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Michael Griffin, a member of the South Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp, chats with a woman heading into the camp bookstore.

MOST HOMEOWNERS' associations focus on the needs of their living residents. But one tight-knit community in Central Florida considers the needs of all of its residents — living or otherwise. About an hour north of Orlando in rural Volusia County lies the South Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp. As soon as the tiny houses — many of them fronted with picket fences — come into

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BY ELLA NAYOR • ENAYOR@FLORIDAWEEKLY.COM

A new home in Naples for an American hero

BY EVAN WILLIAMS

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Army sergeant and sniper Brent Hernandez's time in Afghanistan was brief, but not mercifully so. He was riding in a CV-22 Osprey aircraft, an unwieldy-looking cross between a helicopter and an airplane, when it overshot a landing and crashed in the Zabul Province in April 2010, 13 days after he was deployed.

The pilot, flight engineer, Army ranger and a civilian contract employee were

killed, and Sgt. Hernandez was among 16 who were injured. His injuries were extensive, including a ripped intestine, collapsed lung and a traumatic brain injury — but he survived.

This month, the 27-year-old sergeant, his wife, Katy, and their two daughters are packing up to move from Fort Benning outside Columbus, Ga., to Naples with the help of a national nonprofit called Building Homes for Heroes.



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Katy and Sgt. Brent Hernandez with their daughters.

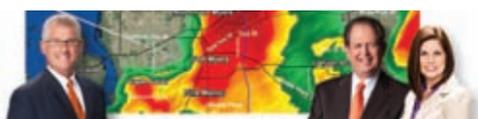
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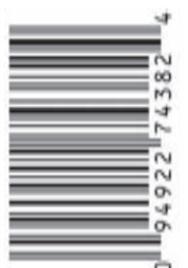
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COMMENTARY

Rumor of Love



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As a columnist of sterling reputation and unimpeachable motives, I never deal in “rumor.”

That is, unless I say I’m going to deal in “rumor,” a word synonymous with fiction, Facebook accounts of family life, and weather reports.

In that case, and after long and careful consideration, I spread “rumor” for only one reason, like foie gras or cream cheese or Nutella: to give my readers a richer understanding of the world around them.

Which is why I will now report a luscious little rumor coming out of Tallahassee.

Preposterous as it sounds, Gov. Rick Scott may soon declare 2014 to be the official “Rick Scott Year of Love!”

Apparently, he was baldly intimidated after learning late last week that helmet-haired challenger and centrist Charlie Crist, a real lover boy when it comes to politicking, has entered the race for governor.

“We will beat him with Love,” the governor is rumored to have ordered his senior staff. “We will out-hug him, out-kiss-babies him, out stare-into-the-eyes-of-old-ladies him — starting now, we will designate 2014 the ‘Rick Scott Year of Love!’”

If the rumor is true, it’s an ironic position for this governor. He is, after all, the man who started his working life by opening a doughnut shop in Kansas City. For those who miss

the metaphorical irony there, let me explain: a doughnut is a circle of love with a big fat heartless hole in it.

Gov. Scott is also the man whose health-care company, Columbia/HCA, admitted to 14 felonies on his watch as an owner and CEO in the 1990s, including fraudulently billing Medicare, for which the company was fined more than \$630 million by the U.S. government after its board forced him to step down.

That’s not very loving, either.

But in the governor’s defense, let me point out that people change (usually for the worse).

Nowadays, Gov. Scott is proving to be one of the most Loving executive leaders we’ve ever placed in the state capitol. So the “Rick Scott Year of Love” makes perfect sense, to me — and if the rumor isn’t true, I think the governor should make it true.

Here are three short reasons why: First, Rick Scott’s Love of family. Second, Rick Scott’s Love of people. And finally, Rick Scott’s Love of country.

Let’s start with family.

Not long after he won his first election by spending more than \$75 million of his own money, Gov. Scott proposed a program to drug-test state employees, as many as 100,000 of them, along with welfare recipients, all at \$10 to \$70 a pop for the companies that get to do the work.

About 12 weeks earlier, he had transferred his prominent holdings in a private company that stood to do a good deal of that lucrative testing, Solantic, to his wife.

Clearly, he must Love his wife a lot.

He loves people, too, some of them.

True, Gov. Scott eviscerated the Everglades restoration program that former Gov. Crist had modeled his administration on, killing a deal that even the likes of U.S. Sugar was willing to make by selling its land (188,000 acres) to all of us taxpayers — and no kidding, that would have saved the Everglades, which might be good for some people.

In a single move, the plan would have cleaned up polluted water hosed into Lake Okeechobee from the north then dumped into the St. Lucie River on the east, the Caloosahatchee River on the west, the Atlantic Ocean off Stuart, the Gulf of Mexico off Sanibel, and Florida Bay off of everything to the south of the Florida Peninsula and the United States of America.

How? By (get this!) sending it southward where it used to flow, thus restoring significant health to those once fecund water systems for future generations.

But the governor killed that plan out of Love for his people — and his people are not future generations. His people are golfers.

After all, politicians aren’t elected by the unborn, who don’t even have voter registration cards yet. Instead, they’re elected by people who spend their lives trying to lower their golf handicaps and avoid drinking before noon.

It’s all very well for people like Charlie Crist to go around worrying about future generations and kissing babies, but who’s going to Love golfers?

Gov. Scott, that’s who. Golf is expensive, after all, and nobody drinks the water that keeps the back nine green, so who cares how clean it is? Let some other people spend their money on Everglades restoration, if they care

about it so much. You know, someday.

Which brings me to Gov. Scott’s Love of country.

Recently, after Gov. Scott first rejected the Affordable Care Act, he proved his Love of country by bravely refusing to accept federal government money that is part of it — money already paid into the U.S. government by Florida taxpayers.

That money, in a program called Medicaid expansion, was set aside to medically insure people living below the poverty line in the Sunshine State, a cool million of them or so.

In other words, Gov. Scott turned down \$51 billion that would have been paid into Florida over the next 10 years, in a move supported by the most conservative wing of the Republican Party in the state legislature.

Along with Florida House Speaker Will Weatherford, the governor probably figured that all those little po’ boys can just go... take care of themselves, to use a Loving euphemism. (Definition, po’ boys: n., the really, really, really poor people, not just the very, very, very poor people.)

After all, they always have, haven’t they? The po’ boys get sick and either 1., Go to the emergency room, or 2., Die. Either way, problem solved.

By turning down that federal money, Gov. Scott showed his unparalleled Love of country. He wanted to save the federal government \$51 billion in Florida donations, and he by-God did.

So, for all those reasons, I have brought this rumor to you, my readers.

And I say spread it thick or thin, but spread it: 2014 may soon be designated “The Rick Scott Year of Love.” ■

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OPINION

Obamacare's false promise



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Special to Florida Weekly

To say that President Barack Obama is on the record telling Americans they can keep their current health insurance is an understatement. He repeated the assurance so many times during the health-care debate that it was almost a verbal tic.

He was stirring: "Americans must have the freedom to keep whatever doctor and health-care plan they have." He was adamant: "If you like your health plan, you will be able to keep your health-care plan. Period." He was clear: "Let me be clear: If you like your doctor or health-care provider, you can keep them. If you like your health-care plan, you can keep that, too."

He had to keep repeating his promise, since there was so much bad information out there. "No matter what you've heard," he said in a weekly radio address in August 2009, "if you like your doctor or health-care plan, you can keep it." Practically no President Obama speech was complete without this disclaimer.

Rarely has a major domestic program

been sold on the basis of a premise so patently untrue. No matter what you've heard from the president of the United States, hundreds of thousands of people in states around the country are now receiving notices that their insurance is getting canceled. It raises the question of how the president could be so wrong about a basic element of his own signature initiative.

Until now, President Obama hasn't been pressed to square what he said with the reality of those cancellation notices. But the dam is breaking. Former adviser David Axelrod has refined the Obama promise to say that "most" people can keep their insurance, which doesn't have quite the same ring as the president's sweeping statements of yore. White House spokesman Jay Carney conceded under questioning that some plans are being axed.

It may be true, per Mr. Axelrod, that "most" people with insurance in the country are keeping it, but "most" people in the individual market are losing it. Robert Laszewski of the consultancy Health Policy and Strategy Associates estimates that 19 million people are covered in the individual market and 16 million of them have plans that don't pass muster under the exacting new Obamacare rules.

This is a problem of a different order than the travails of www.healthcare.gov. The website will presumably get fixed; its failures are a bug, not a feature. Throwing people off old plans, in contrast, is central to Obamacare's remaking of American health insurance. Mr. Carney justified the cancellations as the shedding of "substandard" policies, by which he means policies that are more affordable and less comprehensive than allowed under the law.

Many of the people who found that those policies suited them will now be forced to buy different, more expensive policies. Sen. Ron Johnson, a Wisconsin Republican, is planning to offer legislation grandfathering those plans so people can really keep them. Sen. Johnson's bill would force Democrats to choose between defending the law and standing by President Obama's frequently repeated promise. They will, of course, choose the law.

The line about how "Americans must have the freedom to keep whatever doctor and health-care plan they have" isn't operative, and never was. Welcome to Obamacare. ■

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

The rising resistance to Obama's drone wars



amyGOODMAN

Special to Florida Weekly

"I wasn't scared of drones before, but now when they fly overhead I wonder, 'Will I be next?'" That is the question asked by 9-year-old Nabila Rehman, from northwest Pakistan. She was injured in a drone attack a year ago, in her small village of Ghundi Kala. She saw her grandmother, Mamana Bibi, blown to pieces in the strike. Her brother Zubair also was injured. Their case has become the latest to draw attention to the controversial targeted killing program that has become central to President Barack Obama's foreign policy and global war-making.

"We really just have a very simple message to the U.S.: How do you justify killing a grandmother? How does that make anyone safer?" Mustafa Qadri posed the question on the "Democracy Now!" news hour. Qadri authored a new Amnesty International report titled "Will I Be Next? U.S. Drone Strikes in Pakistan."

Nabila and Zubair are unique among the growing number of drone-strike victims: They were able to appear before Congress, along with their father, Rafiq ur Rehman, to testify about the strike and the devastation it brought to their family. They are featured in a new documentary being released for free on the Internet this week, "Unmanned: America's Drone Wars," by Brave New Films. In it, Rafiq, a primary-school teacher, describes that day:

"People enjoyed life before the attacks. It was 2:45 on October 24th of 2012. After school finished I went into town to buy school supplies." When he returned home, they told him his

mother was dead. There was a crater where her garden was. She was picking okra with the children. "That's where my mother was killed," Rafiq continues. "My family has been destroyed since my mother was killed." Nine children in all were injured, as this drone strike fit a typical pattern, with one initial strike, followed closely by another to hit the rescuers.

Thirteen-year-old Zubair testified before Congress: "When the drone fired the first time, the whole ground shook and black smoke rose up. The air smelled poisonous. We ran, but several minutes later the drone fired again. People from the village came to our aid and took us to the hospital. We spent the night in great agony at the hospital, and the next morning I was operated on."

Attacking rescuers is a war crime. Mustafa Qadri from Amnesty International explained: "For example, some laborers in a very impoverished village near the Afghanistan border, they get targeted, eight die instantly in a tent; those who come to rescue or to look for survivors are themselves targeted. In great detail, eyewitnesses, victims who survive, tell us about the terror, the panic, as drones hovered overhead. ... There's a very high threshold for proving (war crimes). With the secrecy surrounding the program, the remoteness of this area, we can only get the truth once the U.S. comes clean and explains what is the justification for these killings."

President Obama himself consistently defends the accuracy and legality of the targeted killing program. He was directly challenged on it recently, though, by his own 16-year-old human-rights hero, Malala Yousafzai. She is the Pakistani schoolgirl who was shot in the head by Taliban gunmen for her outspoken support for educating girls and women. Many thought she would win this year's Nobel Peace Prize.

While the White House did not publicize her comments, Malala released a separate statement about her visit with the Obamas, saying, "I also expressed my concerns that drone attacks are fueling terrorism. Innocent victims are killed in these acts, and they lead to resentment among the Pakistani people. If we refocus efforts on education it will make a big impact."

Resistance to President Obama's drone wars is growing. In upstate New York, in a surprise ruling, five anti-drone activists were acquitted after being tried for blocking the gate of Hancock Field Air National Guard Base near Syracuse. Code Pink is organizing a national conference in Washington, D.C., on Nov. 16-17, called "Drones Around the Globe: Proliferation and Resistance." And at least one drone pilot, Brandon Bryant, a former sensor operator for the U.S. Air Force Predator program, has now spoken out about the horrors of killing innocent civilians and the post-traumatic stress disorder that followed.

While only five members of Congress (all Democrats) came to hear the Rehman family testify, the words of young Zubair are now on the record, a painful testament to President Obama's policy of so-called targeted killing with drones:

"I no longer love blue skies. In fact, I now prefer gray skies. The drones do not fly when the skies are gray. And for a short period of time, the mental tension and fear eases. When the skies brighten, though, the drones return, and so, too, does the fear." ■

— Denis Moynihan contributed research to this column.

— Amy Goodman is the host of "Democracy Now!," a daily international TV/radio news hour airing on more than 1,000 stations in North America.

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Learn the joys of being a school volunteer

BY RAINER OLBRICH

Special to Florida Weekly

A few months ago, Principal Tamie Stewart and guidance counselor Tom Gemmer of Parkside Elementary School spoke to my service club, the Kiwanis Club of East Naples. We were particularly impressed by their account of the numerous challenges their east Naples school of nearly 800 students faces. (Since it opened in 2007, Parkside has qualified as a Title I school, receiving federal assistance because of its high percentage of students from low-income families.)

Nearly 90 percent of the students at Parkside come from homes where the adults speak only Spanish or Haitian Creole, and 97 percent of the children participate in the free or reduced-price lunch program, according to Collier County Public Schools figures.

In addition, very few of the youngsters at Parkside have the advantage of grandparents living nearby or even in this country.

In her second year as principal, Mrs. Stewart can already point to many new initiatives designed to help meet the mission of "Empowering Students for Lifelong Success."

Our Kiwanis Club has decided to help, too.

Our goal is to match one volunteer with each of Parkside's 41 classes, hence the name: Project 41 Parkside Elementary. We invite any retiree or stay-at-home parent who is available during normal school hours to join our effort. We encourage seasonal residents to participate as well.

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We need enthusiastic, giving adults who can "adopt" a class as their own for three hours on one day every week, from either 9 a.m. to noon or noon to 2:50 p.m. Helpers are needed for every grade, Pre-K through 5, and can choose the grade they feel most comfortable with. Additional opportunities for service exist outside

the classrooms in activities such as tutoring, reading and helping out in the media center and on field trips.

A word of personal testimony for those considering our invitation: A few weeks ago, when I began my Project 41 Parkside Elementary volunteer experience, I spent time in two second-grade classes. As I left the first class after 30 minutes, three children came running after me and presented me their little drawings that read "Thank you for coming!" and "Please come back!" How can you top that?

So many rewarding moments await those who join us in Project 41 Parkside Elementary. But most importantly, we are helping some very deserving young children and are playing an important role in setting them on the right direction for their lives. Long ago, I recognized the powerful impact of school volunteers upon the lives of the youngsters they mentor.

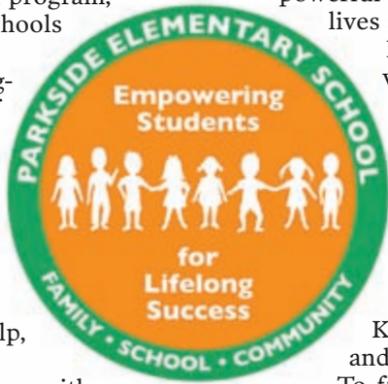
Having spent the past 10 years as a volunteer at another Collier County elementary school (the one my own grandchildren attended), I continue to be amazed by the many joys of this work. For me personally, it has been a unique learning experience filled with delight. Most of the volunteers I know share these feelings; for some of us, it has been a life-changing experience.

Kids teach us in so many ways, day in and day out.

To find out more, visit www.collierschools.com/pse. Additional information can be found at www.educationforcollier.org, the website of the Education Foundation of Collier County-Champions for Learning.

And please feel free to arrange for a personal, non-obligatory "get-acquainted" visit to Parkside Elementary School as well. Call Mr. Gemmer at the school, 377-8900, or me at 601-0056. We look forward to meeting you. ■

— Rainer Olbrich bills himself as "retired and a proud OPA (grandfather)!"



Concert band tuning up for patriotic program

The Naples Concert Band presents a patriotic tribute titled "America - Past and Present!" at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10, in the band shell at Cambier Park. Special presentations will include Peter Thomas reciting "What is a Soldier" and Amy Bright singing "Light the Fire Within" and Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the U.S.A.," backed by the Barron Collier High School Choir. The choir will also join the concert band in "America the Beautiful" and the traditional "Armed Forces Salute."

Guests should arrive early and bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Admission to NCB concerts is always free; donations are always welcome for the band's scholarship fund.

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WORLD

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view, you sense a change of place and time. Absent are any and all things commercial or blinking. Here, homes built in the 1920s nestle behind Spanish moss-laden oak trees, and the only sounds are tinkling wind chimes and a soft, whistling breeze.

Think Mayberry — with a bit of a twist.

Like the fictional hometown of Sheriff Andy Griffith, Cassadaga is quaint and filled with close-knit neighbors. But instead of pies cooling on windowsills, pastel signs indicating “medium” and “clairvoyant” adorn porches and yards.

Cassadaga is home to more than 40 certified mediums and healers who help visitors seeking answers or relief for physical and emotional suffering. Other spiritualists and members of the Southern Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp also call the village home. The camp owns the land on which about 75 homes stand; the residents all are camp members. All together the camp is made up of 57 acres donated by George Colby, a spiritualist from New York who homesteaded the land in the late 1800s.

A walk around the neighborhood and grounds leaves one with a sense of wonder and questions.

Visiting Cassadaga

During a recent tour of the camp, certified mediums and healers opened up their homes and gave voice to the otherwise still neighborhood.

“This is a unique place with unique people,” said board trustee and resident Michael Griffin. He and fellow board trustee Dennis Groseclose pointed to the homes of healers and mediums and detailed the kind of work they do. Artists, health-care professionals, musicians, clerical workers and military service members are among them.

“I’m a professional clown, and I substitute teach and have an EKG license,” Terri Swerdloff, an employee at the Cassadaga bookstore, said.

A serene sense of focus and purposeful living pervades, much like one would expect in a religious commune. In fact, residents of the camp call it one of the oldest religious-based communities in the United States. They spend their time in reflection, communicating with the spirit world and beyond and guiding visitors in their personal journeys for knowledge and healing.

First-time visitors to Cassadaga might describe Colby Memorial Temple and the Caesar Foreman Healing Gazebo as unworldly. Inside the gazebo are two chairs — one for the healer and one for the seeker. The healer’s chair is a tufted red velvet stool; the seeker’s, a simple wooden one with claw feet on crystal balls. Benches line the walls for observers to watch the healing process. One can leave the room with a heady, energized feeling.

The gazebo is open to the public for 30 minutes each week while healers work with visitors in rotation. This public viewing is offered as a greeting and a kind of introduction to the mystical work performed throughout Cassadaga. More involved and personal healings can be scheduled to take place in the homes of individual healers.

Across from the gazebo, weekly services, healings and meetings are held in the Colby Memorial Temple. This building is the lifeblood of Cassadaga, where camp members and visitors worship God and communicate with the spirit world.

The tenet of the spiritualists is the continuity of life. For them, death is merely a shift that signifies the opening of another portal to communication and connection.



Top: Rev. Don Zanghi displays a metal trumpet-like device sometimes used during séances to move and make sound signifying the presence of a spirit.

Above: Marie Gates, a healer, medium and teacher, strolls with Princess Sadie.

Spiritualism is what drew Mr. Colby here in 1875. According to camp board trustees, he was guided by a Native American named Seneca to settle the land that is now Cassadaga. The camp was formed in 1894, at the height of a time when people sought mediums to help them communicate with loved ones and seek advice from the spirit world.

Cassadaga Rev. Janie Owens explained that spiritualists such as herself believe there is no original sin, that people are responsible for their own actions and have free will to change the way they live their lives.

“There is no creed,” she said. “That’s why I believe so many people are attracted.”

The pews are packed during church services at Cassadaga, and attendance continues to grow, she added. “They’re looking for answers. People want the healing. It’s body, mind and spirit.”

Mediums and healers

During the nearly 120 years Cassadaga has been in existence, its way of life has remained the same. Mediums and healers live and work to maintain communications with the spirit world and the living. Camp members have strict standards

in the know

Cassadaga

>> For more information about South Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp, go to www.Cassadaga.org

>> Cassadaga is located at 1112 Stevens Street, Cassadaga, Fla.

Tips for seeing a reader

>> Seek a medium’s help when there’s sincere need.

>> Be receptive. Do not go for a consultation with a closed mind. The more relaxed you are, the better your reading will be.

>> Your questions will usually be answered in the course of your consultation.

>> Do not volunteer information to the medium. Be friendly, acknowledge when the medium speaks to you. A consultation should be an exchange.

>> Each medium has a unique style. Seek out one with whom you feel comfortable with and in tune.

— South Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp

Spiritual healing guide

>> Open your heart and mind to receive God’s healing energies.

>> Place your feet flat on the floor, hands in your lap with palms open, close your eyes, breathe slowly and relax.

>> Ask the unseen healing force to remove all obstacles and obstructions from your mind and body.

>> Allow the healing energies to balance your mind, body and spirit. Some healings are instantaneous and some take time.

— South Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp

for working as a medium or healer. All of them must be certified with at least four years of study and training, according to Rev. Judy Cooper.

“This is a religion,” she said. “We take it very seriously.”

Cassadaga has no fly-by-night soothsayers, TV-based fortunetellers or carnival-style theatrics. Only old-school hard work and training will do. “There’s a lot of foundation here,” Rev. Cooper said. “Mediums and healers are trained individuals. We have some of the best students you will run across.”

On the porch of the Andrew Jackson Davis Educational Building and Bookstore, a young medium in training flashed a smile and chatted with Mr. Griffin, the board member, about her studies.

Just steps away at the Cassadaga Hotel, tarot card readers and mediums reside and work. The hotel, which at one time was part of the camp, was



Michael Griffin, a member of the Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp.

sold to a private party during the Great Depression. According to local lore, ghosts and spirits flit about the hotel property.

The true South Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp experience starts at the bookstore. Any of the signs for mediums and psychics along the road before the camp cannot be vouched for. At camp headquarters, at 1112 Stevens St., visitors can peruse a book detailing the history of the camp as well as descriptions of the certified mediums and healers working there. References are good to use when choosing a medium or healer, but so is good old-fashioned intuition.

“You must have a connection,” Rev. Cooper said. Insider her Victorian-style home, it was not hard to get comfortable. Incense infused the air, and purple-hued rocks and crystal sparkled on a table. (Purple is considered a color of spirituality and higher order, Rev. Cooper explained.)

What one gets out of a reading is up to the person seeking guidance, she added. “We make our own happiness.”

Rose Thorn, a Fort Myers psychologist, said mediums and healers should be looked at the same way one considers conventional medical and mental-health professionals: You find someone that works for you. “All mediums are not the

same," she said.

Many healers go into the field because at one time they were hurting themselves, and along the way in their healing process they discovered a gift or aptitude to help others. Rev. Owens, who now runs the temple at Cassadaga, began her work as a healer in the 1980s after she was injured in a major car accident. When she sought healing and answers to her challenges through spiritual therapy at Cassadaga, she also found her gift of being able to see spirits and draw them.

Rev. Diane Davis said she flunked out of college and was a frustrated office worker nearly 40 years ago when she found her calling. She went to a reading and discovered her ability to feel things on an intuitive basis.

"I didn't have mystic experiences," she said. "Just knowingness."

A teacher and certified medium at Cassadaga, Rev. Davis has noted a shift in the way people view those in her profession. During the 1970s and 1980s, acceptance was not as high as today, she said, adding, "I got into the work when you didn't get into this work."

Touching the ethereal

Séances and calling on spirits to show themselves — or materialization — has been an answer for those wanting to know about loved ones or seeking some higher truth. While physical mediums were popular in the late 1800s to early 1900s, today focus has shifted from tipping tables, voices and apparitions to more intuitive mediumship.

"It's not what it used to be," said Rev. Don Zanghi, a physical medium and teacher.

The loosened hold of churches coupled with freer thinking has led more



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Left: Camp trustee Dennis Groseclose shows a statue of St. Francis of Assisi he donated to Colby Memorial Temple in memory of his wife.

Above: Rev. Janie Owens lights candles.

individuals to seek less physical affirmation of the spiritual world and more mental guidance, he said.

Though Rev. Zanghi still performs séances from time to time, he spends more time teaching.

"It's as much learning about yourself," he said.

But when an occasional haunting issue comes his way, the street-smart New Yorker does not shy away from putting a mischievous or troubled disembodied spirit in his or her place.

"I am a specialist," he said. "I am doing God's work."

And often, he finds that haunting issues revolve around a living being rather than a departed soul.

Talking to the dead? Scaring off ghosts? Bringing Grandma back for a visit in a séance? These are not everyday tasks for the average soul. But Rev. Zanghi just smiles and shakes his head. "You've got to be strong in this kind of work," he said. ■

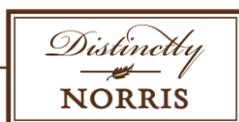
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A piece of the action

■ “Fantasy sports” are hugely popular, but when fans “draft” players for their teams, they “own” only the players’ statistics. Recently, Wall Street and Silicon Valley entrepreneurs created Fantex Holdings, which will allow investors to buy actual pieces of real players — namely, rights to 20 percent of the player’s lifetime earnings (including licensing and product endorsement deals). The firm told *The New York*

Times in October that it will soon stage an “IPO” for budding NFL star Arian Foster and hopes to sign up many more athletes, plus singers and actors similarly early in their careers. (On the other hand, Fantex’s lawyers drew up a 37-page list of potential investment risks, such as injuries, slumps and scandals — and the fact that the stock will trade only on Fantex’s private exchange.) ■

Cultural diversity

■ “For Japanese boys, the train driver sits alongside footballer, doctor and policeman as a dream job,” according to a September *Agence France-Presse* dispatch, and consequently, the system for the Tokyo metro area (covering 35 million people) runs with the “precision of a finely crafted Swiss watch,” where delays, even for as long as a minute, seldom occur. (When they do occur, operators repeatedly apologize and hand out “notes from home” to commuters to present to their bosses to excuse the tardiness.) Among the system’s drawbacks is the still-irksome groping of females on packed rush-hour trains, when operators routinely shove as many as 300 riders into cars designed for 150.

