed the role of development manager in 2010 and immediately focused on stabilizing the project by taking the necessary steps to bolster the sales program and bring the overall project to completion.

Over the past two years, EBL has finished the interiors of more than 150 residences for owners within the three towers (which have been operational throughout the process).

During EBL's first year of involvement at Canyon Ranch, 64 units were sold. That number was doubled in 2011, and sales through the first three quarters of 2012 have already matched those of 2011. The south tower has been turned over to the homeowners association, the center tower is 90 percent sold, and if scheduled closings progress as anticipated, the north tower will be 90 percent sold by the end of the year.

In addition to other project throughout Florida, EBL Partners is also engaged in projects in New York and Georgia.

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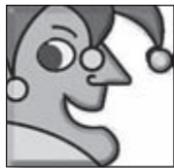
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Members and guests of the East Naples Merchants Association celebrated the organization's second anniversary at The Classics Country Club on Sept. 15. Membership stands at 89 and is growing, according to Shirley Calhoun, chairman of the association. Plans are in the works for the inaugural East Naples Expo and Taste of the Expo from 2-6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, at Edison State College-Collier Campus. Member businesses will showcase their services, and five member restaurants will serve samples of their signature dishes. In the meantime, members meet for networking at Business After Business beginning at 5:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month. For more information, call Ms. Calhoun at 435-9410 or Natalie Anguilano at 643-3600, or visit www.EastNaplesMerchantsAssoc.com. Shown here are board members Jack Marsh, Ms. Calhoun, Ms. Anguilano and Garry Fleisch.



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Since hedge fund managers are less restricted, they can take more risks than ordinary investors or mutual fund managers. Many invest aggressively in options and futures, short stocks, buy on margin (in other words, invest with borrowed money) and make currency bets. Because of their frequent trading, hedge

funds can also rack up considerable taxable capital gains.

In the right hands, hedge funds can work. Billionaire philanthropist George Soros' Quantum Fund, for example, reportedly averaged more than 30 percent annually over several decades — though even he has had bad years, some of them recently. But Soros is not average, and with more hedge funds opening for business, it's harder to find winners.

Some hedge funds do deliver. But those most likely to do well in them are their managers, who frequently take around 20 percent of all fund profits for themselves, on top of charging investors 1 percent to 2 percent per year in fees. If a fund has performed well, managers can reap hundreds of millions or billions in profits in a single year (although that's rare).

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) may soon make it easier for hedge funds to advertise to the general public. Look before you leap — and learn more at sec.gov/answers/hedge.htm. ■



Name That Company

Founded in 1972 and based in California, I'm a small company, but a major player in the telescope industry. I began as a one-man mail-order vendor of small telescopes, and now offer a range of telescopes, binoculars and other optical products. I serve everyone from beginning bird-watchers to serious amateur astronomers to celestial photographers. My innovations over the years have made sky-watching more accessible

for amateurs. My LightSwitch telescopes, for example, introduced in 2009, automatically align themselves with the flip of a switch, making it easy for viewers to zero in on objects of interest. Who am I? ■

My Dumbest Investment

Bad Advice

When I wanted to buy stock in Apple at \$206 per share, my broker talked me into Kodak stock instead. Ouch! I no longer use a broker.

— B., online

The Fool Responds: Ouch indeed. Apple stock has approached \$700 per share recently, so you would have more than tripled your money by now. And Eastman Kodak, sadly, filed for bankruptcy earlier this year. Of course, no one knows exactly what any given company's future will hold, and even the best investors make bad calls on occasion. That said, not all brokers are necessarily looking out for your best interests, and it's often best, regarding your hard-earned money, if you call the shots.

In this situation, if you were interested in both companies or just not sure, you might have split your money and bought shares of both. (Just be sure that you're not buying such small amounts that the trading commissions represent more than 2 percent or so of your investment.) Remember that Apple didn't always look like a winner. (The Motley Fool owns shares of Apple and its 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 a breakfast nook in California in 1958. My name used to look like a rabbit describing how it moves, but my new name, as of 2008, resembles FoodStock. With about 3,500 restaurants in 18 countries, I call myself the world's largest full-service dining company. I bought Applebee's in 2007 and am working to make it 99 percent franchised. My ticker symbol is a loud noise. Over the past 20 years, my stock has averaged annual growth of more than 11 percent — rather fresh and fruity results, wouldn't you say? Who am I? (Answer: DineEquity) ■



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Ask the Fool

Ugly Snowball

Q What's "forced selling"?

— S.C., Warren, Ohio

A Forced selling can happen when the market tanks, and it can make things worse because once it starts, it tends to snowball.

Imagine you own shares of a mutual fund that has fallen sharply in value. It's often best to just hang on, waiting for a recovery — provided you still have faith in the managers. But many shareholders will bail out, in fear or anger. When they do, the managers have to sell off some of the fund's holdings to generate the cash needed for withdrawals.

When many funds are selling lots of stocks, that can further depress the stocks' prices. This can then cause more investors to sell, putting more pressure on stocks. It's frustrating for fund managers because while they may see lots of bargains, they're forced to sell, not buy.

Meanwhile, other investors may have bought stocks "on margin" — i.e., with borrowed money. If those stocks fall sharply, those investors will need to put in more money or sell. Many will sell, exacerbating the problem.

Q Can you explain what the Federal Reserve is and does?

— N.B., Strasburg, Va.

A "The Fed" is the central bank of the United States, founded by Congress in 1913. In its own words, it has four main responsibilities: "conducting the nation's monetary policy by influencing money and credit conditions in the economy in pursuit of full employment and stable prices," "supervising and regulating banks and other important financial institutions ...," "maintaining the stability of the financial system and containing systemic risk that may arise in financial markets," and "providing certain financial services to the U.S. government, U.S. financial institutions and foreign official institutions."

Learn more at federalreserve.gov.

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The Motley Fool Take

Facebook Could Fall Further

Investors who jumped into Facebook when it debuted via its initial public offering (IPO) in May have been burned. The stock opened near \$40 per share, hit \$45, and then fell by more than 50 percent. Some are now drooling, thinking it's a bargain at its recent levels. It's not necessarily so, though.

There are, of course, plenty of reasons to be optimistic. Facebook does have hundreds of millions of users, after all, and many are likely to stick around, as that's where their friends are. Thus, the company is in a position to generate income from those users, by targeting advertising at them and selling other businesses the opportunity to promote certain stories or

events to them.

With its massive size, even modest growth rates can result in big profits. It's already raking in more than a billion dollars in revenue each quarter. It has billions in cash and little debt.

On the other hand, Facebook's future is far less predictable than, say, Campbell's Soup or even General Electric. And hundreds of millions of shares held by insiders are "locked up" for set periods. These shares will be freed up over time, and significant selling could depress the stock further. Facebook may well prosper over time, but it's not without risks. (The Motley Fool owns shares of Facebook and our newsletters have recommended it.) ■

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.

■ **SCORE Naples** and the **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** present a three-part series titled "Presentation Skills for Sales Success" from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2; from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 6; and from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9. All sessions meet at chamber headquarters and will be led by SCORE counselor and sales consultant Steven Goldszak. Cost is \$75 for all three sessions. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ **The Executive Club of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** meets at The Conservancy of Southwest Florida for networking from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4. This is a members-only event. RSVP at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ **The Greater Naples Better Government Committee**, the **Naples Press Club** and the **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** host "Know Your Amendments," a non-partisan review of the proposed amendments on the upcoming ballot, from 4:30-6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9, at chamber headquarters. State Rep. Kathleen Passidomo will lead the discussion. Attendance is open to the public and is free.

■ **The Estate Planning Council of Naples** will hear from Tiffany Smith, tax counsel for the U.S. Senate Committee on Finance, as the luncheon speaker at its 21st annual Success Event on Friday, Oct. 12, at Kensington Golf & Country Club. Ms. Smith will discuss tax reform as it relates to estate and gift taxes. For tickets or more information, call Patty Luppy at 449-6930.

■ 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 Oct. 9. Sign up at www.wnocc.org.

■ **The East Naples Merchants Association** meets for Business After Business at 5:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month. The next meeting is Oct. 11 at Physicians Regional Medical Center-Collier Boulevard. For more information, call Shirley Calhoun at 435-9410 or Natalie Anguilano at 643-3600 or visit www.eastnaplesmerchantsassoc.com.

■ **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 Oct. 17 gathering is at Sam Snead's Tavern at Lely Resort. For more information, e-mail Katie@marcoislandchamber.org. ■

DEALS

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Grill on Fort Myers Beach. “They’re making money and they’re happy.”

The waterfront restaurant celebrates its anniversary each September with birthday bargains and month-long buy-one-get-one-free entrée coupons that Ms. Agius says increase customer counts. This month’s 10-year bash, now through Oct. 14, offers even more incentive — \$10,000 in weekly giveaways, including Caribbean cruises, round-trip fare aboard the Key West Express, fishing excursions, sunset cruises and hotel accommodations. New this year are \$10 bottles of wine and \$10 off select bottles.

“This is the biggest thing we do to drum up business in the summer,” says Ms. Agius. “We stay fairly busy until September, right before school starts. People look forward to our coupons each summer and it’s busy. We probably double our business.”

From participation in restaurant weeks, tastes of the town and in-house promotions, restaurant owners throughout Southwest Florida are doing what it takes to keep tables filled during summer and so-called shoulder season months.

Not so for Kevin Doyle who says he’s breaking business records since tripling the size of The Celtic Ray in March and introducing a full liquor bar.

“I don’t do coupon, discounts, two-for-ones or anything like that,” says the Punta Gorda restaurateur. “I think that’s good because I don’t want customers to feel that when off season is over and prices are back to normal, then we’re charging them too much. If I’m doing two steaks for \$30, then changing \$50 for two steaks, the customer feels they’re getting ripped off.”

Super-sized promotions

In their effort to think bigger and more outside the box, some savvy restaurateurs and promoters are creating unique dining experiences far removed from the restaurant dining room. As part of its first-ever Restaurant Week, actually a 10-day event from Oct. 5-14, the Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel is inviting diners to the farm, the fishery and chats with celebrity chef Barton Seaver, a National Geographic fellow, author of 2011’s “For Cod and Country” and an advocate for restoring diners’ connections to the land and sea — and each other.

In addition to nearly two-dozen — and growing — restaurants offering discounted three-course prix fixe lunch and dinner menus, organizers have also created 10 foodie experiences that highlight sustainable business practices

Naples Originals is planning a new-to-Southwest Florida “pop-up” restaurant event modeled after a concept introduced in London and popular in larger U.S. cities. The local rendition will likely pair two or three chefs with diametrically opposite approaches cooking in a surprise, temporary location. “No one knows where it is until it opens.” — **Beth Preddy**

throughout Lee County. Participants can sign up online (tastedeliciouslee.com) to shop with a chef, taste the exotic veggies grown at Rabbit Hollow Farm, attend cooking class with Bonita Springs chef Jeff Acoll or enjoy a wine dinner hosted by former Bad Company bassist and now vintner Paul Cullen.

“This is the first time, the VCB has done a culinary promotion,” says Nancy MacPhee, program manager for the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau. “We wanted to heighten the relationship we have with restaurants and give visitors an authentic culinary experience.”

Restaurant Week will also showcase the flavors of locally grown and harvested produce, seafood and fish.

“We’re really excited,” says Ms. MacPhee. “This event is designed to appeal to all audiences and it’s during a need period in October for our hotels. It will increase the sense of what Lee County is all about for our visitors. It highlights the restaurants that are using local produce and seafood. Lee County is also a fishing destination and this identifies the restaurants serving the local catch and those that will prepare your catch.”

Denise Muir, the proprietor of Buckingham’s Rabbit Hollow, which supplies exotic produce (15 varieties of heirloom tomatoes, burgundy okra and even pink, yellow and red carrots) to country clubs and restaurants throughout Southwest Florida, is looking forward to showcasing her hydroponic farm during Restaurant Week. She’s also hoping the exposure will increase attendance at the 5.5-acre farm’s weekly Saturday market.

