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Hope for Haiti earns Newman's Own Foundation grant



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This little girl is one of many babies and children in Haiti who benefit from Hope for Haiti's medical nutrition program.

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Naples-based Hope for Haiti has received an \$80,000 grant from Newman's Own Foundation, the independent foundation created by the late actor and philanthropist Paul Newman. The award was made as part of the foundation's nutrition-focused initiative to donate nearly \$4 million to 40 organizations over two years in support new approaches and expanding model programs. This commitment is in addition to \$1 million the foundation already granted to organizations with

nutrition programs earlier this year.

"We are so very grateful to Newman's Own Foundation for their support of our nutrition program and for their recognition that our work is making a true impact in the fight against poverty," says Tiffany Kuehner, Hope for Haiti president and CEO.

Hope for Haiti's mission is to improve the quality of life for the Haitian people, particularly children, through education, nutrition and health care. The grant monies will help

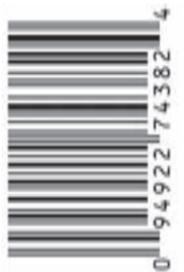
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COMMENTARY

Lock 'n' load



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There's nothing like the feel of a well-made tool, especially a fine rifle or pistol.

I'm partial to long weapons since I grew up with them, starting with a little bolt-action, single shot .22 that was made at the beginning of the 20th century. My father taught me to shoot with that blue-steel-and-walnut-stock beauty beginning when I was 5. I remember distinctly the first round I ever fired, with him beside me — the crack of the weapon in the dry mountain air, the barking echo of its explosion off distant hills, the feeling of power, expectation, pride, finality.

I wanted to go kill something with it, and eventually I got to.

We shot a variety of game with that old gun, including mule deer. Daddy taught me to find them, sneak up on them, and dispatch them with precise shooting to the head from a short range, maybe 30 to 50 yards. Sometimes it took hours to get close enough.

We had bigger guns — an ancient .30-40 Krag, a very effective .30-30 lever-action Winchester made in the 1890s (my grandfather's rifle), and the 8 mm Mauser my father brought back from Germany and had retooled as a hunting rifle, with a fine German-made scope. I shot a crow once on the ground from about 700 yards away with that weapon.

But to hunt deer together, we used the .22. When we shot them, then we had to skin and clean them, and of course eat them.

That was less exciting.

But guns themselves remained intoxicating to me, just as the culture that went with them. It was populated in my mind by gun-toting explorers, mountain men, cowboys and war heroes.

They were always the good guys, as I viewed it.

In my extended family, one man had once won the Medal of Honor for fighting Apaches in the waning years of the 19th century. Others hailing both from cities and country were awarded Silver Stars, Bronze Stars, Purple Hearts — men who fought at places such as Guadalcanal, Tarawa, the Solomon Islands and New Guinea. Most of them came back alive, and I knew them.

But none of them in my memory were infatuated with guns, the way I was as a boy. My ranching uncles used them only to shoot sick cows, rattlesnakes, coyotes, jackrabbits, picket pins (small prairie dogs) and once or twice in my youth, a broken-legged horse.

I later volunteered for military service, as they had. That required, among other things, memorizing long passages from field manuals and being able to shout them back at my Marine Corps drill instructors, on command.

"The M-16 rifle is a lightweight, shoulder-held, gas-operated, air-cooled, magazine-fed, 5.56 mm weapon capable of automatic or semi-automatic fire with a cyclic rate of 800 rounds per minute and a maximum effective range of 550 meters on point targets, or 800 meters on area targets."

Or something like that — a catechism of sorts. It's been almost 40 years since I memorized it, and the details have seemed less important to me, until lately. Nowadays, I'm a

lot less infatuated with guns.

Keep in mind, nobody fires 800 rounds per minute because if he did, the barrel would melt. In fact, 150 rounds fired in a minute will create a cook-off danger in those barrels, meaning that a chambered round can explode within 10 seconds, from the heat.

More realistically, the weapon can fire about 45 rounds per minute on semi-automatic (flipping the selector switch to semi-auto and pulling the trigger each time you fire a round) — that's if you can eject the first and slap in a second 30-round magazine quickly, which you can easily do with practice by drawing a fresh magazine from your ammo belt, or taping magazines upside down together, and flipping them.

Or, such a weapon can effectively fire about 90 rounds per minute (three full 30-round magazines) on full auto.

The preferable "sustained rate of fire," as they call it in field manuals, is 12 to 15 rounds per minute. Which means, theoretically, that in 120 seconds you can kill 30 people with deliberately placed, semi-automatic fire.

Currently, such standard military shooting technology in semi-automatic versions of the M-16 or almost identical M-4 is perfectly legal in civilian hands. Nor is it considered a problem by the National Rifle Association.

Why, though? The Second Amendment was written by men who used single-shot muskets or rifles. I doubt any of them would have agreed to provide civilians with machine guns or their like.

You don't need those weapons to shoot a deer, after all.

The NRA's official position, though, is that gun control of any kind is not the solu-

tion to Sandy Hook.

Not only that, but if more people just had guns, they could kill the enemy first, whenever that kind of crime threatens.

Which is patent nonsense, in my opinion.

What can stop or at least diminish this execution hysteria is not more guns in the schools, but fewer guns in the hands of mentally ill people, and a much more insistent effort to identify such people and help them before it's too late.

But Wayne LaPierre, executive vice president of the National Rifle Association, disagrees. "The only thing that stops a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun," he said last week.

Such cynical and patronizing thinking reveals his profound disrespect for Americans, including Americans who appreciate a good gun, as I do.

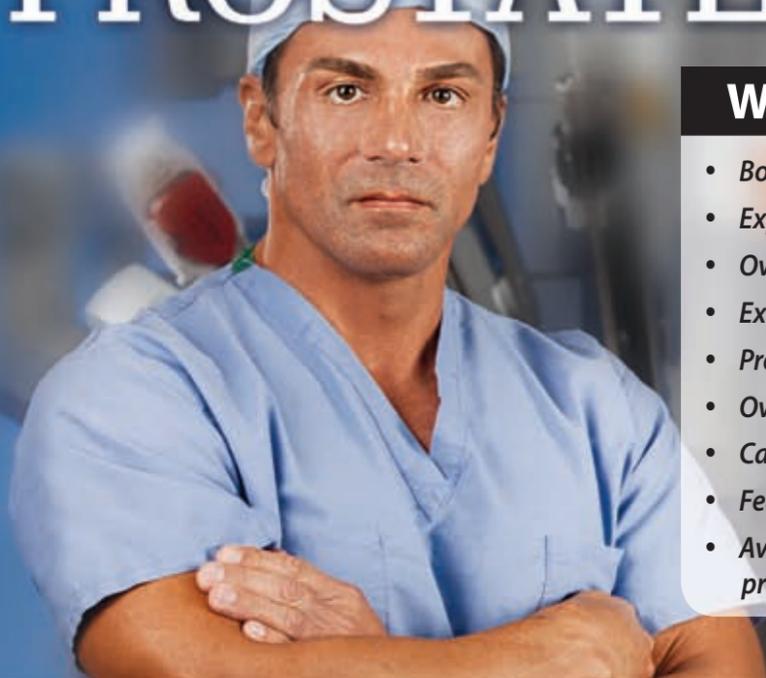
The last thing that might stop a "bad guy" carrying a gun — with a significant emphasis on might — is an armed and experienced "good guy."

But there are many other things that can also stop a bad guy, and without adding guns to schools. Putting a good psychologist or two in each school instead of a military-grade gun-toter, for example. Educating teachers and staff to single out mentally troubled kids and get them help, for example. Requiring parents who keep weapons where they can be located by schoolchildren to let school administrators and police know, for example. And a hundred more for-examples.

Mr. LaPierre doesn't think so. It's the media's fault for reporting it, he figures. So give us more guns, he figures.

Sure, dude. Let's lock 'n' load. ■

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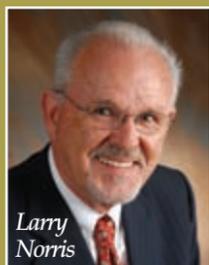
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GUEST OPINION

Where stories begin: Habitat for Humanity homes

BY THE REV. LISA LEFKOW

Special to Florida Weekly

Once upon a time, there was a family who lived in a home where the doors were nailed shut to keep out intruders, where boards covered holes in the floor to prevent critters from entering, and where the bathroom walls were rotting away allowing an outside view of the family's most personal moments.

Far from a fairy tale, this is the true story of the Herrera family and the trailer in which the five of them live.

Several months ago, the back door, which stands two feet from their daughters' bedroom, was kicked in during the night as someone attempted to rob them. Fearing for their children's safety, Sebastiana and Gumercindo moved their two youngest daughters into their tiny bedroom; the couple and their older daughter, Clara, began sleeping in the living room. This allowed the family to be close together and as far from the back door, now nailed shut, as possible. However, the two younger girls are now in a room that has holes in its plywood

floor, just next to their bed, leading directly outside. Although the holes are covered with boards, Cenaida and Luz Celeste often awaken in the night to the sound of rodents scratching.

In even worse condition than the bedroom is the family's bathroom, where one can see straight through the deteriorating walls to the outside. Fearing what someone standing outside might see, the Herreras have stopped allowing the girls to turn on the bathroom lights after dark.

But the Herreras' story has a new chapter. During the next few months, the family is putting in "sweat equity" hours to help build the Habitat for Humanity home that will be theirs.

Every day, families such as the Herreras turn to Habitat for Humanity, desperate to rewrite their stories and change their children's lives forever. Never looking for a handout, these families are willing and ready to work hard in partnership with Habitat for Humanity. Ultimately, they all long for something that is truly their own, a safe and affordable home.

If home is indeed where one's story begins, your support of Habitat for Humanity of Collier County builds the foundation upon which hard-working local families will write their next chapter. As you consider helping to meet the needs of the community during these difficult economic times, we hope you find that Habitat for Humanity of Collier County is your best investment, providing a long-term solution for families such as the Herreras.

Every gift makes a difference, helping empower families to help themselves, generating dignity and pride and inscribing a new and hopeful page. ■

— *The Rev. Lisa Lefkow, ordained in the United Methodist Church, is executive vice president of Habitat for Humanity of Collier County. After volunteering locally with Habitat for Humanity and with missions around the world, she joined the staff in 2000. To learn more about Habitat for Humanity of Collier County and how you can help, please visit www.HabitatCollier.org.*

Lessons from New Town, Australia, for Newtown, U.S.A.



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Special to Florida Weekly

The initial shock of the latest semi-automatic-weapon-fueled massacre has passed, but the grief only grows. Now the funerals occur with a daily drumbeat. It will take not 27, but 28 funerals, as the Newtown, Conn., shooter, Adam Lanza, took his own life after slaughtering his mother at home, then 20 children, aged 6 and 7, and six women at the Sandy Hook Elementary School who tried to protect them. Since President Barack Obama took office, there have been at least 16 major mass shootings, after which he has offered somber words of condolence and called for national healing. But what is really needed is gun control, serious gun control, as was swiftly implemented in Australia in 1996, after another gunman went on a senseless shooting spree. That massacre occurred in Port Arthur, Tasmania, and the shooter was from nearby New Town.

On April 28, 1996, Martin Bryant, a troubled 28-year-old from New Town, Tasmania, took a Colt AR-15 semiautomatic rifle to the nearby tourist destination of Port Arthur. By the time he was arrested early the next day, he had killed 35 people and wounded 23. The reaction in Australia was profound, especially since it was a nation of gun lovers, target shooters and hunters. The massacre provoked an immediate national debate over gun control. Strict laws were quickly put in place, banning semiautomatic weapons and placing serious controls on gun ownership. Since that time, there has not been one mass shooting in Australia.

Rebecca Peters took part in that debate. She is now an international arms control advocate, and led the campaign to reform Australia's gun laws after the Port Arthur massacre. Days after the

Newtown massacre, I asked Ms. Peters to explain how the gun laws changed in Australia in 1996:

"The new law banned semiautomatic rifles and shotguns, assault weapons, and not only new sales ... we banned importation sales, we banned ownership, so currently owned weapons were prohibited. The government bought those guns back at a rate of about the retail price plus about 10 percent. You couldn't get them repaired. You couldn't sell them. It was a very comprehensive ban. The buyback ended up buying back and destroying more than about 650,000 of these weapons, which is the largest buyback and destruction program for guns anywhere in the world."

Like the United States, Australia's gun laws were a patchwork of state laws. Prime Minister John Howard, from the center-right Liberal Party, took leadership to put strong, national uniform standards into place. Mr. Howard wrote a reflection on the gun laws last August, immediately after the Aurora, Colo., massacre. In his piece, titled "Brothers in arms, yes, but the US needs to get rid of its guns," Mr. Howard writes of a talk given at the George H. W. Bush Presidential Library in 2008:

"There was an audible gasp of amazement at my expressing pride in what Australia had done to limit the use of guns. I had been given a sharp reminder that, despite the many things we have in common with our American friends, there is a huge cultural divide when it comes to the free availability of firearms."

Likewise, in Britain, after the March 1996 school massacre in Dunblane, Scotland, which left 16 children ages 5 and 6 dead along with two teachers, handguns were quickly banned. Statistics show that in both countries, gun violence, murders and successful suicides all are down.

What is possible here in the United States, as the nation collectively mourns this latest score of innocents murdered in a moment?

California Sen. Dianne Feinstein promises an assault-weapons ban, to be entered for debate on the new Senate's first day of business in January. She says: "It will ban the sale, the transfer, the importation and the possession (of assault weapons), not retroactively, but prospectively. And it will ban the same for big clips, drums or strips of more than 10 bullets," adding, however, "We exempt over 900 specific weapons that will not fall under the bill."

"Nine hundred exemptions?" I asked Paul Barrett, assistant managing editor at Bloomberg Businessweek and author of "Glock: The Rise of America's Gun," to comment on Feinstein's likely revision of the 1994 law:

"The 1994 so-called Assault Weapons Ban was one of the most porous, ineffective pieces of legislation. It was shot through with loopholes. It had no applicability to weapons that were made and sold on the day before enactment. ... If Congress is not proposing to ban weapons that are already out there, then that leaves millions and millions of weapons."

President Obama has now appointed Vice President Joe Biden to chair a commission to review possible actions. Commissions, though, too often allow the moment to pass, the national attention to be diverted. In Australia, the comprehensive ban was in place within weeks, shepherded by a conservative prime minister. How long must we wait for sensible gun-control laws in the United States? How many children will it take? ■

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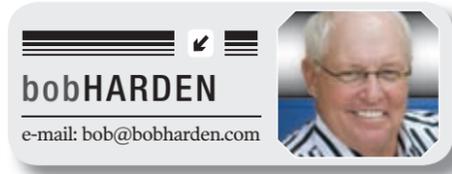


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PROFILES IN PARADISE

Meet the woman who orchestrates magic at the Phil



She earned a bachelor's degree in violin performance from the Eastman School of Music and took musical classes at the University of Rochester in order to gain that "big university" experience, which she says was very different from a music conservatory.

Kathleen van Bergen has been in her position as president and CEO — only the second in its history — of the Philharmonic Center for the Arts for not quite a year and a half. I think she's the perfect person to follow founding CEO and president Myra Janco Daniels and to be charged with maintaining and building the vitality of the Phil's programming and its audience.

The Phil uniquely fuses performance and visual arts, housing two performance halls and the 30,000-square-foot Patty & Jay Baker Naples Museum of Art.

"We invite our audience to experience art in several different contexts," Kathleen points out. Presenting more than 400 events annually, hosting a variety of workshops and exhibiting world-class artwork, the Phil has something for everyone. Kathleen intends to keep expanding its horizons.

"One of my goals is broadening our scope while deepening the relationships we already have," she says. "We are defining the Phil's next chapter, and the enthusiasm is palpable."

Music and the arts have been part of her life since she started playing the violin at the age of 4 in Andover, N.J.

To build her business skills, she completed the Tuck Executive Program at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College. As for her musical skills, she says she is more practiced today as a listener than as a performer. "I only play my violin in the privacy of my own home," she says.

Kathleen came to the Phil from the Schubert Club in St. Paul, Minn., where she served for three years as artistic and managing director. The oldest arts organization in Minnesota, the club presents concerts, offers educational/research opportunities and owns a museum of keyboards and historic musical documents. Prior to the Schubert Club, Kathleen was vice president of artistic planning for the Philadelphia Orchestra and, before that, vice president and director of artistic administration for the St. Louis Symphony.

"It has been an incredible 15 years working in the arts and culture sector," she says. "I have been so fortunate to have people who believed in my work."

Now she adds to her list of good fortunes the opportunity to live and work along the Paradise Coast. The sentiment works both ways, I'm sure you will agree. ■

Talking points with Kathleen van Bergen

Something your mom was always right about: The list is long, but definitely this: Stand up straight. No slouching.

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

What would you be doing if you weren't doing this? I might be an architect. It would be tough because of all the math classes, but I love the blend of form and function.

Guilty pleasures: Wine. Chocolate. The spa.

One thing on your bucket list: A trip to the Galapagos Islands.

Last book you read: Other than business books and silliness, it was "Steve Jobs."

Something you'll never understand: Lack of curiosity.

Pet peeve: Litterbugs.

Something people would be surprised to find out about you: I'm 6 feet tall — not that it is a surprise if we've had the pleasure of meeting!

What are you most proud of? The incredible mentors I've had. I'm so grateful for the wisdom they have shared, and I hope I'm always able to listen as well as share.



First job: Babysitting and, in college, the early shift at the YMCA.

What the Paradise Coast really needs: A unified arts platform to complement so many other incredible characteristics of our community.

Favorite thing about the Paradise Coast: The kindness of the community.

What you miss about the Paradise Coast when you're away: Walking on the beach.

— Bob Harden is the producer and host of "The Bob Harden Show," airing from 7-8 a.m. weekdays at [\[www.bob-harden.com\]\(http://www.bob-harden.com\). The show is archived for listeners' convenience.](http://www.bob-</p>
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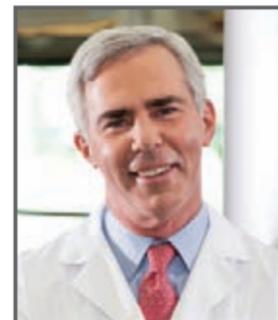
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The lives they led

LOOKING AT THE lives of others, we learn how to respect our own. Here's a look at four individuals who lived the lives they were given. These individuals taught us to see the talent in others, to smile through that which we cannot

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understand, to create beauty from what others fail to notice, to give of ourselves unconditionally and to find the sunshine in everything. Looking at these lessons, it's hard to call their passing our loss. By seeing what they did, we see how to continue.

— Athena Ponushis

had wanted to start a foundation. She wanted to help children, she wanted to help the sick, but she did not know specifically what she wanted to do. After her diagnosis, she knew.

"If she could do anything," her husband Jon says, "her whole goal was to keep just one person from going through what she did" — the surgeries, the chemotherapy. So Mrs. Parla established the Passion Foundation, a melanoma initiative with a mission to construct shade tents over the playgrounds of Southwest Florida schools. Such structures block up to 97 percent of UV rays and lower temperatures by as much as 20 degrees.

Thus far, shade tents have been placed over the playgrounds at Pinewoods, Three Oaks and Rayma C. Page elementary schools.

"We don't have to find a miracle, we just have to educate people enough to protect themselves and their children," Mrs. Parla is quoted as saying on the

Passion Foundation brochure.

She knew teachers could not be expected to slather up their students with sunscreen before recess. She knew parents

did not think to reach for the sunscreen in the mornings before shuffling their children off to school. She knew the public was unaware that although melanoma represents only 3 percent of all cancers, it accounts for 75 percent of all cancer deaths. Protection became her message.

Mr. Parla says his wife smiled the whole way through her bout with cancer. Her smile made others smile. When she walked into a room, the light attached to her. She was bright and everyone wanted to stand beside her.

"Physically you could tell she was sick," Mr. Parla says. "But personality-wise and emotionally, you didn't know she was sick. She didn't let it hold her back."

Mr. Parla met his wife in Chicago. He describes their meeting by saying, "We met that night and we were together ever since." They were married at South Seas Plantation on Captiva Island. Mrs. Parla died Sept. 6, two days shy of their 11th anniversary, at age 37. She left behind daughter Kendyl, 7, and son Kaden, 5.

"It's important we keep her alive for the children," says Mrs. Parla's sister, Dana Simantel, who has her own son kiss a picture of his auntie before he



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Joe and Barbara Klimas during a family trip to DisneyWorld, Christmas 2011.

one and he praised it, especially the youth. He did not just highlight the stars, he recognized the backups. And the more young athletes he was able to acknowledge, the happier the ol' sportscaster was.

"I think he remembered how much he enjoyed it when somebody would give him a pat on the back and he was kind of pushing that forward," says Mrs. Klimas, as her husband was an athlete in his own right. In high school, he played football, basketball and baseball. In college, he played quarterback and kicker for the UConn Huskies. Post college, he played minor league football for four years.

In Naples, his presence spread to television. Mr. Klimas announced various golf tournaments, including 25 ACE Group Classic Champions Tour events. He announced boxing matches in Las Vegas when boxing was glamorous. He commentated for the Special Olympics. He served on the selection committee for the annual Winged Foot award given to Collier County's top high school student athletes.

"I just loved him. I loved how people loved him. I loved how he loved people," says Mrs. Klimas, who describes her husband's voice as "easy to listen to."

Friend Vin DePasquale adds, "You could hear his smile in his voice." Mr. DePasquale launched the Great Dock Canoe Race in Naples in 1977. For 35 years, Mr. Klimas announced the annual event. Next May, the canoe race will benefit the Special Olympics of Collier County in honor of Mr. Klimas, who died Aug. 13 from lung cancer at age 75.

Mr. Klimas began each broadcast: "Hello everybody, this is Joe Klimas," his voice recognizable, resonant. "He's going to be missed," Mr. DePasquale says. "And his voice is going to be remembered."



The Smile

Tara Parla found a purpose for her cancer. Her purpose made her smile. Her purpose gave her peace. Her purpose was to protect children.

In April 2010, Mrs. Parla went in for a routine checkup with her dermatologist. A few moles looked suspicious. Her doctor removed them for biopsy. The next day, at age 34, Mrs. Parla was diagnosed with Stage 3 melanoma.

Prior to her diagnosis, Mrs. Parla



Joe Klimas in his announcing days, at right above, and in his football days in 1965, left.

The couple moved to Marco Island in March 1974. A new radio station was emerging, WRGI, just as Lely High School was setting up to open in the fall. Mr. Klimas saw potential in aligning the two.

He approached the station, told them they should cover high school sports and said he would like to be the one to do the broadcasting. Station officials asked if he had ever done anything like this before. He said no. But he loved sports. So they gave him a shot and he took off, Joe Klimas, soon to be iconized as "The Voice of Southwest Florida sports."

Mr. Klimas saw the talent in every-

The Voice

Joe and Barbara Klimas spent many moments looking back and laughing at how instantaneously they fell in love. Joe proposed to Barbara on their first date. Barbara said yes. The two were married 45 years.

"Sounds like a storybook. There's just no explaining it," Mrs. Klimas says. "Oh, we laughed so many times. What were we thinking? But we just knew."

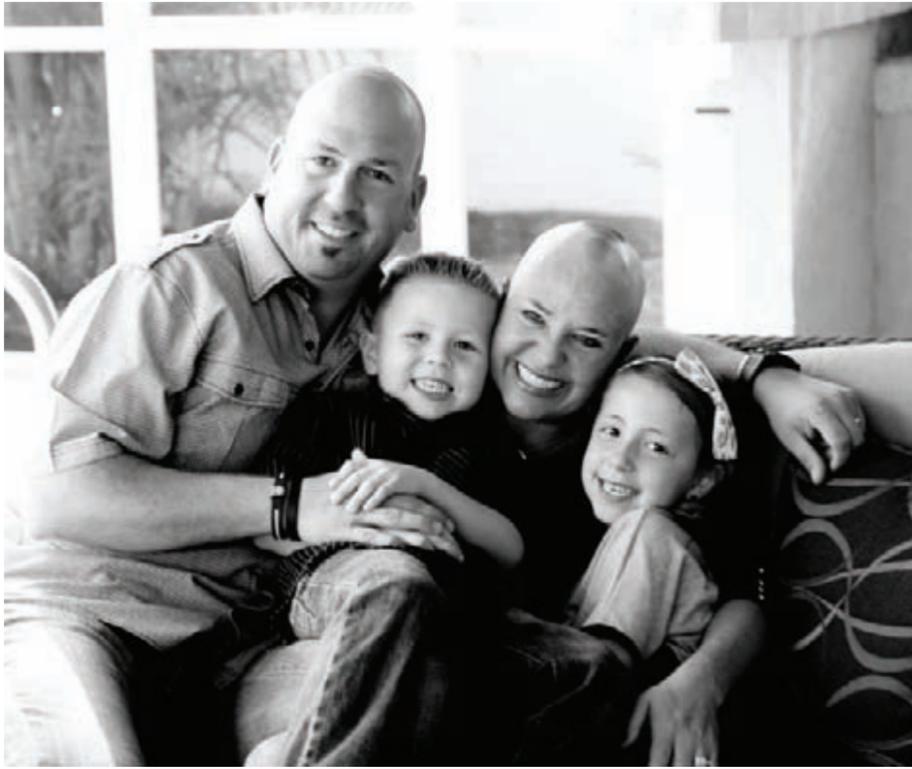
After dining and dancing at The Dolly Madison in Madison, Conn., Joe turned to Barbara and asked, "Would it be presumptuous of me to ask you if you would like to marry me?"