■ Among the surprising legacies of the oppressions of communist East Germany is modern-day Germany’s commonplace “clothing-optional” lifestyle (FKK, or “Freikörperkultur” — free body culture). A September *Global Post* dispatch counted “hundreds” of FKK beaches across the country and referenced a turned-up snapshot (not yet

authenticated) of a young Angela Merkel frolicking nude in the 1960s or 1970s. Foreigners occasionally undergo culture shock at German hotels’ saunas and swimming pools, at which swimsuits are discouraged (as “unhygienic”).

■ In December China joined only a handful of countries (and 29 U.S. states) by strengthening the rights of elderly parents to demand support from their adult children — not only financially (which has been the law for more than a decade) but now allowing lawsuits by parents who feel emotionally ignored, as well. An October *Associated Press* feature on one rural extended family dramatized China’s cultural shift away from its proverbial “first virtue” of family honor. Zhang Zefang, 94, said she did not even understand the concept of “lawsuit” when a local official explained it, but only that she deserved better from the children she had raised and who now allegedly resent her neediness. (A village court promptly ordered several family members to contribute support for Ms. Zefang.) ■

Latest religious messages

■ Recent separate testings in 21 springs in Austria and 18 fonts in Vienna yielded a conclusion that 86 percent of the holy water in the country’s churches was not safe to drink — most commonly infected with diarrhea-causing *E.coli* and *Campylobacter*. University of Vienna researchers found samples with up to 62 million bacteria per milliliter of water, and the busier the church, the higher the count.

■ Various studies show “churchgoers” to be happier, more optimistic and healthier than other people, leading some atheists and agnostics to wonder whether the church experience could be fruitfully replicated but minus the belief in God. Hence, the “Sunday Assembly” was created in London, and has now spread to New York City and Melbourne, Australia, with 18 other hoped-for openings by year’s end, according to a September report in *The Week*. Founders

seek such benefits as “a sense of community,” “a thought-provoking (secular) sermon,” “group singing” and an “ethos of self-improvement,” exemplified by the motto “live better, help often, wonder more,” and they hope that eventually Sunday Assembly will organize Sunday school, weddings, funerals and “non-religious baptisms.”

■ *First Things First*: An alleged drug ring in the Brooklyn, N.Y., neighborhood of Sheepshead Bay was busted in September after police cracked a stream of Internet messages offering heroin (called “DOB”) and cocaine (“white girl”). Among the messages was one sent at 6:45 one Friday evening advising customers that they had “45 minutes” to get their orders in for the weekend because the sellers would obediently shut down at 7:30 (i.e., sundown) for the Jewish sabbath. ■

Questionable judgments

■ Los Angeles Animal Services has proposed that the city be established as a Sanctuary City of Feral Cats and that cats should be an exception to property owners’ right to evict animals causing damage. Under the L.A. City Feral Cat Program, reported *OpposingViews.com*, felines “will gain an inherent right” to be on residential or commercial property. Animal Services believes that an enhanced spaying program will eliminate most feral-cat problems, including somehow their toileting excesses and their killing of neighborhood songbirds.

■ “You hired a convicted prostitute

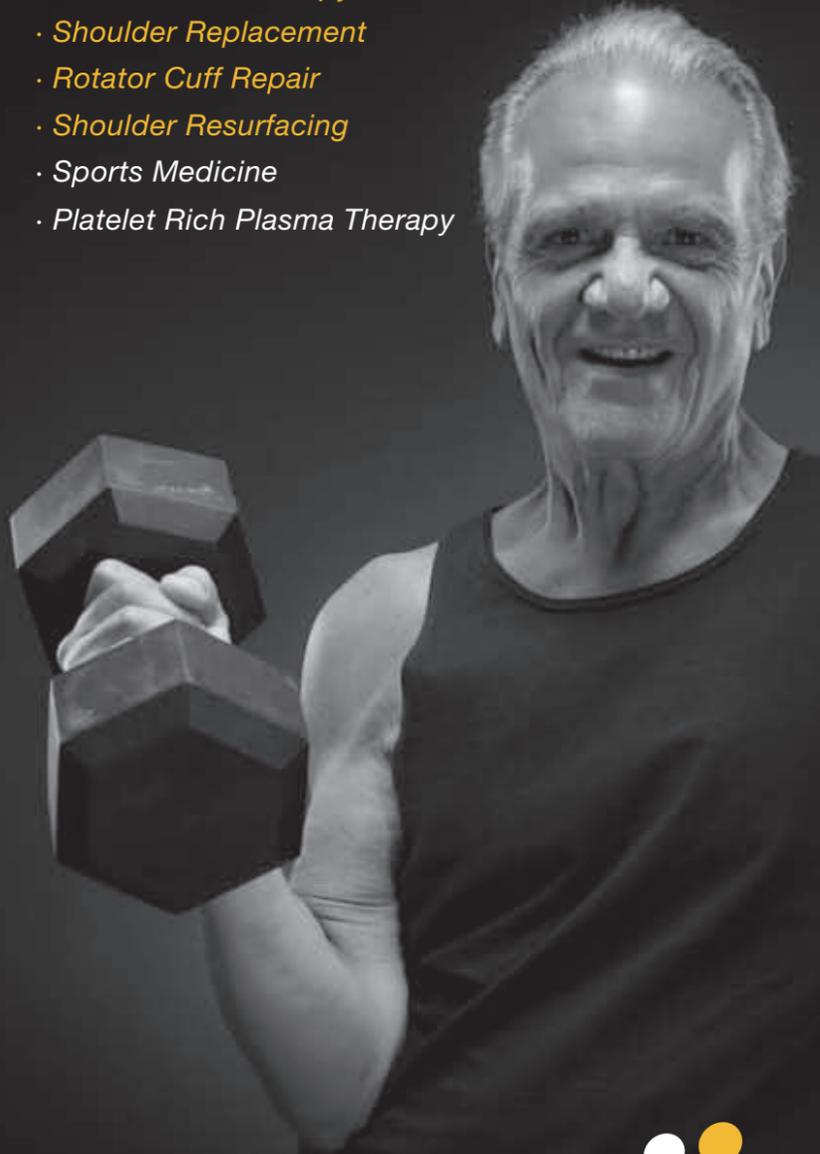
and thief to handle state money?” asked an incredulous Connecticut state legislator in September when he learned that Suki Handly had been employed from 2008 to 2012 passing out welfare benefits in the state’s Manchester distribution center and that \$44,000 was missing. Furthermore, Ms. Handly and two others had been found guilty of theft in Connecticut in 2010, yet word of her prostitution and 2010 convictions were not known to state investigators until a chance audit in 2012. (State hiring offices of course promised to strengthen background checks.) ■

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Charting the evolution of The Immokalee Foundation

Education is key to empowering farming community's young residents

For the past 22 years, The Immokalee Foundation has been dedicated to empowering Immokalee's children. Through programs focused on education, vocation and life skills, the foundation works with each child to develop a plan that nurtures his or her development as a student, citizen and future professional.

It all began in 1991, when Parker Collier and several Naples residents founded TIF with the goal of improving the future of Immokalee's youth by making people aware of their struggles and garnering enough financial support to make a difference in their lives. With Mrs. Collier's leadership and the generous help of philanthropic citizens, companies and institutions, TIF soon began to commit financial assistance to initiatives in education, career development and health care in Immokalee — contributions that would not only benefit the kids, but also the community as a whole.

In the latter part of the 1990s, TIF began concentrating its efforts more on education.

Believing that education was an integral part of the economic development of Immokalee, the board commissioned a study to uncover and analyze the weaknesses that prevented the children of the farming community from attaining a post-secondary admission and/or achieving academic success. The results were disturbing: The report showed that approximately 65 percent of Immokalee children who entered kindergarten dropped out of school before high school graduation, and 60 percent of all elementary school students (75 percent



within the sixth, eighth and 10th grades) scored at the lowest levels on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test. Additionally, only 41 percent of high school graduates had any post-secondary plans.

Clearly, after-school programs, early childhood intervention and career and college training needed to be implemented. Subsequently, TIF began to transform.

What started out as a grant-awarding organization has expanded into a non-profit focused on educational programs designed to give children the tools to believe and then achieve.

TIF's partnership with Take Stock in Children, a statewide scholarship and mentoring program, solidified TIF's new educational path. But this was only the beginning of a whole new journey — one that gave TIF the opportunity to



take a closer look at other programs that would benefit Immokalee's youth.

By 2009, TIF had implemented multiple programs emphasizing education, leadership and other life skills. Those programs now serve more than 700 students and include TSIC, Immokalee Readers, Career Development and College Success. Each is essential to the mission of the organization.

TSIC helps increase high school graduation rates by holding students to a pledge to stay out of trouble, keep their grades up and meet regularly with their volunteer mentor.

Immokalee Readers is an early reading intervention program targeted to improve the reading skills of the bottom 17 percent performers on the FCAT state achievement assessment test of children from kindergarten through second grade. Led by certified teachers and supple-

mented with high school age tutors, the program is currently implemented in three Immokalee elementary schools.

Through the Career Development program, TIF aims to increase awareness and knowledge of career paths through an array of panel discussions, seminars and industry-targeted tours. With scholarship support for training, the program helps students complete the journey of becoming economically independent.

In 2010, through a partnership between TIF and the Fites Family Charitable Trust, Kelly Tractor and Caterpillar Foundation, a new training program for heavy equipment technicians began at the iTECH center in Immokalee. The program has led to graduates gaining employment in high-paying careers.

Lastly, TIF's College Success program provides ongoing mentorship and support for students on a post-secondary path, helping them to set up individual academic plans to ensure graduation.

Today, 100 percent of the students who participate in TIF programs graduate from high school and 97 percent of those students go on to a college or vocational post-secondary path.

Every person, family and organization that supports TIF plays a vital role not only on the foundation's prosperity, but in the academic success of the children of Immokalee. After all, that is the mission. ■

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For more information, call Amy Kesler at 348-9151, ext. 111, or visit www.corkscrew.audubon.org (click on Learn & Explore tab for information on all volunteer opportunities).

■ Helpers are needed on Thanksgiving Day to ensure the success of the **"Gobble-Gobble Four Miler"** charity run to benefit St. Matthew's House and "95210 Kids on the Go." The race begins at Venetian Village. Duties range from setting up to registering participants, distributing water and monitoring the course.

To sign up to help, e-mail Matt Sonneborn at gobblegobblefourmiler@gmail.com or visit www.gobblegobblefourmiler.com.

■ Bell ringers for The Salvation Army's **Red Kettle Campaign** are needed to man the kettles at locations throughout the community Nov. 15-Dec. 24. For more information, call 775-9447.

■ The Southwest Florida affiliate of Susan G. Komen needs to beef up its 2014 **Race for the Cure** committee. The race is Saturday, March 8, at Coconut Point. In addition to helping on race day, volunteers are needed now to contact sponsors, organize teams and plan survivor events. The committee meets once a month at Komen headquarters in Bonita Springs. Additional meetings will likely be necessary as race day gets closer. For more information, call 498-0016 or visit www.komenswfl.org.

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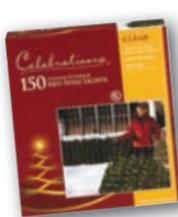


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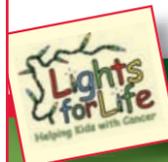


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"Endowment funds establish a safeguard against changing economic conditions," Ms. Connolly-Keesler says, adding, "They can support an agency's administrative activities or special programs in perpetuity."

The matching endowment grant program required a \$5,000 investment by the nonprofit. The Community Foundation matched to create an agency endowment fund, which must maintain a minimum balance of \$10,000 and must be held at the Community Foundation. The initial recipients are: Able Academy, Boys & Girls Club of Collier County, Cancer Alliance of Naples, Care Club of Collier County, Champions For Learning, Classical South Florida, Community School of Naples, Big Cypress Chapter NSDAR, Friends of Foster Children, Friends of Rookery Bay, Fun Time Early Childhood Academy, Goodwill Indus-

tries of SWFL, Grace Place for Children & Families, Habitat for Humanity of Collier County, Harry Chapin Food Bank, Jewish Family & Community Services, Junior Achievement of SWFL, Marco Island Center for the Arts, The Marco Players, the Mental Health Association of SWFL, Naples Historical Society, GFWC Naples Junior Women's Club, The Naples Players, New Horizons of SWFL, Rotary Club of Naples, St. Ann School Foundation, United Arts Council of Collier County and the Women's Fun of SWFL.

In the past, only very large nonprofits held endowments and those nonprofits were considered overfunded. Therefore obtaining funding from donors and foundations was very difficult. Today, endowments are being more widely accepted for their sustainability benefits for organizations of all sizes, and donors increasingly want to fund nonprofits that are thinking about the future.

Although the Community Foundation's first quarter matching endowment grants have all been awarded, additional endowment building opportunities might become available in the future. ■

— For more information about grant programs administered by the Community Foundation of Collier County, call 649-5000 or visit www.cfcollier.org/nonprofits/apply-for-grants/.

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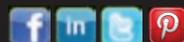


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Development staff, executive directors, board members and volunteers with area nonprofits are invited to "The Secret to Corporate Funding: It's Not Really A Secret," a presentation about "everything you wanted to know about corporate funding but were afraid to ask," from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at Hodges University, 2647 Professional Circle.

Debra Faulk, community affairs officer with Wells Fargo, will lead what promises to be a lively discussion on the not-so-secret things about obtaining corporate support and funding for a nonprofit organization. Ms. Faulk will talk about the two-way street between the corporate and nonprofit communities and will share best practices from doing this work for more than 20 years in the nonprofit, for-profit and government sectors.

Registration is \$35. To sign up or for more information, call 598-6284 or e-mail cne@hodges.edu. ■

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Donations can be dropped at Options Thrift Shoppe, 968 Second Ave. N., between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

Businesses, clubs, neighborhoods and other groups are encouraged to hold donation drives to help keep the Shelter's pantry stocked.

For more information about hosting a donation drive or becoming a volunteer, call Rebecca Thompson at 775-3862, ext. 235, or e-mail rthompson@naplesshelter.org. ■

Marco arts center seeks executive director

The Marco Island Center for the Arts is conducting a search for an executive director. This is a senior-level staff position; in addition to being a liaison to the community, the candidate selected will be responsible for administration of the center, fundraising and budget development and execution. Key requirements for the position are: fundraising experience, community involvement in a leading civic or business role, excellent communication skills, experience in budget and financial planning and a strong marketing, sales or general management background in arts or business. A bachelor's degree is preferred but not required.

Interested candidates should mail resume and salary requirements to the Marco Island Center for the Arts, 1010 Winterberry Drive, Marco Island, FL 34145 or e-mail them to ken@marcoislandart.org. ■

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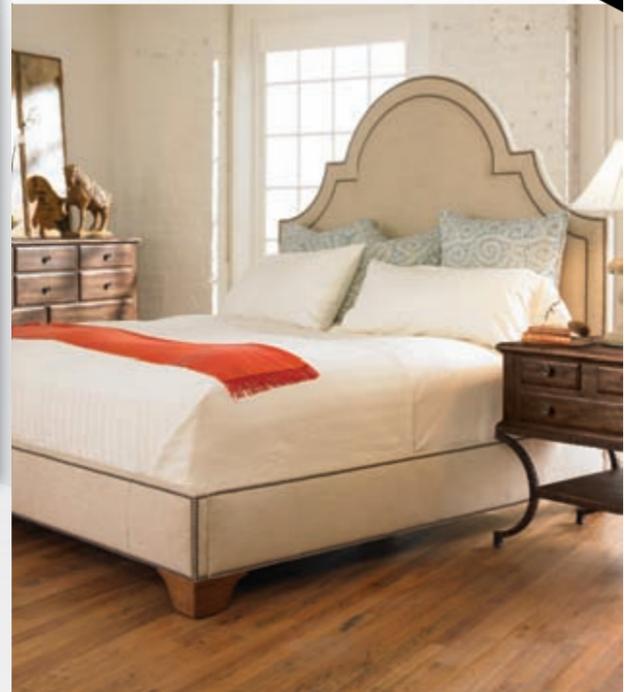
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Local history repeats itself for Christmas at Palm Cottage

'Tis the season for "Christmas at Palm Cottage," the time of year when the Naples Historical Society decorates its historic headquarters in an old-fashioned holiday theme. The unveiling is at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, and the decorations will remain for visitors to enjoy through 4 p.m. New Year's Eve.

Thousands of twinkling lights will illuminate Naples' oldest house inside and out. This year's event will feature docent-guided tours rather than an unattended walk-through, as well as a special exhibit of "seasonal" American cut glass representing Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. The pieces are on

loan from the private collection of Barbara and Bill Meek.

"Christmas at Palm Cottage" hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays and 1-8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday. The house will be closed on Thanksgiving; on Friday, Dec. 6, for the NHS gala; and on Christmas.

Historic Palm Cottage and The Norris Gardens are at 137 12th Ave. S., at Gulfshore Boulevard one block east of the Naples Pier. Admission is \$10 (free for NHS members and children younger than 10).

For more information, call 261-8164 or visit www.napleshistoricalsociety.org. ■

Bid on eBay for Vineyards membership

Tee up to bid online for a lifetime full golf membership at Vineyards Country Club. Bidding starts at \$15,000 for the membership that has a retail value of \$35,000. The eBay auction opens at 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, and closes at 9 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17.

All proceeds will benefit Charity for Change.

The family membership, which was donated to Charity for Change, covers one household (both spouses and children under the age of 24). The certificate can be redeemed through Dec. 31, 2014.

Members of the Vineyards Country Club are guaranteed no assessments, no food and beverage minimum and no hidden fees. The member is responsible

for the annual dues, which for 2013 were \$8,500 plus tax. Existing members holding a promissory note cannot bid.

Membership privileges include two 18-hole championship golf courses, 12 Har-Tru tennis courts, swimming, a newly renovated fitness center with spa services and a clubhouse that hosts year-round social events and live entertainment in the banquet facilities and dining rooms, lounge, lobby bar and on the terrace.

Charity for Change provides a character education program for elementary school students. For more information about the organization and for a link to the eBay auction, visit www.charityforchange.org. ■

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Friends of Foster Children honored

Friends of Foster Children of Southwest Florida received the Community Advocate of the Year award for the 20th Judicial Circuit, presented by the statewide Guardian ad Litem office in Tallahassee. FFC was honored for its outstanding advocacy on behalf of Florida's abused and neglected children.

The Guardian ad Litem Foundation promotes statewide Guardian ad Litem volunteer recruitment and retention through a variety of activities. It hosts an annual awards banquet to celebrate the achievements and honor the commitment of the volunteers and community advocates from each of the 20 judicial circuits.

Doug Campbell, FFC board president, accepted the award on behalf of the organization's volunteers and staff. He noted that the FFC values collaboration with others in the community and often assists

with funding alongside other agencies. By pooling resources with others, the children benefit the most.

"When children are removed from their homes due to abandonment, serious neglect or abuse, it is often with nothing more than the clothes they are wearing or meager belongings stuffed into garbage bags," says Jane Billings, FFC executive director. "FFC recognizes that these children deserve to have their childhood kept intact and provides them with opportunities to become successful and strong adults."

With a focus on filling in the gaps in the state system, FFC's support ranges from tutoring or after-school programs to enrichment activities that nurture the child's talents and passions.

For more information, call 262-1808 or visit www.friendsoffosterchildren.net. ■

NCEF receives governor's accolades

The Naples Children & Education Foundation has received the Community Leadership Award from the Governor's Children and Youth Cabinet. Alan Abramowitz, acting cabinet chair, made the presentation to Linda Malone, NCEF founding board member and 2014 co-chair of the Naples Winter Wine Festival, at the cabinet's recent meeting in Fort Myers.

"Year after year this volunteer board continues to make a difference in children's lives by identifying gaps in services and working to fill them," Mr. Abramowitz said.

NCEF has served more than 150,000 children through annual grants given to worthy organizations and seven major

strategic initiatives. Ms. Malone said the foundation achieves its success "governed by good will, using objective research to assess needs and shunning red tape."

State Rep. Kathleen Passidomo nominated NCEF for this recognition based on the organization's comprehensive study and subsequent giving strategy that guides the rigorous grant making process.

NCEF's primary fundraiser, the Naples Winter Wine Festival, has raised more than \$110 million over the past 13 years. Festival dates for 2014 are Jan. 24-26.

For more information, visit www.napleswinterwinefestival.com. ■



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Third-graders help launch Conservancy's STEM Institute

BY DON MANLEY
Special to Florida Weekly

Discovery was the order of the day for a gaggle of excited third graders who descended upon the Conservancy of Southwest Florida to partake in the hands-on experience provided by the new Conservancy of Southwest Florida STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Institute. The recent field trip helped mark the formal launch of the institute, which offers programs and workshops for K-12 students and teachers.

STEM is a nationwide educational initiative designed to boost the science literacy of America's youth, an area in which they lag behind youth in other developed countries. The STEM Institute at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida is in partnership with Florida Gulf Coast University's Whitaker Center for STEM Education and the school district.

Last week's field trip drew rave reviews from the students from Immokalee's Eden Park Elementary School and their teacher, Maureen Sturtz. The students used the latest in scientific technology in the Ferguson Learning Lab at the Conservancy and learned about animals and their outdoor

habitats at the Nature Center. They also ventured to the Shotwell Wavering Filter Marsh, where they collected aquatic organisms and water samples to measure how effectively the marsh reduces pollution.

The filter marsh was a big hit with Abigail Mendoza, 9, whose only regret was wet feet and not remembering to bring an extra pair of shoes. "We've seen a fish and I found algae and they're so tiny you can barely see them," she said.

Jesus Pablo-Felix's interest in a science-related career was heightened by the field trip. "It's fun because we're catching some fish and discovering new things," the 9-year-old said.

The field trip started with a welcome to the students from, among others, Conservancy President and CEO Rob Moher and Matt Mucci of AT&T, which provided a \$107,500 leadership grant to fund curriculum development, educational field trips and computer technology.

Mr. Moher cited statistics that illustrate the importance of STEM programs to the country's future:

- The United States ranks 48th out of 133 developed and developing nations in quality of math and science instruction.



Third-graders from Eden Park Elementary School in Immokalee wade in the Shotwell Wavering Filter Marsh.



David Webb and Irene Giniat of the Conservancy and Matt Mucci of AT&T join students to observe their findings in the Ferguson Learning Lab.

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- Florida ranks 50th (out of 50 states and Washington, D.C.) on the ACT test's science section, ahead of only Mississippi.

- The United States ranks 27th out of 29 wealthy countries in the proportion of college students with degrees in science or engineering.

- STEM professionals account for nine of the top 10 salaries amongst recent graduates in the U.S.

"We've been working on this for two

years, laying the groundwork, teaching training, buying the equipment, getting the curriculum in," said Mr. Moher, who was instrumental in the \$38.8 million fundraising campaign that helped make renovations and enhancements at the Conservancy Nature Center possible.

AT&T's STEM focus is part of the company's "AT&T Aspire" program, a \$350 million initiative started in 2008 to help increase high school graduation rates, pre-

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Two dozen schools will be represented, including Alabama A&M University, Citadel University, Florida A&M University, ITT Technical Institute, Kentucky State University, North Carolina A&T Univer-

sity, Oklahoma State University-Institute of Technology, Saint Louis University, Tuskegee University, University of Missouri and the University of North Florida Representatives from the United States Army ROTC program also will attend.

Students must register online at www.infinitescholar.org and print a ticket that will be required for admission. They also must bring with them at least 10 unofficial high school transcripts and unofficial ACT/SAT scores, two letters of recommendation and a brief essay on "Why I Want to Go to College." ■

Youth lacrosse registration open

All youth teams in the Collier County Lacrosse Association are now the Collier Coyotes, represented by a new logo in the navy blue, silver and white team colors.

CCLA has operated fall and spring youth lacrosse programs since 2003 for boys ages 7-15. This fall, more than 90 boys are attending weekly practices and playing scrimmages. Spring teams participate in the regional youth lacrosse league

known as FLYLAX along with teams from Fort Myers and Estero.

CCLA had seven teams and more than 125 boys in the FLYLAX league for the spring 2013. Sign-ups for the spring 2014 season can be completed at www.collierlacrosse.com or in person at Coastland Center Mall between noon and 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 9-10. For more information, visit the website above. ■

STEM

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pare students for college and careers and solidify the country's global competitiveness.

Mr. Mucci, regional director of external affairs for AT&T's Tampa region, praised the Conservancy facilities and its STEM program.

"This is an opportunity to see these kids grow in STEM, which is obviously where

we're headed — actually, we're already there," he said. "These kids will be stronger workforce candidates going forward."

As her students' attention was wrapped up in specimen jars, miniature fishing nets and the filter marsh's contents, Ms. Sturtz beamed while reflecting on what the Conservancy and its STEM Institute mean to their intellectual growth.

"The kids are so excited," she said. "One boy said this is the best field trip he's ever had in the whole wide world. I think the facility is excellent, the learning opportunities are great and the equipment for children to actually use is wonderful." ■

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From storybook cowboys and The Lone Ranger to zombie toddlers, a Tennessee Volunteer and even a wattle of Boston terriers, there was no shortage of the Halloween spirit in Naples this year (is there ever?).

We thank photographers Bob Raymond, who braved Fifth Avenue for downtown's Spooktacular affair; Amanda Rattigan, who snapped people and pooches at Humane Society Naples' Strut Your Mutt; and lower school teacher Molly Smith, who focused on youngsters in Community School of Naples' Halloween Storybook Parade, for sharing their spoils with us.