“My business has been all word of mouth,” says the former caterer and chef. “I get foodies all the time who say, ‘Oh my gosh, I never knew you were here.’ Our market is so much fun and it has a lot of energy. I wanted to participate in restaurant week because Lee County has been very good to me.”

Naples Originals, a group of locally owned independent restaurants, is also planning a new-to-Southwest Florida dining experience, according to spokesperson Beth Preddy. Its first “pop-up restaurant” opportunity could occur before the end of 2012, during the slower October through early December shoulder season, or in spring 2013. Modeled after a concept introduced in London in the mid-2000s and popular in larger U.S. cities, temporary eateries open from one night to several months. The local rendition would likely pair two or three local chefs with diametrically opposite approaches in a surprise location.

“We hope to have one, maybe two or three pop-up restaurants,” says Ms. Preddy. “We will create a dining experience in a place you normally wouldn’t expect to have one. It’s a surprise and no one knows where it is until it opens. It’s a masterstroke of public relations. You build the buzz and get people to hurry because they may be left out.”

Although its August e-newsletter highlighted special summertime offers at member restaurants, Naples Originals is, well, original. It focuses most of its marketing efforts — and dollars — on season. This year, member restaurants participated in a restaurant week in January and in February the organization produced its Dine Out guide, distributing 20,000 issues to hotel concierges, restaurants and brochure racks.

“We originally did focus on shoulder season and off season,” says Ms. Preddy. “With new restaurants coming on board, and especially new chain restaurants, there’s less and less of the pie, even in season. We feel everyone can do better during season. There’s always room to have a banner season and we decided for the first time to put all our marketing dollars there.”

The guide, says Ms. Preddy, “was phenomenally successful,” and like all Naples Originals’ promotions and advertising was paid through quarterly internet gift certificate sales that offer 30 percent savings on \$15, \$25 and \$50 gift cards.

That’s not to say the “Delectable Deals” summer e-blast or the three others this year haven’t helped restaurants’ bottom line. More than 36 percent of the group’s 8,434 recipients opened the e-mail. “We’re really happy about that,” she says.

Parrot Key is also tapping into social media to keep diners — even those out of town during the summer — in touch. It has 6,000 Facebook followers, many seasonal residents and visitors “who always tell us they can’t wait to come back,” says Ms. Agius. “Come season, they literally get out of taxi cabs with their luggage. Parrot Key is their first stop.”

Summer also provides a little breathing room to create new menu items and cater more to locals. Ms. Agius says this summer’s all-you-can-eat snow crab special will likely be extended.

Special and regularly scheduled events also help attract business. Parrot Key’s car show creates a “real festive atmosphere,” says Ms. Agius. “As an outdoor restaurant we have the greatest location for a car show.”

Even before the economic recession, local restaurants were trying to woo locals by offering summertime steals. Noodles Italian Café and Sushi Bar in Naples continues the tradition, offering more than 30 happy hour menu items, says owner Matt Berman. “It gets people talking,” he says. “We’ve also been doing complimentary wine tastings every Wednesday all summer as a fundraiser for Barron Collier football.”

Ultimately, the wines customers like best will be added to the 22-year-old restaurant’s wine list.

Angelina’s Ristorante in Bonita Springs and Agave Southwestern Grill in Naples offer summer specials “as a thank you to our year-round residents and as a way to introduce Angelina’s and Agave to new patrons,” says Kenneth Knief, director of operations for Epic Food Concepts, which operates the two local restaurants. “We feel confident that the reason our summer specials are so successful is because of the outstanding value of the offers, as well as the quality of our food and service.”

Through November, Angelina’s is offering weekly ladies nights featuring \$3 cosmopolitans and house wines and half-price appetizers and an \$89 monthly wine series dinner highlighting Italian and Californian wines paired with a special menu created by Chef Greg Scarlatos. Agave hosts weekly salsa nights with professional dance lessons and drink specials. Its monthly tequila series features a tequila producer and a four-course dinner for two for \$70.

The summertime promotions are working. Business at Angelina’s was up 13 percent in July and more than 23 percent in August. Agave also posted increased business: up 20 percent in July and 19.5 percent in August.

The Celtic Ray’s Mr. Doyle says his business has increased more than 200 percent compared to last summer — and without any discounted dining deals. He attributes much of that to the expansion and extended kitchen hours until 2 a.m.

“It’s funny because we’re Punta Gorda’s oldest restaurant but we’re considered new because of the expansion.”

Although he doesn’t really call it a promotion, The Celtic Ray has joined forces with two other establishments — Sandra’s, a new German restaurant, and Shorty’s — to create a “mug club,” offering members a 25-ounce draft pour for the price of 20 ounces.

“We’re local businesses supporting each other,” Mr. Doyle says. “Most of us believe if we make Punta Gorda a destination for walking around, we all do well.” ■

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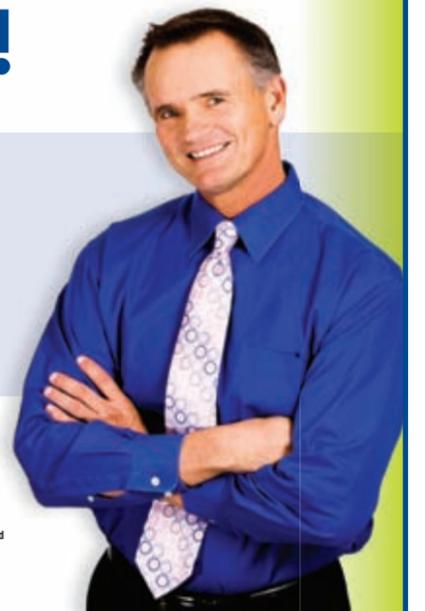
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REAL ESTATE

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House Hunting: 661 Mainsail Place

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Tarpon Cove membership gives owners tennis, boating, bocce ball and beach transportation by boat as well as golfing at Spanish Wells.

Mary Raymond of Downing-Frye Realty has the listing for \$395,000. Call 269-6105 or e-mail maryraymond@comcast.net to arrange a private showing. ■



Final homesites at Manchester Square released

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Manchester Square's six single-family designs include one- and two-story plans with two- or three-car garages and offer a variety of lifestyle options,



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SOUTHPORT ON THE BAY

- 4 Bedrooms + Den, 4.5-Baths
- 22' Soaring Ceilings & Private Elevator
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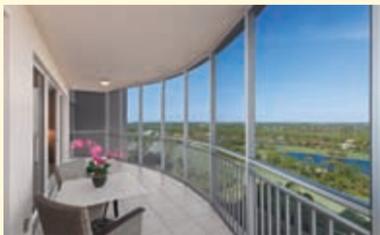
REGENCY TOWERS



SPECTACULAR GULF VIEWS

- 3 Bedrooms, 3-Baths
- Direct Gulf Facing
- Long Beach Views
- 2,300 S.F. of Living Space
- \$995,000 MLS 212024008
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UNPARALLELED VIEWS

- 2 Bedrooms, + Den, 3-Baths
- Private Terraces in all Bedrooms
- Many Design Features Throughout
- Award Winning Amenities
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VERONA WALK



CAPRI MODEL - ATTACHED VILLA

- 2 Bedrooms, + Den, 2-Baths
- Lovely Lake View
- Partly Furnished
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- New Pool and Spa
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- Excellent Rental Opportunities
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- 5 Bedrooms, + Den, 5.5-Baths
- Beautiful Gourmet Kitchen
- Gorgeous Pool w/Spillover Spa and Sundeck
- Large Master Suite and Bath
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- 2 Bedrooms, + Den, 3-Baths
- Beautiful Curved Bay Windows
- Private Sun Balcony
- Gulf, Bay & City Views
- \$949,000 MLS 212005117
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SPECTACULAR LAKE & PRESERVE VIEWS

- 3 Bedrooms, + Den, 3-Baths
- Custom Designed & Furnished
- Custom Built ins: Entertainment Center & Wet Bar
- Beautiful Gourmet Kitchen
- \$594,000 MLS 212009182
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BONITA BAY



OAKWOOD LAKE VILLAS

- 2 Bedroom, Den, 2.5 Baths
- Recently Updated, Immaculate
- 2 Car Garage, Private Setting
- Spacious Open Loft
- \$209,000 MLS 212019489
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TUSCAN INSPIRED ESTATE HOME

- 4 Bedrooms, + Den, 4.5-Baths
- Custom Stone Fireplace, 100 Yr Old Wood Beams
- Outdoor Lanai w/Living Area
- Stunning Lagoon Style Pool & Spa
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BAY CREEK

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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
- \$545,500 MLS 212026596
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AVE MARIA



DEL WEBB

- Open Floor Plan w/ Lake View
- Golf Included & Amenities Galore
- Vaulted Ceilings
- Room for Pool
- \$169,900 MLS 212027203
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DREAM HOME ON ESTATE LOT

- 3 Bedrooms, + Den, 3.5-Baths
- 180 Degree Lake & Golf Course Views
- 6,900 S.F. Under Air, 18' Ceilings & African Tile Throughout
- Gorgeous Pool and Spa
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PRIVACY AND SERENITY ABOUND

- 3 Bedrooms, + Den, 3.5-Baths
- Second Story Private Guest Suite
- Soaring Ceilings & Custom Architecture
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- \$1,475,000 MLS 212016592
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SHADOW WOOD



CEDAR GLEN

- 4 Bedrooms, 3 Baths, Formal Dining Room, Den
- Expanded Lanai and Pool Deck
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- Highly Upgraded Throughout
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- Beautifully Decorated 3 Bedroom, 2-Bath
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- Furnished w/Extensive Updates
- Free Use of Common Boat Docks
- \$525,000 MLS 212028103
- Jackie Sweet 239.298.9000

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TOSCANA AT BAY COLONY

- 3 Bedrooms, 3-Baths
- Gorgeous Wide Water Views
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- Great Community Amenities
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- Debbie Hunt 239.398.5529

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- 5 Bedrooms, + Den, 5.5-Baths
- Huge Outdoor Kitchen
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- 2-Story Guest House
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WOODLAKE

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- Peaceful Lake to Preserve Views
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- Offered w/the Designer Furnishings
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- Beautiful Lake & Preserve Views
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- \$16,000 Chandelier to Remain
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GORGEOUS ARTIST TOUCHES THROUGHOUT

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- Large Master Suite w/Garden Tub
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- Separate 1200 S.F. Workshop
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- 2 Bedrooms, + Den, 2-Baths
- Great Lake View
- All New Furnishings
- Spectacular Community Amenities
- \$1,800 / Month MLS 212008722
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CUSTOM DESIGNED AND FURNISHED

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- Guest Cabana w/ 2 Br, 2-Ba
- Gourmet Kitchen w/Stone Granite Counters
- Tropical Lane w/Heated Rock Pool & Spa
- \$1,825,000 MLS 212014586
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WATERSIDE

- Private, Courtyard Home w/ Oversized Pool
- 3 Bedroom, 2.5 Baths/Den + Cabana & Bath
- Waterfall Spa & Summer Kitchen
- Stunning Sunset Views Overlooking The Lake
- \$1,250,000 MLS 212023018
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INCREDIBLE LAKE VIEWS

- 3 Bedrooms, 3-Baths
- Beautiful Chef's Kitchen
- Custom Features Throughout
- Private Beach Club
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SHADOW WOOD



PALMETTO RIDGE

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- 2 Bedrooms + Den, 2 Baths
- South Views of Golf Fairway & Lake
- 2 Car Garage, Attached
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IDEAL NAPLES LOCATION

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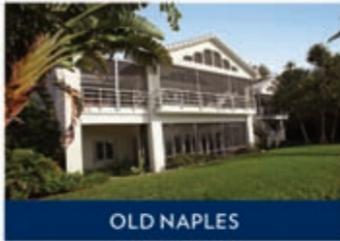


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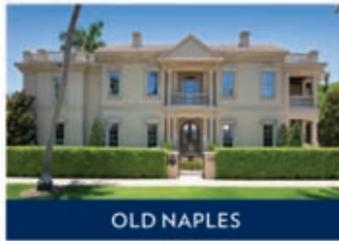


