

Lean times mean more mouths to feed

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With record demand for emergency food, the holidays of 2009 might be the most difficult in history for area food banks and pantries. And a new class of needy — breadwinners who have never faced sustained unemployment before — is compounding the challenge.

 “Some of our agencies are giving out 60 percent more

than they did a year ago,” said Ernie Bretzmann, executive director of the United Way of Collier County. “It’s indicative of the economic situation. Even when the job is lost and the money is gone, food and shelter are still essential.”

Much as the United Way provides funds to programs that help the needy, the Harry Chapin Food Bank provides food to 140 Southwest Florida agencies. “In the last two years, the key agencies we serve are up 82 percent in terms of clients,” said Al Brislain, the food bank’s executive director. “I’ve been doing this more than 30 years, and I’d never seen more than a 10 or 12 percent increase in a year. Eighty-two percent is incredible.”

Individual agencies are seeing anywhere from 30 percent to 200 percent increases in clients served, Mr. Brislain added. Some of those increases come from the newly needy: people who have lost their jobs and are navigating assistance programs for the first time.

That’s certainly the case at St. Matthew’s House. “A lot of people who come in have never done this before,” said Vann R. Ellison, president and CEO of the agency that has served more than 2 million meals in Collier County over the past 20 years. “A well-dressed man came in last week and looked like he’d come to volunteer,” Mr. Ellison said. “But he had a couple of kids with him...He’d been laid off from a bank and was wondering what he could do to get help for his family because everything is going to pay the mortgage. And he doesn’t have food.”

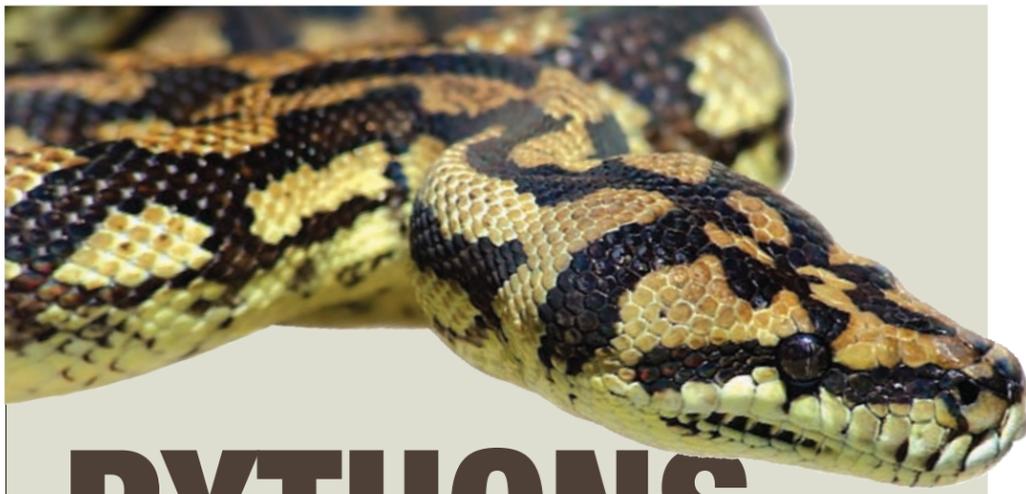
The United Way’s Mr. Bretzmann describes the new demographic: “They’re people formerly known as the middle class. These are folks who were working, making ends meet, and not in a chronic situation. Now they’re in trouble and they don’t know what to do.”

Unfortunately, it’s an all too common story these days.

And the lean times translate to a hungry holiday season.

In 2006, St. Matthew’s House gave away 350 turkeys — more than ever before in its history, Mr. Ellison said. Last year that number was 900, and volunteers in the dining hall served more than 500 turkey dinners to residents, the

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PYTHONS ON THE LOOSE

Largest of Florida’s pet pests invade Everglades

BY ROGER WILLIAMS

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They’re out there, all right, thousands of them, although just how many is impossible to determine. And at this point there’s not a darn thing Skip Snow or anybody else can do about it — except be thankful that not many folks in these parts wander around the Everglades or the 7,200 acres of Collier-Seminole State Park on foot after dark.

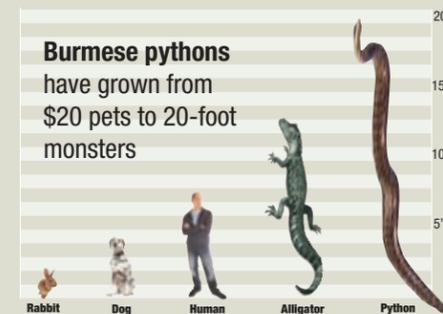
Both places are prime habitat for Burmese pythons, which prefer to hunt at night. Long ropes of powerful muscle, they can weigh more than 250 pounds, stretch to 20 feet and live up to 25 years.

“I have a healthy respect for them,” admits Mr. Snow, a federal wildlife biologist working on the invasive python problem. “I’ve been nipped.”

Describing a python bite as a “nip” is probably a massive understatement. They have four rows of sharp teeth in the top of their mouths and two rows in the bottom, all of them slanted inward. When the snake fastens its jaws onto something, the victim instinctively tries to pull away. The more it pulls, the deeper the teeth sink into its flesh, giving the python time to wrap around the unfortunate creature and squeeze it to death.

Although pythons are not known to be hunters of humans like saltwater crocodiles are, Mr. Snow says, “They are capable. They have the tools to severely harm or kill people. We see that in the news every so often.”

David Piper, owner of Everglades Wonder Gardens in Bonita Springs, has been



bitten, too, on the arm. He had to use a crowbar to pry the snake’s mouth off — first the top, then the bottom.

“How much of a threat is it?” Mr. Piper asks rhetorically. “That depends on how hungry it is, and how many you have in a feeding situation.”

“If a snake finishes a rabbit or a chicken first and it smells chicken on another snake — and part of that chicken is sticking out — it’s going to eat

that, too. I saw a 16-foot python eat a rabbit and then consume an entire 10-foot python.”

Mr. Piper was born and raised into creature care; his family has maintained the Wonder Gardens for seven decades. He has four of the big snakes, including a 16-footer.

“Pythons... only think about two things: food and reproduction,” he says. Offering a voice of reason and experience to would-be python pet owners, he adds people who are very busy shouldn’t have a snake as a pet. “If their needs aren’t met, they become real aggressive, and that’s not their fault.”

Potential python keepers should also

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Burmese pythons can tip a scale at 300 pounds.

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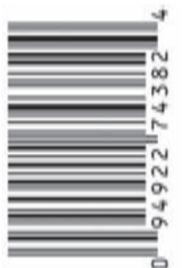
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COMMENTARY

Help for guys in a gifting predicament



Thank God! We've finally returned to the season of giving. We're a little the worse for wear, perhaps, but once again we've staggered back, almost 52 weeks later, ready for the holidays. And what a year it's been.

Let's congratulate ourselves. Good, now knock it off. There's no more time for that. We men face an immediate predicament.

Each of us who loves a Real American Woman (RAW) now hankers to give her something extraordinary — that special holiday gift. You've probably considered a piece of jewelry, or new apparel, or a gift or spa certificate, or expensive perfume, or French-made kitchen ware, or a new cell phone, or a car, or a trip to London. (What recession? I don't see a recession!).

But maybe this year that's not appropriate. Not after all she's been through. Perhaps this Christmas or Hanukah you should try something more imaginative.

First, you'll have to ask yourself the most perplexing question ever raised by theologians, philosophers, physiologists, psychologists, biologists or female-ologists: What do women really want?

It's a classic question, and a land mine is a classic bomb.

I have been told — by Geoffrey Chaucer in "The Wife of Bath's Tale," and then

by 600 years of male know-it-alls who seconded his opinion later — that what women really want is control. Or put differently, what they really want is exactly what they want.

Which may not be true of men. If a man declares that he wants to be a corporate president or climb to the summit of Mt. Everest, don't take him too seriously. That's probably not what he wants at all, not when he sees what's required to get there.

Does a man want to be famous or wealthy? Many say they do.

But if a woman wants it, she really wants it, although she might not say so to a man.

So let's be specific: What do our women want... for the holidays?

Good luck figuring out that one, pal. I have no idea. And I can't tell you what I'm giving the RAWs in my life, because then they'd have a denuded surprise. Women DO NOT want a denuded surprise, unless it's love in the raw. But let's not go there today.

Instead, why not offer your ambitious career woman a foot in the door? For a mere \$8.95, you can get her a black or red high-heeled shoe that's really a doorstop, from www.baronbob.com.

Or more perversely from baronbob.com, give your RAW "The Winerack." It's described as "a very comfortable sports bra in versatile black; polyurethane bladder holds 750 mm or 25 ounces of your favorite beverage; drinking tube long enough to route as you wish."

The unenlightened seller even recommends wearing "The Winerack" loaded

with alcohol not only to sporting events, where "every guy will want a sip from your rack" (thereby insuring her control over at least some knucklehead men), but to PTA meetings, which is probably illegal. Price: \$29.95.

For those less inclined to bacchanalian frivolity, consider an "intellectual" gift from www.wackyplanet.com — something like a Jane Austen action figure, perhaps (reduced to \$9.95), a Leonardo da Vinci reverse motion watch (\$32.95) or a T-shirt that says, "1-20-09, Good Riddance (George W. Bush)" (quite a statement for \$12.95).

For something more suggestive, try www.uncommongoods.com. These uninhibited purveyors of useful nonsense offer \$25 his-and-hers key holders (the key hangs from the location of a reproductive organ on the human-shaped key holder), or the \$100 "couple-between-a-rock-and-a-soft-place" clock.

With all due apologies for the pinched economy this year, here are some more expensive options.

You can find a purse resembling a three-scoop banana split or the Eiffel tower (about \$450), from www.timmywoods.com.

Or you can take it deep and let your RAW swim with the sharks. At www.excitations.com, you can arrange to have her lowered into a shark tank at an aquarium in Washington, D.C., New York or Philadelphia (\$195; bad-economy option: Let her walk the streets in those cities and meet the sharks for free).

Or you can surprise your RAW with a dive among great white sharks a few miles

off the coast of San Francisco (\$895), also from excitations.com (travel not included). The 2.5-hour trip by boat includes breakfast and a "hearty lunch." With any luck your RAW will eat the lunch, not be the lunch, after she's lowered into the cold waters of the Pacific, thoughtfully chummed by the dive crew, no doubt.

At the height of ridiculous excess, you can have your RAW's dream car delivered to her door for a single day of driving (beginning at \$1,175). What kind of car? Ferrari, Bentley... that kind of thing, according to the ad (yes, at www.excitations.com). Just don't break it, because you might have to buy it.

Better than all those, morally speaking, are gifts that do good.

Locally, on her behalf, you might donate to The Conservancy of Southwest Florida or The Bob Rauschenberg Center for Living (formerly known as the AIDS Treatment Center), among many other deserving organizations in Collier and Lee counties.

Or you can Google such vetted do-gooders as Greater Good Network, The Parks Company, the Women's Bean Project or Women for Women (all mentioned on MSNBC), where your purchase of a lovely gift will insure money to help somebody or something nationally or internationally.

In my opinion, however, all that pales beside the one gift that requires real effort. Let me quote from a column titled "For the Ladies" (*Florida Weekly*, Nov. 29, 2007).

"Finally, the ultimate gift, from your very own Sweet-Strong Self: LOVE. Show your RAW, or anyone else, that getting it means giving it. Cost: Heart and Soul, High or Low, Good or Bad, Happy or Sad."

And listen, pal. Happy Holidays, OK? ■

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OPINION**Detroit comes begging**

BY RICH LOWRY

One of Barack Obama's acts of courage as a presidential candidate, his campaign maintained, was to give a speech in Detroit excoriating the auto industry for its carbon-emitting sins. Mr. Obama noted how the industry had long played "typical Washington politics" by hiring an "army of lobbyists" to get its way.

Well, Mr. Obama hadn't been president-elect for more than 72 hours before he suggested that auto-industry executives descending on Washington to plead for a bailout might get it. Can we save corporate dinosaurs that have been mismanaged for decades? Yes, we can!

The auto companies argue that they have been caught up in the credit crunch, and therefore deserve a piece of the financial bailout. General Motors' sales dropped 45 percent in October. Ford and GM lost nearly \$15 billion in cash between July and September, and GM says it might not have enough cash to operate by early next year.

But this crisis is only the punctuation mark on decades of decline. Once a market-dominating behemoth, GM had 50 percent of the U.S. market in the 1960s. It is down to almost 20 percent now. U.S. consumers have long been voting against U.S. automakers. Now, they'll be asked

to put their tax dollars at risk to preserve the very companies from which they don't want cars.

The bailout would be of the United Auto Workers as much as of the automakers. It's the UAW that saddled the Big Three with unsustainable labor costs and obligations to retirees. Detroit has desperately been trying to get out from under this burden, but Ford still lost \$1,467 per vehicle in 2007, while GM lost \$729 and Chrysler lost \$412. Where the UAW doesn't reign, the industry thrives. Toyota and others profitably manufacture almost 4 million cars in nonunionized states in the South.

The case for the bailout is that the job losses from a GM going down — 100,000 directly, and many more indirectly — would be too painful to bear, and the government would be left holding the bag on GM's pensions. This line of reasoning conceives of GM essentially as a job programs and welfare agency.

A bailout of the automakers would signal a new era of government protection from competitive failures. Every other troubled business would show up in Washington.

The Paulson financial rescue obviously created a dangerous predicate. But the financial system is uniquely fragile. Banks that are otherwise sound, and have been run profitably for decades, can go under

in a panic. Wells Fargo, which took an equity injection under duress, shouldn't be confused with GM.

Washington Post business writer Steven Pearlstein suggests a compromise: Only commit government funds if the auto companies taking them go bankrupt. A bankruptcy court can reduce the obligations to retirees, make it possible for Chrysler and GM to pare back their unnecessary dealerships, and scale back wages and benefits. Top management should be fired. All of this can be set in a "prepackaged" bankruptcy that won't disrupt operations.

But that probably makes too much sense. We're a long way from the 1950s, when G.M. President Charles Wilson said, "What is good for General Motors is good for the country." In a bailout nation, it's the opposite. ■

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GUEST OPINION**What's good for General Motors?**

danRATHER

Special to Florida Weekly

What's good for General Motors, so the saying goes, is good for the country. Whether or not one agreed with this bit of conventional wisdom as a guide for formulating policy, there's no doubt that there was an era when the health of GM was perhaps the best barometer one could find for the overall state of the United States economy — an era that reached its apex in the post-World War II years.

Is the old maxim still true at a time when GM's stock is trading at or near 65-year lows and CEO Rick Wagoner has gone to the federal government, hat in hand, asking for a bailout?

Part of the answer rests on the reality that GM and its fellow "Big Three" automakers, Ford and Chrysler, still employ about 250,000 Americans, many in parts of the U.S. already hard-hit economically. Throw in the subsidiary employment of auto-parts manufacturers and related industries, and you're looking at millions of jobs in all.

And part rests on the perception that to let GM fail would be to bid an irrevocable farewell to America's once-proud and peerless manufactur-

ing base. In economics, as in politics, perception is often reality. In addition to the job losses it would entail, the failure of GM would likely darken the public sense of gloom about the economy, further eroding consumer confidence and thereby deepening the recession most economists say is already upon us.

For now, Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson has stated that any help the government might give to struggling automakers won't come from the \$700 billion bailout fund, created by Congress last month. Up until now, with the exception of the insurance company AIG (which became a necessary special case due to its huge holdings in toxic credit derivatives), payouts from the fund have gone only to financial institutions; Treasury fears that helping auto manufacturers would establish a precedent that would lead to failing companies from all sectors demanding a piece of the bailout pie.

As the Democratically controlled Congress works on a separate bailout for automakers, two things seem worth considering.

The first is that automakers, unlike many companies, can't just declare bankruptcy as a strategy to regroup, reorganize and re-emerge as stronger entities. The reason why is simple: Studies have shown that the great majority of consumers won't buy a car

from a manufacturer in bankruptcy. After all, would you plunk down thousands of dollars for a vehicle you couldn't be sure of getting serviced or finding parts for in a year or two? There is a degree to which GM and its brethren are a special case, in that bankruptcy could essentially equal death.

The second is that the U.S. automakers have, for years now, been spending big sums of money to lobby against the strengthening of Corporate Average Fuel Economy standards and to fight in court against individual states, such as California, that have sought to impose tougher standards of their own. With 20/20 hindsight, it seems evident that, had these manufacturers dedicated resources instead to making more fuel-efficient cars, they might not have found themselves in the predicament they landed in once prices at the pump skyrocketed.

Bailing out automakers, like bailing out Wall Street, can raise as many questions as it answers. In both cases, it seems, there is the overarching question of whether we can protect the overall economy from the mistakes of the past while preventing a replay in the future. One way may be for taxpayers to ask for something in return for the checks they are being asked to write and the loans they are being asked to guarantee. ■

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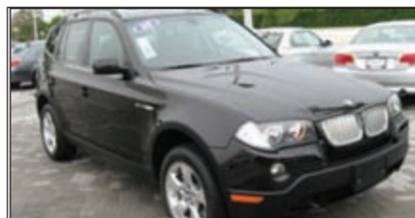


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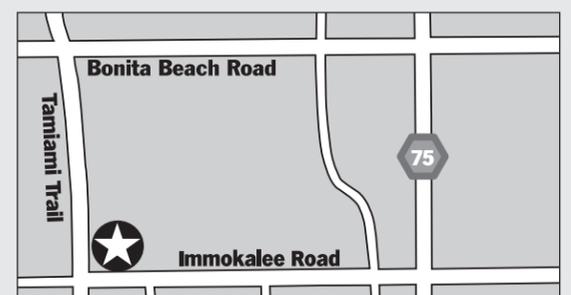
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15 MINUTES

Settling in Naples, with New York roots

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Giovanni Roggiero, born and raised in New York City and a not-entirely-distant relative of the Ruggieros (with a “u” — think the real-life version of the Sopranos), is a computer engineer based in Naples.

“My grandfather changed the ‘u’ to an ‘o’ in our family because, ah, these connections, you know? I mean, you grow up there (New York), you know some of these fellows.” He hastens to add he knows “NOTHING about the Mafia. When you’re Italian, though, people will stereotype you.”

Mr. Roggiero’s company, Unitech Network Business Solutions, suggests just how state-of-the-union his life is, perhaps. He and his wife, Maria Cristina, who is originally from Colombia, reflect an America built on wanderers looking for a better world. That’s why they’re in Naples, and not in New York City, raising the playful, bright creatures Roggiero calls “my two beautiful kids” — 5-year-old GianCarlo and 2-year-old Giovanni Massimiliano.

Maybe their Naples story starts on Sept. 11, 2001, although it could start back in 1999, when Mr. Roggiero met his future wife while teaching her to use computers. “I thought I would never be able to get involved with such a beautiful woman,” he recalls. “I didn’t think she’d have anything to do with me.”

When he mentions such moments — and when he speaks of his children, his own three brothers or his mother, still living in the rent-controlled apartment where he grew up in Washington Heights on Manhattan’s Upper

West Side — laughter rushes out of him like water or music.

It’s a survivor’s laughter.

Mr. Roggiero’s parents sent him to Catholic schools as a boy, but the streets in Washington Heights were tough places to learn in their own right. “So my parents took a very moral stand about living,” he says. “We were always at the table together. We had to be always impeccable when we sat down, and say a prayer at dinner.”

“But it was hard, because when I went outside it was a totally different environment.” Drugs. Fist fights. Nothing the scrappy Roggieros couldn’t handle.

The family sailed through, Mr. Roggiero went off to college, and the neighborhood became gentrified.

But back to the story: Maybe it starts with his father, an Italian from Genoa who ran off to New York City to marry an Ecuadorian.

It’s a New York story, whenever it started. “I’ve traveled North, Central and South America and the Caribbean, up and down with my dad, and I’ll tell you: There’s nothing like New York. I feel New York is a multicultural paradise where I managed to obtain so much culture... As a New Yorker, I don’t see people by their race, but by who they are.”

Now 42, Mr. Roggiero speaks fluent Spanish, English and Italian. The family uses all three at home, their playful voices snatching words from one language or another like small, quick animals.

They’d probably still be in New York, where his business was thriving when the family left in 2006, but for 9-11.

He was working in the financial district



Giovanni Roggiero

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that morning. “When I saw one of the planes just go in I said, ‘Wow, what a terrible accident.’ So I walked back up to the 20s and waited. Then I saw the second one hit. The tower came down, and I thought it was going to hit me... I ran (uptown) to Maria, she was working at Bloomingdale’s on 59th and Lexington, and we walked to my mother’s house in Washington Heights.”

On their wedding day, terror struck again, as rumor. “They closed all the bridges into Manhattan because of a bomb scare, so I was at the altar two hours, waiting for Maria.”

And that did it. He and Maria decided to raise their children somewhere else.

For Mr. Roggiero, the world is not just a big apple, but a big, big apple. He’s applying for joint Italian citizenship, an option for

Americans, and wants to expand his business — in which he subcontracts for Hewlett-Packard, Dell, Gateway and most or all of the other biggies — to Europe.

At the same time, he and Maria, a medical esthetician who works with plastic surgeons and dermatologists, want to open a Naples-based spa and clinic.

He shrugs off the family’s struggles in a down economy.

“The hardest thing that I’ve done in my life, believe it or not, is take responsibility. I did that at a young age. It’s been a struggle, but I didn’t know responsibility until I married Maria Cristina.”

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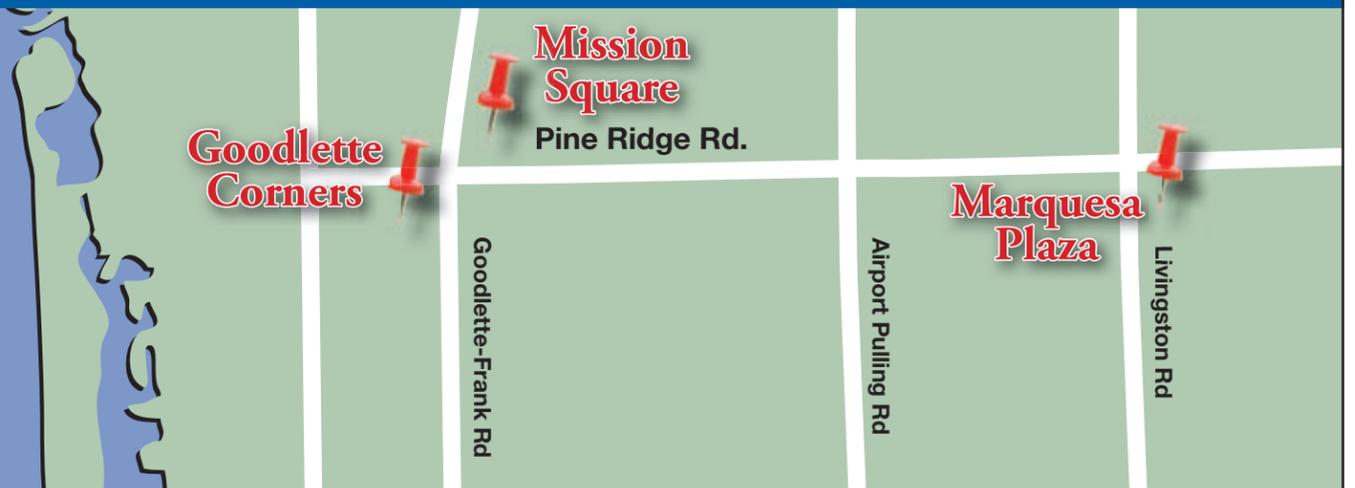


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PYTHONS

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consider what the snake will become three or four years down the road. "Don't think about how pretty it is and how nice it is to have it in a 20-gallon container. Think about when you have to devote a whole room to it."

In the wild, the snakes have become a serious threat not to humans but to native species including endangered birds and animals that have no evolutionary wiring to protect them from pythons.

The snakes have slithered to the top of the food chain in South Florida, from east to west, becoming a well-entrenched population since they were let go into the wild.

That happened within the last 20 to 30 years, probably after irresponsible or criminally negligent pet owners released them, wildlife biologists say.

Some officials, including Chris Kimbell, a park service specialist at Collier-Seminole State Park, theorize that a few dealers, especially on the east coast, might be releasing breeding pairs near roads or access points, then going back and capturing the babies to sell. "That would be a more insidious type of behavior, and it's only based on speculation, from where we've seen some populations," Mr. Kimbell says.

Estimates of the number of pythons in Everglades National Park alone range from 5,000 to 30,000, and studies indicate the environment would comfortably support as many as 40,000.

But whatever the number living wild in South Florida these days, the object is to get rid of them.

Finding the big eater

Even if that's possible, it won't happen soon because federal and state efforts have so far been extremely limited, not thoroughly researched and under-funded, Mr. Snow says. "The only reliable tool we have that gets pythons removed in any numbers is visual searches along canals or levees and the roads we have access to," he explains.

Roadsides and canals make up only a tiny percentage of the food-rich habitat for pythons living wild here. But in those limited areas alone, between January and the end of October, 255 Burmese pythons were killed or found dead and thus removed from the breeding population, Mr. Snow reports.

"We don't have a reliable count because we have no reliable method of catching them right now," he says. "The standard method of determining numbers is to catch things, mark them and let them go, and then to catch them again. But when we catch a python, we don't want to let it go."

"The best thing I can tell you," concludes Mr. Snow, "is that given the number we humans see, especially of something as cryptic as this snake, that's only a tiny fraction of what's out there."

Although he hasn't seen any recently, Mr. Kimbell at Collier-Seminole State Park says pythons tend to favor the western side of the park. "They'll go after raccoons, birds, bobcats, foxes, anything we have." One visiting biologist autopsied a python and found part of a digested wood stork in its belly, he adds.

Mr. Snow recited a variety of other prey found in the bellies of dead snakes: native cotton mice, native cotton rats, rabbits, squirrels and deer, along with house wrens, wading birds, ducks and gallinules, pipe-billed grebes, coots, egrets and limpkins.

And there is, of course, the famous photo taken about three years ago of a dead 6-foot alligator protruding from the midsection of very large, dead python that had swallowed it.

Pythons are not only hardy, but capable of travel, too. They can navigate great distances, sometimes as much as 50 or 60 miles.

Mr. Snow has helped relocate pythons over many miles to see if they would lead searchers to other snakes. He recalls researchers who tracked one snake with a GPS system and learned that the snake somehow managed to migrate back to its original home



PHOTO COURTESY EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK

This 13-foot burmese python bit off a bit more than he could chew. He and the alligator were both found dead in 2005 after the python ate the 6-foot gator.

almost 25 miles away. "We have no idea how they do that," he says.

Other methods of control

One problem facing those charged with trying to remove pythons is simple ignorance.

"We haven't figured out the proper lure yet," Mr. Snow explains. "It could be chemicals, it could be prey-based — we're trying to get the money to determine this, to design a trap we know will work to attract and hold pythons."

One possibility is a funnel trap similar to those used on the island of Guam in the western Pacific Ocean, where invasive brown tree snakes began destroying the indigenous bird population. The trap offers one way in, no way out, and a second cage inside that holds a mouse, with food and water.

One highly touted snake fighter who hasn't been heard from much lately is Pete the beagle, who proved capable of sniffing out the big reptiles last year.

Pete's still around, but he's not working on pythons right now, says Mr. Snow. "Pete has done really well in training, but his training is on hold. We don't have a full-time handler."

Mr. Snow believes canines have a big role to play in the python arena — "especially in rural-urban interface where they have a chance," he says. "But we need resources. Everything tells me dogs could serve very well, especially in detecting small populations not way out in the Everglades."