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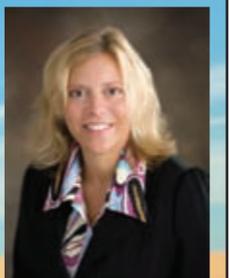
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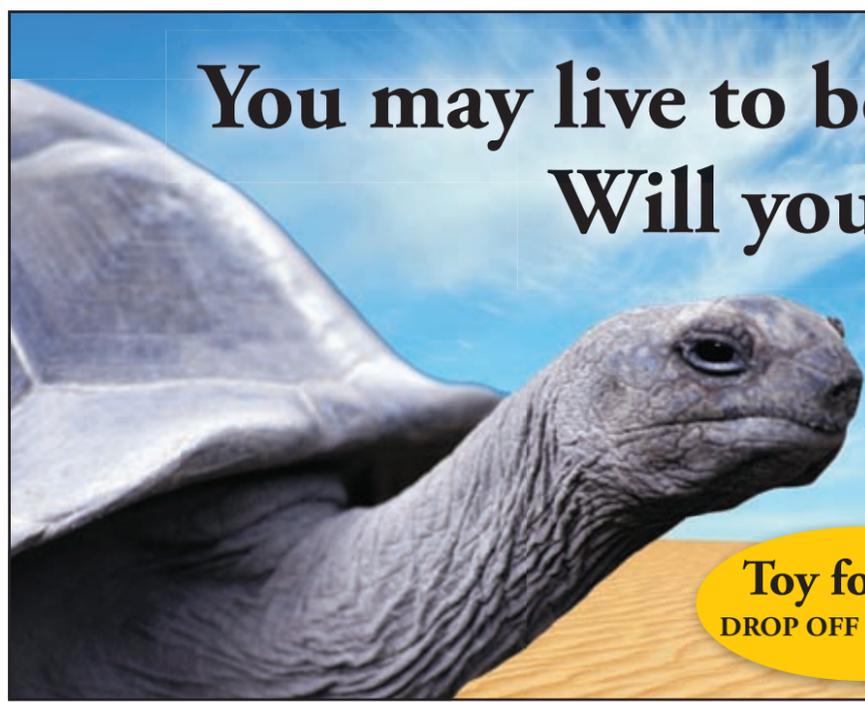
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■ **Monday, Nov. 11**

- Goodlette-Frank and Solana roads: Speeding
- Airport-Pulling Road and Progress Avenue: Red-light running
- U.S. 41 North and Pelican Bay Boulevard: Speeding

■ **Tuesday, Nov. 12**

- Shadowlawn Drive at Shadowlawn Elementary School: Aggressive driving
- Radio Road and Davis Boulevard: Red-light running
- Green and Sunshine boulevards: Speeding

■ **Wednesday, Nov. 13**

- Livingston Road and Golden Gate Parkway: Red-light running
- Manatee Road at Manatee Middle School: Aggressive driving
- Collier Boulevard and Immokalee

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■ **Thursday, Nov. 14**

- Airport-Pulling Road and Cougar Drive: Red-light running
- Learning Lane at North Naples Middle School: Aggressive driving
- Pine Ridge Road and Logan Boulevard: Red-light running

■ **Friday, Nov. 15**

- Immokalee and Oil Well roads: Speeding
- Collier Boulevard and U.S. 41 East: Speeding
- Naples Boulevard and Pine Ridge Road: Red-light running ■

Brush up on your driving skills

The AARP offers driver safety classes to help drivers learn new traffic laws, refresh their driving skills and reduce their risk for tickets and accidents. Drivers over age 55 become eligible for a discount on auto insurance.

Registration is \$12 for AARP members, \$14 for others. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the number with each session.

■ **Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 12-13:** Noon to 3 p.m. at South County Regional Library, 21100 Three Oaks Parkway,

Estero; 498 5820.

■ **Wednesday, Nov. 13:** 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Williams Ministry Center, 750 Seagate Drive; 269-6050.

■ **Thursday and Friday, Nov. 14-15:** 2-5 p.m. at Country Creek, 21131 Country Creek Drive, Estero; 498-5820.

■ **Monday, Nov. 18:** 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, 1225 Piper Blvd.; 455-0533.

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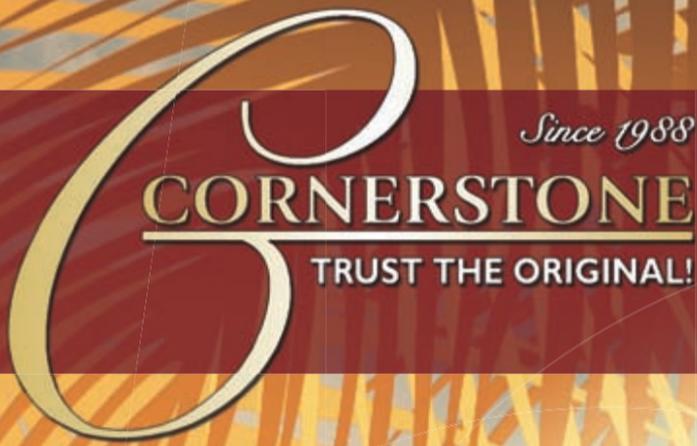
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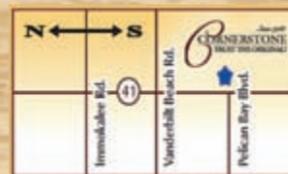
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Luncheon will focus on women's issues regarding addiction

"Women and Addiction," a free luncheon and continuing education program about the unique alcohol and drug addiction issues that women face in treatment and ongoing recovery, is set for noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13, at Hazelden in Naples. All are welcome. Two free CEUs will be awarded.

Brenda Iliff, executive director of Hazelden in Naples, will discuss how women generally progress faster in addiction than men, face different barriers in getting help and recover differently. Recognizing these differences can be critical in recognizing addiction and determining treatment.

For reservations or more information, call Mary Campbell at 659-2351 or e-mail marycampbell@hazelden.org. ■

Cancer research efforts reorganized

21st Century Oncology will more closely combine cancer research initiatives with Massachusetts General Hospital, the original teaching affiliate of Harvard Medical School, when the National Cancer Institute implements a reorganized cooperative structure in February. The reorganization will combine three specialized oncology research bodies into one clinical research collective known as NGR Oncology.

21st Century Oncology is conducting clinical research trials at sites across the country and assessing the effectiveness of various cancer treatments. "Physicians are currently evaluating advanced therapy in breast cancer, prostate cancer and bladder cancer and look forward to expanding to other sites including lung cancer," says Dr. Steven Finkelstein, national director of the 21st Century Oncology Translational Research Consortium. ■

Avow counselors lead support groups

Professional counselors at Avow lead several grief support groups at the Ispiri community center on the Avow main campus, 1095 Whippoorwill Lane in Naples, and also at the Marco Island office, 656 Bald Eagle Drive. For the complete schedule of meetings, call 261-4404 or visit www.avowcares.org. Attendance is free, but registration is required. ■



UF survey: Adults lack basic knowledge on caloric intake

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Adults generally don't know how many calories they should consume daily to maintain their current weight, according to a new University of Florida survey, but that might not be a bad thing.

That's because knowing one's caloric needs can be a double-edged sword, says Cassie Rowe, who worked on the survey as a graduate student and is now a study coordinator at UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

"On one hand, it may allow people to balance energy intake with physical activity to manage their weight," Ms. Rowe says. "On the other hand, I think most Americans get bogged down by the numbers. In this respect, knowing your caloric needs may lead to unnecessary stress surrounding counting calories."

Calorie postings on restaurant menu boards were an impetus for the study, she says, adding, "Do people even know what they mean? Are they going to have any context?"

Researchers surveyed 978 people of varying heights and weights from a cross-section of demographic groups, mostly on the UF campus. The survey found that people of all body mass indexes underestimate their daily energy requirements.

Graduate students in the master's dietetic internship program in UF's Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition conducted the survey as a class project for their professor, Bobbi Langkamp-Henken. The survey, conducted in early 2011, is published in the current issue of the *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*.

Survey respondents answered 10 questions, including their height, weight and level of exercise. Based on those answers, researchers calculated how many calories the respondents needed daily, the research paper's lead author, Lauren Headrick, says. She's now state coordinator for Florida's Farm to School Partnership.

"What was so interesting in our study is, people underestimated their needs across the board, showing a

clear lack of knowledge surrounding calories," Ms. Headrick says.

Here's an example of the survey's results: Most people who need, for example, 2,000 calories a day, think they should only consume 1,500.

This finding gives dietitians pause, Ms. Langkamp-Henken says, because if people learn their actual caloric needs are higher than they thought, they might be tempted to eat more than they normally would.

On the nutrition facts panel of all food labels, the standard is 2,000 calories a day, although an individual's needs can be different, depending on their age, size and exercise habits.

To the researchers' surprise, they noted that people who are obese underestimated their caloric needs the most.

But Ms. Langkamp-Henken offers a possible explanation:

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HEALTHY LIVING

The 55th annual Hospital Ball: A night of NCH honors

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We honored more than a few heroes at the 55th annual NCH Ball recently at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. The evening's celebration was dedicated to expansion and renovation of the Pediatric Emergency Department at our North Naples campus.

Our growing community now has more than 80,000 children under age 18. This past year we served a record 17,000 children in the North Naples ER, an increase of 33 percent since 2008.

Plans for the new ER, which separates children and adults, have 12 patient rooms, two trauma rooms for children and a pediatric waiting room with a state-of-the-art entertainment center to engage all ages.

At the ball, we announced a \$6 million gift from our board chair and her family and the naming of the Robert, Mariann and Megan MacDonald Pediatric Emergency Department. This is the MacDonald family's second major gift to NCH. The standing ovation they received from the 500 attendees was richly deserved.

Our 2013 Physician of the Year award, sponsored by Herb and Mary Ehlers and

voted on by the medical staff, resulted in a tie for the top honor between Dr. Deborah Lopez and Dr. Alberto de la Riva-herrera. Drs. Paul Jones, Ken Plunkitt, Carlos Quintero, Dennis Stapleton and Justin Warner were also recognized.

Our 2013 Nurses of the Year were Elizabeth Foster and Stephen Taylor. And the 2013 Compass Award winners, nominated by NCH employees for their compassion, were Drs. Damian McGovern and Charina Yango-Cadavos.

We also honored Mary Jane Briggs, who served as this year's Honorary Ball Chair. The Briggs family has supported NCH and the community at large in countless ways for more than half a century.

Finally, the evening's unsung heroes were the Hospital Ball Committee members, led by co-chairs Sen. Garrett and Diana Richter, auction chair Pat Schultz and sponsorship chair John Clough.

The night was one of inspiration and synergy. The national health-care environment might be maddeningly uncertain, but here in Southwest Florida we enjoy the constant of a competent, caring community that takes seriously its obligations to maintain and sustain high quality, local health care. NCH would not be what we are today without the support of our community. ■

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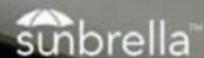
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Since its founding in 2006 by Long Island, N.Y., resident Andy Pujol, Building Homes for Heroes has built or remodeled scores of homes and gifted them to Iraq and Afghanistan veterans who have returned home with severe injuries.

With the help of banks such as J.P. Morgan Chase, financial donations and thousands of local volunteers, the organization has provided 17 homes for heroes around the country so far this year; plans are for 25 homes next year.

The Hernandez's home in Victoria Park should be ready for occupancy the first week in December.

"We've got a lot of work to do in a few weeks," says Bruce Fields, senior vice president and division manager for Manhattan Construction Company, which is managing the total makeover project.

"Andy called me one day and told me Brent's story and it really touched me," Mr. Fields adds. "It's a very minuscule way for us to say thanks" to Sgt. Hernandez for his service.

For every \$1 Building Homes for Heroes receives in donations, it gets \$3 in support from local contractors, Mr. Pujol says. "It's just an indication of how many contractors there are in this country that want to help."

"Our biggest wish is dollar support because that's the only thing holding us back from ultimately becoming the most respected military charity in the country, which is our goal."

Last week the Hernandez family attended a media "hard hat" day to take a look at their future home before the repairs and upgrades are completed.



The Hernandez family, right of center, with representatives of Building Homes for Heroes and Manhattan Construction Company at the site of their future home in Victoria Park before renovations got under way.

"Just being able to go into the house and meet all the designers, the contractors, the electricians, the plumbers and say thank you to everybody — it was just extremely exciting for me and my family," Sgt. Hernandez said via a phone call while the family traveled back to Georgia last Friday to begin packing for the move.

Debilitating pain is one of the things he struggles with as a result of his injuries, but he's learning to manage it. The home will include updates that make it more accessible and pleasant, such as water features designed to soothe tinnitus, a ringing in the ears.

"I'm doing well. I have my family, and that helps keep me stabilized," he said. "Injury-wise I'm about as good as I'm going to get. I've learned to live with the pain that I have. It's just become part of my life, I guess."



Sgt. Brent Hernandez, in white cap, with Andy Pujol, left, the founder of Building Homes for Heroes, and Bruce Fields, right, of Manhattan Construction Company.

"You know everybody has good and bad days. I have days that I hurt and days that I feel good. I just kind of take it day by day."

Naples interior designer Kathi Kilburn

is helping create an Old Florida inside the home, but one tailored for the young family. She's using a palette that reflects the colors of the beach, which Mrs. Hernandez is particularly looking forward to.

While Mrs. Hernandez will miss her friends in Georgia, she's looking forward to the move.

"It's definitely bittersweet," she said. "I'm sad to leave the group of friends we've made, and we have an amazing church in Georgia, but the exciting feeling takes over when I think about having our own house and the girls going to the beach, and beautiful weather so we can stay active as a family." ■

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PET TALES

Eye spy

Vision problems a common concern in older pets

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Whoever said that getting old isn't for sissies knew what she was talking about. All of us, including our dogs and cats, find that as we age, our bodies just don't work as well as they used to. Eye diseases are among the most commonly seen problems in older dogs and cats.

One change you may notice is a condition called lenticular sclerosis, or nuclear sclerosis. That bluish haze you may see in a pet's eyes isn't cataracts, as is often suspected, but the result of a normal aging of the lens. The good news is that it doesn't affect vision and doesn't require any treatment.

Cataracts are cloudy spots on the normally transparent lens of the eye. They look like a milky gray film behind the pupil. Cataracts may start to appear when dogs are 6 years old to 8 years old and can eventually lead to blindness. Dogs rely more on scent than sight, however, and they can get around very well simply by using their noses — as long as you don't move the furniture. If your dog's cataracts are so bad that he's running into things, ask your veterinarian about cataract surgery.

Older cats rarely develop cataracts. They are more likely to suffer vision loss from retinal diseases, uveitis (a painful inflammation of certain eye structures) or glaucoma. Like dogs, cats adapt well to vision loss. They compensate by rely-



Cataracts are a common cause of vision loss in older dogs, but they usually don't require surgical removal unless the dog is having trouble getting around.

ing more on their hearing or their whiskers.

Other age-related vision problems, such as keratoconjunctivitis sicca, better known as dry eye, require aggressive treatment. Tears, which are produced by the lacrimal glands, lubricate, protect and cleanse the eye. Tear production tends to decrease with age. If that happens, the eye becomes dry and irritated. It starts to produce more mucus, causing a goopy discharge. Dry eyes are itchy, and dogs may scratch at them or rub them on the carpet in an attempt to relieve the itch. Dogs with dry eye are also more likely to develop corneal ulcers.

Dry eye is diagnosed with a Schirmer tear test. The veterinarian places a tiny paper strip at the inner corner of the eye, where the tears pool, and holds it there for one minute to see how much of the strip becomes wetted with tears. If the result

indicates that tear production is below normal, the animal likely has dry eye. Dry eye is less common in cats than in dogs.

Depending on the condition of the eye, your veterinarian may prescribe artificial tears (not saline solution), antibiotic eye drops or an immunosuppressant drug that stimulates tear production. This helps to keep the dog comfortable and the cornea healthy. The medication may need to be compounded at a special pharmacy.

Glaucoma is an increase in pressure within the eye. It can develop quickly and is extremely painful. If your pet is squinting and the eye is tearing and feels harder than normal, consider it an emergency. A dog or cat with an acute case of glaucoma can lose his eyesight within 48 hours if the condition isn't treated immediately.

Take your dog to the veterinarian for an eye exam any time you notice the following signs:

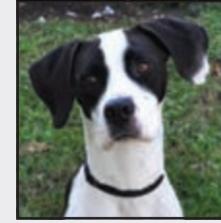
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- Sensitivity to light
- An unusually soft or hard eye
- A swollen, crusty or itchy eyelid
- A bulging or sunken eye

If you notice that your pet's vision is not as keen as it used to be, don't simply chalk it up to old age. Oftentimes, medication or other treatment can help, especially if the problem is diagnosed early. ■

Pets of the Week



>> **Charlie** is a handsome, affectionate guy who's about 7 years old. His adoption, including a complete care package, is free to a qualified senior citizen.



>> **Slater** is a black mouth cur mix who's about 3 years old weighs about 56 pounds. Gentle and friendly, he sits, waits, is good on a leash and likes to play Frisbee.



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All of my ancient devices have since been sold (\$7 for the DVD player at a garage sale a couple of years ago) or donated (I wonder which Goodwill shopper bought all my VHS recordings of "The Sopranos"?). And last week, when Todd bought Apple TV, our Blu-Ray/DVD fancy-schmancy device was relegated to the closet when he realized he didn't have enough HDMI plugs to hook up the next generation of technology.

I didn't even know we *had* a Blu-Ray player.

This is what happens when you live with a man.

Men have different eyes, and they need things to be sharper and clearer. I tend to think that they have different ears, too, because not only must they have everything in HD (that's "high definition." Trust me, if it weren't for Todd, I wouldn't know what that stood for. I



At opening night of the 2012 Naples International Film Festival – Left: Martyn and Val Price with Lisa and Patrick Dearborn. Right: Jill Wheeler, Shannon Franklin and Ellen Goldberg



CHARLIE MCDONALD / FLORIDA WEEKLY

might think "hair day," as in "I'm having a bad HD"), they must also have surround sound.

The truth is, when we got our HD television set (yes, I still say "television set" — I'm 100-years old) a couple of years ago, I didn't get the attraction. Todd kept pointing at the screen animatedly, "Don't you SEE?! It's a HUGE difference!" All I could do was acknowledge that it was definitely a bigger set and took up more room; but after a few months, I was at a friend's house watching her normal TV and I had to squint. The picture was so ... blurry.

"Is something wrong with your television set?" I asked her. "Why can't I see all

the pores on the actors' faces or the tiny blonde hairs on the tops of their hands?"

Now I have special eyes, too. I need Prism and color molecules and *sharpness*. And because I have a husband and my husband has a Best Buy card, we have a gazillion cable channels, a DVR box with movies OnDemand, Amazon TV, Hulu Plus, X-Box, a Roku player with streaming Netflix and, now, the aforementioned Apple TV — which, says Todd, shall allow us to play anything off of our iPads (including our downloaded music) onto our TV. And it'll be in HD and surround sound.

Seriously, it all makes me dizzy and I don't even know which remote oper-

ates which machine. But I can still remember back when I replaced my VCR with my shiny DVD player and put the VCR in a hall closet — a hall closet that contained some 50 mix taped cassettes from the late 1980s that I couldn't bear to part with. Now they can keep the Blu-Ray player company.

Naples film fest

Craving a REALLY big screen? Well, you're in luck. The Naples International Film Festival is this very weekend, with the opening-night gala tonight, Nov. 7, at Artis—Naples and screenings Friday-Sunday, Nov. 8-10) at

Silverspot in Mercato. The program promises lots of indie documentaries, shorts and feature-length films, including "August: Osage County" with Meryl Streep and Julia Roberts — a movie I'm pretty sure you CANNOT see in your living room, no matter how many techie gadgets you have hooked up.

For more on the festival, just type www.naplesfilmfest.com on your favorite Interweb machine. ■

— *Ciao for now, my lovelies! Stay tuned for another divalicious diary entry next week ...*



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— Tom Rohde, HomeTech service manager



HomeTech employee Alex Hennem checks his Android tablet before heading out on service calls.

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Tracking employees

Companies use technology to keep tabs on staff

BY NANCI THEORET

Florida Weekly Correspondent

LISTENING IN ON PHONE CONVERSATIONS and tracking someone’s exact location isn’t just the stuff of the National Security Agency or a spy movie. Today, more employers are monitoring their workers, tapping into GPS and company-issued cell phones and laptops to ensure employees are exactly where they’re supposed to be and not abusing the freedom of working away from an office.

The move makes sense for companies whose workforce is primarily out in the field, often driving employer-owned vehicles. Technology allows employers and supervisors to determine if an employee is spending too much time in one location or online. In-office employees tend to have direct supervisors who can pop into an office at any given moment to make sure they’re not posting pictures of lunch on Instagram or dissing the boss on Facebook.

Sure, it seems a little Big Brother-ish, but some managers feel that they really have no other viable options of monitoring a service technician or cable installer’s

SEE TRACKING, B6 ▶



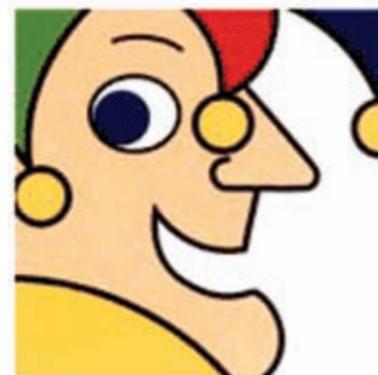
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INSIDE



The Champions Challenge

An educational evening, and more Networking photos. **B7-9** ▶



The Fool knows

What company founded by three brothers in 1886 owns Listerine, Tylenol, Splenda and Procrit? **B4** ▶



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Bull markets and bear markets have a way of changing the individual investor's best-laid plans for portfolio allocations. In fact, research proves that individual investors are terrible at making investment decisions: they capitulate/sell when already in a bear market and they chase performance in a bull market. In doing so, they wrongly rebalance asset classes within their portfolios at exactly the worst possible times.

Individual investors understand the profit premise: "Buy low, sell high." Unfortunately, an investor's understanding of such does not mean that his or her behavior is in sync. Behavior often is dominated by emotions of greed and fear in bull and bear markets, respectively. Most often effected is the converse of the maxim; the investor proceeds to buy into the market peak (as the investor has a feeling of confidence based on historical gains of the bull) and to sell into market lows (as the investors has a feeling of despair, confusion, or just downright panic based on recent losses of the bear).

The poor decision making of investors has been studied by the highly regarded and independent research group, DALBAR.

DALBAR analyzed historical purchase and sale patterns and found that: "... invest-

tors 'move their money in and out of the market at the wrong times,'" according to Louis Harvey, president of DALBAR. They get excited or they panic, and they hurt themselves." (March 11, 2013, MONEY NEWS, "DALBAR's Harvey: Individual Investors Brilliant at Mistiming Markets.")

How much do they hurt themselves? "A DALBAR study of the last 20 years shows that investors in U.S. stock mutual funds earned an average annualized return of 4.25 percent during that period, while the Standard & Poor's 500 stock index generated an 8.21 percent return." Some underperformance was attributable to fees but the preponderance of explanation is that individual investors are notorious for exactly mistiming the market in equities... markets in general.

It stands to reason that if investors are buying equities at market peaks, then they are selling out of some other asset class in order to create investable funds; conversely, if they are dumping equities at market lows, then they are taking proceeds and buying into another class, typically bonds.

The poor decision-making of investors has also been studied by mutual funds. In fact, a white paper by Vanguard affirms that individual investors wrongly time equities and bonds for entry and exit. "Many (investors) are influenced by capital market performance; this is often evident in market cash flows mirroring what appears to be an emotional response — fear or greed — rather than a rational one. Investors also can be moved to act by fund advertisements that tout recent outperformance, as if the investor could somehow

inherit those historical returns, despite disclaimers stating that past performance "is not a guarantee of future results" (Vanguard, "Advisor's Alpha," April 22, 2013).

Vanguard's historical studies of mutual fund net cash flows show that, "... after protracted periods of relative outperformance (in one asset class), sizable cash flows tend to follow (into that asset class)." The data showed that the peak of equity cycles saw large equity inflows; at the trough of the equity declines, equities are exited and there are large bond inflows.

Here are some examples of classic investment wrongdoing.

■ In 1999, near the equity market peak, there was a net inflow of \$160 billion into equity funds and a net outflow of \$2 billion out of bond funds; in 2000, there was a net inflow of \$262 billion into equities and \$48 billion out of bonds. In 2001, during the severe equity correction, there was only \$70 billion net cash flow into equity funds and \$81 billion into bond funds.

■ In 2006 through 2007, there was \$464 billion put into equity funds and \$182 billion into bond funds.

■ In the period 2009 through 2012, there was \$140 billion put into equities and a jaw-dropping \$790 billion put into bond funds.

How can any investor expect to outperform or just even perform as well as market averages if he buys high and sells low? Answer: he can't. It is a loser's game.

If investors mistime equities and bonds, might they also mistime other classes, including hedge funds, private equity, real estate, managed futures? Most probably

so... as these asset classes are not currently making headlines as the "hot" asset class.

Instead of making another ill-timed reallocation, the individual investor should heed the counsel of DALBAR's president: "The most important thing, once you have a strategy is to find a way to actually stick with it" (MONEY NEWS).

What investors should really be considering is adding to their position in lackluster asset classes in order to rebalance their portfolios. The next time that you consider rebalancing your portfolio to more heavily weight into a bull market, think about whether you are behaving as a typical individual investor who wants to be riding the winning horse. Jumping from one winning horse to the next generally results in falling off the horse. Consult your adviser as to the suitability of these ideas and consult investment specialists for counsel on specific asset classes. ■

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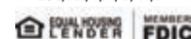
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Are you contributing to a Roth IRA? If not, you might consider looking into it, as the Roth offers potentially massive tax breaks. There are some important issues to consider first, though.

Like other IRAs, the Roth lets you accumulate money for retirement and enjoy some tax advantages at the same time. While traditional IRAs are tax-deferred, Roth IRAs are designed to be tax-exempt. Traditional IRAs permit you to contribute pre-tax dollars; Roth IRAs accept only already-taxed dollars.

Imagine that beginning at age 40 you invest \$5,500 of your post-tax income into a Roth IRA each year. You earn a 10 percent annual return for 25 years until you retire at 65. By then, your contributions would top \$540,000. With a Roth, that's your take-home pay, tax-free.

If those investments had been made into a regular IRA, you'd owe taxes on any withdrawals, paying \$81,000 or so, assuming a 15 percent tax bracket during retirement, or \$135,000 if you're in a 25 percent bracket.

So far, this makes a great case for the Roth. But remember that if the \$5,500 had gone directly into a traditional IRA, you would have reaped about \$1,375 in tax savings each year at a 25 percent tax rate (more, with a higher tax rate). If that sum were also invested, the total difference between the Roth and the regular IRA would become slimmer.

Still, the Roth is a very compelling proposition for many investors. You may be able to roll over, or convert, your traditional IRA into a Roth by paying taxes on it, counting the entire value of the account as income. You can also roll over a 401(k) account into an IRA when you change jobs.

There are more benefits and limitations to consider before you decide whether the Roth is for you. Get details at irs.gov, fool.com/retirement or from a tax professional. For clear and concise retirement advice, along with stock and fund recommendations, try our "Rule Your Retirement" newsletter for free, via fool.com/shop. ■

My Dumbest Investment

Expert Losses

My worst move was listening to expert advice. After experiencing some losses, I decided to use the services of a fancy private banking stock service. On the advice of my "stock expert," I sold positions that were winners because I was too heavily loaded on them.

I had 20 percent of my \$500,000 portfolio in Apple stock at an average cost of \$44 and was persuaded to sell around \$88. I refuse to calculate what 2,100 shares at around \$500 apiece would be worth today. I also had \$60,000 in a small mining company. He made me liquidate and keep just 10 percent of that. My remaining \$6,000 was sold for \$104,000 a year later.

— L., online

The Fool Responds: It's true that many so-called experts may not be too smart or may have conflicts of interest, not always keeping your best interests in mind. Still, it is sensible to not have too much of your portfolio riding on any one stock, as even solid companies can falter. And if that small mining company was a penny stock, as many are, that's very risky, too. ■



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

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Name That Company

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Band-Aid, Listerine, Tylenol, Splenda, Motrin, Visine, Stay-free, K-Y, Rogaine, Procrit and Remicade. Some 25 percent of my 2012 sales came from new products. Who am I?