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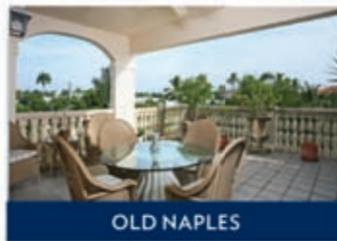
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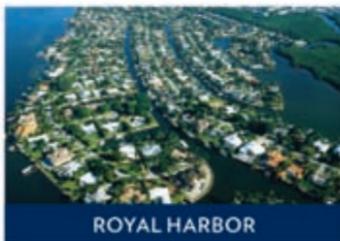
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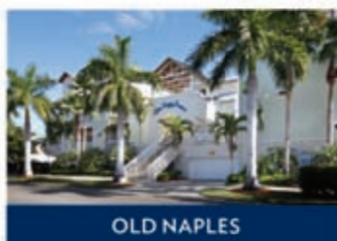
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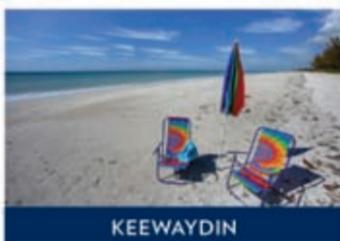
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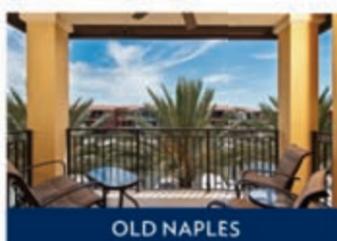
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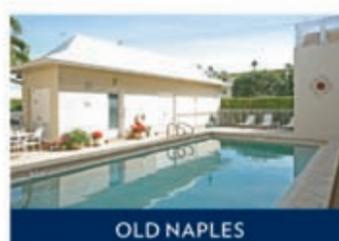
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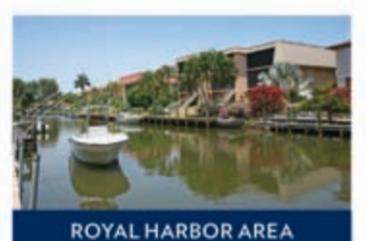
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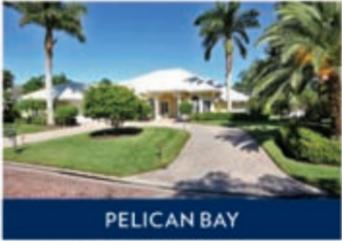
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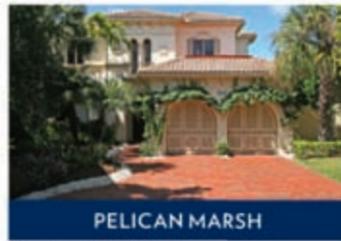
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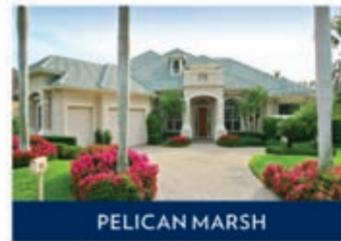
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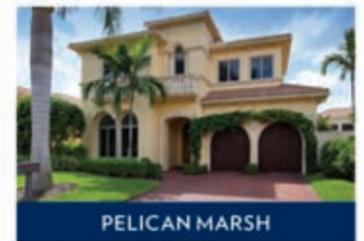
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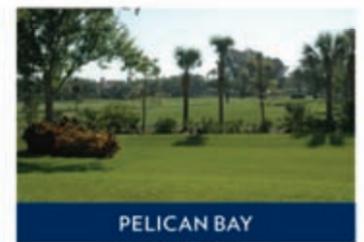
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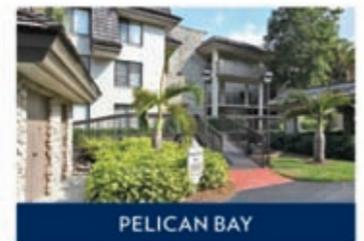
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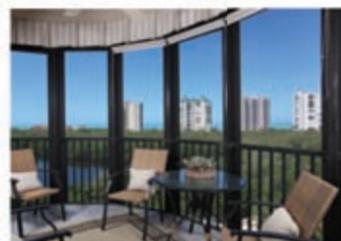
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The Gardenia II is another single-family design available at Manchester Square.

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including open floor plans, screened lanais and master suites with walk-in closets and spa-like bathrooms, dens, formal dining and living rooms, lofts and flexible spaces. Homes are priced from \$299,990.

Four of the community's single-family floor plans — the Gardenia, Magnolia, Orchid and Camellia — are available for viewing as fully and partially furnished model homes with interiors created by Kay Green Design.

Attached villas at Manchester Square have two bedrooms, a den and two baths with 1,557 square feet of living area. Prices are from \$224,990.

All homes at Manchester Square include ceramic tile and carpeted flooring, solid-surface windowsills, ceramic tiled showers and solid-surface bathroom vanity countertops. Each home also has a Whirlpool appliance package. Kitchens have granite countertops and Moen stainless steel faucets.

Manchester Square's clubhouse has a fitness center, gathering room and a catering kitchen. Outdoor amenities include a barbecue area, pool, outdoor play area and a basketball court.

Manchester Square is on 37 acres along Livingston Road between Vanderbilt Beach and Pine Ridge roads. For more information, stop by the sales center, call 598-2370 or visit www.ManchesterSquareWCI.com. ■

Florida home sales continue run in August

THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

Housing figures released Sept. 19 were good news for Florida, with prices and sales both increasing in August from a year earlier, according to statistics released by Florida Realtors.

Sales of single-family homes rose 10.8 percent in August from a year earlier, while pending sales, those signed but not closed upon, jumped 40.2 percent from August 2011. Pending sales tend to close within 90 days.

Median price of homes sold also climbed, but not as dramatically. Half of the Florida homes sold in August cost more than \$147,000, the median increasing 5.8 percent from a year earlier.

While prices have risen, the inventory of available homes has dropped, a sign that prices may continue to rise as buyers compete for fewer homes on the market. There is now a 5.3-month inventory of homes, John Tuccillo, chief economist with Florida Realtors, said in a statement released with the statewide results.

"Everything that should be going up is going up, and everything that should be going down is going down," Mr. Tuccillo said. "After the six years of turmoil, it's good to see the trends strongly moving in the right direction."

Florida's experience in August mirrored national trends for the month, though price gains were more moderate, according to figures put out by the National Association of Realtors.

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— John Tuccillo
Florida Realtors

Nationally, single-family home sales rose 9.3 percent in August from a year ago. The national median price for all housing types was \$187,400 in August, up 9.5 percent from a year ago.

In the South, existing-home sales in August rose 7.3 percent from July and were 11.1 percent above August of 2011. The median price in the region was \$160,100, up 6.5 percent from a year ago.

"The housing market is steadily recovering with consistent increases in both home sales and median prices," according to Lawrence Yun, chief economist with the National Association of Realtors. "More buyers are taking advantage of excellent housing affordability conditions."

Buyers who can get credit are also benefiting. Freddie Mac reports that the interest rate for a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 3.60 percent in August 2012, lower than the 4.27 percent averaged a year earlier. ■

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Designer chosen for Fiddler's Creek model

Stock Construction has chosen Soco Interiors to design the interior Ponte Vedra II model at Mahogany Bend in Fiddler's Creek. The design team, led by Jill Cotton, will oversee space planning, material specification, interior detailing and furniture acquisition.

The Ponte Vedra II is a single-story residence with 3,490 square feet of living space. The split floor plan has four bedrooms and 4½ baths plus a study. Base price is \$769,990; the furnished model can be purchased on leaseback for \$1,291,990.

Mahogany Bend is a village of 53 single-family residences, most of which will be positioned to maximize views of the championship Creek Golf Course and adjacent lakes. The entrance to Fiddler's



The Ponte Vedra II

Creek is off Collier Boulevard between Naples and Marco Island. The community comprises of nearly 4,000 acres and is zoned for 6,000 residences.

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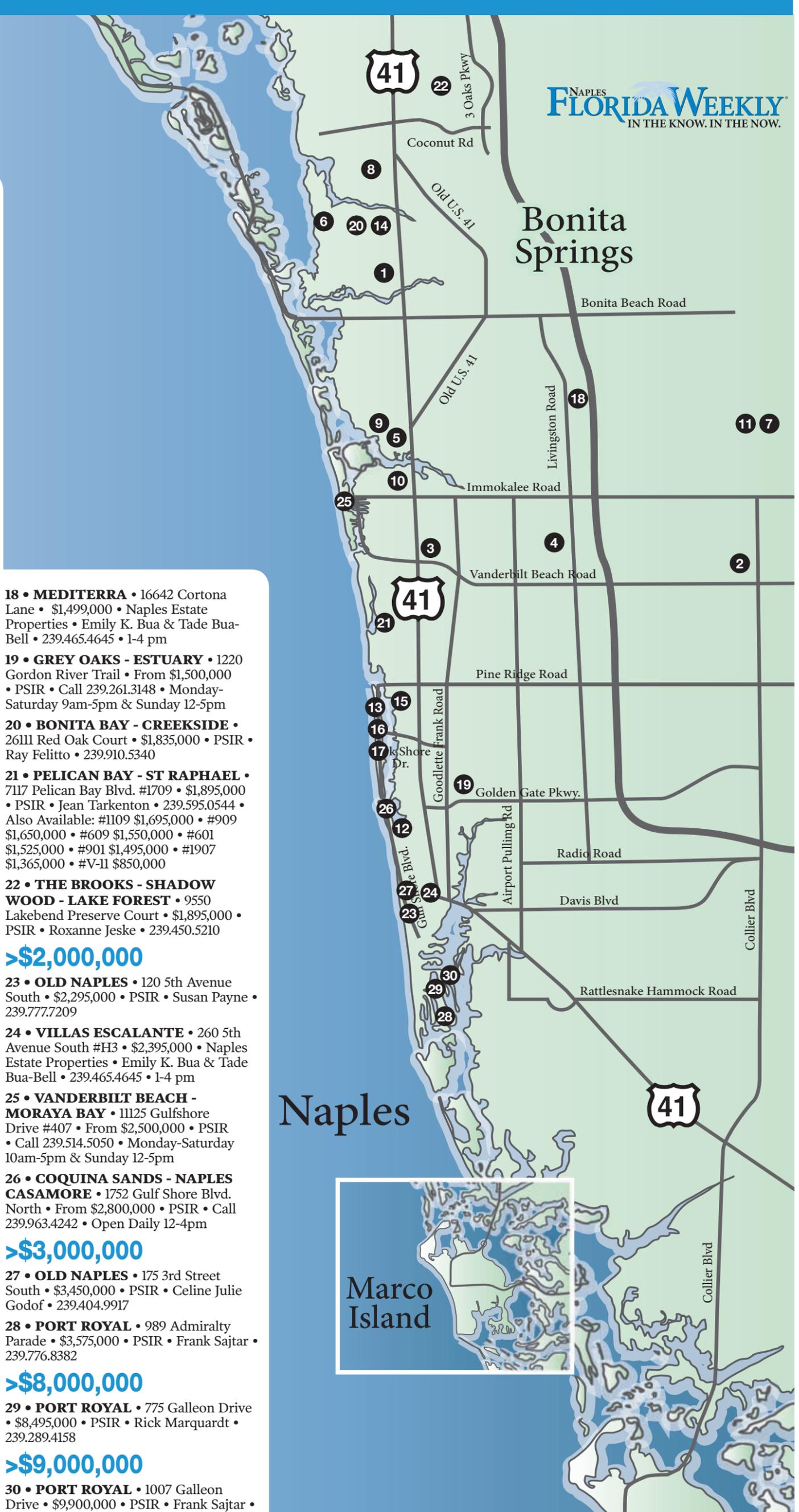
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A GUIDE TO THE LOCAL ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE

Audition call

A front-row seat at tryouts for the new season

BY GLENN MILLER
Florida Weekly Correspondent

THEY KNOW THE AUDITIONING DRILL. Sally Ann Swarm from New Jersey certainly knows it. And Jessica Bircann from Miami. And Khristy Chamberlain of Fort Lauderdale. They knew what awaited them at TheatreZone when Mark Danni held the door open and said, "Hello, my name is Mark." He's the managing artistic director for the professional theater company. Each of the actresses walked in alone and,

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Top: Karen Molnar, resident choreographer, and Mark Danni, artistic director, during auditions.

