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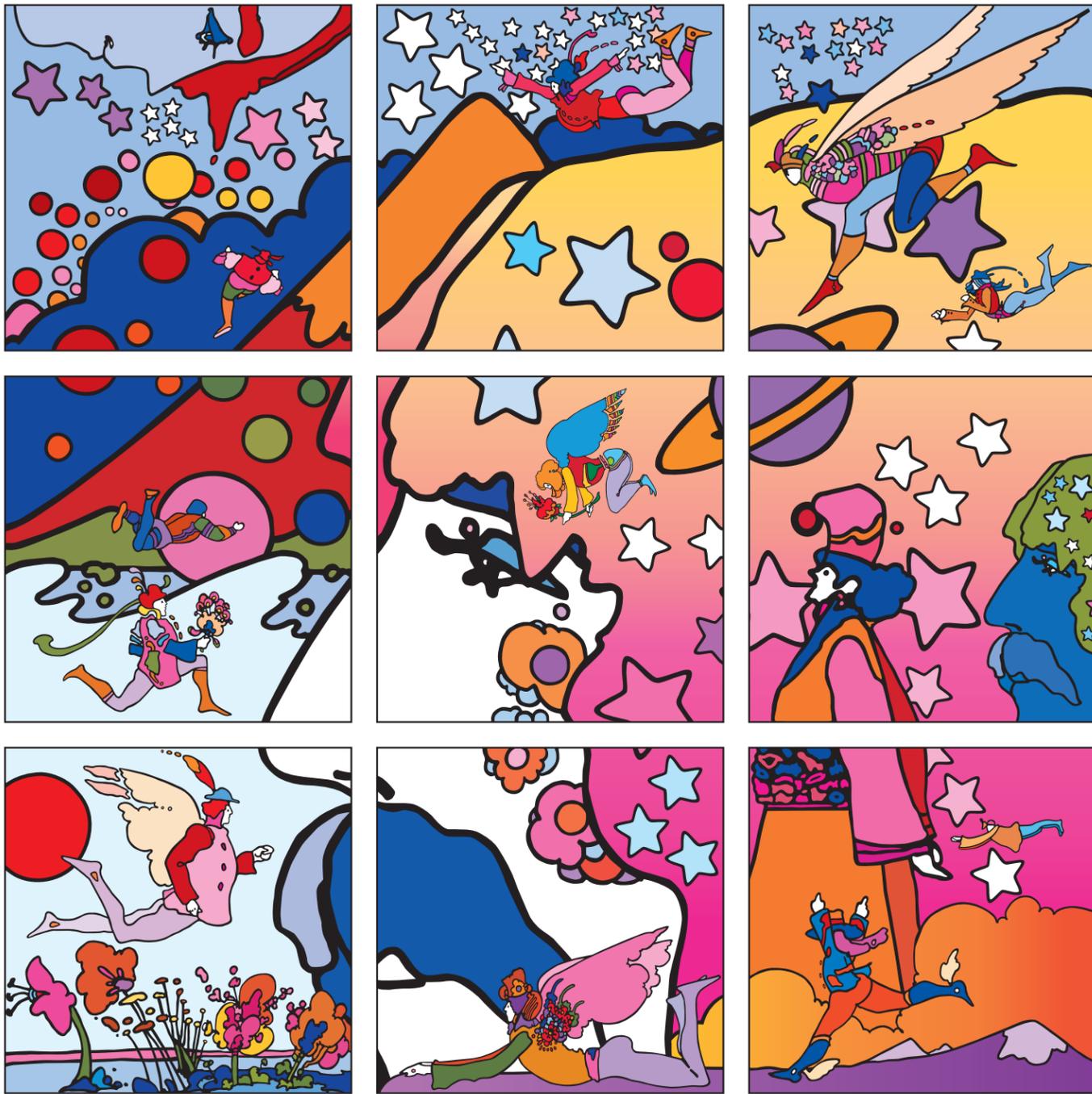
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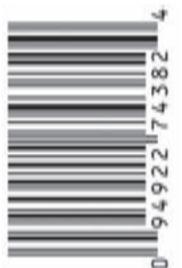
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COMMENTARY

# The pink cotton-candy football



There's nothing like Naples. But let me tell you what I think Naples is like, anyway: It's like a *crème moussée au chocolat* smacked down in the middle of a boot-camp chow line. It's like a football made of — not pigskin — pink cotton candy. It's like the grand house I saw in London once just off of Kensington High Street, where the door opened and a woman in a long dress appeared wearing a maid's cap and sweeping, like something out of "Mary Poppins."

Naples is like any other place that makes you ask, "What planet did I land on?"

My notion was confirmed during the Super Bowl. There in prime time, amidst the astronomically expensive advertisements for Bud Light and Pepsi and Hyundai and Audi and Castrol and Monster.com (inviting you to look for a new job) was an ad for a Naples waterfront condo complex or beachfront resort. Or maybe it was just a waterfront hotel.

The imagery in the ad suggested it was a hotel, all right — one that charged rich people by the hour, a sort of high-end house of the rising sun, perhaps. Only in this case, it would have been a house of the setting sun.

Here we are in a recession, surrounded by masses of the unemployed and newly poor. Here we are listening to the sound-

track of American greed every single morning, when news reports reveal that the high-flying bankers and corporate types who helped get us into this mess continue to insist on big bonuses likely to come out of taxpayers' pockets this year.

And here, suddenly, was an ad that unapologetically championed oblivious self-indulgence. I wanted to jump up and shout, "RIGHT ON, BROTHER, LET'S ROCK 'N' ROLL!"

That language would not have been appropriate — these are \$50-per-glass wine drinkers. But the instinct fit nicely because the message was clear: If you're rich and beautiful, reject compassionate awareness and indulge yourself — and to hell with the rest of the world.

Why is that inclination so appealing? I don't know, and I'm not going to figure it out today. I'm too busy planning my next indulgence.

Here's what seemed to be happening in the ad: A perfectly coiffed, faultlessly fit couple of aging baby boomers have spent significant money working on their appearances at spas and gyms — he's silver haired and manly, she's blonde and smiling like a piano keyboard without the flats and sharps. They're sitting somewhere, maybe a big city, and they're about to go have sex.

She leans toward him and says with a throaty, unmistakable purr, "Let's do it."

And boy do they do it. Next we see a luxury car worth more than the average house racing toward a compelling destination. That's followed by a private jet worth more than the average annual

budget of, say, Marco Island, slipping through clouds. Then there's a round of eating and drinking while lights glitter and grinning servers await the couple's every whimsy and wish. Finally, we get the beach scene.

There, the sand is almost as white as her dental embellishment, the water is almost as blue as the light in the Hope diamond, and these words silently appear on the screen: "3 p.m., 85 degrees."

She's lying perpendicular to him in a form-fitting one-piece, pillowing her head on his firm, flat belly while he surveys the world beyond, king of the courtesans, perhaps.

She turns her head and says, "I just love it here."

Where, exactly? La-La Land?

No, Naples, and specifically there in that multi-storied confection rising above the sand and surf, the last thing we see in the Naples ad.

Well, I love it there, too, sweetheart, I swear I do. And I love my Bentley and my lodge in Aspen and the little place we bought on the Upper East Side with the bonus I got last year, and our chef and our trainer and our pilot. I call him Big Mac, and I really love him, the way he fills the cockpit when we fly... well, I don't LOVE love him, I just love him, if you know what I mean, because I'm a man, that's spelled M-A... no it's not, it's spelled R-I-C-H, OK, honeybuns?

Meanwhile, back at the Super Bowl, Hyundai was passing off its cars as recession-proof hot-mobiles for smart pragmatists, to the music of Smashing Pumpkins;

Audi was passing off its car as the next James Bond-style getaway machine for rich guys who scowl and drive fast; and Bob Dylan, Bruce Lee, John Belushi and a host of others tried to pass off Pepsi as the drink of independent, do-it-yourself boomers who were always more rebel than rich.

The fact that some of them are now dead, and Pepsi was owned in those days by a friend of Richard Nixon, and thus considered a Republican drink that no self-respecting rebel would ever touch, didn't seem to bother the historic revisionists at Pepsi (I read all that in *The New York Times*).

To my chagrin, it didn't bother me either, because I was having so much fun watching them flicker back into life.

Remember when "The Blues Brothers," Jake (Belushi) and Elwood (Dan Aykroyd), walked into Aretha Franklin's diner on Chicago's South Side and tried to order food?

Jake: "Bring me four fried chickens and a Coke."

Elwood: "And some dry white toast, please."

Aretha: "Ya'll want anything to drink with that?"

Elwood: "No, ma'am."

Jake: "A Coke."

See? No Pepsi there.

But there was a Denny's Super Bowl ad that promised a free breakfast to anyone in America who came in during an eight-hour stretch early this week.

And I just want to point out that Denny's in Naples is at 3350 Tamiami Trail N., near High Pointe Drive.

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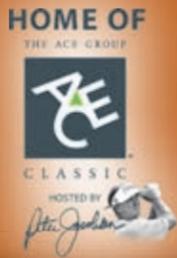
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# OPINION

## Why regulators always lose

BY RICH LOWRY

With \$7 trillion in wealth disappearing in the U.S. in the past year, it hasn't been a banner time for anyone involved in the financial markets. But it may be the Securities and Exchange Commission that has taken the biggest bath.

The storied investment banks that it oversaw have basically disappeared — out of business or transformed into bank holding companies. And on top of that comes the Bernard Madoff scandal, in which the Wall Street figure operated a \$50 billion Ponzi scheme under the SEC's nose despite repeated warnings that he must be defrauding investors.

The 2005 letter from investment maven Harry Markopolos to the SEC arguing that Mr. Madoff had to be a scammer has become justly famous. Titled "The World's Largest Hedge Fund is a Fraud," Mr. Markopolos outlined no fewer than 29 red flags raised by Mr. Madoff's operation. According to *The Wall Street Journal*, the SEC and other regulators examined Mr. Madoff at least eight times in the course of 16 years and found nothing more than technical violations.

An egregious failing, of course. But

Peter Van Doren of the free-market Cato Institute points out the difficulties inherent in the SEC's task. The average SEC examiner's inbox must be flooded with complaints and leads, many of which have no merit, in a chaotic environment characterized by trillions of dollars of trades a day. The SEC is in the position of the old British Foreign Service official who after a career spanning 1903-1950 recalled, "Year after year the worriers and fretters would come to me with awful predictions of the outbreak of war. I denied it each time. I was only wrong twice."

Except the SEC makes a practice of being wrong. It missed the Enron and WorldCom debacles. In response, it successfully petitioned for a massive heap of new financial regulations in the form of Sarbanes-Oxley, which didn't make a whit of difference as the SEC missed the impending implosion of the investment banks and one of the most notorious financial frauds in U.S. history.

Part of the problem is that the SEC has to try to outfox people paid very well, and with every incentive, to outfox it. As David Smick writes in "The World Is Curved": "A well-inten-

tioned government bureaucrat is no match for the kind of creative and clever market wizards, and their lawyers, who begin searching for legal means around any regulatory constraint the instant the regulations are put in place. Today a senior Securities and Exchange Commission officer earns between \$143,000 and \$216,000 per year. Even junior executive decision-makers at Goldman Sachs garner annual compensation packages in the millions of dollars."

When it comes to Mr. Madoff, as one wag observed, he ran afoul of one of the oldest regulations on the books, "Thou Shalt Not Steal." What the market needs now is not regulatory overkill, but reforms to make sure that incentives are properly aligned — e.g., bond rating agencies shouldn't be paid by the firms issuing the bonds — and that the system is as transparent as possible.

Even the shrewdest rules won't avoid the next bubble and bust, after which the SEC or some other regulatory agency will again inevitably be found wanting. ■

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

## GUEST OPINION

### New problems, old solutions



Can the so-called stimulus package put forward by congressional Democrats and being pushed by President Barack Obama pull the economy out of its downward spiral? Would the Republicans' counterproposal get the job done, if it had a chance of getting passed and signed into law? And while we're asking questions, can any government intervention, whether weighted toward spending or tax cuts, quickly turned around an economic crisis.

If you're looking for consensus answers to any of these questions, you're likely to be disappointed. The economists are emerging from their policy think tanks on the left and the right to make the case for the Democratic approach or the Republican approach. They speak with certainty grounded in history and the fundamentals of their science. Each of them sounds plenty convincing.

Until, that is, you hear the next one come along and say the opposite, with equal conviction.