The word "presumptuous" stuck in her head, forever attached to a giggle and a blush. Barbara said yes, she had no doubt.



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Tara Parla



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The Parla family: Jon, Kaden, Tara and Kendyl.

goes to bed at night. Ms. Simantel wears the same picture around her neck, one where Mrs. Parla's leaning over in laughter, her hand across her heart.

As a child, Ms. Simantel's parents worried she could not speak, as her big sister always spoke for her. Now Ms. Simantel finds herself speaking for her big sister through the Passion Foundation.

Riverchase Dermatology credits Mrs. Parla for a significant rise in skin cancer screenings, Director of Devel-

opment Kimberly Royal says. "I don't have an exact number, but as far as new patients, people who never thought to have their skin checked before, it's got to be in the thousands," she says.

Yes, Mrs. Parla brought an awareness of skin cancer to a younger age group, but her younger sister felt her broader influence, as Ms. Simantel recently tattooed one of her sister's most enduring lessons on her inner left arm: "Be open to life."

The Painter

Jerry Vallez painted the water. Whether it be a back-water scene or the open seas, a ship or a shoreline, the water gave his brush motive.

His daughter Michelle remembers his attention to detail. "Some of his brushes only had three hairs," she says. "I remember him painting blades of grass with his little brush," painting individual blades with such intent, it was like he was painting with eyelashes.

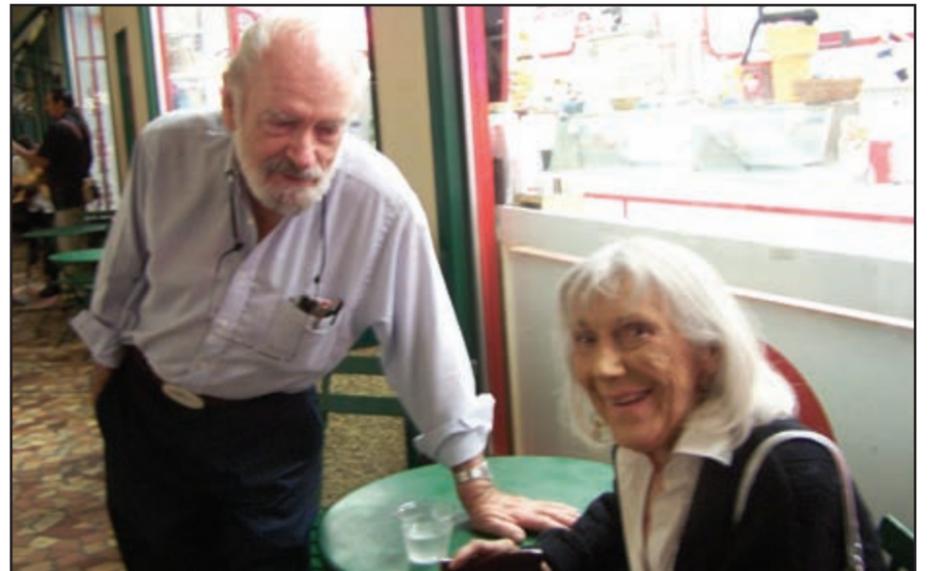
To be near him was to notice things other people did not notice, to see

things other people did not see. As a painter, Michelle says, her father was very visual. When she walked beside him he would point out the obscure, oftentimes shelving the subject for a canvas down the way.

Gov. Rick Scott admired his work. Mr. Vallez designed an invitation for the governor's wife. She has one of his prints hanging in her office. This lends way to a story Mr. Vallez loved to tell: When the governor came to pick a Vallez print of his own, he chose the same print his wife had picked. Mr.



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Jerry and Robah Vallez out for ice cream on Fifth Avenue South in 2009.

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Vallez suggested, "Don't you want something else?" The governor replied, "No. I like this one." Ergo, the governor and his wife each have the same Vallez print hanging in their respective offices.

Three months after her father's passing, Michelle finds solace in such stories. She has elected to keep the Vallez Gallery in Crayton Cove open throughout the season, so friends and patrons may stumble in and share their memories.

Some of the life stories Mr. Vallez most liked to tell were from his days as a captain, ship tales of steering a boat down the Mississippi or leading a fishing trip to Cuba. "Stories you maybe don't tell your daughter," Michelle says, "until many years later."

She'll always remember the beard story. Her family was sailing around in their Chinese junk when her father got a bad sunburn, so he grew a beard. People liked the way it looked, he liked that not everybody had a beard, so he kept it.

"He was an individualist. He always liked to do things a little different," says Michelle, leading into the story of a special corsage. He father was escorting her mother to a dance at Bradley University in Peoria, Ill. Maybe he couldn't find a corsage he liked, maybe he had a last-minute inspiration, but when Mr. Vallez picked up his date he gave her something one-of-a-kind: a corsage made from birds of paradise. "That became a special flower for her," Michelle says of her mother, Robah.

Michelle believes her father might have been a monk if it were not for her mother. He mentioned it once. He tended to withdraw. But he could not draw himself away from Robah. She was his model and his muse, his adoration of her evident in his brushstrokes.

Mr. Vallez died Sept. 15 at age 87, following a stroke. He outlived his wife. They were married 59 years.

"When you saw him, you saw her," says Natalie Guess, a fellow Crayton Cove artist. "They were very close. I was always impressed with the love they showed for each other."

Ms. Guess classifies Mr. Vallez as an important artist in many respects, particularly integral to the growth of the arts in Naples. She remembers how every other day he would step in to the Guess-Fisher Gallery, a space Ms. Guess shares with her husband, sit down and chat.

"We'll comment every once in a while how in the afternoon we feel like he's still walking in, sitting down, waiting to hear what we have to say," she says. "He's definitely a presence here, in Crayton Cove especially."

Michelle remembers her father waking up every morning and going to work. As he got older, he left a little later in the mornings and quit a little earlier in the afternoons, gradually extending the length of his coffee breaks in between.

"To run a business on your own and stay true to your art" wasn't always easy, she adds, so as much as she would pen her father a painter, she must say, "He was really a model in perseverance."



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 Jerry Vallez at The Naples Zoo, August 2012.

The Elf

Karen O'Neil loved the word "sunshine." It was her favorite word. It described who she was as a person. It described her perspective on life. She turned everything sunny-side up.

"That's just who she was," says her dear friend M.E. Parker. "She gave off such a bright light."

She also believed in giving back. Ms. Parker says her friend lived her life by the creed: "When you're blessed with wonderful things in life, it's your responsibility to give wonderful things back to the world in whatever way you can."

For 12 years, Ms. O'Neil volunteered at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, where she contributed to many educational events and fundraisers, including "Magic Under the Mangroves." She was also a member of the Alligator Amblers, helping clear trails for the Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park. Since her unexpected passing in early April, the park has planted a butterfly garden in her name.

Ms. O'Neil brought an endearing disposition to the act of volunteering. As a bell ringer for the Salvation Army, she would dress up as an elf. "She had this amazing smile with huge dimples," Ms. Parker says. "She would ring the bell and whenever people would see her, they would laugh and be jolly. She was infusing everyone with the joy of the holiday season rather than, 'Hey, give me money for the bucket,' which made everybody want to give her money for the bucket."

Ms. Parker has one outstanding memory of another time when Ms. O'Neil wore her elf suit. Standing on the side of U.S. 41, dressed as an elf, Ms. O'Neil held a sign promoting a holiday art show. A code enforcement officer approached her and told her she would have to cross the Collier County line if she did not want a citation for holding a sign. Ms. O'Neil looked at the officer and without missing a beat, she said, "You're going to bust an elf on Christmas?"

Retelling the story, Ms. Parker can't help but laugh and laugh and laugh. Pat O'Neil, Karen's older sister, totally understands. "I laughed more with Karen than I did with anybody else in my whole life," Pat says. "She loved to share her joy ... She really shined."

Pat thinks of all her sister's homemade, glittered-up greeting cards. She thinks of how her sister loved to throw parties and make her guests play quirky relay games, running down the beach. She thinks of her sister's travels, trekking across Turkey, Ireland, Tanzania. Her sister loved the outdoors. She loved to kayak, loved to camp, loved to hike. She was healthy, a young 60 when she died, sometime between the days April 1-3. Doctors don't really know what happened, they just know her heart gave way.

"She was my sister, my friend, my confidant," Pat says. "Many times, she was my backbone."

Pat lives in Connecticut, the state where Karen was born. When Pat wants to feel closer to her sister, she flips through Karen's journal of doodles, daydreams and meditations.

"She was always trying to give thanks for what she had," says Pat, searching for a particular page. "Here it is," an entry that encapsulates her sister, one where Karen questions how she can bring her communion with nature to others, how she can help save open space, nature for people. As an affirmation to herself, one that Pat would like to hold and simultaneously pass along to others, Karen wrote, "Let yourself shine." ■



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A candid conversation about espionage and counterintelligence



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Michael Sulick

Spook. Spy. Mechanic. Cloak-and-dagger. Birdwatcher. MI6. KGB.

These terms lurk in the dark corners of American vernacular and invoke cautious whimsy and whispers. They have tantalized and fascinated almost every one of us at some level. Intelligence and counterintelligence are subjects that by design and definition have remained veiled in mystery.

Until now, that is.

Michael Sulick, Ph.D., has produced a fascinating read that is certain to captivate and entertain. Through his skillful writing and firm grasp of history, he has granted us an insider's look at the importance of espionage in American history. Believe me, "Spying in America" is no dime-store spy novel. It's a must read for those who relish unvarnished tales of how America has dealt with those who traffic in national secrets.

A 28-year veteran of the CIA, Mr. Sulick served as chief of counterintelligence from 2002-04 and as director of the National Clandestine Service from 2007-10, overseeing the agency's covert information collection operations and coordinating the espionage activities of the U.S. intelligence community.

His book presents a revealing perspective on a career in clandestine services and sheds light on the indispensable craft of espionage. As a vital tool in our national war chest, it is a topic that we often don't want to talk about publicly, yet without it we would not still be a free nation.

"Spying in America" begs the question: Can you keep a secret? Well, can you?

Mr. Sulick and I met earlier this year when he was kind enough to accept an invitation to speak at a function I was hosting. When I ventured to ask if he would join me again, he humbled me with his graciousness, agreeing to participate in Town Hall's evening with former U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates on Feb. 9. Msrs. Gates and Sulick served together during Secretary Gates' tenure as director of central intelligence. Here are excerpts from my recent conversation with Mr. Sulick:

Q: Espionage and intelligence collection have always been among the most indispensable assets in preserving our national defense. Our founding fathers understood this and employed spying as an integral component in the strategy to win American independence. What do you consider the most vital piece of intelligence in the American Revolution?

A: The patriots' intelligence success in the Revolutionary War was more the cumulative effect of the collection than one piece of vital information. But one piece that stands out was acquired by the "mechanics," a group of artisans in Massachusetts led by silversmith Paul Revere who were basically America's first intelligence service. They learned that the British planned to march on Concord to capture patriot gunpowder and kidnap two key revolutionary leaders, Samuel Adams and John Hancock. Revere's famous Midnight Ride was probably the first delivery of a "threat warning" by American intelligence to policymakers. He warned Mr. Adams and Mr. Hancock and, armed with the information, local militias assembled to repel the British in this first conflict of the war.

Q: You spent many years in the former U.S.S.R. It is now widely understood that Russian spies infiltrated the United State at the highest levels in research, the military, business and even the White House. What was the

most shocking revelation in terms of an infiltration during the Cold War?

A: The Russians infiltrated the highest levels during the 1930s and '40s, when Americans were attracted to the lure of Soviet communism. During the Cold War, they didn't replicate these achievements at high levels, but they were very successful at infiltrating lower levels where spies had access to critical national security secrets.

The most shocking revelation was the espionage of John Walker, a U.S. Navy warrant officer who sold secrets to the Soviets that enabled them to read top secret military communications and jeopardized the U.S. nuclear submarine fleet, then the most invulnerable leg of the country's triad of land, sea and air-based missiles. If the U.S. had gone to war with the Soviets, they would have enjoyed an overwhelming advantage thanks to Mr. Walker.

Q: Sen. Joseph McCarthy was considered (and is still considered by many) to be a reckless paranoid on a witch hunt. Metaphorically, he envisioned a communist behind every tree. His infamous hearings were highly publicized and in some cases ruined innocent lives and reputations. Was Sen. McCarthy a well-intentioned kook, or a courageous man in search of the truth? Will history ultimately be kinder to him, and are there legitimate lessons to be learned for our modern era?

A: Sen. McCarthy passionately

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believed that communist spies were lurking throughout the U.S. national security apparatus, but his allegations were not based on factual evidence required in espionage prosecutions today. His crusade is only one of a number of similar abuses of citizens' rights in U.S. history — among the others are the detention of innocent citizens by the Union security chief Lafayette Baker in the Civil War, Attorney General Mitchell Palmer's "Red Raids" in 1920, and J. Edgar Hoover's "Counterintelligence Program" that searched for foreign spies and saboteurs in the civil rights and peace movements of the '60s. None of these ever surfaced a major spy. The lesson is that the country needs agencies like the FBI and CIA using the full array of investigative and

intelligence gathering tools at their disposal to acquire concrete evidence of espionage that leads to prosecution.

Q: In a conversation with you earlier this year, you referred to the "New American Face of Terrorism." Many Americans take comfort in the elimination of Osama bin Laden and Anwar al Awlaki. The fact that no major attack has been successfully perpetrated since 9/11 might lead us to a false sense of victory and unintended complacency. Has the threat actually been neutralized? Would you please describe the nature, danger and implications of this new breed of homegrown Jihadist?

A: The U.S. has significantly degraded the core of Al Qaeda by removing a large number of its key leaders from

the playing field. Al Qaeda's terrorist philosophy, however, has attracted followers around the globe, and terrorist attacks are more likely now to be inspired rather than directed by Al Qaeda central. The increasing number of Westerners, including Americans, who can blend easily into society and the dispersed nature of the threat complicate the efforts of law enforcement and intelligence to find and neutralize terrorists and argue against complacency. ■

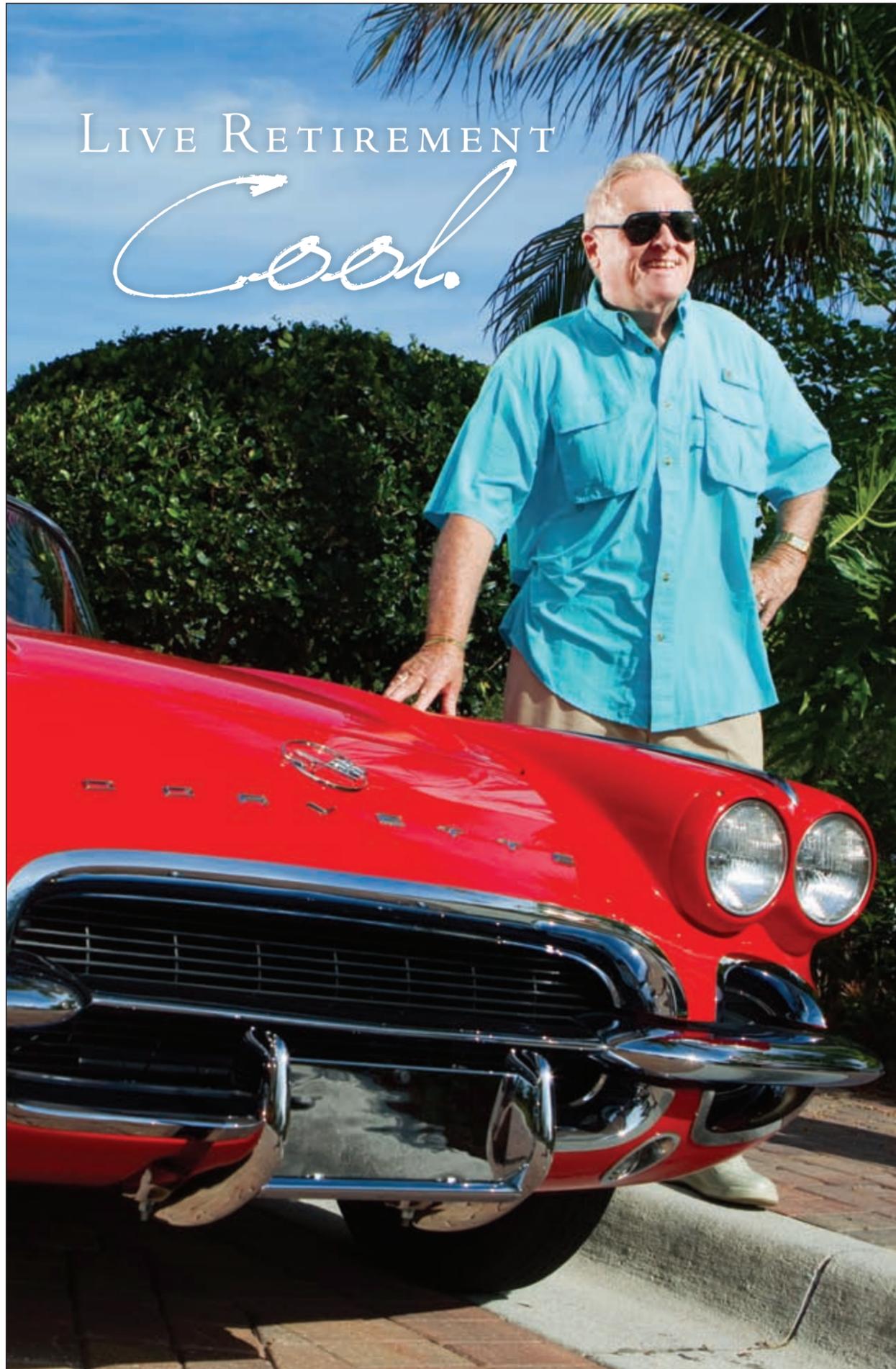
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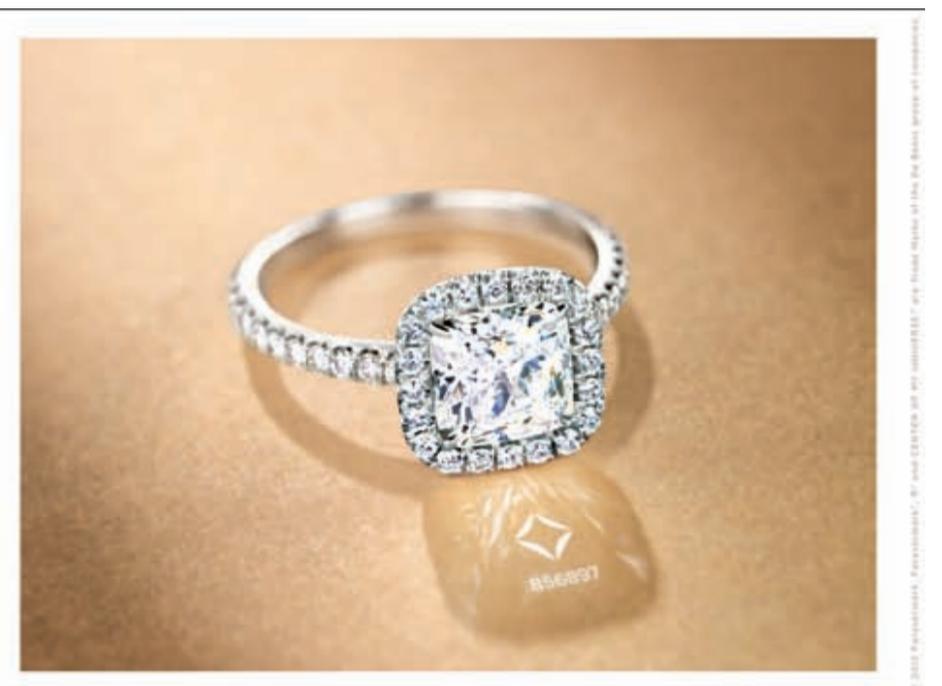
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Newman's Own Foundation is concentrating its efforts on nutrition education for children and families; child nutrition with a focus on feeding hungry children and/or reducing childhood obesity and ensuring fresh food access for underserved communities.

"It's exciting for us to see such creative thinking and solution-based approaches to the challenges around nutrition issues," says Lisa Walker, managing director of the foundation. "This funding initiative is intended to further the innovative work that our grantees are already doing on the ground to help increase access to, and awareness of, nutritious food."

Mr. Newman established the foundation in 2005 as a means of continuing his pledge to donate to charity all net profits and royalties from the sale of products from Newman's Own Inc. Since the food company's founding in 1982, Mr. Newman and the foundation have donated more than \$350 million to thousands of charities worldwide.



Hope for Haiti

About Hope for Haiti

For more than 20 years, Hope for Haiti has been committed to serving the Haitian people and helping them create sustainable communities. Founded by Naples resident JoAnne Kuehner, grandmother of the current president and CEO, the organization supports 40 schools with a total of 10,000 students and 400 teachers.

In 2010-11, Hope for Haiti distributed more than \$10 million worth of medications and supplies to more than 60 health-care and education sites in the south of Haiti.

Volunteers in Naples donated 4,200 hours to Hope for Haiti efforts in 2011-12. Among the organization's accomplishments over the past year:

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— Lisa Walker
Managing director
Newman's Own Foundation

- Organized a book share fund to 33 schools to replace 30 percent of the 27,500 textbooks and notebooks that Hope for Haiti distributed in 2010.

- Funded the construction of two three-classroom blocks in rural communities.

- Trained 137 teachers in lesson planning and French/Math instruction in 26 schools.

- Distributed 17,000 vitamin A doses, 504,000 children's multivitamins, 271,000

tablets of albendazole (de-worming medication), 343,000 pre-natal vitamins and 114,180 Heinz micronutrient powder supplements to malnourished children.

- Provided boots, training, birthing kits and support for 80 midwives who birthed 449 babies.

- Supported the salaries of two doctors and a laboratory technician in areas hard-hit by cholera.

- Provided primary care to 8,400 patients and dental care to more than 1,500 at the Hope for Haiti infirmary.

- Taught 800 hours of public health education lessons to 2,400 students and 141 teachers in 12 schools.

- Organized 32 public health meetings that reached more than 1,150 people.

- Graduated first class of community health workers to become Hope for Haiti certified health promoters.

- Purified 55,470 gallons of potable water from Hope for Haiti's 12 solar-powered UV purification systems.

- Surveyed 366 houses using the Progress out of Poverty Index.

- Cultivated more than 27,000 seedlings to reforest the mountainsides and provide nourishment and income to community members.

- Taught the basics of agroforestry to 300 students in rural schools.

- Piloted a school lunch program using locally produced food.

Hope for Haiti partners with other organizations — among them the International Red Cross, United Nations, Doctors Without Borders, AmeriCares, Vitamin Angels and the International Organization for Migration — whenever possible to further leverage each dollar raised.

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B. Thomas Golisano

Mr. Golisano is committed to philanthropy. In addition to his pledge to the Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, his generous gifts include the Golisano Children's Hospital in Rochester, N.Y.; Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital in Syracuse, N.Y.; the Golisano Children's Museum of Naples and the Tom Golisano Field House at Ave Maria University.

Thank you, Mr. Golisano, not only for your generosity, but also for your trust in our vision and our talented, caring team.

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HOMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS



Dozens of cats and dogs from several local rescue organizations found homes not just for the holidays, but forever when the Shoppes at Vanderbilt hosted a pet adoption event the Saturday before Christmas.