Above: Jessica Bircann gives it her all, accompanied by Charles Fornara at the piano.

>>inside:
Four shows in the lineup for season eight.
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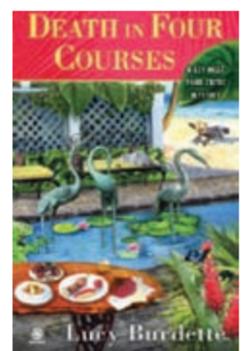
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Fifty shades of dirt bag

Artis Henderson ponders the attraction of bad boys. **C2 ►**



Mouth-watering mystery

Book reviewer Phil Jason enjoys the next installment in the Key West Food Critic series. **C14 ►**

Gallery partners showcased in next library exhibit

BY BILL PAPPALARDO
Special to Florida Weekly

Friends of the Library of Collier County showcases paintings by Karen Stone and Lynne Wilcox, the owners of ArtGallery OldNaples2, for the next exhibit in the West Wing Art Gallery at the Naples Regional Library.

On display Oct. 1-31, the show consists of 30 pastel paintings of landscapes painted outdoors or "plein air" and still

life paintings.

A nationally recognized pastel artist, pastel judge and teacher, Ms. Stone is the daughter of art collectors. She started painting in elementary school. After a 36-year career in marketing and advertising, she began to chase a lifelong dream: to become a fine art painter. She traveled to the south of France with a group of artists and studied with noted pastel masters, including Albert Handell.

Her style is impressionism, and she prefers to paint landscapes, especially those in Naples, and likes the ease of painting outdoors with pastel sticks in every imaginable color. That's the case in her welcoming pastel "Flying High," with birds hovering over a beach path to the gulf, which she completed at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park's Parking Lot 3.

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SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

The fifty shades edition



My friend Lena recently met a man, Dave, a friend of a friend who came out drinking with her co-workers one Friday night. Lena is young and pretty, fiery in a way men like; Dave is in his mid-40s, tattooed, and likes to spend his weekends on a Harley.

When Lena found herself seated next to Dave at the bar, she was surprised at how easily they fell into conversation. They spent the entire evening by each other's side and after exchanging phone numbers, they spent every afternoon together during the week that followed. They talked about the music they both loved and their shared admiration for quirky films. They confessed a mutual love of travel and Dave promised to take Lena on a bike trip through the state.

"He sounds perfect," I said when she described him to me.

But Lena just shrugged her shoulders. "I don't know."

The next Friday night, Lena and Dave met up at a bar with a group

of friends. They were both tipsy by the time last call came, and Lena put aside her ambivalence and agreed to go home with him. If you've read Steve Harvey — or just about any other dating advice book — you know that this was way too soon for Lena to give up what Mr. Harvey calls "the cookie." But these are fast times we live in, and most women have abandoned the art of holding out.

Besides, Lena told us later, things had been so smooth that she was sure Dave was a genuinely good guy. Right up until the moment when he opened a drawer beside the bed and pulled out a set of leather restraints.

"Are you into this?" Dave asked.

Lena eyed the straps. There were two sets, one for her hands and one for her feet.

She shook her head. "That's not really my thing."

Dave slipped the restraints back into the drawer, closed the cabinet, and made as if the naughty invitation had never happened.

"But on our first time together?" Lena said later as she told the story to friends.

"It seems like a little much."

We all cringed, imagining where the night might have led.



What a relief when I learned later that Dave had stopped calling her. All his enthusiasm, his promises of road trips and motorcycle rides, his talk of compatibility and shared interests — gone, as if they had never been discussed in the first place.

But here's the perplexing part: Dave's disappearance drove Lena mad. Instead of being relieved that she dodged the proverbial bullet, she obsessed over him. She bemoaned his bad behavior to anyone who would listen. She called him constantly, left pleading voicemails and texted his phone. All of which went unanswered.

Lena might not have been up for the rough treatment in the bedroom, but she was more than willing to take abuse on the relationship front.

As Elle magazine's relationship columnist E. Jean writes: "Women say they want a 'nice guy,' but show them an ---- -- who treats them like dirt and they'll trample over their own therapists to get to him."

Perhaps there is a touch of masochist in all of us. ■

let's get naked



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Flying High, Karen Stone

FRIENDS

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Like “Flying High’s” back story, Ms. Stone tells a tale in her work. “Whether the scene is a beach, forested area or seascape, the marks of pastel may change on the surface, but the end result must tell a story,” she says. “That’s how I determine the success of the painting. Without ‘the story,’ I might as well have taken a quick shot with my camera.

“For me, paintings need an emotional quality. I like the mystery beyond the sense of the scene.”

Ms. Stone is a first-place winner in national, local and juried shows, including the Founders Show at The von Liebig Art Center, and she has represented the Southwest Florida Pastel Society at the International Association of Pastel Societies biennial. She has a BFA degree in painting from the Rhode Island School of Design.

Chicago native Lynne Wilcox also began painting in an artful household — her mother was a watercolor artist. She received her bachelor’s degree in art and education from the State University of New York, taught art, raised a family and pursued a business career. After retirement, she discovered the medium of pastels, and has studied with master pastelists from the Pastel Society of America Hall of Fame.

Ms. Wilcox says strong composition and a range of values give her paintings a necessary structure. Realism also drives her art and helps her formulate the composition or “backbone” of a painting. This is evident in “Three Pears,” a still life developed her favorite way, in a controlled studio.



Three Pears, Lynn Wilcox

“I paint a lot of common objects,” she says. “I like people to look a painting over, to say it has structure, beauty and color to get them to ‘go there.’”

Ms. Wilcox created “Three Pears” while vacationing in Vermont. “There is a limited palette of colors to simplify it and get the eye moving,” she says. “For me, limiting the colors creates unity.” Her goal with “Three Pears,” she adds, was “to get the viewer to think about eating the pear.”

Ms. Wilcox is a juried associate member of the Pastel Society of America, and a top award winner at juried exhibitions including the International Association of Pastel Societies Annual Web Exhibition, shows at The von Liebig Art Center and the Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs. ■

— Bill Pappalardo is the executive director of The Friends of the Library of Collier County. The West Wing Art Gallery is at the Naples Regional Library, 650 Central Ave. Operated by the Friends of the Library since the late 1990s, the gallery provides a public venue for local artists to display their works. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday. For more information, call 262-8135 or visit www.collier-friends.org.

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AUDITION

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after the door closed, had 10 minutes to display her acting and singing chops. They were among about 100 candidates who auditioned over two days on a recent weekend at the G&L Theater on the campus of The Community School, the home of TheatreZone.

Mr. Danni and his staff were casting shows for the company's eighth season, which opens Nov. 29 with "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum."

Seven Actors Equity contracts were available for that show. Only seven. Other contracts were available for other shows, but the candidates outnumbered the openings. Professional actors know that and they know about the 10 minutes they're allotted.

"Every professional actor knows this," Mr. Danni said, sitting in the theater, Starbucks cup in hand, before the auditions began. "They have their picture and resume stapled together. They have their music. Usually 32 bars. Never a whole song." His wife and resident choreographer Karen Molnar or accompanist Charles Fornara will read with the auditioning actors.

Later in the day, groups of 10 or 12 actors were brought in to dance. "Just to see how they move and all that," Mr. Danni said. "Then we let them go on their way."

That was said around 9:45 a.m. on the first of two long days of auditioning. Before another weekend rolled around, the actors would know if they had won a part.

Mr. Danni doesn't like to dawdle when evaluating talent. "One reason, they're all fresh in my mind," he explained. "So then we go through... Compare notes between the three of us. By the end of the week, I'm trying to make offers, because these people are getting other offers."

Who are 'these people'?

The first candidate on stage on the first of the two days was 50-year-old Naples resident Randall Kenneth Jones.

He's no stranger to Mr. Danni.

"Hello, Randy," Mr. Danni said as he entered.

Mr. Jones read and sang from "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum."

"That's it," Mr. Danni told him when the audition ended. "It was great, Randy."

Mr. Jones knows about auditions and being on stage. After he exited the stage, he sat in the lobby and chatted about his career. "The first thing I ever recall being in was 'Christmas Cookies' in Mrs. Watt's fifth-grade class in Columbia, Mo," he said.

Now, Mr. Jones is a dynamo who describes himself on his LinkedIn profile as "Marketing-company entrepreneur, humorist, editorial writer and speaker." Although not an Actors' Equity member, he has deep auditioning experience. He estimated he's auditioned about 200 times since his days at Fairview Elementary back in Missouri.

"I'm one of those weird people," he said. "I actually think the audition process is so interesting."

As he spoke, 24-year-old Khrystal Chamberlain of Fort Lauderdale was in the theater giving her audition. She'd spent a good chunk of the morning in a car being driven to the audition by her father, Fred, who had dropped her off at the theater and then gone in search of coffee for himself.

The stage is another home to Ms. Chamberlain.

"I think I started when I was 5," she said as she took a break from stretching in a hallway. Her passion is evident on



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Miami actor Michael Freshko waits his turn, top, and works his way through the audition, above.

a website called bigworldbigdreams.weebly.com, where she wrote the following:

"My name is Khristy Chamberlain and I am an actress, singer and dancer. This blog is my journey through the highs and lows of being a working actor."

The University of Central Florida theater major graduated in 2010 and from there went to work at the Forstburgh Playhouse in New York and on a national tour of "All Shook Up." She recently returned from working in South Korea and is now pursuing roles in places such as Naples.

"The goal is to get a job," Ms. Chamberlain said.

Shortly after the TheaterZone audition, she planned to go to New York City for two weeks to seek work there. "If I get a job on Broadway, that's awesome," she said. "I'll go wherever it takes me."

Another young actress from Florida's east coast was in the hallway at the G&L Theater the same time as Ms. Chamberlain.

Jessica Bircann of Miami couldn't stay in Naples long. She had to get back by 4 p.m. to report to her job as a waitress at a restaurant called The Dome.

Like Ms. Chamberlain, Ms. Bircann's theater quest has taken her far away from home. She appeared in "West Side Story" in the Gateway Playhouse in Bellport, N.Y., and in "Meet Me in St. Louis" at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn, N.Y. Her resume includes a role in "A Funny Thing..." earlier this year at the Riverside Theater in Vero Beach. She finished that run in the spring and the play is still fairly fresh in memory.

"I feel good," Ms. Bircann said before her TheatreZone audition.

Becca McCoy drove about three hours from her St. Petersburg home with her 4-year-old daughter, Nancy, and a friend, Rolando Ramos. The adults were there to audition. Nancy didn't know that morning, but her mom was planning to take her on a side trip, perhaps to The Naples Zoo.

First, though, mom had to walk in the theater and give it her best. The stage is familiar territory for Ms. McCoy.

On her website she describes herself as a "proud member of Actors' Equity Association." Her long list of credits

includes "The Pirates of Penzance" in Chicago and numerous regional theater productions in Florida, West Virginia, Indiana and South Carolina.

Another city? Another audition? Another stage?

"I take it in stride," Ms. McCoy said.

Curbing stage fright

Mr. Danni, Ms. Molnar and Mr. Fornara were waiting inside the theater doors. They know what it's like to be on the other side, however, and all three say they want to make the auditioning process as painless as possible for actors hoping for a part.

Ms. Molnar recalled her time in New York City going to auditions. Just the thought of doing it again sets her stress meter trembling. "I get terrified," she allowed. "Every time, no matter how many times I've done it."

She laughed. A few moments earlier she had said she likes her new role, watching auditions and casting parts instead of doing them herself and hoping against hope for a role.

"I like sitting here," Ms. Molnar said from a comfortable seat in the theater.

TheatreZone staff doesn't want its auditions to remind actors of the uncomfortable scene for Geoffrey Rush's character, Lionel Logue, in "The King's Speech." As a speech therapist in the film, he fails to impress the folks at a theater where he auditions and is set on his way without a glimmer of hope.

"Ninety-five percent of your auditions are like that," Ms. Molnar said. "They're cold. You get nothing. That's why a lot of people like coming here."