And that could be almost anywhere in the region, adds Mr. Snow, who notes that pythons have been reported north of Lake Okeechobee, including as far north and west as Myakka River State Park in Sarasota County, and all the way south to the Keys.

Recently someone reported seeing a big one in eastern Collier County's Fakahatchee Strand Preserve.

In those places, dogs could make a difference, and so could hunters with dogs (it's open season on pythons, who are not protected in the wild, in Florida).

"After all," adds Mr. Snow, "dogs detect everything from whales to cancer to brown tree snakes to bombs. But you have to have someone who's a full-time handler to train them and also be responsive. So Pete's in a holding pattern while other tasks get done."

More important than Pete, perhaps, is the passage of federal legislation that was introduced in the U.S. House in September and now awaits further debate and development. Although it won't help with the python problem, it could prevent similar problems with other species.

Known as HR 6311, or the Non-Native Wildlife Invasion Prevention Act, the bill would stop merchants or collectors from importing non-native species into the country until they could be studied to determine what harm they might cause.

"We'd like to use the Burmese python as the spoke-snake for the larger issue of doing a better job managing exotic species we bring in from the pet trade," Mr. Snow says. "Let's do some predictive screening."

As reasonable as that sounds, under a law called the Lacey Act, the traditional policy has been to declare a creature "injurious" only after the animal has proven its ability to do significant damage to either flora or fauna.

By that time, it's often too late to eradicate it easily or at all, Mr. Snow points out.

But representatives of the pet trade, described as a \$14 billion annual industry in the United States, are wary of the new legislation.

"Is the mere absence of biological data... sufficient to compel the (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) to ban a species that has been imported in the millions or farmed in this country for 30 to 50 years absent evidence of invasiveness? Based on such a standard, common goldfish, many tropical fish and myriad common species of birds and reptiles would be banned from the entire United States," argues Marshall Meyers, executive vice president and general counsel of the American Pet Industry joint advisory council.

He asks, for example, if a parrot in Minnesota should be banned because it might survive in the wild in Florida.

That debate might continue in Congress this year.

Meanwhile, a recent Florida law requires any who own pythons to microchip them, pay a permitting fee of as much as \$100 a year, and account for the whereabouts of their snakes, including ones they report as dead, or risk fines and even (in repeat cases of python negligence) jail time.

That doesn't discourage the python trade.

Burmese pythons continue to be attractive to many pet buyers, who can get them about the size of a ruler for about \$40 wholesale or \$100 in a pet store. But before long the responsibility of ownership becomes enormous. A young python might eat a single mouse, but as it grows it requires several rats, and finally rabbits and chickens in fair number, or even small pigs.

In a mere three years, the pet python can grow from 12 inches to about 12 feet long.

Since the expense and effort to remove pythons will be huge — if it can even be done — some wonder what use might be made of them.

Mr. Piper at Everglades Wonder Gardens offers what is arguably the most practical idea of all: Use them as a food source to feed the homeless and hungry. "Given what they eat, and the fact that snakes are a delicacy in so many places, they'd probably be very good, and it would be a shame to waste all that meat," he says.

The idea is not so far-fetched; a 200-pound snake could provide a great deal of protein to hungry people, and similar programs in such states as Colorado offer fresh, road-killed deer and elk to homeless centers.

At Collier-Seminole State Park, Chris Kimbell has already sampled python meat. "They're just muscle," he reports. "Last year we had one run over by a brush hog cutting grass on the trail. Since pythons are not a protected species... we barbecued it. It was white meat, and there was no fat on it at all."

Tasty, was it?

"Well," says Mr. Kimbell, "it's not something I'd shop for. But I guess it depends on how you cook it."

Which might be true, too, of other invasive species, including spiny-tailed iguanas or Nile monitor lizards.

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More abundant than mosquitoes: tales about the Trail

BY LOIS BOLIN

Special to Florida Weekly

Dorothy knew that even on the Kansas plains, you don't need to look any further than your own backyard if you want to connect with something special that links you to your past.

Florida historian Charlton Tebeau would certainly have concurred. He believed that history is where you find it, and that it begins close to home.

So what is the most historic "connecting" thing in our Naples back yard? (Hint: It has white line running down its middle and along each side, and its initials are T.T.)

Sawgrass visions

One of the most magnificent man-made feats in Southwest Florida is the trans-peninsula highway, the Tamiami Trail, which was on the drawing board long before construction actually began in 1915.

In 1919, when Lee County officials realized they could not afford to complete their portion of road, Capt. James Jaudon, a Trail visionary and owner of the Chevelier Corp., offered to build this link on one condition: Dade and Lee counties must agree to reroute the Trail through Monroe County — and through much of his 207,360 acres. The proposal was accepted, and in 1921 construction of the next leg of the Tamiami Trail began. It is now called Loop Road.

When the state of Florida ran out of funds for the Trail in 1922, the east-west portion, also known as the Miami-Marco Road, found a new champion in an advertising mogul named Barron Gift Collier. Mr. Collier pledged that he would finance completion of the Miami-Marco Trail if the Florida legislature would establish a new county and name it after him.

So in 1923, Collier County was created from the southern part of Lee County.

As no surprise to many, a conflict immediately arose over the route the Trail would take.

The State Road Department and new county's sponsors advocated for the original route, which ran inside the boundaries of the newly established Collier County. But the Board of County Commissioners of Dade County wanted to honor their word to Capt. Jaudon, as only a few miles of road remained to be completed.

As was noted earlier, Loop Road runs through Monroe County and the Tamiami Trail runs through Collier County.

The Tamiami Trail — which opened on April 25, 1928, took 13 years to build, cost \$8 million and used more than 2.6 million sticks of dynamite — has more stories about how it was built than the state has mosquitoes.

Stories of the Trail

While on a team building the Trail, engineer John King took several men, including his son, on a prospecting trip that should have lasted no more than four days. He left instructions that if they were not back in four days, plus a four-day grace period, a search party should commence. It did.

Newspapers across the country immediately commenced to run sensational headlines over stories detailing every effort to find the men who had braved the last frontier in America. One month later, the men were picked up on Shark River by a private yacht and taken to Key West.

Mr. King, who was a botanist as well as a civil engineer, made good use of his time while lost: He was the first to discover traces of oil in the Everglades.

Judy Sproul, granddaughter of Barron Gift Collier, resides in Naples today and remembers many things about her grandfather. The tale she loves most to tell is that her grandfather, the man for whom this county is named, invented

the white lines that go down the middle and sides of the Trail.

The next time you drive along the Tamiami Trail and see those white lines, think of the genius of Barron Gift Collier. Think of all the history he made possible by connecting millions of people to the magic in this place we have the pleasure of calling home.

Dorothy was right: We don't need to look any further than our own backyard for a connection to something special in Collier County. ■

Tamiami Trail construction photos courtesy of Naples Backyard History



NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPHERD
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And justice for all?

► An administrator of criminal-case appeals in Louisiana committed suicide in 2007, partly (according to his suicide note) because of guilt that, for 13 years, he had complied with a judge's order to deny, sight-unseen, all appeals filed by defendants who were acting without lawyers. (Under state law, only death row convicts get assistance for appeals;

all others, even convicted murderers, either fend for themselves or forfeit the appeal right, no matter how indigent.) According to the administrator (the extent of whose claims are still being investigated by the state Supreme Court), none of the supervisory judges involved in denying the 2,400 appeals ever read a single word in them. ■

Eye jewelry

► Dutch designer Eric Klarenbeek, 29, has developed jewelry consisting of tiny crystals or flowers that hang directly from the eye via micro-thin medical wire attached to either prescription or blank contact lenses and, in the light, give the appearance of tears streaming down the cheek.

He expects to hit the market soon, according to an October report in London's Daily Mail, at a price of the equivalent of around \$325. Though the adornments appear to be painful or dangerous, Klarenbeek said users of his prototypes so far have been "amazed" at their comfort. ■

Can't possibly be true

► Residents of an Austin, Texas, neighborhood undergoing a federally mandated sewer replacement noticed that, for several weeks starting in September, the work crews would spend the first three hours of their 12-hour days digging a huge hole in the street, and the last three hours re-filling and paving over it (repeating the process each day). The 20-by-20-by-20-foot hole in Monroe Street was too big to be covered with metal plates, and the city's "policy" of minimal traffic disruption required repaving for nighttime use, at least doubling the cost of the work.

► In October, a 58-year-old patient accused the Rush Green Dental Practice in

Romford, England, of injecting Novocain in preparation for an extraction but then refusing to pull the tooth until he had handed over an additional 30 pounds (\$47) cash. (The patient had to go home to get his ATM card, according to a Daily Mail report, and did not make it back until the Novocain had begun to wear off.)

► Police in the Bavarian town of Neu-Ulm said they were investigating a dentist who allegedly barged into the home of a 35-year-old patient in September, tied her hands, forced her mouth open, and removed dentures worth the equivalent of about \$500 because the woman's insurance company had declined to pay. ■

People who need attention

► In October, Travis Fessler of Florence, Ohio, broke the Guinness Book record by holding 11 Madagascar hissing cockroaches in his mouth for the mandatory 10 seconds.

► Briton Sarah Burge, 49, broke the

Guinness Book record for the most cosmetic surgery, having now spent a total of 539,500 pounds (\$850,000) on more than 100 procedures, according to an October report in London's Daily Mail. ■

Unclear on the concept

► In November, after two years of controversy, the school board in Jacksonville, voted 5-2 to retain the designation of Nathan Bedford Forrest High School, which is named for a Confederate general who was also an early Ku Klux Klan

leader. Advocates for change described Forrest as one of America's biggest Civil War slave traders, but a local Confederacy historian said his research indicated that Forrest was "nice" to his slaves and that "(t)hey loved him." ■

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homeless and anyone who was hungry on Thanksgiving Day. "This year we're on the same pace as last year," Mr. Ellison said.

While the winter holidays help focus attention on those in need, St. Matthew's House and other organizations that serve the needy in Collier County know summer could be even more demanding on them. That's because many of the people they feed are children — many of whom receive free lunch and free breakfast at school. "The holidays hit, summer hits and those kids aren't getting free meals anymore," Mr. Ellison says.

As more parents are out of work, more

children need food.

Mr. Ellison estimates nearly half of the people St. Matthew's will help feed this Thanksgiving will be children.

At the Harry Chapin Food Bank, Mr. Brislain shares that concern. "Our big concern is next summer. Is it going to be worse?" he said. "Three years ago, the letter carriers' food drive pretty much tided us over until fall," he added. "Two years ago, that food ran out in August. This year, it ran out in July." If projections come true and the economy gets worse before it gets better, "We're looking at a very difficult time."

But amid the tough times and gloomy forecast, there is optimism.

"We live in a very generous community," Mr. Brislain said. "Those who are lucky enough to have a job or have resources, we'd hope they'd step up and give a little bit more to help those who don't." ■

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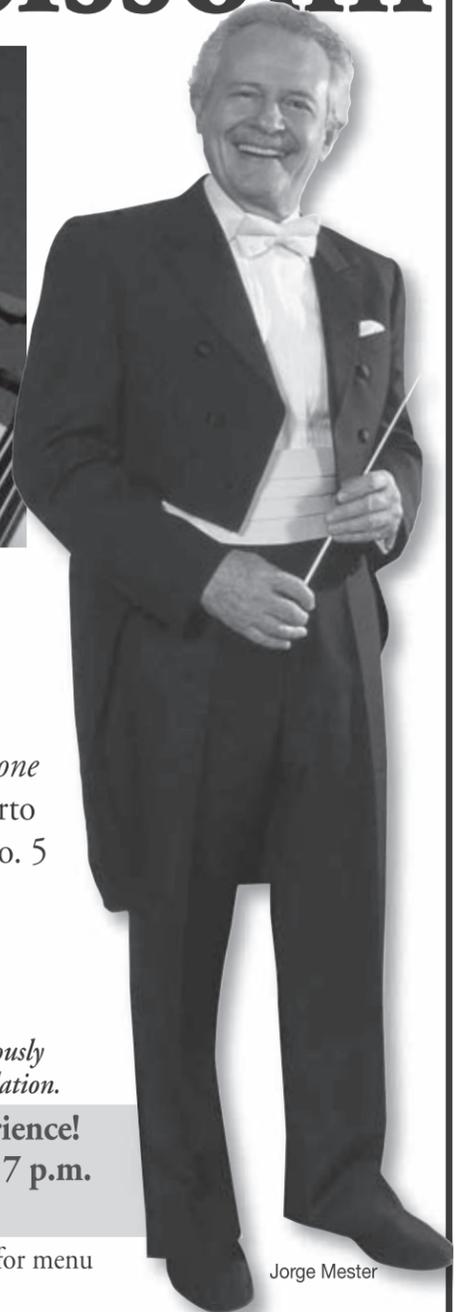
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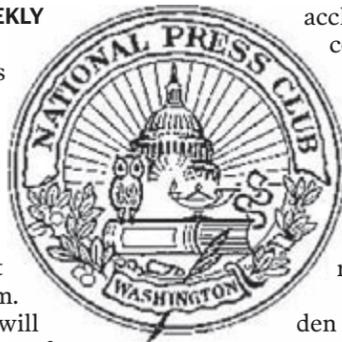
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A panel of prominent Florida journalists from print, broadcast, the Internet and education will examine the changing dynamics of the journalism profession and the struggle to preserve its core values. Moderators will be Tammy Lytle, 2003 National Press Club president and former *Orlando Sentinel* Washington bureau chief. Panelists will be:

- Phil Jones, Emmy Award-winning former CBS News and "48 Hours" correspondent
- Darrel Adams, news director at Waterman Broadcasting, which owns ABC-7 and NBC-2
- Chris Doyle, *Naples Daily News* president and publisher
- Roy Peter Clark, Poynter Institute vice president, senior scholar and

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• Matt Bernaldo, managing online editor at Waterman Broadcasting and the recipient of two regional Edward R. Murrow awards

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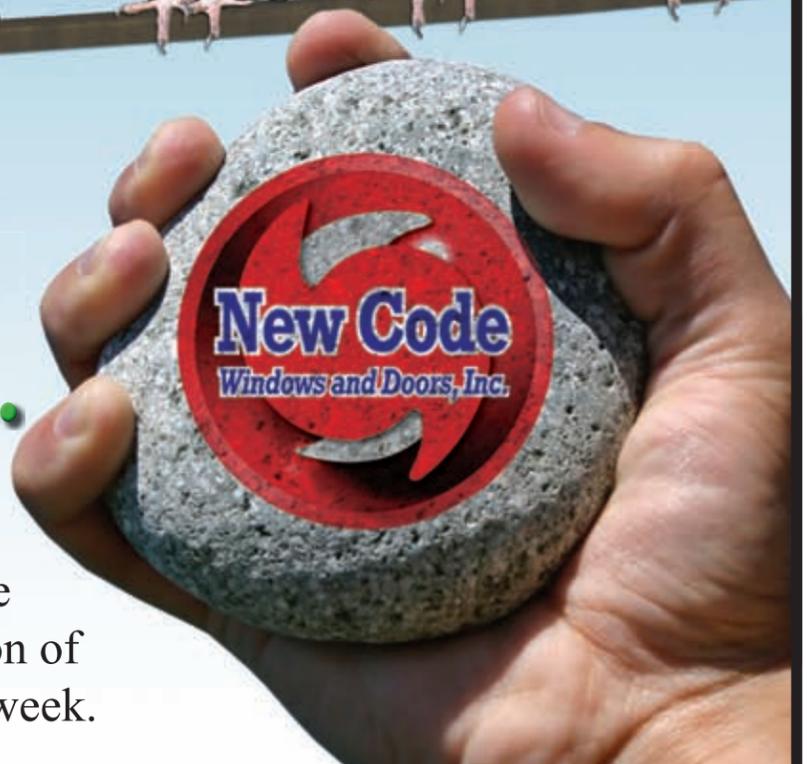
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BY VIKKI CONWELL
Cox News Service

Ronald and Jennifer Bull trimmed the fat from their health and fitness budget without adding it to their waists.

When the economy forced them to tighten their wallets, the suburban Atlanta couple put a squeeze on their expenses. A \$200 monthly family membership at a small health club plus \$150 a week for sessions with a personal trainer left Jennifer Bull feeling embarrassed about the size of the family's fitness budget and shortchanged by their physical results. So, the couple canned the fitness-club membership and returned home for some basic training.

"With everything that is going on with the economy, we just want to be responsible, but we don't want to lessen our quality of life," said Jennifer Bull, owner of an advertising firm who describes fitness as essential to her family's life. A personal trainer at \$75 a session helped them develop a home-based program using two yoga mats (\$10-\$20), two pairs of dumbbells (\$4-\$6) and a stability ball (about \$20). They now spend a third of what they did before and have improved their health and fitness.

"We've kept the same level of fitness and cut the fitness bill," Bull said.

The Bulls are not alone — more economy-plagued fitness buffs are seeking

ways to downsize their budgets without up-sizing their bodies. Average health/fitness club memberships run about \$35-\$40 a month, but with gas and food costs, job losses and economic uncertainty, many people are contemplating less-expensive alternatives.

At Concourse Athletic Club in Sandy Springs, Ga., membership terminations are increasing and more members are opting to downgrade from family (starting at \$170 a month) to individual plans (starting at \$95 a month). Membership fees fluctuate based on the full-time or weekday/daytime hours of use.

Other members are exercising a leave of absence (at \$30 a month) option that allows them to suspend their membership and return without paying another \$250 initiation fee.

"We have always worked with terminations, but now we're working with them more," said general manager Suzanne Cypert, who estimates the club "saves" about 10 percent of members considering termination through conversion packages and leaves of absence. Even the YMCA of Greater Atlanta, which offers family health and wellness memberships for about \$53 a month, reported a 20 percent increase in the number of members requesting financial assistance since July.

"More people have come in saying it's tough," said Kristen Obaranec, a spokeswoman with the YMCA, which subsidizes costs for members unable to pay the full fee.

The economic downturn may stimulate an upswing of returning to the basics, said Peter McCall, exercise physiologist with the American Council on Exercise.

People are using what they have, incorporating tools such as jump ropes and sandbags and realizing that they don't need to be in a gym to maintain fitness, he said.

The council recommends walking, jogging, dancing and bike riding as cost-effective means to conserve gas while losing weight. Beefing up household chores also revs up the metabolism and energy level.

If you want to maintain a consistent routine, you can spend less than \$150 for exercise balls, a jump rope, a set of dumbbells and resistance tubing for a total-body workout. For another \$100 (per one-hour session), a personal trainer can help you design a safe, effective program to follow in your own home, he said.

Personal trainer Ligia Carvalho, who



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Jennifer Bull, who is three months pregnant, and her husband work out in their kitchen now instead of at a health club.

designs programs for corporate and individual clients, has experienced a surge in requests for home-based routines. Many people need the accountability that a trainer brings to create a work/life bal-

ance, she said.

"Stress levels are high and lifestyles are changing," said Carvalho, who trains the Bull family. [But] exercise doesn't have to be expensive." ■



Ronald Bull's routine includes dumbbells, which cost \$4-\$6. He also gets help from a personal trainer who visits the Bulls' home.

AFFORDABLE FITNESS

Don't sacrifice your health and fitness because of the poor economy. Here are ways to cut costs and stay in shape:

- Walk or bike to work. Burns calories, saves money on transportation and helps the environment.
- Find a park with a fitness course. Follow the directions on the obstacles for a fun exercise session in the fresh air.
- Volunteer to clean up a neighborhood park. Vigorous chores like yard work are great calorie burners, and this would be a great way to improve the neighborhood, meet neighbors and make new friends.
- Buy a jump rope. Jump rope for 15 to 20 minutes a day, three days a week.
- Use video on demand. You can access workout videos cheaper than purchasing a DVD.
- Dance. It's not just for the stars. Make use of your weekend social time.
- Choose activities that get you moving. Go to the park, walk the dog, play catch, plan trips with family and friends that involve activities such as biking, paddle-boating, hiking, swimming, skiing — or just walking to a museum.

- Park away. Stop driving around looking for a close parking space. Park in the spot that is farthest from the mall or grocery store and get some exercise.
- Take the stairs. Climbing the steps at work or other buildings burns a lot of calories and really revs up the heart.

Sources: American Council on Exercise, staff reports

CHORES BURN CALORIES

You don't have to adopt an extra workout regimen when so many of the household chores burn plenty of calories.

- Mowing the lawn (half-hour) = 150 calories burned.
- Gardening (30 to 45 minutes) = 150 calories burned.
- Raking leaves (half-hour) = 150 calories burned.
- Vacuuming (half-hour) = 100 calories burned.
- Washing windows (15 minutes) = 50 calories burned.
- Sweeping (15 minutes) = 50 calories burned. ■

Sources: American Council for Fitness and Nutrition

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'Pay it Forward' by donating to Community Blood Center

Community Blood Center holds its "Pay It Forward in Collier County" blood drive from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at Guardian Personal Storage, 7325 Davis Blvd. Successful blood donors will receive a \$10 Publix gift card and will be eligible to win one of three \$50 Publix gift cards.

In addition, Guardian Personal Storage will offer chances for free turkeys and Christmas trees and for new books geared toward elementary school students. The Kiwanis Club of East Naples will sell popcorn, hot dogs and sno-cones to raise funds for children's programs sponsored by the club.

"Pay it Forward" is organized to provide assistance for Collier County families who are feeling the effects of the current economy, and to create public awareness about the need for blood donors this time of year.

An affiliate of the NCH Healthcare System, the Community Blood Center is the



primary supplier of blood products to every hospital in Collier County. All blood donations collected at the event will benefit local patients.

The CBC Bloodmobile will be at the Muvico theater in Coconut Point from 1-6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, and at the Hollywood 20 theater in Naples from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 29-30. Donors will receive a free movie ticket.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds. Most medications — including aspirin and blood pressure, thyroid, allergy, birth control, antidepressant and cholesterol prescriptions — will not prevent someone from donating. For more information, visit www.givebloodcbc.org or call 436-5455. ■

Sponsors, speakers sought for childcare

CHS Healthcare is helping sponsor the 2009 Infants & Toddlers Conference presented by Child Care of Southwest Florida and Edison State College. Conference coordinator Dr. Beth Hagan is seeking additional sponsors and guest speakers as well as services or organizations that would like an exhibit table at the conference.



designed for childcare professionals, new and expectant parents and those who work through nonprofit organizations to serve infants and toddlers. It will be held in March 2009. Continuing education credits are available.

For more information about participating or attending, call Dr. Hagan at 947-8085 or e-mail BHagan7@aol.com. ■

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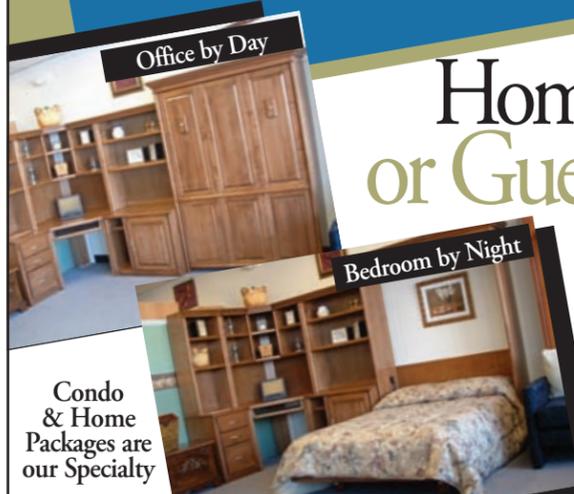
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Pet festival organizers expect thousands



The third annual Howl-A-Day Jubilee Pet Festival should draw thousands of pet lovers to Veterans Community Park from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22.

What began through grassroots efforts by Collier County Domestic Animal Services and several local pet businesses has grown into a nationally recognized event, largely because of the community's support in helping raise funds for homeless animals in need of emergency medical care at the DAS shelter.

"Businesses of all kinds have wrapped

their arms around this event," organizer and DAS volunteer coordinator Kathleen Drew said. "It's all making a huge difference in the lives of animals that come to our shelter that might not survive without extra medical care," she added.

The festival has gained national attention through Fido Friendly magazine, Naples Dog magazine and more than \$40,000 in media sponsorships.

Animalife Veterinary Center has returned as a platinum level sponsor with a \$1,200 donation toward event marketing. Local businesses along with public schools and libraries are handing out 60,000 promotional flyers.

New attractions this year for pets and their owners include a Dog Agility Fun Course. Local rescue groups have been invited for the first time to



participate in hopes of increasing community involvement and the number of pet adoptions at the festival.

The 2007 event attracted 5,500 people and raised \$10,594 for the DAS Donation Trust Fund through entry donations, raffle ticket purchases and sponsorships.

The 2008 Howl-A-Day Jubilee Pet Festival takes place from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at Veterans Community Park, 1895 Veterans Park Drive, Naples. For more information, call 252-PETS or visit www.collierpets.com. ■

A tradition begins at Third Street South tree lighting

Naples Backyard History welcomes the holiday season and starts a new holiday tradition with its inaugural Mr. and Mrs. Gingerbread decorating contest during the 32nd annual Third Street South tree lighting on Saturday, Nov. 24.



In the hopes of garnering the People's Choice Award, several Third Street South and Crayton Cove restaurant will decorate a 2-foot-tall gingerbread couple baked by Lorenzo Walker Culinary School. The cookie couples will be displayed at Naples Backyard History, 1300 Third Street S., through Dec. 4, after which they will be taken to area senior living homes on behalf of Girl Scout Troop 473 and Naples Backyard History.

Children and parents will have a chance to participate in Carol-okee (Christmas carols, karaoke-style) as they wait to talk to Santa or to decorate a Christmas duck cookie hosted by the Children's Museum of Naples. Children are also invited to make a gingerbread craft to hang on the Naples Backyard History tree.

Participating restaurants include Sea Salt, Handsome Harry's, The Dock at Crayton Cove, Ridgeway Bar & Grill, Blue Province and The Cove Inn. ■

Bikers head out on the highway for Big Brothers Big Sisters

The third annual LV Bikers Group Poker Run to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Florida takes place Sunday, Nov. 30. "We continue to choose BBBS to be the financial recipient for our poker run because of their outstanding efforts to make a difference in the lives of local youth," says LV Bikers founder and club President Laura Smith-Obed. Members are businesswomen who have a passion for children and a love for motorcycle riding.

Poker run festivities will begin with registration at 11 a.m. at Everglades Motorcycle. From there, riders will travel over a prescribed course, stop-

ping at designated businesses to collect poker cards. "We welcome all types of motorcycle riders," Smith-Obed says. "Our hope is to have participants from all over Southwest Florida."

Registration is \$25 and includes a full poker hand, a T-shirt and party afterward. Those who do not ride can attend the party for \$10. The club's goal is to raise awareness and \$25,000 for BBBS programs in Southwest Florida.

BBBS is the largest provider of one-to-one youth mentoring services in the United States. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Florida, a United Way agency, has been bringing caring adults

into the lives of children in Collier and Lee counties for 35 years. There are nearly 500 matches through its school and community-based programs.

National and local statistics show that children who are mentored are more likely to improve in school and in their relationships with family and peers. Students who are successful in school are less likely to drop out, become pregnant, abuse drugs or become involved in criminal activity.

For more information about Big Brothers Big Sisters of SWFL, call 403-0815 or visit www.HereForTheKids.org. ■

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PET TALES

Holiday Harmony

By **CHRISTIE KEITH**
Universal Press Syndicate

Your home is spotless, and the inviting aromas of a holiday meal fill the air. But as you open the door to your guests, their twitching noses suggest they smell something you didn't.