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The Motley Fool Take

100-Year Dividends

The power of dividends is underappreciated by many investors. Solid, consistent dividends often result in market-beating returns for patient investors. Below are five dividend payers likely to keep it up for a long time:

■ **3M (NYSE: MMM)** makes everything from Post-it Notes to protective films for smartphones. Its recent yield of 2.1 percent is better than you can get from five-year Treasuries, and it has been paying its dividend for 97 years.

■ **Colgate-Palmolive (NYSE: CL)**, making staples such as toothpaste and pet food, is growing and profitable. Recently yielding 2.2 percent, it has paid a dividend for 118 years.

■ **Procter & Gamble's (NYSE: PG)**

"50 Leadership Brands" include Bounty, Charmin, Gillette, Crest and Tide. It recently yielded 3 percent and has been paying dividends for 123 years.

■ **DuPont (NYSE: DD)** is a giant in chemicals and agriculture. The maker of plastics and other engineered materials recently offered a 3 percent yield and has been paying dividends since 1904.

■ **Stanley Black & Decker (NYSE: SWK)** recently yielded 2.6 percent and has been paying dividends for 137 consecutive years. It's poised to benefit from an upturn in the housing market.

These companies are not the fastest growers around, but they can reward you over time with their reliable and growing dividends. ■

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 general membership of the **Collier County Bar Association** meets for lunch at noon Friday, Nov. 8, at the Hilton Naples. Guest speaker David Stevens, principal at Investment Properties Corp. of Naples, will present his "Real Estate Outlook for Collier County." Sign up at www.colliercountybar.org.

■ The **Above Board Chamber of Florida** welcomes members and guests to its luncheon from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11, at the Hilton Naples. \$23 for members, \$28 for guests. Reservations required by Friday, Nov. 8. Call Jeanne Sweeney at 910-7426.

■ The **Collier Building Industry Association** and the **Lee Building Industry Association** present "2013 Market Trends" from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, at the Miromar Design Center. \$25 for members, \$50 for others. For more information, e-mail amelia@cbia.net.

■ **Wake Up Naples** for members of the **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** takes place from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13, at the Hilton Naples. The 10th annual Distinguished Public Service Awards presentation will take place. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ The **Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** holds its annual "Harvest Night" Business After Hours from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at Gulf Coast Coin & Jewelry, 25355

S. Tamiami Trail. Guests are asked to bring a donation of canned food for the Bonita Springs Assistance Office. \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door for members; \$30 for non-members. Call 992-2943 or visit www.bonitaspringschamber.com.

■ The second annual **Marco Island Area Home Show** sponsored by the Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce takes place from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at the Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort. Networking for exhibitors will start 30 minutes before the doors open to the public. Exhibit space and sponsorship opportunities are still available. Call 394-7549 or e-mail Katie@marcoislandchamber.org.

■ The **East Naples Merchants Association** meets for Business After Hours at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at Physicians Regional-Collier Bou-

levard. For more information, call 435-9410 or 643-3600 or visit www.eastnaplesmerchantsassoc.com.

■ The **Collier Building Industry Association** hosts a builders roundtable from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, at CBIA headquarters, 3200 Bailey Lane. Panelists will be Jonathan Walsh, building official for Collier County; Jamie French, CCGM administrator; and Rich Long, CCGM plans review and inspections manager. Have a topic you'd like to be discussed? E-mail nancy@cbia.net by Nov. 12. For more information, visit www.cbia.net.

■ **Business After Five** for members and guests of the Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce takes place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, at Arturo's Restaurant. \$5 for members, \$10 for others. For more information, call 394-3061. ■

ON THE MOVE

New Location

Our Lady from Haiti has moved to 110 10th St. N., in the sunshine yellow building in the "Caribbean corridor" of colorful buildings that is the Naples Design District. Owner Melody Bales welcomes Peterson Joseph as the first featured artist in her shop's new location. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

Awards & Recognition

Jim Eldridge has been made an honorary lifetime member of the board of directors of the American Cancer Society- Florida Division. Mr. Eldridge began his volunteer career with the ACS in Naples as a participant in the Relay For Life of Naples in 1997. Since then, he has served on countless local, state and national ACS committees.

■ **Louis Traina**, EdD, executive director of the Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida, has been named Fundraising Executive of the Year by the Association of Fundraising Professionals-Everglades Chapter. Mr. Traina has led several multi-million dollar campaigns for institutions including St. Ann School and Edison State College, as well as campaigns that brought about the naming of Hodges University, the Kenneth Oscar Johnson School of Business, the Nichols School of



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Professional Studies, the Fisher School of Technology, the Francis Pew Hayes Center for Lifelong Learning and the Lavern Norris Gaynor President's Chair. He has served on the boards of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce Leadership Foundation, the Village School of Naples, North Naples United Methodist Church and the Forum Club. Mr. Traina will be honored as Fundraising Executive of the Year at AFP's National Philanthropy Day celebration Thursday evening, Nov. 14, at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida.

Five Paradise Coast resorts have been recognized as top resorts in Florida on Condé Nast Traveler's 26th annual Readers' Choice Awards that rank the best cities, islands, cruise lines, airlines, hotels and resorts in the world. Included on the list of the Top 40 Resorts in Florida were: The Ritz-Carlton, Naples; The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort; the Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort, Golf Club & Spa; LaPlaya Beach & Golf Resort; and Marco Beach Ocean Resort.

Board Appointments

■ **Andrea White**, production manager and social media manager at AdSource, has been named president of the board of directors for Project HELP, Naples' certified crisis and sexual assault center. Ms. White has served as a board member for six years, has been chair of the marketing committee for more than a year and has volunteered at the center for more than three years.

Members of the board of trustees for the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation for 2013-14 are: **Joel Whittenhall**, CNL Bank, Southwest Florida, chairman of the board; **Frederick Barber III**, Agnoli, Barber & Brundage; **Jon Davis**, CPA, P.A.; Brian Farrar, BCF Management Group; **Dr. Owen Feeney, Jr.**, Bonita Estero Dental Group; **Wendi Fowler**, The Client Server; **Dennis Gilkey**, Gilkey Organization; **Kitty Green**, Habitat for Humanity; **William Shikany**, Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home; and **Sharon VanRite**, Platinum Media Services of SW Florida.

Club Management

■ **Andrea Bach** has been named general manager and COO at The TwinEagles Club. Ms. Bach has worked as the club's assistant general manager for the past three years and previously worked at The Estero Country Club, ShadowWood Country Club and The Commons Club in Estero. She began her club industry career at the Daniel Island Club in Charleston, S.C. She graduated from the College of Charleston and earned a master's degree at the University of Dayton. She belongs to the Everglades Chapter of the Florida Club Managers Association of America and is a featured speaker on industry issues at a number of state and chapter association meetings. She also mentors students and graduates of the hospitality management program at FGCU. ■



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TRACKING

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whereabouts unless they're physically in the vehicle, riding shotgun. "We're just keeping honest people honest," says Tom Rohde, service manager for Fort Myers-based HomeTech, an appliance service and repair company with a fleet of 70 take-home vehicles for employees from Bradenton to Naples. "With the price of gas, it can be tempting to run to the store or run here and there."

Crowther Roofing does have some checks and guards in place but doesn't monitor employees "as much as we'd like to," says President Kevin Callans. "From being out in the field and being in that position I know there are things people will do, but the cost impact is kind of hard to swallow. We're looking at 300 employees and 200 trucks and \$30 a month per vehicle."

The math works out to \$6,000 a month for employers out of its Fort Myers, Naples, Sarasota and Jupiter locations.

Employees are also fully aware supervisors monitor data usage on company-issued cell phones — especially now that many service providers no longer offer unlimited data. "We know who the high data users are and should be," says Mr. Callans. "We also know who the people are who abuse it."

Position Logic calls its line of GPS devices "asset management solutions." The Naples company, one of Inc. magazine's 500 fastest-growing U.S. companies, offers fleet- and personnel-tracking services to businesses throughout the world.

With most of HomeTech's manpower on the road, there's no way to be all-seeing. "It's not like a mechanics garage where a supervisor can watch employees," Mr. Rohde says. "I put a lot of trust and faith in my service techs."

Key times are the beginning and end of the work day. "We want to know when employees check out at the end of the day and that they're not out gallivanting around. Guys will call me and ask if they can stop at a grocery store if they're going right by it."

Like Crowther, HomeTech's IT department has a good feel for how much time techs should spend on their laptops and on a job. One anomaly will send up a red flag and supervisors, says Mr. Rohde, will simply tell the employee "whatever you're doing, stop. If someone is doing anything crazy it's picked up pretty quick and corrected immediately. Our employees know we don't have tolerance."

It also has the capability to monitor websites and e-mails, but doesn't. "There have been a couple of times where the employee was using the laptop to play



HomeTech employee Brett Boehmer loads his van. His employer will know exactly where he is as he makes 10 stops during the day.

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music or the kids got a hold of it."

Monitoring has its advantages. Increased productivity was the main reason for HomeTech's move to randomly and spot-monitor the GPS-equipped laptops issued to employees in the field. The laptop is supposed to remain with the vehicle, providing supervisors with location services 24/7.

"They know they're being monitored and it keeps them on the up and up," says Mr. Rohde.

Knowing an employee's whereabouts also improves customer service by narrowing down wait times. No more whiling away that precious 10 to 2 timeslot waiting on the cable tech. GPS allows customer service to pinpoint a driver's exact location and call ahead with a more precise time.

"It has added cost to the company but we've also seen an improvement on insurance," Mr. Rohde says.

There are also fewer excuses for getting lost. "I used a map book when I was in field," he says. "Technology can be a beautiful thing in finding the shortest route but now if the GPS goes out, some of these guys don't have a clue."

Mr. Callans says Crowther Roofing is happy with the status quo — for now.

"We feel we have enough controls though supervision and are OK for the time being," he says.

In this day and age, with the ever-present eye in the sky, it's always safe to



A morning meeting at HomeTech headquarters.

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— Tom Rohde
HomeTech service manager

assume somebody's watching. And it's not just the boss or the IT department. The public vigilantly reports infractions caused by a vehicle boasting one of those "How am I driving?" bumper stickers, says Mr. Callans. "We get calls all the time."

A business's reputation is also at stake. No exec wants one of his company's logo-embazoned trucks parked at a bar all night.

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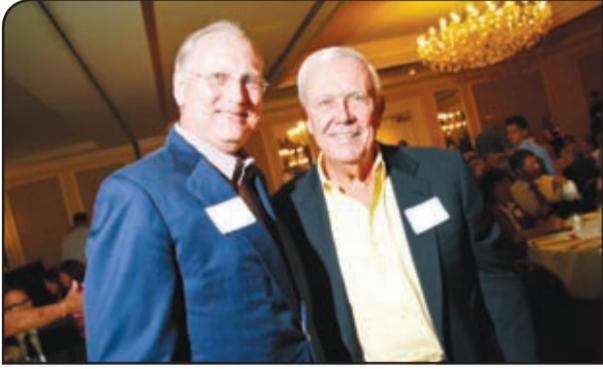
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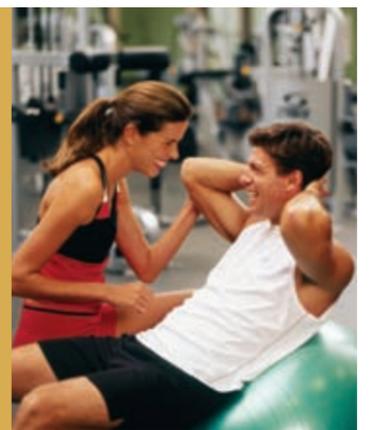
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- \$469,000 MLS 213500339
- Frank Dekevich 239.877.4193

SPANISH WELLS

NEW LISTING



Bonita Springs

- Pristine Condition & Updated
- Lovely Lake View
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- Detached Villa in Lake Club Community
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Sabal Cove

- 2 Bedroom + Den, 2 Baths
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SPANISH WELLS



Las Brisas

- Outstanding Views
- 3 Bedroom plus Den, 3 Bath
- Spacious Open Floor Plan
- 2-Car Garage
- \$309,000 MLS 213503888
- The Boeglin Team 239.287.6414

HELFENSTEIN ESTATES



1.04 Acres with Small Pond

- 3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths
- Updated Kitchen and Bathrooms
- Detached 3-Car Garage & Workshop
- Private Fenced Backyard
- \$259,000 MLS 213506330
- Meli Chelon-Gumma 239.273.3974

BONITA BAY



Oakwood Villas

- 3 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths, 2 Car Garage
- Delightful Bright, Airy Villa w/ Glassed in Lanai
- Many Upgrades Including Roof, AC & Kitchen
- Community Tennis Court, Pool & Spa
- \$239,000 MLS 213012204
- Connie Lummis, The Lummis Team 239.289.3543

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- Outstanding Views
- 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath Condo
- Open Floor Plan
- Community Pool Nearby
- \$187,000 MLS 213504755
- The Boeglin Team 239.287.6414

GOLDEN GATE ESTATES



Naples

- 3 Bed/ 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage
- 1.14 Acre Lot
- Completely Redone
- Concrete Pad in Place for Detached Building
- \$169,900 MLS 213500193
- Cory Lauer 239.465.9290

VANDERBILT COUNTRY CLUB



Vanderbilt Country Club

- 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath Condo On Golf Course
- Fully Furnished w/High-end Furniture
- View of 11th Fairway & Lake
- New A/C/Heating Unit 2012, Assessment Fully Paid
- \$164,900 MLS 213003434
- Barbara Irons 239.821.2510

SABAL SHORES



Old Florida Style Waterfront

- 3/2 w/ Full 1st Floor Available For Recreation
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- Gulf Access Canal
- Only Minutes to 5th Ave South
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Vanderbilt Lagoon Villas #5

- 3 Bedrooms + Den, 2.5 Baths
- End Unit Townhome in Mint Condition
- Waterfront 4-Story with Elevator
- 30 Ft. Boat Dock w/15,000 lb. Lift
- \$1,749,000 MLS 212020951
- Steve Suddeth & Jennifer Nicolai 239.784.0693

QUAIL CREEK



Quail Creek

- 4 Bedroom + Den, 7.5 Baths
- Views of Lake & Golf Course
- Tropical Gardens, Outside Entertainment Area
- Huge Acre Yard plus Invisible Fence
- \$1,395,000 MLS 212033934
- Lauren & Mike Taranto 239.572.3078

PELICAN BAY



Pelican Bay

- 3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths
- 3-Story Villa, High End Finishes
- Tropical Garden & Private Pool
- Wonderful Amenities
- \$1,000,000 MLS 213000158
- Martinovich & Nulf 239.398-3929

VANDERBILT COUNTRY CLUB



Vanderbilt Country Club

- Carlisle Model Southern Exposure Estate Home
- Custom Pool w/Waterfall, Premium Lot
- Kitchen & Master Bath Remodeled
- Golf Included w/Purchase
- \$614,900 MLS 213020855
- Barbara Irons 239.821.2510

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Naples

- Fabulous Outdoor Living Area
- Approximately 2400 Sq. ft. of Living Area
- 3 Full Bedrooms
- Soaring 14' Ceilings
- \$559,000 MLS 213023326
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BONITA BEACH



The Egret At Bonita Beach

- Pristine Top Floor Corner Unit
- 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Balconies
- Breathtaking Views of the Gulf of Mexico
- Furnished & Covered Parking
- \$549,900 MLS 212021331
- Denise Stilwell 239.273.0990

MEDITERRA



Mediterra

- 3 Bedroom + Den, 3 Baths
- Custom Features & Finishes, Crown Molding
- Large Screened Lanai, Western Exposure
- Private Resident's Beach Club Available
- \$545,000 MLS 213005756
- Martinovich & Nulf 239.398-3929

PELICAN BAY



Valencia At Pelican Bay

- 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths
- Beautifully Appointed Garden Condo
- Flowing Floor Plan, Neutral Dé cor
- Views of Water Feature & Pool Area
- \$405,000 MLS 213014695
- Martinovich & Nulf 239.564.1266

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Assessment Fully Paid

- 2 Bedroom + Den, 2 Bath, Beautiful Built-In Cabinets
- Extended Lanai w/Complete Privacy
- Hurricane Shutters
- 2 Yr. A/C & New Hot Water Heater
- \$398,500 MLS 213009162
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ROOKERY POINT

NEW LISTING



Estero

- Waterfront! Desirable Southern Exposure
- 3 Bedrooms + Den/ 2 Baths / 3 Car Garage
- Salt Water Pool W/ Spacious Lanai
- New A/C, New Exterior Paint, Gated Community
- \$389,000 MLS 213507262
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THE PRESERVE AT CORKSCREW

NEW LISTING



Estero

- Waterfront/ Quick Delivery/ Immediate Occupancy
- Lennar's Tivoli Model/ Never Occupied
- 4 Bedrooms/ 3 Baths/ 3 Car Garage / Great Room
- Desirable Southern Exposure, Builders Warranty!
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Attention Golfers!

- Outstanding Lake & Golf Course Views w/Sunset Skies
- 2 Spacious Bedrooms, 2 Baths
- Screened In Lanai
- One Car Garage
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ESTERO COUNTRY CLUB

NEW LISTING



The Vines ~ Fairway Dunes

- Beautiful, Remodeled and Ready to Move-In
- Neutral Palette and Open Floor Plan
- New Tile Throughout
- This Community has Something for Everybody
- \$225,000 MLS 213507016
- Heather Wightman 239.450.1891

HACIENDA VILLAGE

NEW PRICE



Bonita Springs

- Lakefront 2 Bed / 2.5 Bath Townhouse w/ Extended Lanai
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- Freshly Painted, Updated & Partially Furnished
- Small Pets Allowed & No Rental Restrictions
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CROWN POINT



Naples

- 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath Coach Home
- Situated on Lake
- Large Kitchen, Attached Garage
- Move-In Ready w/Fantastic Amenities
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- 3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths
- Southern End Unit
- Newly Renovated Lobby
- Panoramic Views
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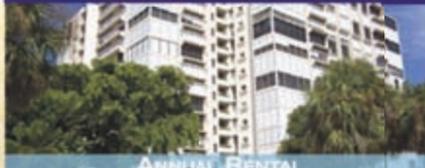


ANNUAL RENTAL

Naples

- 3 Bedrooms + Den, 3.5 Baths
- Custom Built Pool Home
- Gulf Access
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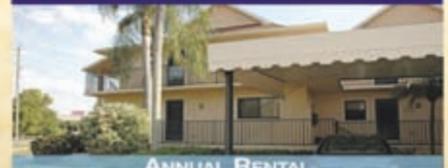


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- Fabulous Bay, City & Gulf Views
- Granite Counters, Marble Floors
- Numerous Amenities Included
- \$3,195 / Month MLS 213507517
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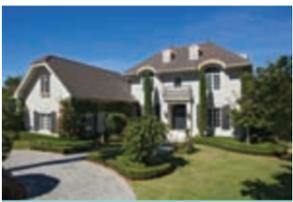
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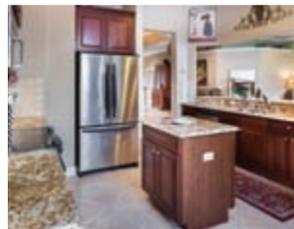
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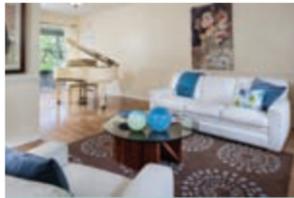
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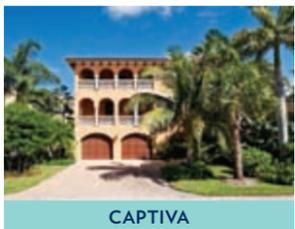
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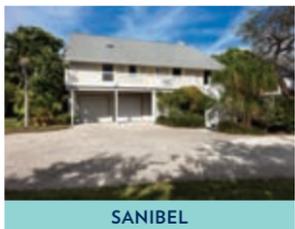
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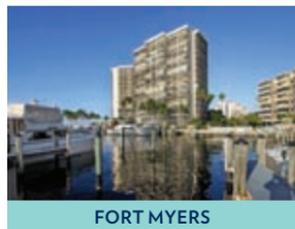
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Marco association gives photos, maps to historical society

The Marco Island Area Association of Realtors has donated an assortment of important photographs, films and maps to the Marco Island Historical Society. The gift consists of 369 photographs, five 16mm films and several large contour maps of Marco Island development projects.

Present at the donation were Shirley English, CEO of the MIAAOR; Gerry Rosenblum, president of the association; Barbara Rosenblum, member of the association; and MIHS representatives Kathy Miracco, board member and chair of the archives committee, and Austin Bell, curator of collections.

The photos had been in collections storage at the Marco Island Historical Museum since March 2011, when they were loaned to the MIHS on a temporary basis. A formal "deed of gift" was signed by both Ms. English and Mr. Rosenblum to finalize the agreement.

The photographs are comprised almost entirely of aerial shots of Marco Island, most taken in the early 1980s and 1990s but with some dating as long ago as 1952. These "bird's eye views" offer unique glimpses into Marco Island's development, capturing snapshots in time as the city grew into what it is today.

The five films, however, remain a bit of a mystery because the museum does not currently have access to a 16mm projector. With titles such as "Marco," "Natural Florida" and "Marco Island - Get Away From It All - Have It All," the films surely offer an important glimpse into Marco Island's recent history. The MIHS plans to convert these 16mm films into DVDs in order to view their contents and evaluate their suitability for public viewings and future exhibits.

The collection will be accessioned, catalogued and preserved at the museum for posterity. ■

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A nearly \$7 million sale in Estuary at Grey Oaks

The Savannah model home by Covelli Development Group in Estuary at Grey Oaks recently sold. The home at 1433 Nighthawk Pointe has six bedrooms, 7½ baths, a theater, wine room, a wood-paneled library and a five-car garage. Listing price was \$6.995 million, furnished.

Interior designers Rebecca Errett-Pikosky and Charlie Hansen of Clive Daniel Home completed the interior of the 9,300-square-foot Savannah to reflect its West Indies-inspired architecture.

Covelli Development Group is one of the preferred custom-home builders at Estuary at Grey Oaks. The community is a joint venture between The Lutgert Companies and Barron Collier Companies. Premier Sotheby's International Realty, the real estate division of The Lutgert Companies, is the exclusive sales and marketing representative of Estuary at Grey Oaks.

Model homes in Estuary at Grey Oaks are open daily. For more information, visit the sales center at 1220 Gordon River Trail, just west of Airport-Pulling Road, call 261-3148 or visit www.estuary-atgreyoaks.com. ■



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The West Indies-inspired Savannah has wide-plank walnut wood floors and a neutral color scheme throughout the main living area and loft. The custom gourmet kitchen is open to the family room with 90-degree pocketing electric sliders that transition to the covered loggia with open pool area beyond.



Two new luxury models open at The Colony

WCI Communities has opened two new furnished models in Terzetto at The Colony Golf & Bay Club. The neighborhood has low-rise buildings with golf and lake views. With interior design by award-winning Beasley & Henley Interior Design of Naples and Winter Park, the new models represent the two floor plans that are available in Terzetto. Each with three bedrooms and 2½ baths, one of the designs has 2,100 square feet of living area and the other 2,624 square feet of living area. Each home occupies a single floor and offers an attached two-car garage, private elevator and staircase entries. Luxury features and finishes include granite kitchen countertops and tray ceilings, as well as wet bars in the second- and third-floor residences.

Terzetto's first phase offers 10 three-story buildings and a recently completed neighborhood swimming pool, hot-tub spa and cabana building.

Homes at Terzetto are priced from the mid-\$400,000s.

In addition to Terzetto, WCI Communities has released for sale the first of 12 buildings in Cielo. The newest neighborhood in The Colony features five-story buildings, also offering luxury penthouse-style residences with parking on the first floor. Prices are from the \$640,000s.

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■ An undisclosed private investor has purchased the 75,000-square-foot **Uptown Center**, above, in North Naples for \$11.2 million. The neighborhood shopping center next to Sam's Club at the southwest corner of Immokalee and Airport-Pulling roads is anchored by restaurants including Jason's Deli, CiCi's Pizza, Fred's and Pelican Larry's.

The buyer was represented by Dougall McCorkle of Premier Commer-

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■ Anthony Emma, chairman of Insignia Real Estate and managing partner for Strada Holdings LLC, owners of "the wedding cake building" at 9045 Strada Stell, above, has announced that the building will be called **Vanderbilt Financial Center**. The five-story building towers over the Galleria Shoppes at Vanderbilt.

Mr. Emma and his investors pur-

chased the 58,000-square-foot building in January 2013. Since then, leases have been signed with firms representing the wealth management, financial and legal services industry. There are two additional deals pending with firms in the same industry, according to Mr. Emma.