DAS volunteer Robert MacKenzie with Jangles

1. Lexie Hathaway and Jangles
2. Dog trainer Ann Harcsa with Romeo
3. Collier County Domestic Animal Services volunteer Jack Graser with Rocco
4. Sydney Bruhn and Wayne Dammert with canines Libby and Katie
5. Collier Community Cat Coalition's adoptables
6. DAS volunteer Marjorie Bloom with Molly Love Bug
7. Katie, from Golden Retriever Rescue of Southwest Florida
8. Dennis Guyitt with rescued golden retriever Wiley
9. Violet and Pearl Johnson bonding with kittens from the Collier County Cat Coalition

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Fun and education for kids, adults on the calendar at Rookery Bay

The Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center has special activities for young visitors during the holiday break from school. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 26-29 and Jan. 2-5, kids can have fun making marine mammal puppets, fish prints, cabbage palm reindeers and more. A daily coloring contest takes place, too, with winners selected in two age groups: 6 and younger and 7-12 years.



Josh Manring will present the Jan. 2 Lunch & Learn lecture.

Children's activities are free with regular admission.

Coming up at the center early in the New Year:

Photographer Josh Manring will discuss "Captivated: Images of Our Wild Gulf Coast" as part of the center's Lunch & Learn series beginning at noon Wednesday, Jan. 2. The presentation

rabba's and Costco. Lunch & Learn lectures are free for members of Friends of Rookery Bay and \$8 for non-members.

The center's Amazing Adventures series continues with "Faunal Surveys in Southern Vietnam," a presentation by Paul Moler beginning at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11. Mr. Moler worked for 28 years as a research herpetologist with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Since 2000, he has made frequent visits to Vietnam and southern Africa to assist with surveys of reptiles, amphibians and bats.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for light refreshments, and the presentation takes place from 6-7 p.m. Admission is \$5 for members, \$8 for the general public.

The Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center is at 300 Tower Road, off Collier Boulevard on the way to Marco Island. Reservations



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Paul Moler will be the guest speaker for the Amazing Adventures program Jan. 11.

reveals a raw and intimate depiction of Southwest Florida's dynamic natural landscapes and wildlife highlighting Collier County.

Lunch and dessert provided by Car-

are strongly recommended for Lunch & Learn and Amazing Adventures programs. Call 417-6310, ext. 401, or visit www.rookerybay.org. ■

Collier Spay Neuter Clinic always welcomes donations

The Collier Spay Neuter Clinic, which spayed or neutered more than 3,500 pets in 2012. Of those procedures, 182 were provided either free or at a substantial discount. The clinic reports that euthanasia at Collier County Domestic Animal Services is at a six-year low and cat intake is down 14 percent, largely due to community-wide spay/neuter efforts.

CSNC is closed for

the holidays and will reopen for low-cost pet sterilization surgeries and other services on Wednesday, Jan. 2. Donations of much-needed pet supplies

and general office and cleaning supplies are always welcome and can be dropped off during business hours. Among the things most needed are:



■ Pet supplies: Unopened cat and kitten food; Kuranda dog beds in all sizes; plastic pet carriers in all sizes.

■ Office supplies: Pink and blue index cards; Post-It notes; scissors; Sharpies; postage stamps; copy paper; rolling storage carts. A hand truck is also needed.

■ Cleaning supplies: Laundry detergent and fabric softener (HE only); plastic spray bottles; masking tape; Lysol spray, Pine Sol and glass glass cleaner; mops with head replacements.

The clinic is at 2544 Northbrooke Plaze Drive in North Naples, across from Target near the intersection of Immokalee Road and I-75. For more information, call 514-7647, e-mail info@collierspayneuter.org or visit www.collierspayneuter.org. ■

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■ The **Cleveland Club of Southwest Florida** celebrates its 15th anniversary with a dinner dance Tuesday, Jan. 29, at Heritage Bay Golf & Country Club. Snowbirds from the Greater Cleveland area, former residents and guests are welcome.

Cost is \$33 per person. Invitations will be mailed in early January. Anyone who is not on the mailing list and would like attend should call Diane Corcelli at 992-6723.

■ Newly elected officers for 2013 for the **Genealogical Society of Collier County** are: Arlene Mauer, president; Nancy Fodi, first vice president; Jackie Siebenaller, second vice president; Barbara Green, recording secretary; Marie Overman, corresponding secretary; and Gary Johnson, treasurer. New members of the board of directors are Carla Dean and Kathleen Wilczewski. James Applegate, Michele Bender and Werner Ropers remain on the board.

The Genealogical Society of Collier County meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at Moorings Presbyterian Church. The next meeting is Jan. 8. Guests are always welcome.

For more information, visit www.thegcc.org

SEE CLUB NOTES, 25 ►

◀ Members and guests of the newly formed Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance met recently at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. All are welcome — and are encouraged to bring blooming orchids to display — to attend meetings at the church from 6:30-8:30 p.m. every third Thursday. The next meeting is Jan. 17. For membership information, call Steve Hall at 455-2881 or e-mail membership@gulfcoastorchidalliance.org.

- 1) Alice and Dick Thorne with Gayle Dorio
- 2) Eunice Walker with her prize-winning fireball orchid
- 3) Goldye Meyer and Meredith Ritchel
- 4) Charlette Roman, Kathleen Edwards and Linda Shockley
- 5) Russ Ritchel, Maurice DeVito and Steve Hall
- 6) Monique Hobt and Marcia DiMambro

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■ The **Naples Garden Club** welcomes landscape designer, master gardener and author Susan Morrison as guest speaker at the club's next meeting beginning at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7, at Moorings Presbyterian Church.

Ms. Morrison is the author of "Garden Up! Smart Vertical Gardening for Small and Large Spaces." Her designs have been featured in publications, including Horticulture and Cottages and Bungalows magazines. She has appeared on the PBS series "Growing a Greener World" and writes on the topic for Fine Gardening magazine.

Ms. Morrison knows first hand the challenges and rewards of gardening in a small space. Her 18-by-50-foot backyard in the East Bay area of San Francisco is a laboratory for fresh ideas, a test garden for new plants and more importantly, the most popular "room" in her home on a summer evening.

Signed copies of "Garden Up!" will be available for purchase at the meeting. Excelsa Gardens will offer tropical plants selected by Ms. Morrison as suitable for Southwest Florida gardening spaces.

Attendance is free for Naples Garden Club members and \$20 for others. Registration is required at and can be completed at www.naplesgardenclub.org

■ The new **Naples Social Player Club** meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, at the Pub in Mercato. Founder Julie DeBartolo says members will team up for a scavenger hunt-type of game. For reservations, call Ms. DiBartolo and 200-2203 or e-mail Juladi@gmail.com. For information about the club, visit www.naplesplayers.wordpress.com.

■ The Southwest Florida chapter of the **American Airlines Kiwi Club** is a social and charitable organization of present and former flight attendants of American

Airlines, TWA and other airlines acquired by or merged with American Airlines. The chapter supports Pace Center for Girls-Collier at Immokalee and the Collier County Hunger & Homeless Coalition. New members are always welcome.

The group's next luncheon meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at a member's home in Naples. For more information, e-mail Eileen Pearson at elmmartino@gmail.com.

■ The **Personal Computer Business Users Group**, PCBUG, will hear from Keith Dameron of IberiaBank on Marco Island at its next meeting beginning at 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, at Naples Regional Library, 650 Central Ave. Mr. Dameron will discuss some of the most common scams being perpetrated in the local market.

Guests are welcome. For more information, visit www.pcbug.org.

■ The **Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club of Naples** hosts a benefit for literacy from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17, at the Naples Woman's Club, 570 Park St. Joann Siegrist, professor of puppetry at West Virginia University, will perform with her puppets Rex & Rita Saurus, who performed for First Lady Barbara Bush as part of the ABC "ReadAmerica" series.

Tickets are \$50 per person, with proceeds going to First Book-Collier County and the Pi Beta Phi Literacy Fund. First Book gives more than 55,000 new, age-appropriate books to needy children in pre-K through second grade in Collier County; typically, about 6,500 children receive a book a month through the school year.

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Retina specialist Dr. Dean Elliott from Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary will share groundbreaking research on the use of stem cell transplantation for the treatment of age-related macular degeneration. This work is being done in collaboration with Advanced Cell Technologies, which has developed a stem cell line designed to restore the function of the retina and improve vision in individuals affected with AMD. ACT is the only company in the United States conducting FDA-monitored trials of stem cell implantation.

In addition to Dr. Elliott's presentation, Drs. Alexander Eaton and Hussein Wafapoor of Retina Health Center will provide an overview of macular degeneration and an update on a new injection device to improve the safety and comfort of patients undergoing eye injections. Attendees will also hear from Dr. Timothy Schoen of The Foundation Fighting Blindness with a global perspective on retinal degenerative disease research.

Admission to the symposium is free, but seating is limited.

To register, call (800) 586-6765 or visit www.fightblindness.org/bonitaseminar.

Hazelden hosts free recovery lectures

"Inspiration to Strengthen Recovery," a series of free programs presented by Hazelden in Naples, continues from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, at First United Methodist Church, 388 First Ave. S. Guest speaker Karen Casey, Ph.D., will discuss "The Blessings of a Thorough 11th Step."

The 11th step in the recovery process involves seeking, praying or meditating to create a better contact with God. Ms. Casey has more than 35 years of experience with AA and Al-Anon. Her first book, "Each Day a New Beginning: Daily Meditations for Women," was published in 1982. "The Promise of a New Day" followed the next year, and she has written 24 additional titles since then. The focus of Ms. Casey's recent works has been how to live in relationships more peacefully.

The Hazelden series continues with:

■ "Now What? For the Whole Family" from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, by William Cope Moyers, vice president of public affairs and community relations for Hazelden.

■ "Transitions: Coping with Change" from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, by Elene Loecher, who retired after 25 years as spiritual care and program coordinator at Hazelden's Dan Anderson Renewal Center in Minnesota.

For more information, call Hazelden's Theresa Feller at 659-2367. ■

UF researchers: Understanding pancreas size could help unlock cause of Type 1 diabetes

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The University of Florida

People at risk for Type 1 diabetes might have fewer insulin-producing "beta" cells than people not at risk, a finding that could help researchers shed light on what causes the disease, a new University of Florida study shows.

Published in the Dec. 12 Journal of the American Medical Association, the study revealed that people at risk for Type 1 diabetes had smaller pancreases than people who were not at risk.

"This is the first time this has been noted," says Martha Campbell-Thompson, a professor in the UF College of Medicine department of pathology, immunology and laboratory medicine. "We still don't know what causes Type 1 diabetes, but if people have fewer beta cells to begin with, other confounding factors such as a virus or genetics could help push them over into having clinical diabetes. There are a lot of possibilities."

Type 1 diabetes occurs when the body's immune system begins attacking its own beta cells in the pancreas, which are responsible for producing insulin the body needs to convert sugar into energy. The beta cells stop producing insulin, often beginning in childhood. Because of this, patients must take insulin for the rest of their lives. This differs from the more common Type 2 diabetes, which often can be prevented and treated through lifestyle changes, such as improved diet and increased exercise.

Although genetics plays a big role, researchers still don't know what trig-



Campbell-Thompson

gers this autoimmune attack, and after it begins, there is no going back, says Dr. Campbell-Thompson, director of the pathology core for the Network for Pancreatic Organ Donors with Diabetes, or nPOD, a human pancreas biorepository housed within the UF Diabetes Center of Excellence.

In the current study, Dr. Campbell-Thompson and colleagues at the City of Hope National Medical Center examined 164 pancreases from adult organ donors, including those with auto-antibodies linked to an increased risk for Type 1 diabetes. After examining the organs and comparing them with control samples, the researchers discovered that the people at risk for Type 1 diabetes had pancreases

roughly three-fourths the size of those of patients not at risk for the disease. In addition, patients already diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes had pancreases about half the size of control samples, Dr. Campbell-Thompson says.

donors, a trend started showing up that these pancreases weighed less. They weighed lower than normal controls."

The ultimate goal of the research, and nPOD, which provides pancreas samples to researchers across the country, is to first understand how the pancreas works and then uncover new and better ways to not only treat Type 1 diabetes, but also to prevent it.

"Thanks to nPOD's valuable and rapidly growing collection of pancreas samples and other tissues, its team of researchers was able to examine, for the first time, the pancreas weight of those at risk for developing Type 1 diabetes," says Teodora Staeva, program director for immune therapies at the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the leading foundation focused on advancing Type 1 diabetes research, which funded the study. "The findings raise significant questions about the development and progression of Type 1 diabetes."

Obtaining and analyzing human pancreas samples has proved crucial for researchers because mouse models used to uncover new treatments for Type 1 diabetes are no longer considered good examples of the disease in humans.

"There are major differences between human Type 1 diabetes and the animal models," Dr. Campbell-Thompson says. "It's really changing some of our ideas about when this autoimmune attack might occur, and we still don't know all the players."

The researchers now hope to take the study a step further by using non-invasive methods such as magnetic resonance imaging, or MRI, to gauge pancreas size in live patients.

"This could really change some of the ideas we have about Type 1 diabetes," Dr. Campbell-Thompson says. "By understanding how it develops, we can think of new ways to treat it." ■



Be nice: Sometimes making a difference is as simple as that



The essential mission of NCH and its 4,000 caregivers is to help our neighbors live longer, happier and healthier lives. In plain English, our mantra boils down to two simple words:

"Be nice."

In this holiday season, with recent events reminding us how precious and fleeting life is, it becomes more important than ever for each of us to do just that.

We all know the difference it makes in our own lives when someone takes the time to show us compassion. Our patients regularly report in their comments on our surveys that they sincerely appreciate the care and com-

passion they so often experience. The inescapable point is that folks really notice when we're being "nice," and this attitude impacts the way they rate their experiences at our facilities.

Paul Clark, our patient experience expert, shares the following Facebook interaction with a patient whose experience in the Emergency Room started poorly, but subsequently turned into a very positive one:

"I just wanted to send a big 'thank you' for responding so quickly and for the compassion and attentiveness provided by Paul Clarke. Unfortunately, I had to return to your ER on Tuesday and the experience was completely different. Everyone from the initial reception attendant to the triage nurse to my assigned RN and especially the (different) doctor were all polite, attentive and clear about my conditions. The experience was incredible in general, and especially in comparison to my previous experience

received last week. And, kudos to your web group for nearly immediate response. I can honestly say that the quick response to my complaint and the amazing care I received this week vs. last week have changed my mind about your facility and staff. Thank you again and happy holidays."

As this incident shows, we have made tremendous progress on our journey to delivering compassionate care, but we aren't there yet. We have room to improve in order to fulfill our vision of becoming a world-class provider of excellence in health care.

By simply focusing on "being nice," we can make a big difference and help to ensure our ability to survive and thrive amidst the massive changes that are coming in health care. ■

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

TO YOUR HEALTH

Classes, programs for Parkinson's patients, caregivers

The Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida Inc. offers a variety of program and services for Parkinson's disease patients and their families and caregivers, including:

■ A voice aerobics class is held at 10:30 a.m. every Tuesday at PASFI headquarters.

■ A "My Story" workshop takes place immediately after voice aerobics every week for those who want to preserve their family memories in writing.

■ A support group for caregivers meets at 7 p.m. every Tuesday.

■ A support group for PD patients or others with movement disorders as well as their caregivers begins at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday. Students from FGCU recently attended and asked for volunteers to complete a short assessment about physical activity. They will share their findings with the group in a few months.

■ Naples Equestrian Challenge offers horseback riding as a therapeutic tool for

Parkinson's patients. Tuition for PASFI members is covered by an anonymous gift.

■ The next session of the speech and swallowing class will begin in February.

■ The fifth annual PASFI Fabulous Fashion Show & Luncheon takes place Saturday, Jan. 19, at the Naples Sailing & Yacht Club. Fashions will be provided by Petunias of Naples and Draper's and Damon's. Tickets are \$75 per person.

Unless otherwise noted, classes and programs take place at PASFI headquarters, 1048 Goodlette-Frank Road in Naples. For reservations or more information about any of the above, call PASFI at 417-3465 or e-mail Ruth Hubing, executive director, at pasified@aol.com.

Workshop will give lifeline to caregivers

More than 65 million Americans provide care for a chronically ill, disabled or aged relative or friend each year. To help them learn strategies for coping, a free workshop will take place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, in the clubhouse at Moorings Park.

Family caregivers, health-care professionals and clergy all are invited to "A Lifeline for Caregivers" presented by Kenneth J. Doka, Ph.D., professor of gerontology at the Graduate School of The College of New Rochelle and a senior consultant to the Hospice Foundation of America.

Mr. Doka's topics for family and other caregivers will include managing stress, setting goals and expectations and taking care of oneself. For health-care professionals and clergy, he will discuss psychological and spiritual reactions at end of life and the effects of caring for the terminally ill.

A light dinner will be served. The evening is sponsored by Vita Hospice, Dignity Memorial, IberiaBank, Moorings Park and 21st Century Care.

RSVP by Jan. 10 by calling 597-3101.

AVOW experts offer free grief counseling

Avow Hospice grief counselors hold a pet grief support group from 3:30-4:30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month. The next meeting is Jan. 21. Meetings are

held in the Ispiri community center at Avow headquarters on Whipporwill Lane.

Attendance is free, but reservations are requested. Call 261-4404.

Parenting power topic of classes

David Lawrence Center offers free parenting courses starting in January to empower parents and provide them with communication skills and other tools to help them meet challenges associated with raising children. Classes will meet from 6-8 p.m. once a week for six weeks, with several starting dates available for sessions in both English and Spanish. Space is limited, and registration is open now.

"Making Parenting a Pleasure" is designed for busy, stressed-out parents of children ages 5-12.

"Parenting a Problematic Teen" is for parents of older children who are strong-willed or even out of control.

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The Collier County Sheriff's Office gives drivers notice that traffic enforcement deputies will be posted at the following spots the week of Dec. 31-Jan. 4:



Monday, Dec. 31

- U.S. 41 North and Vanderbilt Beach Drive - Aggressive driving
- Airport-Pulling Road and Golden Gate Parkway - Speeding
- Immokalee Road and I-75 northbound exit - Aggressive driving

Tuesday, Jan. 1

- Collier and Davis boulevards - Speeding
- U.S. 41 East and Sandpiper Drive - Speeding

- Radio Road and Donna Street - Red light running

Wednesday, Jan. 2

- Sunshine and Green boulevards - Speeding

- Santa Barbara Boulevard and Recreation Lane - Red light running
- Tropicana Boulevard and Golden Gate Parkway - Aggressive driving

Thursday, Jan. 3

- Pine Ridge Road and Osceola Trail - Aggressive driving
- J&C Boulevard - Speeding
- Goodlette-Frank and Vanderbilt Beach roads - Speeding

Friday, Jan. 4

- U.S. 41 North and 99th Avenue North - Red light running
- Immokalee Road and Palm River Boulevard - Red light running
- Airport-Pulling Road and Galleria Drive - Speeding

Safe driving classes offered by AARP

The AARP offers driver safety classes designed to reduce a driver's risk for accidents and tickets. The classes serve as a refresher course but also present new changes in Florida laws. Each driver older than 55 taking this course becomes eligible for a discount on auto insurance.

Reservations are essential and can be made by calling the number with each listing. Classes in January include:

■ **Thursday and Friday, Jan. 10-11:** 9 a.m. to noon at Marco Lutheran Church, 525 N. Collier Blvd., Marco Island; 394 8780.

■ **Friday, Jan. 18:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Church, 625 11th St., Naples; 593 9329.

■ **Monday, Jan. 21:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, 1225 Piper Blvd., Naples; 949-1186.

AARP membership is not necessary but affords a \$2 discount on the \$14 tuition. ■

Businesses to collect men's suits for Goodwill, Immokalee Foundation

"Suited for Success," a program to collect gently worn suits and professional menswear for donation to Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida and The Immokalee Foundation, begins in January at three Naples-area businesses.

Suits can be dropped off at Joseph's Custom Clothiers in the Shoppes at Naples Bay Resort, Pristine Fine Dry Cleaners on Ninth Street North and

Laser Lounge Spa in Estero.

"As a custom suit designer, our primary audience is men, so it gives us great pride to support men in need by collecting and refurbishing clothing for them," says Joey Wendt



of Joseph's Custom Clothiers. "A good suit could be the first step in getting them back on their feet, enabling them to go on job interviews and to look the part," he adds.

Businesses or clubs that are inter-

ested in hosting a suit collection party should contact Nannette Staropoli at 250-1030.

Joseph's Custom Clothiers is also working with the American Heart Association's Red Tie Society, a men's group that advocates for women's heart health, by offering limited edition red ties for society members to wear as they take part in Red Tie Society events. ■





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First Baptist Academy students exchange the gift of music

First Baptist Academy middle school string and band students performed a holiday concert for 3- and 4-year-olds in the academy preschool, with the older students taking time afterward to explain their instruments to the curious younger ones. ■



The First Baptist Academy Middle School Orchestra.



Two boys learn a bit about the violin from musician Jenna Wilson.



Preschooler Jack Taylor loved learning about the violin from Kaleigh Callis.



Hilary Doria, left, wanted to know all about Jessica Mastrangelo's cello.



Julie Beam points to her sheet music while preschoolers inspect her cello.

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PET TALES

Serious play

Toys are essential to keeping your cat active and happy

BY DR. MARTY BECKER AND GINA SPADAFORI
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Inside every cat is a lion. Or a tiger. Or a lynx. Or, really, all of these great hunters. And in your cat's mind, he's a wild predator, too.

In fact, all cats are. They love to lurk and prowl and chase and pounce. An indoor cat doesn't have the opportunity to go after real prey (unless you have mice in your home), but he still has strong hunting instincts. This genetic coding doesn't disappear just because he lives a royal lifestyle in your home and has his meals delivered on the feline equivalent of a silver platter.

When a cat's need to hunt isn't fulfilled with live action, he turns to the next best thing: feet moving beneath the covers, hands dangling at an owner's side, arms, legs, you name it. Instead of letting a kitten believe your body parts are fair game, provide him with toys that will satisfy his urge to hunt as well as save your skin.

It's all too easy to accidentally encourage kittens to bite or scratch in play, but this type of aggressive behavior can turn into a big, painful problem as the kitten gets bigger. Never "arm wrestle" with a young cat, and keep some distance between you through play with toys that don't involve direct contact with the kitten. When kitten teeth or claws touch human skin, screech



Keeping kittens and cats busy with toys will help them learn not to play rough with family members.

loudly and immediately walk away. Kittens learn fast that playing rough ends the game, especially when there are other things to play with.

Cats like toys they can stalk, chase, pounce on and bite. Turn your home into an indoor hunting ground with perches for watching the outdoor world go by (such as a window-box bird feeder), scratching posts for paw marking and nail maintenance, cat trees for climbing, resting and observing, and an ever-changing assortment of toys, toys, toys.

Puzzle toys are particularly good for giving your cat an outlet for his hunting instincts and ensuring that he keeps his sleek, sinewy physique. Wands with feathers or other dangly bits and wind-up or battery-operated toys that move on their own excite a cat's chase instinct. Balls

inside a track let him paw for "prey," just as if he were exploring a mouse hole. The fast, erratic motion of laser pointers and flashlights increase a cat's ability to think and move quickly. (Direct the beam up and down the stairs to give him a real workout.) And don't forget the classic catnip-filled mice for rolling and rabbit-kicking under the influence.

To keep your cat interested in his toys, change them out every few days. If he sees the same ones over and over again, he'll get bored and look for something new to play with. Cats being who they are, it will probably be something expensive or fragile that you don't want him to treat as a toy.

Those laser pointers, flashlights and wand toys have especially high value to cats because they are just so darn much fun. Bring them out less often than other toys, and limit the amount of time your cat is allowed to play with them. For some cats these toys are addictive, and they will stand in front of the closet where the laser or wand is stored and yowl plaintively until they are brought out.

Remember, if you give in even once, you have just taught your cat exactly how to manipulate you. To help soften your cat's

Pets of the Week



>>Al is an awesome 3-month-old little guy who's full of energy, fun to play with, purrs to your touch and likes to be petted.



>>Cali is a beautiful 1-year-old calico who's soft and silky and has a sweet personality. Friendly and affectionate, she loves to be picked up and petted.



>>Mimi is a 10-month-old smooth fox terrier mix who's good on her leash, quiet and well behaved. She likes people, cats and other dogs.



>>Scooby is an alert and friendly 1-year-old Australian terrier mix who weighs about 16 pounds.

To adopt or foster a pet

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

disappointment when these favorite toys go up, reward him with a treat afterward or give him another favorite toy, like a catnip mouse.