"I see you still have that cat," your older sister says disapprovingly. Her nose twitches again. "And the dog, too."

But pet odors aren't irresolvable. Eliminating them can be challenging, but following a few simple tips from the experts can leave your house smelling fresh and clean this holiday season.

One source of pet odors is urine, whether from long-ago puppy training days or from a pet who is having accidents now. Pete Duncanson, director of training for ServiceMaster Clean, a leading provider of residential and commercial cleaning services, says the key to effectively eliminating pet urine odor in carpet is to use a bacteria/enzyme digester.

"Bacteria/enzyme digesters work well, but they work slowly. So be sure to leave the solution on as long as directed," he said. "Urine has probably penetrated down into the carpet and pad, so use enough solution to reach as far down as the stain did." He recommends covering the area with plastic for several hours after treatment, and he warns that heavily soiled carpets may need professional cleaning and deodorizing.

Not sure where the urine smells are coming from? A simple black light, available in pet supply stores and catalogs for less than

\$20, or even free with purchase of many odor removal products, will pinpoint any sources of urine in carpet, baseboards or walls.

Bacteria/enzyme digesters can also be used to deodorize litter boxes, although if the surface has become scratched or roughened, they should be replaced. Look for boxes with Microban already in the plastic to fight odors from the start.

What about "eau de dog"? Its source is hair, dander and oil — on your pet, and in your carpets and upholstery. The cure for both is the same: a brisk brushing and a good shampooing. Start by having your dog professionally groomed, or brush out all her loose hair and bathe her. Next, tackle your carpets and upholstery.

"To remove pet hair from carpets, use a vacuum that has a good beater brush or roller brush," said Debra Johnson, a training manager for the cleaning professionals at Merry Maids. "Plain vacuums don't generate enough 'lift' to get all the pet hair up from the floor."

Johnson also recommends pet owners use vacuum cleaners with HEPA filters if possible and has one more hint: "Vacuum bag fresheners are an easy way to enhance your guests' perceptions of 'clean' when they enter your home," she said. Follow up by shampooing your carpet with an extraction cleaner, which can be rented from many stores.

To get pet hair out of dog bed covers and upholstery, purchase a rake made for this purpose from a pet supply or home improvement store. Use your vacuum's upholstery tool to pull up loose hairs and dander, and finish with an upholstery cleaning and



A powerful steam cleaner can be a pet owner's best friend when it comes to keeping a house odor-free.

deodorizing product.

Keep odors from returning by using a slipcover on your sofas, scooping or changing your cat's litter box daily, washing your dog's bedding at least weekly, and keeping washable mats and throw rugs on your pets' favorite spots on the carpet.

Finally, check out true vapor steam cleaners. Using the same Italian technology that powers espresso machines, they deliver pressurized vapor at between 240 and 260 degrees Fahrenheit. They're as easy to use as a vacuum cleaner and are completely safe for you, your kids, your pets — including birds — and the environment. Unlike extraction cleaners, including those with onboard hot water heaters, true steam cleaners will also kill fleas, flea eggs and dust mites, will wipe out mold, mildew, fungi, bacteria and viruses, and won't leave any chemical or soapy residue behind to attract dirt. ■

Pets of the Week



>>Daisy is a 2-year-old female light brown Labrador mix with a wonderful disposition.



>>Goldie is a sweet, spayed female American Staffordshire terrier mix who's about a year old.



>>Blacky is a Labrador mix at about 9 months old. He's extremely loving and is one of the happiest dogs around.



>>Godiva is a gorgeous 1-year-old spayed female with long, chocolate brown fur and bright green eyes.



>>Jackson is a big 2-year-old, neutered male who loves attention. He's one of the first to greet visitors.



>>Teisei might seem standoffish at first, but it's a simple ploy to tempt people to play with her. She's about 1 year old.

To adopt a pet

There are many pets awaiting adoption at the Collier County Domestic Animal Shelter, 7610 Davis Blvd. Adoption fees are \$65 for cats and \$80 for dogs; the shelter also regularly has rabbits, ferrets, gerbils and guinea pigs.

Visit www.colliergov.net/pets to see available pets. The shelter is open 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; and 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday. Call 252-7387.

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HOLISTIC HEALTH NOTEBOOK

Balance of flora, GALT, and mucosal integrity



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That heady title is the header of an article I just read on the importance of maintaining gut integrity. (GALT is an acronym for Gut Associated Lymphoid Tissue.) The statement of purpose for the article encapsulates just how important the gut is in terms of whole body health. Ancient healers say that “all disease begins in the colon.” Perhaps we could also say that all health begins in the colon, as we nourish and heal this important tissue.

Parenthetically (trivia question of the week), how much food does the average person consume in a lifetime? Answer to follow below...

We can easily suppose that dysfunction within the GI tract results in typical digestive diseases as gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), and even colorectal cancer. But the point the author makes is that gut issues are related to many other conditions, including fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue, and an imbalanced immunologic function, creating or contributing to a whole range of problems like Type I diabetes, Hashimoto thyroiditis, rheumatoid arthritis.

As with any other health condition, we like to approach GI health from a holistic perspective. I like to start by eliminating factors that irritate, like food allergies, non-foods, and stress, and help the body compensate with medications like antibiotics are required. Antibiotics kill both friendly and pathogenic bacteria. Friendly bacteria are incredibly important to the body, as they aid in the digestion of food, synthesize some vitamins, help produce energy, modulate immune system function, assist in epithelial cell differentiation (to help prevent cancer), and keep pathogenic bacterial from taking over. New evidence shows that the persistent interactions between us and our friendly bacteria may constantly alter the immune system. According to the author of this article (himself a practicing medical doctor), altered GI flora is found in nearly 15 percent of the population who are



affected by IBS. The immune dysfunction of IBD is influenced by gut flora.

The most common probiotic bacteria are bifidobacterium (25 percent of adult colonic bacteria and 95 percent of a breastfed newborn), lactobacillus (broken down by many different strains), and saccharomyces boulardii, a yeast product that inhibits the growth of pathogens.

I have found that diarrhea or other gut distress can often be stopped dramatically by oral dosing with saccharomyces boulardii.

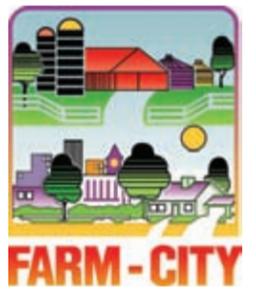
He also favors the use of probiotics like fructooligosaccharides (FOS) that help the bacteria implant and grow where they belong.

Answer to the trivia question: 30 to 60 tons of food. Wow! Hats off and profuse thanks to farmers. ■

— Carol is a certified lifestyle educator at the offices of Dr. Alan Gruning in Fort Myers, 939-3303. She owns the Island Nutrition Center on Sanibel, 472-4499.

Save room next week for Farm City Barbecue

The Farm City Barbecue, a Collier County tradition for 52 years, returns to Nobles Collier Packing House in Immokalee on Wednesday, Nov. 26. Tickets are available at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce visitor centers downtown and on U.S. 41 north of Coastland Center Mall. The chamber proudly sponsors the annual barbecue that benefits the Collier County 4-H Club Foundation.



This year's barbecue will feature displays from area 4-H clubs, a raffle of prizes collected by Leadership Collier Class of 2009, the sale of fresh-picked vegetables donated by Immokalee farmers and the traditional menu of grilled steak, corn on the cob, baked beans and Immokalee salad. Food will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 per person; and can be purchased at the chamber visitor centers from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 262-6141.

The National Farm City celebration focuses on raising awareness about American farmers and ranchers, who help feed the world by producing a bounty of agricultural products. To do this, they rely on essential partnerships with urban and suburban communities to supply, sell and deliver their products. ■

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I have lost what I no longer know. I have lost what I no longer possess. I have lost what is beyond reach, or insensible, or hardened. What I do not understand or appreciate is lost on me. What is lost is hopelessly unattainable.

Yet in the midst of all this experience of loss science tells us that energy is neither created nor destroyed. This law of the conservation of energy affirms that the total energy abides continually. Never lost, energy is merely changing form continuously.

Humans struggle with this from their very beginnings. We see it in the human fascination with peek-a-boo games that

bring out the ingenuous in all ages. It is fascinating to experience with the very young child that the face which enters and leaves the visual field actually enters and leaves existence. This is the experiential case until, at some point, there is the attainment of a developmental realization. The child creates a paradigm which psychologists refer to as object permanence. This is the paradigm that imagines the world to be strewn with rigid objects that are continuous in time and space, even when unobserved. It is one of the earliest and most deeply made acts of faith.

It is a mode of perception interpretation that is so ingrained that we must struggle hard even to notice it. Questioning it is an even tougher enterprise.

Yet we can come to realize that this assumption of permanence is a developmental position that we must go beyond. We need only see the continual death and birth of the cells within our bodies, the continuous flux of our thoughts, the changing waves of our emotions. In seeing this, we begin to realize that the assumed enduring entity of our self is created by our own minds, brought into being by our primitive human creativity that longs for and grasps at an independent self extended in time and space. We name ourselves into existence. We play the peek-a-boo game masterfully.

We must begin to remember we are playing. The face that disappears, lost,

becomes found. But we must aim beyond modern scientific rigor toward post-modern face becoming found art object. We become found like the ready-mades that shook the twentieth century art world. The positioning of the frame changes and challenges conception. An object that exists for some other purpose becomes an object of art.

A urinal lifted out of the men's room becomes in a new context a completely new object of wonder and social commentary. Like a rock found on a road that becomes a keepsake because we say it is, we can shake the fundament of meaning by our point of view.

All the world, even our very selves, becomes found in the original sense of the etymology of the word. The Latin *fundere* means poured, melted into new being. What is found can only manifest out of profound embrace of what is lost. And what is lost makes possible a new finding.

Two sides of the same coin, lovers in embrace, changing into other, concretizing and releasing: This lost and found dancing wind empowers the sails of my pirate vessel, never aground. I have lost and found my never mind.

All ways. ■



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

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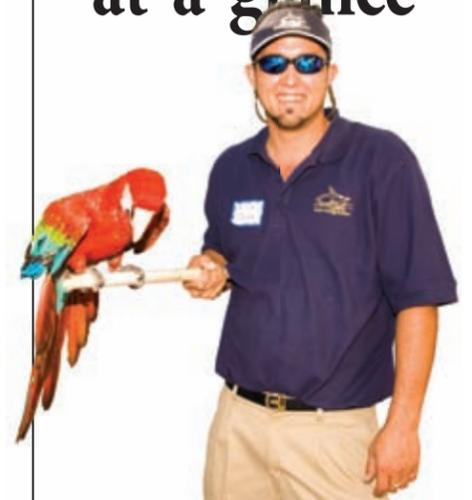
“It’s an incredible time to buy. You can’t build the houses for what they’re selling for.”
—James Reader of Summit REO Services



EVAN WILLIAMS/FLORIDA WEEKLY

James Reader, left, and John Debitetto formed Summit REO Services to clean up and market and sell foreclosed properties for banks.

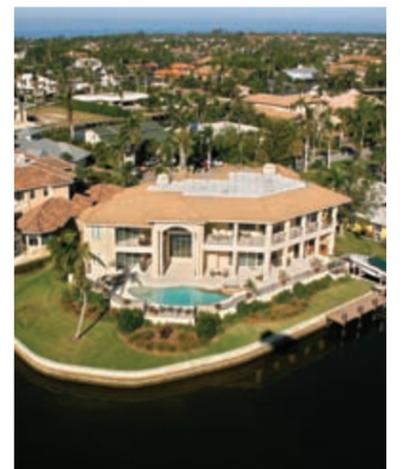
WEEK at-a-glance



Snookbight open house
And other business events around town. **B8 & 9** ▶



Change is good
In charge at the Economic Development Council, Tammie Nemecek understands the challenges of tough times. **B2** ▶



Rooms with views
Check out this home for \$6,450,000 in Aqualane Shores. **B11** ▶

Cleaning up the foreclosure mess

Summit REO moves embarrassing property for overworked banks

BY EVAN WILLIAMS
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Among the most visible signs of the housing meltdown are empty, abandoned properties that dot neighborhoods all over Southwest Florida. Many of these foreclosed homes are owned by out-of-state banks that sometimes ignore them like a messy closet. Often, the banks have not managed to keep the lawns mowed and doors locked, let alone market and re-sell the properties.

James Reader and John Debitetto are ready to do the dirty work.

“The industry is so overwhelmed,” Mr. Debitetto said. “They have so much on their plate, they just don’t have time.”

Last year, the former home-building executives started Summit REO Services, an all-purpose cleanup operation for lending institutions that want to wipe those foreclosed properties off their books or at least keep them in good repair.

They contact banks that own the undesirable properties and offer a menu of services for various fees, depending on the service provided and value of the property. For example, Summit REO can simply keep a house clean, mow the lawn and check on it every week. Or, it will manage the entire process of appraising the property and hiring laborers to fix the house and real-estate agents to market and sell it.

“(Banks) can pick what they want,” Mr. Debitetto said. “Some want you to take it all the way through.”

Since starting the business in Fort Myers last year, Summit has handled the re-sale of nine foreclosed properties in Collier and Lee counties. They are currently managing 32 properties in Southwest Florida that are owned by out-of-state banks.

The foreclosed properties in Collier County are so prevalent that county commissioners are considering new rules that require out-of-state banks to use a service like Summit REO.

Mr. Reader and Mr. Debitetto said they

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Deeds acquired through foreclosure

Bank	Aug.	Sept.
Deutsche Bank	147	95
U S Bank	n/a	64
Fannie Mae	85	47
HSBC Bank	104	42
Bank of New York	62	37
Aurora	n/a	34
Wells Fargo	98	31
LaSalle Bank	60	27
Freddie Mac	65	25
Florida Community Bank	n/a	20
Suntrust	10	18
Wachovia	n/a	11
Washington Mutual	21	10
Riverside Bank	n/a	10
IndyMac	22	10
Countrywide Home	11	5
Fifth Third	33	n/a

Source: Jeff Tumbarello, director of Southwest Florida Real Estate Investors Association

Bush family will return to host 2009 Celebration of Reading

Sponsorships, individual tickets available now for February fundraiser

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

For the ninth consecutive year, former Gov. Jeb Bush will host Florida’s Celebration of Reading to benefit the Florida Family Literacy Initiative, which has provided grants to more than 120 family literacy programs around the state.

Former President George H.W. Bush and Barbara Bush will join their son in welcoming best-selling authors and guests to the fundraiser at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa in Bonita Springs on Friday, Feb. 13.



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Tickets to the Celebration of Reading are \$250 per person and include dinner following the program. Sponsorships are also available.

Funds from Celebration help support 12 Family Literacy Academies around the state serve families who agree to work on learning English as a second language or earning

Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, Barbara Bush and former President George H.W. Bush will return for the 2009 Celebration of Reading in February.

their GED while their children are also enrolled in educational programming.

Previous grant recipients in Southwest Florida include Fun Time Early Learning Academy, The Immokalee Foundation, Collier County Housing Authority, Collier County Education Foundation, Redlands Christian Migrant Association, Shadowlawn Elementary School, Bonita Springs Literacy Council and the African Caribbean American Center.

For tickets or sponsorship information, call 275-5758. ■

BUSINESS PROFILE

Change means business for the EDC's Tammie Nemecek

BY BILL CORNWELL
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For Collier County to prosper in this perilous economy, Tammie Nemecek insists that the principal challenge is to find new ways for companies to do business here. As president of the county's Economic Development Council, Ms. Nemecek takes that challenge seriously.

"Are we making it as easy as possible for high-tech businesses to come here and be successful?" she asks. "The answer probably is no. It's true that we have a wonderful quality of life here that makes us attractive," she adds. "But quality of life isn't the only thing businesses look at" when they consider a place to set up shop.

Ms. Nemecek cites a number of factors that she believes are inhibiting Collier's ability to thrive in the current economic environment. Chief among these, she says, are impact fees.

"We have the highest impact fees in Florida," she points out. While the effect of these fees during the boom times was muted, they resonate much stronger in the current conditions, she says. "This is something we need to address. It is a problem that will not go away."

Reducing impact fees would be a start toward putting the local economy back on track, but it is not the total answer. There must be a seismic shift in the thinking of both the public and private sectors, she adds.

"It's hard to make a change in the way

we do business, especially when we've done it a certain way for a very long time," Ms. Nemecek says. "Can we rally ourselves to say that we are not satisfied relying just on population growth for our economic sustainability? We need to be asking ourselves what we evolve into after the (economic) downturn has passed. How do we want to position ourselves to be most successful in the long run? That's the big question."

She believes Florida Gulf Coast University will be critical to the economic success of the area.

"FGCU is a gem in our community," she says. "There are so many ways the university can be utilized, including research and development. What will the fledgling engineering program mean to us, for example? I see the university as one of the top assets in our area, and we must learn how to use that asset wisely."

"Clearly, businesses can't survive without quality, educated people — especially the sort of high-tech businesses that we have attracted in the past and hope to attract in the future." The university is critical in that regard, she adds, because people often tend to stay to live and work where they attended school.

FGCU also helps to provide the intellectual environment and stimulation that are needed to make Collier County an attractive destination for businesses with a sophisticated employee base, she says.

Although attracting new businesses is a cornerstone of economic survival, Ms. Nemecek says the EDC's primary focus



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Tammie Nemecek

employees. That number is now seven. "We are a small organization with a big mission," she says. The council has 265 "investors," businesses that pay annual dues ranging from \$700 to \$25,000 to help fund economic diversification initiatives in the area.

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Ms. Nemecek moved to Naples in 1973. She attended Eckerd College in St. Petersburg and Hodges University, where she earned a degree in management. During her 14 years at the EDC, she has handled a variety of duties and assignments, including membership, operations, research, business retention and recruitment and specialization in the biomedical and information technology industries.

She was named the EDC's interim executive director in 2002, executive director in 2003 and president in 2005. "I've done it all," she says with a laugh.

Last year, Ms. Nemecek received the Women of Achievement Award from the American Association of University Women and also was recognized by *Gulf Coast Business Review* as one of Southwest Florida's top executives under the age of 40.

The mother of three, Ms. Nemecek says in her time away from work, "I do a lot of running the kids around to volleyball and whatever." But, she says, there isn't much free time — a fact that she acknowledges but does not lament.

"I care passionately about (Collier County)," she says. "Whatever challenges we face, this is simply a wonderful place to live and work." ■

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Real Estate



Kalb

Alison Kalb and **Jutta Lopez** have joined **Premier Properties of Southwest Florida Inc. Realtors**. Ms. Kalb began her career as a real estate coordinator for new development sales at Regatta on Vanderbilt Beach. After earning her license in 2000, she moved into general real estate sales.

An Accredited Buyer Representative and a member of the Naples Area Board of Realtors, Ms. Kalb is based in the Premier Properties office at 325 Vanderbilt Beach Road. Ms. Lopez will be in the Pre-



Lopez

John R. Wood Inc., Realtors announces the following new sales associates in the company's uptown office: **Robert Campbell**, a former loan officer for a community bank in New Jersey, has joined the Karen Sweatlock Team. A former marine and a Gulf War veteran, Mr. Campbell is a recipient of the 9-11 medal from the Department of Transportation. **Michele Harrison**, vice chair of the Greater Naples Chamber of



Harrison

Commerce, has worked in sales and marketing for local and national developers. Ms. Harrison moved here from Massachusetts in 1993 and holds the professional designations of Certified Residential Specialist, Certi-



Melley



Nadotti

fied Real Estate Broker and Certified New Homes Sales Professional. Originally from England, **Sam Melley** owned a small hotel in York for 25 years and served in the British Airborne Forces for 14 years. He is a member of the Naples Area Board of Realtors. **Diane Nadotti**, a Naples resident for 35 years, has previously held positions with real estate and development firms.

Non-Profits

The Conservancy of Southwest Florida has named **Tom Wagor**, community bank president of M&I Bank's Marco Island location, to serve as chairman of the 2009 Red-Snook Catch & Release Fishing Tournament.

Banking & Finance



Fenton

Financial advisor **Mark Fenton** announces the formation of **Fenton Financial**, with a focus is on helping business owners with their personal and business needs for income, investments, life insurance, employee benefits and retirement and succession planning. Mr. Fenton previously worked at Morgan Stanley and John Hancock.

Peter Jepson has joined the Naples office of **AXA Advisors** as part of the firm's Paramount Planning Group. A Chartered Financial Consultant, Mr. Jepson earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Minnesota and also holds the FINRA Series 22 and 7 licenses. He belongs to the Million Dollar Round Table of life insurance and financial services pro-

fessionals, GAMA and the Estate Planning Council of Naples.

Architecture



Buschle

Ken Buschle, head of quality control and specifications for **Gora/McGahey Associates in Architecture**, has been selected to speak at the 2009 Florida American Society of Landscape Architects conference.

A Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design accredited professional, Mr. Buschle will discuss the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED green building rating system. He joined Gora/McGahey Associates in 1988 as a contract administrator and has led the company's pursuit of sustainable design, implementing environmentally sound practices and overseeing the firm's LEED certification education program.

Broadcasting



Moorman

Darren Moorman has been promoted to vice president, video-on-demand programming, for **Sky Angel U.S.**, a national provider of faith-based and family-friendly television and radio programming. Mr. Moor-

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Bonds sold by the U.S. government's Treasury Department are called "Treasury." State and local governments issue "municipal bonds," while businesses issue "corporate bonds" (sometimes called corporate "paper"). Companies on less than solid ground offer high-interest-rate "junk" bonds to attract buyers. The rates are high because there's a higher risk of default.

Bond investors receive regular interest payments from the issuer at what is called the "coupon rate." For example, if you buy a \$1,000 bond with a coupon rate of 10 percent, you'll receive payments of \$100 per year. When the bond matures — after perhaps five, 10 or 30 years — you'll

get back your initial loan, called "par value." Most corporate bonds have a par value of \$1,000, while government bonds can run much higher.

Sometimes a company will "call" its bond, paying back the principal early. All bonds specify whether and how soon they can be called. Federal government bonds are never called.

Investors don't necessarily buy a bond at issue and hold to maturity. Bonds are often traded between investors, with their prices rising and falling in reaction to changing interest rates. For example, when rates fall, people bid up bond prices. If banks are offering 4 percent, a 6 percent bond starts looking good.

According to Jeremy Siegel's "Stocks for the Long Run" (McGraw-Hill, \$30), from 1926 through 2001, long-term government bonds returned an average of 5.3 percent per year, compared with 10.2 percent for the stock market. \$10,000 invested in bonds for 30 years would have grown to about \$47,000. In stocks, it would have topped \$180,000 — quite a difference. ■

My Dumbest Investment

Apple or McDonald's?

In January 1993, I decided to invest \$2,000 in McDonald's because I felt it would feed the world, eventually. But I then talked myself out of it and went with Apple because a friend recommended it and I'd just bought an Apple computer. The day I bought Apple was the last day it was ever that high! It immediately started falling, and I bailed out with an 82 percent loss. Meanwhile, McDonald's is feeding the world.

— Lori Grossman, St. Louis

The Fool Responds: Lori, you shared this story with us in 1999. You may be surprised by what has happened with the companies: Between January 1993 and now, McDonald's stock has averaged 12 percent annual growth, while Apple has averaged 14 percent. Both are solid market-beating performances, as the S&P 500 averaged just 7 percent in that period. The lesson here is to focus on the long term. You soon regretted buying Apple, but had anything changed about your expectations of the company's growth? Choose companies whose futures you believe in, after researching them and their numbers. ■



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(Answer: *The Motley Fool*)



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— D.Y., Lawrence, Kan.

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Q Where can I find historical prices of a stock? I want to learn how much it traded for on a particular day some years ago.

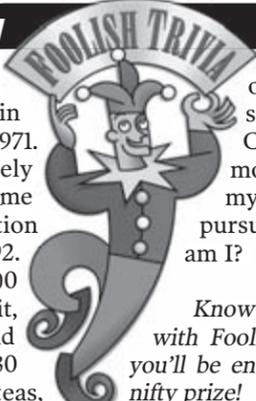
— O.M., Dover, N.H.

A Sometimes the company itself can tell you. Try giving its investor relations department a call. Another good resource is your public library, where librarians should be able to help you look up the price in newspaper archives or elsewhere. If you're online, it's much easier. Click over to <http://finance.yahoo.com>, type in the company's ticker symbol, and once you get its quote page, click on the "Historical Prices" link in the blue box on the left side of the page. ■

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The Motley Fool Take

Kimberly-Clark

The recent earnings release by Kimberly-Clark (NYSE: KMB) is a classic illustration of price elasticity. Lower prices sell more goods, allowing a company to lower prices again — igniting a virtuous cycle.

But the cycle also works in reverse, as Kimberly-Clark has discovered. It recently hiked prices to cover higher commodity costs, but management may have taken it a bit too far. Consolidated prices in the third quarter were 4 percent higher, but case volume ran down 1 percent. What's worse, consumer tissue case volume declined 7 percent. Even toilet paper obeys the basic laws of economics.

This price elasticity game is nothing new to consumer products companies.

With the steep rise in commodity prices over the past year, many firms are exercising as much pricing power as they think their brands will bear.

Kimberly-Clark — whose brands include Kleenex and Huggies — still managed to make its estimated numbers for the third quarter. But management lowered fourth-quarter earnings projections, which promptly clobbered the stock.

It's true that the consumer products companies are a (relatively) safe investment during tough markets. Still, it's smart to be picky even among defensive plays. With choices such as Procter & Gamble and Colgate-Palmolive also trading close to 12-month lows, perhaps wait for Kimberly-Clark to get its pricing algorithms more finely tuned. ■

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“Until that inventory (of foreclosed homes) gets reduced, the housing market in Collier and Lee County will not return.”

—James Reader of Summit REO Services

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could handle managing about 1,200 foreclosed properties a year, a small dent in a problem with such a large scope.

No lack of work for Summit

There have been at least 33,000 foreclosures filed in Lee County in the last three years.

In Collier County, 751 foreclosures were filed in September alone — that's more than the total number, 487, that were filed in 2005.

“I'm sure it's going to run over 700 in October, but maybe (lending institutions) will get in the Christmas spirit and not file as many,” said Jay Cross, executive assistant to the Collier County Clerk of Courts.

As foreclosures work their way through the court system, those properties often sit untended, month after month and sometimes year after year.

Out-of-state banks or companies such as Bank of America and Countrywide, Deutsche Bank, Wells Fargo, Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae and others, own a large portion of the foreclosed properties. “To them, it's a report, a number. We see the weeds two feet high,” Mr. Reader said.

Marsha Bailey, a real-estate agent and Summit REO's asset manager, called the bank that owned one house REO manages and found the bank didn't even realize it owned the property.

But some out-of-state lenders claim they are already taking care of the abandoned properties.

“(Bank of America's) vendors do an assessment of the home and keep it in a marketable condition so it doesn't embarrass the neighborhood,” said David Bradley, a spokesman for Bank of America's consumer real estate division in the Southeast United States.

However, Mr. Reader and Mr. Debitetto say banks are often happy to hear about their services, even if they wouldn't admit it publically. The two real-estate veterans, each served as a division president of Lennar Homes, tout combined experience of more than 50 years in Southwest Florida markets, and offer themselves as a one-stop shop for the lending institutions to get the undesirable property off their books.

“We're taking all our prior talents and adapting to the whole market,” Mr. Reader said. “We have a comprehensive, simple solution to what is a very complex process — there are a lot of different players, with a lot of different interests.”