As she, her husband and Mr. Fornara chatted before tryouts began, the name of one-time Tampa Bay Bucs coach John McKay, an acerbic and witty fellow, was brought into the discussion.

Football teams don't have auditions, but they do have tryouts and training camp. The Bucs once had a kicker who said he was nervous with Mr. McKay watching him in practice.

"I don't think he's got much a future here because I plan on going to all the games," Mr. McKay famously said.

Ms. Molnar said performers can't be like the kicker, nervous about the coach or director. And she doesn't want to make TheaterZone actors nervous.

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They also don't want to keep actors waiting and waiting and waiting to learn if they were selected.

"When we lived in New York and Karen was auditioning, a lot some times you sit there and after a while you go, 'Whoa, I guess I didn't get that,'" Mr. Danni said. "People who have not gotten (a role), I send them an e-mail. Thank you very much. You're very talented, but we don't have anything."

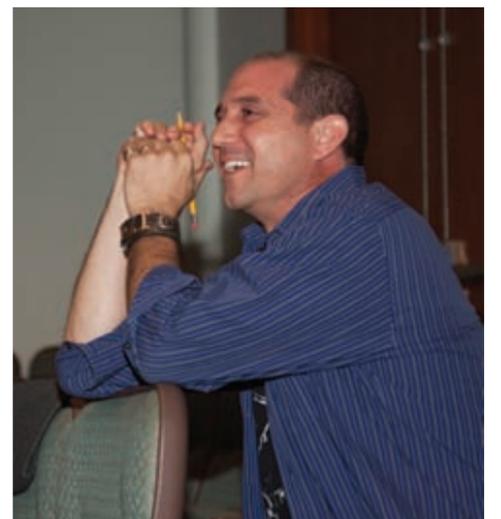
He and others in the decision-making seats at TheaterZone look for more than just talent, however.

"People have to have their head on straight," he said. "They have to be good to work with. We try to get a sense of their personalities. We only have 10 rehearsals for each show, so it has to be a group of people that feels safe with each other."

Mr. Fornara, the accompanist, also offers advice for actors who plan to sing.

"I know a lot of songs, but if you bring me something crazy in the key of F sharp major, I feel bad for messing it up," he said. "I'm not the greatest sight reader in the world, but I'm a pretty good audition pianist. But I've been brought music I can't decipher."

Those on stage and those sitting and taking notes during an audition all know one immutable and everlasting fact.



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Mark Danni likes what he sees (and hears).

"People in this business," Mr. Danni said, "get rejected more than they get accepted."

Sally Ann Swarm's list of theater credits is very long, and she knows the business. She was in "Camelot" on Broadway in 1980. She was with a national touring company of "The Phantom of the Opera" in 2010.

On that recent Saturday, her travels brought her to Naples and yet another audition.

"I gave it my best," Ms. Swarm said after her 10 minutes in the theater. "One never knows."

On the Monday after the auditions wrapped up, Mr. Danni's work wasn't done.

"Now we have to put the puzzle together," he said.

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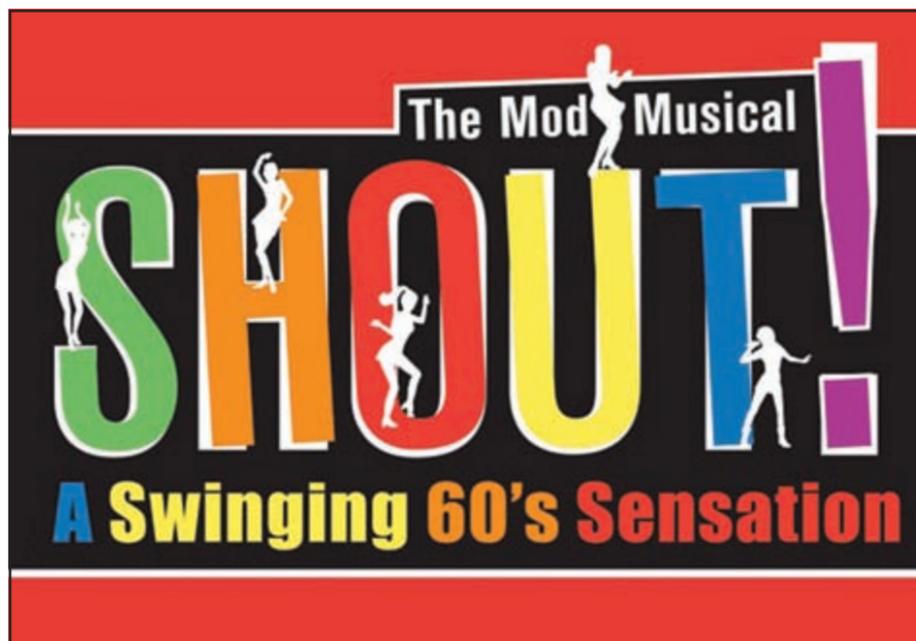
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■ **Museum Day** – Celebrate National Museum Day at the Naples Depot from noon-4 p.m. with free admission and special activities, including a miniature railroad, barbecue, and arts and crafts. 1051 Fifth Ave. S. 262-6535 or colliermuseums.com.

■ **Make A Splash** – Friends of Foster Children of Collier County invite all ages to "Make a Splash for Foster Children" from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Sun-N-Fun Lagoon. \$10. 262-1808 or www.friendsof-fosterchildren.net.

■ **Jewish Humor** – The Jewish Federation of Lee and Charlotte Counties presents "You Won't Succeed on Broadway if You Don't Have Any Jews" beginning at 7:50 p.m. in the Foulds Theater at the Lee County Alliance for the Arts, Fort Myers. \$50. 481-4449, ext. 3, or www.jewishfederationlcc.org.

■ **Laugh It Up** – Florida's Funniest Comedy Competition starts at 7 p.m. at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928 or www.fredsnaples.com.

■ **Movie Music** – The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra presents "Out of this World: Music from the Movies" at 8 p.m. \$30. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

Sunday, Sept. 30

■ **Asian Moon** – Seminole Casino Immokalee presents the Asian Moon Festival with performers Dan Nguyen and Anh Minh from 10 p.m.-1 a.m. Doors open at 9:30 p.m. www.seminolecasinoevents.com.

Monday, Oct. 1

■ **TGIM** – Thank God for Indie Mondays with Eric Raddatz of the Fort Myers Film Festival at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for a happy half hour and the films begins at 7 p.m. \$5. www.fortmyersfilmfestival.com.

Tuesday, Oct. 2

■ **Art on Marco** – "The 20th Century Seminole Experience" by Muffy Clark Gill opens with a wine-and-cheese reception from 5-7 p.m. at the Marco Island Historical Museum. The exhibit will remain through Dec. 27. Free. 180 South Heathwood Drive, Marco Island. 642-1440 or www.colliermuseums.com.

Wednesday, Oct. 3

■ **Open Mic Night** – Bring your instruments and/or your original music for open mic night from 7:30-10:30 p.m. at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.

Coming Up

■ **Faculty Recital** – The FGCU Bower School of Music presents a faculty piano quintet recital at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 4. 590-7292 or www.fgcu.edu/CAS/BSM/Concerts.html.

■ **Pop Art** – The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs hosts a campus open house and a reception for "Pop Art with Andy Warhol" from 6-8 p.m. Oct. 5. Free. 26100 Old 41 Rd. 495-8989 or www.art-centerbonita.org.

■ **Kids Acting Up** – The Gulfshore Playhouse Theatre Education Project offers workshops for parents and children at the Golisano Children's Museum of Naples starting Oct. 7 for ages 5-7 and Dec. 2 for ages 8-12. \$20 for C'mon members; \$40 for non-members. 514-0084 or www.cmon.org.

■ **Beautiful Brass** – The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra's brass quintet presents "Beautiful Brass" at 3 p.m. Oct. 7 and 8 p.m. Oct. 9 at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

■ **Rum & Fun** – Hemingway's Island Grill at Coconut Point hosts Rumfest SWFL from 5-11 p.m. Oct. 12-13. Events include Panama Red and Hemingway look-alike contests, kids activities and a silent auction to benefit The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. 287-8756 or 495-7240.

Ongoing Exhibits

■ **At the Art Museum** – The Patty & Jay Baker Naples Museum of Art presents three diverse exhibitions: "Out of this World: Extraordinary Costumes from Film and Television," "Martin Schoeller: Close Up" and "Fletcher Benton: The Artist's Studio." 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

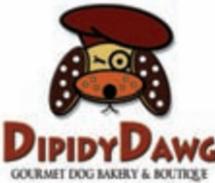
■ **Group Show** – "Group Exhibition: Professional Studio Artists of Naples," featuring recent works by resident artists in acrylic, watercolor, oil, assemblage/collage, clay and mixed media, is on display through Oct. 2 at Rosen Gallery & Studios. 2172 J&C Blvd. 821-1061.

■ **At The von Liebig** – The fifth annual "Non-Juried, All Artist Member Show of Shows" sponsored by the Naples Art Association is on display through Oct. 5 at The von Liebig Art Center. 565 Park St. 262-6517 or www.naplesart.org.

■ **At ESC** – The Bob Rauschenberg Gallery at Edison State College in Fort Myers presents "Things Not Seen Before: A Tribute to John Cage (with 33-1/3 - Performed by Audience)" through Oct. 13. 489-9313 or www.RauschenbergGallery.com.

■ **At the Airport** – "Honor, Country & Heroism" featuring works by nearly three dozen Southwest Florida artists hangs in Concourse D at Southwest Florida International Airport through July 2013.