The ongoing duel of the economists might be kind of funny, if the answers to these questions weren't so vitally important to so many Americans who

have lost their jobs or are about to, if the retirement savings of so many seniors weren't on the line, if so many children weren't endangered by precipitous drops in household income. With all this taken into account, the lack of agreement among our supposedly best economic minds provokes emotions more associated with fright and fury.

Full disclosure: What your reporter knows about economics could probably fit on the stomach of a germ. But I have been paying attention to what the politicians on both sides have advocated both before and after September 2008, when the failure of Lehman Brothers ended talk about a "faltering economy" and ushered in the language of "the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression." You might be interested to hear how the fundamental Democratic and Republican approaches have evolved as the economic outlook as gone from bad to worse. The short answer is: not much.

From the Democratic side, in February 2007, then-Sen. Barack Obama kicked off his bid for the presidency with calls for government spending to foster the growth of new energy technology, improve our technological infrastructure with broadband Internet lines "through the heart of inner cities and rural towns all across America" and give schools "the resources they need to succeed."

Sound familiar?

From the Republican side, less specific memory is required; from the time that President Bush signed his first set of tax cuts into law in 2001, he hardly ever missed a chance to lobby Congress to make them permanent. And this, too, was the proposed solution of Republican presidential candidate John McCain, along with cutting government spending.

Again, sound familiar?

Now, ignoring for a moment that both sides can't be right, perhaps each side genuinely believes that the prescriptions that made sense before the current economic crisis are now — by great coincidence — just the thing to get us out of the mess we're in. Or perhaps both sides lack new ideas and are sticking with the policy ideas they know best. Or, less charitably, maybe both sides see the crisis as a golden opportunity to push forward the programs they've wanted all along -- programs that may or may not actually do anything to stimulate the economy in the short term.

The spending increases and tax cuts now being put forward in Washington may be just the thing for shoring up the foundations of our economy. But at a time when we're being told that our economic house is on fire, our political parties are sending out their familiar crews of general contractors, with nary a firefighter in sight. ■

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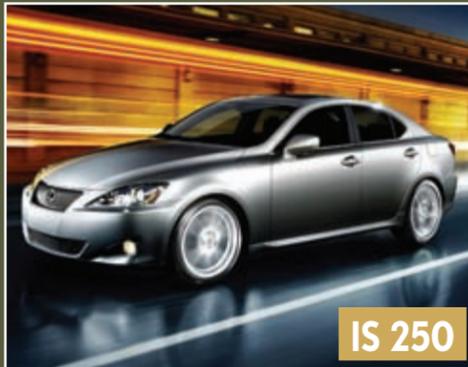
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## 15 MINUTES

## The music man: Teacher, bandleader follows his passion

BY ROGER WILLIAMS  
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Jack Berry was born again.

The 64-year-old bandleader and director of Performing Arts at The Village School, part of the North Naples United Methodist Church, recalls when it happened, 32 years ago.

He was in New York City on a cold and blustery March day. Rod Stewart's "Tonight's the Night" was at the top of the pop charts as Mr. Berry walked down Broadway and into Lincoln Center to hear the first live Saturday afternoon broadcast of the Metropolitan Opera to the nation, on National Public Radio.

"It was magic," he recalls. "It was hook, line and sinker for me. That what really re-inspired my interest in music. I'm an opera lover."

Ultimately Mr. Berry's re-inspired interest became his vocation. He left a lucrative 25-year career in pharmaceutical sales and management, which followed a four-year stint as a public school teacher in New Jersey, to become a musician. Suddenly, it seemed, he was reborn as a fulltime professional clarinetist.

A uniquely American instrument, the clarinet can range in sound from the neon blaze of hot jazz to the melancholy wail of a mournful dirge to the wrenching breeze of urban blues, and then turn on a dime, lending saucy vitality to a Sousa march or a warm undertone to a classical piece.

Mr. Berry had never even picked up the instrument until he reached his fourth decade of life, a thing so unlikely (since most professional musicians begin playing in their childhoods) that even he can't explain it, except by comparison.

"There's a famous French hornist, Barry Tuckwell, and he didn't start playing until his 40s, either," he says almost sheepishly.

He began taking music classes at Edison Community College, studying theory, site reading, singing, applied music and a host of other subjects. He joined the Naples Concert Band as a base clarinetist and became the principal and section leader.

Together with his wife, Mary Ellen, who plays the French horn and teaches elementary music and orchestra at The Village School, Mr. Berry travels around the country playing each summer. During the school year he also teaches beginning and advanced band, and directs the performing arts school with an eye to exposing students to anything they desire. "They can study wind and string instruments, voice, dance, drama, show performance — you name it," he explains.

They can and they will if Mr. Berry has anything to say about it — and for the best of reasons, perhaps.

"I think kids are pretty much the same as they were 30 or 40 years ago when I first taught, although maybe not quite as disciplined," he says. "And one

of the things about band is that it is a discipline.

"It's one of the rare things kids can do today that demands a discipline they don't get elsewhere — and it's a group activity. I always make comparisons to sports teams: On a baseball team or in band, you share something."

Band, he stresses, isn't just learning to blow into an instrument and put your fingers in the right places. "There's math and language skills and history involved."

And passion.

Mr. Berry's greatest passion, perhaps, is classical music.

He doesn't distinguish classical from other music as a thing better or unique, he simply puts it down on the feast table as a rich and nourishing option — or would, if he were in charge of what people can hear anytime on the airways.

But since classical music has been removed from the programming of WGCU-FM 91.7 Marco or 90.1 Fort Myers, and since listeners must buy a special radio to hear it now, he fears for its future.

"By removing it from the airways, it becomes more and more of an elitist thing, and I'm afraid only the privileged few are going to want to listen to classical music or opera or even Broadway shows," he says.

"I know dollars and cents are important, but WGCU is part of a public university, and the university has a responsibility to something more than just



COURTESY PHOTO

Jack Berry

dollars and cents, I believe. Besides, how much talk can you live with?"

Mr. Berry has listened to many different kinds of music in his time — he mentions the Beatles, the Beach Boys and a lot of Motown when he recalls his youth. "I think music is kind of like food: There's dessert, the light food, and there are more serious things. If you listen to a Mahler symphony, it's like eating beef Wellington, rich and substantial and nourishing, whereas the Beatles are like a chocolate Sunday."

But good music is good music, he adds.

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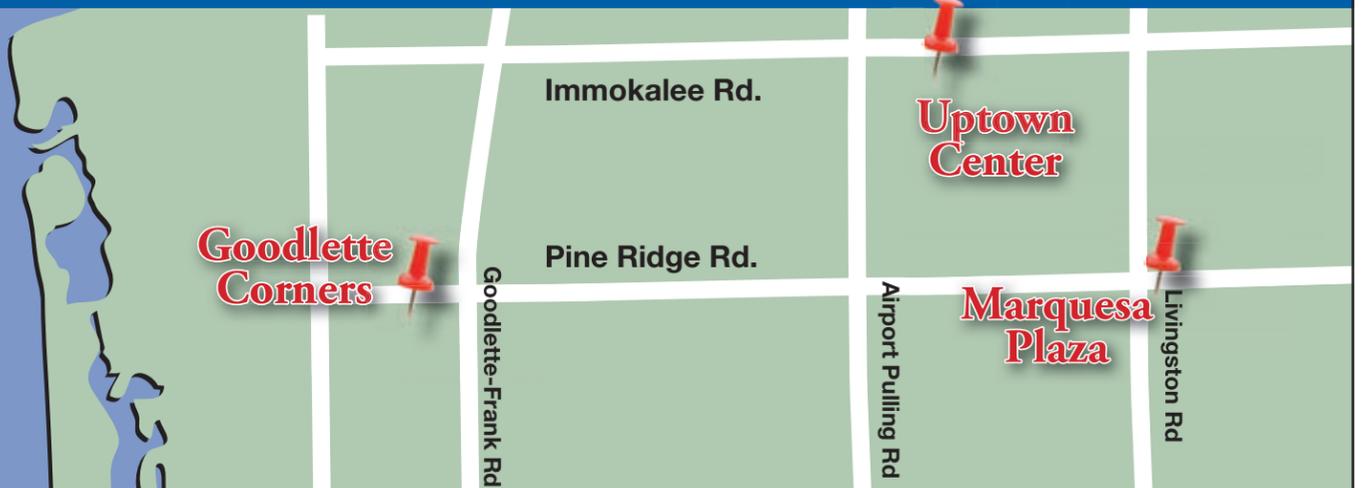


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He came along at the right time with the right style and the right sensibilities.

Everyone, it seemed, could relate to his art: hippies, housewives, older people, school children. His posters papered the walls of college dorms and teenagers' bedrooms. His artwork appeared on magazine covers, postage stamps, Manhattan telephone books, clocks, neckties, wristwatches, bed sheets and jeans.

On Feb. 7 and 8, Mr. Max and 125 pieces of his original artwork — including a football helmet, a baseball cap and a guitar bearing his unmistakable flair — will be at Road Show Company, 370 12th Avenue South in Naples. Mr. Max will be in attendance from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, and from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, which is when the show closes.

## A bold and whimsical world

Mr. Max's world of the '60s and '70s was populated with stars, planets, rainbows, suns, flowers, hearts, birds and mystical people. It was uplifting and optimistic, as if everyone had stepped into a kaleidoscope. And the colors! Neon, fluorescent, bold.

Mr. Max, now 71, was a modern-day Fauvist; his skies weren't blue but flamingo pink, lemon yellow or tangerine.

With his art, he tapped into something universal.

"It was around '69," he said last week in a telephone interview from his studio in New York City. "Man went to the moon in '69. I loved stars, planets and cosmic characters. So I had that. I loved the flat colors... I drew really well and had a good knowledge of composition."

"Woodstock was happening. The psychedelic age was happening. And somehow, I fit. My artwork fit the culture of the youth market, and that was it."

He coined the term "Be-in" when he created a poster for a gathering that drew several hundred thousand people to Central Park. And he introduced yoga to America.

When he was invited to be on "The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson," he said, he thought, "This is one-in-a-million, and it will never, never happen again." He was also on "The Ed Sullivan Show."

"When Ed Sullivan called up, I thought, 'This is definitely mind-boggling, definitely will never happen again.'"

Then Mr. Sullivan did a one-hour TV special on Mr. Max.

"Can you imagine?" he said. "I couldn't believe it."

"Suddenly I was on every magazine cover you can imagine. And from being a scared, frightened young artist, not knowing where to go, how to make a living, I became the toast of the town, so to speak. Everybody wanted my work. It took me literally a few years to get used to it. It just kept going."

"It was an amazing feeling of satisfaction and surprise, all at the same time... I was surprised and shocked that this was happening to me."

He was afraid of running out of money, but the work kept coming.

Then one day he was on top of the presses, mixing colors for a poster, when the owner of the printing press came up to him and made him an offer: If Mr. Max supplied the artwork, he'd print posters, and they'd split the profits 50-50.



Love by Peter Max.

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Brushes by Peter Max.

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He agreed.

He was astounded when, within the next seven months, he sold 7 million posters.

Then Life magazine called and did an eight-page cover story about him.

His work was iconic: whimsical figures outlined in black, like a fantastical comic book.

## Comics make an impression

Mr. Max first encountered American comics when he was 6 or 7, living in Shanghai, China, with his family. He and his father passed a street vendor with 50 or 60 books in front of him. The covers were so colorful, Mr. Max wanted them. He started to cry, so his father quickly purchased all the books for him, two bags full.

When they were all emptied out on

a table, he was surprised to discover they were American comic books: Captain Marvel, Batman, Plastic Man. "It left a very big impression on me, the look of the covers," he said. "It never left me."

He studied realism at the Art Students League with Frank J. Reilly, who'd studied alongside Norman Rockwell. But when he left school, he discovered that people didn't want realism.

"They said: 'Realism is wonderful. You paint like the old masters. But today if we need realism, we just get photography. We don't need realism anymore,'" he recalled. "I was frightened and sad and heartbroken at the same time."

Eventually, because of his love of astronomy, he began drawing planets and stars. He mixed his love of comic

▬▬▬▬▬▬ If you go

>>What: "Colors of a Better World," Peter Max and his artwork

>>Where: Road Show Company, 370 12th Avenue South, Naples

>>When: Gallery is open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily through Saturday, Feb. 7, and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8. Mr. Max will be on hand from 6-9 p.m. Saturday and from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday.

>>Cost: Free, but RSVPs are appreciated

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books and his yoga philosophy into his art as well.

## Love all, serve all

Mr. Max first learned about yoga in 1966, when he met the Swami Satchidananda in Paris. He immediately brought him to the United States and opened a yoga center, where the Swami taught daily.

Soon they had opened dozens of yoga centers.