Mr. Debitetto agreed.

“(Lending institutions) need somebody locally to go in, assess the condition of the home, quickly get it up to go, and render an honest opinion of what it's worth in the current market. We believe the return on those dollars is two or three to one.”

That profit won't come without a fair share of fixing up, however. One of the properties Summit REO now manages is a foreclosed home in Cape Coral, where thigh-high weeds poke out of cracks

around a swimming pool that resembles a thriving science project. The whole place has the musty smell of a building in which air has not circulated in some time.

The house is in a gated community that Mr. Debitetto built when he was with Lennar. The company cut their positions when the market crashed.

“This will make someone a nice home,” Mr. Debitetto said.

That is, after Summit REO does its job.

A child's bedroom still had fanciful castles painted on the walls. Another bedroom floor had been personalized with bright orange tile. Those touches will be covered by neutral beiges and whites.

There are numerous other, more pressing problems: Some cabinets, all the lighting fixtures and major appliances had been removed.

All of this is typical of what Mr. Reader and Mr. Debitetto said they expect to find in assessing a house where exits had probably been made under duress and even ill-will. It's called a “trash out.”

Summit REO is able to handle the process of getting homebuyers mortgages on the foreclosed homes with relative ease, because they are in close contact with the lending institution that owns it. And they say it presents a good value for buyers.

“It's an incredible time to buy,” Mr. Reader said. “You can't build the houses for what they're selling for.”

They are also tight-lipped about exactly which banks own what proper-

ties, and so are the banks. That could be because having a lot of foreclosures on record points toward what is now seen as morally questionable lending practices.

“That's like calling up a couple and asking them how much they fight,” said Jeff Tumbarello, director of Southwest Florida Real Estate Investors Association. “They've been in denial for a while, and the more I understand the crisis, this has been perpetuated and elongated because of people trying to keep a job. A lot of these banks, if they really came clean, they'd be done. But the bailout will give them enough time to get this off their books. They've got the reserve and the liquidity...”

“It's the little guys that usually get eaten.”

Banks that own foreclosed property are not necessarily guilty of any bad lending practices, said Robert Zivkovic, of Zivkovic & Associates Real Estate Services, a Southwest Florida-based company. There are many ways to acquire such properties.

“They are participants in a loan,” Mr. Zivkovic said. “Somehow or another they got involved in it, and some of these banks acquired another bank that had these portfolios. There are various ways to get involved: by acquisition, participating, purchase and direct loans.”

However the banks acquired the foreclosed properties, local housing markets need people living in them again.

“Until that inventory (of foreclosed homes) gets reduced, the housing market in Lee and Collier counties will not return,” Mr. Reader said. ■



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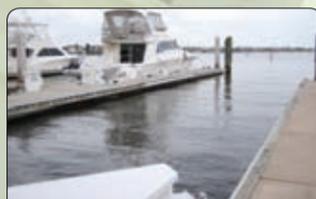
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Two casita models under construction in Olé neighborhood at Lely Resort

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Stock Development has begun construction on two models for Olé, a private neighborhood of flats, townhouses and casitas in Lely Resort, the Collier Building Industry Association's 2008 Community of the Year.

The Cordova is a two-bedroom/two and one-half bath casita with 1,531 square feet under air and a total of 1,978 square feet, including the courtyard and attached two-car garage. The home offers a large kitchen as well as living and dining rooms downstairs. Upstairs are two bedroom suites, an office space with a desk and a laundry room.

The Castella, also a casita home, has 1,776 square feet under air with two bedroom suites and a loft. The island kitchen has a large pantry and a breakfast nook.

Both casita models are part of a new model center in the Olé neighborhood. Upon completion, the model center will have six furnished townhouses in addition to the Cordova and Castella casitas. The center is in Phase II of Olé, which offers Mediterranean-style residences and pedestrian-friendly streets. Flats are available in five floor plans from 1,227 square feet to 1,774 square feet. Two- and three-story townhouses are available in nine floor



Castella model

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plans from 1,459 square feet to 2,084 square feet. The casitas are available in six floor plans from 1,531 square feet to 2,080 square feet. Pricing in Olé begins in the mid-\$200s.

The 20,000-square-foot Village Center in Olé received the CBIA Clubhouse of the Year award. It has a full-service concierge, a bistro, an ice cream parlor, pub, Internet café, coffee shop, a business center, library and a 90-seat movie theatre.

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NABOR report shows prices over \$300,000 have stabilized

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Over the past 12 months, the median sold price for properties over \$300,000 has increased and the upward trend continues, according to a report released by the Naples Area Board of Realtors, which tracks home listings and sales within Collier County (excluding Marco Island).

"In the category of homes valued over \$300,000, the median sold price increased 1 percent in the past 12



months, indicating that prices have stabilized in that category. In the under-\$300,000 category, foreclosures and short sales continue to influence home prices as the median sold price decreased 17 percent," according to Phil Wood, managing broker of John R. Wood Realtors.

For the 12 months ending October 2008, the median sold price for properties over \$300,000 increased 1 percent to \$566,000, compared to

\$558,000 for the 12 months ending October 2007.

The report shows the average days a property is on the market has decreased for single-family homes and condominiums, which Jo Carter, president of Jo Carter & Associates, said demonstrates there is still a strong interest in the market.

The report provides annual comparisons of single-family home and condo sales (via the SunshineMLS), price ranges and geographic segmentation. It also includes an overall market summary. The statistics are presented in chart format, along with the following

analysis:

► Overall pending home sales in the greater Naples area — which includes Naples beach, North Naples, central Naples, south Naples, east Naples, Immokalee and Ave Maria — increased 83 percent, with 464 in October 2008 compared to 254 in October 2007.

► Overall pending home sales for properties less than \$300,000 saw a 255 percent increase, with 337 in October 2008 compared to 95 in October 2007.

► Overall home sales increased 40

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Private financing offered for buyers in Vineyards



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Florida Association of Realtors report indicates home sales up in third quarter

According to the latest housing statistics from the Florida Association of Realtors, sales of existing single-family homes in Florida rose 5 percent in third quarter 2008 compared to the same period last year. A total of 33,203 existing homes sold statewide in the third quarter this year; during the same period last year, 31,558 existing homes sold statewide.

FAR reports the statewide existing-home median sales price was \$185,400 in the third quarter; a year ago, it was \$233,200 for a decrease of 20 percent. In 2003, the third-quarter statewide median sales price was \$163,700, which reflects an increase of about 13.3 percent over the five-year period. The median is a typical market price where half the homes sold for more, half for less.

To gain insight into Florida's real estate industry trends, the University of Florida's Bergstrom Center for Real Estate Studies conducts a quarterly survey of industry executives, market research economists, real estate scholars and other experts. Based on the third quarter 2008 survey, the investment outlook for various types of properties remains steady.

"People who have responded to our surveys have not lost their faith in Florida as a place to be and a place to invest," Wayne Archer, director of the center, said. "We have 40 pages of comments... and although the dominant theme is the disruption of financing, perhaps the second theme, as one person put it, is people being on the sidelines with full pads and helmets just waiting to jump back in." ■

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percent, with 363 in October 2008 compared to 259 in October 2007.

Single-family pending home sales increased 134 percent overall, with 313 in October 2008 compared to 134 in October 2007; pending sales of single-family properties of less than \$300,000 were 230 in October 2008 compared to 28 in October 2007, a 721 percent increase.

► Single-family home sales increased 65 percent overall, with 205 in October 2008 compared to 124 in October 2007.

► Overall condo sales increased 17 percent, with 158 in October 2008 versus 135 sales in October 2007; pending condo sales under \$300,000 increased 60 percent with 107 in October 2008 compared to 67 in October 2007.

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BUSINESS MEETINGS

► **The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** holds its next Business After Five gathering from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, at Naples Harbour Yacht Club of the Americas, 475 North Road. Cost is \$10 for chamber members and \$20 for future members. The next Accelerated Networking Luncheon takes place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at Tavern on the Bay in Bayfront. Luncheon sponsor is Comcast Spotlight. Cost for members only is \$15; and reservations must be made by Friday, Nov. 28.

Visit www.napleschamber.org.

► **SCORE**, the Service Corps of Retired Executives, Naples/Collier Chapter, presents "Challenges and Opportunities in these Tough Times," a program and discussion about how businesses can survive and succeed in an economic downturn, at 9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at the Collier County Library, 650 Central Ave. SCORE counselors Jim Culkar, Wil Yegge, Don Hidalgo and Gregory Nelson will lead participants in brainstorming opportunities and solutions. The 90-minute session is free, and no reservations are necessary.

For more information, visit www.score-naples.org or call 430-0081.

► **The Economic Development Council of Collier County** holds the Israel CleanTECH Market Briefing from 7-9 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, at the Naples Hilton. Cost is \$20 for EDC investors and \$25 for others. The EDC's Annual Pre-Legislative Luncheon with the Collier County Legislative Delegation begins at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, at the Naples Sailing and Yacht Club, 896 River Point Drive. Cost of the luncheon is \$45 for EDC investors and \$45 for others; Jeremy Giles hosts.

Registration online for either program at www.eNaplesFlorida.com.

► **The Christian Chamber of Southwest Florida's** next Business Card Exchange begins at 8:30 a.m., Friday, Dec. 5, at Christie's Flowers and Gifts, 7740 Preserve Lane, Naples. Jennifer Cummings is the hostess. The Christian Chamber's monthly Collier County luncheon takes place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, at the Naples Hilton.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling 481-1411, by e-mailing christianchamber@embarqmail.com or by visiting www.ccswf.org.

► **The Florida Institute of Government at Florida Gulf Coast University** offers two professional development workshops designed to use effective communication skills when dealing with difficult people and demanding customers. Ava Fluty facilitates both workshops in the Sugden Welcome Center at FGCU on Tuesday, Dec. 9. Beginning at 8:30

a.m., "Exceptional Customer Service" will teach participants how to effectively respond to complaints that result in a satisfied customer. Cost is \$69. Beginning at 1 p.m., "Diplomacy and Difficult People" will let participants practice using more effective communication skills with difficult people and discover individual roadblocks using the SELF profile. The \$79 cost includes the SELF profile.

For registration and additional information, visit www.fgcu.edu/iog or call 590-1096.

► **Young Professionals of Naples** holds Casino Night on Sunday, Dec. 7, at Club Ultra. Admission of \$40 per person includes a beverage coupon, appetizers and \$5,000 in gaming chips. Call Amber Shemansky at 248-2599 for more information. Casino Night will benefit the Ricky King Fund, an organization that enriches lives of children with disabilities in Southwest Florida by providing essential medical equipment and services in times of need.

For more information about Young Professionals of Naples, visit www.yppnaples.com.

► **The American Business Women's Association Neapolitan Chapter** holds its holiday party at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, at the Naples Hilton. The meeting will include a program on "The Power of E-mail Marketing." Reservations must be made by noon Thursday, Dec. 11. Regular meetings of the ABWA Neapolitan Chapter take place on the fourth Tuesday of each month, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Hilton. The Woman of the Year Award will be presented at the Jan. 27 meeting.

Call 592-1875 or visit www.abwaneapolitan.org.

► **Business Network International** holds its weekly meeting at 7:15 a.m. Thursdays at St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church, 7100 Airport-Pulling Road N., North Naples. For more information and to make a reservation, call 354-3224.

► **Goal Setters Business Network International** holds its weekly breakfast meeting at 8 a.m. Wednesdays at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, 1225 Piper Blvd. For information, call Lola Moore at 398-3006 or Kelly Salmons at 597-0787.

► **The Zonta Club of Naples** holds business luncheon meetings beginning at 11:30 a.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Hilton Naples. To make a luncheon reservation, call Sally Sitta at 262-1283. Members and guests are reminded to save the date for the Zonta's Fourth Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon on Friday, March 20, at The Strand Country Club. Tickets are \$80 and can be reserved by calling Honey Gardiner at 598-9058. ■

GoTo Network links consumers, businesses

Starting a new company any time has its challenges, but the principals of the Naples-based GoTo Network believe there could not be a better time to launch their company than when times are tough.

Based on the concept that consumers appreciate doing business with quality, competitive and trustworthy professionals, the GoTo Network system brings business ideas and business practices together with business referrals to small businesses. GoTo Network business members meet locally in small groups, share business practices and

are held accountable for their goods or service through consumer ratings.

Members and consumers are connected through www.thegotonetwork.com.

Founding partner Bob Muller says that in less than six months since the launch, member groups have developed in Naples, Bonita Springs, Estero, Fort Myers, Cape Coral and Fort Myers Beach and Encinitas, Calif. New groups are forming in St. Louis, Phoenix, Dallas and Houston.

"In today's economy every business could use a good quality lead," Mr. Muller said. "The type of referral generated through the GoTo Network is the most cost-effective quality referral a business could ask for — a word-of-mouth referral," he added. ■



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 This exquisite custom designed estate home features volume ceilings, 4 bedroom suites, a home theatre and library. Pool and spa.
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 Mediterranean-style home with view of golf course. Saturnia flooring, crown moulding and granite counters. Pool/spa.
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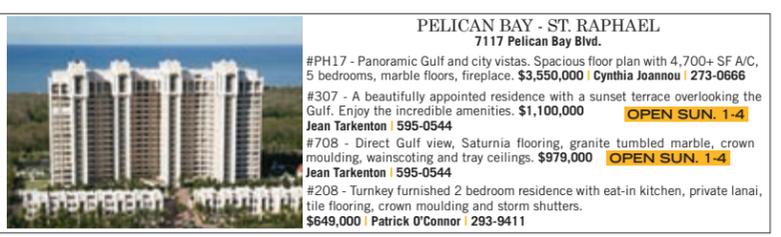
PELICAN BAY - GEORGETOWN ▲
 A stately manor with many new and artful upgrades. Four bedroom, study, media room and pool overlooking lake.
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 Rare 4 bedroom villa with lake view and southern exposure. Large pool in front courtyard, aviary-screened patio in rear.
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PELICAN MARSH - TERRABELLA ▲
 Distinctive Communities built home. Cathedral ceilings, fine woodwork, faux paint. Pool and spa in sun-lit courtyard.
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PELICAN BAY - ST. RAPHAEL
 7117 Pelican Bay Blvd.
 #PH17 - Panoramic Gulf and city vistas. Spacious floor plan with 4,700+ SF A/C, 5 bedrooms, marble floors, fireplace. **\$3,550,000 | Cynthia Joannou | 273-0666**
 #307 - A beautifully appointed residence with a sunset terrace overlooking the Gulf. Enjoy the incredible amenities. **\$1,100,000** **OPEN SUN. 1-4**
Jean Tarkenton | 595-0544
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 #208 - Turnkey furnished 2 bedroom residence with eat-in kitchen, private lanai, tile flooring, crown moulding and storm shutters.
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 Exquisite home with luxurious appointments, 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, crown moulding, Koi pond, side courtyard and more.
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 815 Bentwood Drive - Extensively remodeled 4 bedroom plus den with gourmet kitchen, electric shutters, and custom cabinetry. **\$1,598,000**
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 Magnificent custom-built home. Two home theaters, wine cellar, wood floors, granite counters. Pool, waterfall spa.
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 Corner residence with panoramic Gulf, Bay and preserve views. Cherry cabinetry, wood floors, and electric shutters.
\$1,350,000 | Pat Duggan | 216-1980



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 667 Bridgeway Lane #135 - This 3 bedroom villa has a backyard opening up to a creek and views of the lake. New A/C, pool heater. **\$1,295,000**
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 Gorgeous 3 bedroom villa with 2600 SF under air, prime southwest exposure, a private pool, and remodeled kitchen. **\$1,249,000**
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 1337 Little Blue Heron Court - Three bedroom plus den/media room with diagonal tile in living areas and inlay marble bath floors. **\$1,195,000**
Mitch/Sandi Williams | 370-8879



PELICAN MARSH - GABLES ▲
 Custom built 4 bedroom plus den with a large kitchen that opens to family room with wood burning fireplace. Lanai overlooks lake.
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PELICAN BAY - BAY VILLAS ▲
 Beautifully remodeled, 3 bedroom villa with soaring, vaulted ceilings in the great room, master bath, and kitchen. **\$1,195,000**
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PELICAN BAY - OAKMONT ▲
 Enjoy your own private pool and spa in this light-filled 3 bedroom plus den, 2.5 bath home on a large homestead.
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 Sensational view! Tropical aqua-scape view enhances the open spaciousness of this coach home. Incredible amenities.
\$1,100,000 | Ellen Egglund | 571-7192



PELICAN BAY - CORONADO #1104 ▲
 Gulf views from every room. Stainless appliances, new A/C unit, granite countertops, tray ceilings. Tram to beach.
\$1,035,000 | Penny/Bob Lyle | 564-4405



PELICAN MARSH - PORTOFINO ▲
 Tile and marble floors, volume ceilings, and plantation shutters. Private pool and spacious lanai overlook preserve.
\$999,000 | Jean Tarkenton | 595-0544



PELICAN BAY - OAKMONT ▲
 808 Pine Creek Lane - Lovely 3 bedroom newly renovated with tile and bamboo flooring. New kitchen, tray ceilings, private pool. **\$999,000**
Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



PELICAN BAY - STRATFORD ▲
 #801 - Gulf views! Furnished 2 bedroom plus den. Two large glassed-in sunrooms with wraparound lanais. Fantastic updates.
\$995,000 | Adrienne Kubiak Young | 825-5369



PELICAN BAY - SAND POINTE ▲
 Totally renovated! This villa boasts 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths and over 3,900 SF. Private pool and spa with southern exposure.
\$950,000 | Pat Biernat | 269-6264



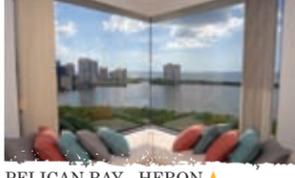
PELICAN BAY - GROSVENOR #405 ▲
 Gracious 3 bedroom, 3 bath with unobstructed views of Gulf, preserve and pool/spa area. Two car garage. Attached garage. **\$825,000**
Wendy Hayes | 777-3960



PELICAN BAY - ST. NICOLE #1202 ▲
 Gulf sunsets daily from the balcony in this pristine 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom. Updated with tile and wood floors. Furnished.
\$675,000 | Pat Duggan | 216-1980



PELICAN MARSH - TIMARRON ▲
 Two bedroom plus den with lake view. Upgrades include hurricane shutters, custom landscaping, and new tile and solid wood flooring.
\$499,900 | Janet Rathbun | 860-0012



PELICAN BAY - HERON ▲
 #1202 - Unobstructed views of Gulf and Bay. Wonderful residence with 2 bedrooms plus den. Kitchen was updated in 2006. **\$815,000**
Jane Darling/Sharon Kiptyk | 777-3899
 #502 - Easy to see with just a phone call! Gulf/Bay views! Two bedroom plus den/3rd bedroom. New A/C system, neutral carpet. **\$829,000**
Cathy Owen | 269-3118



PELICAN BAY - BREAKWATER ▲
 749 Bentwater Circle #203 - Two bedroom plus den features picturesque southern lake views, a glass-enclosed lanai, huge oversized 2-car garage. **\$725,000**
Mary Halpin/Jamey Halpin | 269-3005
 765 Bentwater Circle #102 - Spacious 2 bedroom plus family room residence over-looking lake. Upgraded kitchen. Two-car garage. Great amenities. **\$599,000**
Linda Piatt/Janet Rathbun | 261-6161



PELICAN BAY - BREAKWATER ▲
 #101 - Three bedroom with southeast exposure over the lake, 1,831 SF under air and 2-car garage. Turnkey furnished. **\$729,000**
Jane Darling/Sharon Kiptyk | 777-3899
 780 Breakwater Circle #203 - Gourmet kitchen, plantation shutters, Italian stone flooring. Two-car garage. Hurricane-glass lanai with lake view. **\$699,000** **OPEN SUN. 1-4**
Janet Rathbun | 860-0012



PELICAN BAY - HYDE PARK ▲
 #C404 - Awesome views of golf course and lake. Spacious 2 bedroom plus den, 2.5 bath. Updated kitchen, new wood flooring. **\$550,000**
Mary Halpin/Jamey Halpin | 269-3005
 #A402 - Lake and golf course views from the terrace of this 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath. Conveniently located to all amenities in Pelican Bay. **\$529,900**
Pat Biernat | 269-6264



PELICAN MARSH - OSPREY POINTE ▲
 #102 - Expansive golf views from the large lanai! Loads of upgrades some include diagonal tile floors and crown moulding.
\$595,000 | Janet Gable | 370-5547
 #102 - Three bedroom, 2.5 bath Southwest views of golf course. Large tile flooring, electric and plantation shutters.
\$569,900 | Linda Piatt | 269-2322

PELICAN BAY

NEW LISTING COCOBAY 7810 Cocobay Court
 Expanded Grand Bay Bonaire 4 bedroom and includes a 2 room guest cabana. Furnished. Walk to private beach access. **\$1,925,000 | Linda Piatt | 269-2322**

NEW LISTING TIERRA MAR 568 Tierra Mar Lane
 Rare 4 bedroom villa with lake view and southern exposure. Large pool in front courtyard, aviary-screened patio in rear. **\$1,545,000 | Linda Piatt | 269-2322**

ST. RAPHAEL 7095 Pelican Bay Blvd. #14
 Corner 3 bedroom, 3 bath villa with private elevator, private pool, fireplace, screened balcony and lanai, 2-car garage. **\$1,249,000 | Karen Coney Coplin | 261-1235**

ST. RAPHAEL 7057 Pelican Bay Blvd. #5
 Three-level, three bedroom villa, private pool, private elevator, 2-story screened lanai, and 2-car garage. **\$1,199,000 | Cynthia Joannou | 273-0666**

INTERLACHEN 6732 Pelican Bay Blvd. **OPEN SUN. 1-4**
 Spacious floor plan with 3 bedrooms and 2-car garage. Wonderful lake and pool views. Beach access, pool, tennis. **\$980,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420**

ST. MARISSA 6573 Marissa Loop
 #2003 - Gulf of Mexico views from this residence with an entire new kitchen featuring granite, new cabinetry and new appliances! **\$929,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731**
 #1002 - Endless Gulf of Mexico views from this 2 bedroom plus den. Beautifully updated building with great amenities. **\$799,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731**

INTERLACHEN 6790 Pelican Bay Blvd.
 Stunning one-of-a-kind spacious villa. Two bedroom plus den with updates! Outstanding community amenities! **\$919,000 | Caroline C. Coates | 273-2516**

POINTE II 535 Via Veneto #101
 Magnificent 3 bedroom corner residence is bright and sunny. Pristine condition, exquisitely furnished, glassed lanai. **\$810,000 | Alison Kalb | 564-0714**

ST. KITTS 6585 Nicholas Blvd. #605
 Bright and sunny corner residence with gorgeous views of the Gulf, 3 bedrooms plus den, and 2 baths. Turnkey furnished. **\$795,000 | Pat Duggan | 216-1980**

POINTE II 515 Via Veneto #102
 Elegant 3 bedroom, 2 bath home features tray ceilings, 18" tile, crown moulding and a large glass-enclosed lanai. **\$789,000 | Philip Mareschal | 269-6033**

OAK LAKE SANCTUARY 878 Turtle Court
 Split bedroom plan with 3 bedrooms, 3 baths including a separate guest house. Private pool/spa, 10' ceilings and 2-car garage. **\$747,000 | Linda Piatt | 269-2322**

PELICAN BAY

GROSVENOR 6001 Pelican Bay Blvd. #202
 Three bedrooms, three baths, views of preserve. Some features include marble flooring, tray ceiling, wet bar. **\$745,000 | Lodge McKee | 434-2424**

INTERLACHEN 6760 Pelican Bay Blvd. #333
 Southeastern views across the Pelican Bay Golf Course and lakes highlight this meticulous three bedroom condominium. **\$699,000 | Ruth Trettis | 434-2424**

BAY VILLAS 547 Bay Villas Lane
 Open 2 bedroom plus den, high ceilings, private courtyard, granite counters, stainless appliances and Mexican tile floors. **\$649,000 | Linda Piatt | 269-2322**

ST. NICOLE 5550 Heron Point Drive #603
 A great location near everything. This furnished 2 bedroom residence has expansive views over the Gulf. **\$625,000 | Fred Alter | 269-4123**

VALENCIA 6520 Valen Way #C103
 A bright, spacious, 2 bedroom, 2 bath condominium. Just steps to Valencia's pool/spa/fitness center. Newly remodeled. **\$619,000 | Mary Halpin/Jamey Halpin | 269-3005**

CALAIS 7016 Pelican Bay Blvd. #102
 New 20" tile, carpet, cabinets, granite and marble counters, stainless appliances, & crown moulding. Attached garage. **\$615,000 | Barbi/Steve Lowe | 216-1973**

ST. KITTS 6585 Nicholas Blvd. #204
 Bright, sunny residence with 3 bedrooms. Neutral backgrounds and electric hurricane shutters. Turnkey furnished. **\$569,000 | Jean Tarkenton | 595-0544**

STRATFORD 5601 Turtle Bay Drive #402
 This 6th floor residence offers beautiful views of the Gulf, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, newer A/C unit and high impact windows. **\$550,000 | Polly Himmel | 290-3910**

REDUCED CHATEAUMERE 6060 Pelican Bay Blvd. #303
 Light and bright 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath with over 1,700 total SF and panoramic golf, lake views. Turnkey furnished. **NOW \$499,777 | Esther Van Lare | 404-3045**

GLENCOVE 5803 Glencove Drive #603
 Updated kitchen, granite counters, 18" tile floors, and newly furnished turnkey. Corner location offers privacy. **\$479,000 | Linda Ohler | 404-6460**

SERENDIPITY 511 Serendipity Drive #511
 Charming condominium with views of lake. Updated with porcelain tile, carpeting, granite counters, crown moulding. **\$459,000 | Gayle Fawkes | 250-6051**

PELICAN BAY

HYDE PARK 6320 Pelican Bay Blvd. #T6
 Walk across street to beach tram from this 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath. Neutral decor, wet bar, large lanai and garage parking space. **\$449,000 | Jane Darling/Sharon Kiptyk | 777-3899**

GLENCOVE 5818 Glencove Drive #103
 This 2 bedroom, 2 bath corner residence has a glass-enclosed lanai, which expands the living area. **\$395,000 | Pat Duggan | 216-1980**

NEW LISTING GLENCOVE 5800 Glencove Drive #202
 Lovely renovated 1st floor, 2 bedroom with 1,600+ total SF. Tile floors, granite breakfast bar and newer A/C. **\$350,000 | Mara/Michael Muller | 172-6170**

GLENCOVE 5809 Glencove Drive #901
 Peaceful views of the lake from this furnished 2 bedroom residence with updated kitchen and newer appliances. Tram to beach. **\$362,000 | Angela R. Allen | 825-8494**

PELICAN MARSH

LES CHATEAUX 1855 Les Chateaux Blvd. #302
 Panoramic lake views from this 3 bedroom plus den penthouse. Custom paint, oversize tile; premium carpet. Light and bright. **\$699,000 | Ray Couret | 293-5899**

EGRETS WALK I 945 Egrets Run #201
 This 3 bedroom corner residence features an open floor plan with volume ceilings, ceramic tile throughout and preserve views. **\$349,000 | Mitch/Sandi Williams | 370-8879**

ARIELLE 2130 Arielle Drive #305 **OPEN SUN. 1-4**
 Southern exposure, golf course view. Carriage home with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. This is a perfect vacation home. **\$348,000 | Ray Couret | 293-5899**