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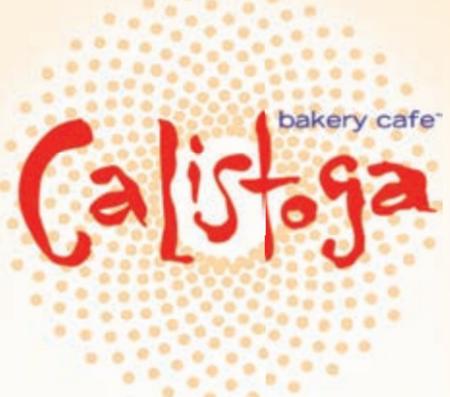
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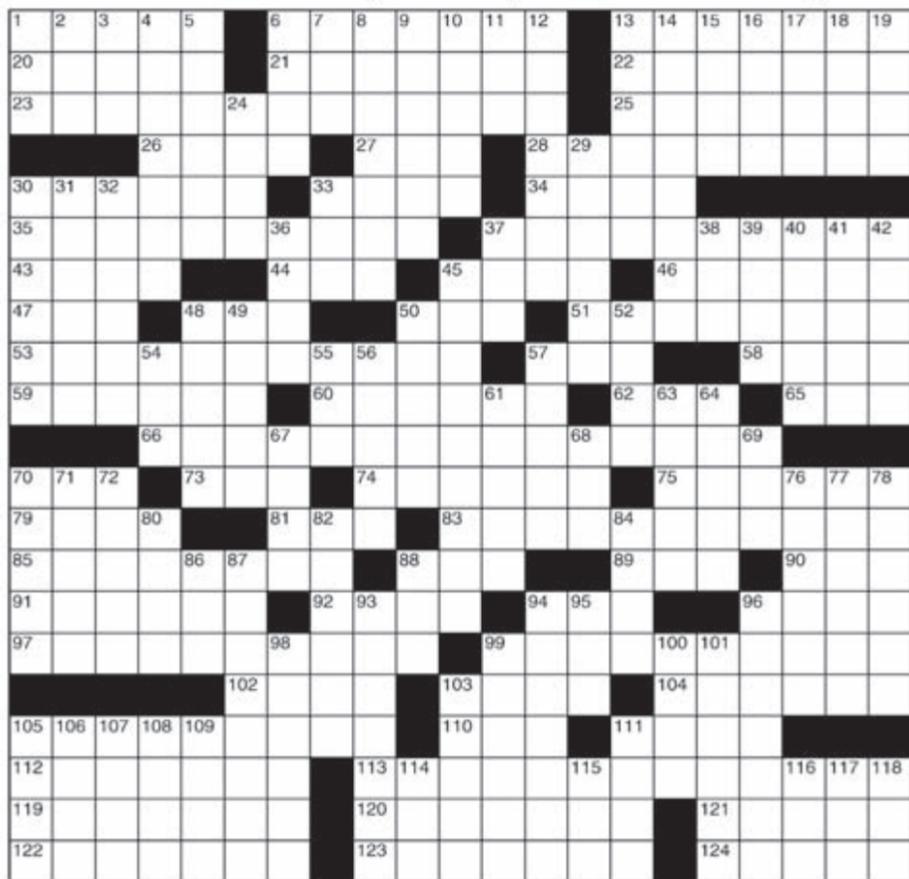
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 - 6 London subway route diagram
 - 13 Plate umpire's call
 - 20 "Par —" (stamp on airmail)
 - 21 Religious hermit
 - 22 Wyoming tribe
 - 23 "A Boy and His Dog" sci-fi writer
 - 25 Pronto
 - 26 Bus, college course
 - 27 Aircraft abbr.
 - 28 Star of the silent film "Madame Du Barry"
 - 30 "Dharma & Greg" co-star Jenna
 - 33 Pupil locale
 - 34 Pick — (cavil)
 - 35 In a certain folk singing style
 - 37 Relief pitcher with the 2004 World Series-winning Red Sox
 - 43 Revered one
 - 44 Horse's kin
 - 45 Padlock part
 - 46 Sneaker stringers
 - 47 Even if, briefly
 - 48 Old crone
 - 50 — -di-dah
 - 51 "Got some thoughts?"
 - 53 Old city
 - 57 Man-mouse link
 - 58 Additionally
 - 59 Bun seed
 - 60 1965
 - 62 Bad, in Brest
 - 65 Census stat
 - 66 Novocain, for one
 - 70 Twisty curve
 - 73 U lead-in
 - 74 Foray
 - 75 First family as of 2009
 - 79 Coal mines
 - 81 High-fashion inits.
 - 83 Boarding of a jet
 - 85 Derides
 - 88 Before, in verses
 - 89 Hair stiffener
 - 90 Sea, to Fifi
 - 91 Forest feline
 - 92 Dark loaves
 - 94 Greek letter
 - 96 Domicile
 - 97 Native of Fiji or Vanuatu
 - 99 Places to see stars in science centers
 - 102 Back part
 - 103 Lab bottle
 - 104 Bond girl player d'Abo
 - 105 Have practical usefulness
 - 110 Kin of Ltd.
 - 111 In a crowd of
 - 112 Stage names
 - 113 Assorted
 - 119 Tooth puller
 - 120 Unicellular swimmers
 - 121 Romanov royals
 - 122 Chip away at
 - 123 Gets thinner
 - 124 Toss about
- DOWN**
- 1 Oom- — band
 - 2 Hungarian-born Gabor
 - 3 English title
 - 4 Gary of "Diff'rent Strokes"
 - 5 How soup is often sold
 - 6 Juvenile
 - 7 Address for a dot-com
 - 8 Minsk locale
 - 9 Oskar Schindler's wife
 - 10 Sea vapors
 - 11 — -Z (thoroughly)
 - 12 Letter-writing friends
 - 13 Attach with brads, e.g.
 - 14 In a florid way
 - 15 "Slither" star James
 - 16 Church nook
 - 17 Sharp taste
 - 18 Blacken on a grill
 - 19 Arizona tribe
 - 24 All-or —
 - 29 More or less even (with)
 - 30 Wharton and Bunker
 - 31 Chinese nut
 - 32 They're often tile-covered
 - 33 Brains have high ones
 - 36 Trilogy, often
 - 37 Spa sound
 - 38 — tai
 - 39 A-F filler
 - 40 Movie units
 - 41 Make blank
 - 42 County whose seat is Newark
 - 45 Hard-hitting carpenters
 - 48 Comic's forte
 - 49 Baldwin and Guinness
 - 50 Greg Evans comic strip
 - 52 Dog tag info
 - 54 Fresno loc.
 - 55 Zip
 - 56 PC letter
 - 57 Saloon sign
 - 61 In unison
 - 63 Make up for, as sins
 - 64 Slander's kin
 - 67 "Comin' —!"
 - 68 "Good" cholesterol abbr.
 - 69 Spying aid, briefly
 - 70 — salts (cathartic)
 - 71 After then
 - 72 Sword material
 - 76 Recollection
 - 77 Vigorless condition
 - 78 Watercourse
 - 80 "Sisters" co-star Ward
 - 82 Tiny grooves
 - 84 Opposed to, in dialect
 - 86 Pollicio Paul
 - 87 Most severe
 - 88 Nighttime, in verses
 - 93 Hired lawn maintainer
 - 94 Sugar pill
 - 95 1968 film computer
 - 96 Most difficult
 - 98 Attends
 - 99 — movement (military maneuver)
 - 100 Actress Watson
 - 101 Infects
 - 103 Sunshade
 - 105 Get dimmer
 - 106 Intestine divisions
 - 107 Dryer fluff
 - 108 Sol followers
 - 109 F — "Frank" brews
 - 114 "— -comin'!"
 - 115 Judge's field
 - 116 Scull mover
 - 117 Suffix with strict
 - 118 NNE's opposite

SEE ANSWERS, C9

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HOROSCOPES

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** You might surprise everyone by being unusually impulsive this week. But even level-headed Libras need to do the unexpected now and then.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** A period of turmoil gives way to a calmer, more settled environment. Use this quieter time to patch up neglected personal and/or professional relationships.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** A new relationship could create resentment among family and friends who feel left out of your life. Show them you care by making more time for them.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Concentrate on completing all your unfinished tasks before deadline. You'll then be able to use this freed-up time to research new career opportunities.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** You're right to try to help colleagues resolve their heated differences. But keep your objectivity and avoid showing any favoritism 'twixt the two sides.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Your personal life continues to show positive changes. Enjoy this happy turn of events, by all means. But be careful not to neglect your workplace obligations.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Although you love being the focus of

attention, it's a good idea to take a few steps back right now to just watch the action. What you see can help with an upcoming decision.

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** "Caution" continues to be your watchword this week, as a former colleague tries to reconnect old links. There are still some dark places that need to be illuminated.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Making a good first impression is important. Revealing your often hidden sense of humor can help you get through some of the more awkward situations.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Taking that Cancer Crab image too seriously? Lighten up. Instead of complaining about your problems, start resolving them. A friend would be happy to help.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** A widening distance between you and that special person needs to be handled with honesty and sensitivity. Don't let jealousy create an even greater gap between you two.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Congratulations. Your handling of a delicate family matter rates kudos. But no resting on your laurels just yet. You still have to resolve that on-the-job problem.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** People of all ages look to you for advice and encouragement. You would make an excellent counselor. ■

By Linda Thistle



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In the dystopian future of "Dredd," 800 million people are confined to one giant city the size of Boston to Washington, D.C. Twelve crimes are reported every minute, 17,000 every day, and only 6 percent are responded to.

The good news for the 6 percent is that the only form of law and order, the "Judges," serve as judge, jury and executioner as warranted.

The bad news, as I have mentioned, is that 94 percent of crime goes unchecked. This is pertinent because an important part of the gritty and visually arresting appeal of "Dredd" is its, well, sense of dread.

The futuristic setting is notably dark and bleak, and the colors in Mark Digby's production design are appropriately washed out to convey despair. At the same time, director Pete Travis' film has a tremendous sense of style, with nicely edited action sequences and slow-motion visual effects. In other words, this isn't a world you want to live in, but it's the perfect setting for the equally grim story.

Karl Urban ("Bones" McCoy in "Star Trek") stars as Dredd, a respected, no-nonsense judge who plays things by the book. While he's training and evaluating a rookie with psychic abilities named Anderson (Olivia Thirlby), the two are called to a crime scene at which three men have been skinned and dropped from the top of a 200-story apartment complex. Little do they know that the building is controlled by a drug lord called Ma-Ma (Lena Headey), a former prostitute who loves brutal violence.

Upon discovering that this is Ma-Ma's headquarters and where her drug of choice, SLO-MO (which prompts people to see the world at 1 percent its normal speed) is manufactured, Dredd and Anderson capture one of Ma-Ma's minions (Wood Harris) and plan to take him to the Hall of Justice for questioning. Before they can get out, however, Ma-Ma barricades the complex shut, leaving our heroes trapped and prey

to a building full of mercenaries. It's a bold move to keep the main characters locked inside for the last hour of the 95-minute movie (some will be reminded of "The Raid: Redemption"), but enough happens to keep things moving and warrant our attention.

None of the above sounds like typical comic book fare, and the film is certainly a far cry from the cheeky 1995 Sylvester Stallone version. The most shocking moments come with the violence that is blood-soaked and relentless. When the main character has a gun that has different settings ("incendiary," "armor-piercing" and "rapid fire," for example),



we should expect nothing less.

Thankfully, the chaotic action looks good and the 3D is something to behold, in part because the slow motion shots of water, bullets and characters on drugs are unlike anything we've ever seen. Add to this some techno music that keeps the tempo high and a nice performance from Urban, especially considering we never see his entire face, and "Dredd" is a movie that delivers what it promises. ■

in the know

>> Karl Urban told me in an interview that Dredd's gruff voice came from the comic, in which the voice was described as being "like saw cutting through bone."

CAPSULES

10 Years ★ ★

(Channing Tatum, Rosario Dawson, Chris Pratt) Old friends reunite for their 10-year high school reunion; some have moved on and are doing well, others, not so much. It's occasionally funny, but with so many storylines it gets as boring as you'd expect a reunion at which you don't know anyone to be. Rated PG-13.

The Master ★ ★ ★

(Philip Seymour Hoffman, Joaquin Phoenix, Amy Adams) A WWII veteran and lost soul (Phoenix) goes under the wing of a charismatic cult leader (Hoff-

man) who's making up the "rules" as he goes along. The acting is superb, but writer/director Paul Thomas Anderson's ("There Will Be Blood") story is slow and underwhelming. Rated R.

For A Good Time, Call ★ ★

(Ari Graynor, Lauren Miller, Justin Long) Two mismatched roommates (Graynor and Miller) find success in the phone sex business until one of them flirts with a different career. There are a few laughs, but it's predictable and looks cheaply made. Rated R. ■

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Writing Challenge moves on to round four

Florida Weekly's annual writing challenge moves on to round four this week. We close out round three with a handful of poems readers sent in inspired by the photo of a fallen tree and a wrecked bench.

We'd now like you to crack your knuckles, boot up the word processing software and write up your riff on our newest photo prompt: the photograph of the stairway. 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.

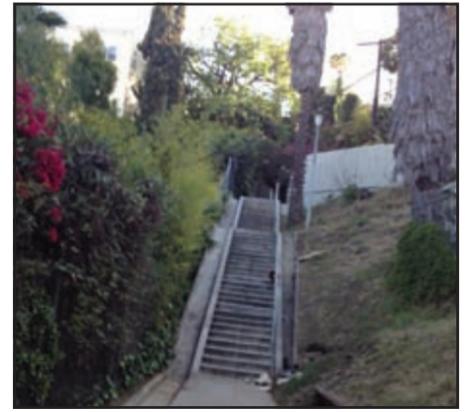
We'll accept your original stories in Word format or pasted into the body of an e-mail until Saturday, Oct. 13. E-mail them to writing@floridaweekly.com. No snail mail, please. Be sure to include your name, address and contact information, along with a headshot if you

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. ■



Round four photo. Send in your stories inspired by this picture.

Storm Dance

BY LYNNE VANSCIVER,
FORT MYERS

To the music of
the rain
A wild pas de deux
tree with wind
A struggle in vain.

wood,
But really can't see all that good,
Their sight is worst with summer
thirst,
Water them well or your blue
bench'll burst.