"This was one year before the Beatles met the Maharishi," he said. "George (Harrison) and I became friends because of the yoga. We used to talk about God, loving, serving others, the purpose of life... these types of questions come about when you learn yoga."

"Love all, serve all... It's a great line from yoga. I live to serve."

Mr. Max's very work is imbued with that philosophy.

"In a way, I'm not consciously doing it," he said. "I look at my rectangular shape, where I always make my art, whether it's a canvas or large paper... I like the images to be pleasant and invigorating. I don't want them to be depressing or negative."

"And so in some ways, the yoga is in there, is part of my work. The color blends are just right. It's all to bring pleasantness with a sort of visual excitement. I want my art to always have a positive effect."

After a few years, he realized he didn't want to do as many products.

"Every young kid wore my blue jeans. Every young kid had a Peter Max clock," he said. "So I gave it up."

He honored all his contracts and then took a retreat. During the '70s he rediscovered the joy of drawing and painting.

"I took my art into an extremely fun-loving (space)," he said. "I enjoyed it. I made a lot of visual breakthroughs."

When he returned, he had a new style, a freer, looser way of painting. In 1976, he published "Peter Max Paints America" to commemorate the Bicentennial. He spearheaded the campaign to restore the Statue of Liberty (an image of the statue, her face reflecting the colors of fireworks about her, was on the cover of U.S. News & World Report).

He painted portraits of presidents, including 100 Clintons. Most recently, he painted 44 portraits of President Barack Obama, because he's the 44th president.

In the late '80s, Mr. Max opened a new 40,000 square-foot studio in New York City near Lincoln Center. His staff of approximately 100 includes a fulltime DJ who plays music for him when he paints. He listens to everything from Led Zeppelin and rock 'n' roll to Jeff Lorber in jazz, Chick Corea, fusion jazz and be-bop.

He said he hopes to combine his art with the music he loves.

"My big wish is that very shortly, one day soon, I'm going to do an animated movie and use all the music," he said.

The '60s might be long over, but their spirit still lives on in Peter Max's work. ■

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## The Wynn family legacy is one of serving their community

*"There is no doubt that it is around the family and home that all the greatest virtues, the most dominating virtues of human society, are created, strengthened and maintained."*

— Winston Churchill

BY LOIS BOLIN

Special to Florida Weekly

Many notable families in Naples embody this sentiment, but the Wynn family especially stands out for having bridged the values of the past to strengthen and maintain the future of both the family and the family business.

### In the beginning, there was mom and pop

The Wynns have served the Southwest Florida community for more than eight decades, beginning with a mom-and-pop grocery store in Lakeland in the early 1930s.

In 1938, Peter Parley Wynn and his bride Vida moved to Naples and bought the Bayview Inn on Back Bay (what we now call Crayton Cove). Their son, Don Q. Wynn, stayed in Lakeland to run the business. Before leaving for his tour of duty in World War I, however, Don came to Naples to say goodbye to his parents. That's when he told them he'd never live in this town and urged them to sell both the grocery store and the restaurant they had opened at the inn.

After his service, Don came back to Naples with the intention of helping out

temporarily. A hunting and fishing expedition in this newly discovered paradise, however, helped convince him he should stay. Anne Merle Echols of Everglades City helped, too. It wasn't long before he married her and settled into a life of which legacies are made.

### Moving on up

After the elder Wynns sold the building in Back Bay and retired to Georgia, Don and Anne moved the family business to Fifth Avenue South. Don was a forward-thinking man. To meet the growing demands of the community, he introduced the Sunshine Hardware store on Fifth Avenue South next door to his newly expanded Sunshine Suprex in 1953.

As their business and reputation grew, so did the family, with the births of Larry, Tom, Jerry, Timmy and Linda.

In 1964, Mayor Archie Turner ushered in the Wynns' new Sunshine Ace Hardware on Ninth Avenue South. The grocery store on the corner of Fifth Avenue South and Seventh Street (where Yabba is today) stood vigilant until 1999. Eventually, all services were moved to "Wynn's Corner" one U.S. 41 on block south of Naples Community Hospital.

Wynn's on Fifth was not just a cornerstone for the community; it was a personification of community. Of all the changes that have affected Naples, losing Wynn's on Fifth Avenue South was probably one of the most bittersweet passages of progress.

### Passing the Torch

Eventually Timmy became Tim and



Don Q. Wynn

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took over Wynn's Market, adding a catering division and a to-die-for deli. Jerry became the highly respected CEO of Sunshine Ace Hardware (so we won't mention his "inadvertent" egging of the police chief's car on a particular Halloween night while Jerry was a teen hanging onto "Beardy Banyan," now the oldest banyan tree in Naples, at the corner of 12th Avenue South and Gordon Drive).

Larry and Tom went on to expand the Wynn family dynasty with a real estate

and property management company.

The patriarch Don Q. certainly left his mark on Naples. He was elected to City Council and was a founder of First National Bank. Perhaps his greatest mark was the values he taught his children, which were passed on to the next generation and still serve as the cornerstone of the family businesses today.

### The next generation

The word "values" is often bantered around in meetings and cleverly crafted into mission statements to present an image to the public. It's rare to find a company that actually lives and teaches the values it purports to hold dear — but then, Don Q. Wynn was a rare man. You can see his handiwork in his children and in his grandson, Michael, the president of the Wynns Sunshine Ace Hardware, where the tagline is "the helpful place."

### A win-Wynn philosophy

At Don Q. Wynn's funeral a few years back, Larry Wynn asked who in attendance had been helped by his father. Hands from all walks of life went up. Helping is what the Wynns did best at Back Bay in the '30s, and it's still what they do best today. ■

*Lois Bolin is the co-founder of Naples Cultural Landscape, a fund at the Community Foundation of Collier County. Naples Backyard History is the fund's educational initiative. For more information, visit the NBYH Mini-Museum at 1300 Third St. S., call 594-2978 or visit [www.naplesbackyardhistory.org](http://www.naplesbackyardhistory.org).*



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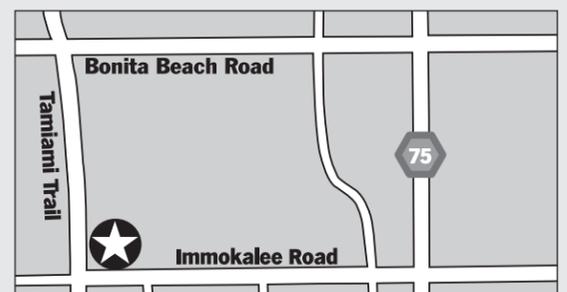
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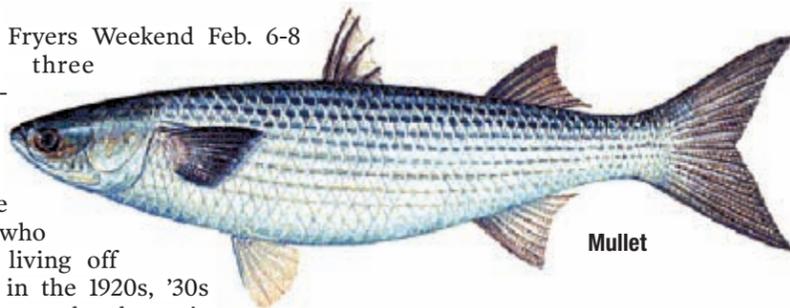
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# Mullet Fryers Weekend harks back to the good old days on Naples Bay

A Mullet Fryers Weekend Feb. 6-8 celebrates three fishing families — the Bickfords, the Storters and the Morgans — who made their living off Naples Bay in the 1920s, '30s and '40s. The weekend gets its name from the book by City Historian Doris Reynolds, "When Peacocks Were Roasted and Mullet Was Fried," the title of which refers to the two kinds of people who made Naples: the wealthy who could afford to eat roasted peacocks, and the "mullet fryers" who made their living and sustained their families off the land and the water.

Presented by Naples Backyard History, Mullet Fryers Weekend begins at the Naples Preserve from 4-5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, when Harry Bickford will discuss growing up around the Naples Dock. From 6-7:30 p.m. a meet-and-greet will take place at the Plaza off Third Street South.

Mr. Bickford's 18 working waterfront fishing boat models will be on display in the lobby at The Cove Inn on Naples Bay at Crayton Cove for visitors to enjoy on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 7-8. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. both days, Mr. Bickford along with Capt. John Morgan, author of "My Life on the Water," and Bem Storter, nephew of legendary Rob Storter and author of "Crackers in the Glades," will be at the inn to answer questions about the old days on the



Mullet

"When Peacocks Were Roasted and Mullet Was Fried..."

working waterfront.

The "old-timers" will demonstrate how fishing nets were made and repaired from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Dock Restaurant at Crayton Cove. Mr. Storter's uncle was the dock master once upon a time, and Mr. Bickford's family worked on and lived at the end the dock where the restaurant now resides.

After Mullet Fryers Weekend, Mr. Bickford's model boats will move to the Naples Backyard History Mini-Museum at 1300 Third Street S. for the month of February. The mini-museum is free and open to the public. For more information, call 594-2978. ■



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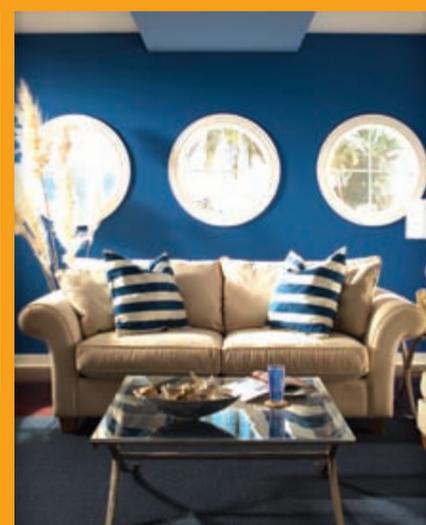
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### Fill a trunk with goodies from the Garden

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will also be a lecture on potting miniature orchids and bromeliads, and plants will be for sale.

New to the Trunk Show this year is Paige Gamble of NYC with leather clutches and totes embellished with faceted gemstones, hand-pressed flowers and exotic minerals. Among the returning boutiques are Dede Cadieux Designs, specializing in interchangeable loops of freshwater pearls and precious stones, and NYC's Lillian Ostergard, with designs in 18k gold and platinum with semi-precious and precious stones. Numerous other boutiques will have jewelry, fashion accessories and decorative items.

For more information, call 643-7275 or visit [www.naplesgarden.org](http://www.naplesgarden.org).

The show will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for a \$5 admission; between 1-3 p.m., two savvy shoppers can gain entrance for just \$8. A preview cocktail reception and the chance to shop early takes place from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19. Admission is \$75 per person.

Along with many new merchants and popular past participants, the Trunk Show in the Garden will offer light lunch between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. There

### Feathers and Friends for the Collier Audubon Society

The Collier County Audubon Society holds its first annual Feathers and Friends gala Thursday evening, Feb. 19, at the Collier Athletic Club.

Guest speaker will be famed conservationist Nathaniel Reed.

Mr. Reed, vice chairman of the Everglades Foundation, served as Assistant

Secretary of the Interior from 1971-77. Under Florida Gov. Bob Martinez, he chaired the Commission on the Future of Florida's Environment.

Tickets for Feathers and Friends are \$125 each. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 643-7822 or visit [www.collieraudubon.org](http://www.collieraudubon.org).

### Fairy Godmothers make prom dreams come true

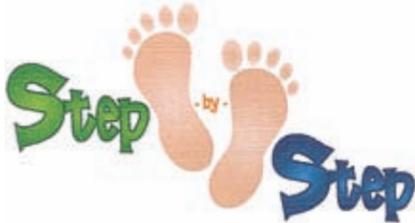
The Fairy Godmothers of Southwest Florida are hosting a dress drive to collect gowns they will give to deserving high-school girls when prom season arrives. Last year the organization outfitted more than 100 girls, and this year the need will no doubt be greater.



Donations of stylish gowns will be welcome from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at Coconut Point near the Brighton store. For more information, call Holly Wagner at 980-9221 or visit [www.fairy-godmothersswf.com](http://www.fairy-godmothersswf.com).

### Auction will raise funds for Step by Step

Tickets and sponsorships are available for the annual auction to benefit Step by Step Early Childhood Education & Therapy Center. The evening of food, wine and auction packages that include restaurant experiences and travel begins at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Step by Step provides Collier



County children of diverse abilities from birth to 5 years of age an environment that supports their social, emotional, cognitive, language and physical development.

Auction tickets for \$150 per person are available by calling 455-9525. For more information, visit [www.stepbystepnaples.org](http://www.stepbystepnaples.org).