The word "toy" just doesn't seem to cover how important these items are to our pets, especially an indoor cat. Indulge your pet with the gift of play, and you'll both be happier for it. ■

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“When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like a flash, tore open the shutters and threw up the sash. The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow gave the luster of mid-day to objects below. When, what to my wondering eyes should appear but a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer.”

— Clement Clarke Moore/
Henry Livingston,
“The Night Before Christmas”

“Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake?”

— Matthew 7: 9

“Knock and the door will be opened to you.”

— Matthew 7:7

“You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is an ocean: If a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty The difference between what we do and what we are capable of doing would suffice to solve most of the world’s problem ... If I had no sense of

humor, I would long ago have committed suicide.”

— Mahatma Gandhi

This is the way I heard it: Someone was saying that she had never met a perfect person.

But in my experience, I have never met anyone who wasn’t absolutely perfect.

Now that doesn’t mean that everyone pleases me or fits me or understands me. Or that anyone does any of this in any moment. But all that is clearly essentially irrelevant.

Imagine: Here I am in a cheap motel room. The kind where your feet kind of

stick to the floor in the morning. But I am just passing through, you see. And in the night a scuffling in the hallway, outside, breaks into the paradigm of my dreaming world. And I run to the scratched peep hole, screwed into the flimsy door to bequeath an illusion of safety. And I look.

The hallway doesn’t emerge with this look, but merely the darkness. But in that darkness the fear of the not knowing twists and turns and morphs into story after story.

Why not just open the door?

The possibility of opening is our perfection, moment after moment.

But there are show stoppers. Life ends. There are weapons of mass destruction available in the look.

And in the pawn shop. And in the stories we tell about all of it.

And in the slaughtered children who never have the chance to wake up.

Because it is a perfect world, we must guard this treasure. Not by hoarding, but by giving it away, over and over again. And by allowing others to give it, too.

If you knew that you could be the mirror that reflects the perfection of all this and that, to what lengths would you go to become such a reflector? Would you hold back anything? Would your heart-pour out like a fountain, good to the last drop?

I have heard it said that we can do this. That we can know the perfection that hides in the stories we tell of murder and rape and ignorance and walls that sepa-

rate us into little islands of fear.

Look: Let’s get real. Can such a mirror stand up to the blow of an assault rifle?

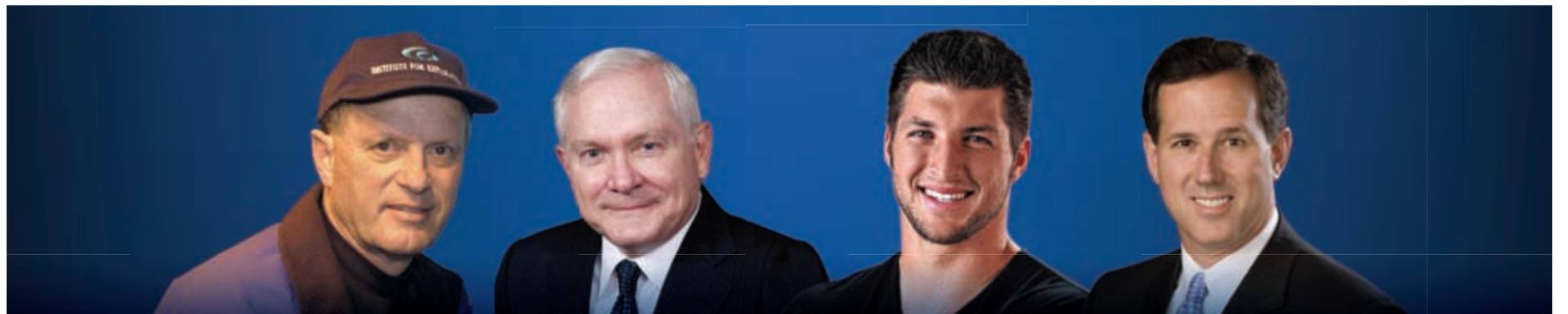
“Be the change you want to see in the world.”

After four days of self-imposed silence on the shooting that killed 26 people inside a Newtown, Conn., elementary school, the nation’s largest gun rights lobby emerged:

“The National Rifle Association of America is made up of 4 million moms and dads, sons and daughters, and we were shocked, saddened and heartbroken by the news of the horrific and senseless murders in Newtown,” the organization said in a statement. “The NRA is prepared to offer meaningful contributions to help make sure this never happens again.”

In all, the NRA spent at least \$24 million this election cycle — \$16.8 million through its political action committee and nearly \$7.5 million through its affiliated Institute for Legislative Action. — “NRA promises to prevent school shootings,” 12/19/12, Philip Elliott, AP ■

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



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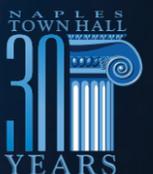
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"If getting the word out about Don's success this year will inspire another business to do something for the less fortunate, then I want to shout it from the rooftops!"

— Sgt. Ken Fagan of the Salvation Army



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Filling the kettles

Local businesses push to help those in need

BY GLENN MILLER

Florida Weekly Correspondent

Don Corder's new business idea offers little to do with profit. The owner of Coastal Landscape Supply of Bonita would like to see businesses compete during the holiday season to help the Salvation Army and other charities.

A few weeks ago Mr. Corder, certainly no Ebenezer Scrooge, came up with a way to help those in need.

"A last-minute thing," Mr. Corder says.

His idea was to donate bicycles and scooters to children who needed Christmas cheer. He wasn't sure initially what agency or organization to contact, but then thought of the Salvation Army.

He also contacted his customers by inserting fliers into their bills asking them to donate \$50 and telling them that Coastal Landscape Supply would match every gift with a bicycle or scooter. Customers and the company combined to donate 96 bikes and 66 scooters.

Now, Mr. Corder hopes other businesses will try to outdo Coastal Landscape in the future.

"Maybe we will turn it into a competition," he says.

That would be fine with Sgt. Ken

Fagan of the Salvation Army.

"We couldn't do it without partners like Coastal Landscape Supply," Sgt. Fagan says.

Although the economy has perked up in recent years, there are still plenty of people in need, according to Sgt. Fagan and others with the Salvation Army.

Chris Nind, director of development and community relations with the Salvation Army of Naples, says red kettle donations are down this year in Collier County.

In 2011, the Salvation Army raised a record \$350,000 in Collier County kettles.

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Atlantic, April 23, 2012, "53 percent of college grads are jobless or underemployed - how?"

Given those dismal employment prospects, the cost of "investing" in a college education is center stage. What are those costs? Well, there are the published costs, the true costs and the costs applicable to each student, and you can drive a truck through them. There are also the costs of private versus public universities and in-state versus out-of-state. Again, get out the truck.

The College Board reports the following average, annual, tuition-only costs: for a private four-year college (where in-state or out-of-state mostly does not matter), the cost is \$28,500 and, for a four-year public university for out-of-state students, the cost is \$20,700. No wonder in-state students flock to their state's public university, where the average annual cost is only \$8,240!

However, the cost debate extends to what are the true, average annual costs of college, as many students actually pay much less than the published tuition prices. "(The) net price for a college is the full cost of attendance minus your gift aid. Gift aid includes grants and scholarships but not loans or money earned through a work-study job." (The College Board) So, depending upon the student's personal and parental income and other circumstances, there really is price discrimination.

Are the published numbers akin to a car sticker's retail price ... a price that no one ever pays? Not really, as the parents of the wealthy (i.e., those whose incomes are deemed so substantial that their child does

not qualify for aid) are paying full price ... and that is often to the tune of \$35,000 to \$55,000 per year in tuition. In essence, the full-price payers are subsidizing part of the cost for the other students.

But even if middle-income (and clearly low-income) students are paying less than full fare, they are still paying a heck of a lot more than 30 years ago.

"Published tuition and fees at colleges have risen three times faster than the rate of Consumer Price Index inflation since 1978," reports the Bureau of Labor Statistics. To this end, even if students are paying less than full published fare, the dollar amount that they pay is likely close to three times what was paid in 1978.

The complexity of figuring true cost becomes further compounded when considering that only 56 percent of four year college program students will graduate in four years; the others take less-efficient paths that most likely are much more costly. ("Pathways to Prosperity," Harvard Graduate School of Education, 2011.)

Costs will continue to rise, especially at private institutions but also at public universities, as there is no reason to believe that there will be a reversal of a deeply entrenched 30-year trend.

The job search for recent college grads younger than 25 will remain daunting. Globalization will continue to take more U.S. professional jobs overseas, even jobs that years ago most would have never fathomed would depart our shores: engineers, economists, chemists, marketing executives, bankers, etc. The U.S. might likely continue in sub par recovery growth rates in U.S. GDP ... inferring fewer new jobs created.

There will be a continued emphasis on tech skills for all college graduates, even those who graduate in the humanities. Entry positions are requiring Excel database knowledge, networking configurations, a high words-per-minute keyboard entry, programming, etc.

It will become increasingly commonplace for those with an entrepreneurial spirit, combined with a high level of tech skills, to drop out of college to pursue their start-up dreams, snubbing group think and embracing the high-risk start up at a very young age.

Websites such as Coursera, Venture Lab, Udacity and Academic Earth will abound and further that out-of-the-college-box thinking. Some websites, such as Uncollege, will be dedicated to the "social movement designed to help you hack your education. This manifesto will show you how to gain the passion, hustle, and contrarianism requisite for success — all without setting foot inside a classroom." It will offer alternative ways to develop skills and some technical certifications will increasingly be an attractive economic option for those seeking a stronger cost/value proposition.

Bottom line: The investment argument for the college degree, though still intact, is becoming less compelling. It certainly becomes worthy of meaningful parental and college applicant discussion. ■

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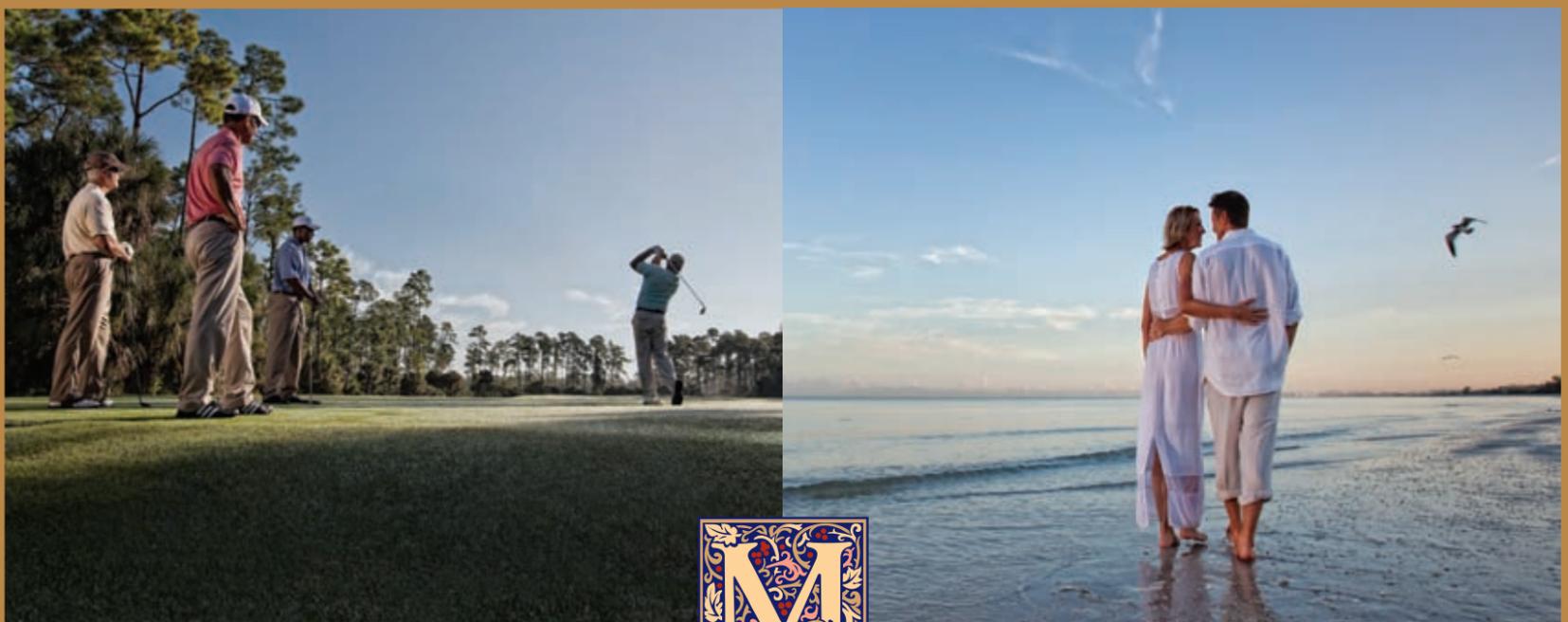
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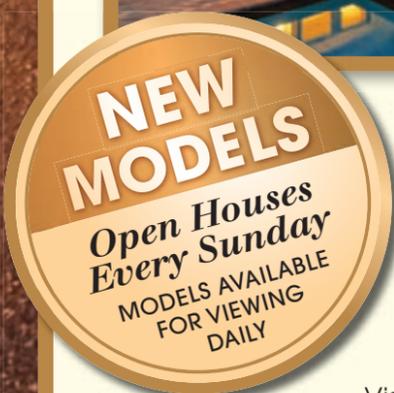
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SCHNEIDER

The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club has received the Platinum Choice Award for 2012 from Smart Meetings magazine.

Banking

Aliette Pettay has been promoted to senior vice president-retail banking administration for First National Bank of the Gulf Coast. Based out of the bank's Naples headquarters, she oversees all functions of the Gulf Coast branches, from staffing to product implementation. She has worked in the banking industry in Collier County for more than 30 years, including 15 years with First National Bank of Florida.

Board Appointments

The Fifth Avenue South Business Improvement District has appointed the following new board members: **Jim Smith** and **Rod Castan**, Fifth Avenue South property owners; and **Tom Graney** of Fidelity Investments, a Fifth Avenue South tenant. They join board members **Lou Vlasho**, **Skip Quillen** and **Phil McCabe**.

Darren Robertshaw, vice president of hospitality for the Trianon Hotel Company, has been elected president of the board of directors for the Collier County Lodging & Tourism Alliance for 2013. He has more than 20 years of hospitality industry experience and has been with Trianon Hotel Company since 1997.

Other CCLTA board members for the coming year are: vice president, **Joseph DiNunzio**, managing partner, Gulfcoast Inn Naples; secretary/treasurer, **Thomas White**, managing partner, White's Lodging LLC; past president, **Clark Hill**, general manager, the Hilton Naples and Shula's Steak House.

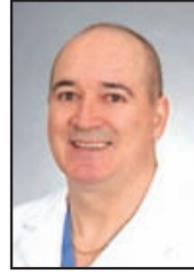
Directors are: **Lisa Boet**, Chez Boet French Home Cooking; **Elaine Hamilton**, United Arts Council of Collier County; **Mac Chaudhry**, general manager, the Hilton Marco Island Beach Resort & Spa; **Rick Medwedeff**, general manager, the Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort & Spa; **Jon McGaunn**, hotel manager, The Ritz-Carlton, Naples; **Hunter Hansen**, managing director, the Waldorf Astoria Naples and the Edgewater Beach Hotel; and

Randy Smith, CEO, Naples Transportation, Tours & Event Planning.

Taresa Spiroff, owner and founder of CleanNaples, has been named president of her Business Networking International chapter.

Health & Fitness

Dr. Diego Adarve has joined the medical staff at Family Foot and Leg Center and will work in the podiatry practice's East Naples office. A graduate of Barry University in Miami and the University of Honduras, Dr. Adarve completed a three-year podiatric surgery residency at Jackson South Community Hospital. He is on staff at NCH and Physicians Regional hospitals.



ADARVE

Laurie Orlando, LMT, has joined the staff at Bala Vinyasa Yoga in Naples. She works from a base of therapeutic massage that includes elements of deep tissue, neuromuscular therapy; myofascial release; trigger point therapy and sports massage, along with relaxation. She earned certification in massage therapy from the Institute for Therapeutic Massage and is working toward a degree in occupational therapy.

Interior Design

Jeanette Dera has joined the design team at Clive Daniel Home. An instructor at the Institute of Interior Design at Southwest Florida College, Ms. Dera holds a bachelor's degree from the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale and is working toward a master's degree in design management and multi-media from Miami International University of Art & Design. A native Neapolitan, she volunteers for Habitat for Humanity and for the Collier County Supervisor of Elections Office as a primary translator for the Haitian-Creole speaking community.



DERA

Collins & DuPont Interior Design recently celebrated its 25th year in business.

Law

Tax attorney **Cynthia Carlson** has been named a shareholder in the Naples office of Akerman Senterfitt Attorneys at Law.



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KETTLES

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In 2010, just a bit more than \$300,000 was raised. As of the middle of last week, the total was about \$250,000, according to Mr. Nind.

Although unemployment has dipped, the numbers of those in need in Collier County haven't, according to Mr. Nind.

"Those numbers have remained the same," Mr. Nind says.

It's not only the amount of money donated that is down this year.

"We've seen a reduction in the number of toys donated," Mr. Nind says.

The need remains strong in Lee County as well, according to Sarah Clarke, Lee County spokeswoman for the Salvation Army.

"That has increased significantly," Ms. Clarke says.

Many businesses have stepped up throughout Southwest Florida over the years. In 2011, for example, the Fuccillo Automotive Group donated \$100,000 in matching funds to help the Lee County chapter reach its goal of \$600,000. The company is best known locally for Fuccillo Kia of Cape Coral and its colorful owner, Billy Fuccillo and his commercials.

In 2011, Mr. Fuccillo's generosity spurred other business owners.

"That inspired others to give," Ms. Clarke says.

As the kettle drive wound down to its conclusion on Christmas Eve, Ms. Clarke was hoping folks would not breeze past the drums placed in front of grocery stores. A dollar or two here and there means something.

"It all adds up," she says.

The money raised locally remains local. "All of our funds raised in Collier County are distributed in Collier County," Mr. Nind says.

Mr. Corder says he felt the Salvation Army was the right group for his idea and all those bicycles and scooters.

"I was real comfortable they were in the right hands," he says.

Now, the bicycles and scooters are in different hands, those of children.

But Mr. Corder isn't done. Not by a long shot. The idea of distributing bikes and scooters to the needy isn't going to be a one-and-done thing, he hopes.

He wants to make the giveaway a Bonita Springs holiday tradition. Next year, he says, he hopes to donate 500 bicycles and tricycles.

Mr. Corder hopes other businesses, instead of competing with him for customers and profits next year, will compete to see who can donate the most bicycles and scooters.

Coastal Landscape Supply's holiday cheer program had at least one unforeseen benefit.

"My employees have definitely learned a new trade," Mr. Corder says in a Salvation Army news release. "How to assemble bikes!"

Mr. Corder's program led Sgt. Fagan to say this in the same news release:

"If getting the word out about Don's success this year will inspire another business to do something for the less fortunate, then I want to shout it from the rooftops!" ■



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Naples resident Patrick Dearborn and his son Cooper have manned a red kettle every year for six years.

More than 100 bikes and scooters were collected by Coastal Landscape Supply for The Salvation Army.



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- "The Intelligent Investor" by Benjamin Graham (Collins Business, \$23). Warren Buffett believes this book is "by far the best book about investing ever written," and few value-oriented investors would disagree. Graham's goal is to lay out a "positive program for common-stock investment," which he does in this comprehensive text. Chapter 20, titled "Margin of Safety" as the Central Concept

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- "Buffett: The Making of an American Capitalist" by Roger Lowenstein (Random House, \$19). All investors need a well-read biography of Warren Buffett on their shelves. This may be the best.

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We'll offer a few more great investing books next week. ■

My Dumbest Investment

Learning When to Sell

My dumbest investment was stock in Rainforest Cafe, which I held and held. Learning when to sell, or, rather, admitting a mistake, is hard. The dream is now a nightmare. I'm older and, I hope, wiser now.

— J.H., online

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Selling and buying frequently can generate a lot of commission costs, though, and can result in short-term gains, which are taxed at a higher rate than long-term gains. Never hold on to a loser just because you have a remote hope that you'll make your money back. Move the money into something you have more faith in, and make the money back there. Invest only in your best ideas.

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Business Models

Q What is a "business model"?
— L.D., Springfield, Mo.

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Silver Wheaton, a successful silver-focused company, makes much of its money by financing other silver companies — in exchange for the right to buy some of the silver they produce at favorable prices. That business model is far less capital-intensive, as it doesn't involve lots of mining labor and equipment. It reduces risk, too.

Somewhat similarly, eBay (a Motley Fool Stock Advisor pick) is a marketplace without expensive stores, inventory or cashiers.

When evaluating a company, assess how attractive and profitable its business model is. Will it permit the firm to grow quickly and to fend off competition? Is it expensive to maintain?

Q If my stock splits 2-for-1, what happens to my cost basis?
— R.Z., Houston

A Your basis splits 2-for-1 along with the stock. Imagine that you bought 100 shares of Meteorite Insurance (ticker: HEDSUP) for \$60 each, paying a \$10 commission. Your cost basis is \$6,010 — or \$60.10 per share. After the split, you have 200 shares and your basis is still \$6,010, or \$30.05 per share.

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Name That Company

I trace my history back to 1877, when a four-page, 3-cent newspaper was published in our nation's capital. Today I'm a major media company, owning my flagship paper, six television stations, a cable TV system and much more. My properties include the Kaplan test-prep and education service, the Facebook advertising agency SocialCode, Slate.com, TheRoot.com, Cable ONE and Newsweek (which is going out of print, but remaining online). In 1933 I was bought at a bankruptcy auction. Richard Nixon didn't love me or my



publisher, Katharine Graham (whose terrific memoir, "Personal History," won a Pulitzer Prize). Who am I?

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Intel Inside ... Your Portfolio?

Shares of microchip giant Intel (Nasdaq: INTC) have fallen quite a bit over the past year, presenting a nice opportunity for investors.

What's going on? Well, some worry that the market for PC systems is shrinking, that Intel has failed to stake a serious claim on the mobile computing market that's replacing PCs, and that Apple is considering ditching Intel's chips in many of its machines.

The risks facing Intel are substantial, but with or without direct involvement in tablets and smartphones, those mobile gadgets will always need to be fed data from large server systems — which happens to be Intel's bread and butter. The rumors of Intel's death are hugely exaggerated.

With a P/E ratio recently below 9, the stock is ridiculously undervalued when you consider Intel's fortress-like market presence. On top of that, Intel has a tendency to buy back a ton of shares when the stock gets crazy cheap. There's a \$6.3 billion buyback authorization on the table today, and the board of directors would be happy to expand it as necessary. That's the kind of opportunistic buyback that creates shareholder value rather than destroying it, and a serious rocket booster for long-term share prices.

Meanwhile, the stock offers a fat dividend yield above 4 percent. (The Motley Fool owns shares of Intel and Apple, and its newsletters have recommended both.) ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

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

- The **Women's Network of Collier County** meets 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 Jan. 8. Sign up at www.wnocc.org.

- The first **Wake Up Naples** of the

New Year for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, at the Hilton Naples. Guest speaker will be Elaine Reed, executive director of the Naples Historical Society. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.

- The **Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** holds its next Business After Hours from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, at chamber headquarters, 25071 Chamber of Commerce Drive, Bonita Springs. The evening's hosts are the Law Offices of John D. Spear, Alessi Family Care, PA, and Weibel, Hennells

and Carufe, PLLC. Sign up at www.bonitaspringschamber.com. Non-members who would like information about attending as a guest should e-mail Debbie@bonitaspringschamber.com.

- The **Council of Hispanic Business Professionals** invites members and guests to a networking event from 4:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, at Grace Place for Families & Children, 4300 21st Ave. S.W., Naples. Tours of the facility will begin every 30 minutes. For reservations or more information, e-mail Carlos Amaris at webmaster@chbpnaples.org.

- The **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** holds its next Business After 5 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, at The von Liebig Art Center. Cost is \$8 for members in advance, \$15 at the doors. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.