ARIELLE 2245 Arielle Drive #2107
 Lake views from this turnkey furnished 2 bedroom plus den, 2 bath Ibis floor plan. Golf memberships are available. **\$319,000 | Adrienne Kubiak Young/ Ray Couret | 825-5369**

Lots & Acreage

BAY LAUREL ESTATES 8736 Purslane Drive
 Panoramic views of 3 lakes and endless golf course views. Social membership to Pelican Marsh Golf Club included. **\$899,000 | Ray Couret | 293-5899**

AUGUSTA 2533 Augusta Drive
 Build your custom home in a prime North Naples community. Golf course, lake views and great space to build dream home. **\$429,000 | Ray Couret | 293-5899**



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\$8,950,000 | Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894



VANDERBILT BEACH ESTATES ▲
264 Bayview Avenue - New waterfront estate! Bay views, 5 bedrooms, media room, 5,860 SF of living area. A Christie's Great Estates Property.
\$4,799,999 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731



PINE RIDGE ▲
Gated estate with lake views, 9,200 SF A/C, 5 bedrooms, den, theater and elevator. A Christie's Great Estates Property.
\$4,400,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



VANDERBILT BEACH - THE VANDERBILT ▲
#PH-02 - Views of Gulf and waterways all the way to Sanibel. Rooftop patio with spa, outdoor movie theater and summer kitchen.
\$4,200,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731



VANDERBILT BEACH ▲
222 Channel Drive - Boat in your backyard, steps from the beach! Waterfront, four bedrooms, study, travertine marble floors, and granite counters.
\$3,200,000 | Roya Nouhi | 290-9111



VANDERBILT BEACH ESTATES ▲
Custom home with panoramic bay views, dock and 10,000 lb. boat lift. This home offers 4 bedrooms plus den, 4 baths.
\$3,175,000 | Pat Biernat | 269-6264



PINE RIDGE ▲
Private gated California mission-style estate on 1.4 acres. Four bedrooms plus library. Natural slate floors, 20' ceilings.
\$2,395,000 | Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741



THE DUNES - GRANDE PRESERVE GRANDE DOMINICA ▲
#301 - Furnished, 3 bedrooms. Views of Gulf and Turkey Bay. Private elevator, marble and hardwood floors.
\$1,095,000 | Ellen Egland | 571-7192



VANDERBILT BEACH ESTATES ▲
Waterfront masterpiece on oversized lot with bay and waterway views, 5 bedrooms, 5.5 baths, and over 6,300 SF. A Christie's Great Estates Property.
\$3,299,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



VANDERBILT BEACH ESTATES ▲
Large, casual chic home with quality materials and finishes throughout. Two story lanai. Fully equipped boat dock.
\$2,750,000 | Carolyn Weinand | 269-5678



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A waterfront home with three bedrooms plus study, private elevator. An oversized dock is equipped with a boat lift.
\$2,499,000 | Dru Martinovich | 564-1266



VANDERBILT BEACH - CASA GRANDE ▲
A rare opportunity for a 3 bedroom, 3 bath corner residence with wraparound lanai providing endless views of the Gulf.
\$1,550,000 | Fred Alter | 269-4123



BANYAN WOODS ▲
Lakefront home with extra den off master, cherry kitchen, gas stove, whole house generator, and heated pool/spa.
\$1,185,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



PINE RIDGE ▲
Wonderfully remodeled with 4 bedrooms and 3 baths. Free-form pool/spa and paver deck. Huge garage. Owner financing available.
\$1,088,777 | Esther Van Lare/Dina L. Moon | 659-0099



BANYAN WOODS ▲
Outstanding design and upgrades. Expanded 'Balboa II' with western lake views. Four bedrooms, study and 3-car garage.
\$999,900 | Ruth Trettis | 434-2424



THE DUNES - CAYMAN ▲
#PH-7 - Inviting three bedroom, three bath with stunning Gulf and Bay vistas. Custom kitchen, wraparound lanai with electric shutters.
\$999,000 | Pat Callis | 250-0562



VILLAGES OF MONTEREY ▲
Beautifully renovated! Five bedroom plus den, three full and one half-bath home with wood floors. Terrific yard and oversized garage.
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\$899,000 | Sue Black | 250-5611



THE DUNES - CAYMAN ▲
#1107 - Outstanding views of Bay to Gulf from this spacious, bright corner residence. Amenities included.
\$785,000 | Gayle Fawkes | 250-6051



NORTH NAPLES - GULF HARBOR ▲
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\$895,000 | Mitch/Sandi Williams | 370-8879



VANDERBILT BEACH - REGATTA ▲
The perfect resort-style community! Tropical waterfall pools, exercise room, clubhouse, and steps to the beach and Ritz-Carlton.



#806 - Three bedrooms, 2.5 baths plus an open den off the kitchen. Furnished. **\$879,000**
#204 - Furnished 3 bedroom, 2 bath with extended sun deck off lanai. **\$727,900**
#302 - Upgrades galore in this 3 bedroom residence. Tile throughout. Furnishings negotiable. **\$695,000**
Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731
#304 - Three bedroom furnished residence with tile throughout. **\$595,000** Richard G. Prebish II | 357-6628



VILLAGES OF MONTEREY ▲
Fabulous living space in the heart of Monterey. Stone pool and spa, fireplace, 4-car garage, and large backyard.
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Quality 4 bedroom plus den pool/spa home overlooks lake. Professionally landscaped 1.5 lots. Fireplace, 3-car garage.
\$795,000 | Patrick O'Connor | 293-9411



BANYAN WOODS - RESERVE II ▲
#202 - Outstanding 3 bedroom plus den coach home with upgrades. Private elevator. Walk to shopping! Beautiful lake/pool views.
\$769,950 | Carolyn Weinand | 269-5678



WILSHIRE LAKES ▲
Filled with upgrades! Stainless appliances, granite, wood cabinets, and marble floor. Heated 26' pool/spa and great views!
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THE DUNES - CAYMAN ▲
#802 - Forever views of Bay and Gulf from this fully furnished residence. World-class pool, fitness center, and tennis club.
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Impeccable 5 bedroom, 3 bath home with granite counters, 3-car garage, and oversized screened lanai with large pool.
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COVE TOWERS - ARUBA ▲
#403 - Spectacular view of Wiggins Pass from this totally remodeled high-rise. Full pool service, tennis. Furnished.
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NEW LISTING BAYFRONT GARDENS 209 Bayfront Drive
Waterfront home with bay views, pool/spa, boat dock and lift, 2 gourmet kitchens, three guest suites, and three-car garage. **\$2,975,000 | Cynthia Joannou | 273-0666**

BAREFOOT BEACH CLUB 264 Barefoot Beach Blvd. #201
Light-filled 3 bedroom, 3 bath corner residence. Tastefully decorated, preserve and Gulf views. Electric shutters on lanai. **\$925,000 | Fran Rauschelbach | 287-7393**

BAREFOOT BEACH CLUB II 262 Barefoot Beach Blvd. #7-304
Steps to the beach! Gulf sunsets and Bay sunrises! Furnished 2 bedroom with storm shutters and wood flooring. **\$675,000 | Cynthia Joannou | 273-0666**

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9941 Clear Lake Circle
This 4 bedroom plus den, 3.5 bath pool home features volume and tray ceilings, crown moldings, and tile flooring in main areas. **\$795,000 | Patrick O'Connor/Bernie Garabed | 659-0099**

8183 Lowbank Drive
Recently updated 3 bedroom plus den pool home overlooks private preserve. Gas fireplace, family room, plantation shutters. **\$649,900 | Patrick O'Connor | 293-9411**

8117 Lowbank Drive
Modified Arthur Rutenberg 'Amelia IV' floor plan. Spacious master retreat and study. Lanai with pool and a 2-car garage. **\$499,000 | Patrick O'Connor | 293-9411**

3894 Midshore Drive
Arthur Rutenberg 3 bedroom plus den great room home. Spacious master suite wing with private den. Pool and 2+ car garage. **\$449,000 | Patrick O'Connor | 293-9411**

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EDEN ON THE BAY 368 Mallory Court
Overlooking a lake, this home features 3 bedrooms plus den, 3 baths, and ceramic tile throughout. Heated pool/spa. **\$699,000 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231**

LEMURIA 7116 Lemuria Circle #404
ELEVATOR INCLUDED with this lake view, over 3,000 SF, 4 bedroom, 3 bath. Many amenities. Numerous upgrades throughout. **\$629,000 | Larry Roorda | 860-2534**

LEMURIA 7164 Lemuria Circle #1601
Brand new 3 bedroom with volume ceilings, hurricane code windows, and granite and marble appointments. Furnished. **\$625,000 | Sue Black | 250-5611**

THE CROSSINGS - MILL RUN 6629 New Haven Circle
Prime location at end of cul-de-sac. Recently updated, this 4 bedroom plus den home has side-entry 3-car garage. **\$599,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552**

VANDERBILT BEACH

MANSIONS 10633 Gulfshore Drive #6n
Waterfront condominium with granite counters, top-of-the-line appliances, crown moulding and private elevator. A Christie's Great Estates Property. **\$1,899,900 | Ann M. Nunes | 860-0949**

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Breathtaking Gulf views. Tastefully renovated, built-in office. Gated community, park-like grounds, swimming pool. **\$1,395,000 | Pat Callis | 250-0562**

PHOENICIAN SANDS 9155 Gulfshore Drive #201
Small intimate complex right on the sand. Furnished 2 bedroom, 2 bath 2nd level condominium. **\$995,000 | Teri Purvis | 597-2993**

GULFSHORES 10525 Gulfshore Drive #261
Stunning Gulf views from this 3 bedroom on the beach. Totally renovated kitchen. Docks available. Rental potential. **\$899,000 | Gayle Fawkes | 250-6051**

VANDERBILT SHORES 10701 Gulf Shore Drive #402
Two bedroom plus den on the beach. Great location with access to shopping, dining, and theatres. Offered furnished. **\$860,000 | Jack Despart | 273-7931**

GULF COVE 10562 Gulfshore Drive #302
Bay views from this beachside retreat. Updated with granite, raised panel cabinets, moldings. Private dock. **\$699,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731**

VANDERBILT SURF COLONY II 15 Bluebill Avenue #PH-1106
This 2 bedroom residence has been recently updated with stainless steel appliances, granite counters and new paint. **\$549,000 | Gayle Fawkes | 250-6051**

VANDERBILT PALMS 260 Southbay Drive #206
Rare opportunity for this residence that is steps to beach. Turnkey furnished and wonderful Bay views. **\$299,900 | Barbara Bardsley | 784-6924**

VANDERBILT BEACH ESTATES

167 Heron Avenue
With Gulf access just minutes from Wiggins Pass, an updated 4 bedroom, 4 bath home. Abundant storage, boat dock. **\$1,500,000 | Michael D. Browne | 272-3331**

385 Willett Avenue
Wide waterway views from this well-maintained home with spacious lanai, 30' pool, and boat dock. Quick access to Gulf. **\$795,000 | Patrick O'Connor | 293-9411**

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1407 Serrano Circle
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5049 Rustic Oaks Circle
Fabulous 2-story home offers 4 bedrooms plus den, a media room, and gourmet kitchen with granite counters and upgraded appliances. **\$999,999 | Mary Morris | 784-8599**

4971 Rustic Oaks Circle
Enjoy living in this spacious 4 bedroom plus den, 3 bath home with a lake view. Situate in a gated community. **\$895,000 | Claire Catalano | 571-7223**

VILLAGES OF MONTEREY

8034 Vera Cruz Way
Charming and beautifully renovated 4 bedroom home. Gorgeous cherry kitchen with new hardwood floors. Many updates. **\$699,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552**

8139 Las Palmas Way
Robb & Stucky designer has created a stunning renovation of this 3 bedroom home. Large lanai/backyard. **\$499,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552**

1878 Mission Drive
Single family home on large lot, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, new granite counters and fireplace in spacious family room. **\$479,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552**

VANDERBILT BEACH AREA

BEACHWALK HOMES 743 Reef Point Circle
Three bedroom home with screened, heated pool and large lot. Freshly painted interiors new A/C. Two-car detached garage. **\$600,000 | Carol Loder | 860-4326**

BEACHWALK HOMES 716 Reef Point Circle
Many upgrades highlight this furnished 2 bedroom, 2 bath home. Cathedral ceiling, glass enclosed and A/C lanai. **\$480,000 | Carol Loder | 860-4326**

BEACHWALK HOMES 748 Reef Point Circle
Three bedroom, 2 bath home with 2-car garage is within walking distance to beach, dining and shopping. Sold as-is. **\$435,000 | Carol Loder | 860-4326**

BEACHWALK VILLAS - 648 Windsurf Lane
Lovely villa has a long view of the lake and is close to clubhouse. Hardwood flooring Glass-enclosed lanai. **\$425,000 | Carol Loder | 860-4326**

PAVILION CLUB 881 Gulf Pavilion Drive #201
Turnkey furnished corner residence. Hurricane shutters, pergola floors and built-in grill on the lanai of this 2 bedroom plus den. **\$399,000 | Carolyn Weinand | 269-5678**

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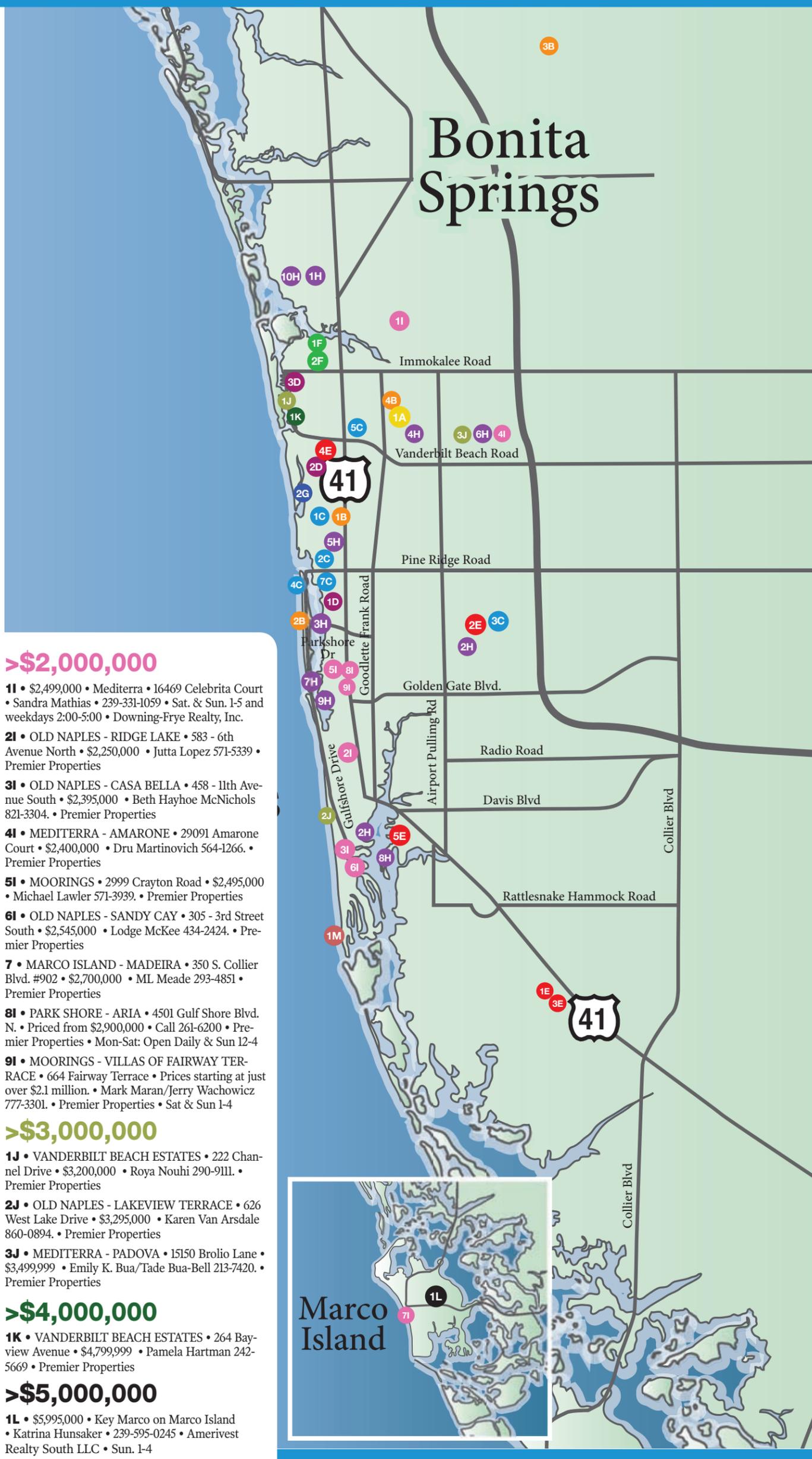
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Lakeside 5 bedroom plus den home. Infinity-edge pool and outdoor kitchen, and 132-bottle wine cooler. Furnished.
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WEST BAY CLUB - RIVERBROOKE ▲
Gorgeous views. This 4 bedroom plus den home features tray ceiling, marble floor, fireplace, pool/spa and kitchen.
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BONITA SPRINGS - IMPERIAL SHORES ▲
Five bedroom, 5.5 bath with 3-car garage, private pool/spa, over 4,800 SF and vaulted ceilings. No bridges to the Gulf.
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THE BROOKS - SHADOW WOOD - LAKE FOREST ▲
Frey & Son Custom Builders home with 4 bedrooms plus den, 4.5 baths, gas-heated pool/spa. Views of golf and lake.
\$2,350,000 | Doug Davlin | 272-5060



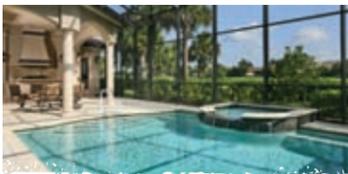
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THE BROOKS - SHADOW WOOD - ORCHID RIDGE ▲
Built by BCB with all the extras, this warm and inviting home offers a professional-grade kitchen, private pool/spa, pool, lake view. Offered furnished.
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BONITA SPRINGS - IMPERIAL SHORES ▲
New home situated on a waterway with Gulf access, 4 bedrooms, 4 baths, 3-car garage, and heated pool/spa.
\$1,950,000 | Linda Sanders | 860-0119



THE BROOKS - SHADOW WOOD - BANYAN COVE ▲
Wonderful 4 bedroom plus den home, 3-car garage. Lake to golf views. Lagoon-style pool, spa and waterfalls on lanai.
\$1,695,000 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231



THE BROOKS - SHADOW WOOD - MAGNOLIA BEND ▲
Four bedrooms plus den with kitchen/family room and master bedroom open to pool/summer kitchen. Three-car garage.
\$1,680,000 | Kevin Smith | 641-2942



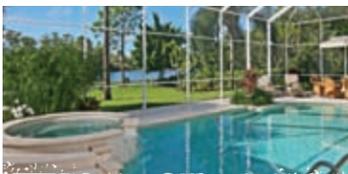
THE BROOKS - SHADOW WOOD - OAKBROOK ▲
Built by BCB with all the extras, this warm and inviting home offers a professional-grade kitchen, private pool/spa.
\$1,650,000 | Kevin Smith | 641-2942



THE BROOKS - SHADOW WOOD - GLEN LAKES ▲
Tastefully finished estate home features a long water view and a peaceful environment. Motorized storm shutters.
\$1,575,000 | Kevin Smith | 641-2942



PALMIRA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB - AVALLONE ▲
Gracious home featuring 3 bedrooms plus den, 4 baths, and nearly 2,904 SF of living space. Pool/spa, outdoor kitchen.
\$1,480,000 | Karen Lee-Grosso | 213-8381



PELICAN LANDING - HERON POINT ▲
South lake/preserve view! Four bedrooms with floor plan made to accentuate the unique private location. **\$1,399,000**
Stephanie/John Coburn/Pam Umscheid | 948-4000



THE BROOKS - SHADOW WOOD - WOODSEDGE ▲
Casually elegant, never lived-in, furnished 4 bedroom home. Pool/spa; 3-car garage; private views of fairways.
\$1,388,800 | Maryanne Kennedy | 405-0266



PELICAN LANDING - LONGLAKE ▲
From the tropical exterior to its resort-like interior, this three bedroom plus den features a 3-car garage, fireplace and atrium.
\$1,299,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210



BONITA SPRINGS - ARROYAL ▲
This riverfront property includes a 30 x 19 covered boat dock with lift. Sold furnished with 4 bedrooms and 3 baths.
\$1,200,000 | Connie Lummis | 289-3543



FORT MYERS AREA - NORTH RIVER OAKS ▲
Perfect for the equestrian. Turnkey furnished country estate home resides on 4.5-acres. Six horse stables.
\$1,200,000 | Rod Mease | 659-0099



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Entertain in this 3 bedroom plus den, 4 bath home with views galore. Miles-wide golf, lake and preserve view. Pool/spa.
\$1,150,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210



MIROMAR LAKES - MIRASOL ▲
#PH602 - This penthouse condominium has 3 bedrooms plus den, open great room, wet bar, and gourmet kitchen.
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MIROMAR LAKES - SIENA ▲
Arthur Rutenberg built home with tile throughout, granite counters, stainless steel appliances, and heated pool/spa.
\$1,100,000 | Susan DeShong | 253-3434



PELICAN LANDING - SANCTUARY ▲
Southern exposure, 3 bedroom, office, 12-14' ceilings, media/billiard room. Walk-in pool plus spa. **\$1,075,000**
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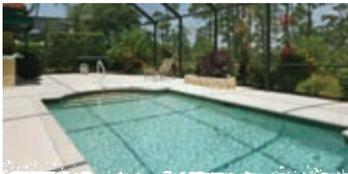
VASARI COUNTRY CLUB - AREZZO ▲
Lovely home with 3 bedrooms, den, and family room. Crown moulding, tile and a dream kitchen. Furnished.
\$1,075,000 | Jean Tarkenton | 595-0544



PELICAN LANDING - GOLDCREST ▲
Lake/golf views! Spacious master suite and newly renovated kitchen. Lanai with pool/spa and outdoor kitchen. **\$970,000**
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Only 15 minutes to Gulf at Big Carlos Pass. Oak flooring, fireplace, and deck area overlooking pool/spa.
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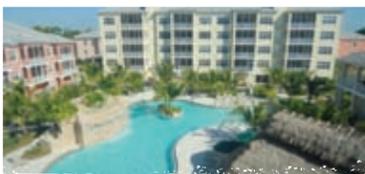
PELICAN SOUND - PINEHURST ▲
This spacious 3 bedroom plus den, 3 bath home is perfect for entertaining with a kitchen that flows to the pool.
\$875,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210



THE BROOKS - SHADOW WOOD - HAWTHORNE ▲
Spectacular home with built-in cabinetry, wood and marble flooring, home theater and gourmet kitchen. Pool/spa.
\$875,000 | Gary L. Jaarda/Jeff Jaarda | 248-7474



PELICAN LANDING - CAPRI ▲
Professionally decorated 2 bedroom plus den. Western exposure lake view. Heated pool and spa. Turnkey furnished.
\$629,900 | Maryanne Kennedy | 405-0266



BONITA VILLAGE I ▲
#PH-1404 - Professionally decorated/turnkey furnished 2 bedroom, 2 bath condominium on penthouse level.
\$619,000 | Tom McCarthy | 243-5520



BONITA SPRINGS - BONITA FARMS ▲
Over 1/2 acre of landscaped grounds, 200' of seawalled Gulf access waterfront. Boat dock, 2-car garage.
\$599,000 | Mark Leone | 784-5686

THE BROOKS

Single Family Homes

SHADOW WOOD - SWEET BAY 9799 Bay Meadow
Lovely home appointed with volume ceilings, tile throughout, French doors, and breakfast area opening to pool area. **\$1,100,000 | Cathy/George Lieberman | 777-2441**

SHADOW WOOD - WOODMONT 10601 Wintercross Drive
Spectacular lake to golf course view. Pool, spa and sheer descent waterfall. Four bedrooms (two masters) plus den. **\$799,000 | Kevin Smith | 641-2942**

SHADOW WOOD - CEDAR GLEN 9101 Hollow Pine Drive
This expanded "Sterling" model offers 3 bedrooms plus den, 3 baths, living and family room. Relaxing pool area and 2-car garage. **\$699,000 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231**

SHADOW WOOD - BAY CREST 22501 Baycrest Ridge Drive
A lanai made for entertaining with views of lake and forest. This 2 bedroom plus den is offered furnished. **\$659,900 | Cathy/Jim McCormick | 850-4278**

OPEN SUN. 1-4 SHADOW WOOD - TAMARIND TRACE 23283 Foxberry Lane
Charming 3 bedroom plus den views 16th fairway. Southern exposure. Crown moulding, faux paint, and custom features. **\$619,000 | Cathy/George Lieberman | 777-2441**

SHADOW WOOD - OAK STRAND 9359 Oak Strand Drive
Popular "Heron" floor plan, two bedrooms, den, and southern exposure on the pool/spa. Many upgrades. **\$499,900 | Kevin Smith | 641-2942**

COPPERLEAF - CINNAMON RIDGE 23811 Copperleaf Blvd.
Impeccably maintained, use as winter retreat or year-round. Excellent golf course view, neutral decor. **\$459,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210**

PALMETTO RIDGE 9251 Palmetto Ridge Drive #101
Entertain on lanai opening to grand salon, morning room and updated kitchen. Two bedrooms, den, 2 baths, 2-car garage. **\$319,000 | Cathy/Jim McCormick | 850-4278**

Condominiums/Villas

SPRING RUN - SILVER CREEK 23681 Stonyriver Place
Golf course views! Custom pool with pavers, 3 full baths, surround sound, 'siles stone' counters, and extensive tile. **\$560,000 | Stephanie/John Coburn/Pam Umscheid | 948-4000**

SPRING RUN - SABAL COVE 9053 Spring Run Blvd.
This Alexander model villa has a beautiful lake and golf course view! Tile throughout main living areas. Furnished. **\$424,777 | Esther Van Lare | 404-3045**

SHADOW WOOD - OAK HAMMOCK I 10332 Autumn Breeze Drive #101
Lovely golf course view from this 2 bedroom plus den, 2.5 bath with stainless steel appliances, electric storm shutters and more. **\$399,900 | Gary L. Jaarda/Jeff Jaarda | 248-7474**

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Condominiums/Villas

SHADOW WOOD - OAK HAMMOCK II 10442 Autumn Breeze Drive #201
Nicely appointed 2 bedroom plus den coach home. Long views over golf/lake, screened lanai, security system. **\$378,900 | Melissa Williams/Teresa Rucker | 248-7238**

SHADOW WOOD - PALMETTO RIDGE 9221 Palmetto Ridge Drive #102
Beautiful 2 bedroom plus den with view of golf course. This home features tile throughout, wood cabinets and 2-car garage. **\$329,900 | Teresa Rucker/Melissa Williams | 281-2376**

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Single Family Homes

NEW LISTING OPEN SUN. 1-4 LAKEMONT COVE 3791 Lakemont Drive
This split plan offers 3 bedrooms plus office. Upgraded kitchen with granite, new tile floors and plantation shutters. Pool/spa. **\$645,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210**

BAY CEDAR 25030 Bay Cedar Drive
Spacious 2 bedroom plus den with an oversized pool and lanai area. New A/C, fresh paint inside and out, and new tiled floors. **\$549,900 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210**

Condominiums/Villas

SANDPIPER ISLE 24300 Sandpiper Isle Way #204
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A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE



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There's no place like HOME

10 years later, the Naples Art Association celebrates the opening of The von Liebig

BY NANCY STETSON
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A downtown landmark at 585 Park St., The von Liebig Art Center has four galleries, six studios and an art library.