### Mending Broken Hearts with Hope Luncheon, auction will benefit Shelter

The ninth annual Mending Broken Hearts with Hope Luncheon to benefit The Shelter for Abused Women & Children takes place Friday, Feb. 27, at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples. Keynote speaker will be Jacquelyn Pierce, 2006-2008 president of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs International.

The "Glitter and Go" raffle will be held for a diamond ring and getaway to Cord-eValle, a Rosewood Resort in California. Raffle tickets are \$35 each or four for \$100;

winners need not be present to win.

Among the items in the silent auction are high tea at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples; a Costa Rica fishing trip; a picnic and floral class at The Garden District; a classical concert and lunch in a private Port Royal home; and a carnival-theme party for up to 35 children.

Tickets are \$300 per person, \$1,000 for patron and \$3,500 for advocate. For reservations or more information, call the Shelter at 775-3862.

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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

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### It could never happen here

An exceptionally cold winter brings more instances of the annual tragedy of young boys (rarely, girls) who could not resist the age-old physics experiment to see what would happen if, in sub-zero temperatures, they tried to lick a metal

pole. In fact, it happened on successive days: a 10-year-old in Hammond, Ind., on Jan. 14 and a 6-year-old in Omaha, Neb., on the 15th. Both episodes ended badly, with traces of the boys' tongues left on the poles. ■

### It did happen here

Also in January, police in Cape Coral, were seeking LaKeitha Watson-Atkinson for shoplifting from a TJ Maxx. The thief escaped after running from

store security, but not before she was knocked down twice by her getaway car. In the commotion, a check made out to Watson-Atkinson fell to the ground. ■

### Family matters

► Evelyn Poynter, 86, had refused for months to leave her apartment in Pittsburgh and move in with her sister, Laura Stewart, 72, who had offered to take care of her. In December, according to police, a fed-up Stewart forcibly wrapped Ms. Poynter's arms, legs, neck and body in duct tape, tossed her in the back seat, and drove her home to Shaker Heights, Ohio. "There was

nothing sinister," said Ms. Stewart's daughter, but still, Ms. Stewart was arrested.

► In October, police in Elgin, Ill., said they were investigating an accusation that after a 13-year-old boy and girl broke off their relationship, the girl's mother ordered the boy to reconcile with her daughter by threatening to release nude photos of him that her daughter had taken. ■

### The rental society

Among the services available by the hour in Japan (according to a January BBC dispatch) are:

► Quality time with a pet (about \$10 an hour at the Ja La La Cafe in Toyko, usually with dogs or cats but with rabbits, ferrets and beetles available).

► No-sex quality time with a college coed (flattering conversation by the hour at the Campus Cafe, less expensive than the geisha-type houses).

► Instant relatives, actor stand-ins for times when the real ones can't attend things like weddings and funerals, from the I Want To Cheer Up agency in Tokyo. They also know the cues to portray fathers to help single women with their parenting duties, or to portray husbands to help women practice for the routine of married life (except for sex). ■

### Parental responsibility

► A father took his 20-year-old son to an Islamic court in Bauchi, Nigeria, demanding that he be jailed for idleness, which he said has shamed the family. The court immediately sentenced the son to 30 lashes and six months in prison.

► A court in Seoul, South Korea, fined the parents of a teenage rapist the equivalent of about \$60,000 for their negligence in raising the boy badly. The 18-year-old himself is serving a 10-year sentence for the crime. ■

### The cave dwellers

Twenty million Chinese have their residences in caves, but that is often not a bad deal, according to a McClatchy Newspapers dispatch from Miaogou Village. In addition to the obvious advantages (e.g., no mortgage), some caves have been in the family for generations

and have electrical wiring, plumbing and cable television, and some are part of communities of connected caves. Researchers said that earthen insulation keeps the inside temperature from dropping below about 55 degrees Fahrenheit even in the dead of winter. ■

### Political correctness update

► The student association at Carleton University in Ottawa, Ontario, voted to eliminate a cystic fibrosis organization from the list of charities it supports, explaining that since the condition almost exclusively afflicts white people, it was not "inclusive" enough to merit student funding.

► Britain's Oxford University Press

announced the latest changes in its highly selective "Junior Dictionary," finding room to add dozens of words, including trapezium, alliteration and incisor but eliminating, for example, bishop, chapel, christen, minister, monk, nun, parish, psalm and saint. The publisher said the changes reflect Britain's "multicultural, multifith" society. ■

### Get your goat

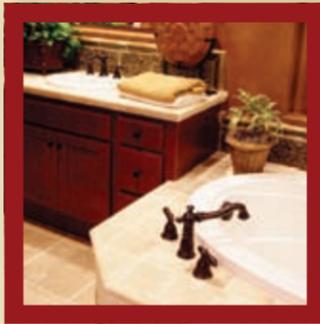
When Saudi Arabia held its first goat beauty pageant in September (the country has long held camel pageants), the distinctive Najdi breed, featuring high nose bridges and silky, shaggy hair, took the top prizes. In fact, most of the goats in the competition had the same father,

Burgan, whose progeny typically fetch the equivalent of \$25,000 and up. Burgan himself did not appear at the pageant, according to a Reuters dispatch, because his owner feared that a jealous competitor would have an "evil eye" cast upon him. ■

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## Author of political thrillers to address Naples Press Club

The Naples Press Club welcomes political thriller author Karna Small Bodman, a former television news-woman and senior director of the National Security Council for six years during the Reagan administration, as guest speaker at its February meeting. Ms. Bodman will discuss how she transformed her government experience into her best-selling novels, "Checkmate" and "Gambit." Both books will be available for purchase.



Karna Small Bodman

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The meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, at Bel-lasera Hotel. Admission is \$25 for NPC members and \$27 for others; reservations are required no later than Monday, Feb. 12, and can be made by e-mailing [rsvp@naplespressclub.org](mailto:rsvp@naplespressclub.org). Checks must be mailed to Naples Press Club, 2390 Tamiami Trail N., Suite 210, Naples 34103. ■

## Shy Wolf Sanctuary founder honored by Humane Society

The Humane Society Naples will present Nancy Smith, founder of Shy Wolf Sanctuary, with the society's Animal Advocate Award as part of the annual Pet Lovers Ball this weekend.

Ms. Smith founded Shy Wolf Sanctuary in 2001 to care for exotic, stray and injured animals. In addition to her many endeavors over the years to rescue, shelter and heal animals, she has also worked to educate people to develop an understanding and

respect for all animals.

The Pet Lovers Ball takes place in a private Port Royal venue Saturday, Feb. 7. This year's sponsors include Jane Parker and Fran Cosentino, Cheryl Deering and Jim Dellas, BNY Mellon, Jim and Lori Stuber, Mercedes-Benz of Naples, Key Private Bank, Gibraltar Private Bank and Specialists in Urology. For more information, visit [HSNaples.org](http://HSNaples.org). ■



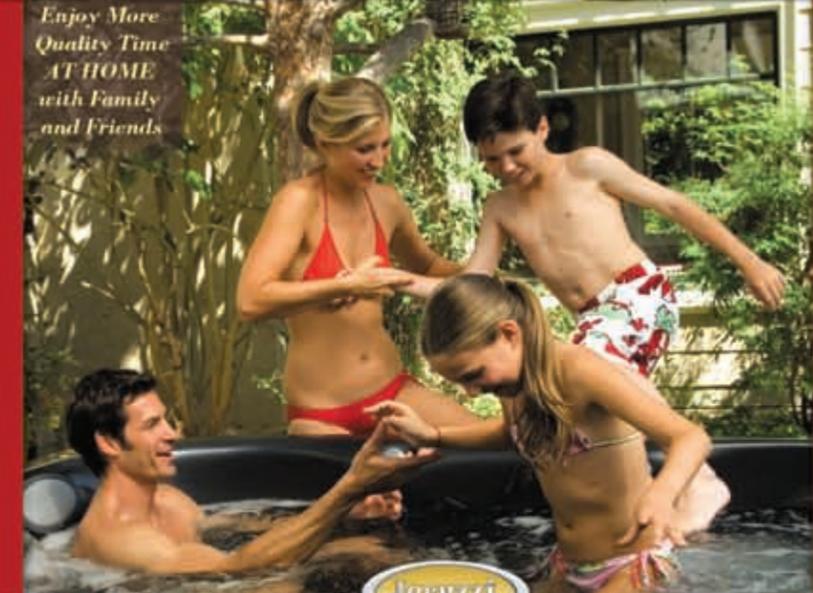
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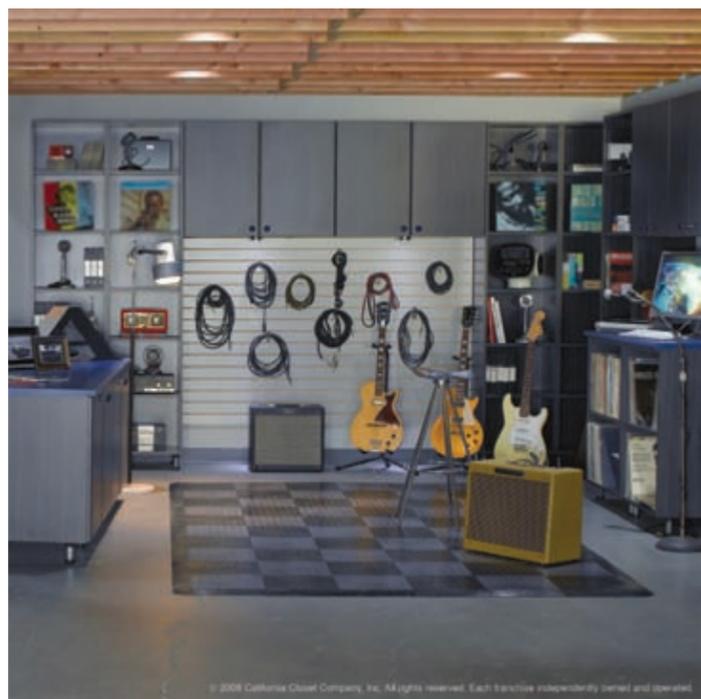


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## Beth Tikvah congregation will celebrate Torah dedication

Beth Tikvah, the Conservative synagogue of Naples, will hold a Torah dedication celebration from 4-6 p.m. Sunday Feb. 8. A Torah scroll will be symbolically married to the congregation in a ceremony that will include singing, dancing and music by Bella Gutshtein and Boris Sandler.

Just when Beth Tikvah was in need of a second Torah scroll for the many occasions on which more than one is required, board member Harvey Rosenthal's request to the successor congregation of a Maryland synagogue he once served as president paid off. Mr. Rosenthal had been president of Temple Israel in Silver Spring, Md. When that synagogue merged with

Beth Tikvah of Rockville, Md., to become Tikvat Israel, the Sefer Torah scroll fell out of use.

Through Mr. Rosenthal's initiative, the scroll is being reborn in Naples, restored to its essential use, to be read regularly as part of a community worship service at Beth Tikvah.

All who have contributed to the Torah Dedication/Tree of Life Campaign are invited to the celebration. Others are also welcome, and an \$18 donation is encouraged. Beth Tikvah is at 3765 Airport Pulling Road, in the Everglades Professional Center. RSVP by calling 455-8811 or 434-1818. ■

## League of Women Voters invites the public to energy discussions

The League of Women Voters of Collier County will hear about efforts by the City of Naples and Collier County to reduce energy consumption at a general meeting open to the public on Monday, Feb. 16. Because of strong interest in the subject, two sessions of the program are planned: at 1 p.m. at the Collier Athletic Club and 7 p.m. at Naples Hilton.

Speakers will be Cloe Waterfield, president of TwentyFifty, who managed the energy audit for the City of Naples; and Skip Camp, facility management director for Collier County. They will discuss what the city and county are doing now and what they plan for the future. They

will also offer advice for individuals to reduce energy consumption.

"It is critical that communities become energy independent, not only to preserve our environment but also to save money and reduce our dependency on foreign oil," said Chris Straton, president of the Collier League of Women Voters.