The Storm and the Park

BY ARLENE S. KINCAID,
PORT CHARLOTTE

It was a beautiful park where the
kids came to play.
A beautiful park on a wonderful sun
shiny day.
But Mother Nature became upset
and blew
her heavy hot breath across the
park.
Then the rain and the wind came
with a furry in the dark.
The sun came up from the eastern
sky,
and people couldn't believe what



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Trees Tire Too

BY TOM CHASE,
FORT MYERS

Trees get tired of standing too,
Just like me and you and you,
Sometimes they lay down at night,
When darkness takes away our
sight,
Sometimes they lay out in broad
day,
But straighten before seen that way,
Trees have roots and crowns and

Last round's photo prompt.

they saw with the eye.
The beautiful park where the kids
came to play,
didn't look the same on that
summer day.
The trees were uprooted and tossed
around.
The bright painted table and bench
were destroyed,

and they laid on the muddy ground.
It was a very sad sight indeed, but
the slide
and the merry-go-round were still
OK.
And the kids had hope for the park
repairs
so they could once again come to
play.

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A mouth-watering mystery that will tickle your taste buds

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■ **“Death in Four Courses”** by Lucy Burdette. Signet Obsidian. 320 pages. \$7.99.

The second title in Lucy Burdette’s Key West Food Critic mysteries builds firmly and sure-handedly on the first, “An Appetite for Murder,” published (and reviewed in these pages) early this year. As readers will expect, murder will find budding food critic Hayley Snow as she tries to solidify her job writing restaurant reviews for a lifestyle magazine named “Key Zest.” This time, two murders find her, and her visiting mother disappears.

Taking advantage of Key West’s popularity as a setting for writers conferences, Ms. Burdette imagines a special conference for food writers. Hayley, of course, is excited about covering this important event for the magazine. She can rub elbows with some of the movers and shakers in the field while enjoying and writing about the dining treats that are part of the conference.

When the keynote speaker, tell-all food guru Jonah Barrows, is mur-

dered, Hayley can’t help but look into the case — especially when she’s the one who found Barrows’ lifeless in a decorative pool, and when her good friend Eric becomes the primary suspect. Of course, one’s close friends are never murderers.

Hayley’s meddling behavior, assisted nobly by her energetic and perceptive mother, does not improve her tenuous relationship with heartthrob detective Nate Bransford, who leads the investigation.

While murder gossip is certainly exciting, it throws a cold blanket on the conference. Dustin Fredericks, the organizer and host of the affair, has a big problem breathing life back into the event and keeping it on track. His problem grows even larger when another of the featured speakers is found dead.

While looking for the conference’s missing Chinese food specialist, Yoshe King, Hayley and mom come upon the woman’s lifeless body on a pile of waterfront rocks just below the balcony of her bed-and-breakfast room. Is it suicide, or foul play? Does Yoshe’s death have anything to do with Jonah’s?

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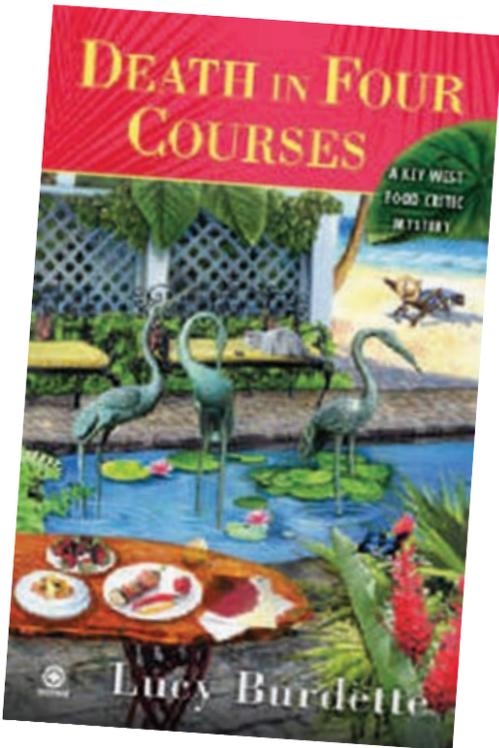


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successful and aspiring professionals. Readers also receive some insights into the food business, with more than a few recipes to try out.

And let's not leave out Key West itself. As she follows Hayley zipping all over the island on her motor scooter in pursuit of answers to important questions regarding motive, method and opportunity, the author describes the historic sites, the tourist traps and the plain old everyday places of business with flair and affection, sharing her love Key West through her character's unfiltered enthusiasm.

I'll say it unashamedly: "Death in Four Courses" is mouthwatering. Hayley Snow is delicious. This humor-seasoned food for thought will tickle your mental taste buds.

More about Lucy Burdette

Ms. Burdette's alter-ego, clinical psychologist Roberta Isleib, has published eight mysteries, including the golf lover's mystery series and the advice column mysteries. Her books and stories have been short-listed for Agatha, Anthony and Macavity awards. She's a member of Mystery Writers of America, Romance Writers of America and Sisters in Crime (of which she is a past president).

When she's not in Connecticut, you can find her on Key West.

— 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.

gresses.

Clearing Eric of suspicion would seem to demand the determined action of this dynamic duo.

Several other aspects of "Death in Four Courses" are just as engaging as the pursuit of the clues. One of these is the careful, subtle exploration of the complex relationship between Hayley and her mother. Though she respects her mom, Hayley nonetheless has a good bit of bitterness stored up, for both good and not-so-good reasons. Her mother's visit tests both women, and readers will enjoy the ways in which it provides opportunities for mending what has been torn.

The novel also provides insights into the writing life, along with the rivalries and petty jealousies among

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purchased years ago for \$25. The back of the chair is marked "P. Derby & Co. Inc., Gardner, Mass." I am interested in the history of the chair and its value.

A: Derby, Knowlton and Co. was established in Gardner in 1863. Several years later, Mr. Derby bought out his business partners. In 1880 he established P. Derby & Co. By 1897 P. Derby & Co. was listed as the second-largest chair manufacturer in the country. It had branches in Boston, New York and Chicago. The company specialized in cane furniture, but also made traditional wooden tables and chairs. It went out of business in 1935. Most Derby chairs are worth \$25 to \$50.

Q: I recently bought a ceramic box at a yard sale. The base color is white, and the box is decorated with gold trim, green vines and a green frog. The bottom is marked "Freeman Leidy, Laguna Beach, Calif."

A: California pottery-making was in its prime during the 1930s and '40s. During World War II, California pottery production increased because there were no imports from Japan, Germany or Italy. Freeman Leidy was active in Laguna Beach from 1944 to 1955. The company made figurines, tiles and giftware. It also made many glazed and footed ceramic boxes like yours, often with floral designs. Price depends on size. Your box could sell for about \$200.

Jacob Petit (1796-1868) was a talented porcelain painter who worked for the Sevres factory in France, then opened his own shop. He moved his company to Paris in 1869. In less than 10 years, he had hired about 200 people to make and decorate porcelains. They made ornamental vases, statues, clocks, inkwells and perfume bottles. A specialty was figural veilleuses shaped like sultans or fortunetellers. These were tea warmers meant for use in the bedroom. Each was a stand with space for a candle heater and a teapot. Most of the Petit pieces had decorations that were colored pink, light green, pale purple, black and gold. He used the cobalt-blue initials "J.P." as his mark, but many of his pieces were not marked. His customers wanted "antique"-style china, so he made copies of Sevres vases, Meissen figurines, many patterns of English dinnerware, Chinese export porcelain and more. These copies often are mistakenly identified as original old pieces. But Jacob Petit porcelains are so attractive and well-made that they are almost as pricey as originals.

Q: I own a heavy wooden chair that I



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Q: Years ago, my great-aunt gave me a hand-colored etching done by Robert Dighton in 1802. It's 9 by 12 inches and shows an actor named Mr. Braham playing the character of Orlando from Shakespeare's play "As You Like It." My great-aunt thought it was worth some money.

A: Robert Dighton (c.1752-1814) was a British actor and printmaker. His first prints were for John Bell's edition of Shakespeare's works (1775-76). He eventually made etchings of actors, actresses, military officers and lawyers and sold his prints at his own London shop. He wound up in legal trouble when it was discovered that he had stolen some of his store's stock from the British Museum, but he wasn't prosecuted. Even if your print is an original and in great shape, it would probably not sell for more than \$100. And it is possible your print is a copy of the original and worth very little. It should be seen by an expert to be sure.



1912 by Bernard Fleischaker and Hugo Baum, so your doll is not as old as you thought. The mark can help you date your doll. If the word "Effanbee" has a capital letter at the beginning, followed by lowercase letters, it is an early mark. All capital letters were used beginning in 1923. After 1923, the middle letters, "an," were written in smaller capital letters. The company changed hands several times and is now owned by Tonner Doll Co. of Kingston, N.Y. If your doll is in fair condition, it's worth about \$200. In mint condition, it might sell for \$500.

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These 10-inch-high urns in the Sevres style were probably made by Jacob Petit, who owned a company in Paris. Collectors know that many companies that operated in or around Paris from 1820 to 1890 did not sign their work, so auctions often refer to these pieces as "Old Paris" or "Paris" porcelain. This pair sold at a Cowan's auction in Cincinnati for \$510.

Tip: The old-fashioned way to whiten linens? Bring a pot of water to a boil and add some lemon slices. Take the pot off the stove, add the linens and let them soak for an hour or so. Launder as usual. ■

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Q: I inherited an antique doll I was told dates from the 1800s. It is a 21-inch-tall boy doll with a cloth body. I think the head is bisque. It's marked "Effanbee." His features are painted on. He is wearing black pants and a tan jacket that has buttons with the word "Effanbee" on them. Is the doll valuable?

A: Dolls marked "Effanbee" were made by Fleischaker & Baum (F & B) of New York. The company was founded in



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- Puccini's "La Boheme" - Saturday, Nov. 24
- Mozart's "The Magic Flute" - Saturday, Feb. 16

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After being rained out twice last spring, Lipdub Naples volunteers will try again on Sunday, Oct. 28, as part of Naples Cityfest activities. They hope to break a world record by getting 6,000 locals to take part.

A lipdub is a music video that combines lip-synching and audio dubbing. It can be done in a single, unedited shot as participants move around the location.

Lipdub Naples will be shot along a route from Third Street South to Thirteenth Avenue South and Gordon Drive, winding up at the Naples Pier. Participants will include local celebrities and politicians, marching bands, sports teams and everyday citizens, plus several surprise appearances.

The group has set up a Facebook page at www.facebook.com/lipdubnaples to solicit volunteers to work behind the scenes and to be on camera.

The film will make its premiere at Silverspot Cinema in Mercato and will also be posted online. For information about participating in the Oct. 28 filming, visit the Facebook page above. ■

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Joanie DeMarco, Joe Taylor and Lisa McNally on the rooftop at Mercato

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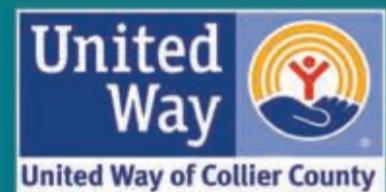
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PAST REPASTS

Here are some capsule summaries of previous restaurant reviews:

► **Agave Southwestern Grill**, 2380 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples; 598-3473

A blend of Northern Mexican and American Southwestern cuisines, Executive Chef Thomas Rieman's menu puts a sophisticated spin on humble, homespun food the likes of which hasn't previously been seen in Southwest Florida. Brought to us by the folks behind Angelina's Ristorante in Bonita Springs, Agave is a great concept executed with panache. The restaurant pays tribute to the agave plant with 200 varieties of tequila, which can be ordered in flights so you can compare; for those less inclined to take it straight, there are delicious fruit-and-herb-infused margaritas. Tortillas are pressed in house, and sumptuous guacamole is turned out tableside with your choice of ingredients such as roasted garlic, queso fresco and bacon. From a quickly marinated seafood ceviche to a slowly simmered poblano mole, dishes highlight flavorful ingredients and skillful cooking while never sacrificing authenticity. We only scratched the surface of the far-reaching menu and eagerly await a chance to return. Full bar.

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

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

For years, the restaurant 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, the restaurant's latest fruit-and-fish combination, 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

► **Noodle Saigon**, 13500 Tamiami Trail N., Naples; 598-9400

For an inexpensive but excellent Vietnamese feast, head straight to Noodle Saigon. The 12-page menu might intimidate at first, but the friendly servers are happy to help newcomers sort through it. I've found it's hard to go wrong here. On my most recent visit, I enjoyed savory asparagus crabmeat soup, shrimp paste on sugar cane, steamed rice crepe with grilled pork, shrimp summer rolls, clams with black bean sauce and the restaurant's heavenly version of rare beef pho. For dessert, we followed our server's suggestion and tried a tasty mix of mashed avocado, sweetened condensed milk, ice, lime, sugar and mint.