>>Inside:
Honoring those at the foundation.
C4

Naples needed an art center. So the Naples Art Association built one. It's that simple. And that difficult. "It took passion and tenacity," says Bette Young, former NAA president and building chairperson. "You have to have passion for what you're doing, and everybody that was involved had the passion. "The Naples Art Association had been here since '54, and we felt the community's visual art services needs were not being met," she explains. "It was our job to do that, and we accepted the challenge." And so The von Liebig Art Center was built. The center, which houses four art galleries, six studios, an art library and offices, celebrates its 10th anniversary on Friday, Nov. 21.



The \$3.5 million center was built on time and on budget. "That's what happens when the community wants something," says Bette Young, who chaired the building committee.

SEE VON LIEBIG, C4 ►

It's always a musical treat when Howard Shelley comes to town

World-renowned pianist performs with and conducts the Philharmonic Orchestra

BY PEG GOLDBERG LONGSTRETH
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When Howard Shelley was a precocious 4-year-old, he begged his mother to teach him to play the British national anthem on the pianola that sat, unused, in their modest home. A few months later, his parents nearly fainted when they were presented a bill from his school for private piano lessons.

"I lied," Shelley recalled last week with



Howard Shelley

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a laugh, confessing he had informed the teacher his parents had given permission for the private lessons.

The teacher, absolutely convinced of young Shelley's rare talent, agreed to teach the boy for next to nothing.

Six years later, when he was 10, Shelley performed an all Bach and Chopin piano recital to raves on British television; a year later, he gave what was acclaimed as a memorable performance of a Haydn concerto at the Royal Festival.

SEE PIANIST, C5 ►

WEEK at-a-glance



The Buddha knows

Desire really is the root of all ills. C2 ►



'I See' in Tin City

Six Degrees gallery opens with solo exhibition by artist Trinh Mai. In Bayfront, another new gallery opens. C12 ►



Here's to Thanksgiving

Wine recommendations for which to be grateful. C22 ►



Whodunit?

Find out when The Naples Players open 'Musical Comedy Murders,' a spoof of '40s film thrillers. C14 ►

SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

Buddhism's tanha trips me up



Students of Eastern religions will be familiar with the Noble Truths of Buddhism. For novices of world spirituality, the essentials will still ring true. Buddhism holds that sorrow (dukkha) arises from attachment, and attachment is the direct result of desire (tanha). The Sanskrit word "tanha" can also be translated as "thirst," and isn't that exactly what it feels like when you crave someone: that parched-throat feeling of desire unquenched?

Buddhists believe enlightenment follows freedom from desire, but even the most devout admit it's no easy task. That is why Buddhists subscribe to a belief in reincarnation; reaching this state of mind can take multiple lifetimes. Personally, I'd be thrilled to let go of a little attachment and step away from my desires (especially "sensuous lust," Buddhism's No. 1 on its top-five list of Hindrances to Enlightenment). But, the truth is, I'm not great at letting go (not of the pleasurable parts, anyway).

My introduction to tanha and its attendant dukkha came long before I

knew the tenets of Buddhism. It started with Dillon, who lit a fire in my belly and stoked the coals for years. We made the transition from casual acquaintances to close friends until Dillon, finally, asked me on our first date. We played miniature golf and ate meatball subs, and I felt like the luckiest girl alive. Still, his slow pace left me wanting more. He asked me out again, and again I had a wonderful time, but at the end of that second evening, I was still waiting for the next step. When he asked me out a third time, my desire decided I needed to take matters into my own hands.

I planned and choreographed the perfect night. When Dillon pulled into my driveway after dinner and a movie, I suggested we take a walk on the beach. At this point, we hadn't kissed, had barely held hands, and all that pent-up wanting raged like a wild fire. On the beach, we walked side by side, me leaning into him, the night dark and secretive. In front of a stretch of houses with dimmed lights, I stopped and turned to him.

"Have you ever been swimming at night?" I asked. The words were scripted, of course; I'd been rehearsing for days.

He laughed. "What are you thinking?"

"Want to go now?"

It was late November and the night

was cool, but we stripped down to our underwear anyway. As we waded out, he took my hand.

"This will be a great story some day," I said. "I can tell people about the time I went swimming with this guy at night in my underwear and --" I prayed he would know his line.

"And then he kissed her," he said. Right on cue.

As Siddhartha points out, scheming to fulfill our desires never brings peace. It fuels an endless cycle of heartbreak instead. A month later, Dillon decided to go back

to his ex-girlfriend. Suddenly, I had a bucketful of dukkha, a lot of useless tanha, and the revelatory sensation that the Buddha was right: desire is the root of all (my) ills. ■



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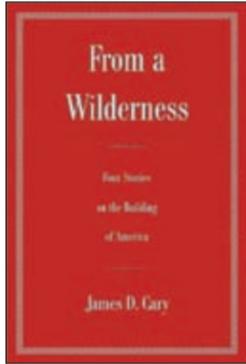
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BEACH READING

From a Wilderness: The Building of America

By James D. Cary
(iUniverse)

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Special to Florida Weekly



Boynton Beach author James D. Cary has written a noble book, almost a love letter to the United States. His latest novel, "From a Wilderness: The Building of America," is actually four novels in one, each tracing a different era in our nation's history. The first is titled, In the "Beginning Jamestown;" the second is "And Then Came the Puritan;" the third is "The Fires of Mammon" (covering the American Revolution: and finally, the fourth is "Empire." "Jamestown" begins when one of the characters, Jonathan Strong, witnesses a young Pocahontas playing with children of the settlers. The second book, "And Then Came the Puritan," shifts to Virginia where newcomers from Europe must battle both the climate and the culture created by the Puritans. In this book, the author has added interesting subtext. While ostensibly a narrative of our country's early years, Mr. Cary also demonstrates how the character of those early Puritans impacted our national character — an influence still felt today.

The third, "The Fires of Mammon," takes place in Pennsylvania and depicts the drama, the bloodshed, the high price Americans paid to obtain our freedom from British tyranny. Again, Mr. Cary adds complexity and texture by showing us how

and why our American economy developed along capitalistic lines as well as pointing out Adam Smith's influence. The fourth, "Empire," focuses on the Louisiana Purchase told through the lives of twin brothers caught up in the atmosphere of conspiracy and intrigue surrounding the negotiations and the signing of the Treaty transactions in which Louisiana passed from Spanish control to French and then, 20 days later, in December 1803, to the United States.

Mr. Cary has humanized our history, transforming it into a readable novel—all the more exciting because although the characters are fictional, the novel is based on fact. Truth, while strange than fiction, is seldom as readable. Mr. Cary has woven the two into a compelling read. This is a book to be savored — and given the historical presidential election we've just witnessed, "From a Wilderness" is both timely and relevant.

Reviewer's note: This is a self-published book, which I seldom review. In this instance, I was impressed by Mr. Cary's background as a newsman — for 35 years. He covered the White House, the State Department and was assigned at various times to Asia, Africa, and Europe. ■

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VON LIEBIG

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For years before the center opened, the NAA had bounced around in various locations: in a storefront in old Naples, on Fifth Avenue North, then Fifth Avenue South. But there simply wasn't enough space in any of those places for what the association — and the community — really needed.

When he was planning the redevelopment of Fifth Avenue South for the City of Naples, urban designer Andre Duany was interested in centering things on The Naples Players and the art association.

"He recognized the cultural needs in the community, and he convinced the city council," Mrs. Young says. "He shook his finger at them and said, 'You have two great cultural organizations you're going to lose from this city if you do not find space for them.' So they closed off a street for the Players and gave us the corner of Cambier Park."

A community effort, dollar for dollar

Mrs. Young, then-president of the NAA, had no idea how arduous the task would be. She thought they'd be in their new building in a few short years; it took six. "I attended 80 meetings," she recalls. "Eighty meetings with various people involved in the city to secure that lease."

She kept logs of each and every meeting. "Then people were so generous to us," she says. "The community really wanted this to happen and made it happen. We went twice to the state, and received \$500,000 each time from the Cultural Affairs Committee."

The association had to raise matching funds each time.

The von Liebig Association gave \$1 million: \$650,000 for the building, and \$350,000 for an endowment. The Frederick Watson Foundation gave the second largest donation: \$400,000. "And the rest came from the generous, generous community," Mrs. Young says.

The center was built for \$3.5 million. It was built on time, and on budget. "That's what happens when the community wants something to happen," Mrs. Young declares.

In 1996, she became the building chairperson, and Elaine Vreenegoor became president of the association.

"It was a grand time, because we were all struggling toward the same thing, to get the center up and running," Mrs. Vreenegoor says. "You feel a certain excitement, and you feel achievement when it's done: Wow, I really was a part of it. And it makes you feel pretty good — especially when a lot of people instrumental in this were already retired; we were going to play golf, bridge, sail."

"It was an opportunity. As far as I'm concerned, it is one of the better things I've done in life."

"I joke that I had some time between menopause and Medicare that I wanted to make a contribution to the community," says Mrs. Young. "I really wanted to make a significant contribution somewhere, and this fell into my lap."



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Al Harris, Bernie and Bette Young, Elaine and Herman Vreenegoor at the center last spring.



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At the 1998 ribbon cutting: Above, Suzanne von Liebig; above right, Elaine Vreenegoor and Bette Young



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A dream come true

The City Council asked the association "not to turn our back on the park," Mrs. Young says, adding, "They knew we wanted to face out toward 5th Avenue South."

So the architect, Alfred French, designed the front and rear entrances at an angle; the rear doors, which lead out to Bette Young Plaza, open onto Cambier Park.

The von Liebig Art Center opened on Nov. 22, 1998. The two-story, 16,000-square foot building is now a mainstay of the community. It's open seven days a week to the public, and approximately 100,000 visitors a year come for lectures, workshops classes and exhibitions.

"The whole thing surprised me when it was done," says Mrs. Vreenegoor. "It was like a dream... But when it was finally done, you say, 'Oh, that's what it was all about. This is the dream come true.'"

"None of us had really any background in doing this sort of thing."

In August 2001, The von Liebig garnered national attention when City Councilman Fred Tarrant, although blind, deemed a satirical political painting obscene and demanded it be taken down. "Famous Tongue Mona, Al, Monica" by local artist Ted Lay showed the Mona Lisa, Albert Einstein and Monica Lewinsky, all sticking their tongues out. (The triptych was based on a famous photograph of Mr. Einstein.) Councilman Tarrant claimed Monica Lewinsky's tongue looked like a penis and threatened to cut off the association's lease.

Barbara Hill, then executive director of the art center, refused to remove the painting. The flap not only gave the center more attention, but drew visitors to the exhibition to see what all the fuss was about.

The von Liebig has held many outstanding exhibits, including, but not limited to: "Naples Collects: A Richard Segalman Retrospective," "Telling and Retelling: Seminole Stories of the Everglades," "Reservations: Native American Children's Art," "The Photographic Landscape: Clyde Butcher and T.K. Hill," "Art for Amusement's Sake: Original Comic Art Drawings from the Collection of Charles Woodruff" and "Awarding Pictures: the Art of Children's Book Illustration."

Last year, the art center hosted a group of Tibetan monks who, over a number of days, created a sand mandala in the main gallery and then destroyed it and released the sand into the Gulf of Mexico.

With Gators Galore, in which local artists decorated large alligator sculptures for auction, the center raised more than \$800,000 and shared the proceeds with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Collier County.

"I think the Naples Art Association and The von Liebig will grow very well over the next 10 years," says current executive director Joel Kessler. "The von Liebig, in many ways, needs to be the leader for the renaissance and what's going to happen with art in the downtown area."

"We've reached a marvelous plateau, and now it's time to reach the next plateau," says Mrs. Vreenegoor. "It's like climbing the Grand Canyon. You reach the middle plateau, and you rest. Then you go up to the ridge of the canyon... you look around and say, 'Which way does our direction lie?'"

"It's a beautiful building," says Mrs. Young. "I don't know how it could have

Honoring those at the foundation of The von Liebig

As part of its 10th anniversary celebration, The von Liebig Art Center will hold a VIP reception from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, to honor the 11 individuals, foundations and corporations that helped make the building a reality. The ceremony on the Bette Young Plaza will be followed by the opening reception of the 47th Founders Juried Awards Exhibition from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Those who will be honored at the VIP reception are:

>>**Grace Lake**, the only surviving member of the three founders of the Naples Art Association.

>>**Suzanne von Liebig**, who with her late husband William, provided substantial funding for the building's construction and ongoing support over the past 10 years.

>>**Beverly Watson**, who with her late husband Frederick, provided funding for the Frederick O. Watson main gallery, and, through the Frederick O. Watson Foundation, continues to support the art association.

>>**Bette Young and Elaine Vreenegoor**, who served as presidents of the art association board during the more than six years of planning, fundraising and construction of the center.

>>**Marie Muller**, a former vice president of the board who oversaw the many administrative duties related to moving into the new building.

>>The late **Alfred French**, architect of The von Liebig Art Center. (His daughters will attend the reception.)

>>**Ted V. de Clercq**, an art association faculty member, artist and architect who contributed substantially to the design of the art center.

>>**Kraft Construction**, which built the art center and continues to provide support to the art association.

>>**Ray Lutgert**, prominent sculptor who donated the sculpture that adorns the art center's back patio and another that enhances the building's library.

>>**Bill Meek**, long-time art association supporter and former board member who oversaw development of the group's prominent art collection and who has coordinated numerous important fundraisers for the organization.

If you go

>>**What:** VIP ceremony honoring 11 individuals, organizations and corporations that made The von Liebig Art Center possible

>>**Where:** The Bette Young Plaza at The von Liebig

>>**When:** 4:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21 (by invitation only)

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been designed better to fit the site and fit the needs. When you walk in, you have the feeling that good things happen here, and you want others to become involved.

"It's a building that just envelops you. It's a happy space." ■

'Opera Under the Stars' opens a new season for Opera Naples

The new season for Opera Naples begins under the stars in Cambier Park on Friday, Nov. 21. The Second Annual "Opera Under the Stars" will feature several world-renowned opera singers in performances that preview the three full-scale productions coming up later this season: Gilbert & Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore," Puccini's "La Boheme" and Verdi's "Rigoletto."

"Opera Under the Stars" begins at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$75 for front and center stage cushioned chairs and \$45 for perimeter chairs to \$10 for open lawn seating

(bring your lawn chair or blanket). There is a \$5 discount offered to members of the Naples Art Association (which celebrates the 10th anniversary of the opening of its home, The von Liebig Art Center next door to Cambier Park, earlier Friday evening).

Opera Naples' second production this season will also be staged at Cambier Park. "H.M.S. Pinafore," presented in English, will be presented Friday, Dec. 5, and Saturday, Dec. 6. Tickets are available in a family four pack for \$100 for two adults and two children.

Next up will be "La Boheme," with performances in The Performing Arts Hall of Gulf Coast High School on Friday evening, Jan. 23, and Sunday afternoon, Jan. 25. "Rigoletto," also at Gulf Coast High School, wraps up the season Friday evening, March 13, and Sunday afternoon, March 15.

Founded in March 2005 by soprano Stefanie Pearce, Opera Naples embodies the hallmark of regional opera, engaging the nation's finest professional singing actors, stage directors and guest conductors for principal roles, while encouraging and

supporting talented performers from the region.

Season tickets range from \$289 for premium seats to \$127.50 for general seating at all three operas and include entrance to the "Opera Stars Under the Stars." Individual tickets range from \$25 to \$95 and are half-price for students ages 16 and older with valid school identification. Information about other tiered seating ticket options and discounts for groups of 10 or more can be found online at www.operanaples.com or by calling (800) 771-1041. ■

PIANIST

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By the end of his first year at the Royal College of Music, he had won the premier prize, soloing with the London Symphony under the baton of Michael Tilson Thomas. His career was off and running.

At about the same time in Ireland, a similar star was also rising.

Hilary McNamara didn't begin piano lessons until she was 10, but she made up for lost time and was playing to acclaim on Irish television within a year. She won the same prize as had Mr. Shelley at the Royal College of Music, and began her own career as a concert pianist, performing to raves.

Then, as sometimes happens when the gods smile upon you, the couple met, fell in love and married.



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Howard and Hillary Shelley.

Like father and mother, like son

As if two gifted pianists (each was performing solo, and they combined their talents to play duo piano to acclaim as well) were not enough of a musical blessing upon this world, along came their son. Alexander Shelley, now 28, has been proclaimed one of the most creative musical talents of his generation.

The unanimous prize-winner of the 2005 Leeds Conductors Competition, Alexander was described as "the most exciting and gifted young conductor to have taken this highly prestigious award. His conducting technique is immaculate, everything crystal clear and a tool to his inborn musicality."

At some point along the way, with non-stop performance schedules in opposite parts of the planet and a gifted child to raise, Hilary McNamara had to forego her touring schedule. With Alexander now grown, however, she's constantly at Howard's side. Together

they enjoy endless travel throughout the world and the search for yet "new" old/lost musical scores. In addition, she critiques every micro millileter of Howard's myriad performances.

We chatted last week while he was in Mexico doing two of the things he loves most: performing and conducting. He'll do so again Friday, Nov. 21, at the Naples Philharmonic Center for the Arts. "I get to be my own soloist," he said as we discussed his ability to perform and conduct simultaneously.

Jorge Mester, the Phil's maestro, has repeatedly proclaimed Shelley to be the world's greatest living pianist. He's an extraordinarily gifted conductor as well, possessing much of the same graceful fluidity as does Maestro Mester. That being the case, concertgoers are in for a double treat Friday evening.

The program Neapolitans will hear includes Saint-Saëns' "Piano Concerto No. 2," Prokofiev's "Classical Symphony" and perhaps Dvořák's greatest work, his "Symphony No. 7."

A revealing conversation

One of the delights in talking music with Shelley is his willingness to share every scintilla of his extraordinary knowledge about every composer and the minute nuances of each of their compositions.

"What appeals to you about the Saint-Saëns?" I asked.

"It starts like Bach and ends like Offenbach," he replied. "All those crashing cadenzas in the opening movement, the second movement with a scherzo reminiscent of Mendelssohn, and the final movement a tarantella (a traditional Italian dance form)."

Then he brought me up to date on his burgeoning discography. Creating two to three CDs in an average year, in addition to maintaining a blistering pace as a pianist and conductor, is difficult to conceive — except for Howard Shelley. He actually increased his recording schedule this year and just finished his 14th new CD for the year. It's an astonishing feat, especially considering his capacity as a musical sleuth to resurrect long since disappeared transcriptions.

In large part because he has created quite a niche in the CD market by performing works NOT performed by other musicians, Shelley has discovered the existence of an audience hungry for these gems. And whereas most musicians are wed to a single recording company, Shelley has managed to satisfy two: Hyperion and Chandos.

As to the quality of these recordings: "Shelley couldn't play a dull or ugly note if his life depended on it." (Inter-

national Record Review, 2008).

Referring to his performance of the Moscheles concerto, Gramophone

(April 2005) characterized Shelley as possessing "the grace of a gazelle."

Rare gems and "also-rans"

In my earlier discussions with him, Shelley has often spoken about his passion for the romantic-era composers whose work has lapsed into obscurity or who have simply become minor figures in music history.

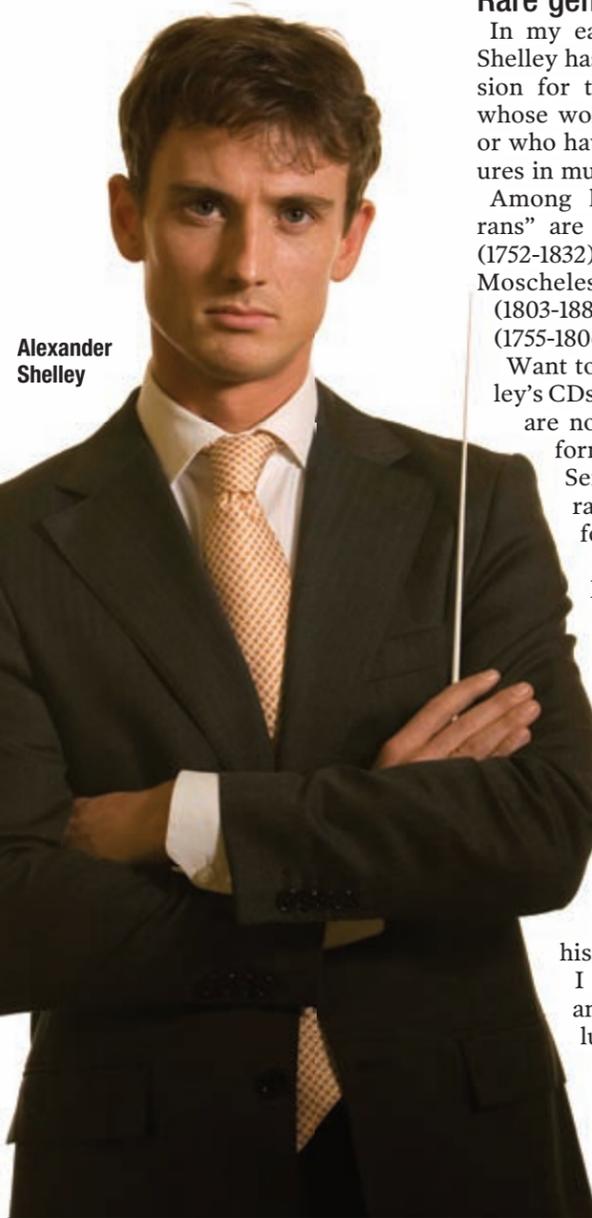
Among his current favorite "also-rans" are Hiller (1811-1885), Clementi (1752-1832), Hummel (1790-1850), Ignaz Moscheles (1794-1870), Henri Herz (1803-1888) and Friedrich Kalkbrenner (1755-1806).

Want to hear them? Check out Shelley's CDs on line or, if time and money are no problem, consider his performance schedule in Tasmania. Seriously. That's where these rare gems are frequently performed or recorded.

"If I begged," I asked finally (and only half-jokingly), "would you and your wife consider an evening of Rachmaninov's duo-piano compositions for the Naples audience?" (If you want to hear something incredible, Barnes and Noble locally should have that CD). "Or even a couple of weeks here, so you could perform all of Rachmaninov's piano concertos plus his duo-piano masterpieces?"

I didn't get a "no" for an answer, so perhaps we'll get lucky.

How good is Howard Shelley? He is the finest pianist I have ever heard perform. As the BBC raves: "Simply electrifying." ■



Alexander Shelley

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WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

This week's theater

■ **Women of Lockerbie** - "The Women of Lockerbie" plays at the Tobye Studio at Sugden Community Theatre through Nov. 22. The Sugden Community Theatre is located at 701 5th Avenue South in downtown Naples. Shows are at 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, Sunday matinees, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults; \$10 for students 18 and younger. For information and tickets, call The Naples Players Box Office at 263-7990 or go to www.naplesplayers.org

■ **Wally's Cafe** - The Marco Players opened the 2008-2009 season with "Wally's Café," which runs through Nov. 23. The three-character comedy is about a New Jersey couple who open a diner in the middle of the desert near Las Vegas. At first their only customer is a foot-sore girl on her way to Hollywood to become a movie star. Watch the restaurateurs become seasoned in the business and see how their first customer fares as she returns through the years. For ticket information, call 642-7270.



John Repa and Wende Gilmore in a scene from "The Taming of the Shrew" in Naples Publick Theatre's free production of "All the World's A Stage."

■ **Shakespeare** - Bring a folding lawn chair and settle in under the stars for The Naples Publick Theatre's free performances of "All the World's A Stage," a selection of scenes from Shakespeare's plays, beginning at 7 p.m. Nov. 25 and 26, and Dec. 1 and 4 at the Norris Center Amphitheatre opposite Naples City Hall (not to be confused with the nearby Cambier Park band shell). Founder-director Donato Colucci, known for his high-concept Shakespeare productions in Boston, promises a surprised-filled evening. For more information, visit www.naplespublicktheatre.com.

■ **White Christmas** - The Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre in Fort Myers presents "Irving Berlin's White Christmas" through Dec. 27. "White Christmas" is based on the movie classic made popular by Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye and Rosemary Clooney. It's 1954 and two army buddies turned show biz partners follow a duo of singing sisters to Vermont where the girls are scheduled to perform over Christmas. The Irving Berlin score includes "Happy Holidays," "Sisters," "Blue Skies," and the title song, "White Christmas." For reservations and show information, visit www.BroadwayPalm.com, call 278-4422 or stop by the box office at 1380 Colonial Blvd.

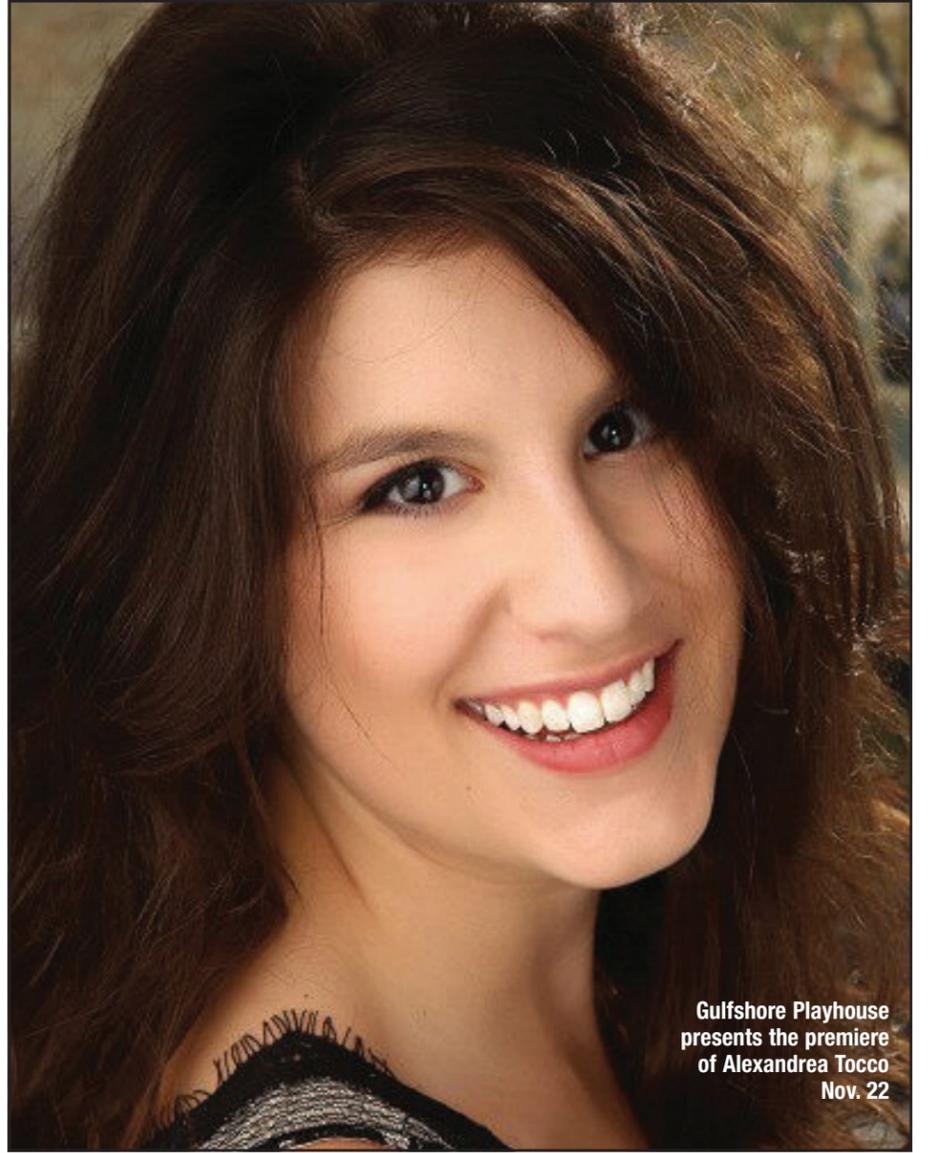
This week's symphony

■ **Fall Music Festival** - Renowned British pianist Howard Shelley joins the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra to present "Shelley Plays Saint-Saëns," the final program in the Fall Music Festival Series, on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 21 and 22 at 8 p.m. at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. Shelley will perform Saint-Saëns most popular piano concerto and conduct the orchestra. Tickets are \$47 for adults and \$22 for students. For more information or to order tickets, contact customer service at 597-1900 or toll-free at (800) 597-1900 or visit www.thephil.org.