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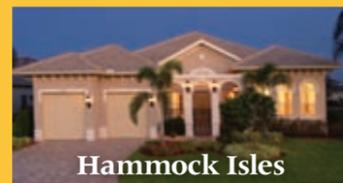


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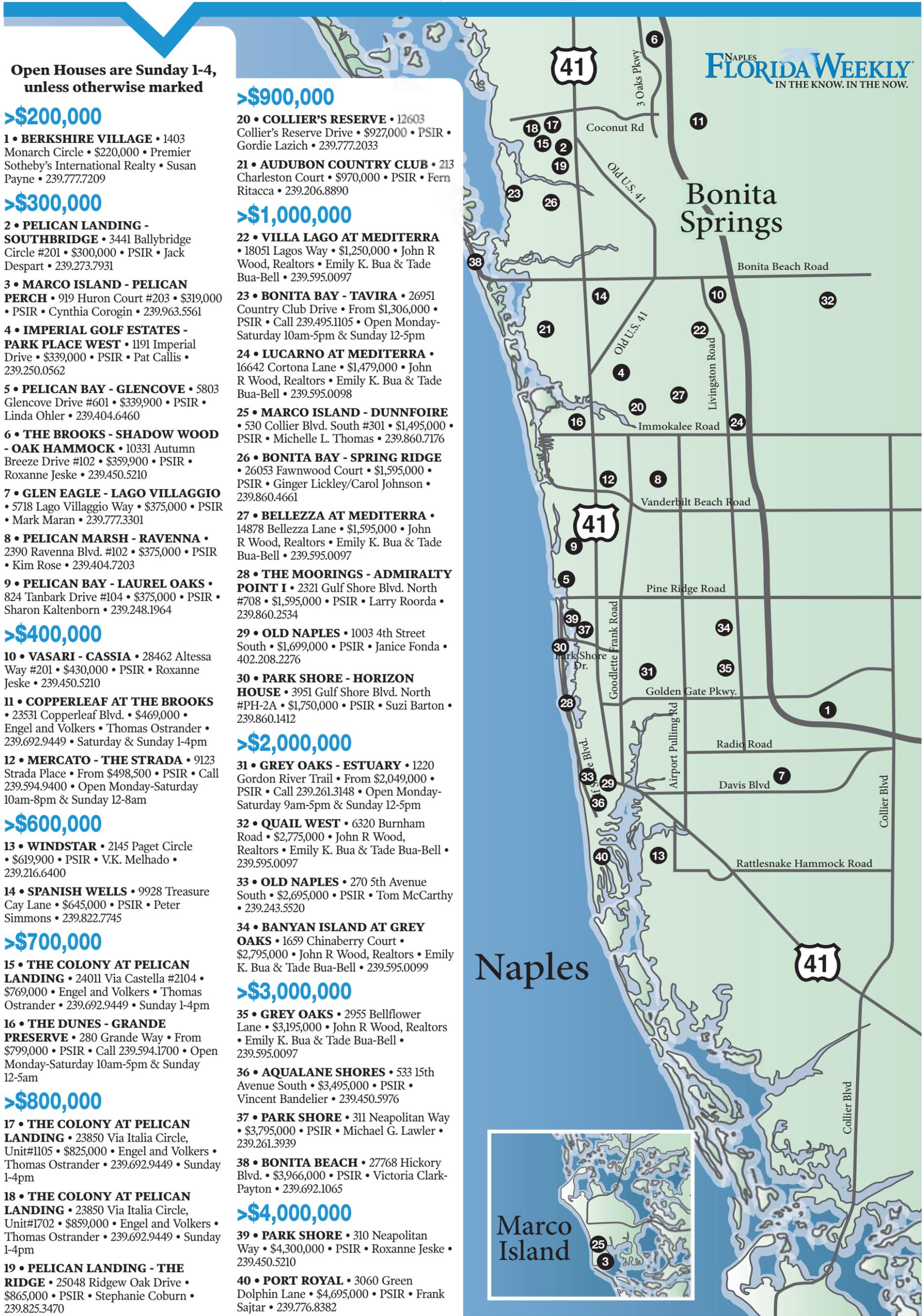
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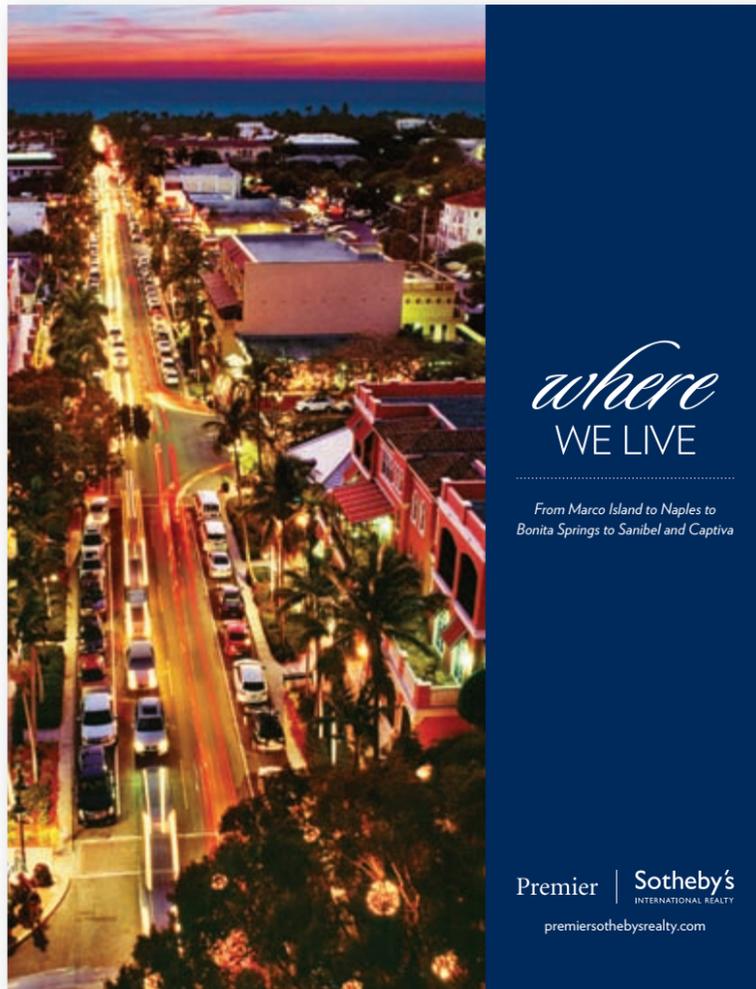
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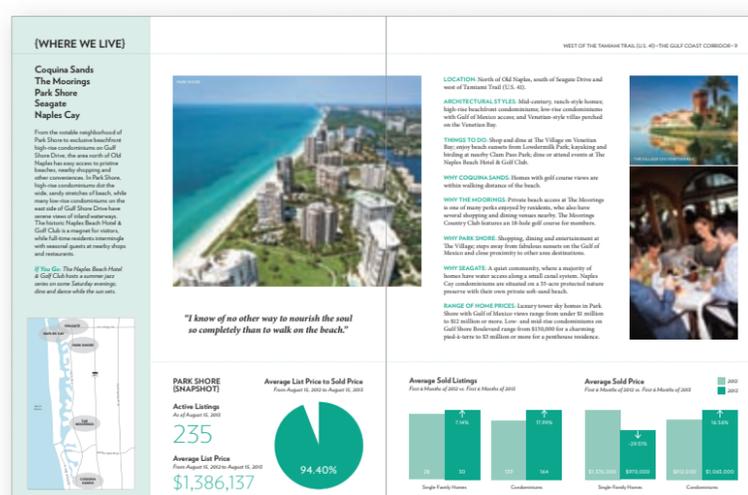
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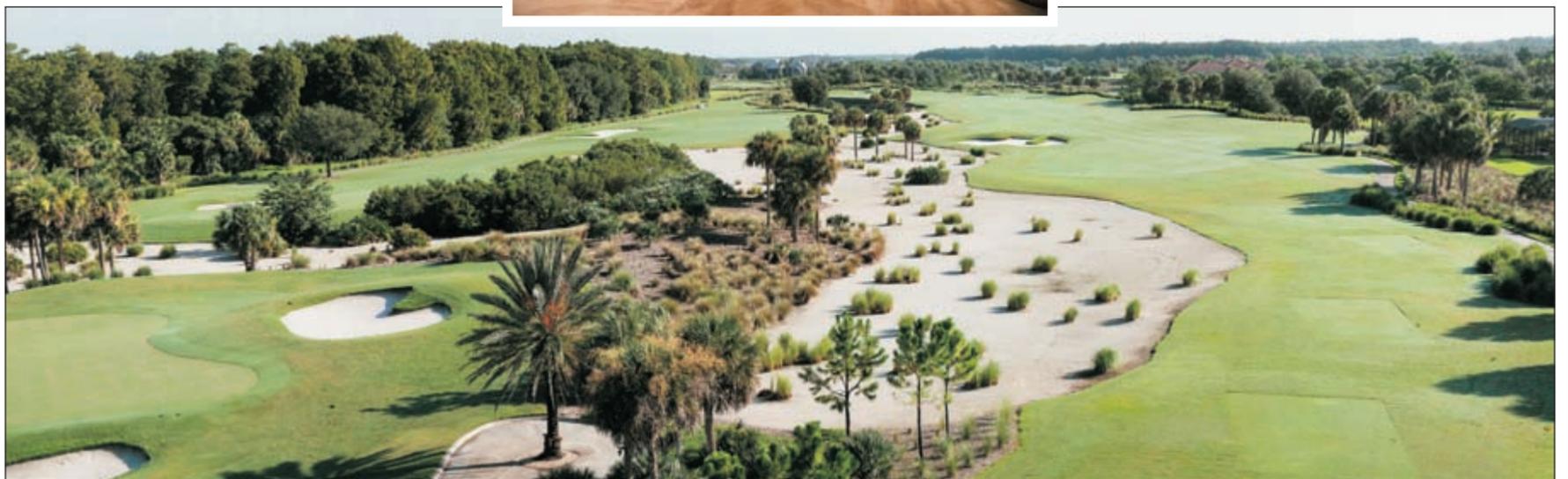
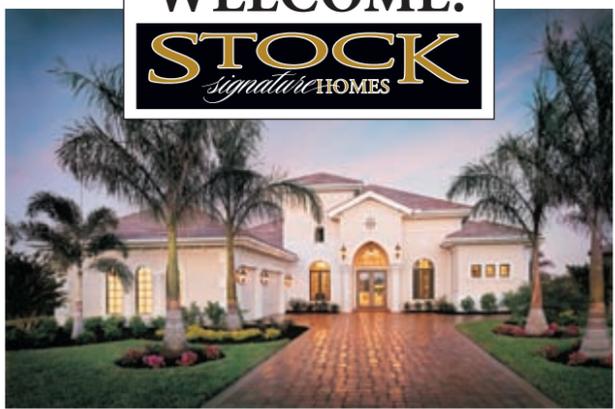
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THE STORIES OF OUR LIVES

Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Donald Margulies talks about his 'Collected Stories'

Sara Morsey, left, and Deanna Gibson in rehearsal for "Collected Stories"

BY NANCY STETSON
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"What am I without my stories? I'm nothing." — Ruth in "Collected Stories"

We humans are made of flesh and blood, bone and sinew. But we're also made of stories — the

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Writers are often urged to write about what

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Winning playwrights comment on their new works

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

What inspired the four finalists in The Naples Players' ETC...Readers' Theatre's 10th annual Evening of New Plays Contest for Southwest Florida playwrights? How do they describe their works, and how do they feel about being winners? Will they continue to write plays? What are their roles as playwrights?

Here's what they say.

■ Carole Fenstermacher, "Clarissa" — "My husband and I stopped for dinner in a very small town. By the time we paid our check, we knew every detail

of our waitress's life. We could barely get a bite down between her chatter, but she was so entertaining we didn't care. Thus 'Clarissa' was born.

"It was the ETC contest that first inspired me to try my hand at playwriting. Now I can't stop. I have a folder full of ideas begging to be out on paper..." Also a resident of Naples, Ms. Fenstermacher has been a finalist in the New Play Contest three times previously.

■ Joan Hetzler, "The Bridge Party"



— "I was inspired to write 'The Bridge Party' when the women in my writing group shared stories about growing up in a small town in the 1950s. Although this play is a comedy and a work of fiction, it serves as a tribute to those women and their lives.

"I see the role of the playwright as a good story teller who pulls people into an interactive entertainment experience. I'm honored to be

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SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

A Tinder convert sings its praises



You probably know this about me by now: I talk a big game, but my follow-through is not so good. When I recently told a group of girlfriends about Tinder — the dating app that lets you scroll through singles in the area — they asked over dinner if I'd met anyone new.

"Me? On Tinder?" I said. "Ladies, please. I've never tried it."

They gave me a collective exasperated look.

"What are you waiting for?" one asked.

What was I waiting for? Tinder is ridiculously low-commitment. The app uses your Facebook profile picture — a photo that's already public — and you scroll through singles as easily as you might flip through real estate. The only way to know if someone likes you is if you both give each other the thumbs-up. From there, you have the option to start chatting online.

The only part that felt threatening was actually putting myself out there.

"Go ahead," one of my friends dared me.

So I pulled out my phone, logged

in for the first time and tumbled down the Tinder rabbit hole.

It was fascinating. And addictive. And perhaps the best thing to happen to dating since birth control.

By the end of dinner I had five matches, and by the end of the night I was chatting with three of them. I can't remember ever having such a good haul. I felt like I'd stepped into a singles bar where all the awkwardness of first introductions had been stripped away.

The conversations flowed naturally and there was none of the hypersexual weirdness I had anticipated. In fact, almost every conversation followed the same format: Where are you from? What brought you to the area? What do you do for a living?

Not surprisingly, these are exactly the questions you'd ask if you met face-to-face. For someone like me, who is a touch quiet on first meeting, the typed conversation let me relax and open up. I was warmer on Tinder than I've ever been on a first date. Interestingly, you can still tell a lot about a person from an online conversation.

Each of the men I chatted with had his own distinct voice — Cuban Etien was chatty, flirtatious and sweet; public defender Brian was inquisitive and to-the-point; Ryan, who I never got far enough with for any identifiers, was too pretentious for my taste. They were, in short,

an accurate representation of the datable male population.

I understand that nobody's perfect, and Tinder certainly has its flaws. Age, for one. Most of the people on there skew young — some used their prom pictures as their profile photos. I had to scroll through a lot of men under 25 to find any in their 30s.

Tinder is also a little too low-commitment. Conversations stop and start based on when people are on their phones, so nailing down any sort of date can take days. And there's

always the possibility that the people you're chatting with are not actually who they say they are.

But hiccups aside, Tinder sure is a good time. Maybe I'll see you on there. ■



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they know, to mine their own lives for material, for ideas.

But what happens when they appropriate someone else's life for their creative work? When is it homage, and when is it stealing? Where is the line between creative freedom and thievery?

Donald Margulies' "Collected Stories," the season's opening production in the black box theater at Florida Repertory Theatre, examines these questions when Lisa (Deanna Gibson), the protégé of Ruth (Sara Morsey), a published author and professor, takes a private incident from Ruth's life — a youthful love affair with the poet Delmore Schwartz — and turns it into a novel. While Lisa feels she was merely doing what Ruth had instructed her to do as a writer ("You can't censor your creative impulses because of the danger of hurting someone's feelings") and says she did it to honor her, Ruth feels betrayed.

"Some things you don't touch," the teacher tells her student.

Work with staying power

Mr. Margulies' awards and honors are too many to list, but a highlight of his career is the Pulitzer Prize for Drama he won in 2000 for his play "Dinner With Friends." "Collected Stories" and "Sight Unseen" were Pulitzer finalists in 1997 and 1992, respectively.

And his works have staying power. Primary Stages in New York just closed a revival of his "The Model Apartment," and an Off-Broadway revival of "Dinner With Friends" will begin early in the New Year at the Roundabout's Laura Pels Theater.

Mr. Margulies' plays are popular with Southwest Florida audiences as well: Florida Rep has staged "Dinner With Friends" and "Time Stands Still." The Naples Players have also performed "Dinner With Friends," and Theatre Conspiracy has staged "Shipwrecked! An Entertainment - The Amazing Adventures of Louis de Rougemont (As Told by Himself)."

The playwright believes "Collected Stories" has resonated with audiences all over the world because it allows them to watch the relationship between Ruth and Lisa evolve over the course of several years. And they can relate to it themselves.

"We've all been in situations of being under the wing of a mentor, or we have been the mentor," Mr. Margulies says. "I think that there comes a time in those relationships, even the parent/child relationship, where you sort of switch places, and the acolyte (now becomes) the primary achiever."

Does Lisa betray Ruth?

"That may intrinsically be a betrayal



Sara Morsey, left, and Deanna Gibson toast in "Collected Stories."

of sorts," he says of Lisa's choice to write about Ruth's affair.

Time and age, he says, are also betrayers. "Age always seems like such an affront, an outrage."

But, he adds, "Clearly, Ruth's time had passed, and Lisa's time was just beginning. It was Lisa's time in the spotlight."

The play, he says, "came from different places."

In 1993, the author David Leavitt was sued by the British poet Stephen Spender for copyright infringement over the publication of his novel, "While England Sleeps." Mr. Margulies was fascinated by the incident.

"He took a chapter of Spender's autobiography as inspiration and, he felt, brought it into the 20th century, in terms of the sexuality of it, which seemed veiled because of the constraints of the time in which it was written," he explains. "He made it much more explicit — much to Spender's dismay."

Mr. Leavitt's publisher wound up withdrawing the book, and two years later, a different publisher released a revised version.

Also, when Mr. Margulies started



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Greg Longenhagen and Tyler Layton in Florida Rep's production of "Time Stands Still" by Donald Margulies.

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writing "Collected Stories," he was fairly new to teaching. (He is a professor of English and theater studies at Yale University.) As a newly minted professor, he wanted to capture the teacher-student dynamic in his play as well. Now he's older than the character, but when he created Ruth, he says, "It seemed she was far ahead of me."

Another influence for "Collected Stories" was the question of where stories and art come from. "Art comes from real life, but has been transmogrified into something else," he says. "That's something that has always interested me."

In his play "Brooklyn Boy," a novelist's friends and family don't understand how things from life get transformed into art and insist they know who the people in the novel really are. Although the novelist is writing, "from what he knew, what he grew up with," Mr. Margulies says, it's not "just picking somebody's pocket. It's taking the essence of someone and reconfiguring it, so it becomes a story you can (make all your own and shape how you want)."

Common themes

The action in "Collected Stories" takes place over six years.

"In each scene, we see different colorations in each of the women," Mr. Margulies says. "It's important to not play the same note. You're given these different snapshots over time, between these people. You're getting a progression of time, in subtle and more obvious (ways) in their relationship."

"I think part of the audience's pleasure in the play is that things emerge in 'Collected Stories,' and then you see them pay off. Things happen in unexpected ways."

He points out that Lisa draws out Ruth's story about her affair with Delmore Schwartz after the two women have a spat.

"That's rooted in the kind of complicated relationship they have," he says.

in the know

'Collected Stories'

>> **When:** Nov. 8- Dec. 7 (previews Nov. 7)

>> **Where:** The ArtStage Studio Theatre of Florida Repertory Theatre, downtown Fort Myers

>> **Tickets:** \$40 (\$25 for previews)

>> **Info:** 332-4488 or www.floridarep.org

"We've all been in situations of being under the wing of a mentor, or we have been the mentor. I think there comes a time in those relationships, even the parent/child relationship, where you sort of switch places, and the acolyte (now becomes) the primary achiever."

— Donald Margulies

"And I think that's like life: Things happen in unexpected ways. You can't contrive them to happen; they happen, and maybe six months later, there are reverberations."

While the play is a two-hander, Delmore Schwartz is the third person in the play, Mr. Margulies says.

"This presented itself to me as a two-hander, that particular dynamic over the course of years. This is where the focus, my intent as a writer, was — on the examination of this relationship," he says.

Bringing in Delmore Schwartz as an object of contention between the two women is one of the things that give the play its dynamism and conflict, he adds. "Even though he's not physically present, he is bartered over. The memory of this man is very present tense."

After writing plays for more than 30 years, certain themes crop up again and again unconsciously, he says.

"Loss is the theme that permeates most everything I've written. 'Every title of mine has to do with the effect of time on people and how relationships change — which in itself is a kind of loss, a loss of what is dependable, and what is considered eternal and turns out not to be."

Mr. Margulies' calls his current work in progress, a play titled "The Country House," his "Chekhovian pastoral." It will premiere at the Geffen Playhouse in Los Angeles next spring. "It's very much about grieving," he says. "So I'm touching on loss again."

"In 'Collected Stories,' it's about Ruth's loss of power, or her artistic power, her vitality, her creative juices. I think that in any kind of metamorphosis, there is loss. You lose a sense of dependability and normalcy." ■

What the drama professor wants his students to learn

In addition to writing award-winning plays, Donald Margulies is a professor of English and theater studies at Yale University. What are the basics of the craft this Pulitzer Prize-winner wants his playwriting students to learn?

"I'm always talking with them about what is the event of the scene, the event of this play? Why is this night different from all other nights — the Passover question," he jokes.

"Drama requires that element, that uniqueness, to make it stage-worthy. Why are we

seeing this drama today? What if we looked at it yesterday or tomorrow? What would that look like? What is different today? What has changed? What makes this a story worth telling?"

"Some of (what I teach) is extremely fundamental ... (For example,) you have to have conflict to have drama, people wanting different things."

"I love teaching these very bright young people. They're just terrific." ■

— Nancy Stetson



Donald Margulies

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■ **The Mystery of Irma Vep** – Through Nov. 23 by The Naples Players in the Tobye Studio at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

■ **Blame it on Beckett** – Through Nov. 16 by the Island Theater Company at the Marco Island Historical Museum on Marco Island. 394-0080 or www.theateronmarco.com.

■ **Absalom** – Through Nov. 24 by The Marco Players at The Marco Players Theater. 642-7270 or www.themarco-players.com.

■ **Cuff Me: The Fifty Shades of Grey Unauthorized Musical Parody!** – Nov. 9 At the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers. 481-4849 or www.bbmannpah.com.

■ **Social Security** – Through Nov. 20 at Florida Repertory Theatre, Fort Myers. 332-4488 or www.floridarep.org. See review on page C8.

■ **Collected Stories** – Nov. 8-Dec. 7 by Florida Repertory Theatre in the ArtStage Studio Theatre, Fort Myers. 332-4488 or www.floridarep.org. See story on page C1.

■ **Away in the Basement: A Church Basement Ladies Christmas** – Nov. 7-Dec. 25 at the Off Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers. \$28-\$49. 278-4422 or www.BroadwayPalm.com.

■ **CATS** – Through Nov. 23 at the Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers. 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.

■ **How I Became a Pirate** – Through Nov. 22 at the Broadway Palm Children's Theatre, Fort Myers. 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.

Thursday, Nov. 7

■ **Green Market** – Naples Green Market takes place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking lot at Clive Daniel Home. 2777 Tamiami Trail N. 594-9358 or www.greenmarketflorida.com.

■ **Music at Mercato** – Mercato Nights presents Randy Stephens & The Blue Shades from 6-9 p.m. on the lawn across from Naples Flatbread. www.mercatoshops.com.

■ **Up to Code** – Jessimae Peluso of MTV's *Girl Code* and Chris Distefano of MTV's *Guy Code* take the stage at 8 p.m. at the Off the Hook Comedy Club, Marco Island. 389-6901 or www.offthe-hookcomedy.com.



Naples Orchid Society holds its annual orchid sale from 9 a.m. to noon Nov. 9 at Moorings Presbyterian Church. Free admission. 775-5220 or www.naplesorchidsociety.org.

■ **Trombone Ensemble** – The FGCU Bower School of Music presents a trombone ensemble at 7:30 p.m. Free. 248-3941 or www.fgcu.edu (click on "concerts").

■ **Harry Connick Jr.** – Harry Connick Jr. brings his signature sound inspired by his New Orleans roots to Artis—Naples at 8 p.m. \$95-\$149. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Friday, Nov. 8

■ **Wine Tasting** – Decanted Wines hosts a tasting of premium wines from Napa and Sonoma with light appetizers from 5-7 p.m. \$15. 434-1814.

■ **Music & Arts** – Storytellers Creative Arts hosts an evening of music, dance, live art and other performances starting at 5:30 p.m. at Covenant Church of Naples-PCA. Admission is free, but reservations required. 6926 Trail Blvd. 250-1822 or www.storytellerscreativearts.com.

■ **Parisian Romance** – Sur La Table in Mercato holds couples cooking class focusing on French cuisine at 6 p.m. \$79 per person. (800) 243-0852 or www.surlatable.com.

■ **See You at Stan's** – Pirate Voodoo performs from 6-10 p.m. at Stan's Idle Hour on Marco Island. 394-3041 or www.standsidlehour.net.

■ **Tribute Band** – Porky's Restaurant and Lounge presents a ZZ Top tribute band at 8:30 p.m. 701 Bald Eagle Dr., Marco Island. 394-8727 or www.porkysmarco.com.

Saturday, Nov. 9

■ **Orchid Sale** – Naples Orchid Society holds its annual orchid sale from 9 a.m. to noon at Moorings Presbyterian Church. Free admission. 775-5220 or www.naplesorchidsociety.org.

■ **Holiday Bazaar** – North Naples United Methodist Church holds its annual bazaar with Thanksgiving and Christmas decorations, gift baskets, homemade jams, a raffle and more from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. 6000 Goodlette Rd. N. 593-7600 or www.nnumc.org.

■ **Artcrafters at Work** – The Naples Artcrafters hold a juried fine art and craft show and sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Cambier Park. Free admission, free parking. 250-0804 or www.naplesartcrafters.com.

■ **Muck Around** – Guided swamp walks take place every Saturday through March in the wet wilderness behind Clyde Butcher's Big Cypress Preserve gallery off U.S. 41 in Ochopee. \$50 for adults; \$25 for ages 18 and younger. Reservations required. 695-2428 or www.clydebutchersbigcypressgallery.com.

■ **Live Tunes** – The Raiford Starke band plays from 2-5 p.m. today and Nov. 10 at Joanie's Blue Crab Café. 39395 Tamiami Trail East. 695-2682 or www.joaniesbluecrabcafe.com.

■ **Here's to Beer** – Naples Beach Brewery offers a tour and tasting from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. \$15 for the tour includes sample of 6 beers. 4110 Enterprise Ave. 304-8795 or www.naplesbeachbrewery.com.

■ **It Takes Two** – Pablo Repun Tango hosts a beginner's class from 7-8 p.m. and Milogna from 8-11 p.m. \$15/person. 1673 Pine Ridge Road. 738-4184 or www.pablorepuntango.com.

Sunday, Nov. 10

■ **C'mon for Vets** – The Golisano Children's Museum hosts a Veteran's Day celebration from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. to make packages to send to troops overseas. Veterans with proper identification gain free admission. www.cmon.org.

■ **Boogie on the Beach** – Lighthouse of Collier Center for Blindness and Vision Loss hosts a Beatles-themed "Boogie on the Beach" from 12:30-4:30 p.m. at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. \$75 for adults, \$25 for ages 18 and younger, free for ages 5 and younger. 430-3934 or www.lighthouseofcollier.org.

■ **Foreign Film** – The Renaissance Academy of FGCU hosts a screening and discussion of "Where Do We Go Now" (Lebanon, 2011) from 1-4 p.m. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. Pre-registration strongly suggested. www.fgcu.edu/racademy.

■ **Symphony Preview** – Gulf Coast Symphony hosts a season preview at 2 p.m. with music, refreshments and insights about the upcoming concert season at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers. Free. www.gulfcoastsymphony.org.

■ **Little Bar Jam** – Mark Thompson performs at 2 p.m. at the Little Bar Restaurant in Goodland on Marco Island. 394-5663 or www.littlebarrestaurant.com.

■ **Chamber Music** – The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra performs works of Bach and Vivaldi at 3 p.m. at the Daniels Pavilion at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

■ **More Tunes** – Kirk Mcfee performs at Vandy's & 5 Brothers starting at 11:30 p.m. 1089 N. Collier Blvd., Marco Island. 394-8767.

Monday, Nov. 11

■ **USO Show** – Naples Depot Museum presents a USO Show re-creating the sights and big band sounds of the 1940s from 11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. The show follow a Veterans Day service that begins at 10 a.m. in Cambier Park. 262-6525 or www.colliermuseums.com.

■ **Baby Basics** – The sixth annual Champagne Brunch & Fall Fashion Show to benefit Baby Basics of Collier County starts at 9:30 a.m. in Dillard's at Coastland Center. \$75. www.babybasicscollier.org.