League members and the public are also invited to a luncheon at the Collier Athletic Club beginning at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 16. Cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. For reservations, phone 263-4656 or e-mail Hospitality@lwvcolliercounty.org by 5 p.m. on Feb. 12. ■

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# Italian Open tournament proceeds will help Italian American Club Foundation charities

The Naples Italian American Club Foundation has selected the course at Quail Creek Country Club for its second annual Italian Open on Monday, March 2. Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m., putting contest will start at 11 a.m. and tee time is 1 p.m. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. An Italian dinner will be served at the Naples Italian American Club



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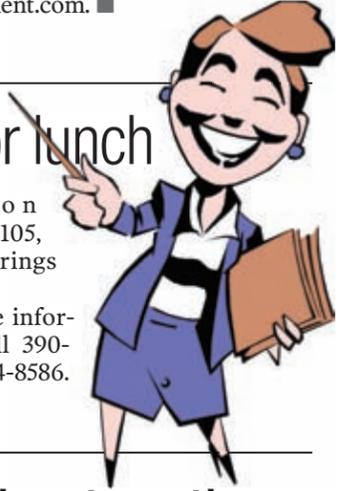
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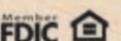
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# Educational expo, fun and games for Senior Month in Collier County

Collier's County's Public Services Division holds its 12th annual Senior Expo and Senior Games this month.

The Senior Expo takes place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, at the Golden Gate Community Center. More than 40 exhibitors will be on hand with information about their services and tips for healthy living. Those who attend will be



able to receive free bone-density testing, senior health insurance counseling, blood pressure tests and vision and hearing screening. For more information, call 252-4180.

The Senior Games include a range of activities and competitions taking place at the Golden Gate Community Center from Feb. 6-27. Activities include table and traditional tennis, bocce ball, bowling, basketball, swimming and pickleball. For a complete schedule and sign-up information, call Jim Thomas at 252-4000. ■

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# For optimum fitness training, keep your eye on the medicine ball

When Derek Touchette opened Velocity Sports Performance center in Naples, he made sure to stock three kinds of medicine balls — and plenty of them. Also called weight balls or med balls, one is “dead” or barely bounces; another is soft and big, 12 inches around, with good bounce; the third is smaller and harder but still bounces.

The orbs show up in Mr. Touchette’s classes several times a week.

About twice a month, he leads an entire hourlong workout with med balls.

“They seem more fun than other workouts,” he says. “You work hard, but you don’t feel like it.” There’s just something about getting somebody to toss something during a workout, he adds. “People love to throw it against a wall or back to me.”

A sense of release, perhaps? Letting go of the day’s stress? Tossing away the negative?

Absolutely, he says.

Tossing, catching or twisting with a weighted ball forces you to use pretty much all muscles rather than isolate a group. Slamming a ball to the floor from an overhead start involves the calves, quadriceps (front thigh), abdominal muscles and shoulders. Picking it up on



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When athletes plateau on how much weight they can lift repetitively, med ball training allows them to break that barrier.

the bounce demands just about every other muscle in the body. Heaving the ball overhead and behind you is the ultimate in working every muscle group.

The med ball warm-up targets the small but vital stabilizer muscles in your abdomen and hips, upgrading your balance and coordination while reducing the tendency to fatigue during your workout.

After warm-ups, Mr. Touchette often brings out 6-pound med balls for sit-ups. His regular “explosiveness exercises” feature “wall ball” (participants start from a squat and thrust up to throw a ball as hard as they can against a wall, then catch and repeat) and a standing medicine ball rotation (with your back to a partner, you twist around roughly 180 degrees and make a short toss to your

partner; the partner does the same and rapidly tosses the ball back to you).

The medicine ball is a great part of the tool kit for any sports or fitness program, says Mr. Touchette. Runners who use med balls for strength training will see results even if they never enter a weight room, he adds. “You can do squats, presses and jerks or pass it back and forth with a partner. It will build muscle strength and support your spine.”

The medicine ball is increasingly making the rounds in professional sports training, Mr. Touchette says. The weighted ball is especially popular at the training centers that prepare college football stars for the pro football draft. One major reason: When athletes plateau on how much weight they can lift repetitively, med ball training allows them to break that barrier.

The Dallas Cowboys’ offensive line has a famed med ball drill —done on a racquetball court — that shakes the foundation of the team’s training building. The German national soccer squad never travels without medicine balls as part of their luggage. And a number of professional golfers now use a weight ball to work out flaws in their swings.

Velocity Sports Performance has 65 locations nationwide that provide advanced sports performance training for athletes of all skill levels and ages. The company was founded in 1999; the Naples franchise, one of three in Florida, opened in 2007 at 11965 Collier Blvd. For more information, call 649-3278 or visit [www.velocitysp.com/naples](http://www.velocitysp.com/naples). ■



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Velocity Sports Performance hosts a mock combine Saturday, Feb. 7, to evaluate top college athletes in preparation for the NFL’s 2009 Scouting Combine in Indianapolis later this month. The public is invited to the Naples fitness center to see the tests, drills and evaluations potential NFL players will undergo and to hear Velocity sports performance director Derek Touchette talk about his training techniques and philosophy.

Mr. Touchette said he expects 15-20 college football players to participate in the mock combine, which starts at 10 a.m. For more information, call 649-3278.

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# Neighborhood Health Center benefits from generosity of Lehigh Acres firm

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Sometimes a good neighbor doesn't live on the same street or in the same neighborhood. In this case, the Neighborhood Health Clinic's good neighbor lives in Lee County.

It all started more than a year ago, when Dr. Bill Lascheid and his wife Nancy were honored as Man and Woman of the Decade. "An angel came over to us and introduced himself as Bob Simpson, owner of LeeSar," Mrs. Lascheid explains. "He briefly described his business as a supplier of disposable medical equipment and said he would like to help the Neighborhood Health Clinic."

The next month, several NHC staff members along with the Lascheids took a trip to Lehigh Acres to visit LeeSar.

"To say we were astounded by the magnitude, efficiency and diversity of LeeSar is an understatement," according to Nina Gray, Neighborhood Health Clinic CEO. During the visit, she adds, Mr. Simpson asked what the clinic needed. "This is not something that happens often in the charity world. We were overwhelmed with the generosity and passion expressed for our mission," she says.

Since then, LeeSar has delivered tens of thousands of dollars of dis-



posable supplies to the clinic, every month. There's even a special area in the LeeSar warehouse designated for NHC supplies because there's not enough room at the clinic to store everything, Ms. Gray says.

"We are awestruck by the philanthropy of LeeSar," she says.

LeeSar and Cooperative Services of Florida are the supply chain service companies for Lee Memorial Health System and Sarasota Memorial Health System. The organization supplies these health systems as well as other non-profit community organizations with: Contract negotiations for all goods and services, supply delivery services 24/7, pharmaceutical repackaging, surgical pack assembly, delivery service and record retention services.

"LeeSar gives support to the Neighborhood Health Clinic because at LeeSar we have the ability to help and it is the right thing to do," Mr. Simpson says. "Those of us who have the means to help others have an obligation to do so. Anything less is just not acceptable, if you truly want to call yourself a member of this community."

For more information, call LeeSar at 303-3445 or the Neighborhood Health Clinic at 261-6600, or visit [www.neighborhoodhealthclinic.org](http://www.neighborhoodhealthclinic.org). ■

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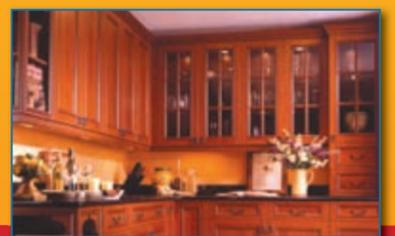
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## HEALTHY LIVING

# Secondhand Safety

New law to control how much lead can be in new and used products for kids

BY JAMIE GUMBRECHT  
Cox News Service

Mention that new consumer safety restrictions might restrict whole categories of merchandise at her favorite kids' consignment shops and Candi Singfield's eyes go wide. "Oh, God," she whispers.

Her girls are ages 16, 14, 6 and 4 months. The infant is a onesie-busting 16 pounds "and growing," Singfield sighs.

She hasn't found a job since her husband's career moved the family to Buford, Ga., last year. All their clothes and most baby equipment came gently used — without any manufacturer guarantees of safety, but at a good price.

"I just can't afford to shop at Gap and Old Navy," Singfield said as she clutched seven shirts, five pants and a pair of shoes that cost \$11.25 with store credit at Tadpoles, a kids' consignment store. "I'm in here all the time. I've never had any safety issues."

But enough children's products were unsafe that President Bush last year signed the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act. Beginning Feb. 10, products for kids 12 and younger can't be sold if they contain more than 600 parts per million of lead, a neurotoxin. The limit drops to 300 ppm on Aug. 14.

The act requires manufacturers and importers to test children's products for lead and other harmful substances.

It will be illegal to sell children's products that don't meet the new standards.

Until the Consumer Product Safety Commission clarified that resellers are not required to test the goods they sell, many consignment and thrift store owners worried they'd have to face testing expenses, risk civil or criminal charges for selling unsafe items or shut down Feb. 10.

CPSC spokesman Scott Wolfson said a tracking label system to certify safe products is currently in the works, but it could be years before it's common, and even longer until labeled items show up on the resale market.

Children's clothes aren't the priority, Wolfson said; the commission warned that resellers should "pay special attention" to products with frequent problems: cribs, play yards, children's jewelry and toys.

Shoppers can expect to see fewer of these items for resale in shops or online.

Until the tracking tag system is in place, some stores won't carry them at all, said Monique Lung, owner of Hanger-Roo consignment boutique in Atlanta.

"We're just not going to take any chances," Lung said. "We have to be very,

very picky. I'm in the process of sending out an e-mail to my customer base — what our new restrictions are, what we can no longer take."

Clothes aren't free from scrutiny either.

Nancy Dark of Marietta, Ga., is part of a duo that runs Divine Consign, a high-end semiannual children's sale. Before it was clear they wouldn't be required to test merchandise, the two women considered beating the new standards by moving the show from late February to January.

Money she makes from the sale has become an important part of her family's income, Dark said, while her mortgage broker husband works through the troubled economy.

Instead of moving or shutting down, she's keeping herself and her customers safe by weeding out painted clothes,

small embellishments on clothes and maybe shoes.

"You can't sell items with lead, but you're not required to test. What does that really mean? We don't really know what's expected of us," Dark said. "You'd hate to contribute to something unsafe."

Rachel Weintraub, director of product safety and senior counsel for the Consumer Federation of America, said the government made a first step toward guiding resellers and shoppers through the new law by pointing out risky items and saying that resellers aren't required to test them.

Retailers will need continued updates and to monitor recalls closely, she said.

Clarification doesn't mean exemption, said Katie Francisco, a mother of two and co-owner of Tadpoles consignment stores in Atlanta: "It's not saying you're safe. It's saying be vigilant." ■



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Candi Singfield of Buford, Ga., shops in Tadpoles, a children's consignment store in Duluth, Ga. Many consignment sellers are worried because they fear they won't meet new standards for lead.



Monique Lung (left), owner of Hanger-Roo Maternity and Children's Consignment in Atlanta, speaks with Michelle Sorensen.

## What is affected by the peanut butter recall?

BY JILL KELLEY  
Cox News Service

Many questions remain regarding the recall of several peanut butter products following the recent discovery of salmonella at the Peanut Corp. of America, which supplies peanut butter and peanut paste to many well-known cracker, cookie, cereal, ice cream and candy companies.

The outbreak has led to more than 400 reported illnesses and may have caused six deaths, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Here are some answers to consumers' questions:

**Q. Is all peanut butter affected by the recall?**

**A.** No. Since the Peanut Corp. of America does not sell directly to the public, jars of peanut butter are safe. The products affected are those that were supplied peanut butter or paste by the PCA.

**Q. What products have been recalled?**

**A.** Kellogg Co. has confirmed that their Austin Quality Foods Toasty Crackers with Peanut Butter was the first product sold to consumers that tested positive for salmonella. Kellogg's has recalled all Austin and Keebler brand peanut butter crackers, Famous Amos Peanut Butter Cookies and Keebler Soft Batch Home-style Peanut Butter Cookies.

Other recalled items include Little Debbie peanut butter crackers (but not their other peanut butter products); Kroger peanut butter ice cream; ZonePerfect and NutriPals bars with peanut butter; Meijer peanut butter crackers and ice cream; Wal-Mart and Food Lion, Loft-house, Chuck's and Pastries Plus Gourmet Cookie peanut butter cookies; Perry's and Wegmans peanut butter ice cream; Hy-Vee Inc. peanut butter cookies and candy; King Nut Co. institutional-size peanut butter; General Mills' Larabar Pea-



nut Butter Cookie bars and JamFrakas Peanut Butter Blisscrisp bars; CLIF and LUNA bars with peanut butter; and South Bend Chocolate Co.'s peanut butter fudge and candy. For a complete list, visit the Food and Drug Administration Web site at [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov).

**Q. What products are safe?**

**A.** The following companies have said their products are not affected by the recall: Lance Inc., Tasty Baking Co., Hershey Co. (which makes Reese's), Mars, ConAgra Foods and Girl Scout Cookies.