■ **Vivaldi's World** - The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra Chamber Ensemble will present "Vivaldi's World," the first concert in the all-new Syper Salon Series, which features early chamber music from the Baroque era to approximately 1850, on Sunday, Nov. 23, at 3 p.m. at the Philharmonic Center. On the program is Vivaldi's best-known composition and one of the pillars of the Baroque repertoire, "The Four Seasons." Tickets are \$32 for adults and \$15 for students. For more information or to order tickets, contact customer service at 597-1900 or toll-free at (800) 597-1900 or visit www.thephil.org

■ **SWF Symphony** - The Southwest Florida Symphony opens its classical season Saturday, Nov. 22, with "Symphony Spectacular," a gala and Little Black Dress & Bow Tie Event, from 6-8 p.m. at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. Maestro Michael Hall will conduct a spectacular classical opening featuring two majestic works: Greig's "Piano Concerto" and Brahms' "Symphony #1." Guest performer will be the newly named winner of the 2008 Gilmore Young Artist Award, pianist Naomi Kudo. Symphony Spectacular gala opening tickets are \$30. On Sunday, Nov. 23, the symphony starts at 2:30 p.m. with the Little Black Dress & Bow Tie Event at 5:30 p.m. Concert and reception tickets are \$50, reception only is \$25. For tickets, contact the box office at 418-1500.

The Southwest Florida Symphony opens its classical season Saturday, Nov. 22.



Gulfshore Playhouse presents the premiere of **Alexandrea Tocco** Nov. 22

Thursday, Nov. 20

■ **Mannheim Steamroller** - Get an early start on your "holiday mood" when Mannheim Steamroller kicks off its Christmas tour at the Philharmonic Center at 8 p.m. Started by former ad man Chip Davis, Mannheim Steamroller's signature sound is where classical and modern-day rock, acoustic and electronic music meet. Celebrate the spirit of the season with the "18th-century rock band" that has become one of the most popular and best-selling acts in the last 30 years. Tickets are \$76. For more information or to order tickets, contact customer service at 597-1900 or toll-free at (800) 597-1900 or visit www.thephil.org.

■ **Downtown Wine Tour** - The Downtown Naples Association Wine Tour is from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Sample wine and hors'd oeuvres at nearly 20 participating restaurants. Call 435-3742.

■ **Naples City Improv** - If you like "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" style of comedy, then join the Pelican Players at 8 p.m. at the Norris Center for Naples City Improv. It's a series of hilarious, fast-paced, unscripted games for the whole family. For information, call 213-3049.

Friday, Nov. 21

■ **Under the Stars** - Opera Naples' new season opens at 8 p.m., with the company's second annual "Opera Stars Under the Stars," at which several world-renowned opera singers will perform a preview of the three full-scale productions on this year's program. The Cambier Park band shell will be the site again this year, in response to enthusiastic patrons who enjoyed the outdoor venue last fall.

■ **von Leibig anniversary** - The 10th anniversary celebration of The von Leibig Art Center begins with a tribute at 4:30 p.m., when past presidents of the Naples Art Association will be joined by major donors who contributed to the building's

construction, representatives from builder Kraft Construction, Mayor Mayor Barnett and other legislators and community leaders. Following the tribute, the public is invited to the NAA's 47th Founders Exhibition and awards presentation from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. As a special treat, Naples Opera is presenting its "Opera Stars Under the Arts" program under the band shell at 8 p.m. For more information, call 262-6517 or visit www.naplesart.org.

■ **Bob Weir & Ratdog** - The Bob Weir & Ratdog Tour 2008 stops at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall at 8 p.m. Tickets are on sale now and available at the box office, by calling 481-4849 or online at www.bbmannpah.com

Saturday, Nov. 22

■ **Art Royale** - The Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myres hosts its premier fundraising event, Art Royale, at 6:30 p.m. Art enthusiasts, thrill seekers and the average curious art lover will experience what participating artists describe as their creative outlet. The key is thinking outside-the-box as local artists team up, in conjunction with the Alliance, to present a campus wide interpretation of this year's theme, Lost in Translation. Purchase tickets in advance or in groups for a discounted price. For tickets, call 939-2787 or visit Art Royale at www.artroyale.org.

■ **Alexandrea Tocco** - Gulfshore Playhouse presents the premiere of "Alexandrea Tocco: On the Way Up," a night of New York-style cabaret, at 7:30 p.m. at the Norris Center in downtown Naples. Audiences will remember Ms. Tocco from her star turn in Gulfshore Playhouse's production of "Romeo and Juliet Redefined," in which she played the fairer half of that titular pairing. "Alexandrea Tocco: On the Way Up" is presented exclusively at the Norris Center. Tickets are \$40 and are available by calling (866) 811-4111 or by visiting www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Upcoming events

■ Musical Comedy Murders

- "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940," comedy by John Bishop and presented by The Naples Players, is on stage Nov. 26 through Dec. 20 at the Sugden Community Theatre in Naples. The hilarious play is not a musical, but a spoof of Hollywood film noir thrillers of the 1940s. Performances are in Blackburn Hall at 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday nights with a special performance at 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, and at 2 p.m. Sundays. There is no performance on Thanksgiving Day. Tickets for the production are \$30 for adults and \$10 for students; call the box office, at 263-7990.

■ Ave Maria Christmas

- To celebrate Christmas, the University and Town of Ave Maria are coming together to create a Christmas display of dazzling proportions. The displays will open Friday, Nov. 28, and a community Celebration of Lights is planned for Friday, Dec. 5, from 5 to 8 p.m. From the main entrance, along Ave Maria Boulevard, throughout the Town Center and University, and into the neighborhoods, Ave Maria will be decked out in Christmas style. The most prominent displays, which include a 45-foot tall Santa, a life-size nativity scene, a 35-foot star, and a Christmas train for children, have been moved to Ave Maria from Michigan, where they had been part of the largest holiday show in the state. That presentation ran for 12 years at Domino's Farms, and was a major fund-raiser for the area.

■ The Nutcracker

- Miami City Ballet and the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, led by Juan Francisco La Manna, will once again present George Balanchine's "The Nutcracker," on Saturday Nov. 29, at 2 and 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 30, at 2 and 7 p.m. at the Philharmonic Center. This delightful holiday season family event features more than 100 dancers, dazzling sets and costumes, brilliant choreography and the famous Tchaikovsky score. Tickets are \$59 for adults and \$25 for students. For more information or to order tickets, contact customer service at 597-1900 or toll-free at (800) 597-1900. Tickets are also available online at www.thephil.org.

■ Fall Art Festival

- The Naples Art Association hosts the Naples Renaissance Fall Art Festival, Nov. 29 and 30 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., on 10th Street South near the Naples Depot with 150 national, regional and local artists.

■ Latin Dance Party

- Champion dancer Alec Lazo, familiar to Philharmonic Center audiences for his performances with the Naples Philharmonic

Orchestra, including Fiesta at the Philharmonic, will lead a new series, Latin Dance Party, as part of the Phil's Life-long Learning arts education classes. This hot class is for upbeat, progressive singles and couples of all ages. Classes will be held in the Daniels Pavilion on Mondays at 7 p.m., on Dec. 1, Jan. 26 and March 9. Tickets for all three classes are \$96 or tickets can be purchased for a single class date for \$32. For more information or to order tickets, contact Customer Service at 597-1900 or toll-free at (800) 597-1900.

■ Dave Koz

- Four of the top names in smooth jazz team up for one delightful holiday concert, "Dave Koz and Friends: A Smooth Jazz Christmas 2008," at the Philharmonic Center on Tuesday, Dec. 2, at 8 p.m. Since his self-titled debut album went to the top of the charts in 1990, saxophonist Dave Koz has been among the world's most sought-after contemporary jazz artists, known for his hip, uniquely infectious instrumental style. Joining him will be Jonathan Butler, Jeff Golub and Keiko Matsui. Tickets to "Dave Koz and Friends: A Smooth Jazz Christmas 2008" are \$69. For more information or to order tickets, contact customer service at 597-1900 or toll-free at (800) 597-1900 or visit www.thephil.org.

■ Christmas Walk

- Fifth Avenue South lights up for the holidays Thursday, Dec. 4, with business open houses and holiday entertainment for the annual Christmas Walk on Fifth Avenue South. Santa and Naples Mayor Bill Barnett will light the 25-foot Christmas tree in Sugden Theater Plaza at 6 p.m. All entertainment stations open at 6:30 p.m.

■ Mystical Mendelssohn

- The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra presents "Mystical Mendelssohn," the second program in the orchestra's Classical Series, led by Music Director Jorge Mester. The concerts take place at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 4, 5 and 6, at 8 p.m. The Conductor's Prelude begins one hour before each concert. On the program: Mendelssohn's Fifth Symphony ("Reformation"), written to mark the 300-year anniversary of Martin Luther's Augsburg Confession, which established the doctrines of Lutheranism. Also featured is Mendelssohn's dazzling Violin Concerto, which blends lyrical intensity and technical innovations. Opening the program will be Hindemith's Suite from the Nobilissima Visione, his ballet on the life of Saint Francis. Tickets to "Mystical Mendelssohn" are \$64 for adults and \$25

for students. For more information or to order tickets, contact customer service at 597-1900 or toll-free at (800) 597-1900 or visit www.thephil.org.

■ Nonsense

- Two-time Emmy and Golden Globe award-winner Sally Struthers, best known for her role in the groundbreaking series "All in the Family," stars in the new production of "Nonsense" at the Philharmonic Center on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 2 and 8 p.m. The Little Sisters of Hoboken discover that their cook, Sister Julia, Child of God, has accidentally poisoned 52 of the sisters and they are in need of funds for the burials. They decide to put on a variety show — and the result is full of delightful comic surprises. Tickets to "Nonsense" are \$55. For more information or to order tickets, contact customer service at 597-1900 or toll-free at (800) 597-1900 or visit www.thephil.org.

■ Christmas parade

- City of Naples Christmas Parade is Tuesday, Dec. 9, from 6 to 9 p.m. The parade route for this festive tradition begins at Third Street South and Broad Avenue and continues north to Fifth Avenue South, ending at Cambier Park.

■ Phoebe Snow

- Phoebe Snow, who has been one of the most distinctive voices in popular music since the release of her self-titled debut album in 1974, will perform at the Philharmonic Center on Thursday, Dec. 11, at 8 p.m. After years of world tours, platinum records, hit songs including "Poetry Man" and "Two-Fisted Love," and a cover of Rolling Stone, Ms. Snow took time off to raise a daughter. Last year, she returned with a drop-dead R&B, soul-infused show featuring a new group and a rich catalogue of songs. Tickets to Phoebe Snow are \$42. For more information or to order tickets, contact customer service at 597-1900 or toll-free at (800) 597-1900 or visit www.thephil.org.

■ Evening on Fifth

- Enjoy and evening of music, shopping and dining on a world class street at Evening on Fifth, Thursday, Dec. 11, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. A tuba band plays Christmas carols in the Sugden Plaza while competing for the "best dressed tuba" award. A variety of live entertainment venues will be along the sidewalks of Fifth Avenue South.

■ Band concert

- The Barron Collier High School Band presents its 20th annual Christmas gift to the community on Friday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m. The band will perform a concert of holiday music at the Cambier Park band shell in

downtown Naples. Santa will be available for a chat with the little ones at 6:30 p.m. Baked goods, hot chocolate and other refreshments will be available for sale by members of the band's parent booster organization. For more information, call 254-0124.

■ Dirty Rotten Scoundrels

- The national tour of the scamming, scheming, double-crossing hit Broadway musical "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" is coming to the Philharmonic Center for the Arts in Naples for two performances on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 12 and 13 at 8 p.m. Based on the popular 1988 MGM film, "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" centers on two con men living on the French Riviera — the suave and sophisticated Lawrence Jameson, who makes his lavish living by talking rich ladies out of their money; and a small-time crook named Freddy Benson, who, more humbly, swindles women by waking their compassion with fabricated stories about his grandmother's failing health. Tickets to "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" are \$59. For more information or to order tickets, contact customer service at 597-1900 or toll-free at (800) 597-1900 or visit www.thephil.org.

■ Boat parade

- The Marine Industries Association of Collier County is hosting its annual Christmas boat parade on Saturday, Dec. 13, beginning at 6 p.m. The public is invited to watch as numerous holiday-clad vessels from throughout Southwest Florida traverse the bay, with all the proceeds raised going to the Ricky King Fund. Businesses and individuals can participate in the event taking place at the City Dock located at 880 12th Ave. S.. Additional viewing locations include Bayview Park, Cove Inn, the Boat House Restaurant, Pincher's Crab Shack, The Dock Restaurant & Riverwalk Restaurant. More details and an entrance form are available at www.miac.org.

■ Holiday Pops

- Back by popular demand. Stuart Malina will lead the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra in "Holiday Pops," a stirring musical celebration of the season, at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts, Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 8 p.m.; Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 18-21, at 8 p.m.; and Saturday, Dec. 20, at 2 p.m. The Philharmonic Center Chorale and Youth Chorale will join the orchestra for these sensational family concerts. Tickets to Holiday Pops are \$47 for adults and \$22 for students. For more information or to order tickets, contact customer service at 597-1900 or toll-free at (800) 597-1900 or visit www.thephil.org.

Ongoing events

■ **Student art** - As is its fall tradition, the Naples Art Association presents an exhibition of works created by students ages 3 to 15 who participated in summer ARTScool classes at The von Liebig Art Center. During ARTScool, students learn about various forms of art, what can be used to create art and about the greatest artists in history. At the end of the session, some of most creative pieces are selected to go on to Naples City Hall. The show runs through Jan. 14 and greets visitors to City Hall at 735 Eighth Street South. To learn more about classes at The von Liebig Art Center, call Abigail Miles, 262-6517, ext. 110, or visit www.naplesart.org.

■ **John Henry** - Internationally acclaimed sculptor John Henry, known

for his sky-high steel sculpture, will kick off his seven-city Florida exhibition, "Drawing in Space: The Peninsula Project," at the Naples Philharmonic Center for the Arts through Feb. 3. Incorporating new works as well as some of his most recognized pieces, the indoor and outdoor exhibition brings together his colorful, monumental works. For more information, visit www.PeninsulaProject.com

■ **NASA Art** - The Art League of Bonita Springs presents "NASA Art: 50 Years of Exploration," a Smithsonian Traveling Exhibition, running through Jan. 24. In 1958, soon after the inception of the U.S. space program, an art program was created dedicated to the accomplishments, setbacks and excitement of space exploration. More than 200 NASA-commissioned artists exper-

rienced a behind-the-scenes look at the agency — the scientists, astronauts, and other personnel who shaped the missions and programs. This fascinating look at our nation's space program will appeal to all ages. Call 495-8989.

■ **Roberto Clemente** - North Collier Regional Park will host "Beyond Baseball: The Life of Roberto Clemente," through Dec. 27. For many baseball fans, Roberto Clemente was simply the greatest Latin American ballplayer ever to step out onto the diamond. A right fielder for the Pittsburgh Pirates (1955-1972), Clemente earned 12 Gold Gloves, appeared in an equal number of All-Star games, won four National League batting titles, and was twice named the league's MVP. Off the field, Roberto Clemente is remembered as a

selfless humanitarian. For more information, please contact the Exhibit Hall at 252-4060 or 252-4024.

■ **Boys of Summer** - North Collier Regional Park showcases rarely published photographs chronicling the "Boys of Summer" as seen through the lens of award-winning Brooklyn Dodgers' photographer Barney Stein. During Stein's 20 years with the Dodgers, he had unequalled access to the Brooklyn "Bums" documenting some of the most memorable moments in baseball history. The 32 black and white images feature Dodger greats Jackie Robinson, Gil Hodges, Ralph Branca, and legendary batboy Charlie DiGiovanna. The "Brooklyn Dodgers Photographs of Barney Stein" exhibit runs through Feb. 1.

ARTS COMMENTARY

In praise of print



The events of the past weeks have been not only historic, but encouraging.

Like thousands of others in Florida, I took advantage of voting early.

I had to wait an hour and a half before I actually had a ballot in hand, but it was well worth the wait.

I would've waited longer, if necessary.

Filing in those little blank ovals almost made me feel as if I were back in school again, taking the SATs or GREs.

Like so many others, I watched the news on Election Day and saw the long lines snaking through neighborhoods. In state after state, there were accounts of waits as long as four or five hours.

It was stunning, how many people came out to vote.

It was also stunning how unprepared we seem for large turnouts. Every year officials bemoan how many registered people don't vote. (Kind of shocking, actually, when you think of how hard women and people of color had to fight to win the right to vote.)

But the truth seems to be that officials really aren't prepared for all Americans to show up to vote.

A number of things stuck me these

past couple weeks, and some of them just nudged the journalist in me. For example, one thing I noticed, watching report after report of people waiting hours to vote: the vast majority of them seemed to be just standing there, doing nothing but waiting on line.

Why weren't more people reading?

They knew they were going to have a long wait. Why didn't more people bring a book with them, a newspaper, a magazine?

Have we become such an aliterate nation that we don't take the opportunity to read when faced with long waits?

Obama's acceptance speech was electrifying, moving. Like many others, I wept upon hearing his stirring words of hope, unification and healing for our country.

I began to wonder if this is a new era for our nation. But not only in all the obvious ways that we hope for: positive change, better relations with other countries, getting our troops out of Iraq.

On one level, it's just great to

hear a president-elect who can put sentences together, who can think on his feet, who can speak with nuance. On another level, I wondered if somehow we can become a nation that will move past sound bites, a nation that will actually sit and listen to speeches 40 minutes long or more. That we'll listen to complex speeches, then discuss them afterwards: their meaning, their ramifications. Even their poetry.

We seem to have elected someone who longs to communicate with us; are we a nation willing to take the time to listen?

Another thing struck me, the day after Election Day: the run on newspapers. The public, who lately has been so diffident to newspapers ("Oh, I get all my news on the Internet"), scooped

them up in astounding numbers, causing them to run out. They even gobbled up copies of Time and Newsweek. Newsstands everywhere experienced shortages.

I know some did it for historic reasons; a friend of mine says she wants to show her young children that when they were young, the United States elected its first black president. ("By then, they'll probably say, 'Yeah? So what's the big deal,'" she hopes.)

Some probably bought them, thinking they'll be worth money. (Of course, if everyone else owns a copy too, then they're not rare at all.)

But as someone who works in the industry, I found it interesting that people still flocked to newspapers.

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And that something was a newspaper. ■



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GIVING

Foundation spotlight focuses on The Conservancy of Southwest Florida

BY MARY ELLEN BARRETT

Vice President of Programs
The Community Foundation of Collier County



In our continuing quest to strengthen the impact of philanthropy on our community, The Community Foundation of Collier County has adopted a strategic direction for grant making in 2009 that will enable us to identify critical needs and mobilize resources to address them. Meanwhile, we are highlighting some of the many agencies the foundation has funded in 2007 and 2008. In part two of this four-part series, we focus on The Conservancy of Southwest Florida.

The Conservancy was founded in 1964 by a small group of concerned citizens fighting to protect the beauty of our region. They came together to defeat a proposed "Road to Nowhere" and spearheaded the acquisition and protection of Rookery Bay. Since then, The Conservancy has grown to be one of Florida's largest and most respected environmental organizations. Its mission is to protect Southwest Florida's unique natural environment and quality of life,

now and forever. The organization envisions a region where our land, water and wildlife are protected, our citizens are informed and our leaders make decisions with the health, wellness and sustainability of our region in mind.

The Conservancy of Southwest Florida is at 1450 Merrihue Drive, just off 14th Avenue North at Goodlette-Frank Road. The 21-acre Conservancy Nature Center offers guided electric boat cruises kayak rentals, walking trails, guided kayak tours, summer camp and daily environmental education activities. It has a Nature Store, a Discovery Center with interactive exhibits, and a Wildlife Rehabilitation Center that treats more than 2,400 injured, orphaned or sick animals per year, about half of which are released back into the wild. For more information about the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, call 262-0304 or visit www.conservancy.org. ■

FOCUS ON FOUNDATION FUNDHOLDERS

The Steinway Piano Society Fund: Established 1997

Dedicated to the advancement of young pianists, The Steinway Piano Society Fund of Southwest Florida was founded in 1997 to stimulate and nourish the musical talent of young people and to enhance the arts in our community.

The society hosts an annual piano competition for pianists between the ages of 6 and 18. Last year the society awarded more than \$11,000 to the winners of the Florida Gulf Coast University/Steinway Piano Competition. A renewable scholarship was also awarded to an FGCU piano performance major.

The Steinway Piano Bank is another way the society supports young pianists in their journey to enhance their musical skills. Through this program, qualified students receive funding for lessons, the loan of a piano or both. The society works closely with the Community Foundation to administer the Piano Bank Fund. The foundation receives and reviews applications from students, then through committee deliberation decides whether the applicant is eligible for a scholarship. The foundation then notifies the Steinway Piano Society to make a recommendation to award lessons, a piano or both to the selected students. The foundation also handles monthly correspondence and payments to the piano teachers who work with Piano



Greg Billings of the Steinway Piano Society with the Laventure family and their piano teacher, Marion Weaver.

Bank recipients.

For more information about the Steinway Piano Society or the Piano Bank, call Jennifer Fey at 498-9884 or go to www.steinwaypianogallery.net. ■

With assets of more than \$61 million, the Community Foundation of Collier County manages more than 400 funds established by charitable individuals and organizations. Investment earnings on these funds are used to address community needs. Since 1985 the foundation has granted \$30 million back to our community. For more information, call 649-5000 or visit www.cfcollier.org.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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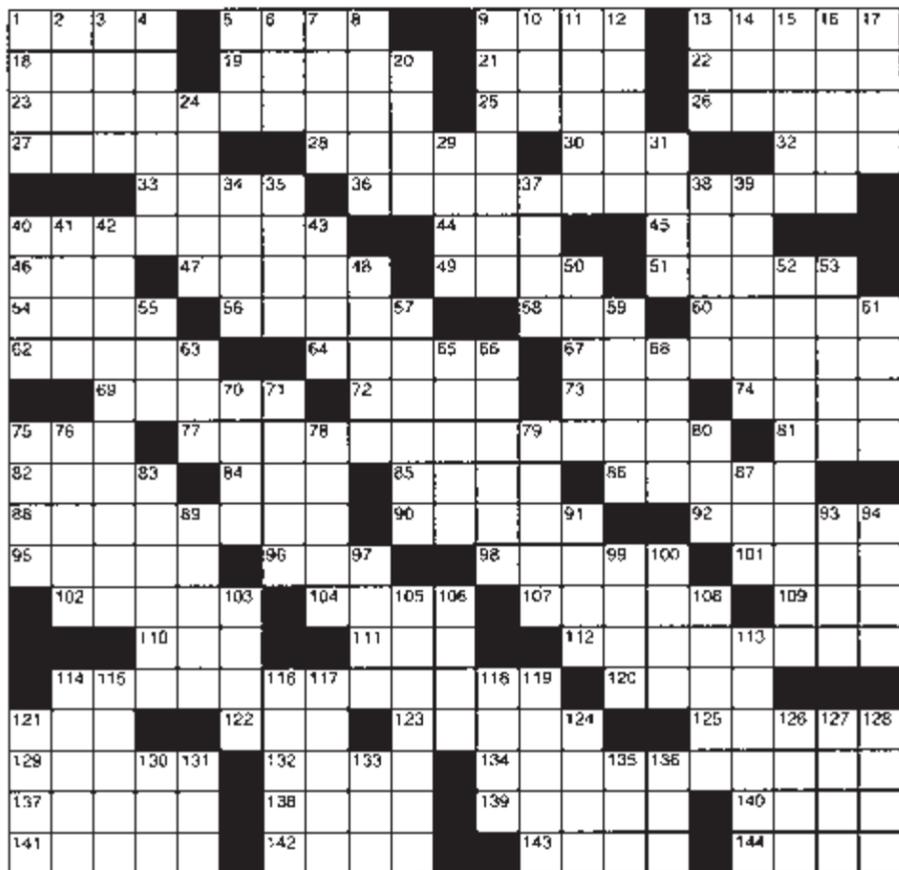
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- Twilight: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 4:55
- Evening: Saturday 6:45



FLORIDA WEEKLY PUZZLES

CROSSWORD

ONCE IS ENOUGH



- ACROSS**
- 1 Not quite closed
 - 5 "Song of the South" title
 - 9 Perched on
 - 13 Tom of "Baretta"
 - 16 — Linda, CA
 - 19 Snorkel and straw
 - 21 Capital of American Samoa?
 - 22 — Lama
 - 23 "The Flintstones" kid?
 - 25 Word on a door
 - 26 Dumbstruck
 - 27 Hacienda material
 - 28 New Archangel, now
 - 30 Devour
 - 32 Summer shade
 - 33 "The — Hurrah" ('58 film)
 - 36 Golfing legend?
 - 40 Crestfallen
 - 44 Volleyball divider
 - 45 Bar supply
 - 46 — Jima
 - 47 Bittern lun
 - 49 Limber with language
 - 51 Dislodge
 - 54 Enormous
 - 56 Mideastern pockets
 - 58 Sea plea
 - 60 Cultural character
 - 62 Composer Bruckner
 - 64 Lloyd Webber musical
 - 67 Leslie Charteris creation
 - 69 Overflowing
 - 72 — impasse
 - 73 Toody or Muldoon
 - 74 Eye problem
 - 75 NYC division
 - 77 Robert Conrad series?
 - 81 Flat hal
 - 82 Broccoli —
 - 84 Nutritional abbr.
 - 85 Tabriz currency
 - 86 Sordid
 - 88 South American capital
 - 90 Subway lealure
 - 92 22 Across' home
 - 95 Proclama-tions
 - 96 "Platoon" setting
 - 98 — garde
 - 101 Stromboli spew
 - 102 Gown part
 - 104 Temporary calm
 - 107 Girl George?
 - 109 Tuck's mate
 - 110 Dovacoto sound
 - 111 "— Rina" ('42 film)
 - 112 Coniend
 - 114 Eddie Cantor song?
 - 120 Pay to play
 - 121 TV's "People — Funny"
 - 122 Pair
 - 123 Harden
 - 125 Brando's birthplace
 - 129 "Gladiator" extra
 - 132 Southern st.
 - 134 NY correctional facility?
 - 137 "The Jungle Book" character
 - 138 Martin Balsam film?
 - 139 Passover mea
 - 140 Pkg. abbr
 - 141 Stephen Vincent —
 - 142 Cruise
 - 143 Major —
 - 144 Kansas city
- DOWN**
- 1 Jessica of "Dark Angel"
 - 2 "The Grapes of Wrath" surname
 - 3 Snowballs, sometimes
 - 4 Wander
 - 5 A/C measure
 - 6 Massage
 - 7 Peters out
 - 8 Antique
 - 9 Garments
 - 10 Homeric character
 - 11 Looked like Lothario?
 - 12 — bear
 - 13 Author LeShan
 - 14 Greyhound's greeting
 - 15 Make merry
 - 16 South American capital
 - 17 Jennifer of "Star Trek: Voyager"
 - 20 Son of Adam
 - 24 Attain
 - 25 Sergeant Preston's dog
 - 31 Buster Brown's dog
 - 34 Tread
 - 35 Actress Hatcher
 - 37 Singer Redding
 - 38 Donates
 - 39 Legendary Colt Johnny
 - 40 Callas or Caballe
 - 41 Actor McGregor
 - 42 Olympic skater?
 - 43 Act like grandma
 - 48 Maritime
 - 50 Mess (up)
 - 52 Dick Van Dyke film?
 - 53 Mrs. Zhivago
 - 55 Haul a heap
 - 57 Lucknow lutes
 - 59 Solo mates?
 - 61 Petunia part
 - 63 Apprehend
 - 65 Impired
 - 66 Turkish city
 - 68 Duel tool
 - 70 Darjeeling dress
 - 71 Wore
 - 75 Pitt of "The Mexican"
 - 76 Desert refuge
 - 78 Trite
 - 79 "Gladiator" extra
 - 80 Boone or Benatar
 - 83 Lure
 - 87 Part of MP
 - 89 Chocolate substitute
 - 91 Damon and Pythias
 - 93 Wicked
 - 94 Use the VCR
 - 97 Darkness
 - 99 Talbot or Naldi
 - 100 Flipped
 - 103 Spilled the beans
 - 105 Progressive
 - 106 Meat cut
 - 108 Teach on the side
 - 113 Sign of spring
 - 114 Shattered
 - 115 Neighbor of Oman
 - 116 Bee and Em
 - 117 Apras-ski quaff
 - 118 Entertainer Tambiyn
 - 119 Like a raisin
 - 121 Spirited sleed
 - 124 Word form for "within"
 - 125 About
 - 127 Salute the moon?
 - 128 Cultural grp.
 - 130 Pub order
 - 131 Basketball's Holman
 - 133 "Exodus" protagonist
 - 135 Tiffany treasure
 - 136 Paid player

SEE ANSWERS, C9

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HOROSCOPES

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Before you point fingers at who might be to blame for the unexpected change in your plans, take a few moments to reflect on how this turn of events might be a blessing in disguise.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** You seek out advice in the first part of the week. But be careful not to let counsel from others overshadow your own sense of perception. Things become clearer by the week's end.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** The trusted colleagues you relied on earlier continue to offer support with your project. But you take more control, and by the week's end, you should be in full command.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Rely on your practical side while exploring investment possibilities. Caution is still your watchword in these matters. Your social life takes a gratifying turn by the week's end.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** An already confusing situation appears to grow murkier during the first part of the week. But it all starts to clear by the week's end. Plan to spend the weekend with someone special.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Keep your feelings to yourself as you work through an awkward circumstance. Complaining is useless, and also unwise since your words could come back to haunt you.