The combination resembled Italian water ice and was a great end to a terrific meal. Beer and wine served.

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

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

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

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

► **Shula's Steak House**, Hilton Naples, 5111 Tamiami Trail, Naples; 430-4999

You don't have to love football to enjoy a meal at Shula's, but Miami Dolphins fans get an added bonus of dining amidst a host of memorabilia from the legendary undefeated team of 1972. Oh yes, and the cuts of beef are listed on a Don Shula-signed football served to the table. Beyond that, the place has the feel of a well-appointed men's club with service to match. Although steak is the star here, seafood lovers aren't ignored, with choices for them including crab cakes and lobster bisque. I enjoyed a salad of beefsteak tomatoes and tangy gorgonzola and, as with most items here, it could have been a meal in itself. Both a prime rib and a 24-ounce Porterhouse steak were properly cooked and seasoned just enough to enhance the meat's natural flavor. Grilled asparagus and lobster mashed potatoes were well-done (a la carte) side dishes. Lava cake with vanilla ice cream was just the right finish to an indulgent meal. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
Service: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★
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Here's to the 40th anniversary of Dolphins' perfect season



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The year was 1972 and Head Coach Don Shula's Miami Dolphins made history, going undefeated — 17-0 including the Super Bowl — for what was to become known as the Perfect Season.

Some four decades later, the team remains the only one in the National Football League to accomplish that feat. To celebrate, Shula's restaurants urge loyal fans to stop in and order a No Name Cocktail, a modern-day version of the classic screwdriver served in a limited-edition glass etched with Coach Shula's signature. Guests can also submit an entry to officially name the drink.

Shula's is at the Hilton Naples, 5111 Tamiami Trail N. Call 659-3176.

Going gluten-free at BRIO

BRIO Tuscan Grille at Waterside Shops has introduced a harvest of new dishes for fall, including several gluten-free entrée options. Developed in coordination with the Gluten Free Association, Brio's gluten-friendly offerings include the Salmon Griglia Salad (\$14.95), Pasta Pomodoro with grilled chicken, tomatoes, pine nuts, and a pesto drizzle (\$15.95); Pasta BRIO, with chicken, seared mushrooms and a red pepper sauce (\$15.95); Pasta Primavera, with mushrooms, spinach, Roma tomatoes, garlic and feta cheese (\$14.95); Chicken Griglia, grilled chicken topped with housemade Limone caper sauce, served with roasted vegetables and gluten-free Penne Pomodoro (\$18.25); and Filetto Di Manzo Toscano, an 8-ounce filet served with roasted vegetables and Penne Pomodoro (\$27.95). For reservations, call 593-5319.

Returning for season

The temperature might not reflect it, but we can tell the winter season is

coming as restaurants start to reopen after their summer vacations.

■ Chez Boet French Home Cooking resumed business on Saturday, Sept. 22. It's at 755 12th Ave. South in Old Naples. Call 643-6177.

■ Alexander's Restaurant reopens for dinner on Thursday, Sept. 27, and will resume serving lunch starting Tuesday, Oct. 2. Stay tuned for a schedule of cooking classes and monthly wine tastings. It's at 4077 Tamiami Trail N. Call 262-4999.

■ And Artichoke & Company hosts its second annual Welcome Back Wine and Art event at The von Liebig Art Center from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25. It's \$35 per person and will include a variety of wines and hors d'oeuvres and, of course, art. Reserve a spot by calling 263-6979 or e-mailing Kristen at kmurano@artichokeandcompany.com.

Flipper's a breath of fresh air

It's not exactly new, but you might not yet have discovered Flipper's on the Bay, the open-air waterfront restaurant at Lovers Key Resort.

Having had a recent dinner there, I can tell you that the best part of the experience isn't the setting (although it is gorgeous, particularly at sunset).



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Above: Chef Juan Cruz brings his experience with chefs Thomas Keller and Wolfgang Puck to Flipper's on the Bay on Fort Myers Beach.

Below: Coconut shrimp gets VIP treatment at Flipper's.



The true gem here is Executive Chef Juan Cruz, who presides over the kitchen. Originally from El Salvador, he's spent 20 years working in top-flight kitchens alongside the likes of Thomas Keller and Wolfgang Puck. At Flipper's, he melds his California style with the flavors of Florida for a colorful and bold cuisine. Try his Bohemian grouper — served with ripe mashed plantains, roasted seasonal vegetables, citrus mango relish and citron beurre blanc — or pan-seared scallops with sage, sautéed spinach and garlic mashed potatoes finished with honey orange beurre blanc and charred lemon. Breakfasts are intriguing here, too, with offerings such as the Ultimate Lobster Egg Benedict and the Strawberry Beret (fresh-baked brioche coated in cornflakes, grilled and topped with mixed berries, powdered sugar and whipped cream).

It's at 8771 Estero Blvd., Fort Myers Beach. Call 765-1040.

Taste of Coconut

Restaurants from Coconut Point and the surrounding Estero area will hold Taste of Coconut Point from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, at Coconut Point.

Participating restaurants include:



Hemingway's Island Grill, Ted's Montana Grill, Starbucks, California Pizza Kitchen, Pagelli's Rustic Italian Grill, The Grape, Chuey's Tacos, Grace & Shelly's Cupcakes, Tony Sacco's, TGI Friday's, Stir Crazy, Panera Bread, Ruth's Chris, Bice Grand Cafe, Yogurt Mountain, Five Guys Burgers and Fries, Hurricane Grill & Wings, Amore, Blue Water Bistro, Johnny Rockets, Moe's, Subway, Olive Garden, Auntie Anne's, Haagen-Dazs/Nestle Toll House, Marble Slab Creamery and Teavana.

Besides food booths, there will be cooking demonstrations, live music and children's activities.

The event, which costs \$3 admission and \$1-\$6 per dish, takes place at the shopping center between Barnes & Noble and Hyatt Place.

Short subjects

■ Angelina's wine dinner: Angelina's

Ristorante holds its monthly summer wine dinner featuring wines from Italy and California paired with food by Chef Greg Scarlatos on Wednesday evening, Oct. 17. It's \$89. Angelina's is at 24041 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs. Call 390-3187 or visit www.angelinasofbonitasprings.com.

■ Agave tequila dinner: Enjoy a four-course tequila dinner for two featuring producer 1921 and a menu prepared by Chef Greg Scarlatos on Wednesday, Oct. 24. It's \$70 per couple. Agave is at 2380 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples. Call 598-3473 or visit www.agavenaples.com.

■ Bleu Cellar wine tasting: Sample Chateau de Lascaux wine with special guest Meredith Hyslop at Bleu Cellar from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be served. Call 261-8239 for details and reservations.

■ HB's on the Gulf: To celebrate its Award of Excellence from Wine Spectator magazine, HB's on the Gulf is offering a complimentary bottle of Tamaya Reserve wine with the purchase of two dinner entrees through Oct. 31. Just go to the www.naplesbeachhotel.com home page and print out the HB's on the Gulf coupon. The restaurant is at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club, 851 Gulf Shore Blvd., Naples. Call 435-4347 for reservations.

■ Act up at Whole Foods: Whole Foods Market will donate 5 percent of the day's net sales to Gulfshore Playhouse on Thursday, Sept. 27. From 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28, members of the theater company will answer questions from shoppers about the seventh season, professional training for adults as well as educational opportunities for students. Register for a chance to win tickets to an upcoming show. Whole Foods is in Mercato.

■ What's up at Roy's: Chef Jason Grasty will conduct cooking classes at 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7 (oysters Bienville, cornmeal-crusted grouper with shrimp and crab etouffee and beignets with chicory coffee) for \$55 per person; and also at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11 (menu to be determined). The Wine Club meets from 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, for Roy's signature appetizers and a variety of wines for \$15 per member or \$20 for non-members (there's a one-time \$30 fee to join). Roy's is at 26831 South Bay Drive, Bonita Springs. Call 498-7697. ■



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A New Chef, expert in seafood and connoisseur of Italian and French Cuisine, is expanding Vergina's food selection.

Recently Chef Michael Colter took over Vergina's Kitchen.

After being away working as an Executive Chef in many 5 star restaurants and Hotels, Chef Colter is back home to indulge Vergina's guests with the finest in Cuisine.

As a seafood expert Chef Colter will be presenting Gourmet Dishes in a fine Mediterranean style.

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1300 GULF SHORE BLVD

Coquina Sands: Completely renovated including storm rated windows and sliding doors. Spectacular bamboo flooring throughout. Tastefully decorated. Located across the street from Lowdermilk Park close to dining on 5th and 3rd Avenue.

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23650 VIA VENETO

The Colony: Unique and spacious fully furnished mezzanine level residence in Sorrento at The Colony Golf and Bay Club. Located on the south side of the Sorrento tower provides extensive light throughout this spacious 2300 SF unit.

Offered at \$529,000



2659 BOLERO DR

The Great room views look south and west over lakes, golf course, Estero Bay and the Gulf. Unique customizations include almost 400 SF in additional living area with the impact glass enclosure.

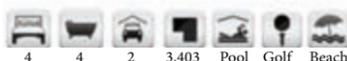
Offered at \$529,000



23801 ADDISON PLACE CT

The Colony: This spacious fully furnished courtyard home is located in the intimate neighborhood of Addison Place in The Colony Golf & Bay Club. Community amenities include the Bay Club with elegant dining and views over Estero Bay.

Offered at \$1,100,000



4451 GULF SHORE BLVD

Olde Naples: Enjoy fabulous Naples Sunsets from the balcony of this ready to move in luxury Condo. Contemporary kitchen with breakfast area. Master bathroom features double bowl vanity with bathtub and stall shower. Large heated pool/spa.

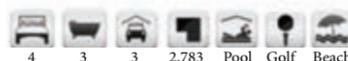
Offered at \$589,000



23853 SANCTUARY LAKES CT

Pelican Landing: This striking courtyard home on a corner lot is an original TOLL BROTHERS model and has a spacious guest house. An elevated entry foyer steps down to either living and dining or to the master wing.

Offered at \$698,500



3061 SANDPIPER BAY CIR

Naples Sandpiper Bay: This unit is "move in ready" The Naples Sandpiper Bay Club community is pet friendly. It offers boat docks for lease and sale. Great location. Close to Naples beaches and the shops and restaurants of Bayfront, 3rd Street

Offered at \$155,000



E&V Market News: HOUSING TO CONTRIBUTE POSITIVELY TO GDP IN 2012

According to Florida Realtors July 2012 Housing Statistics, housing is on track for contributing positively to the national GDP in 2012. Signs of sustained growth can be found in a variety of indicators, including market time, absorption rate and pricing just to name a few. All comparisons are based on the same indicators for the month of August 2011.

It bares stating here that while these numbers are for August 2012 compared to August 2011, many of the trends indicated have been consistent for the last 10 months. It is also very significant that of the 797 single family residences listed in August 2012, 39.6% are already either under contract or sold; and that of 665 condos and villas listed in the same month, 22% are also either under contract or sold. What the numbers tell us is that market trends are overwhelmingly positive.

Significant decreases in absorption rates, in inventory and in new listings coming on the market point to a diminishing supply. Decreased days on the market, increased median price and increased activity point to increasing demand. Since, ultimately, no commerce escapes the law of supply and demand it stands to reason that we can expect our real estate market to continue improving over the coming months. Request more Market Data at www.naplesmarketdata.com

August 2012	Single Family	% Change	Condos	% Change
New Listings	797	-3%	665	-24%
Pending sales	484	6%	380	24%
Closed Sales	349	2%	295	1%
Days on Market	156	-11%	180	-1%
Median Price	220K	+10%	166K	4%
Inventory	2884	-13%	3199	-12%
Absorption Rate	8.2 months	-17%	10.8	-10.4%

GG Magazine: Fall 2012 Issue Now Available - "Get Ready for the Art Attack"



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