**Q. Are there particular batches of**

**these products that we should check?**

**A.** All batches of a recalled item should be considered unsafe at this time.

**Q. Can I get a refund on these recalled products?**

**A.** Most companies will offer refunds for recalled items, but you will need to contact them directly and should have your product handy for its identification code. For Kellogg's, call (877) 869-5633, and for Little Debbie, call (800) 522-4499.

**Q. If I own a product containing peanut butter that has not been addressed, what should I do with it?**

**A.** The FDA advises consumers not to eat products containing peanut butter or paste until they are cleared. You can hold on to it and see if it is cleared or if you can get a refund.

**Q. Where do I go for more information?**

**A.** For news on the recall, visit the FDA Web site at [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov), or call the FDA at (888) INFO-FDA (1-888-463-6332). ■

# When you see red on Feb. 6, it's a good sign for heart health

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Men and women alike can support the fight against heart disease in women by wearing red on Friday, Feb. 6, Go Red for Women Day. It's a simple, powerful



way to raise awareness of heart disease and stroke.

Go Red For Women Day has its own dress code. Wear your favorite red clothes or accessory, put on red lipstick, grab your favorite red purse or sport a red tie and socks. Go red in your own fashion to show your support for women and the fight against heart disease.

Nationwide thousands of individuals, including employees at more than 4,500 companies, national and local news anchors, celebrities and talk-show hosts will wear red and join in the fight against heart disease in women. Land-

marks and national monuments (including the Seattle Space Needle, Empire State Building, Niagara Falls and even Graceland) will be illuminated in red light to bring additional awareness to the cause.

Too few people realize that heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women (and men), but the good news is heart disease largely can be prevented. Spreading the Go Red For Women message "Love Your Heart" raises awareness of heart disease and empowers women to reduce their risk.

Why red? Red is the symbol for women and heart disease. Cardiovascular diseases, including heart disease, take the lives of nearly 500,000 each year—about one death per minute. Wearing red is a simple way to join the Go Red For Women movement.

### Help turn Southwest Florida red

If your community, company building, fountain, etc., has a way to illuminate by using the color red, the local American Heart Association urges you to do so. Be creative: Place red dresses in storefronts, tie or hang red dresses around the office, have a red fashion show with your friends and just have fun with all things red.

Let the AHA office for Collier and Lee counties know what you're doing by calling 498-9288. For more ways to "go red" and to help the AHA track how many Southwest Floridians are participating in Go Red for Women Day, visit [www.goredforwomen.org](http://www.goredforwomen.org) or call (888) MY-HEART. ■



Real women from around the country who are affected with heart disease are the faces of the American Heart Association's Go Red 2009 campaign. The search is on for women for the 2010 campaign; for details visit [www.goredforwomen.org](http://www.goredforwomen.org).

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# OUTDOORS

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## Survival at sea: Clever marine animals use various tactics

BY LEE BELANGER  
Special to Florida Weekly

In nature, the name of the game is survival. Plants and animals have to adapt to many natural and unnatural changes — climate, predators, human intervention, etc., — or else die. This week we'll look at some remarkable ways marine animals have adapted to defend themselves and thus survive.

Other than hiding, camouflage is the most common defense various marine life employ. There are several types of camouflage. Counter-shading describes fish whose bellies are light colored and backs are dark. This helps them blend in with the dark sea bottom when seen from above and with the sky when viewed from below.

Other color adaptations, such as spots, stripes and mixed colors, allow fish to blend in with their background. A most amazing camouflage, especially in young fish such as the blenny, is a black tail spot resembling an eye. Thinking the fish can see them, predators attack the tail or stay away altogether.

Armor is another way some fish naturally fend off enemies. The sea robin's large head, for example, is made of bony plates covered with spines. Both the armor and spines discourage predators.

The hermit crab takes a different approach to protecting itself. The soft-bodied crab crawls into an empty seashell, uses hooks on its stomach to attach itself and then proceeds to carry its impenetrable home along

wherever it goes. When the crab outgrows a shell, it simply lets go, crawls out and finds a better fit.

Other sea creatures rely on "big brothers" to watch over them. That's just what the remora does. These sucking fish attach themselves to whales, sharks or mantas and thereby avail themselves of protection, transportation and also food (as the larger animals eat, pieces of food drift by and the remora gets them).

Nature's smoke screen works so well for the octopus that naval ships have adopted the same method to escape pursuing vessels. When threatened, the octopus squirts an inky black fluid. When my husband and I caught an octopus to use as an exhibit in a school program, the water turned black. When we changed the water, the octopus was virtually transparent.

The octopus also uses jet propulsion, squirting water from its body cavity into a funnel-shaped tube, to drive itself backward and make a quick getaway. No wonder this animal has survived since the Cambrian period 500 million years ago.

Puffer fish also have very effective ways of protecting themselves when threatened: They simply blow themselves up. A 9-inch puffer can swallow more than a quart of water. Puffers can also inflate



LEE BELANGER / FLORIDA WEEKLY

The sea robin's head is covered with spines

themselves with air and float belly-up. Either method increases the fish's size so predators cannot swallow them whole. Some puffers also have sharp spines, which makes swallowing them even less of a temptation.

The beautiful sea anemone, which looks like a lovely, harmless flower, uses disguise to protect itself. Rather than move from place to place avoiding predators, the anemone attaches to an object and waves its seductive "arms" at passersby. Small fish and other sea animals are attracted to what looks like colorful petals but are really stinging tentacles with a quick-acting poisons. Without its tentacles, the anemone would easily be someone's lunch; instead, the would-be predator suddenly becomes they prey as the anemone avoids harm and at the same time satisfies its appetite as it waves the victim into its central mouth.

The scorpionfish, catfish and toadfish inject venom from the base of their spines if attacked. Others, such as electric eels and torpedo rays, use electrical properties to send shocks through water to stun their predators.

Sometimes it's easy to forget that nature's dramatic struggles go on continuously just

beneath the surface of the Gulf of Mexico and in our placid backwater estuaries. Join me on a canoe adventure sometime, and we'll explore these and other clever maritime marvels. ■

Lee Belanger is a volunteer trail and canoe guide at Collier-Seminole State Park. To contact her, e-mail [Lungwort@aol.com](mailto:Lungwort@aol.com).

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► Moonlight paddles are planned for 7:30 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Feb. 7, 8, and 9. Join a park naturalist and discover the dynamic changes and reflections nighttime brings along the Blackwater River. Fun for ages 12 and older; \$30 per person. Reservations required. The entrance to Collier-Seminole State Park is at 20200 U.S. 41 in East Naples. To sign up for a canoe trip, call Lee Belanger at 394-3397.




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# OUTDOORS

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Mangroves and More, a free festival sponsored by The Conservancy of Southwest Florida and Mangrove Action Group, takes place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Conservancy Nature Center. The day's events include environmental exhibits, nature walks, boat tours and activities for all ages. Visitors can kayak the mangroves, take advantage of free electric boat tours of the Gordon River, walk the butterfly trail and learn more about mangroves, water quality and sea turtles.

FGCU professor Jerry Jackson and Conservancy of Southwest Florida Education Manager Troy Frensley are this month's Speaker Series guests at The Conservancy.

Dr. Jackson will present "In Search of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker" on Thursday, Feb. 12. Dr. Jackson, who has studied woodpeckers for more than 35 years, will discuss the alleged dramatic rediscovery, the fascinating evidence and the ongoing search connected with this very rare, possibly extinct, endangered avian.

On Thursday, Feb. 25, Mr. Frensley will present "Alien Invaders," a lecture on non-native plants, insects, mammals, reptiles, fish, amphibians and birds that now call Florida home, as well as the threats they pose to their native neighbors.

Both lectures are from 6-7 p.m. in the Nature Center. The Speaker Series runs through April and is open to Conservancy members. To become a member and register for the series, visit [www.conservancy.org/speakers](http://www.conservancy.org/speakers).

The Conservancy Nature Center is at 1450 Merrihue Drive, Naples. For more information, call 262-0403 or visit [www.conservancy.org](http://www.conservancy.org). ■

## Marco Bridge Run takes off in memory of Carole Sbertoli



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### Marco Bridge Run

15. Starting and finishing at the Greater Marco Family YMCA, the course will go over the bridges and through the hills of Marco Island and will also go into the gated community of Key Marco.

Recreational and professional runners are welcome. Cash prizes totaling \$3,200 will be awarded as well as trophies three deep in each age division. All entrants will receive a long-sleeve commemorative T-shirt.

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The inaugural 10-mile Marco Bridge Run in memory of Carole Sbertoli takes place Sunday, Feb.

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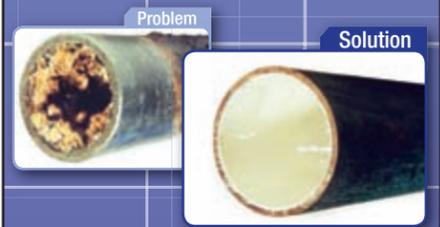
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# PET TALES

## Let me PLAY!

BY DR. MARTY BECKER & GINA SPADAFORI  
Universal Press Syndicate

Behaviorists love to recommend toys for all pets. Playthings are an important part of "environmental enrichment," a fancy phrase for strategies that keep animals from being bored and turning that boredom into destructiveness.

But as important as toys are for dogs and cats, they're even more essential to those who spend a great deal of time in cages that can never be big enough for a pet whose ancestors had the sky as their home.

No parrot can ever be happy, in other words, without toys.

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

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

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

• **Materials:** Toys are subject to your bird's healthy urge to destroy, which means safe components are a must. Wood, rawhide, plastic or stainless-steel chain, rope, cloth and hard plastic are among

the more popular materials that make up safe toys. Choose toys that break down into pieces that can't be swallowed. An exception: Toys made to hold food items, such as dried corncobs or fruit chunks. With these, eating is a large part of the fun.

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

• **Size:** Little toys for little birds, big toys for big birds. A big bird can catch and lose a toe in a toy made for a smaller bird, and small birds can get their heads trapped in toys made for their larger relatives.

Some birds are apprehensive of new toys. If yours is one of them, try to set the toy outside the cage (but within eye range) for a day or two, and then put it on the floor of the cage for another day or two. Once your bird starts to play with the toy, you can go ahead and attach it to the cage. (Stainless-steel split-ring key chains, available at any hardware store, are a safe, secure and inexpensive way to attach toys to cage bars.)

Don't overwhelm your pet with toys. Instead, keep two or three in the cage and rotate new ones in regularly.

Shopping for bird toys can be fun, but the costs do add up, especially if you have

Life in a cage with nothing to do can lead to health and behavior problems in parrots.



one of those gleefully destructive parrots. With some creativity, you can make your money go further by complementing store-bought bird toys with alternatives.

The cardboard cores of toilet-paper and paper-towel rolls are perfect for shredding, especially for smaller birds. String those tubes together on a thick leather cord and hang them in your bird's cage. Other cheapies include ballpoint pens with the ink tube removed, ping-pong balls, old plastic measuring cups and spoons, and plastic bottle tops. (Wash in hot soap and water, rinse well and air-dry before offering such items to your bird.)

Toothbrushes are another bargain toy, sturdy and colorful. You can buy cheap ones new or give your pet your worn ones after running them through your dishwasher. (Or hand-washing in soapy water, followed by rinsing and air-drying.) The hard plastic keys on a ring sold for human babies are also a budget-wise buy that birds love, and real keys can be just as fun, after a scrubbing.

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

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>>**Chance** is a neutered tiger cat. About 8 months old, he's outgoing and very playful.



>>**Cookie** is a short-haired tortie who's 2 years old. Although she's quiet, she's not shy in the least.



>>**Laica** Laica is a well-behaved 7 years old Labrador retriever/Tibetan terrier mix. She's a quiet dog with a mellow disposition.

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# MUSINGS

## Swan song



In the midst of the foggy sea and air we are, skull and cross bones run aground, all my dark mateys around me ankle deep in the drink. I wander aways and awash, not even walking really. A dream, almost a ghost, I waft over the waters a drifting, hovering suspended trance of a pirate. I vaguely know I am asleep, groundless, aground in the dreamtime.

Then I see: a magnificent swan, huge, flying toward me. The creature is amazingly beautiful. And even in the dreamtime I remember how precious swan is. Swan is creature comfortable and competent in air, on water, on earth. And this bird has been mind fire, setting humans ablaze with stories since beginningless time.

Swan myths of shape shifting, fertility, grace and beauty abound, told and retold as new contexts demand new vision. Swan has been there through it all.