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** A sudden flash of Bovine practicality

shows you how you might be able to turn your artistic pursuits into a profitable venture. A spouse or partner offers some sage advice.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Be prepared with several "Plan Bs" that you might have to use as backups just in case you encounter some troublesome complications with your carefully constructed schedule.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** You might think you'll never have a free moment again with the demands of the workplace piling on. Cheer up. The pressure eases as holiday time nears. An old friend brings good news.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Your Leonine pride might make it difficult to offer an apology to a co-worker you unintentionally offended. But a quick and sincere "I'm sorry" could prevent problems down the line.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** This is a good time to tackle those backed-up chores that have kept you from moving into other and potentially more worthwhile projects. A personal matter needs your attention.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** You usually have no problem rushing to the defense of someone you perceive as being treated unjustly. But perceptions could be deceiving this week. Check the facts before you act.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a passion for life that inspires others to follow your example. You could be a motivational speaker.

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SUDOKU

By Linda Thistle

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COUCH THEATER

[DVD PREVIEWS & RELEASES]

PICK OF THE WEEK

► **“Hancock”** - Will Smith stars as Hancock, a superhero with amazing powers who's also a drunk and a jerk. After saving the life of a public-relations guy named Ray (Jason Bateman), Hancock allows the guy to help him with his image. Hilarity ensues — for a while. Then the film takes a weird direction with an odd subplot about amnesia and immortality and gods. “Hancock” isn't a horrible movie, and it's not super-great, either. But it's good enough to make it the movie pick of this week. The film is being released in both theatrical and unrated editions.



Will Smith stars as Hancock

Greatest Gift of All - This is the DVD release of Colbert's one-hour Comedy Central holiday special featuring musical guests John Legend, Elvis Costello, Toby Keith, Willie Nelson and Feist. John Stewart makes an appearance to sing a duet with Colbert — an original song entitled “Hanukah.”

► **“George Carlin: It's Bad For Ya”** - This is the late George Carlin's final HBO performance. Although this isn't George's best show, it is certainly his best set this decade. Special features include his 1969 appearance on “The Jackie Gleason Show” and selections from his 2007 three-hour interview for the Archive of American Television.

ALSO THIS WEEK

► **“Pink Panther Ultimate Collection”** - Wow. This is one of the biggest box set collections I've seen: 18 discs. The first nine discs have nine of the 10 feature films (“Return of the Pink Panther” isn't included because MGM doesn't own the rights); the remaining nine discs have all the Pink Panther and Inspector Clouseau cartoons (more than 190).

COMEDY

► **“A Colbert Christmas: The**

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'I See' exhibition opens at Six Degrees

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Six Degrees Exhibitions, a new gallery at Tin City, celebrates its grand opening with "I See," a solo exhibition by Trinh Mai. The public is invited to meet the artist at a reception from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22.

Ms. Mai describes her work as "intuitive dialogue... a visual description of emotion, narrative, and concept, with every mark responding to the previous mark, whether expressed in color, form, line, space, gesture or movement."

The artist was born in Harrisburg, Pa., in 1978, three years after her family fled Vietnam during the fall of Saigon. In 1979, the family relocated to the San Francisco Bay area, settling in San Jose, Calif. Ms. Mai graduated from the School of Art and Design at San Jose State University with a bachelor of fine arts degree in 2004. She also attended the School of Art and Architecture at the University of California Los Angeles, where she further explored her passion in painting.



We Find Strength - Oil, latex, and joss paper on canvas, 60 x 48"

Ms. Mai has been involved in supporting the fight against human trafficking in Southeast Asia, donating works to the Friends of Hue Foundation and the Creating Opportunities in Vietnam Foundation, which she sees as stepping stone to the direct involvement she hopes to realize in the years to come.

In May 2007, she and her husband moved to Naples, where she paints in her home studio.

"I See" will remain on display at Six Degrees Exhibitions through Dec. 2. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The gallery is at 1100 Sixth Ave. S., on the dockside boardwalk at Tin City. Call 331-2678. ■



Even In Darkness - Oil, latex, and joss paper on canvas, 60 x 72"



Red Butterfly - Jo-Ann Lizio

Osborn.Lizio Contemporary Gallery showcases regional artists at Bayfront

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Bayfront's newest art space, Osborn.Lizio Contemporary Gallery, celebrates its grand opening from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20.

Owners/artists Joan Osborn-Dunkle and Jo-Ann Lizio established the gallery, part of Bayfront Fine Arts LLC, to showcase their works and those of other regional artists, including Sue Boydston, Wendell H. Brown, A.J. Catalano, Mary Crawford, Shirley Kelley, Andi McCarter, Kim Marhoefer, Kitrick Short and Gareth Rockliffe. Also for the month of November, the works of Ursula Cappelletti, Janis Fey Siegel and Buck Fabio are on exhibit.

Bayfront Fine Arts was formed to encourage an understanding of the arts in order to foster future collectors. In addition to Osborn.Lizio Contemporary Gallery, the LLC includes Atelier Lizio Naples and The Printmakers Guild. Together they offer mentoring programs and courses to instruct and promote the arts and contemporary, Florida-based artists.

"By putting them all together in one space, we can accomplish our educational objectives and exhibit the works of incredibly gifted artists," Ms. Lizio says. "When you come into the gallery, it doesn't have to be as only an observer. You can participate and be interactive with the art through our programs and instructional opportunities."

Atelier Lizio Naples is a relaxed environment in which beginning and advanced art students can work and learn under the direction of Ms. Lizio. For more information about classes, visit www.atelierlizio.com.

The Printmakers Guild offers instruction and use of a press for collograph prints, mono prints, linoleum and wood block prints, engravings, dry point and more. Information about workshops and press rates is available at the gallery.

The grand opening reception is open to the public, free of charge. Gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, 1-8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and by appointment Sunday and Monday. For more information, call 513-2796. ■



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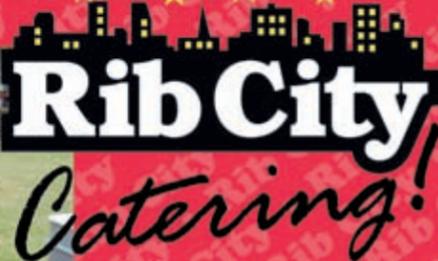
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'Musical Comedy Murders' spoofs mystery film thrillers of the '40s

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Was it the German maid? The Irish tenor? Or the Brooklyn comic?

Find out whodunit at The Naples Players' production of "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940," a comic romp by John Bishop. Performances begin Wednesday, Nov. 26, in Blackburn Hall at the Sugden Community Theatre.

Despite its name, "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940" is not a musical, but a hilarious spoof of the mystery film thrillers of the 1940s. The screwball comedy takes place at the snowed-in estate of a wealthy theatrical "angel," where the creative team of a Broadway flop has assembled to audition its newest production. But it seems that the Stage Door Slasher, who's already murdered three showgirls, might also be in their midst and ready to strike again...

Slapstick, mayhem — and even a little romance — ensue, as the oddball assortment of characters all try to find out who's who, and who's the real killer.

Will Nikki, the pretty ingénue, be able to fend off Ken, the lecherous director?

Will Eddie, the comic from Brooklyn, win Nikki's affections?

Will Bernice, the lyricist, and Roger, the composer, be able to finish their show before Bernice becomes totally soused?

Will Detective Kelly unmask the Back Door Slasher?

And where is Helsa, the mysterious German maid?



"The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940," a comedy by John Bishop presented by The Naples Players, is on stage Nov. 26 through Dec. 20 at the Sugden Community Theatre in Naples. The hilarious play is not a musical, but a spoof of Hollywood film noir thrillers of the 1940s. Pictured are Lucy Harris and Brad Goetz, in a lighthearted deadly moment.

Complete with sliding panels, secret passageways, slamming doors and mistaken identities, the merry hijinks of "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940" guarantee an evening of surprises and lighthearted fun.

The show begins Wednesday, Nov. 26, with a champagne reception and runs until Saturday, Dec. 20. Performances are at 8 p.m. Wednes-

day through Saturday and on Sunday, Nov. 30 (no performance on Thanksgiving, Nov. 27). Sunday matinees begin at 2 p.m.

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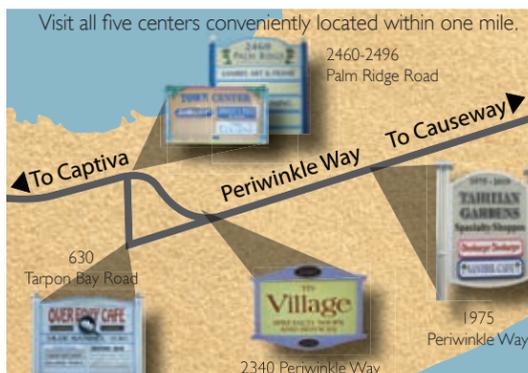
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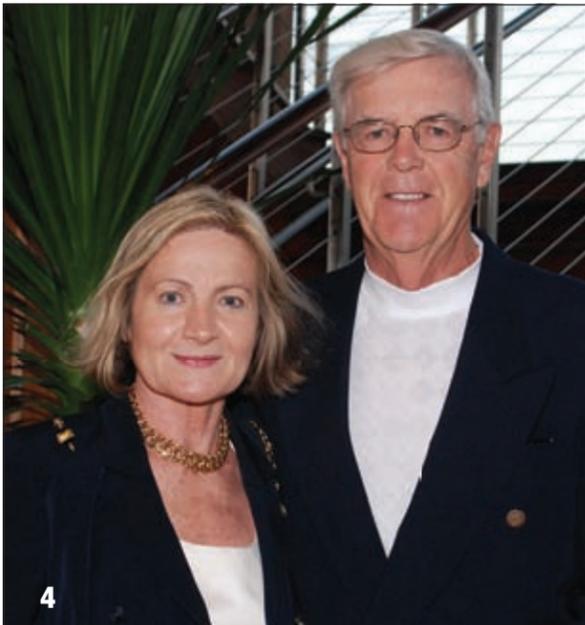
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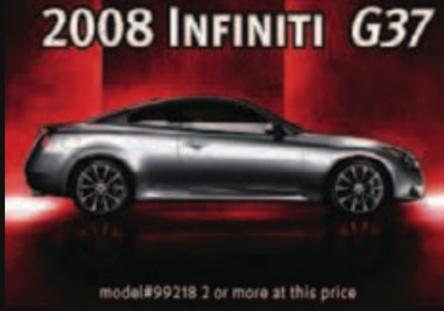


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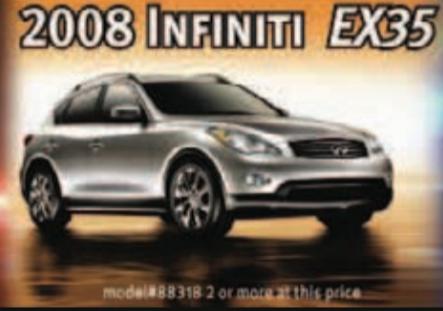
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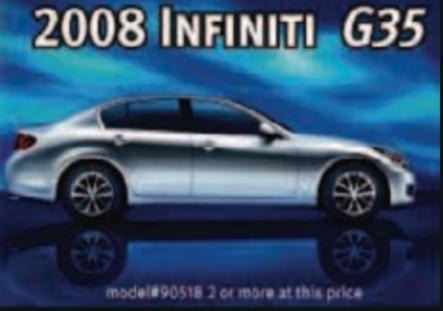
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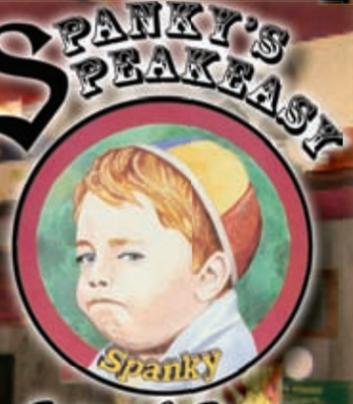
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Feast on cornucopia of wines on multi-faceted holiday

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There's no agonizing over what to eat on Thanksgiving, but selecting wines is a different matter.

There's preparing the feast, watching the Macy's parade, then some football and finally consuming the meal itself. Each activity calls for its own special wine.

Wine lover Marshall Hanno of Bonita Springs starts the day with a sparkler.

"I am the cook in the family now that my son left for culinary school," he says. "We start preparing food at 10 a.m. and open some champagne. I like the Roederer Estate from California because it is inexpensive, available everywhere and always good."

Frank Pulice of Austin's Wine Cellar in Fort Myers has a similar philosophy.

"I like to start with a wine with bright light flavors," he says. "This day is intended to be bright. I especially like the Rieffel Cremant d'Alsace sparkling wine."

Moving into the early afternoon, wine devotee Jerry Greenfield of Fort Myers favors a New Zealand sauvignon blanc.

"There are tons of great wines available that are perfect for watching football early in the day," he says. "I like the Kim Crawford and the Nobilo Icon brands of New Zealand sauvignon blanc."

Angelo Fantozzi of Haskell's The Wine People in Naples turns to white burgundy for its crisp flavors.

"The Domaine Leflaive Mâcon Verzé is a 100 percent chardonnay with a wonderful clean taste and a nice lingering finish," he says. He also likes the Lange Estate Winery Pinot Gris from Oregon for its "nice crisp balance with complexity and a clean finish. That's something you want before the meal."

When it's time for turkey, Mr. Hanno says, "I like drinking a zinfandel or a cabernet sauvignon with Thanksgiving dinner because the flavors are rich and diverse."

Partial to zinfandel from Ridge and Rosenblum in California, he also has Bordeaux tucked away, including some from the 2000 vintage that's just now ready to drink. "We might pop the cork on 1999 Chateau Lynch Bages, or the 2000 Chateau Grand Pontet or Chateau Les Ormes de Pez," he says.

It's always good to have options.

For Mr. Greenfield, "pinot noir is a good go-with-just-about-anything wine," he says. A favorite is Domaine Serene from Oregon.

He's not alone in that thinking. Mr. Pulice says a pinot noir from France or Oregon has earthy flavors, which he likes "because the potatoes are roots with earthy flavors, and the turkey runs around in the field and picks up earthy notes. I like the Domaine Lucien Boillot Bourgogne from France."

He also suggests King Estate Pinot Noir from Oregon because "they practice sustainable farming methods and the vineyards are certified organic. This one has a delicious fruitiness with underlying background of earthiness."

For something different that complements the meal's diverse flavors, Mr. Fantozzi likes Whispering Angel, a rose by Domaines Sacha Lichine. "This wine is made from 100 percent grenache



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Angelo Fantozzi and Chateau D'Yquem at Haskell's.

grape, has a nice aroma and is very pleasant in the mouth," he says. "It is light and crisp with a lingering finish and is a delightful wine for about \$20 per bottle."

Dessert options are many.

Mr. Hanno likes port with Roquefort cheese. In his cellar he keeps Taylor-Fladgate, Fonseca and Croft.

Mr. Pulice favors moscato, specifically Dindarello Moscato del Veneto. "What I like is the hazelnut almond flavor mingled with pear and peach," he says.

Torlasco Moscato d'Asti is good for dessert as well, says Mr. Fantozzi. "It produces a sweet taste with a slight spritz to it and will go with any type of dessert."

And, he says, "don't neglect a great wine like Chateau d'Yquem" from the Sauternes district, which pairs magnificently with cheese and fruit.

With a selection like that, it would be hard to have a less than enjoyable Thanksgiving Day. ■

Wine picks of the week

Wine Spectator just released the Top 100 Wines for 2008. The full list is available on the Web site — www.winespectator.com — and in the magazine's Dec. 1 issue. Here are the top 10:

- >> **Casa Lapostolle Clos Apalta Colchagua Valley 2005:** 96 points, an outstanding wine with complex bouquet and flavors. About \$75.
- >> **Château Rauzan-Ségla Margaux 2005:** 97 points, a top quality wine produced from the legendary 2005 vintage in Bordeaux. About \$100.
- >> **Quinta do Crasto Douro Reserva Old Vines 2005:** 95 points, a red table wine from the Douro Valley in Portugal, the traditional port district. About \$40.
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Robust Naples Tomato shows no signs of withering on the vine

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Sure, we all know times are tough, people have less disposable income and so they are dining out less often and less lavishly. While all that may be true, there was no sign of economic hard times last weekend at the jam-packed Naples Tomato.

Granted, it was a Saturday night, but it isn't tourist season yet, and both the dining room and the bar teemed with well-heeled customers who did not appear to be scrimping on either food or drink.

With its fresh American Neapolitan menu and extensive wine list, Naples Tomato provides ample return on its customers' investments. The pasta is house-made and the ever-present tomatoes primarily hail from Naples: fresh ones from the local farms and the San Marzano canned variety from Naples, Italy.

I was happy I'd made a reservation when I overheard the hostess tell the party that arrived just ahead of us that every table was spoken for until 8:30 p.m. - 2½ hours later. She ushered us to a cozy table for two in the smaller of two dining rooms. Had it been a cooler night, the little gas fireplace imbedded in the wall next to the table would no doubt have been operating.

The dining room is a muted affair, its walls a light mustard color, the stone tile floors a grayish-beige, with but a few framed prints on the walls and an oasis of palms and potted plants in the room's center. With white linens on the table, the bulk of the color came from the food.

From a menu of 19 wines available by the glass, we were pleased with our selections: a berry-filled Swanson merlot and plush Billi Billi shiraz. (There are more wines offered by the glass in the bar area, via machines that dispense wines by the ounce. Customers buy debit cards with which to access them.) For those looking for a choice bottle of wine, the options here are ample.

Warm Italian bread, olive oil and tapenade took the edge off of our hunger, but



◀ Rainbow trout with mussels in a tomato broth makes for a lovely presentation.

▶ The Real Deal Crab Cake is aptly named, with its bounty of lump crabmeat dressed with just a bit of remoulade and papaya-lychee salsa.



we didn't have to wait long for sustenance as our first course arrived in relatively short order.

The Real Deal Crab Cake is aptly named. It contains virtually nothing but lump crabmeat, sweet and delectable without fillers and extraneous seasonings. It was deftly coated with a light breading, pan-fried to a perfect golden hue then set in a small pool of remoulade and finished with a dollop of papaya-lychee salsa. The menu indicated the remoulade would be spicy, but it and the salsa were quite mild. Although this was an excellent crab cake, a little spice in the sauces would have made it better still.

The *pane cotto* is a simple and traditional dish: escarole, white beans, a little bread and Parmesan cheese baked into a



The Chocoholic features a round chocolate cake, rich chocolate sauce and ice cream.

savory casserole. Perfectly done, it served as a delicious start to the meal.

You don't see rainbow trout on local menus terribly often, so we seized the opportunity. A dish called Over the Rainbow consisted of poached rainbow trout and mussels in tomato brodo, served over

roasted potatoes, braised baby fennel, leeks and caramelized onions. The description promised a symphony of flavors and textures and the plate set upon our table was indeed artistically rendered. But the kitchen had used a restrained hand when it came to the seasonings, and the dish proved disappointingly bland. Salt and pepper from two substantive grinders on the table helped, but didn't solve the problem.

The pasta sampler was outstanding. It contained three of the restaurant's signature dishes: Black Tie, raviolini in Bolognese sauce; lasagna; and a shrimp and vegetable mixture over angel-hair pasta. Plated together, the three dishes looked lovely and proved to be as flavorful as they were visually appealing. The tiny pasta pillows had a truffle stuffing and were topped with a robust tomato sauce studded with ground beef. The lasagna was indeed the classic variety, as promised, full of meat, cheese and traditional seasonings. My favorite was the shrimp dish, with two big sweet shrimp atop fresh asparagus, peas, tomatoes and roasted garlic in a light sauce atop excellent angel-hair pasta.

We shared the well-named Chocoholic — warm chocolate cake that was light and just sweet enough, topped with an equally rich but restrained chocolate sauce and a mound of ice cream. It was excellent and paired well with the red wines we'd been sipping.

By the time dessert arrived, the dining room was packed. There's little to absorb sound in the dining rooms and, as a result, the volume was high — too high for our

tastes, although restaurateurs tell me many people like the energy that comes with the noise.

We were ready to surrender our table to the next hungry couple. We made our way through the couch-filled lounge and a standing-room-only crowd at the front door, sated and thankful we'd dined unfashionably early. ■

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* **Saturday, Nov. 22, 2-5 p.m., Wynn's Market:** Chef/Owner Alexander Bernard of Alexander's Restaurant conducts cooking demonstrations and a book signing, 141 Ninth St. N.; 262-4999.

* **Saturday, Nov. 22, 7-9 p.m., Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center:** A five-course wine dinner by Chef Kristina San Filippo with wines by Frank Pulice of Austin's Wine Cellar, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 390-2222.

* **Monday, Nov. 24, 6-8 p.m., Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center:** Cooking class with recipes for tradi-

tional Thanksgiving holiday recipes, \$45, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 390-2222.

* **Monday, Nov. 24, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Haskell's The Wine People:** Cooking class featuring regional Italian dishes by Chef Vincenzo Betulia, \$85, 2021 Pine Ridge Road; 254-1120.

* **Wednesday, Nov. 26, noon-2 p.m., Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center:** Holiday baking class with recipes for sweet treats for holiday get-togethers and gift giving, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 390-2222.

* **Monday, Dec. 1, 6-8 p.m., Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center:** Seafood cooking class featuring recipes for ocean wild and ecologically farm-raised seafood, \$45, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 390-2222.

* **Tuesday, Dec. 2, 6:30-8 p.m., Artichoke & Company:** Holiday cham-

pagne and wine tasting, \$28, in The Village on Venetian Bay, 4370 Gulf Shore Blvd. N.; 263-6979.

* **Thursday, Dec. 4, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Haskell's The Wine People:** Cooking class featuring Chef Ross Peterson with Florida seafood recipes, \$85, 2021 Pine Ridge Road; 254-1120.

* **Thursday, Dec. 4, noon-2 p.m., Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center:** Cooking class featuring organic micro greens and herbs. Farmer Ken Ryan of Herban Gardens discusses the rules, regulations and realities of organic food, while Chef Kristina San Filippo shares recipes, \$45, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 390-2222.

* **Friday, Dec. 5, 5:30-7 p.m., Tony's off Third:** Champagne alternatives wine tasting featuring sparklers from Spain, Italy, California, Argentina, Germany, France, \$20 (includes \$10 coupon for a featured wine purchase or

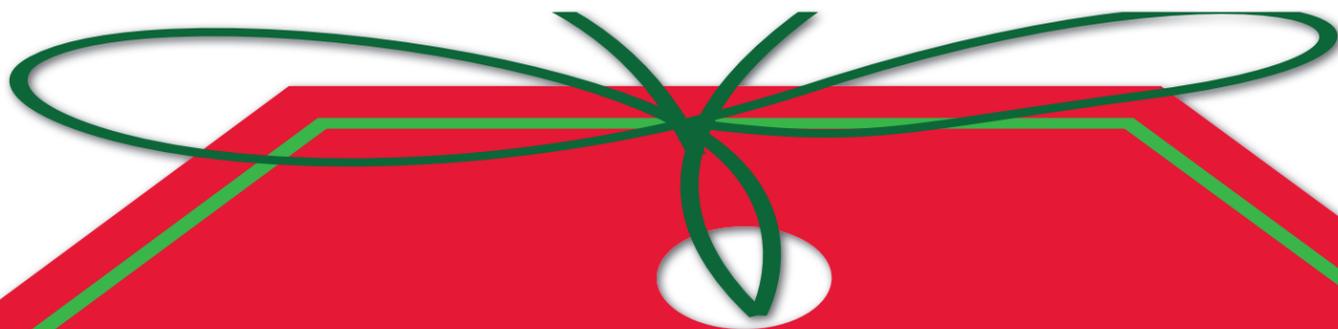
dinner that evening at Ridgway Grill), 1300 Third St. S.; 262-7999 or sukieh@tonysoffthird.com.

* **Friday, Dec. 5, 7-9 p.m., Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center:** Wine dinner featuring South African wines presented by Linda Bragaw, who represents importer Terry Seitz, and a five-course dinner by Chef Kritsina San Filippo, \$95, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 390-2222.

* **Saturday, Dec. 6: 2-5 p.m., Wynn's Market:** Chef/owner Alexander Bernard of Alexander's Restaurant holds cooking demonstrations and a book signing, 141 Ninth St. N.; 262-4999.

* **Friday, Dec. 12, noon-2 p.m., Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center:** Perfect pasta cooking class, \$45, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 390-2222.

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