- The **East Naples Merchants Association** will host the East Naples Expo & Taste of the Expo from 2-6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, at Edison State College. Admission will be \$5 in advance, \$10 at the door. Purchase in advance at www.ticketderby.com. For information about being an exhibitor, call Shirley Calhoun at 435-9410 or Natalie Anguilano at 643-3600. ■

NETWORKING

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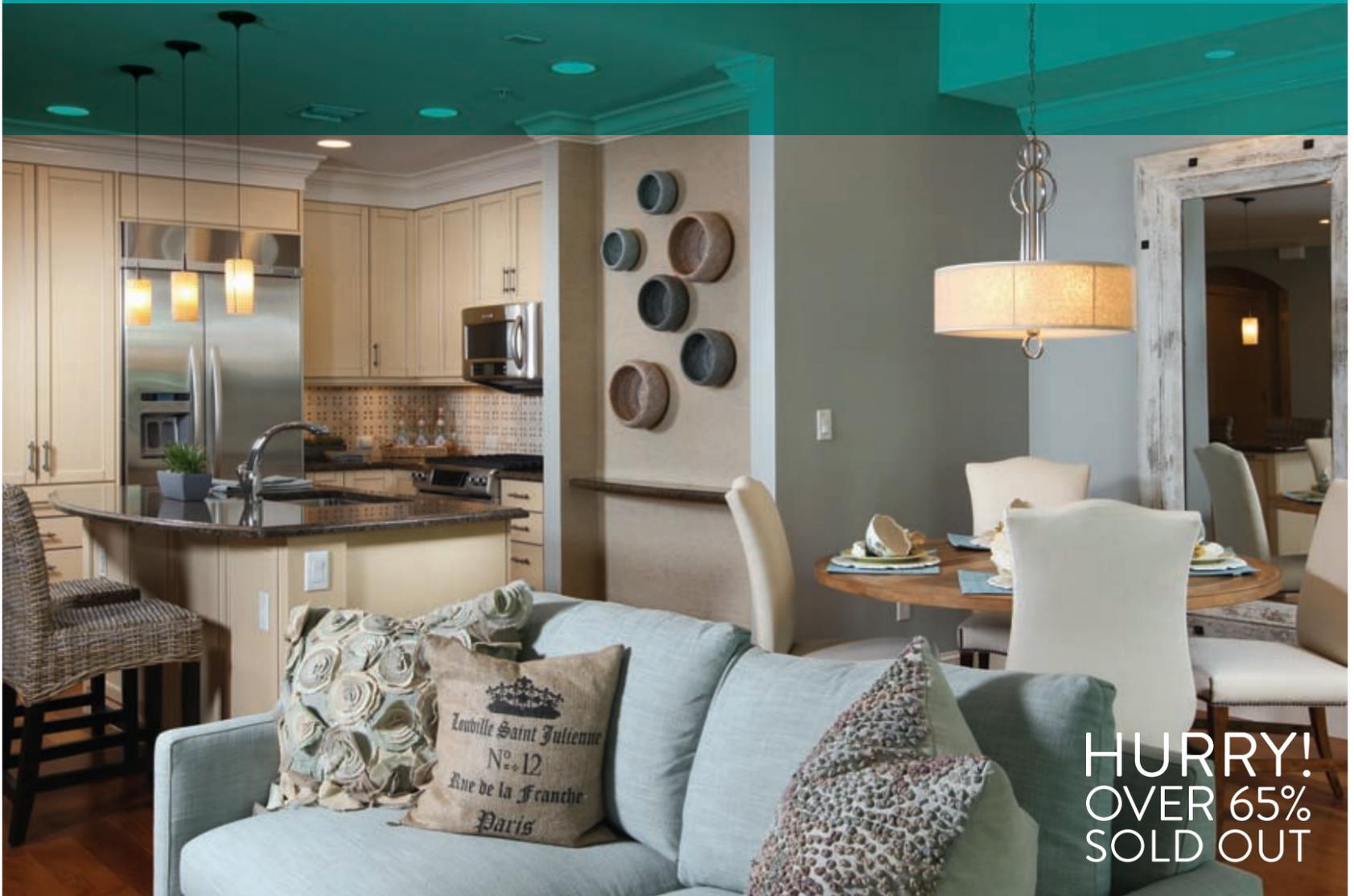
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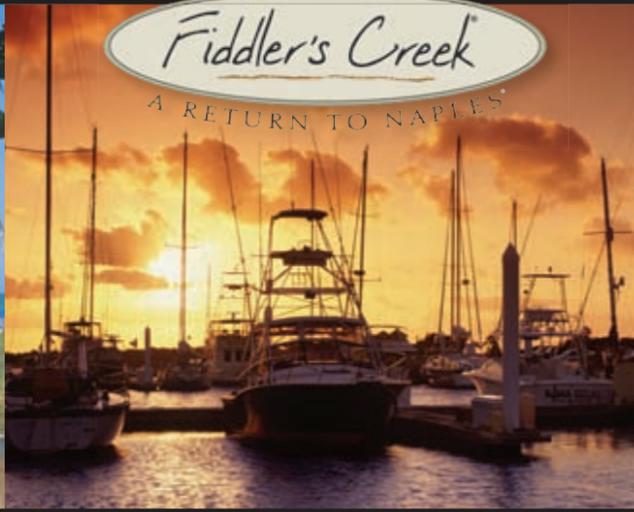


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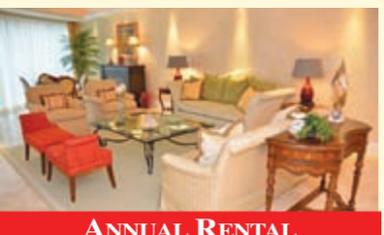
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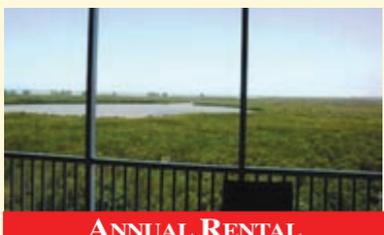
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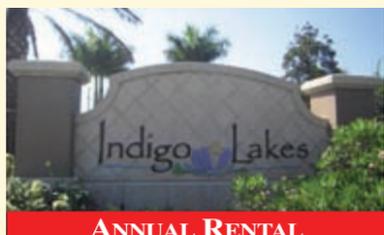
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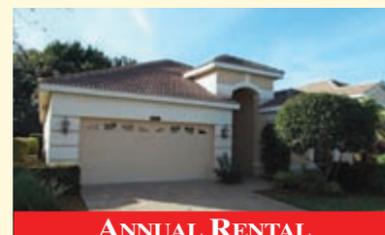
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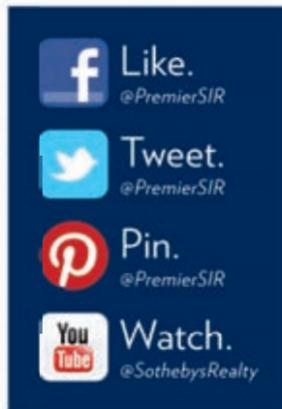


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Rick Marquardt 239.289.4158
premierstir.com/id/211520623 \$8,495,000



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Michael G. Lawler 239.261.3939
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3630 Rum Row
Karen Van Arsdale 239.860.0894
premierstir.com/id/212022580 \$6,950,000



3999 Rum Row
Karen Van Arsdale 239.860.0894
premierstir.com/id/211007161 \$6,350,000



1230 Galleon Drive
Pat Duggan/Rhonda Dowdy 239.216.1980
premierstir.com/id/212036866 \$4,700,000



59 Cove Lane
Cindy Thompson 239.860.6513
premierstir.com/id/212015773 \$575,000

Old Naples | Aqualane Shores

Vintage cottages, contemporary mid-rises and majestic manors are interwoven among lush, mature flora in Old Naples. Just south is the community of Aqualane Shores with waterfront estates on deepwater canals that overlook Naples Bay.



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premierstir.com/id/211523624 \$10,500,000



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251 Aqua Court
Vickie Larscheid 239.250.5041
premierstir.com/id/21203667854,250,000



OLD NAPLES
605 Palm Circle East
Marty/Debbi McDermott 239.564.4231
premierstir.com/id/212016433 \$3,775,000



OLD NAPLES
175 3rd Street South
Celine Julie Godof 239.404.9917
premierstir.com/id/211505401 \$3,450,000



OLD NAPLES
391 4th Avenue South
Mary Catherine White 239.287.2818
premierstir.com/id/212033230 \$2,599,000



OLD NAPLES
475 10th Avenue South
Beth McNichols 239.821.3304
premierstir.com/id/212012294 \$1,148,000



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Victor Del Rey #206
Michael G. Lawler 239.261.3939
premierstir.com/id/211516783 \$895,000



ROYAL HARBOR
1840 Kingfish Road
Larry Roorda 239.860.2534
premierstir.com/id/212033738 \$880,000



OLD NAPLES
740 5th Avenue North
Marty/Debbi McDermott 239.564.4231
premierstir.com/id/212038568 \$799,995



OLD NAPLES
St. Charles #201N
Marty/Debbi McDermott 239.564.4231
premierstir.com/id/211509411 \$729,000



OLD NAPLES
Parkside #B
Richard/Susie Culp 239.290.2200
premierstir.com/id/211517878 \$539,000



OLD NAPLES
Bay Terrace #4-D
Ted Dudley 239.434.2424
premierstir.com/id/212030547 \$475,000



ROYAL HARBOR
Oyster Bay - Four Winds #D-34
Kathy Morris 239.777.8654
premierstir.com/id/212039139 \$449,500



ROYAL HARBOR
Naples Bay Resort #336
Ryan Batey 239.287.9159
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OLD NAPLES
464 Broad Avenue South
Tess/McCarthy 239.207.0118
premierstir.com/id/212036293 \$239,000



OLD NAPLES
Village Green - Ixora Court #582
Susan R. Payne 239.777.7209
premierstir.com/id/212030316 \$229,000



OLD NAPLES
Beaumer #305
Sue Black 239.250.5611
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Coquina Sands | The Moorings

These quiet, tree-shaded neighborhoods are a mix of single-family homes and condominiums; some enjoy water-front access on Moorings Bay, Compass Cove, Venetian Bay and Hurricane Harbor. The Moorings has a private golf and country club.



MOORINGS
2571 Windward Way
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premierstir.com/id/WIND0713211-HE \$5,900,000



COQUINA SANDS
1756 Gulf Shore Blvd. North
Tom Gasbarro 239.963.4242
premierstir.com/id/21203078352,850,000



COQUINA SANDS
1720 Gulf Shore Blvd. North
Tom Gasbarro 239.963.4242
premierstir.com/id/21203078352,850,000



MOORINGS
365 Windward Way
Michael G. Lawler 239.261.3939
premierstir.com/id/210030300 \$2,695,000



MOORINGS
515 Starboard Drive
Carolyn Weinand 239.269.5678
premierstir.com/id/211001397 \$2,350,000



COQUINA SANDS
Charleston Square #302
Lodge McKee 239.261.0053
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MOORINGS
Westgate #S3N
Jennifer/Dave Urness 239.273.7731
premierstir.com/id/212011868 \$1,360,000



MOORINGS
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Michael G. Lawler 239.261.3939
premierstir.com/id/212013616 \$1,250,000



MOORINGS
Commodore Club #603
Robin/Tim Weidle 239.370.5515
premierstir.com/id/212012703 \$899,000



MOORINGS
Breakers #408
Vickie Larscheid 239.250.5041
premierstir.com/id/212031703 \$699,000



MOORINGS
Carriage Club #64
Lori Pheasant 239.289.5720
premierstir.com/id/212012341 \$690,000



MOORINGS
Moorings Bay Apartments #108C
Larry Roorda 239.860.2534
premierstir.com/id/212035483 \$259,000

Pelican Bay

Pelican Bay is home to many distinctive neighborhoods, comprised of majestic single-family estate homes, towering high-rises and a wide spectrum of coach homes and villa enclaves. It's set amidst hundreds of acres of natural habitat, with large lakes and preserves. Discover all of Naples' finest amenities here. Private golf and club memberships.



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premierair.com/212026616 \$4,995,000



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Sharon Kiptyk 239.777.3899
premierair.com/212000248 \$2,495,000



6974 Green Tree Drive
Jane Darling 239.290.3112
premierair.com/212024579 \$2,350,000



Cap Ferrat #1905
John Hamilton 239.641.3270
premierair.com/211516118 \$1,895,000



St. Raphael #1007
Jean Tarkenton 239.595.0544
premierair.com/212036697 \$1,345,000



Marbella #506
John Hamilton 239.641.3270
premierair.com/212012452 \$1,295,000



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Ruth Trettis 239.403.4529
premierair.com/212024229 \$1,095,000



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Marlene Suarez 239.290.0585
premierair.com/212022034 \$1,085,000



Claridge #1-F
Polly Himmel 239.290.3910
premierair.com/212009513 \$999,000



588 Tierra Mar Lane
Sue Black 239.250.5611
premierair.com/212033406 \$995,000



L'Ambiance #201
Ellen Egglund 239.571.7192
premierair.com/212015587 \$895,000



Marbella #201
John Hamilton 239.641.3270
premierair.com/211519557 \$675,000



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Linda Perry/Judy Perry 239.404.7052
premierair.com/212021521 \$579,500



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Jeannie McGearthy 239.248.4333
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Fahada Saad 239.595.8500
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Pelican Marsh

Pelican Marsh is located in North Naples, 1.5 miles from some of the finest beaches on Florida's West coast. Inside this exclusive, guard-gated community, enjoy tennis, fitness, spa facilities and more. Sophisticated shopping and dining are just blocks away at Mercato. Or, take in a show at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts.



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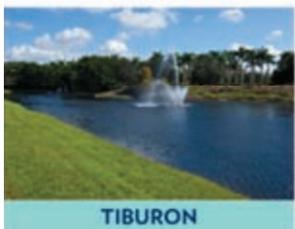
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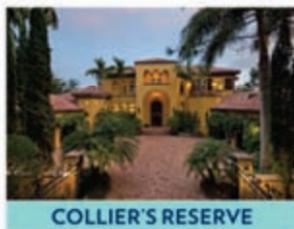
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North Naples

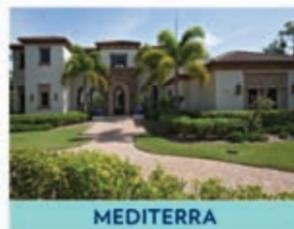
North Naples boasts beautiful beaches, fine dining, shopping and essential businesses. Single-family homes, villas and towering high-rises dot the landscape. Public and private golf courses, water sports, tennis and more.



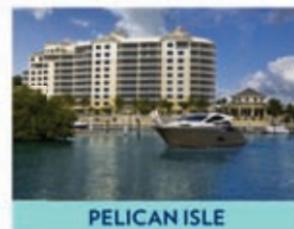
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2558 Escada Court
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12290 Colliers Reserve Drive
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premierair.com/212010247 \$1,850,000



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Julie Rembos 239.595.1809
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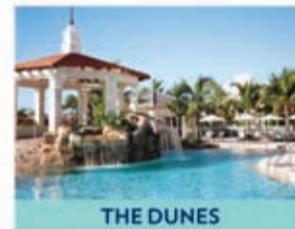
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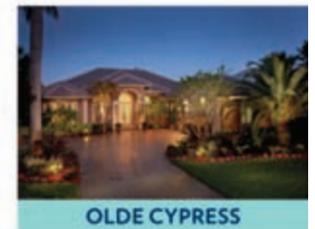
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premierair.com/212011540 \$660,000



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premierair.com/211520612 \$499,000



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303 Turtle Hatch Road
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Le Ciel Park Tower #1501
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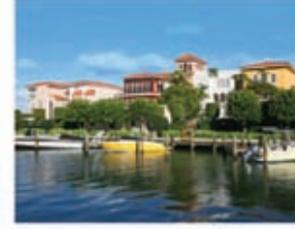
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Le Ciel Venetian Tower #1503
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premiersir.com/id/212005253 \$1,495,000



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premiersir.com/id/212039222 \$995,000



Tropics #231
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premiersir.com/id/212036333 \$950,000



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premiersir.com/id/212015448 \$895,000



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Marlene Suarez 239.290.0585
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Polly Himmel 239.290.3910
premiersir.com/id/212026360 \$799,000



Terraces #1701
Fred Alter 239.269.4123
premiersir.com/id/212036437 \$789,000



Venetian Cove Club #401
Pat Duggan/Rhonda Dowdy 239.216.1980
premiersir.com/id/212032739 \$635,000



Solamar #706
Pat Duggan/Rhonda Dowdy 239.216.1980
premiersir.com/id/212032635 \$550,000



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Linda Perry/Judy Perry 239.404.7052
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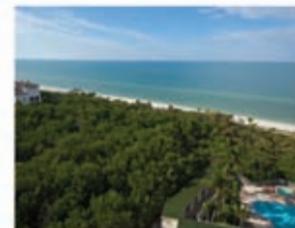
Trieste #1401
Amy Becker/Leah Ritchey 239.272.3229
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Leah Ritchey/Amy Becker 239.289.0433
premiersir.com/id/212031910 \$2,695,000



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Salerno #803
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Toscana #1503
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Grey Oaks' 54 holes of award-winning golf serve as the centerpiece in this heart-of-Naples community interspersed with luxurious single-family estate homes of a grand scale.



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premiersir.com/id/212026672 \$4,495,000



1331 Noble Heron Way
Lynn Anderson 239.290.6674
premiersir.com/id/212034983 \$1,800,000



1580 Marsh Wren Lane
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premiersir.com/id/212028314 \$1,595,000



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Beth McNichols 239.821.3304
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106 Eugenia Drive
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5865 Rolling Pines Drive
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premierair.com/id/212027348 \$749,000



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Nevis #1203
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LEMURIA

Lemuria #904
Tom Gasbarro 239.404.4883
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910 Wyndemere Way
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WYNDEMERE

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premierair.com/id/211517179 \$349,000



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THE STRAND

Grande Reserve #802
Sandra McCarthy-Meeks 239.287.7921
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EAGLE CREEK

Eagle Creek #202
Michelle L. Thomas 239.860.7176
premierair.com/id/212035656 \$205,000



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Misty Pines #C102
Fahada Saad 239.595.8500
premierair.com/id/212029557 \$199,900



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36 Water Oaks Way
Kathryn Hurvitz 239.659.5126
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Wilderness Country Club VII #256
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Vanderbilt Beach

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Beth McNichols 239.821.3304
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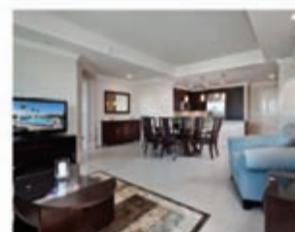
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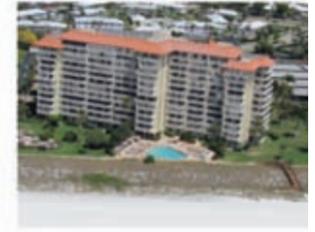
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VILLAGE WALK



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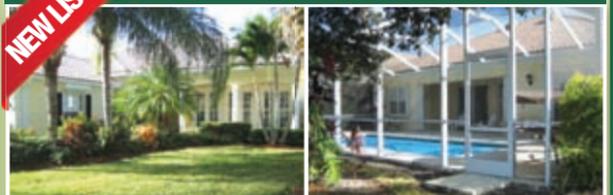
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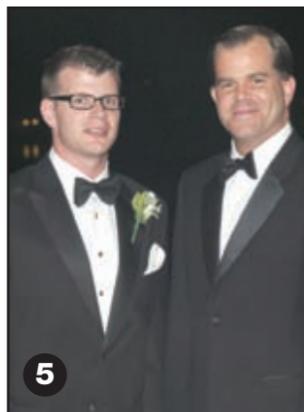
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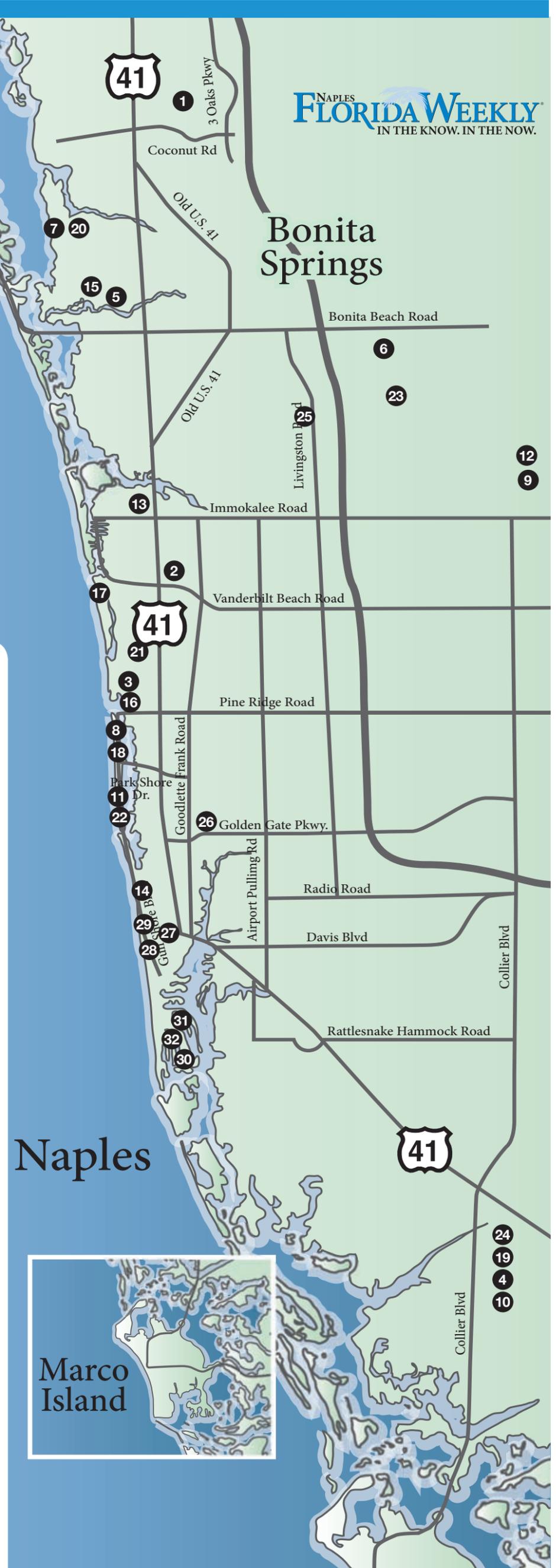
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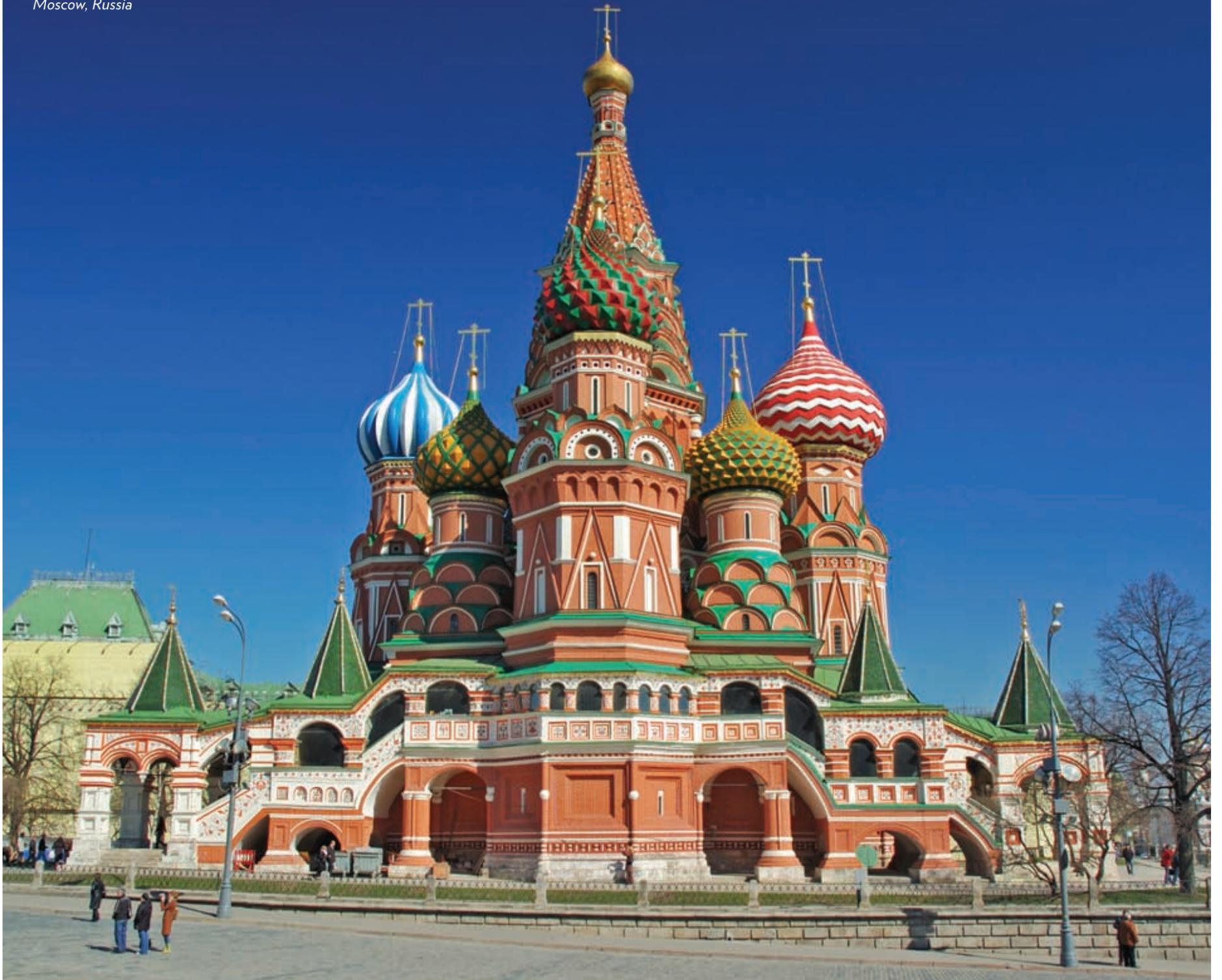
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‘It’s just a tutu’

Traveling tulle is self-portrait photographer’s single prop



BY NANCY STETSON

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BOB CAREY HAS NEVER BEEN TO THE ballet, except for maybe the time he watched his niece dance in “The Nutcracker.”