Yeats re-presents the ancient Greek myth recounting the impregnation of Leda by the god-king Zeus. Zeus puts on the beauty of swan, a white shuddering rush of strange heart that genders the incomparable and problematic beauty of Helen of Troy.

Is not all beauty problematic?

My dream resounds with that question.

My ghostly knees become weaker in the sight of the swan beauty. I cannot bear

it: There is ecstasy and agony of contact. Swan wraps powerful wings around me, knocking away air and decorum. And yet even in this flood of overwhelming power, swan lays vulnerable head and neck around my shoulders, letting out one soft and tender sigh.

I pet the endless depth of feathers. I am lost in what appears to be a mutual indefensible vulnerability.

And then, in the moment of my total lack of guardedness, the blackness of the sky opens, taking on the texture of endless blacker feathers which beat the air into maelstrom. Myriad swans, beyond counting, descend upon me with a pulverizing force. There can be no calling out to the mateys for help. There is no word, no sound, no swan song.

Not even time for the foolishness of regret.

How is it that I am still here, musing for you? With Yeats I question: Have I put on the knowledge and the power?

I remember a Grimm's story of another king who married a problematically beautiful daughter of a witch who turned the king's seven sons into swans. The one daughter child was able to sew spell-breaking shirts for her swan brothers. The shirts were made of water star wort.

Water star wort is a plant comfortable in many elements, just like the swan. It has leaves of shapes that vary, dependent upon whether that leaf lives submersed, immersed, or floating. The flowers are petal-less, and the fruit is heart shaped.

The sister of the bewitched swan brothers finished all the spell-breaking shirts, except the sleeve of one. That shirt was given to the youngest brother, who even now has one arm and one swan wing.



Swan is at home in all the physical elements. And swan is also comfortable in all the stories sung from of old and ever new. After all, swan's very name is derived from words meaning to sing.

What is perhaps most amazing is the comfort of swan in the mute silence between songs and stories, the swan song that is not merely death and ending. The truest swan song is the infinitely possible, the ever emerging that sings into the passing impermanence, between stories, continually creating space for the flight of the new. It is elemental, yet it participates in all possibility.

In this possibility I am dream pirate with one arm and one wing, terminal Scheherazade, dying to new surprising voice risings, magic beyond belief, ravished by winged weaving. I am loved in all 10 of

the dimensions that cosmologists proclaim in order to make their equations come out right, in the seven filled with dark matter and dark energy and in the ordinary three in which particles reflect light.

Beyond this reflection all beauty is problematic, solutionless, destructive and creative, passing through all elements, becoming mute swan songs and visionless dreams.

The great wings are beating still. ■

— 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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BY TOM YEAGER  
Men's Health Consultant

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“What we’re trying to do here is give a fine meal at good value, and if we do that it will bring people here, because we’re definitely a destination.” — Sal Sinzierri, owner of MiraMare Ristorante



MiraMare Executive Chef Giovanni Scamardella

JIM MCLAUGHLIN/FLORIDA WEEKLY

## Let’s eat out: Despite the recession, diners still have upscale restaurants

BY ROGER WILLIAMS  
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If you’re looking for a taste of bold, if you long for the perfume of hope, or if you want demonstrable evidence of an economic resurgence, here’s what you do: You go out to eat at one of the region’s sparkling new restaurants.

About 15 upscale start-ups have appeared between Naples and Fort Myers just in recent months, sporting such names as MiraMare, Sea Salt (arguably the most elaborate and cosmopolitan of those), McCormick and Schmiks, Capitol Grille and A Table Apart.

At first blush, one wonders if sanity has deserted any restaurateur who would embark on a new, high-end adventure at a time like this.

“Of course the economy concerns me. These are hard times for everyone,” says Sal Sinzierri. Owner of the lovely



EVAN WILLIAMS/FLORIDA WEEKLY  
Bayfront Bistro at Snook Bight Yacht Club is the latest Fort Myers Beach addition.

new MiraMare Ristorante overlooking the bay on Gulf Shore Boulevard North, Mr. Sinzierri is unequivocal about his approach. “What we’re trying to do here is give a fine meal at good value, and if we do that, it will bring people

here, because we’re definitely a destination.”

That’s bold and ambitious, but it’s the nature of the new restaurateur: Rely on quality, service and location, and people will come, with money to spend.

Restaurateurs lay out a couple of hundred thousand or a couple of million dollars to open a new establishment on this bet: People might curtail their vacation travel and forgo the new car or the addition to the house, but they’re still going to eat out — the recession be damned, even in a region where 10 percent of workers are unemployed and the list of recently deceased eateries reads like a bad day in the obituary column.

For some, that could be all the more reason to enjoy such MiraMare dishes as *olipio con fagiolini e patate* (octopus

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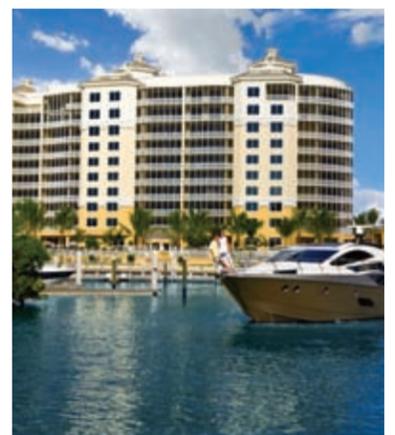
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On with the shows  
Producer Richard Sullivan stages art festivals with a personal touch. B2 ►



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## Southwest chapter of BioFlorida will support growing bioscience industry

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

A new regional chapter of BioFlorida, the statewide bioscience association, holds its first meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, at the Embassy Suites in Estero. The Southwest Florida chapter will provide a central communications conduit for networking, recruiting, training and information as well as a link to statewide efforts in the growing bioscience industry. The trade association supports the health, agriculture and energy sectors of biotechnology as well as the pharmaceutical and medical technology fields.

Keynote speaker at the inaugural meet-

ing will be Harry Orf, vice president for scientific operations and professor of chemistry at The Scripps Research Institute-Scripps Florida. Life science executives from medical device, pharmaceutical, diagnostics and biotech firms and other industry professionals will also attend; company representatives from Arthrex, NeoGenomics Laboratories and Tigris Pharmaceuticals will make presentations.

“Southwest Florida is poised to be the next hotspot for growth in Florida’s expanding bioscience industry,” said Bill Knab, president of Matrix Technology



Management and chair of the chapter. He added the chapter will help ensure that the regional life sciences cluster — including industry, research, education and service providers — grows in line with the rest of

the state.

The Economic Development Council of Collier County recruited Mr. Knab, a BioFlorida veteran, to build the chapter and serve as chair. The chapter was formed with economic development partners in Collier, Charlotte, Glades, Lee, Hendry and Sarasota counties and educational institutions including Edison State College, Florida Gulf Coast University, Hodges University and Ave Maria University.

For more information and to register for the launch of the BioFlorida southwest chapter, call the EDC at 263-8989 or visit [www.eNaplesFlorida.com](http://www.eNaplesFlorida.com). ■

# BUSINESS PROFILE

## Art festival producer knows how to add a personal touch

BY ALYSIA SHIVERS  
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As an aspiring photojournalist fresh out of art school, Richard Sullivan dreamed of touring remote areas of the world, capturing life and nature in the raw as a *National Geographic* photographer.

Unfortunately, that dream never came to be. But don't feel sorry for Mr. Sullivan. *National Geographic* may not have materialized, but his career has taken him to places and introduced him to people that many are only fortunate enough to see in the pages of magazines.

In the early 1980s, MTV came on the scene, bringing songs to life on the small screen. Wanting in on the action, friends of Mr. Sullivan's started making music videos. Intrigued by MTV's growing popularity, he joined his friends and soon his eye for photography morphed into a talent for film and television production.

For years, Mr. Sullivan hobnobbed with everyone from Steven Tyler of Aerosmith to James Taylor. "I not only got to meet them, I had lunch with them," he says.

His work in music videos then opened the door to filming high-end commercials for products including Reebok. He traveled around the globe, from Milan to Brazil, filming famous athletes, and while he enjoyed the smaller crew and the traveling, the endless hotel room stays eventually got to him.

Burned out, he fled to his family's house in quiet Naples to restore and renew himself. His intent was for this to be a temporary stop, but as the story goes, he met a girl and soon he was calling Naples home.

His plans to stay meant finding something to occupy his time, so he approached The von Liebig Art Center, which had just opened, about raising funds to build a dark room on the premises. His success in that fundraising quest prompted The von Liebig board of directors to seek his assistance with its most famous event, the Naples National Art Festival, a two-day event that attracts high-caliber artists from far and wide.

When Mr. Sullivan left nearly seven years later, The von Liebig's event had gone from being rated the 11th to the fifth best festival in the nation by *Sunshine Artist Magazine*.

"The von Liebig was like going to graduate school," Mr. Sullivan says. "It helped me spread my wings."

Today, Mr. Sullivan produces art festivals throughout Florida and as far north as Nashville, Tenn., through his own business, Boulderbrook Productions, named after the brook he caught frogs in near his Massachusetts childhood home.

Committing himself to 12 shows a year, Mr. Sullivan carefully selects communities that have the right demographics, a functional locale, adequate parking, and more importantly, a love of art. To date, he's organized festivals in Marco Island,



Richard Sullivan

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Boca Raton, Fort Lauderdale, Sarasota, Boca Grande, Sanibel and beyond.

Each show starts months in advance with the choosing of the artists. He keeps his shows to around 100 artists who exhibit everything from sculpture, woodworking, drawing, mixed media, jewelry, glass work, ceramics and photography. "We are mostly a fine art festival with some fine crafts," he says.

Mr. Sullivan has another all-important item on his agenda: finding a local not-for-profit that can provide area knowledge, ties to publicity and marketing, and volunteers. "I couldn't take 50 people to every show," he explains. "This

way it becomes a community event." As a show of his gratitude, he gives that organization a sizeable donation.

Next month, Boulderbrook Productions makes it mark on Naples with its first-ever Naples Masters Art Festival, coming to the Collection at Vanderbilt the weekend of March 7-8. Its charity partner is the Harry Chapin Food Bank.

Since artists follow the snowbirds, Mr. Sullivan's busiest time is definitely the winter months, yet he remains committed to holding just 12 shows annually. "I have to be there. I can't just organize and go home," he said. "It's all about that personal touch." ■

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# ON THE MOVE

## New in Business



Leonard

**Trish Leonard** has opened **TLC-Consulting**, specializing in marketing, business development and business resource services for small to mid-size companies. Ms. Leonard is president and CEO. She serves as president of the Zonta Club of Bonita Springs and is a founder of the Commercial Sales Industry Professionals of Southwest Florida. She is also on the Bonita Springs Art in Public Places board of directors and is secretary of the European American Network.



White

**Moran Asset Management Group of Wachovia Securities**, has passed the Series 7 examination administered by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. Mr. White earned his bachelor's degree in communications from Florida Gulf Coast University and his MBA from Hodges University. Prior to joining The Moran Asset Management Group, he was an assistant branch manager with AmSouth Bank. He serves on the advisory board of Hodges University's Allied Health Department and is a member of the Gulf Coast Runners and the Naples Pathways Coalition.

## Nonprofits

**The United Way of Collier County** announces a newly elected board of directors and committee officers. Led by Chairman **Jason Hunter Korn**, director of Cohen & Grigsby's Florida offices, the 2009 board members are: **Chuck Zundel**, chair-elect; **Reg Buxton**, immediate past chair; **Jerri Kautsky**, treasurer; and **Ernie Bretzmann**, secretary (non-voting). Committee officers are: **Skip Soper**, Agency Relations Committee; **Sandy Waite** and **Clark Hill**, co-chairs, 2009-2010 Campaign Committee; **Mollie Page**, Public Relations; **Tom Schneider**, Governance; **West McCann**, Endowment and Planned Giving; **Ron Kaplan**, Finance; and **Tom Schneider**, Audit Committee. Joining the officers on the Executive Committee are **Craig Bamberg**, **James DeLony** and **Michael Dillon**.

**Edward Sheridan**, a semi-retired clinical psychologist and professor at the University of Houston, will serve as vice president. **John Gast**, a trust and estate attorney with Brennan, Manna & Diamond, will serve as treasurer. **Pablo Veintimilla**, executive vice president and CFO for Hillcrest Bank of Florida, will serve as secretary. Rounding out the board of directors are **Leila Anderson**, **John Carroll**, **Howard Crown**, **Catherine Fay**, **Frank Fontana**, **Shaun Kelly**, **Robert Morantz**, **Linda Pezeskan**, **Richard Rice**, **Lee Spielman**, **Kelly Townsend** and **Gail Webster**. The David Lawrence Center was recently honored by the Mental Health Association of Southwest Florida as its Outstanding Partner of the Year. **David Schimmel**, CEO of the center, accepted the award.