■ **Movie Night** – The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents a screening and discussion of "The Butterfly" beginning at 7 p.m. \$9. 26100 Old 41 Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.



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■ **I'm a little Teapot** – Marco Island Center for the Arts hosts an opening reception for the exhibit "Fun and Funky Teapots" from 5:30-7 p.m. Free for members, \$5 for others. 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or www.marcoislandart.org.

Wednesday, Nov. 13

■ **Kayak Tour** – Up A Creek Kayak offers a two-hour guided paddle through the mangrove waters of Rookery Bay Reserve beginning at 9 a.m. All equipment provided. \$45. Registration required. 293-6232 or www.upacreekkayak.com.

■ **Happy Birthday, RLS** – Arsenault Gallery presents an exhibition of paintings and a celebration of Robert Louis Stevenson's birthday at 5 p.m. RSVP required. 263-1214.

■ **Student Concert** – FGCU Bower School of Music students present an instrumental ensembles concert at 7:30 p.m. www.fgcu.edu (click on "concerts").

Coming up

■ **Time for Tea** – Learn the history of English high tea and enjoy a cup or two with other traditional treats when the Renaissance Academy of FGCU presents its first lecture of the season at the Marco Island Center for the Arts from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Nov. 14. \$25. Reservations required. 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or www.marcoislandart.org.



Enjoy a cup of English tea and traditional high tea treats and learn about the history of the tradition from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Nov. 14 at the Marco Island Center for the Arts. It's the first in this season's series FGCU Renaissance Academy lectures at the center. \$25. Reservations required. 394-4221 or www.marcoislandart.org.



Arist Paul Arsenault invites the public to celebrate the birthday of Robert Louis Stevenson from 5-7 p.m. Nov. 13 at Arsenault Gallery in Crayton Cove. Mr. Arsenault describes *Tracking Robert Louis Stevenson: Scotland and Beyond* as "an exhibition of paintings revealing the mutual haunts of a traveling artist and a favorite Scottish storyteller." Mr. Arsenault's *ITAL Edinburgh, Stevenson's Home Town END ITAL* is shown above. His opening remarks at 5 p.m. will be followed with a bagpipe performance from 5:30-6 p.m. RSVP by Nov. 10. 263-1214 or info@arsenaultgallery.com.

■ **Music on the Bay** – The Village on Venetian Bay hosts a musical performance by students from the Village School of Naples from 5-8 p.m. Nov. 14. 261-6100 or www.venetianvillage.com.

■ **Beer Tasting** – Whole Foods Naples hosts a beer tasting with live music from 6-8 p.m. Nov. 14. \$5 donation benefits the St. Matthew's House. www.wholefoodsmarket.com/naples.

■ **Cook's Corner** – Chef Kristina San Filippo of The Good Life hosts a class featuring knife skills from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 16. \$50. 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 514-4663 or www.goodlifefl.com.

■ **Dance, Laugh ...** – Blue Martini and Off the Hook Comedy Club host "Dance, Laugh & Give Back," a benefit for the Southwest Florida Performing Arts and Cultural Learning Center, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Nov. 14 at 9114 Strada Place, Suite 12105, in Mercato. The evening will have live music and comedienne Janet "The Tennessee Tramp" Williams. \$25 (ages 21 and older only). 676-0785 or www.swflpacla.org.

■ **Art Alive!** – Art Alliance Naples hosts a weekend of artist demonstrations from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 16 and from 1-4 p.m. Nov. 17 in the North Naples Art District north of Pine Ridge Road and west of Airport-Pulling Road. Free. 821-1061.

■ **Pack Your Bags** – The Renaissance Academy of FGCU invites the public to learn about its 2014 adventures abroad during an open house from 2-3:30 p.m. Nov. 15 at the FGCU Naples Center. Trips are planned to France, Italy and Peru. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. Register at www.fgcu.edu/racademy.

■ **Family Fun at C'mon** – The Golisano Children's Museum of Naples holds its second annual C'mon Family Fun Day from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 17. Free. www.cmon.org.

■ **The Little Mermaid Jr.** – Students of the Naples Performing Arts Center present "The Little Mermaid Jr." at 7 p.m. Nov. 15-16 at Lely High School. \$15. 597-6722.

■ **Classical Concert** – The Bach Ensemble performs at 7 p.m. Nov. 17 at Grace Lutheran Church. 860 Banyan Road. 732-1055 or www.thebachensemble.org.

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ARTS COMMENTARY

What are we going to do about Mother?



For many, there are probably no four words in the human language scarier than: “Mom’s coming to visit.”

Except for maybe these six: “Mom’s coming to live with us.”

In “Social Security,” playing at the Florida Repertory Theatre through Nov. 20, two sisters grapple with the age-old problem of What To Do About Mom.

And what a mother Sophie is: relentlessly demanding, critical and needy, and, like all of us, full of quirks that have only grown stronger — and stranger — as the years have accumulated.

Like King Kong beating his chest or Beowulf pounding on the castle door, you hear Sophie before you meet her: Bam! Bam! Bam! It sounds as if she’s turned into the Hulk and is hurling her walker against the door.

But Ann D. Hurst portrays Sophie with a mischievous charm. Her maternal torment is more passive aggressive. I’m not sure if this is director Robert Cacioppo’s intention or playwright Andrew Bergman’s direction, but you get the feeling that the 80-something Sophie would gum you to death rather than bite your head off.

I found myself liking the woman from the get-go, rather than feeling dismayed about how she was terrorizing her family.

While Ms. Hurst has many wonderful moments on stage, one of the comedic highlights has to be when we get a glimpse of her in her underwear (though some may feel as though they want to bleach their eyeballs afterwards.) She’s wearing one of those bullet-shaped, industrial white bras from the ’50s, as well as a garter belt girdle that holds up beige stockings on her scrawny chicken legs. (Bravo to costume designer Roberta Malcolm.)

This is the type of play where cotton housecoats and turbans, pocket protectors and pocketbooks reign.

The clothing says a lot about the characters. For example, Barbara (Kate Hampton) wears a hot red dress while her sister, Trudy (Carrie Lund), is spectacularly dowdy in a practical, buttoned-up pants suit. Trudy’s accountant husband, Martin (Mark Lainer), wears a plain brown suit, while Barbara’s husband, David (David Breitbarth), sports



COURTESY PHOTOS
Above: Mark Lainer and Carrie Lund. Below: Ann D. Hurst in “Social Security.”

a shiny gray suit apropos of his rather slick and showy ways.

It’s difficult to write about “Social Security” without giving too much away. It’s a light soufflé of a play that takes some unusual turns in plot and tone. But to give away the details will spoil the fun.

Suffice it to say that it opens with Barbara and David in their Upper East Side home in Manhattan. He’s an art dealer, and their living room (designed with understated elegance by Richard Crowell) has abstract paintings on the wall and modern sculpture tastefully scattered about.

Barbara’s sister has called to say she and her husband would be stopping by to talk with them, as they have something to discuss.

And Barbara is in a tizzy about it. She flits about, working herself into a state. Ms. Hampton is perfect at playing this manic woman, a jumble of nerves and anxieties.

David, on the other hand, is sardonic and more laid-back. He claims flirting is his profession’s obligation, but it’s just an excuse for his roving eye. He even fantasizes about his college-age niece, which is a little creepy.

The play starts slow, with the couple worrying about the impending visit from Barbara’s sister and brother-in-law.

But once the second couple arrives, the play takes off.

On opening night Ms. Lund received gales of laughter just by walking through the door, her pocketbook clutched with both hands, and saying “Hello” in a flat, deadpan delivery. She’s so dour, she makes Grant Wood’s “American Gothic” couple look downright giddy. And while it’s her mother, Sophie, who chews on sourballs then leaves them in unusual places, Trudy looks as if she’s ingested an entire can all at once.

Ms. Lund’s comedic timing and delivery are impeccable, her Trudy marvelously prickly and perpetually dissatisfied.

Mr. Lainer, who plays her husband, gets major comedy points for making a boring character funny. Like his wife, he is a by-the-book type of guy, without one iota of imagination or whimsy.

And David S. Howard, a Florida Rep favorite, has a small but pivotal role as Maurice Koenig, a Chagall-like painter in his late 90s. He plays his character with such charm and adorableness you just want to put your arms around him.

Mr. Bergman, who wrote “Social Security,” also wrote and directed feature films such as “The Freshman” and “Honeymoon in Vegas.” He wrote the original story and co-authored the screenplay of “Blazing Saddles.”

The plot of “Social Security” doesn’t hold up to intense scrutiny; it’s pretty insubstantial, like cotton candy melting on your tongue.

But, like cotton candy, it’s also sweet and enjoyable while being consumed.

Under Mr. Cacioppo’s direction, and with a top-notch cast that knows how to do comedy well — especially Ms. Lund, Ms. Hurst and Mr. Breitbarth — this play accomplishes what it sets out to do: make you laugh. ■



in the know

‘Social Security’

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Booth fees are \$35 for alliance members and \$55 for non-members. A selection committee of professional artists, all members of the GAA, will oversee submissions in jpeg format. All work must be originally created; fine crafts are encouraged, but no buy-sell items will be accepted. Space is limited.

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Interested artists should call Tara O'Neill at 642-0528 or e-mail inquiries to taraogallery@marcocable.com. ■



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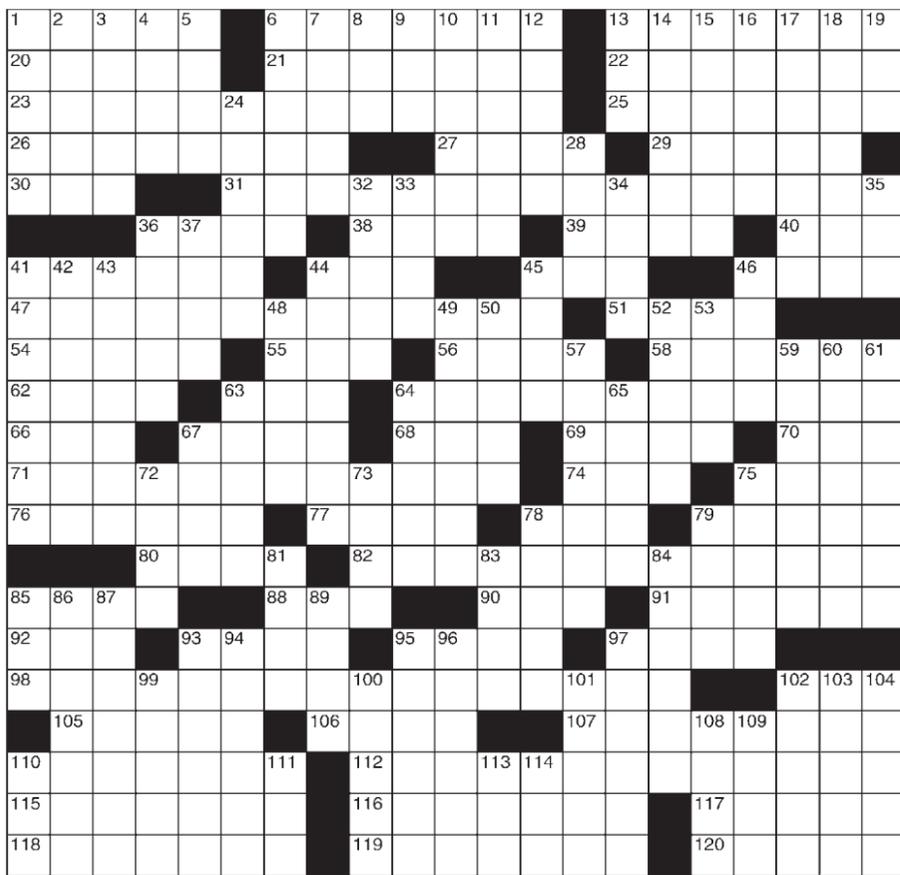
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PEOPLE BY THE SOUND



- ACROSS**
- 1 Insurance company with a duck mascot
 - 6 Prepared by keying in
 - 13 Long, narrow crack
 - 20 Midsection
 - 21 Flip side
 - 22 Finger-pointer
 - 23 Atomic bomb formation
 - 25 Sports squad honoring Old Glory
 - 26 "Home on the Range" creature
 - 27 Uttered by mouth
 - 29 On one's toes
 - 30 — in "nobody"
 - 31 2008 Seth Rogen comedy film
 - 36 Not fem.
 - 38 Wimpy sort
 - 39 Has a balance due
 - 40 Tire snagger
 - 41 St. Francis' home
 - 44 Rap music's — Romeo
 - 45 Suffixed with Senegal
 - 46 Lay eyes on
 - 47 Like a cause/effect dilemma
 - 51 Syrup bases
 - 54 Listens
 - 55 "Yikes!" to a texter
 - 56 Journal on YouTube, maybe
 - 58 Uno, dos, tres, — ...
 - 62 — May ("The Beverly Hillsbillies" daughter)
 - 63 Roman 506
 - 64 Some thick hair ringlets
 - 66 Brazil's — Paulo
 - 67 Potpie bits
 - 68 Poem of laud
 - 69 Lawn vermin
 - 70 Dogma
 - 71 Having a yellowish-brown complexion
 - 74 Zeno's H
 - 75 "Thanks — God"
 - 76 "— of the North" (1922 film)
 - 77 Woody den
 - 78 Suited
 - 79 Haven
 - 80 The "I" of MIT; Abbr.
 - 82 He played Sherlock Holmes
 - 85 Apple tablet computer
 - 88 Some plugs
 - 90 "Hold On Tight" rock gp.
 - 91 Ill- (doomed)
 - 92 Combat
 - 93 Relieve
 - 95 Exxon, formerly
 - 97 Taskmaster
 - 98 It won a 2008 Peabody Award
 - 102 So — (yet)
 - 105 Coil creator
 - 106 Toon bear
 - 107 A bowler may not step over it
 - 110 Flapjack
 - 112 Theme of this puzzle
 - 115 Tums, e.g.
 - 116 Cyclops-like
 - 117 Bottled spirit
 - 118 Occurring on 12/31
 - 119 Gets flushed
 - 120 Item of value
- DOWN**
- 1 "Dam it"
 - 2 Flora's counterpart
 - 3 Inventories
 - 4 Tennis star
 - 5 Lower-left PC key
 - 6 — of Cancer
 - 7 Aden's land
 - 8 Plastic pipe material, for short
 - 9 Slithering fish
 - 10 Wilts
 - 11 Confiscates
 - 12 Piano lever
 - 13 Adipose
 - 14 Mountain climber's tool
 - 15 Hair bases
 - 16 Ancient region in present-day Iraq
 - 17 Illicit lenders
 - 18 Naps, e.g.
 - 19 History topic
 - 24 "— daisy!"
 - 28 13 pontiffs
 - 32 Old TV's J.R.
 - 33 Start of a 12/31 song title
 - 34 Females with fleeces
 - 35 Porky's place
 - 36 Dolenz of the Monkees
 - 37 Seeks info
 - 41 1949-53 secretary of state Dean
 - 42 Clinton cabinet member
 - 43 Donna
 - 44 Steak type
 - 45 Antifungal brand
 - 46 Vain folks' problems
 - 47 Favored son of Isaac
 - 48 Actress Kim
 - 49 Dodgers
 - 50 Cemented
 - 52 Amtrak train
 - 53 Dark purple
 - 57 Former mag for fans of PlayStation, Wii, etc.
 - 59 Checks for fit
 - 60 "Fear Street" series author
 - 61 Seeped in to use again
 - 63 Rolltops, e.g.
 - 64 Justice Sotomayor
 - 65 "— run!"
 - 67 Working stiff
 - 72 Totally empty
 - 73 Captures
 - 75 "— in Arms"
 - 78 Authorize
 - 79 Reciprocals of siemens
 - 81 Stun with a zapping gun
 - 83 Superlative of "y"
 - 84 Occupied
 - 85 "Sands of — Jima"
 - 86 Company that names a color of the year
 - 87 Brief operatic solo
 - 89 Like many wet lawns
 - 93 Intertangle
 - 94 A Skywalker
 - 95 Revved thing
 - 96 Confiscated
 - 97 Sulks
 - 99 Writer Wilde
 - 100 Lethargy
 - 101 Many times
 - 102 Helsinki inhabitants
 - 103 Dickinson or Harmon
 - 104 Make ready
 - 108 Org. for women with irons
 - 109 Is supine
 - 110 Cow chow
 - 111 Fielder
 - 113 Roush
 - 113 British letter
 - 114 Passing call

◀ SEE ANSWERS, C9

HOROSCOPES

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Be careful about joining a colleague's plan to solve a workplace problem. Investigate it thoroughly. Otherwise, you could find yourself in a predicament with other associates.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Slow down that high-paced whirl you've been on. Spending quiet time alone or with people you care for can be both physically and spiritually restorative.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Make suggestions, not demands. You'll be more successful in getting people to follow your lead if you exercise quiet patience instead of strong persuasion to get your ideas across.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** You still need more facts before you can make an informed career choice. One note of caution: Be careful about whom you ask for that information; otherwise, you could be misled.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Changing situations through the end of the week could lead to some challenging opportunities for those perspicacious Pisceans who know how to make them work to their advantage.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Although your energy level is high, be careful not to commit to too many projects at this time. You'll do better focusing on just a few tasks rather than spreading yourself too thin.

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Your heart might be leading you in one

direction, but pay attention to your keen Bovine intellect. I'm cautioning you to think things through before making any commitments.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Your "serious" Twin has been dominant in your life for quite a while. It's time now to let that "wilder" half take you out for some good times -- perhaps with someone very special.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Career aspects are high for Moon Children who make a good impression. Show people not only what you can already do, but also how you can be more valuable to them in the future.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Things start to brighten for the Lion's immediate financial future. But be careful to resist the urge to splurge. You need to tuck something away to help you through another tight period.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Having to do too many tasks in too short a time could lower your mood to just above the grumbling level. But if you handle things one at a time, you'll get through it all soon enough.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Your usually carefully made holiday plans could be subject to change later this month. Use this week to prepare for that possibility by starting a Plan B just in case you need it.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a way of being both daring and cautious, traits that could make you a research scientist or maybe even a rocket-ship designer.

By Linda Thistle

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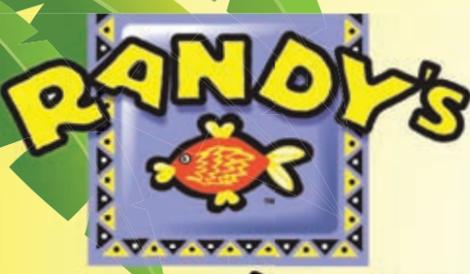
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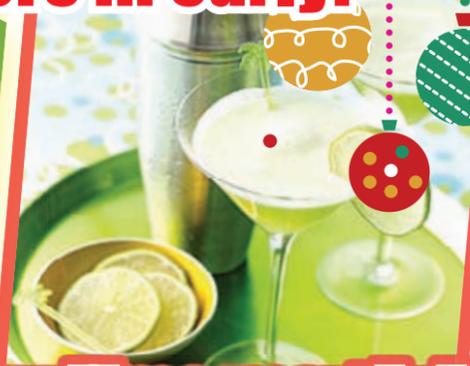
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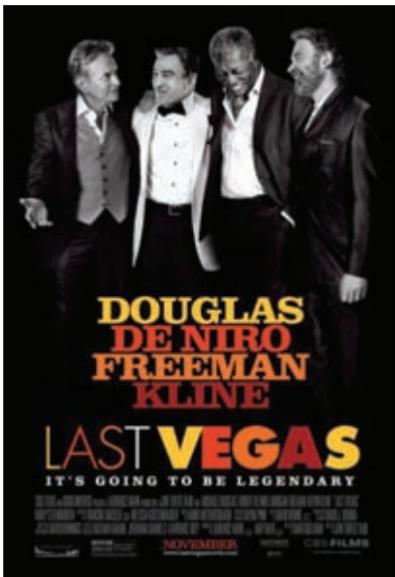
★★★★
Is it worth \$10? Yes

Although initial impressions will rightfully have one believing "Last Vegas" is "The Hangover" for old dudes, the analogy is not fair. Yes, both center on bachelor parties in the city of sin, but "Last Vegas" has a gentler, more grounded tone that makes its characters likable and funny when cracking jokes at the others' expense. More importantly, the humor feels natural rather than forced, which means it's never so far over the top that it escapes reality.

This is a thoroughly enjoyable comedy that makes the most of its premise: At nearly 70 years old, Billy (Michael Douglas) is about to marry a woman (Bre Blair) half his age. When he calls his childhood friends Sam (Kevin Kline) and Archie (Morgan Freeman), they decide to throw a bachelor party in Vegas. They even convince the grumpy fourth member of their old crew, Paddy (Robert De Niro), to join the party.

Expectedly, the latter three guys need a jolt of life in their old bones, while Billy needs a reality check regarding what he really wants. When they meet lounge singer Diana (Mary Steenburgen), the past rears its ugly head in interesting ways.

What happens in Vegas: Archie has a good roll at the blackjack table, which nets them a posh penthouse suite; they convince a punk teenager (Jerry Ferrara) they're gangsters; they judge a bikini contest; we get to see Freeman



"drunk dance," which is hilarious; their bellhop (Romany Malco) gives them his eternal respect; and they throw an epic party that's impressive even by Vegas standards.

The five Oscar winners (including Ms. Steenburgen) handle themselves well. Mr. De Niro's Paddy is a frustrating old sourpuss, and Mr. Freeman's Archie is very funny. But Mr. Kline's Sam steals the show with his one-liners and timing. Given that Sam has a hall pass from his wife (Joanna Gleason) and is trying to get laid, Mr. Kline had the most opportunities for fun — and he hits on darn near all of them.

Credit also goes to writer Dan Fogelman ("Cars") and director Jon Turteltaub ("National Treasure") for providing structure and storylines. Far too many movies start with an idea — "Hey, let's send four old dudes to Vegas on a bachelor party" — but have no clue where to take the story from there.

"Last Vegas," however, has nicely developed characters and a story that provides them something to do and somewhere to go as people. Given that it's funny all the while, "Last Vegas" is a winner.

Deeper than that, though, is the message that you always have to keep living, even when you think you're out of steam.

One recalls the great line from Mr. Freeman's "The Shawshank Redemption": "Get busy living, or get busy dying."

Sometimes, you forget to capture all that life can offer. "Last Vegas" is a reminder to never forget. ■

in the know
 >> Michael Douglas won his first Oscar for producing "One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest"

CAPSULES

Free Birds ★★½

(Owen Wilson, Woody Harrelson, Amy Poehler) Modern turkeys Reggie (Mr. Wilson) and Jake (Mr. Harrelson) travel back in time in an attempt to get turkeys off the Thanksgiving menu forever. The clever premise is enjoyable for all ages, with good laughs and crisp animation. Rated PG.

Bad Grandpa ★★½

(Johnny Knoxville, Jackson Nicoll, Spike Jonze) Saddled with his young grandson (Mr. Nicoll), 86-year-old Irving Zisman (Mr. Knoxville) decides to drive the boy across country to the boy's father. It's essentially a sketch comedy with Mr. Knoxville and Mr. Nicoll having fun with real people via hidden camera, but it's never insulting to innocent individuals and is reasonably amusing throughout. Rated R.

Escape Plan ★★½

(Sylvester Stallone, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jim Caviezel) Ray Breslin (Mr. Stallone) makes his living breaking out of high-security prisons, but for his latest adventure he'll need the help of a fellow inmate (Mr. Schwarzenegger) to topple a smarmy warden (Mr. Caviezel). The action isn't spectacular, but it's great fun to watch Mr. Stallone and Mr. Schwarzenegger banter. If you don't see this one at the theater, it's worth the rental at home. Rated R.

The Fifth Estate ★★½

(Benedict Cumberbatch, Daniel Bruhl, David Thewlis) The first three years of the controversial website WikiLeaks are chronicled in director Bill Condon's ("Dreamgirls") latest. The performances are strong, and it raises intriguing social questions that become more relevant by the day. Rated R. ■

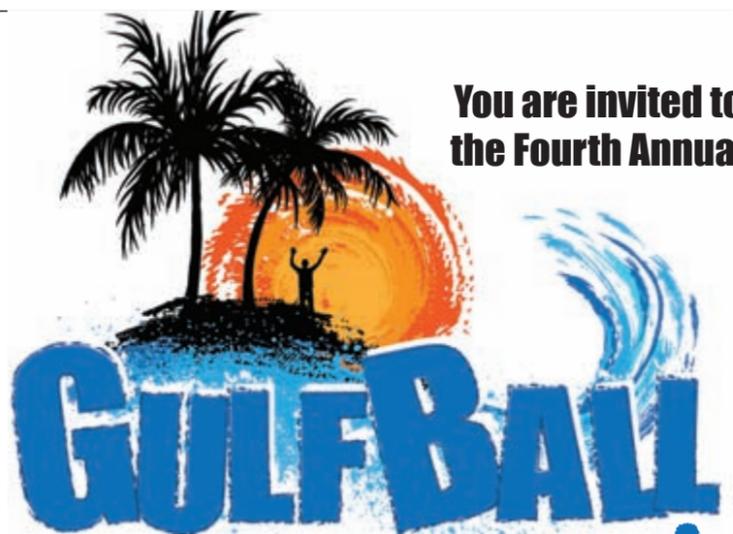
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New exhibit at Marco center could be just your cup of tea

Teapots take center stage in the main galleries of the Marco Island Center for the Arts for "Fun and Funky Teapots," a juried exhibit that opens with a reception from 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12.

The exhibit attracted a number of imaginative two-dimensional entries as well as clay submissions that bring new meaning to the song "I'm a Little Teapot."

"Who would imagine that something so utilitarian could be so whimsical and so very special," says Rosemary Wick, president of the center's board of directors.

Also at the center, the walls of La Petite Gallerie are covered with art of a new exhibit called "Picture the Music." The works were created by Marco Island Academy students under the direction of their teacher, Rob Eder, and Ronald Doiron, director of music at St. Mark's Episcopal Church and organist for the Jewish Congregation on Marco Island. After studying Beethoven's 7th Symphony for structure, instrumentation and tone, the students created collages representing what they had learned and heard. As the final step of the project, the students will attend a performance of the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra playing Beethoven's 7th in December.

Children's author and former teacher Frances Kennedy will be a special guest at the opening reception, signing copies of "The Pickle Patch Bathtub" and the newly released "Just-Right, Perfect Present." Ms. Kennedy says both books are a way of keeping her mother's memories and stories alive.

The reception is free to center members and a guest; nonmembers are asked to make a \$5 donation. Refreshments will be served. The Marco Island Center for the Arts is



Cheeky Chick, by Jenny Mueller



Amuse Me, by Judith Chinski, won first place (look closely for the teapot and teacups)

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Hurricane threatens abducted twin in evocative noir thriller



■ **“Separation Anxiety”** by Michael Lister. Pulpwood Press. 320 pages. Hardcover \$26.99, trade paperback \$16.99.