Yet he owns a pink tulle tutu that he wears pretty regularly, usually outdoors.

His stepmother made the first one, which he eventually lost, then he and his sister made a replacement.

Now he’s worn that one out and needs a third.

“I pulled it out of my backpack and it started disintegrating,” he says. “I don’t know if (it happened because) I went into the water. I go into pools, the ocean (wearing it). Or maybe it

SEE TUTU, C4 ►

Above: A detail from “Snow” Brooklyn, N.Y., 2003

Top: “Restroom” Santa Fe, N.M., 2009

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Stellar wine experiences highlight festival auction lots

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What we talk about when we talk about settling



ful, chic in the way of women who live in big cities. I've never seen her without high heels or a great haircut.

Yet for all her external put-togetherness, Susie's personal life is turmoil. She thrives on the uncertainty of clandestine affairs, is addicted to the angst

sage, Susie might be reconsidering.

As it turns out, the last holdout in her group of friends, a young woman who got married last summer, just found out she's pregnant. And though Susie is happy for her friend, her message to me was wistful, as if she's just now realized

and security, something that life promises. Why else would we trade in the impossible highs and lows of the single life? Why else would we make all the compromises stability demands — the hot rod for the minivan, the Broadway dreams for the mop bucket? Being settled always has an element of settling.

I recently had dinner with a group of female friends, women who are older than I am, who were all married at one time and now have grown children. We hadn't seen each other for a long while, and when they asked for an update on my love life, I told them sheepishly that I planned to move in with the man I've been dating, a move that will mean a new city, new friends and a new life centered around him and our relationship.

From these women I expected the sort of grilling I usually receive from my friends my age, friends such as Susie, women who are as uncertain about their futures as I am. But instead, there was a collective gasp, a delighted sound from each of them.

"Congratulations," they said, one after the other.

Where was the doubt? The uncertainty? Maybe it had disappeared long ago, in the quiet joy of living the settled life. ■

At the nail salon a few weeks ago, I picked up a magazine to find an unexpected article — a four-page spread on how one of the wildest women in music, singer/songwriter Pink, is finally settling down. The 33-year old had reconnected with her on-again, off-again husband and given birth to a baby girl. It seemed as if the one-time troublemaker was finally done with her bad behavior. And though it was irrational — because, let's be honest, bad behavior rarely stays in the past — I breathed a sigh of relief for her. Thank God, I thought.

Strange, because I'm often the one advocating the unsettled life. It seems to me that the weights of the normal way — marriage and children, mortgages and car payments — more often than not lead to the demise of love.

But this week I received an e-mail from my glamorous friend Susie, a woman who has been single as long as I've known her. Susie is tall and beauti-

of complicated relationships and is the one woman I know who I can point to and say confidently, "She's never settling down."

But from the tone of her latest mes-

she might be missing out.

Why this change? My sense is that we — not just Susie, but all of us — are hardwired to seek out the settled life. We instinctually yearn for safety



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WINE

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emotional and educational lives of underprivileged and at-risk children in Collier County.

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Lede’s Porsche 911 convertible for one month. The winning bidder will also enjoy dinner hosted by Mr. Lede at his art-filled residence, with wines from his personal wine cellar; 30 bottles of famed Napa Valley wine selected by the vineyard’s master sommelier Jennifer Huether; dinner at The French Laundry with wine pairings by the sommelier; private cooking class with Cindy Pawl-cyn of Mustards and Cindy’s Backstreet Kitchen; and four private tours and tastings at some of Napa’s top properties. Finally, the winning bidder will take home a selection of Cliff Lede wines.

The Argentine lot awards one couple instant ownership of 2.5 acres of O. Fournier vineyard property within the winery’s Santa Sofia Estate in Mendoza, Argentina. Included are six nights of luxury accommodations in Argentina: two nights in Buenos Aires, a night in Men-doza and three nights at the O. Fournier

guesthouse. Wine tastings, a horseback tour and Gaucho barbecue in the Andes Mountains, water rafting, golf, a wine-blending lesson and mountain biking are just some of the activities included.

Descriptions of all 65 lots will be posted soon at www.napleswinefestival.com.

About the festival

The Naples Children & Education Foundation has raised more than \$107 million at the Naples Winter Wine Festival since 2001 to create and expand charitable programs serving underprivileged and at-risk children in Collier County. As a direct result of the investments of NCEF, more than 150,000 children have had their lives improved.

The Naples Winter Wine Festival is ranked by Wine Spectator magazine as the nation’s top charity wine auction since 2004. The festival is planned and executed by NCEF trustees, foundation staff and hundreds of volunteers.



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A custom-made table by Thomas Riley Artisans’ Guild holds 65 bottles of Chateau Mouton Rothschild, one from each year 1945-2009.

Festival events span three days, beginning with Meet the Kids Day, during which guests interact with children who have benefited from festival proceeds. Guests enjoy wine tastings throughout the weekend. They also attend intimate dinners prepared by famous chefs at private homes of NCEF trustees and supporters, with wines selected and poured by renowned vintners and top sommeliers. A festival highlight takes place at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples — a founding sponsor of the festival — with a culinary showcase and live auction. A wine-down party that evening and brunch the next day bring festivities to a close.

Festival ticket packages are \$8,500 per couple; \$20,000 for reserved seating at the same vintner dinner for two couples. For a schedule of 2013 festivities and more information about the Naples Winter Wine Festival, call (888) 837-4919 or visit www.napleswinefestival.com. ■

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TUTU

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got close to heat..." He's going to have a new tutu made soon, he adds.

Ten years ago, Mr. Carey was one of several artists chosen for a Ballet Arizona pro bono fundraising project. The assignment: Depict in a photograph what ballet meant to him personally.

Never having attended the ballet, he was initially stymied.

But then his creative mind went to work.

As a photographer, he had been shooting black-and-white portraits of himself for 10 years. "Mainly portraits of my head," he says, "(where) I'm shaved and painted silver."

He'd also transform himself by wrapping fishing wire around his head.

"I had a lot of showings with that work... in a lot of galleries and museums," he says, including the Galerie Callu Merite in Paris, France.

So for the Ballet Arizona assignment, he decided to do a self-portrait. That was when he donned his first tutu — pink, because it would photograph well in black and white. The backlit portrait is of him bowing, "butt-first," as he puts it.

Eight months later, when he and his wife, Linda, moved from Arizona to Brooklyn, N.Y., Bob took the tutu with him.

The first color shot of him in a pink tutu was taken in the desert of Santa Fe, N.M., in front of a weathered, wooden barn.

He took off his shirt and pants and put on the tutu. He's solidly built and hairy, possessing more of a football player's or boxer's physique than a dancer's. He also forgot to take off his white socks for the shot, making the image even odder.

He's standing with his hands on his hips, staring at the camera.

"I look disgusted," he says.

"A big guy in a tutu is just not the norm," says Linda. "There's a disparity between how he looks and what he's wearing. There are male ballet dancers, but none of them look like Bob! He's a very unique individual."

The Careys settled into life in New York, where Bob works as a commercial photographer specializing in portraiture. He's done advertising work for companies such as Lexus, Honeywell, MasterCard and Petsmart, and editorial work for ForbesLife and Men's Health magazines.

He continued taking shots of himself wearing the tutu, including pictures at Coney Island that capture him mid-leap on the boardwalk and that show him sitting, head in hands, on a bench in front of a parking lot full of yellow school buses.

Several months after they had settled in New York, Linda was diagnosed with breast cancer.

"It's the most aggressive cancer," Bob says. "Two weeks after she was diagnosed, the tumor had doubled in size."

She had a mastectomy and then underwent chemotherapy treatments.

To help cope, Bob took more pictures of himself — in the tutu. "It helped me mentally with it," he explains.

One of those self-portraits shows him standing in the middle of a snowy street in Brooklyn, his pink tutu the only flash of color amidst all the white. He's barefoot in the snow (though he allows that he buried a piece of Styrofoam to stand on).

"I was out there for only 30 seconds, max," he says. "I'm kind of a big guy. It takes a lot to get me cold. But it was stupid cold."

Six years ago, the cancer returned, this time in Linda's liver. She underwent more treatment.

Since then she's been on chemo and Herceptin, which, when she began taking it, was a trial study drug.

"She's treating it, not curing it," Bob says.

"I'm doing OK," Linda says. "I will have to be on chemo for the rest of my life... I take a pill, (and) every three weeks I go in for an IV. My life is normal, compared to



BOB CAREY / COURTESY PHOTOS

Top: "Times Square" New York, N.Y., 2009
Above: Bob and Linda Carey
Left: "Rainbow" Chester, N.Y., 2012

what some people have to go through."

The pink tutu photographs evolved into something that helped the couple get through the rough times.

"We'd go on road trips, and it was fun," Linda says. "How could it not be fun with this guy in a pink tutu?"

The couple went on a 10-day road trip in 2008.

"It was real random," Linda says. "We threw our dog in the van and headed south. We went through New Jersey into Delaware, and then down through Virginia and ended up in Raleigh, North Carolina. Then we decided to turn around."

All along the way, she adds, "Bob got some really great images."

One shows him curled up on a bed in a sparse motel room in Wildwood, N.J. The single bed next to him has crumpled sheets, but is empty. The table lamp between the two beds highlights a painting on the wall that Bob describes as "a bad Degas impression." It shows a girl in profile, then, in the right corner is an image of her putting on ballerina shoes.

The power of pink

Over the years Linda has shown Bob's photos to others also undergoing cancer treatment.

"They thought it was funny and it made them happy," Bob says. "So that's why I said, 'Let's figure out how to publish a book.'"

His idea, however, was turned down by every publisher in the United States. "One publisher was going to do it, but then the economy tanked," he says. "I got an agent, he didn't know what to do with it."

So the Careys decided to self-publish.

"Ballerina" was published in Septem-

ber, and is available for \$50 through their Website, www.thetutuproject.com, as well as through Amazon. Photographer Amy Arbus wrote the introduction.

In the cover shot, which was taken in Primm, Nev., an abandoned motor home sits rusting in the desert while ominous navy-blue clouds gather. All you can see of Bob is a blur of pink tulle in the lower right-hand corner.

Inside photos show Bob communing with horses in a green field in Michigan, swinging from a tree in Malibu, Calif., staring out at the Atlantic Ocean in New Jersey. There are shots with obvious landmarks — the Golden Gate Bridge, the Lincoln Memorial, the Grand Canyon — but the ones that seem to best succeed as fine art are the more obscure scenes: a night parking garage in Tempe, Ariz., a parking lot elevator in Las Vegas, empty basketball courts at night in Chandler, Ariz.

One of the more moving shots is of Bob in a restroom in Sante Fe, N.M. Hands gripping either side of a sink, he leans forward, his face partially seen in the mirror above. You look at the image and wonder: What is this man thinking as he stares at his reflection? What is he grappling with? What moments have led up to this one, and what does he face when he steps back into his life?

Bob also shot self-portraits in Times Square, which he calls "the Holy Grail, the one that I really wanted to do."

Over the years, he's gone back to that locale several times.

"The first time I did it, the police didn't even approach me," he says. "I was laying in the street... the Naked Cowboy was probably 50 feet from me when I was doing these photographs. People were taking pic-

tures of me, too."

Another time, a policewoman saw him and asked, "Excuse me, but are you well?"

Bob said, "Yes, I'm fine. I'm taking pictures."

And she said, "OK, don't get hit by a car."

The Careys have been on "Today" and in the *New York Daily News*. Their interview with Yahoo! News went viral.

Five thousand copies of "Ballerina" have been printed; net proceeds go toward helping women with breast cancer through The Carey Foundation. In part, the nonprofit provides money for things that insurance doesn't cover, such as transportation to chemo and radiation treatments and different types of therapy such as acupuncture, therapeutic touch and yoga.

"It's making sure people are comfortable when they're not having much fun," Bob says.

"We get letters from all over the world now, (from women saying) this is touching them and helping them through this time... It's really, really not about us anymore. It's about how cancer has touched everybody.

"It's not a quirky thing," Bob says. "I don't ever mean for (the photos) to be silly. I don't have ballet slippers, (there are) no other props. It's just a tutu." ■

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■ **Catch Me If You Can** – At the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers, Jan. 1-6. 481-4849 or www.bbmah.com.

■ **Forever Plaid: Plaid Tidings** – Through Dec. 31 at the BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater, Sanibel Island. 395-0900 or www.bigarts.org.

■ **The Santaland Diaries** – By Florida Repertory Theatre in the new ArtStage Studio Theatre, downtown Fort Myers, through Dec. 30. 332-4488 or www.floridarep.org.

Thursday, Dec. 27

■ **Heroes in Art** – “Raoul Wallenberg: Portrait of a Hero” opens from 1-4 p.m. at the Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida. 4760 Tamiami Trail N. 263-9200 or www.holocaustmuseumswfl.org.

■ **Fountainside Fun** – The Village on Venetian Bay hosts Dancing by the Fountain from 6-9 p.m., with dancing demonstrations and live entertainment. www.venetianvillage.com.

■ **Three Dog Night** – The Philharmonic Center for the Arts presents the band whose hits include “Mama Told Me (Not to Come),” “Eli’s Coming” and “Joy to the World.” Concert begins at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$59. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

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

■ **Open Mic** – South Street City Oven Bar & Grille hosts open mic night with Frankie Colt starting at 9 p.m. 1410 Pine Ridge Road. 435-9333 or www.southstreetnaples.com.

Friday, Dec. 28

■ **Evening Market** – Stroll through the Bayfront Place Farmers Market from 4-8 p.m. 649-8700 or www.bayfrontnaples.com.

■ **Jungle Man** – Jungle Jack Hanna brings his favorite wild animal friends and humorous anecdotes to the stage at 6 p.m. at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. Tickets start at \$35. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

■ **Festive on Fifth** – Live musical entertainment and dancing in Sugden Plaza and McCabe’s Irish Pub begins tonight through Dec. 31. Tonight: Radio Flyer and Jerry Pellegrino from 7 p.m. to midnight. 699 Fifth Ave. S. 403-8778.

■ **American Idol** – Night Lights at the Naples Botanical Garden presents Top 10 “American Idol” singer/songwriter Katelyn Clampet along with a variety of activities and tasty treats from 6-8 p.m. \$7 for Garden members, \$15 for others. 643-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.

■ **All About ABBA** – The Stage presents an ABBA tribute show at 7:15 p.m. 9144 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs. 405-8566 or www.thestagebonita.com.



Monday, Dec 31

■ **New Year’ Eve** – See list of fireworks and fun on page A19.

Tuesday, Jan. 1

■ **Brrrrrr!** – Ring in the New Year by diving in to Big Dave’s Annual Polar Plunge at 9 a.m. at Lowdermilk Park. After the swim, enjoy brunch provided by Fabio Pizza. \$20 registration includes a T-shirt and benefits Drug Court Kids. 435-0939.

Wednesday, Jan. 2

■ **Underground Art** – The Naples Art Alliance hosts “Underground Art” from 5-8 p.m. in studios and galleries throughout the Pine Ridge Industrial Park. 821-1061.

■ **The Art of Recycling** – “Tracy Magen: The Silly Series” opens today and is on exhibit through March 5 at Rosen Gallery & Studios. The artist uses discarded wine boxes to create venues for “a day in the life” utilizing assemblage and collage. 2172 J&C Blvd. 821-1061.

■ **Sunshine State Blues** – The Marco Island Historical Museum hosts an opening reception for “Florida’s Got the Blues,” a exhibit showing how a surprising number of notable blues artists got their start in the Sunshine State, with wine and cheese and music by Little Eddie from 5-7 p.m. 180 S. Heathwood Drive, Marco Island. 642-1440 or www.colliermuseums.com.

■ **Community Concert** – The Erich Kunzel Community Concerts series continues with Anton’s Ensemble Soiree at 7 p.m. at the Naples Botanical Garden. 775-2800 or www.bayshorecapa.org.

Coming up

■ **Beauty & the Beast** – The Naples Performing Arts Center presents “Disney’s Beauty & the Beast” at 7 p.m. Jan. 4-5 at Golden Gate High School. \$15. 597-6722 or www.naplesperformingartscenter.com.

■ **Art Opening** – Kathleen Bradford Studio/Gallery hosts the opening reception for artist M.E. Parker’s “Fine Art Photography Montages” from 6-8 p.m. Jan. 4. The exhibit continues through Jan. 25. 4259 Bonita Beach Road. 776-6844 or www.artistkb.com.

■ **Jazz in the Garden** – The Rick Howard Trio performs from 2-4 p.m. Jan. 6 at the Naples Botanical Garden. \$12.95 for adults, \$7.95 for ages 4-14, free for Garden members. 643-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.

■ **Holocaust Lecture** – The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida presents “The World Reacts: The Final Solution & Murder in the East,” a lunchtime lecture by Elliott Katz. \$15. 4760 Tamiami Trail N. RSVP: 263-9200.

■ **Art, Music & More** – Mercato presents a night of local artists, musicians and street performers, Jan. 9. www.mercatoshops.com.

■ **Barefoot in the Park** – By The Naples Players Jan. 9-Feb. 2 on the main stage at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

■ **The 39 Steps** – By The Marco Players Jan. 9-27 at The Marco Players Theatre. 642-7270 or www.themarco-players.com.

■ **Civil War Days** – South Regional Library hosts a Civil War re-enactment from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 12-13. Free. 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway. 252-7542 or www.colliergov.net.

Saturday, Dec. 29

■ **Classic Oldies** – Deb & The Dynamics perform from 7-9 p.m. under the stars at Gulf Coast Town Center. 267-0783 or www.gulfcoasttowncenter.com.

Saturday, Dec. 29

■ **Art Event** – The Coconut Point New Year’s Weekend Art Festival takes place today and Sunday at Coconut Point, Estero. (561) 746-6615.

■ **Free Concert** – The Rubberneckin’ Band performs from 3-5 p.m. in the band shell at Cambier Park. Free. www.naplesgov.com.

■ **Tango Time** – Pablo Repun Tango hosts a black-and-white themed party complete with buffet dinner, champagne toast, music and dancing from 7:30-11 p.m. \$20 per person. 1673 Pine Ridge Road. 738-4184 or www.pabllorepuntango.com.

■ **’60s Sounds** – The four stars of the original “Jersey Boys” cast, The Midtown Men, take the audience back to the ’60s with songs by the Beatles, the Beach Boys, the Temptations and the Jackson 5 at 8 p.m. at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. Tickets start at \$59. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

■ **Rockin’ Blues** – Mike & The Blues Rockers perform from 7-9 p.m. under the stars at Gulf Coast Town Center. 267-0783 or www.gulfcoasttowncenter.com.

■ **Live Music** – Bill Beck performs from 8-11 p.m. at Naples Flatbread in Mercato. 687-3454 or www.naplesflatbread.com.

Sunday, Dec. 30

■ **Farmers Market** – The Naples Depot Farmers Market takes place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 1051 Fifth Ave. S. 293-9703. www.naplesgov.com.

■ **Big Band** – Southwest Florida Big Band performs from 2-4 p.m. in the band shell at Cambier Park. Free. www.naplesgov.com.

■ **Voices of Russia** – A holiday concert featuring the beauty and mysticism of Russian song starts at 4 p.m. in the art hall at the Koreshan State Historic Site in Estero. A wine-and-cheese reception/fundraiser begins an hour before the concert. Performers include soprano Roza Bulat, pianist Bella Gutshtein and musicians from the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra. \$55. 596-8404 or rcc@rccnaples.org.

■ **Salute to Vienna** – The Strauss Symphony of America presents “Salute to Vienna” at 7:30 p.m. at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers. 481-4849 or www.bbmah.com.



Kids bored or driving you crazy? Load them in the car and head to Headquarters Library for a screening of “Madagascar 3: Europe’s Most Wanted” beginning at 1:45 p.m. Dec. 28. Free. 2385 Orange Blossom Drive. 593-3511 or www.colliergov.net.

WHAT TO DO



“Sister Act,” the musical based on the 1992 film starring Whoopi Goldberg, runs Jan. 1-6 at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. After witnessing a crime, a Vegas nightclub singer hides in a convent to ensure her safety. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

■ **Grand Hotel: The Musical** – By TheatreZone Jan. 10-20 at G&L Theatre on the campus of Community School of Naples. (888) 966-3352 or www.theatrezone-florida.com.

■ **Cluster Pluckin’** – Bluegrass musicians of all stripes perform for the annual Cluster Pluckin’ (aka the Neapolitan Opry) concert beginning at 7 p.m. Jan. 12 at The Norris Center. 213-3049.

■ **Movies at Mercato** – A screening of “The Brotherhood Ride” documentary begins at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 15 on the lawn at Mercato. www.mercatoshops.com.

■ **Poetry Time** – Café Lurcat hosts a poetry reading from 4-5 p.m. Jan. 28. 494 Fifth Ave. S. (440) 554-1144.

■ **History Lecture** – Naples Backyard History kicks off its 2013 speakers series with voiceover artists and long-time Neapolitan Peter Thomas at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 17. 1170 Third St. S. 774-2978 or www.naplesbackyardhistory.net.

■ **I Am My Own Wife** – Gulfshore Playhouse presents the Tony Award- and Pulitzer Prize-winning play Jan. 18-Feb. 3 at The Norris Center. 261-7529 or www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org. ■

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of Chicago's Steppenwolf Theatre Company, an associate director

I've been bouncing around in time lately. Within a couple days, I saw "Lincoln" (set in 1865) at the movies and "1776" at the Asolo Theatre in Sarasota.

You would think that with the crazy political season we've just experienced, with election ads overcrowding the airwaves and political spokesmen spinning, spinning, spinning the truth, I'd have had enough of all this.

Apparently not.

Maybe I'm a glutton for punishment.

Or maybe I just wanted to add some red, white and blue to the red and green and blue and silver of the holiday season.

Truthfully, word of mouth on both the movie and musical was so overwhelmingly positive I thought it would've been foolish to miss either one. And so I made time for them.

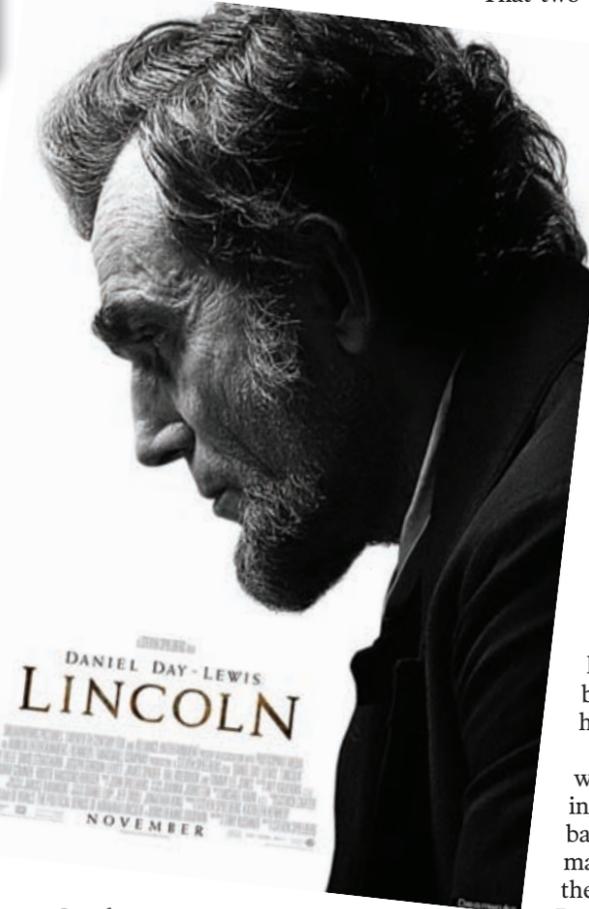
Both "1776" and "Lincoln" deal with milestone moments in American history: the former with the creation of the Declaration of Independence, the latter with Congress passing the 13th Amendment, which abolished slavery. Both works present portrayals of key figures: "1776" has John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and Ben Franklin, among others. And in "Lincoln," well, of course, there's Lincoln, larger than life.