Many writers of high repute have applauded Michael Lister’s giant talent and unique vision. And yet, he perseveres in relative obscurity, never embraced by a major publishing house that could help him reach the wide audience he deserves.

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The plot of “Separation Anxiety” is populated by twins: biological and spiritual. The central character in this story that involves many major characters is Taylor Sean. She’s a prominent artist, age 32, living with her teenage daughter Shelby in Lithonia

Lodge, an eery old house in the Florida Panhandle town of Tupelo. This region is Mr. Lister’s home territory, and he knows it inside out.

Taylor is a conjoined twin, her identical sister Trevor having died in separation surgery (they had been joined at the lower abdomen) so that Taylor might live. Not only does she carry the internal and external scars of this surgery, she has transformed the outer scars into living art.

Always tortured by survivor guilt, Taylor has regained a tenuous stability in the long, chaotic aftermath of that loss as well as the loss of Shelby’s twin sister, Savannah. Taylor’s emotional repair is largely due to the loving care of Marc, her novelist soulmate and thus a kind of psychic twin.

Now, as a hurricane brewing in the Gulf of Mexico aims right at Tupelo, young Shelby disappears — a remarkable recurrence of Savannah’s disappearance some eight years back. The search for Shelby races against the timetable of the approaching storm and, perhaps, the intentions of an abductor. It’s possible, however, that Shelby has simply left on her own or run away with her boyfriend, Julian.

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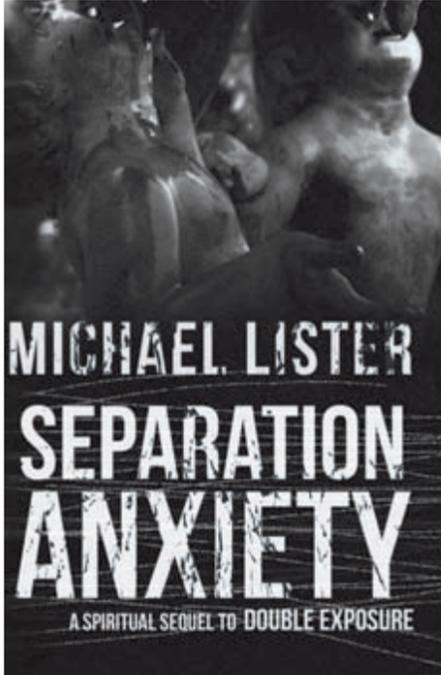
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swept into the unfolding mystery tale. Prominent among them are the local sheriff and his chief investigator. These men, portrayed as brotherly rivals, head up the search, which enlists a specialist named Samantha from the state's Child Abduction Response Team. Sam works with her boyfriend/consultant Daniel, a religion and philosophy professor. They research the medical and legal situations that led to Taylor's separation from Trevor, and then one pursues the present disappearance while the other pursues the earlier disappearance of Savannah. There must be a connection. Sam and Daniel comprise another soulmate couple.



es into characters' thoughts. Handled deftly by Mr. Lister, this device makes us feel the transient, slippery nature of identity and the shifting realms of reality and perception.

Mr. Lister also denies us resting places. "Separation Anxiety" is without chapters. There is no place to take a breath, only a little extra white space now and then to suggest a scene change. The author trusts us to find our rhythm and maintain our balance through the rhythm he creates, a rhythm often using staccato bursts of language.

Hurricane Christina and the hunt continue to interact, with a parade of grotesque and dark secrets revealed along the way.

I can't tell you any more about the plot.

I can, however, tell about this book's daring format and style.

In a novel that is heavy with dialogue, the author uses no quotations marks. He forces readers to pay attention to the shift of speakers and to their interaction with the narrator's voice and that voice's omniscient entranc-

Frightening and disorienting, charged with raw emotion yet also softened by gentle communion between caring characters, psychologically wrenching and atmospherically dark, "Separation Anxiety" reveals an author willing to take chances. In doing so, Mr. Lister integrates form, style and theme into a consummate mystery potion. ■

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

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Calling young actors for KidzAct tryouts

KidzAct, the youth theater program of The Naples Players, holds host auditions for "Camp Rock," "Rugrats The Musical" and "Cinderella" on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 9-10. All auditions are by appointment. Here's the schedule:

■ **"Camp Rock"** - Starting at 3:30 p.m. Nov. 9 and noon Nov. 10. Those who audition should come prepared to sing 32 bars of a song of their choice.

■ **"Rugrats the Musical"** and **"Cinderella"** - Starting at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 9 and 2 p.m. Nov. 10. Those who audition should come prepared to sing 16 bars of a song of their choice. Young actors must enroll in KidzAct classes starting in January in

order to try out for these two shows.

An accompanist will be provided at the auditions. Actors are asked to bring sheet music; those who do not will have to sing a cappella. No CDs can be used in an audition.

Auditioners should wear comfortable clothes and close-toed shoes to dance in. A short dance combination will be taught for auditioners to perform.

KidzAct performance dates are March 11 for "Rugrats the Musical," March 15 for "Cinderella" and May 23 and 25 for "Camp Rock."

To schedule an audition appointment, call 434-7340, ext. 10. ■

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plays. Ms. Hetzler lives in Naples.

■ Marc Simon, "Thus Saith the Angel of the Lord" - "The playwright's role is to entertain us, make us think and push our emotional buttons. I hope 'Thus Saith The Angel of The Lord' does all three.

"The issues found in Genesis 22 in the Old Testament inspired me to write this play. I hope it inspires the audience." Mr. Simon, a resident of Naples, is a two-time previous winner in the contest.

■ Chuck Wood, "Waiting for My Vote" - "I was inspired to entertain the audience and also to challenge the audience. My play is a drama with light moments. I am honored to be a Finalist again after being one in 2005." Mr. Wood lives in Lehigh Acres.

The four winning plays will be presented in staged readings at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6-7, in the Tobye

Studio at the Sugden Community Theatre. A reception with the playwrights will follow Friday's performance.

Honorable Mention for 2013 was awarded Natalie King of Naples for "Speed." Judges were Patti Caroli, Val Kuffel and Nancy Menaldi-Scanlan. Dallas Dunnagan, artistic director for The Naples Players, approved the final selections.

ETC... 's 12th season continues with the following evenings of staged readings:

■ Sunday, Feb. 16: "The Whole Shebang" by Rich Orloff, "How To Speak Man" by Sharyn Rothstein and "Charity Begins at Home" by Bettine Manktelow.

■ Sunday, April 6: "A Young Lady of Property by Horton Foote and "Brazilian Wax Eloquent" and "Berlin Promotion," both by Rich Orloff.

■ The season closes Sunday, May 4, with a reading of a full-length, classic comedy TBA.

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Gulfshore Playhouse solicits new works for contest

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Gulfshore Playhouse will accept the first 100 submissions from playwrights and agents for consideration.

Digital copies of plays that have not had a full production should be e-mailed to submissions@gulfshore-playhouse.org. Confirmation of receipt will be sent.

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Loretta Seibert as Frankie

possible start of a real and meaningful relationship.

"I love this play because I fell in love with the idea that your life can change after one Saturday night," says director Brenda Kensler.

The play stars veteran Lab Theater actor Tim Gunderman as Johnny and Loretta Seibert as Frankie.

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■ **The Marco Players** hold open auditions for "The Fox on the Fairway" from 7-9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 11-12, at the Marco Players Theatre in Marco Town Center. The comedy by Ken Ludwig about life, love and man's eternal love affair with golf pulls the rug out from underneath the stuffy denizens of a private country club.

Beverly Dahlstrom directs for The Marco Players. The script calls for three men and three women. Justin, 25, is offbeat, sweet and a bundle of nerves with unruly hair. Bingham is 50ish, stuffy and proper. Dickie is an unpleasant man in his 40s. Louise, a waitress at the club, is 23, leggy, good-natured and a little ditz. Pamela is 39, beautiful, tanned and sophisticated. And Muriel is a sturdy woman in her 50s who wears a porkpie hat.

Rehearsals for "Fox on the Fairway" begin Nov. 25. Performances are Jan. 7 (preview for volunteers) through Jan. 26.

Tryouts for The Marco Players production of "Apartment 3A" will be held from 7-9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 18-19. The play by Jeff Daniels follows a fundraising director of the local PBS station as she threatens to hold Big Bird hostage until her audience of 5-year-olds send in their pledges. The script calls for four men ages 30-45 and one woman age 30. Rehearsals begin Dec. 26. Performances are Feb. 11 (preview for volunteers) through March 2.

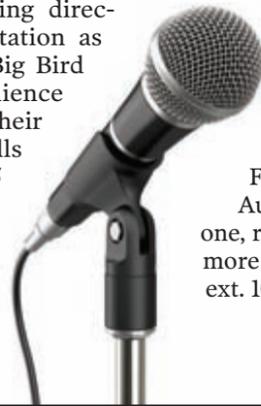
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■ **The Naples Players** hold auditions for "Good People" starting at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, at the Sugden Community Theatre. The script calls for two men, one age 25-35 and one age 45-55, and four women, three between the ages of 45-60 and one African American age 28-35.

In the play, sharp-tongued Margie plans to seek employment from an old flame who managed to get out of Southie, Boston, and become a successful doctor. Their reunion results in a reflective conversation pondering whether our choices or fate determine our path.

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Luc Bondy's production of Puccini's enduring favorite stars acclaimed American soprano Patricia Racette as the ultimate diva, Floria Tosca. French tenor Roberto Alagna sings Tosca's lover, the painter Cavaradossi, and Georgian baritone George Gagnidze is the corrupt, lustful Scarpia. Italian maestro Riccardo Frizza conducts the sweeping tale of murder, lust and political intrigue.

In Southwest Florida, "The Met: Live in HD" screenings are at the Hollywood Stadium 20 in Naples, Coconut Point 16 in Estero, Bell Tower 20 in Fort Myers and Town Center Stadium 16 in Port Charlotte.

Live screenings of seven more operas continue through May 10 and include Met Music Director James Levine's return to the podium in December. Metropolitan Opera stars serve as hosts for the HD series, conducting live interviews with cast, crew and production teams, and introducing the popular behind-the-scenes feature.

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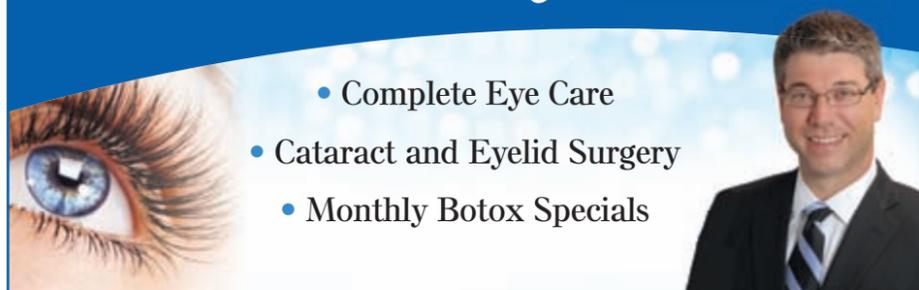
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Naples Opera Society begins the new season at Florida Grand Opera in Miami with a trip to see "Mourning Becomes Electra" on Saturday, Nov. 23.

The opera by Fort Lauderdale resident Marvin David Levy is taken from the Eugene O'Neill play, which is taken from the classic Greek drama. Mr. Levy originally adapted it in 1967 for the Metropolitan Opera in New York. Set in post-Civil War New England, the story follows the lives of the Mannons, a family torn by the war and with a penchant for trouble.

For \$130 per person, the package includes the round-trip bus ride, dinner at a Coral Gables restaurant, pre-opera lecture and mezzanine seating for the performance (rear orchestra seating is

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The bus picks up/drops off in Cape Coral and Fort Myers before picking up Naples passengers at 1:30 p.m. Departure from Crossroads Shopping Center is at 2 p.m. The pre-opera lecture begins at 7 p.m. at the Adrienne Arsht Center for Performing Arts.

Naples Opera Society has been sponsoring trips to Florida Grand Opera since 1997. The new season continues with "Nabucco" (Feb. 1), "Tosca" (April 5) and "Thais" (May 10). Subscribe to all four for \$480 (mezzanine) or \$575 (rear orchestra).

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■ **May 10:** Rossini's Cinderella story, "La Cenerentola"

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■ The Naples Area **Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club** invites all Pi Phi alumnae in Naples, Bonita Springs and Marco Island to a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 8, at Pelican's Nest Golf Club at Pelican Landing in Bonita Springs. Artist Heidi Saletko will present "Fronde Zoo," a program about the animal masks she creates from palm fronds.

Cost is \$25. For reservations or more information, call Donna Issenmann at (919) 612-1217 or e-mail donna@marketthisinc.com.

■ The Naples chapter of **International Mens Club of America** holds its next meeting at Monday, Nov. 11, at Vineyards Country Club. Check-in begins at 11:15 a.m. and lunch is served at noon. Guest speaker Donna Suddeth, a citizen ambassador to Azerbaijan, will present "Azerbaijan: An Eternal Flame Re-ignited." Ms. Suddeth has served for six years on the board of directors of the Naples Council on World Affairs and has chaired the Southwest Florida Model United Nations. She is a past president of the Welcome to Florida International Club and also of Welcome Clubs International.

Cost is \$25. Guests are welcome. For reservations or more information, visit www.imcofa.com or e-mail Frank Murphy at imcalunch@aol.com.

■ The **Naples Orchid Society** meets at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, at Moorings Presbyterian Church. Guest speaker Raphael Romero, import/export manager at Plantio La Orquidea, an orchid producer with operations in Sarasota and



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Myra Janco Daniels, second from left, visited the Kiwanis Club of East Naples and updated the membership on the Latchkey League formed to support a new youth center on Airport-Pulling Road adjacent to the Salvation Army of Naples. The league's 300 members are hard at work raising awareness and funds for the center. Shown with Mrs. Daniels are club president **Angie Davis** and Latchkey League board members **Joe Coppola** and **Jack Nicholson**.

Venezuela, will discuss the large, frilly-petaled Schomburgkia orchids that grow in tropical areas of Venezuela. He will have plants available for purchase. Before the program, AOS judge Bill Overton will present a 30-minute class on orchid pests and diseases.

Admission is free, and all are welcome. The society's annual orchid sale takes place from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, at the church. Admission is free.

For more information, call 775-5220 or visit www.naplesorchidsociety.org.

■ The **Jewish Genealogy Shared Interest Group** meets at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, at the Jewish Federation of

Collier County, 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. All who are interested in getting starting and/or continuing to explore the world of Jewish genealogy are welcome. No experience is necessary. RSVP by e-mailing genresearch13@yahoo.com.

■ The **Genealogical Society of Collier County** meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, at Moorings Presbyterian Church. Guest speaker Ray McAdams will discuss how to identify, date and preserve old photographs. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and guests are always welcome. For more information, visit www.thegscc.org.

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■ The **Everglades Astronomical Society** holds its regular meeting from 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, at The Norris Center. Newcomers to astronomy and those experienced in star-gazing are welcome. The society also holds a monthly dark sky viewing at the Fakahatchee Strand. For more information, e-mail Mike Usher, society president, at usher34105@earthlink.net.

■ The **Women's Cultural Alliance** hosts its annual Welcome Back luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at Grey Oaks Country Club. More than 250 members and guests are expected to hear guest speaker Bonita Springs resident and author Peggy Post, the granddaughter of Emily Post.

WCA is an affinity group of the Jewish Federation of Collier County. New members are always welcome. For more information, visit www.WomensCulturalAlliance.com.

■ The **Naples Newcomers** helps those who are new to the area make new friendships centered on various social activities. Members meet to share a variety of interests and activities, including couples and singles groups, bridge, mahjonn, crafts, gourmet cooking, coffees, movies, card games and book discussions. Membership is for women who have been permanent residents of Naples for no more than five years.

Luncheon meetings are on the second Thursday of each month at Naples area country clubs. An orientation coffee for prospective members takes place on the

first Thursday of each month. For more information about the Nov. 7 orientation or the Nov. 14 luncheon, call 298-4083 or visit www.naplesnewcomers.com.

■ The **Naples Woman's Club** holds its annual Valentine Family Scholarship Luncheon beginning at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 15, at Windstar Country Club. Guest speaker Allison Blankenship will present "Lessons of a Life Diva."

Tickets are \$50, with all proceeds supporting the scholarship fund and The Shelter for Abused Women & Children. The Valentine family gives \$500 a year and the club matches that for a total of \$1,000 in scholarships.

For reservations, call Anne Palmer at 262-6331 or e-mail napleswomensclub@comcast.net.

■ Chess players of all ages and levels of ability are welcome to join the **Moorings Chess Club** for friendly competition from 9 a.m. to noon every Saturday at Moorings Park. Each morning begins with a brief discussion by various experts about some aspect of the game. Participation is free. Bring your own chess set or use one provided by the Moorings.

Moorings Park is on the east side of Goodlette-Frank Road just south of Pine Ridge Road. Stop at the entrance gate for directions to the Chess Club meeting. For more information, call Wade Keller at 389-2525. ■

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For registration details, call Eident Racing at 653-7881, ext. 102, or visit www.fortmyersmarathon.com.

■ The second annual **Footloose & Fancy Free 5K run/walk** takes place Saturday, Nov. 10, at Koreshan State Park in Estero. Registration is at 7:30 a.m. and the race begins at 8 a.m. Participants are asked to bring a pair of used shoes for

donation to Soles4Souls and Shoes for the Cure. Shoes can be donated at Foot Solutions Estero in Corkscrew Village Plaza prior to the race.

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■ The fifth annual **All Species Fishing Tournament** to benefit Miracle Limbs-Courage in Motion is set for Saturday, Nov. 16, at Hamilton Harbor Yacht Club. Anglers in the catch-and-release competition will earn

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Participation is limited to the first 30 boats that sign up. For more information, call Bob Ayers at 591-8393 or Diana Ayers at 300-8156, e-mail Robert@miraclelimbs.org or visit www.miraclelimbs.org.

■ The **Immokalee Foundation's 2013 Charity Classic Pro-Am golf tournament** pairs two dozen of the world's greatest golfers with Naples' most philanthropic players on Monday, Nov. 18, at Bay Colony Golf Club. Entry



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■ **The Jolly Be Good 5K run/walk** to benefit the Marco Island Parks & Recreation Department sets out Saturday morning, Nov. 23, from Veterans Community Park on Marco and follows a course along Collier Boulevard, across the Jolley Bridge and back. Runners start at 7:30 a.m., walkers at 7:35 a.m.

Registration is \$20 by Nov. 22 and \$25 on race day; students pay \$10.

For more information, call 642-0575 or visit www.cityofmarcoisland.com.

■ **The inaugural Gulf Coast Runners Turkey Trot 5K** sets out from Cambier Park at 7:30 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 28. The route will wind through downtown Naples and return to the park. Registration is \$25 through Oct. 31, \$30 through Nov. 27 and \$40 on race day (\$15 for ages 17 and younger).

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■ **The ninth annual Iron Joe Turkey Ride** to benefit the Naples Pathways Coalition takes place Sunday, Dec. 1. The race sets out from North Collier Regional Park and gives bicyclists the choice to pedal 15, 30 or 62 miles, or to take the 15-mile Crossfit Box Challenge, with the box challenge taking place mid-ride on the beach. The day begins with sunrise yoga from 6:30-7:15 a.m. and includes lunch.

Registration for each of the above is \$30 in advance, \$35 on the day of. To sign up or for more information, visit www.naplespathways.org or e-mail info@naplespathways.org.

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■ **Chipping in to Change Lives**, the 19th annual Greater Marco Island Family YMCA golf tournament, tees off Saturday morning, Dec. 14, at Cedar Hammock Golf & Country Club. Registration for \$115 per person includes continental breakfast before the game and lunch with an awards ceremony following play. Various sponsorship levels are available. For more information, call Leslie Drake at 394-3144, ext. 205, or e-mail leslie@marcoislandymca.org. ■

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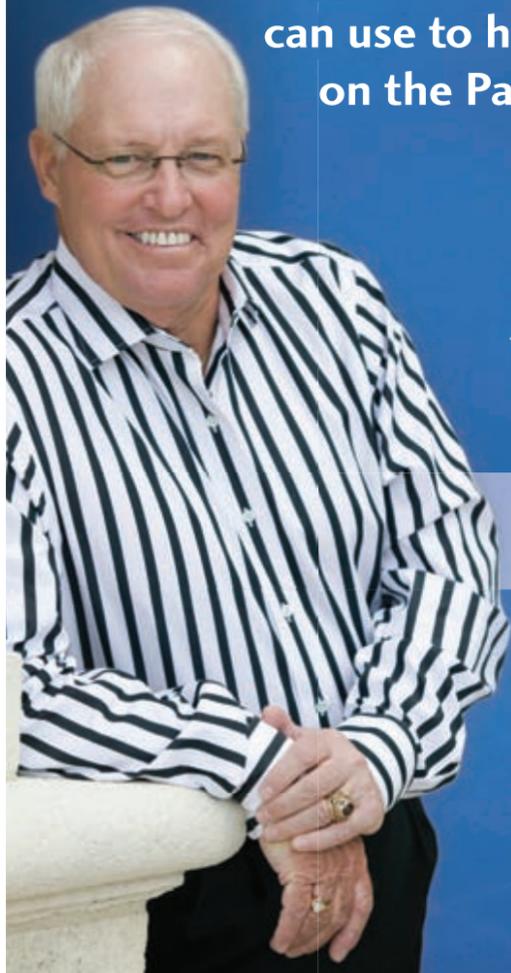
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'Franklin & Bash' star staying busy

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

Q: Can you tell me if one of my favorite shows, "Franklin & Bash," will be back for another season?

— Jamie F., via e-mail

A: I am happy to report that TNT has renewed the hour-long courtroom comedy/drama for a fourth season. I recently spoke with series co-star Dana Davis, and she told me all about how great it is to work on the show: "It's just too fun working with Mark-Paul (Gossaaler) and Breckin (Meyer), because they're really, really funny. And I respect them so much. I find it amazing to work with people like Breckin, Mark-Paul and Kumail Nanjiani. They're so much fun, and they light up a room."

Before season four begins, Dana will be busy. She is co-starring in the Syfy pilot "High Moon." But more important, she has a project of her own she wants the world to see. "I had this idea for a show, called "The Wish i Mayz," that teaches kids about music, all the while, giving them amazing music to listen to. It's about three aliens from the Star Planet who speak only in song, and that's how they teach the kids on Earth about music. Right now, I am pitching



Dana Davis

it around town. I want to evolve children's music, and also stimulate their brains a little bit more. I want to give them music that they can keep with them for a lifetime."

Q: I am a huge "X-Files" fan, and my husband and I have been rewatching the series at home on DVD. Can you tell me if there will be another feature film?

— Carissa G., Tacoma, Wash.

A: If series stars David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson, and series creator and head writer Chris Carter have their way, there will be a third movie. All parties are interested, they told a crowd of fans at the Paley Center for the Media in New York this past October. (They were there to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the sci-fi cult hit.) According to David: "It's really up to 20th Century Fox at this point." Gillian added: "If it takes fan encouragement to get Fox interested in that, then I guess that's what it would be."

Q: Is it true? Have the Jonas Brothers really broken up?

— Mollie H., via e-mail

A: Sorry tweens, but the pop-music trio has decided to call it quits. According to the band's publicist, Jesse Derris: "There is a deep rift within the band. There was a big disagreement over their music direction."

Q: I know "Drop Dead Diva" has been on the bubble for a few seasons. I have my fingers crossed that it'll be

back for at least one more.

— Leila P., via e-mail

A: Lifetime recently announced that "Diva" will indeed return for a sixth season. Look for 13 new episodes next year. (I'll let you know when there's a firm date.) ■

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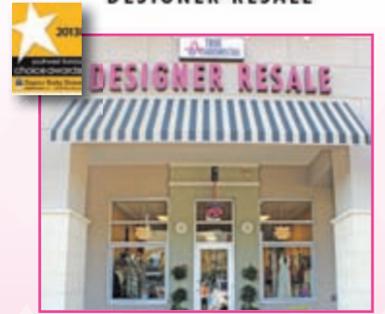
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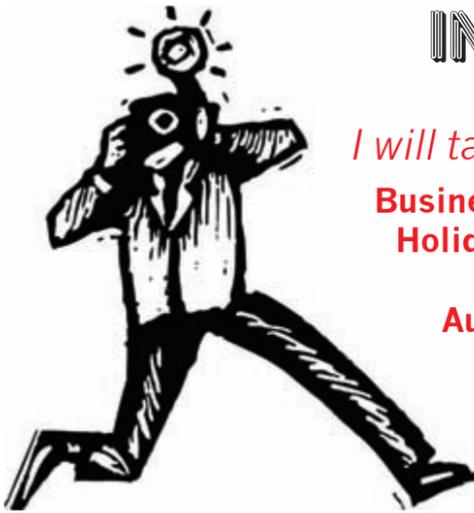
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■ **The Naples Zoo** holds its 2013 Children's Gala: "Carnivale of the Animals" for kids and their grown-ups from 5:30-8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, at the Zoo. The evening will include "wild" games and prizes, a family-friendly silent auction, dinner and a presentation by world-renowned storyteller Jim Weiss.

Tickets are \$85 for children, \$65 for adults. Call 262-5409, ext. 144. Ask about sponsorships and special tables that include story time with Mr. Weiss and other benefits.

■ **Champions For Learning-The Education Foundation** hosts the 2013

Heart of the Apple luncheon honoring Alan Korest on Tuesday, Nov. 19, at the Hilton Naples. For tickets or more information, call 643-4755 or visit www.educationforcollier.org.

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■ **The United Arts Council** of Collier County hosts its annual fall fundraiser and Celebrate the Arts month soiree Wednesday evening, Nov. 20, at a private club in Port Royal. Guests will enjoy performances by numerous musical and theater groups from the area as well as gourmet dining an auction with Bill Barnett at the podium.

For tickets or more information, call 263-8242 or visit www.celebratethearts.org.

■ **The Women's Initiative Network** of the Community Foundation of Collier County hosts the inaugural Power of the Purse luncheon on Wednesday, Dec. 4, at Grey Oaks Country Club. Guest speaker Connie Rose endured 16 years of childhood sexual abuse, much of it at the hands of her serial sex offender father. She founded Victims2Survivors to raise awareness and provide support for victims and survivors of sexual violence, sex trafficking and domestic violence.

The foundation's 2014 Women of Initiative honorees will also be formally announced at the luncheon. The award ceremony will be held on March 31 at the



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■ **Humane Society Naples** holds its 15th annual Tea & Fashion Show: "Passport to Paris" on Thursday, Dec. 5, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. For tickets or more information, visit www.humanesocietynaples.org.

■ The third annual Tea at The Ritz to benefit **Make-A-Wish** Southern Florida is set for 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. The afternoon, which includes a silent auction, is a popular holiday treat for men, women and children of all ages.

This year's chair is Dylan Sanders; tea host and hostess are Craig and Kelly Chasnov. Tickets for \$100 can be purchased by calling Lesley Colantonio at 992-9474 or e-mailing lcolantonio@sflawish.org.

■ The **David Lawrence Center** Young Executives hosts the 2013 Gulf Ball on Saturday, evening, Dec. 7, at Hamilton Harbor Yacht Club. Like-minded philanthropists and professionals are invited to enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction and live music by Brendon McDonnell.



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Tickets for \$50 until Nov. 14, \$60 until Dec. 6 and \$65 thereafter can be purchased by calling 304-3505 or by visiting www.DavidLawrenceCenter.org.

■ **Jewish Family & Community Services of Southwest Florida** presents Planting Seeds for Better Tomorrows from 5:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14, at Artis—Naples. Guest speaker Kim Lear will discuss "Four Generations of Family and Philanthropy." Guests will be able to wander the center's galleries while enjoying cocktails and hors d'oeuvres before the program.

The evening's sponsor is BMO Private Bank. Event co-chairs are Marvin and Carol Lader and Dr. Nat and Susan Ritter. Tickets are \$225.

JFCS is a non-sectarian social service agency. For tickets or more information, call Jaclynn Faffer at 325-4444 or e-mail jfaffer@jfcswfl.org.

■ "Rebuilding Children's Lives," **Youth Haven's** fourth annual benefit luncheon, is set for Wednesday, Jan. 22, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort.

Guest speaker Antwone Fisher, award-winning film and literary writer, was the subject of the eponymous movie co-starring and directed by Denzel Washington. Like Youth Haven's children, Mr. Fisher's young life was scarred by abandonment and abuse. The loving support of a special therapist, friends and, ultimately, a reunion with his family, changed everything for the better.

Chair and co-chair of the 2014 luncheon are Liz Jesse and Diane McGinty. Tickets are \$300. Sponsorship opportu-



nities are available. For more information, call Aileen Carrol at 687-5155 or e-mail aileen.carroll@youthhaven.net.

■ Harmon-Meek Gallery hosts the inaugural **Visionaries of the Visual Arts** awards and benefit dinner Tuesday evening, Jan. 14, at the Naples Sailing and Yacht Club. Three individuals will be recognized for their contributions to the visual arts in Southwest Florida. Keynote speaker Charles Shepard is director of the Fort Wayne Museum of Art in Indiana.

Tickets are \$125 per person, with proceeds benefitting art programs for children and at-risk youth in the community through the Harmon-Meek Gallery Fund at the Southwest Florida Community Foundation. Co-chairs are Kristine and Juliana Meek. Tickets can be purchased by sending a check made payable to the Southwest Florida Community Foundation to Harmon-Meek Gallery, 599 Ninth St. N., Suite 309, Naples, FL 34102.

For more information, call the gallery at 261-2637.

■ The **NAACP of Collier County** holds its 31st annual Freedom Fund banquet Saturday evening, Feb. 8, at the Hilton Naples. This year's gala has a "Let

the Good Times Roll" Mardi Gras theme and includes a cocktail reception, dinner, silent and live auctions and live music and dancing.

For tickets or more information, visit www.naacpcolliercounty.com or e-mail freedomfund@naacpcolliercounty.com.

■ The **Children's Advocacy Center** of Collier County holds its 18th annual Beach Ball on Saturday evening, Feb. 15, at a private beach club in Naples. Leave the gown and tuxedo at home and have a ball on the beach. Tickets are \$250 per person. Call 263-8383 or e-mail info@caccollier.org.

■ The **David Lawrence Center and Foundation** holds its signature destination-themed gala Friday, Jan. 17, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Guests at "Under the Eiffel Tower: A Journey to 1920s Paris" will be transported to the City of Lights in an era when soulful jazz played through the evening streets and gas-lit promenades were filled with people dancing, dining and indulging in economic prosperity and social and artistic dynamism of the day.

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.

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WRITING CHALLENGE

Writing contest has its winners

Our inbox was deluged with 145 high quality submissions for this year's Writing Challenge. During judging, editors revisited all the stories. Each story that was published in our pages, plus another 40 or so entries were

selected by our editors. A smaller pile of the most notable entries was then handed to *Florida Weekly* reviewer, Phil Jason, who picked the two winners. Nancy Murvine took first place for her story, "Waiting to be Seen,"

inspired by the misty park scene from round four of the competition. Second place went to Crystal Chilcott, a junior at the University of Colorado who discovered our contest while on vacation on Sanibel. Her untitled story was

based on the photo of the pier from round one. Both winners will attend the Sanibel Island Writers Conference taking place this weekend.

Thanks again to everyone for writing. ■

Waiting to be Seen

BY NANCY REGES MURVINE

She disappeared long before she ran away. Teachers labeled her anti-social. Therapists tried to pigeon-hole her with Aspergers. The only common thread was that Esme was quite content to be alone. She liked solitude, craved its solemn silence and self-reliance. No one understood Esme except Esme.

And Mr. Simonton.

It was love at first sight. The widower moved in next door when Esme was 5. She stood on the sidewalk watching the parade of men empty the truck. Each carried something that looked nothing like the over-sized, over-stuffed furniture in Esme's house. Although the furniture was new when the Simontons first bought it, it was now a menagerie of highly collectible mid-century modern, according to her parents. To Esme, each piece resembled a slender-legged animal. She imagined if the furniture could move, the sofa would be a gazelle; the end tables newborn colts. But it was the easels and brushes and boxes filled with crumpled tubes of paint that Mr. Simonton was unpacking in the garage that impelled her to skip across the street and introduce herself.

Esme's mother was shocked when her daughter came to the front door to ask permission to have lunch with Mr. Simonton. Over her daughter's shoulder, she studied the new neighbor. The man, she guessed to be in his late 70s, stood, hunched with arthritis, at the foot of his driveway and waved shyly. She waved in return, walked Esme back across the street, and introduced herself. But he already knew the major details: name, how long they had lived here, jobs, and other bits of family background that might best have remained within the family. The daughter who often seemed like a stranger in her own house was a chatty ambassador that day and about to become Mr. Simonton's first and only art student.

In his garage studio, Esme discovered the world of color with its hues and tints and shades and tones, and the symbols each represented. But the day Mr. Simonton shared an old photo album of black and white landscapes, she found her love and became fascinated with the method of grisaille painting, mixing only gray colors on her palette. He did not tell her about gray's symbolism of sadness and death and boredom. He commended her instead for picking a color that represented intelligence and maturity. She embraced the idea and reflected them in mini-masterpiece after mini-masterpiece. Her grisaille paintings with their monochromatic grays amazed Mr. Simonton as much as they dismayed Esme's parents. By 10, she was being ushered from psychologist to psychologist to figure out this disquieting dark side of their child. World weary from the day she was born was the way her parents described Esme. Each therapist handed the parents a bill and their regrets and closed the door. If they had only asked Mr. Simonton, he would have told them the truth. Their

daughter joyfully found her place in life, not by mimicking humans but by echoing the world around her, a world of gray fog and misty mornings and afternoons weighty with coming rain. Life on the Olympic Peninsula and Esme were the perfect harmonic pairing. No one was happier than she. And no one, it seemed, was happy for her. Except Mr. Simonton.

He watched her skill and technique develop as she studied the masters of grisaille, but her paintings were not the usual portrait or sculptural work of older artists. Esme chose landscapes, and by 15, she was a true artist with a unique and strong point of view. Mr. Simonton encouraged her to show her work, to make her private world public. "People deserve to see these paintings, Esme." She smiled at her mentor, "They are not ready yet," was her simple reply. His joking return: "Not ready? Do you mean your paintings or the world?" He suspected the world. She disappeared into her work, and then one day she actually disappeared.

Mr. Simonton was heartbroken. If her parents could be honest, they were thankful when she ran away. Of course, they did everything loving parents should do, but Esme, without irony, was gone for good.

Where she went, no one knew. She attempted no contact with her parents. Mr. Simonton, on the other hand, swore she visited him on several occasions over the years. In the early visits, she promised she was living happily alone in the surrounding rain forests. Later she assured him she was settled in a small town near Seattle. Eventually, she was painting in the San Juans. Of course, dementia was the satisfying label given to what were surely a 95-year-old's delusions. When he mentioned whimsically that his end tables were acting like frisky colts, he was sent to a nursing facility.

The invitation to a one-woman show in a gallery in New York came on Mr. Simonton's 99th birthday. The announcement contained a separate, beautifully rendered copy on heavy stock of what the gallery owner called Esme's "newest and most deeply satisfying landscapes."

Mr. Simonton began to weep. He remembered the scene of a nearby park he and Esme walked almost every day a decade ago. "For inspiration," she reminded him on mornings when he was reluctant to move and awaken every ache in his ancient body. He recognized the tall, stately lamppost insinuating itself among the sturdy white oaks, and their favorite, the lone saw palmetto, a hardy hanger-on, peeking above the bushes. All this framed two figures sitting opposite each other on benches: a bent, old man and a young woman. He recalled the benches as massive, uncomfortable concrete slabs; here the artist chose the slim lines of the mid century modern furniture with gazelle-like legs. He easily accepted the change in memory. And Esme's ubiquitous veil of haze cocooned the two subjects in a paradise of solitude. But it was the color that shocked him and brought him to tears. Every shade of green. He remembered the exact moment he had taught her about the color green. He was working on a still life of grapes and pears and

apples. She had wrinkled her nose at his abundant use of green. "You are the grisaille genius. I am the humble verdaille painter. Some day you will come to love green as much as you love gray. After all, green is the color of nature, the most restful to the human eye; it is a symbol of harmony and safety, with the power to heal." He winked at her. She nodded. They went back to work, happy in their choices and alone in their work.

He turned the miniature painting over. Esme's clear script condensed a decade of wondering where she was and what she was doing with the simplest of words: "They are ready now." He touched his fingers to his lips and then to the message. "Yes," he whispered, "the world is ready for you, Esme." ■

Untitled

BY CRYSTAL CHILCOTT

Waves splashed against the barnacle-encrusted beams. Palm branches, broken fishing rods, and a gopher tortoise crossing sign pummeled the pier. The wind of a Category 4 hurricane slammed against the structure as if it were instead a slab of cement. The pier creaked as a board snapped, falling into the churning sea below. It left behind a hole, an opening large enough for a child to slide into the tormented ocean.

The pier's boards were worn with the treads of three generations of Pearlstons. Just a week earlier, Jane held her little sister's hand and watched as Marie waddled down the dock pretending to be a penguin. A lace bonnet fell down to her eyes and her neon pink water wings were thrice the size of her arms. Then, she became infatuated with jumping from board to board as if it were a hopscotch court. The construction of the pier was a common topic of conversation when Grandma Pearlston's grandchildren came to visit. She always said that she completed the pier in a single evening while stingrays lashed against her heels and the sun beat down on her head.

"Wow!" Marie always said from her high chair and then resumed her peaflogging.

Jane would always roll her eyes and find an excuse to leave the table. Right before they evacuated, Jane had walked down the dock, her bare feet rubbing the wet boards. The slimy damp-board feel usually repulsed her enough to put on shoes, but there were worse things in life than getting a splinter on the bottom of her big toe. She clutched a brown paper bag to her chest and cradled it with her chin. Jane ignored the gentle gulf waves lapping at the pier's beams. She ignored the setting sun, bleeding its subtle red into the sea. Aside from the red and blue swirls of emergency vehicle lights and the heavy traffic, it was easy to pretend there was no storm coming. The distant sirens left her mouth dry and sucked her oxygen away. Those noises had been tainted.

It was on this very pier that Jane spent her 15 summers with Emily. Sometimes they'd sit and she'd swing her legs over the side, the smacking of her plastic flip-

flops the constant metronome for their conversations. Sometimes they'd sneak into the covered room, that forbidden fishing abode. Grandpa Pearlston had lined the walls with poles, their hooks ready to puncture her skin at one simple misstep. His top catches were mounted to the walls, always staring with accusing eyes. Jane never liked the room, but Emily was rebellious even before they reached their teenage years.

Jane didn't want to go in the fishing room. Those mounted fish had known all those years. They knew what she had done. They knew what happened to Emily. Instead she slipped around to the very end of the pier. The breeze was harsh, sending her light hair across her eyes like a whip. No-see-ums began to attack her, their teeny mouths like a million pointed thumbtacks. She didn't move her hair or swat the bugs away.

When they were 12, they had sprawled out on the dock during one of the summer meteor showers. It was past midnight and silver stars were sprinkled across the inky sky. They saw the first meteor.

"I made a wish!" Emily said.

Jane giggled, her new braces biting into her lip. "You still wish on shooting stars?"

"Of course I do. What is it going to hurt?"

Jane didn't reply what she was thinking: that if you wished for the wrong thing that could cause harm. She tried not to bring out Emily's argumentative side, for that was always the first step before she got her next destructive idea.

"You're right," she said. "I'll make a wish."

But, three years later, no amount of wishing would bring Emily back. No amount of hoping could undo Jane's mistake.

The meteors began coming quickly, streaking across the celestial sky. For a moment, they were brilliant, commanding all attention. Then they were gone, just a chunk of uninteresting rock. Like Emily, who lived like a fireball, wrecking mindlessly around the island. But her light had burnt out, her flicker of existence complete.

Jane removed a box of matches from the bag. She struck the first one and dropped it on the dock. It went out right away, faster than the shooting stars that sped across the sky. With hands shaking with rage, she lit up a quarter of the box and dropped them to the boards. The wind burnt it out as if it were blowing out birthday candles. She scrunched her face into a mask of anger and hurled the box of matches into the sea below.

The pier withstood Jane's matches, but it could not beat the hurricane. An empty piece of cardboard splashed across the boards, followed by one of the Pearlston's watering cans. The rain was a sheet of water, slapping against the pier. Another board cracked, but it didn't fall into the watery grave below. Instead it flew into the air and was carried onto the shore. Finally, the beams folded under the pier and it collapsed into the swirling sea. ■

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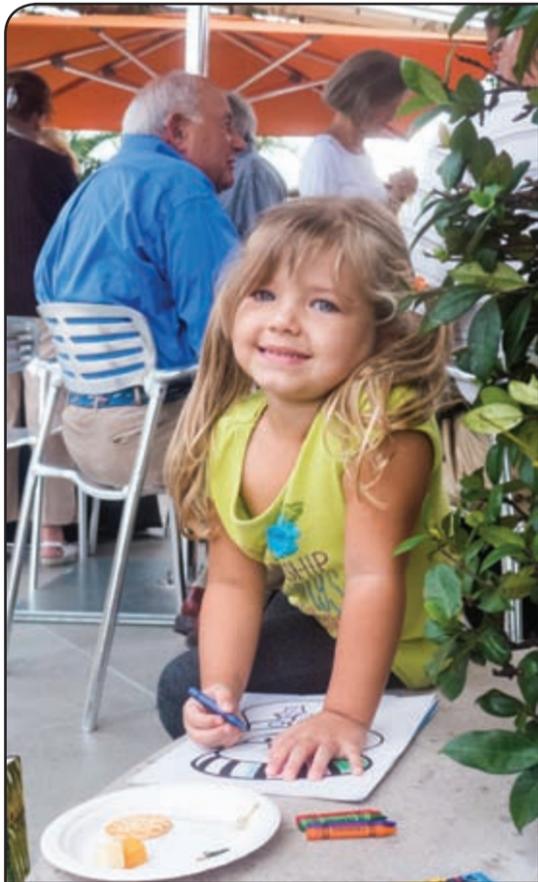


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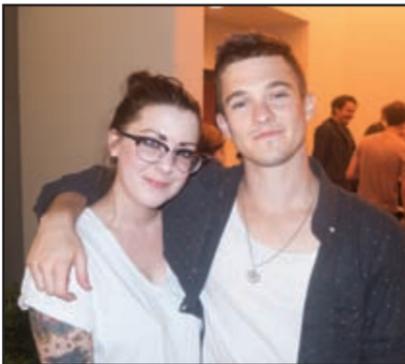
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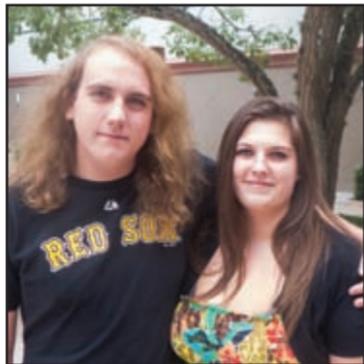
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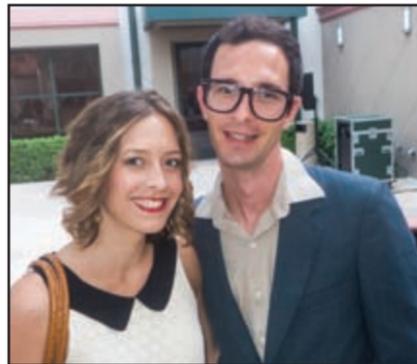
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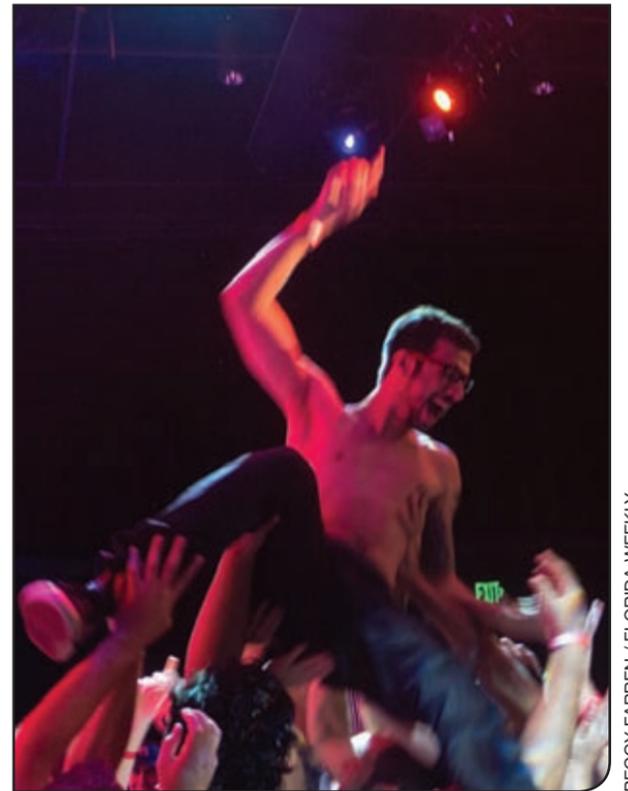
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Serving Northern Italian cuisine — not the heavy, marinara-drenched fare that dominates so many area Italian restaurants — Alberto's is a breath of fresh air. Chef-owner Alberto Varetto hails from Torino and presided over the kitchen of the venerable Sale e Pepe on Marco Island for more than 10 years. You'll find no mass-produced pasta here. Only freshly made ribbons of pappardelle and taglierini are good enough to be laced with Varetto's ragouts; only hand-folded envelopes of agnolotti, raviolini and tortelloni are worthy of being stuffed with meats, cheeses and herbs. Flavor pairings such as plump sea scallops with lush lobster sauce and sweet onion confit, and salty prosciutto with sweet roasted pears and peppery baby arugula, are well conceived. If the to-die-for taglierini with pesto and copious amounts of jumbo lump crabmeat is a fair indication, the fresh pasta dishes are not to be missed. Because the portions of each course were so reasonable, we left feeling fully satisfied but not stuffed. Full bar.

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

■ **Alpine Restaurant, Galleria Shoppes at Vanderbilt, 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 325-9499**

Step into Alpine Restaurant and be instantly transported to that lovely part of the world filled with snow-capped

mountains and comforting food. There's rib-sticking goulash and hearty schnitzel, plus lighter options, charming service and a dining room that seems lifted whole from some cozy Austrian village. Start with a bowl of goulash or the sauerkraut soup, with strands of sauerkraut, smoked pork, potatoes and mushrooms. The chicken version of Alpine schnitzel (pork is another option) is marinated, grilled then topped with provolone and a fried egg. Served with bacon-laced farmers potatoes and a medley of green beans, red peppers, peas and water chestnuts, it's a meal that guarantees leftovers. The knedlo-vepro-zelo, a traditional Czech dish, features pork, dumplings and sauerkraut accompanied by caramelized cabbage. A fitting finish is the aptly named Triple Yummy crepe, a delicate pancake filled with Nutella, bananas and strawberries. Beer and (basic) wine served.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★
Service: ★ ★ ★ ★
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★
Reviewed January 2013

■ **Chops City Grill, 8200 Health Park Center, Bonita Springs; 992-4677**

More than a decade after my memorable first visit, and as the economy still struggles to recover from the inevitable bust that follows boom, Chops still delivers dazzling food and draws diners willing to pay luxury prices for it (a 22-ounce dry-aged bone-in ribeye costs \$52.50 and sauces are extra) The Asian-accented menu remains focused on grilled prime steaks and other meats, though Chops has never given seafood short shrift. You can even

get a choice of wet- or dry-aged beef. A nearly 2-inch-thick ribeye was flawlessly grilled to create a crispy, bronze crusted while sealing juices in the deep red medium-rare interior. With its deeply beefy flavor, this is about as good as steak gets. A pan-seared black grouper with wild mushroom risotto and "screaming hot" rock shrimp sauce was perfectly cooked but overwhelmed by its sauce. Desserts are the usual suspects; you might want to enjoy another one of Chops' sexy cocktails instead. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★
Service: ★ ★ ★
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★
Reviewed June 2013

■ **Mereday's Fine Dining, Naples Bay Resort, 1500 Fifth Ave. S., Naples; 732-0784**

The eponymous restaurant of chef/owner Charles Mereday is a wonder of gracious service, lovely setting and the inspired cuisine that its creator simply terms American but that is so much more. Food is served as multi-course small plates (choose three, four or five courses or sit at the bar and order a large plate) and changes as seasonal ingredients do. I can vouch for the perfectly crafted heirloom red and gold beet salad with grilled ricotta salad, mint and orange segments; superb seared scallops with arugula and parsnip puree; butternut squash ravioli with tempura-fried squash blossom; Creole shrimp and cheddar grits; grilled salmon on sweet potato puree; crispy duck leg with wild mushroom risotto; and warm sticky toffee pudding with sweet toffee sauce and brown sugar ice cream. There's an excellent wine list to choose from as well. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Service: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★
Reviewed September 2013

■ **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). When all was said and done, and all saucy fingers were licked clean, 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 lacked 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: ★ ★ ★
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Sometimes you want someone else to handle the cooking, serving and cleaning, but you don't want to get all gussied up in order to make that happen. All you require is a peaceful, casual spot where you can show up in your comfortable clothes and deck shoes, skip the linen tablecloths and enjoy some simple but well-prepared food devoid of emulsions, aiolis, coulis and confits.

That would be a good time to try Grouper Grille Seafood, where, but for the chicken noodle soup and grilled chicken, all the offerings come from the sea, are grilled, fried, blackened or sautéed, and are served with familiar sides such as fries and cole slaw.

The menu sets out the philosophy well: "Casual, everyday-style food made from fresh, natural ingredients from local farms makes our menu reminiscent of Mom's home cooking."

There are but 10 tables in the unfussy dining room of the Grouper Grille, which occupies the space that used to be Falafel Grill (which relocated to U.S. 41 some months back). Framed posters of idyllic island scenes and lovely flowers adorn the walls. Mauve paper placemats share space with wire containers holding ketchup, malt vinegar, salt, pepper and hot sauce on each spotless table.

The smiling proprietress — who also comprises the entire wait staff — invites you to sit at whatever table appeals to you and then promptly stops by to take a drink order. I'm not sure that this would be the case if the place were busy but, with only three other tables occupied the night we visited, she had no difficulty attending to everyone's needs.

My companion ordered a glass of wine (I think it was a pinot noir) from the menu. Our hostess returned with an apology that she didn't have that one, but offered a glass of malbec instead, which was fine. We liked that there were options beyond the usual jug varieties that serve as house wines in many places.

Looking at what our fellow diners had ordered, it appears that the grouper baskets are the big attraction here. I suppose that makes sense, given the name of the place. If you have a hankering for fried grouper, it's likely you'd find your way here.



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Above: Mussels, clams, shrimp and calamari are mixed with linguini and tomato garlic butter sauce.



Left: Creamy New England clam chowder makes a nice start to a meal at Grouper Grille.



Bottom: Grouper baskets are popular here. This one also contains shrimp.

Nonetheless, there were plenty of envious glances at our table when our homemade clam chowder (\$4.95) and fried calamari (\$10.95) arrived.

The chowder was fragrant, creamy but not overly so, the broth delicately flavored and studded with clams, potatoes and onions. The calamari was crisp with a nicely seasoned batter and accompanied by a spicy marinara. The only complaint I have is that for the price, I thought the portion was a little skimpy.

Naturally, we felt compelled to order

the grouper basket, but chose one that also included shrimp (\$14.95). Another option is the captain's basket, which contains fried grouper, six shrimp and four scallops (\$17.95). The fish fillet was thick and properly fried, with a satisfyingly crunchy coating. The shrimp were good sized and were also cooked properly, crisp but still moist within. These came with little plastic cups of tartar and cocktail sauce for dipping, as well as excellent French fries and fresh, well-chilled cole slaw.

Not everything on the menu is fried. There are platters of grilled, blackened or sautéed grouper, grilled shrimp, sautéed crab cakes and grilled shrimp. Pasta options include shrimp, clam or mixed seafood. I chose the latter (\$23.95), which included shrimp, clams, calamari and mussels in a tomato garlic butter sauce over linguini.

It was a lovely presentation, the mussels and clams in their shells, the mound of seafood tangled in the long strands of pasta all adorned with shreds of freshly

grated cheese. The pasta was cooked to a proper al dente and the seafood was just right as well, but the sauce needed more kick — an infusion of garlic, perhaps some basil or other fresh herbs — and there could have been more of it. A squeeze of lemon borrowed from my companion's basket added some zest, as did a bit of salt and pepper.

Grouper Grille is also open for lunch, serving its signature baskets as well as grilled or blackened grouper salad, and platters of grilled or sautéed grouper, crab cake, and shrimp or clams with pasta as well as sandwiches — grouper, spicy shrimp, clam strips or grilled chicken breast.

I'm not sure if any desserts are available, as they are not listed on the menu. We didn't inquire since we were well filled after appetizers and entrees, and none were offered. And that's just fine. After a hearty basket of fried seafood, dessert would be overkill.

What Grouper Grille offers isn't fancy, but it is filling, fresh and comforting. On some days, that's exactly the right combination. ■

in the know

Grouper Grille Seafood
2075 Pine Ridge Road, Naples;
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Ratings:
Food: ★★ ★ 1/2
Service: ★★ ★ 1/2
Atmosphere: ★★ ★

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>> **Beverages:** Beer and wine served
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