And both show the messy, contentious, difficult side of politics. Even back in 1776 there were polar opposites: those who wanted progress and those who wanted to keep things exactly as they were. It's a wonder we're not all still slave-owning subjects of British royalty.

These two works show the importance of compromise, but also its deficiencies; in both cases, African-Americans lost out. In "1776," Southern states agree to the Declaration of Independence, but only if slavery will continue to be allowed. And in "Lincoln," the 13th Amendment abolishes slavery but does not grant people of color citizenship, even those who had fought in the Civil War.

"1776" is one of those rarely performed musicals. I can't remember any local production of it in the last 15 years or so. The Asolo wisely hired two-time Tony Award-winner Frank Galati to direct.

Mr. Galati, who also has nine Jefferson Awards to his name, is a member



delphia: "I have come to the conclusion that one useless man is called a disgrace. That two are called a law firm. And that three or more become a congress."

Ben Franklin (Andrew Boyer) is crotchety and Thomas Jefferson (Brandon Dahlquist) would rather be home with his wife.

The men seem to spend just as much time arguing about whether the windows should be open or closed. (It's sweltering in Philadelphia. If the windows are open, there'll be a breeze. But it will also allow the horseflies to come in.) But then again, you get the feeling that if one man says "stop," the other will say "go," just to be contrary.

The show moves effortlessly from humor to drama and back again. The trio of Adams-Franklin-Jefferson takes center stage, but one by one, other characters have their turn in the spotlight.

Zachary Kenney is moving with "Mama Look Sharp," painting a vignette of death on the battlefield, and Jarrod Zimmerman as Edward Rutledge indicts the others with "Molasses to Rum." I especially

"Lincoln" is a sweeping epic directed by Steven Spielberg and written by Tony Kushner. Daniel Day-Lewis plays the iconic president, and it's as if a photo of Lincoln has come to life and is interacting with everyone.

This is a complex Lincoln: thoughtful, brooding, full of stories and jokes.

The film itself is also rich in color, detail and texture; we feel as if we are stepping back into the 1860s. Mr. Spielberg did extensive research to recreate the Executive Mansion down to the wallpaper pattern and even the books that were on Lincoln's shelves.

He does some interesting things with angles. I noticed at various points that he was shooting from a lower angle than usual, looking up at the actors. I don't know if he did that to emphasize Lincoln's height or to create an unconscious feeling of awe, causing us to literally look up to the man.

There are many excellent actors in this film, including Sally Field as Mary Todd Lincoln. Tommy Lee Jones plays his typical curmudgeonly growl of a man, with some surprises.

Like the musical "1776," the movie "Lincoln," which is based on Doris Kearn Goodwin's book, "A Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln," focuses on a somewhat unlikely topic. Despite the fact that we have the hindsight of history and know how each situation ends, both musical and film contain much drama and suspense.

I know art often takes liberty with history, so I hope to soon back up "Lincoln" with reading. I read recently that more than 16,000 books have been written about Lincoln. Serendipitously, I picked up "With Malice Towards None: The Life of Abraham Lincoln" by Stephen B. Oates. And I've been wanting to read Ms. Goodwin's "Team of Rivals" for a while now. (I was very impressed with seeing her interviewed in Ken Burns' "The Civil War" and "Baseball" series.)

I just picked up the HBO miniseries "John Adams" (it was on sale for the holidays at half-price!) and I'm thinking it might be fun to read more about him and his wife and their letters to each other.

It sounds like the start of a great summer project.

In the meantime, there are the holidays and a busy winter/spring season to get through ... ■

at Goodman Theatre and a professor at Northwestern University. His "1776" is humorous, sharp, moving and dramatic. It's written by Peter Stone, with music and lyrics by Sherman Edwards.

The writing of the Declaration of Independence seems an unlikely subject for a musical, but it works. (Even Mr. Stone, when first approached to write the musical's book, thought it the worst subject for a musical.) It won the Tony for Best Musical in 1969 and remains eerily relevant today.

John Adams (played by an amusingly petulant yet charming Bernie Yvon) declares to his fellow delegates in Phila-



enjoyed the songs with Abby Mueller, who plays Abigail Adams, and the sweet relationship between her and her husband and their touching letters to each other.

While many shows at the Asolo enjoy long runs, "1776," unfortunately, only played for five weeks; its last performance was Dec. 22.



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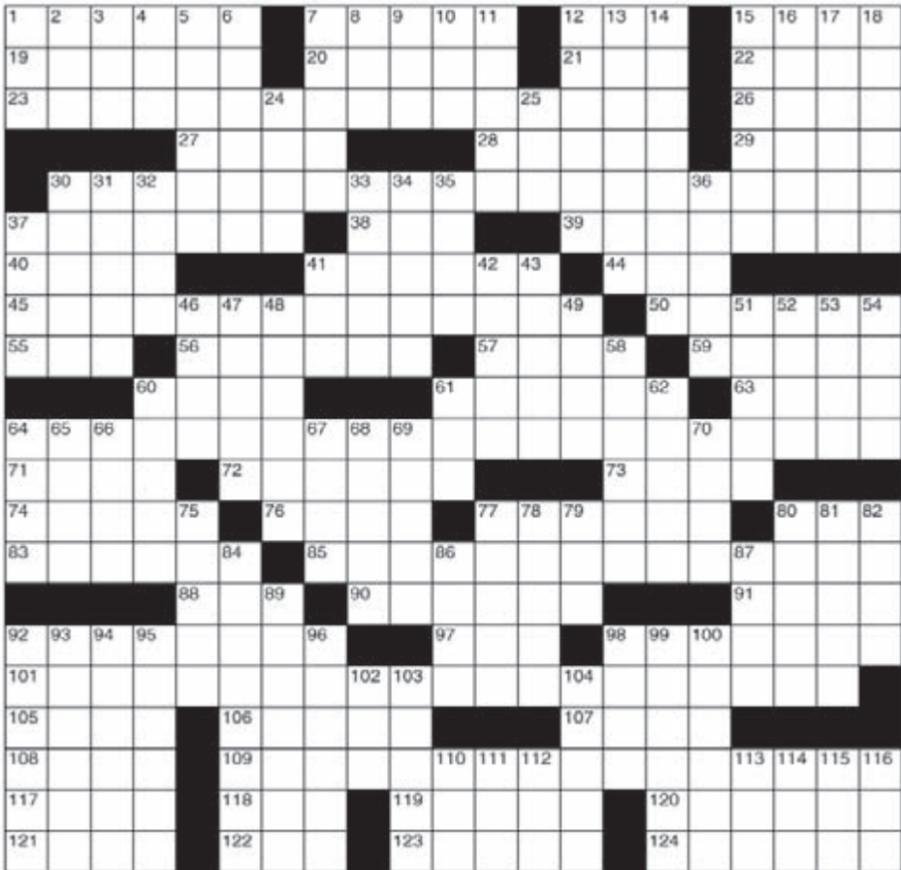
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 - 4 Month, in Monterrey
 - 5 Most sordid
 - 6 Bring out
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 - 67 Iraqi or Saudi
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 - 69 Karamel — (Ben & Jerry's flavor)
 - 70 Wooer's flower
 - 75 It may be acute or right
 - 77 United — College Fund
 - 78 Take — at (try)
 - 79 Animal companion
 - 80 Pitcher
 - 81 "It's just — those things"
 - 82 Low-key "Hey!"
 - 84 "Obey me!"
 - 86 A great deal
 - 87 Head
 - 89 Sea — (reef creature)
 - 92 Actress
 - 95 Alters formally
 - 96 Boss
 - 98 Leader of the Bolmonds
 - 99 First phases
 - 100 Hansel's sib
 - 102 3 R's org.
 - 103 Pacify
 - 104 Waters down
 - 110 "— heard enough!"
 - 111 Texas tea
 - 112 40 winks
 - 113 Live
 - 114 Apply
 - 115 Authorize to
 - 116 Stealthy

SEE ANSWERS, C9

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HOROSCOPES

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** All that hard work and research in the workplace finally pays off as you hoped it would. Ignore comments from jealous types who are out to get the Goat riled up.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** An unfair decision creates unnecessary problems. But avoid anger and move carefully as you work this out. Expect to get support from an unlikely source.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** A fuzzy financial vista persists until midmonth, when things begin to clear up. You'll also gain a better perspective on how to handle those pesky personal problems.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Shutting people out to avoid distractions, even under a deadline, can cause hurt feelings. Instead, return calls and emails, and explain why you need a zone of privacy for now.

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Although your keen Bull's eyes usually can discern what's fact from what's faux, that upcoming decision will need really solid data before you can risk a commitment.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** As your confidence grows, you should be able to work toward your goals with more enthusiasm. Open your mind to suggestions. Some of them might even work for you.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)**

Reconnecting with someone from your past stirs up that old sense of adventure. But before you do anything else, be sure to get answers to those still-lingering questions.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Some people might resent the way you plan to resolve a difficult situation. But your commitment to making tough but fair decisions soon wins you their respect and support.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Mixed signals could be causing that vexing workplace problem. Before you choose to leave the project, ask for a meeting so you can get things out in the open.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Your good intentions could backfire if you're not careful with other people's feelings. Try using persuasion, not pressure, to get others to see your side of the situation.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Your dedication to finishing the task at hand is laudable. But be careful not to overdo the midnight oil bit. Take time for relaxation with someone very special.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Although your intuition will help you make some tough choices in the first half of the month, you'll need more facts to back up your actions later on.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a wonderful way of being there for those who need your help in difficult times. ■

By Linda Thistle



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"Les Miserables" is a big, lavish Hollywood production of an equally extravagant Broadway musical. Accordingly, it looks and sounds phenomenal, and the sweeping, epic story profoundly resonates on screen nearly as well as it does when viewed live. With one big exception.

Russell Crowe was formerly the lead singer in a rock band, so it's not like he can't carry a tune. However, as Javert, the male co-lead, he doesn't have the vocal range needed to play a worthy foil to Hugh Jackman's Jean Valjean.

Javert needs to have a booming voice that matches Valjean's from one song to the next, making the men rivals in both story and tenor. What we get from Mr. Crowe, however, especially in comparison to Mr. Jackman's impassioned, powerful voice, sounds muted and unworthy.

So who should they have cast instead of Mr. Crowe? Gerard Butler would've been the best choice. He has the screen presence to command respect, and we know he can sing given his work in "The Phantom of the Opera" (2004).

The story, based on Victor Hugo's novel and adapted for the stage by Claude-Michel Schonberg and Alain Boublil, is set in early 1800s France and follows Inspector Javert as he searches for Valjean, who has violated his parole. After being shown mercy by a bishop, Valjean redeems himself with a lifetime of good deeds, including caring for a girl named Cosette (Amanda Seyfried), who was orphaned after her mother Fantine's (Anne Hathaway) death.

This is an all-singing musical, meaning even the slower talking moments are spoken in melody. And what great voices on display.

Mr. Jackman tugs at the heart during "Who Am I?" and all his songs, and on top of that he gives a moving dramatic performance as well. Ms. Hathaway's "I Dreamed A Dream" is in itself probably enough to win her a supporting actress Oscar; note the way it is filmed in a one-take close-up, allowing us to feel the anguish Fantine is experiencing. Sometimes the best thing a director can do is get out of the way, so kudos to

Tom Hooper ("The King's Speech") for letting Ms. Hathaway shine.

Other standouts: Samantha Barks delivers a heartbreaking version of Eponine's "On My Own," which she sings because she loves Marius (Eddie Redmayne), who has feelings for Cosette. "One Day More" finds each principal believing he/she will come out on top in the end. "Lovely Ladies" is as catchy as they come, and you'll be



humming the finale's "Do You Hear The People Sing?" as you leave the theater.

The only disappointment, aside from Mr. Crowe? Sacha Baron Cohen and Helena Bonham Carter do a rather tame version of "Master of the House," opting for laughs more than to play up the rowdy, boisterous nature of the song.

The story spans more than 30 years, so it's a bit odd that it feels mutually rushed and long. This is because small plot points are moved through very quickly, and some songs feel extraneous. It's a big job to adapt this musical for the screen, and for the most part it looks and sounds fantastic. It's not perfect, but "Les Miserables" newcomers and fans of the Broadway show will be satisfied. ■

in the know

>> All the singing in "Les Miserables" was performed and recorded live on the set to the tune of a piano, then orchestral music was added in post-production. This is a rarity: Musical actors usually record songs in a studio during pre-production and then lip-synch on set.

CAPSULES

This Is 40 ★★★

(Paul Rudd, Leslie Mann, Megan Fox) Pete (Mr. Rudd) and Deb (Ms. Mann) have their marriage tested while their respective businesses struggle and home life threatens to tear them apart. It's the sort-of sequel to "Knocked Up" and is accordingly very funny at times, but it's undone by heavy-handed drama that never allows for a consistent tone. Rated R.

Hyde Park On Hudson ★★★

(Bill Murray, Laura Linney, Samuel West) While vacationing at his estate in Hyde Park, FDR (Mr. Murray) juggles the visiting king (Mr. West) and queen (Olivia Colman) of England with his relationship with his distant cousin (Ms. Linney). When the focus is on FDR's personal drama it succeeds, thanks to Murray's strong performance. But when it detours — which is frequently — it falls apart. Rated R.



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■ **"Punta Gorda: In the Beginning, 1865-1900,"** by Vernon Peeples Sr. Book-broker Publishers of Florida. 263 pages. \$39.99.

This attractive, oversized book is a perfect stylistic match for its historical content. No one has been a more committed student of the Charlotte Harbor area than Vernon Peeples, and his expertise and affection are on strong display in these pages. The book is abundantly illustrated with photos and paintings of late 19th century scenes and personalities, and the 30-page map section is a special treasure.



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In taking us from the conclusion of the Civil War to the dawn of the 20th century, Mr. Peeples, who served in the Florida Legislature for 14 years, draws upon his enormous private collection of primary material collected

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In telling the story of the area's development, Mr. Peeples focuses on the key players and their business activities. He provides full-length portraits of such characters as Jarvis Howard, Isaac Traubue (who founded Punta Gorda), Kelly B. Harvey, Gov. Albert Waller Gilchrist and Marian McAdow, whose gardening innovations contributed to Punta Gorda's tropical ambience. He even makes a connection between this area and Samuel Colt, the gunmaker.

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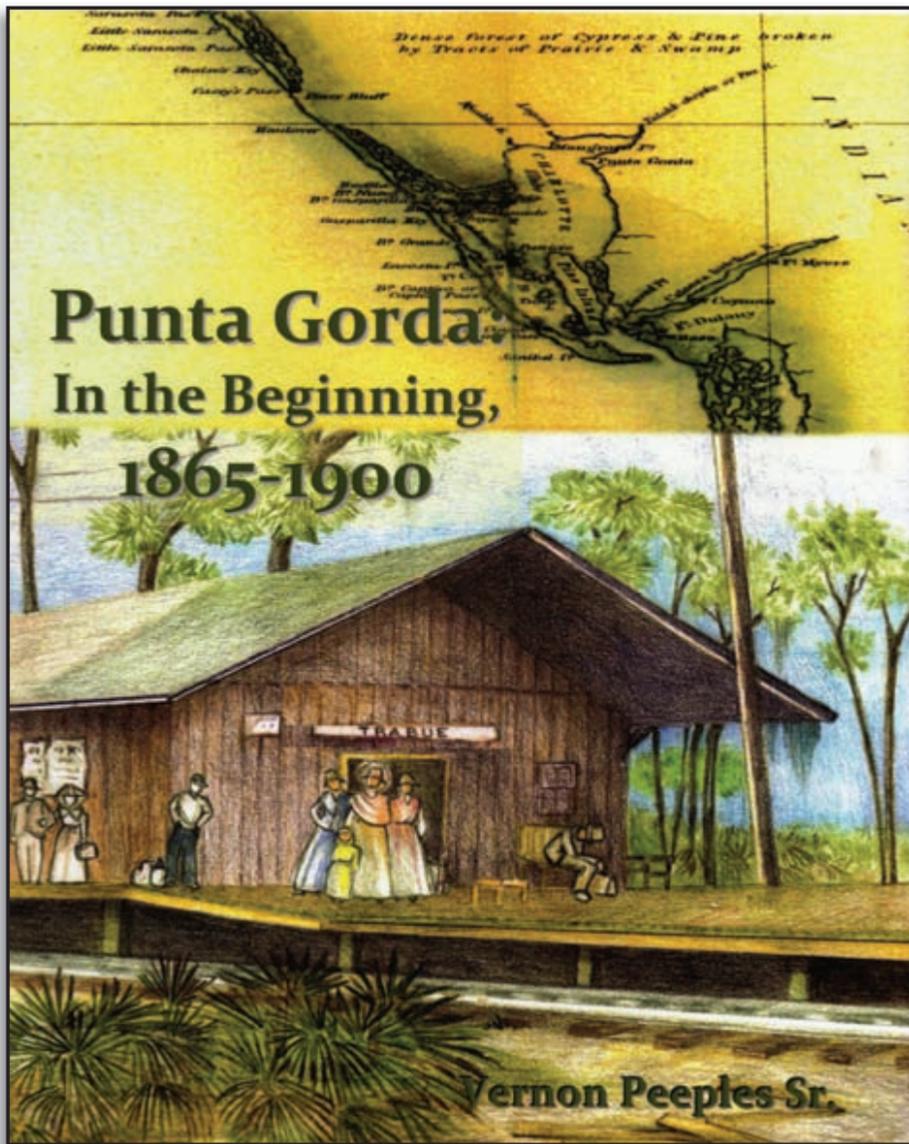
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ries rather than a continuous narrative, this book is best read and savored in its bits and pieces, for each has its own beginning, middle and end. The author uses two basic techniques to engage the reader. One is through vivid storytelling in which he summarizes and interprets the wealth of evidence he has amassed. The other is by presenting snippets of the direct evidence — mainly excerpts from newspaper reports, but also passages from journals, public records and other sources.

Frequently, the pages of the book are designed to juxtapose these techniques. While a narrative in Mr. Peeples' voice is running along one part of a page, primary source materials are effectively arranged on the other. This collage approach, supplemented by the copious, well-placed illustrations, works well to provide variety and energy.

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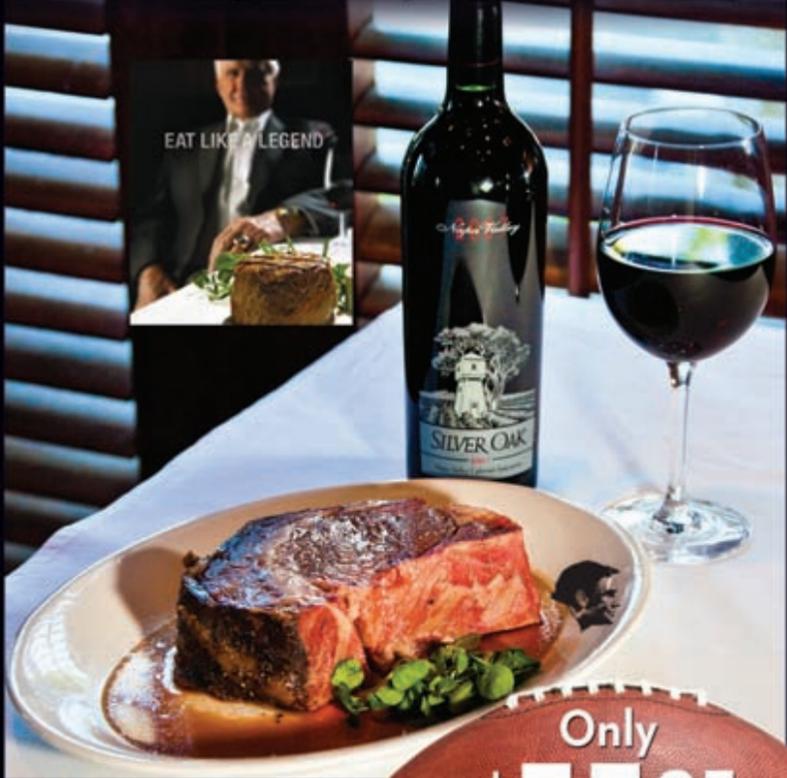
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Edwardian designs popular with decorators and homeowners

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The Edwardian period of furniture design falls in the years between Victorian and Art Deco. It is named for King Edward VII of England, who reigned from 1901 to 1910. Some experts say it is not just the years that the furniture was made but also the design that makes it Edwardian. Some claim influences from earlier periods and say that a combination of Georgian, Victorian and Art Nouveau created the new Edwardian style. Collectors have to rely on appearance, since it is so difficult to know exactly when a chair was made. Designers working after 1901 created a chair that looked lighter in weight than a Victorian chair and used pastels rather than dark colors. Fabrics and wallpaper with flowers became popular. Chairs had scrolled backs and legs, similar to Art Nouveau designs but thinner and less "tangled." Bamboo and wicker were introduced, and many pieces were made of lightweight wood and mother-of-pearl inlay. Seats were made with thin padding and thin fitted cushions. It has not been a popular style with collectors, but it's enjoyed by decorators and homeowners.

Today, both period and reproduction pieces are a good buy. Most are made of

solid wood, not plywood, and use upholstery fabrics of damask, silk or other natural materials, not modern synthetics. A 1910 Edwardian settee sold for \$344 at a Doyle New York auction this year. Chairs sell for a few hundred dollars. Sofas go for less than \$500 at auction.

Q: My friend who gave me her old upright piano also gave me the antique piano shawl she always draped over the piano. It's 52 inches square and appears to be black silk crepe. It's reversible and covered in embroidered pink roses. The fringe around the whole shawl is 15 inches long, with smocking around the edge of the fabric. Is the shawl valuable?

A: Many piano shawls like yours were made in Spain in the 1890s. They sell for \$50 to \$100 if they're in very good condition, with full fringe and without holes.

Q: My mother-in-law gave me one of her old alligator purses. It's in great shape and has a label inside that reads "Rosenfeld." Have you heard of that maker? How old is the purse?

A: Harry Rosenfeld was an American designer active from the 1930s into the '70s. His designs were made by several different manufacturers. The bags were sold at high-end department stores and at Harry Rosenfeld Handbags, a shop on Madison Avenue in New York City. Rosenfeld designed bags in all sorts of styles, using all kinds of materials. But it is likely that your alligator purse dates from the 1930s, '40s or '50s, when alligator bags were at the peak

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of their popularity. The value of your bag depends not only on designer and condition, but also on style. It could sell for less than \$100 or more than \$300.

Q: My dad owned a funeral home in Cincinnati and liked collecting antiques. He left me his collection of paperweights made by Crane & Breed, a Cincinnati coffin manufacturer. The paperweights include an Egyptian sarcophagus, Scottie dog, alligator, camel, frog, turtle, bear, sailboat and ghost. I don't want to sell them, but I'd like to know how old they are and what they're worth.

A: Crane & Breed took over a Cincinnati coffin-manufacturing business in 1854 and stayed in business until 1973. The company held several patents on coffins and coffin parts, and sold coffins to funeral homes in several states. Today collectors know about Crane & Breed mainly because of its collectible paperweights. From the late 1800s into the early 1900s, the company gave away promotional bronze novelty paperweights to funeral homes and their employees. Today, the sarcophagus paperweight sells for close to \$400, but most of the others are going for less than \$20.

Q: I own a glass dish that has a portrait of a man in the center and the words "We mourn our nation's loss" inscribed around it. There's a wide border of swags around the dish. We think the dish has something to do with President Garfield and also something to do with Vermont. It has been in our family for more than 70 years and we would like to know its history and value.

A: Your plate was made as a memorial to President James A. Garfield, who was assassinated in 1881. The center picture is a bust of Garfield. The pattern is called "Garfield Drape," but it's sometimes called "Canadian Drape." It has been attributed to Adams & Co. of Pittsburgh, but more recent research suggests that it may have been made by Burlington Glass Works of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. Perhaps that's how it got the name "Canadian Drape." The pattern was first made in the 1870s. After Garfield died, memorial plates in that pattern were made with his bust in the middle. The only connection to Vermont is that Vice President Chester A. Arthur, who became president after Garfield's death, was born in Vermont. Different versions of your plate were made. Some include the words "Born Nov 19, 1831, Shot July 2, 1881, Died Sep 19, 1881." A colored glass Garfield memorial plate retails for about \$75. ■

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Mahogany with mother-of-pearl inlay was used to make this 1910 Edwardian settee. The back, with open spaces and scrolls, and the seat pad are typical of the period. It auctioned for only \$344 at a Doyle New York auction last summer.



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■ **FRIDAY, DEC. 28, 9 p.m.**

**American Masters
The Joffrey Ballet: Mavericks
of American Dance**

Founders Robert Joffrey and Gerald Arpino pioneered a new dance philosophy by combining modern and traditional techniques and art with social statement, and integrating pop and rock music scores. This film traces the struggles and triumphs of the company from 1956 to the present.



New Year's Eve Live from Lincoln Center, Dec. 31

■ **SATURDAY, DEC. 29, 9:30 p.m.**
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■ **TUESDAY, JAN. 1, 9:30 p.m.**
**Great Performances
Broadway Musicals: A Jewish Legacy**

Why has the Broadway musical proven to be such fertile territory for Jewish artists? Filmmaker Michael Kantor focuses on this question, combining interviews with performance footage, including many of Broadway's rousing anthems and timeless ballads.

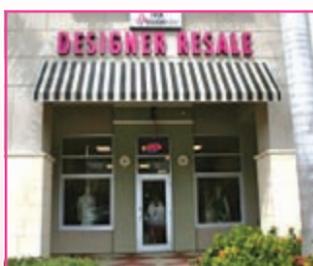
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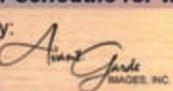


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■ **Collier County Museums** and the **Daughters of the American Revolution** have partnered for “Viva Florida 500,” the celebration of the 500th anniversary of

Ponce de Leon’s discovery of Florida, Tuesday evening, Jan. 8, at a private club in Port Royal.

Representatives from the Consul Generals offices of Spain, France and the United Kingdom will be special guests. A skit describing Florida’s past 500 years as well as a silent auction and a live auction will also be part of the festivities.

Tickets are \$150 per person. For reservations or more information, call 252-8476.

■ The **Guild for the Neighborhood Health Clinic** hosts “Ask the Doctors,” a luncheon with Drs. George Ferguson and Paul Jones as guest speakers taking questions from the audience, at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, at Royal Poinciana Golf Club. Tickets are \$75 per person, with proceeds benefiting the clinic’s work to deliver health care to low-income, working but uninsured adults in Collier County. For reservations or more information, call Susan Jones at 572-8616.

■ The seventh annual **Wishmakers Ball** to benefit Make-A-Wish Southern Florida is set for Friday evening, Jan. 11, at the Hilton Naples. Tickets are \$225; sponsorships begin at \$2,500. RSVP to Lesley Colantonio at Make-A-Wish by calling 992-9474 or e-mailing lcolantonio@sflawish.org.

■ The **Guadalupe Center** holds a carnival-style Taste of Brasil, a celebration of all things South American, beginning at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, at Naples Botanical Garden. Live and silent auctions will be part of the fundraising fun. For more information, visit www.guadalupecenter.net.

■ The **David Lawrence Center and Foundation** host An Evening in Venice Masquerade Ball Friday, Jan. 18, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. Tickets are \$500 per person, \$1,200 per VIP patron and \$10,000 per premier sponsor table of 10; a variety of additional sponsorship opportunities also are available. For more information or to reserve a ticket, call Monica Biondo at 304-3505.

■ The **Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida Inc.** holds its annual fashion show and luncheon Saturday, Jan. 19, at the Naples Sailing & Yacht Club. Models will stroll the runway wearing outfits from Petunias of Naples and Draper’s and Damon’s. Tickets are \$75 per person. For a reservation or more information, call 417-3465, or send a check made payable to PASFi to 1048 Goodlette-Frank Road, Ste. 201, Naples, FL 34102.

■ **Literacy Volunteers of Collier County** welcomes book and film critic Elaine Newton as guest speaker at a luncheon Thursday, Jan. 24, at Bay Colony Golf Club in Perican Marsh. An honorary board member of LVCC, Ms. Newton is the host of the Critics’ Choice series of book discussions at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. Her luncheon topic will be “The Role of the Critic.”

Tickets are \$75. For reservations, call 262-4448, ext. 301.

■ Plans are cooking for the inaugural **Naples Woman’s Club Kitchen Tour** showcasing kitchens in some of the loveliest homes in Port Royal. Set for Wednesday, Jan. 23, the tour will include area chefs offering their finest gourmet samplings, musicians, floral designs, gift

boutiques and prize drawings at each home. A party at the Naples Woman’s Club the day of the event will feature entertainment as well as Mikkelsen’s desserts, Norman Love chocolates, artist Emily James, cookbook author Patsy Wright, olive oil tastings and more.

Tickets are \$50 per person and \$85 for patrons. Proceeds will benefit the Naples Historical Society, Baby Basics and the Naples Woman’s Club philanthropic efforts. For tickets or more information, call Anne Palmer at 262-2259. For information about the club and its 80-year history, visit www.napleswomansclub.org.

■ **Erik Weihenmayer**, the first blind man to climb to the top of Mount Everest and the only one to reach the top of all Seven Summits, will speak at Youth Haven’s third annual Home Hope Healing luncheon set for Wednesday, Jan. 30, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort.

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

■ **Planned Parenthood of Collier County** will welcome feminist writer and activist Gloria Steinem as guest speaker at “The Choice Affair” Saturday evening, Feb. 2, at The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Tickets are \$350 at the Friends membership level; sponsorships range from \$1,500 to \$10,000. For reservations or more information, call 262-8923, ext. 309.

■ **Graduates of the Seven Sisters** colleges will gather for their third annual Seven Sisters Artful Reception from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, at DeBruyne Fine Art Gallery, 275 Broad Ave. in Old Naples. All alumnae of Barnard, Bryn Mawr, Mount Holyoke, Radcliffe, Smith, Vassar, and Wellesley colleges are invited, as are spouses and significant others. One of the gallery’s artists will be painting on site.

Reservations are required and can be made by e-mailing Carol Goode (Wellesley, 1964) at carolgoode@alum.wellesley.edu.

■ **Fun Time Early Childhood Academy** holds Have a Heart for Fun Time on Valentine’s Day evening, Thursday, Feb. 14, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Pat Cacho is this year’s honorary chair, and event co-chairs are Connie Messner and Joanne Halstead.

Tickets are \$250 per person, \$500 for patrons. Sponsorship opportunities remain available. Proceeds will provide tuition assistance for preschool children of low-income working families.

For reservations or more information, call 261-8284.

■ **Our Mother’s Home** holds its third annual Hearts of Love gala on Saturday evening, Feb. 16, at Spring Run Golf Club in Bonita Springs. Guest speaker Thomas Monaghan, founder of Ava Maria University and Domino’s Pizza, will discuss “The Five Top Priorities of Life.”

Our Mother’s Home provides a safe, nurturing environment for young mothers who are victims of the foster system and/or human trafficking.

Silver, gold and platinum sponsorship opportunities are available. Gala tickets are \$145 per person. For reservations or more information, call 267-4663 or visit www.ourmothershome.com.

■ The **10th annual Neighborhood Health Clinic Block Party** is set for

the evening of Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. The goal is to raise 25 percent of the annual operating budget for the clinic, whose volunteer staff delivers medical care to low-income, working but uninsured Collier County adults.

Tickets are \$250 per person. Invitations will be mailed in January, and sponsorships are being solicited now. For more information, call Nikki Strong at 260-2080 or e-mail nstrong@neighborhoodhealthclinic.org.

■ The third annual **Celebrity Martini Glass Auction** to benefit the Naples International Film Festival is set for Monday, evening, Feb. 18, in the Daniels Pavilion at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. This year’s sponsor is the law firm of GrayRobinson, P.A.

Up for bid will be more than 40 martini glasses signed by celebrity musicians, actors, athletes, artists and more. After the signatures are in place, local artists decorate each glass to reflect the celebrity personalities.

For more information, call 775-3456 or visit www.naplesfilmfest.com.

■ **“Bleu Moon on the Seine”** is the theme for the inaugural Naples National Art Festival gala set for Thursday evening, Feb. 21, at the Naples Sailing & Yacht Club. Early-bird tickets for the everything-French affair hosted by the Naples Art Association are \$150 per person. For reservations, call 262-6517, ext. 100, or e-mail aimee.schlehr@naplesart.org.

■ The **SWFL Wine & Food Fest 2013** takes place Friday and Saturday, Feb. 22-23, at Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club. Northern Trust is the title sponsor for the fifth consecutive year. The festival begins with chef/vintner dinners in private homes throughout Southwest Florida on Friday and concludes with a grand tasting and auction at Miromar Lakes on Saturday.

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For more information, call 278-3900 or visit www.SWFLWineFest.org.

■ The **Mending Broken Hearts with Hope** luncheon to benefit the Shelter for Abused Women & Children is set for Friday, Feb. 22, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. Guest speaker Dr. Susan Weitzman is the founder and president of The Weitzman Center, a nonprofit educational and resource center dedicated to helping survivors of upscale violence, increasing public awareness and educating professionals who respond to these survivors. The luncheon will also feature a silent auction and the Designer Boutique (Feb. 22-23).

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

■ The **Little Black Dress Garden Party** to benefit the Garden of Hope & Courage is set for Tuesday, Feb. 26. The ladies-only evening begins with cocktails, hors d’oeuvres and a silent auction in the garden on the downtown campus of NCH and continues with “dinner in motion” at numerous Naples restaurants. For reservations or more information, contact Amy Lane at 437-6697 or amy@gardenofhopeandcourage.org.

■ **Humane Society Naples** holds its 13th annual Pet Lovers Ball from 7-10 p.m.

Friday, March 1, at the Naples Botanical Garden. Rufino Hernandez of The Garden District is this year’s chair. The gala will include cocktails, fine dining, furry fun and music by Alan James and The Powerhouse Band. A highlight of the evening will be the recognition of HSN’s 2013 Pet Lovers Awards.

Guests are encouraged to bring their furry family members.

Tickets are \$350 per person. For reservations or information about sponsorships that provide VIP seating and other benefits, call 643.1880, ext. 18, or visit www.hsnaples.org.

■ **Magic Under the Mangroves**, the annual gala for the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, is set for Thursday, March 7, on the grounds at the Conservancy Nature Center. Jeannie Smith is the 2013 chairwoman, and Northern Trust returns as presenting sponsor.

Details about tickets and reservations are at www.conservancy.org/magic.

■ **Zoobilee 2013** to benefit The Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens takes place from 5:30-10 p.m. Saturday, March 9, at the Zoo. Guests will enjoy a gourmet feast prepared by Naples’ top chefs and will be able to bid on experiences including an African safari in the company of Zoo staff.

Tickets are \$250 per person. Patron tickets for \$400 include a sunset cruise aboard the Naples Princess on Saturday, Feb. 9. For tickets or more information, call 262-5409, ext. 135, or visit www.napleszoo.org.

■ The **Ohio State University Alumni Club of Naples** will host the “Buckeyes in Paradise” gala Saturday, March 9, at the Hilton Naples. Honorary chairs for the evening are OSU football Coach Urban Meyer and wife, Shelley.

The gala is the club’s signature event to raise funds for scholarships to help local students to attend OSU.

For registration information, call Sue Goldsberry at 405-7068 or visit www.NaplesBuckeyes.com.

■ The **Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation-Suncoast Chapter** hosts its annual Hope Gala on Saturday, March 9, at the Waldorf Astoria Naples. The evening will honor David Collar for his ongoing dedication to JDRF as well as to the community. For more information, call 591-2825 or visit www.jdrf.org.

■ The **29th annual Emerald Ball for Catholic Charities of Collier County** takes place Saturday, March 16, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. This year’s chairs are Dr. Francisco and Ruth Smith. Tickets are \$300 per person. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, call 455-2655.

■ The **Wine Tasters of Naples** hosts its fourth annual charity event Saturday, March 16, at Olde Cypress Country Club. This year’s beneficiaries are Youth Haven, St. Matthew’s House and The Shelter for Abused Women & Children. With a “Spring Fling” theme, the evening will include wine tasting, dinner, dancing to The Manhattan Connection and live and silent auctions. All are welcome. Cost is \$95 per person. Checks made payable to The Wine Tasters of Naples can be mailed to Dan Leaman, 5637 Whisperwood Blvd. #601, Naples, FL 34110.

For more information about the organization, visit www.thewinetastersofnaples.com.

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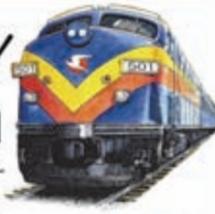
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PAST REPASTS

Here are some capsule summaries of previous restaurant reviews:

➤ **Aurelio's Pizza, Gulf Coast Town Center, 9909 Gulf Coast Main St., Fort Myers; 274-8446**

This family-friendly pizza chain offers fresh, delicious pizzas in several sizes as well as thin-crust and stuffed versions. There are sandwiches and pasta dishes plus lots of appetizers. Everything we ordered arrived hot and tasted good, from the create-your-own appetizers (try toasted zucchini, chicken tenders and toasted ravioli) to the pizzas. The appetizer plate is ample enough for three or four to share, especially if you order pizza, too. We sampled a 10-inch pizza with anchovies, roasted red peppers and mushrooms as well as Mama Aurelio's calabrese (aka, calzone) with cheese, garlic and a swirl of marinara. Both had crisp, yeasty crusts and were served on cooling racks that kept them from getting soggy as they cooled. An over-the-top dessert of fresh-baked chocolate chip cookie with ice cream, whipped cream, chocolate sauce and chocolate chips was ample enough for two or more to share. The staff here is sharp and customer oriented and the dining room is cheery and bright. Full bar.

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

➤ **Café Lurcat, 494 Fifth Ave. S., Naples; 213-3357**

Despite its grand scale — vaulted ceilings, oversized pendant lamps, sprawling dining areas spilling into the outdoors —

Café Lurcat manages to create a sense of warmth with muted colors, light woods and white linens. It's the kind of place where you want to slow down and savor several courses of food and several glasses of wine — though it will come at a price. (\$14.50 for a single crab cake? Really?) The menu ranges from simple comfort food (pot roast or roasted chicken and grapes) to more complex creations (pork tenderloin with spiced cherries and couscous with toasted pumpkin seeds). Either way you go, you won't be disappointed. Even side dishes — a mélange of English peas, sugar snap peas and fresh fava beans sautéed in butter for us — will delight. Just be sure to save room for the signature cinnamon-sugar doughnuts or fried huckleberry pie. Full bar.

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

➤ **Figs Grille, 25987 Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 390-1700**

Sam Tadros, the chef behind the popular Sam-Bucco Bistro in North Naples, has another winning concept with this exploration of the cuisines of Turkey, Spain, Morocco, Lebanon and France. Egyptian tapestries adorn the walls in the garnet and gold dining room. Ceiling lamps evoke Morocco and ethnic music plays softly in the background. Whichever country you decide to visit for your main course, your meal should begin with the mezze platter of hummus and baba ganoush as well as charry and sweet grilled eggplant chunks and cucumber salad served with lightly pickled vegetables. You can't go

wrong with one of several Turkish kebabs or with the filet medallions with grilled shrimp, garnished lavishly with caramelized onions, port wine sauce and fig chutney. Lush (chocolate marquise) or light (lemon semifreddo), dessert shouldn't be missed either. Full bar.

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

➤ **Michelbob's Champion Ribs, 371 Airport Pulling Road, Naples; 643-7427**

Michelbob's signature spice rub enhances its slow-smoked Danish baby backs, a mustard and paprika blend presented in shakers on every table just in case you want an extra punch of flavor. There are also two bottled sauces to slather on the meaty bones — one tangy with mustard (complex and well balanced) and one smoky-sweet (tasting heavily of Liquid Smoke). All of which is enough to satisfy anyone with a serious hankering for good ribs. The baby backs truly stood out from the rest of the meal. The flesh was tender enough to slip off easily and had those crispy edges that just add a little extra texture to the experience. The barbecued chicken had rubbery skin and needed more seasoning. A smoked pork dinner had an ample stack of sliced meat but was somewhat dry. Among the side dishes, the smoky-sweet baked beans studded with chunks of pork were a real standout. Full bar.

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

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

This small chain, new to Southwest Florida, has a lot going for it. Start with the regularly changing menu that features seasonal ingredients at their peak of flavor in dishes that forswear indulgence without sacrificing flavor (nothing contains more than 475 calories). Consider the globe-spanning wine list, which includes more than 100 selections, 52 or more by the glass. And the casual but plush atmosphere feels organic, with earthy colors, polished woods and stacked stone. Start with one of the flatbreads, cracker-thin pizzas carpeted with precisely arranged toppings and baked in a super-hot brick oven. The menu achieves a good balance of seafood and meats. An artichoke-stuffed shrimp dish was succulent and redolent of sage, while wood-grilled T-bone lamb chops were perfectly cooked and remarkably tender. Save room for dessert without guilt: Seasons 52's "Mini Indulgences" are tiny treats — red velvet cake, pumpkin mousse and much more — served in large shot glasses. They're the perfect way to end a meal without going over the edge.

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

Key to ratings

★★★★★ Superb	★★ Fair
★★★★ Noteworthy	★ Poor
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CUISINE

Taste of Brazil a tantalizing event for a good cause



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If you're planning to attend the Guadalupe Center's Taste of Brazil on Wednesday, Jan. 16, I'm happy to provide a preview of what's in store — at least from the culinary standpoint — at this worthy fundraiser. The planning committee was kind enough to invite me to the pre-event tasting last week, and what Dinners by Design chef/owner Mark Guilbault created was deliciously authentic.

Guests will begin with a caipirinha, Brazil's national cocktail, made with cachaca (sugar cane rum), lime and club soda, along with hors d'oeuvres such as feijoada (traditional pulled pork and black beans) in phyllo, coconut fried shrimp, pao de queijo (warm cheese-bread rounds), crab cakes and smoked chicken cornucopias.

A dramatically plated salad of mesclun and microgreens with citrus vinaigrette starts dinner and is followed by filet mignon and grilled prawn with chimichurri (a savory sauce full of herbs), sweet potato gratin and chive-tied haricots verts and red pepper bundles.

And dessert? We'll let that be a surprise.

What I can tell you is that event co-chairs Alice Arena and Sue Dillon and their dedicated volunteers are planning an exciting carnival-style event beneath a massive tent at Naples Botanical Garden. Besides dinner, there will be live music as well as live and silent auctions.

And, of course, it benefits a great charity that provides early childhood education, after-school programs, scholarships and more for Immokalee children.

Tickets are \$500. To reserve a spot, call Lisa Morse at 657-7711 or e-mail lmorse@guadalupecenter.org.

Opening up around town

■ Fish Restaurant has opened in the Village of Venetian Bay. It's the second restaurant in the same complex by Sal Sinzleri, who also owns MiraMare Italian Ristorante. As the straightforward name suggests, the new waterfront establishment fittingly features simply prepared seafood and sushi. Signature dishes include Hawaiian ceviche and peekytoe meat crab, jumbo crab cakes, a variety of grilled fish, as well as organic vegetables and six choices of potatoes. There's a full bar.

Fish is open 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. daily for lunch, 4-10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday

and 4-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday for dinner. Call 263-3474 for reservations.

■ Scallywags Steak and Burger House is doing a brisk business in the space previously occupied by Sweet Mama's Island Cuisine and Mr. Mom's Diner before that. It's owned by Cloyde Pate and his son, Nate.

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Right: A dramatic salad starts off the colorful meal that will feature South American flavors.



Chef Mark Guilbault, owner of Dinners by Design, plates the filet and prawn entree planned for Guadalupe Center's Taste of Brazil fundraiser.

The Pates are veteran restaurateurs, with the senior Mr. Pate starting such successful spots as The Veranda in Fort Myers and Naples institutions including Cloyde's Steak and Lobster House in the Village on Venetian Bay and Picadilly Pub.

Scallywags is at 3560 U.S. 41 E. Open Monday through Saturday, it serves lunch 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. and dinner 5-10 p.m. Call 300-0272.

■ Famous Dave's has taken over the Gulf Coast Town Center space left vacant by Vapiano's. It serves a variety of barbecued meats and accompaniments just like the one in south Fort Myers.

It's open 11 a.m.-midnight Sunday through Thursday and 11 a.m.-1 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Call 332-1048.

■ Cheddar's, just around the corner from Famous Dave's at the corner of Alico Road and Ben Hill Griffin Parkway, has opened

and is serving seafood, steak, salads and a variety of comfort fare.

It's at 10040 University Plaza. Hours are 10:30 a.m.-11 p.m. Sunday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 11 a.m.-midnight Friday and Saturday. Call 561-3618.

Cook up something new in 2013

Start the New Year by learning some new cooking tricks at The Good Life of Naples, 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road. Call 514-4663 to reserve a spot. Here's a look at some of the creative classes planned for January:

■ Saturday, Jan. 5, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — Farmers Market soup and salad. See how to use items just gathered from the farmers market to make a chopped salad and quick tomato-vegetable soup; \$30.

■ Thursday, Jan. 10, 6-8 p.m. — Quick and healthy comfort food dinners. Learn

to make three high-flavor, low-fat everyday meals including quick seafood paella and healthy spinach and sundried tomato risotto; \$60.

■ Wednesday, Jan. 16, 6-8 p.m. — Bistro rendezvous for two. Bring a loved one or friend and learn how to prepare a Parisian bistro meal that includes French endive and goat cheese salad as well as duck leg confit and mocha pots de creme; \$65.

■ Tuesday, Jan. 22, 6-8 p.m. — Basic Bombay. Discover how to use the flavors of India in dishes such as shallow poached salmon with yogurt-cucumber raita, Indian spiced chickpea-tomato salad and lentil and rice with turmeric and cumin; \$60.

Chez Boet owners host French trip

If spending a week exploring Paris, Aix-en-Provence and cruising on the Rhone River sounds appealing, Chez Boet owners Lisa and Philippe Boet invite you to join them on just such a trip next June.

The couple will host a reception at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, at their restaurant, at 755 12th Ave. S., to discuss the trip and answer questions. To reserve a spot at the reception, call Ms. Boet at 595-7002.

Short subjects

■ The fourth annual Ziggy Dick's BBQ Cook-Off & Festival is set for Friday and Saturday, Jan. 4-5, at the Golden Gate Community Center, 4701 Golden Gate Parkway. Sanctioned by the Florida BBQ Association, it's a family affair, running 6-10 p.m. Jan. 4 and 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Jan. 5, with food, music and awards. Tickets are \$5 and are sold the day of the event. It's sponsored by the Rotary Club of Naples Bay Foundation as a benefit for Collier County children's charities. For details, visit www.ziggidyicksbbq.com.

■ Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar welcomes Miguel Cruz as the new chef partner for the Naples restaurant. A native of Puerto Rico, he began his culinary career there before moving to Orlando, where he worked at The Peabody Orlando, Loews Portofino Bay Hotel, Gaylord Palms and The Waldorf Astoria. Fleming's is at 8985 Tamiami Trail N. Call 598-2424.

■ L'Orient chef Eddy Threthipthuangsin has created a weekly tasting menu that incorporates diverse flavors and spices of the season. A five-course meal is \$55 per person. The restaurant is at Naples Bay Resort, 1500 Fifth Ave. S. Call 530-5110 or visit www.lorientnaples.com. ■

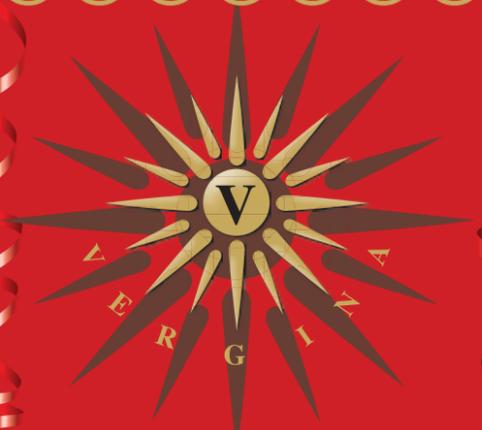
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