## Higher Education



Fairfax

**Pamela Fairfax** has been named associate vice president of human resources at **Edison State College**. During her nine years at the school, Ms. Fairfax has been instrumental in reorganizing the Human Resources Department, assumed statewide leadership positions and orchestrated a major employee compensation study. In her new role, she will continue to lead the Human Resources Department and will serve as a facilitator on college legal issues. She holds a master's degree in business administration from George Mason University in Virginia.

## Insurance



Trippe

**Gay Trippe**, co-founder and board secretary for **Oswald Trippe and Company**, has retired but will continue to serve as the corporation's secretary and a member of the board of directors in Florida and North Carolina. Mrs. Trippe and her husband Gary, along with James Pender, launched OTC in 1982 as a home-based business in Fort Myers. Today, the agency has 16 locations throughout Florida and North Carolina. During her 26-year tenure, Mrs. Trippe specialized in personnel management, workflow systems and automation. She also contributed countless hours of volunteer service to numerous civic organizations.

**PACE Center for Girls, Inc.**, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary in Immokalee, has elected the following new members to its board of directors: **Lori Cohen**, **Jean Hahn**, **Michelle Jones**, **James Price** and **Jennifer Walker**. They join **Pat Barton**, **Martha Bibby**, **Jacqueline Buyze**, **Leslie Cheek**, **B.J. Ferriell**, **Vacharee Howard**, **Anita Pittman**, **Arlene Shapiro** and **Nancy White**. The mission of PACE is to provide girls and young women with an opportunity for a better future through education, counseling, training and advocacy.

The following new officers were recently installed for one-year terms on the board of directors for the **David Lawrence Center**: **Mary Beth Crawford**, a trust and estate attorney with Cummings and Lockwood, will serve as president for a second term.



Crawford



Schimmel

## Travel

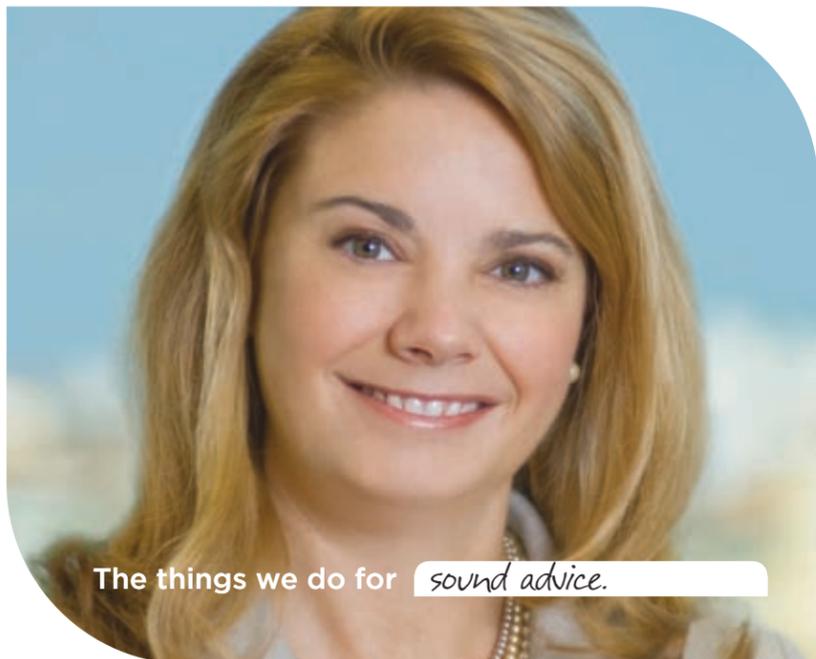


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If YOWCH is selling for \$50 per share, you might buy "April \$55" call options for it. Let's say you pay \$6 each (\$600 total) for call options to buy 100 shares of YOWCH at \$55 apiece. If, just before your options expire, YOWCH is selling for \$65 per share, you can exercise your options and buy 100 shares for \$5,500. Then you can keep them or sell them for their current rate, netting \$6,500. Your profit may appear to be \$1,000, but you paid \$600 for the options, so it's really \$400, less commissions and taxes.

Options are risky. If YOWCH stays at

\$55 or falls, your \$600 would be entirely lost. With the options you bought, you're betting that the stock will top \$61 per share — \$55 plus \$6 — by April.

Options are appealing because of the leverage they offer. With \$1,000, you can buy only 20 shares of a \$50 stock. Alternatively, that \$1,000 could buy many options tied to hundreds of shares of stock. But with options, timing is critical. If things don't go your way in a short time frame, your option will expire worthless. Most options expire unexercised and worthless.

If you're sure that YOWCH's stock will rise, you're probably best off buying its stock. Then, if it doesn't behave as you expected in the near term, you can either sell the shares or hang on patiently.

Options are not for beginning investors, and many advanced investors steer clear, too. Still, there are some situations where they can make sense. Learn more at [www.cboe.com/Learn-Center](http://www.cboe.com/Learn-Center) and [www.fool.com/FoolFAQ/foolfaq0055.htm](http://www.fool.com/FoolFAQ/foolfaq0055.htm). ■

## My Dumbest Investment Down Payment Down

I received an inheritance. I wasn't sure what to do with it, so I put it in the stock market. I had the thought of buying another home when prices became more reasonable. Well, the stock market dropped and now I lost part of my principal. I know better. Why didn't I remember my own advice?

— T.M., online

**The Fool Responds:** Many of us go against our instincts and end up regretting it. Your story illustrates why we advise people to not put any money into the stock market that they'll need within five years (or even 10, to be much more conservative). You just don't know what the market will do in the short term. On the plus side, if it helps, home values have also plunged in many regions. So your smaller portfolio might possibly still be able to help you buy a less-costly home. Next time you're about to make a major financial move, ask yourself what some unpleasant outcomes might be and how you would handle them. ■



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

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(Answer: Fortune Brands)



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## Ask the Fool

### Protecting Your Brokerage Account

**Q**I'm thinking about opening an online brokerage account. If the brokerage goes bankrupt or closes, will my account be protected?

— P.C., Davenport, Iowa

**A**Most brokerages carry Securities Investor Protection Corp. (SIPC) insurance, protecting your account for up to \$500,000, including up to \$100,000 in cash claims. (Many brokerages carry additional insurance, too.) This doesn't protect you against a loss in value of your holdings, though. Instead, it protects against the financial failure of broker-dealers. To ensure that a brokerage is SIPC-protected, look closely at its Web site for assurance or call it up and ask.

Learn more about brokerages and how to choose a good one at [www.broker.fool.com](http://www.broker.fool.com) and more about the SIPC at [www.sipc.org](http://www.sipc.org).

**Q**Since I have only a few thousand dollars to invest, I'm looking for stocks that cost only a few dollars each. Where should I look?

— T.S., Fayetteville, N.C.

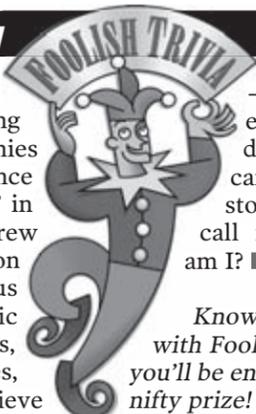
**A**First off, you're wrong to think that you need to find "cheap" stocks. You may buy 1,000 shares of stock for \$1 each, only to see them fall in value, while, alternatively, you might have bought 10 shares of a \$100 stock that doubles in a few years. The price alone doesn't tell you much. A \$300 stock might look pricey, but if the company's shares are really worth \$500 each, it's a bargain.

Consider steering clear of "penny stocks," those trading for less than \$5 each. Generally volatile and extra risky, they're often more likely to go out of business than go to the moon. Too many people fall for them, getting excited at the thought of owning thousands of shares. It's not the number of shares that matter, though — it's their strength and performance. ■

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## The Motley Fool Take

### Is 7 Microsoft's Lucky Number?

Microsoft (Nasdaq: MSFT) has been ailing, but it's not dead yet.

By all accounts, Windows Vista was a massive failure. But remember — the company has been here before, with Windows Millennium Edition. After ME, Microsoft learned from its mistakes, fixed a ton of problems, and then unleashed Windows XP on a skeptical world. It's a truly stable and reliable Windows version, and many of us still use it today, more than seven years after its original release.

Windows 7 is due no later than 2010, and word on the street is that this less-bloated release could make everyone forget about the last mistake. Microsoft can't

get this baby out the door fast enough.

Seven years ago, Windows had no credible competition. Today, Apple and others are chomping at its market share. And far out in left field, Web 2.0 technologies and cloud computing bring new threats. Who needs a premium operating system if every program you use runs on a Web server somewhere?

When Windows 7 hits store shelves, it has the opportunity to erase two years of bad press and disappointing sales — and to start another huge success cycle that could beat back the burgeoning competition and cement Mr. Softy's place anew atop the heap of software giants. ■

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► Collier County School Board District 4 representative Julie Sprague will be the guest speaker when the **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce Chamber Alliance** meets at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, at the chamber, 2390 Tamiami Trail N., Naples. Admission is \$10 for Chamber Alliance members. RSVP to Alissa Arce at 403-2904 or Alissa@NaplesChamber.org.

► Alumni and members of **Class XIII of the Greater Naples Leadership Masters Program** are invited to "Civic Activism: Making a Difference," a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, at The Country Club of Naples.

Moderator of the discussion will be Marsha Murphy; panelists will be Linda Penniman, Jim Rideoutte, Mark Strain and Sharon Kenny. Cost is \$22; reservations and payment must be made by Friday, Feb. 6. For more information, visit [www.gnlwebsite.org](http://www.gnlwebsite.org).

► **Gulf Coast Venture Forum** will hear presentations from a medical implant company and a video game software developer from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, in the clubhouse at Tiburon. GCVF promotes the region's new and emerging businesses by bringing together entrepreneurs, educational resources, capital providers and service providers.

Monthly meetings take place October through June. New members must qualify as accredited investors as defined by the SEC. For more information, call 262-6300 or visit [www.gcvf.com](http://www.gcvf.com).

► **The Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** holds its next Business After Hours networking event from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, at CNL Bank in Coconut Point (near Best Buy). Please bring plenty of business cards to exchange. Cost is \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door for base members and \$40 for non-members. Reservations can be made at [www.BonitaSpringsChamber.com](http://www.BonitaSpringsChamber.com). Enhanced membership levels can call the chamber at 992-2943 for reservations.

► **The Direct Selling Women's Alliance Southwest Florida Area Chapter** meets on the third Tuesday of every month from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Nonna Regina Italian Restaurant in North Naples. Cost is \$5 and does not include lunch. Chapter president is Mindy Idaspe. For more information, call 248-9704 or e-mail [lacl88@dswa.org](mailto:lacl88@dswa.org).

► **Capital Wealth Advisors** and its affiliated businesses, the Capital Group and the Capital Accounting Group, will present "Protecting the Estate, Wealth Preservation and Tax Minimization Strategies," a free seminar at their offices at 787 Fifth Avenue S. on numerous dates this month and in February and March. For more information, call 434-7434.

► 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.

► **Women's Network of Collier County**, an organization dedicated to helping women grow their businesses, meets at 11:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the Collier Athletic Club. Cost is \$22 for members and \$25 for non-members. For reservations, e-mail Laurie Nicolas at [llhnicolas@comcast.net](mailto:llhnicolas@comcast.net).

► **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; call Honey Gardiner at 598-9058 to reserve your seat. ■

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with celery, olives, tomatoes, capers, potatoes, string beans and lemon dressing, for \$12), or risotto allo zafferano con funghi misti (saffron risotto with mushroom ragout, for \$14).

In this business, they say, you have to be a maverick with the food sensibility of a fine artist and the work instincts of a dairy farmer (seven days a week, forever), coupled with a savage instinct for the bottom line.

"I have my vendors understand," says Mr. Sinzierra, "that we cannot pay top dollar like we did in 2004 or 2006. So, with their help and the price structure the way



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**A table for two with a view at MiraMare**

still some mavericks running wild in the population who can do all that.

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### A Table Apart

Hawaiian chef Jeff Acol and his wife, Jessica, opened A Table Apart on Bonita Beach Road about three months ago. Last week, Mrs. Acol took her first day off. The place is packed most of the time, but Mr. Acol still worries, he admits.

"As far as the economy, we were concerned, but we wanted to do upscale and good food, organic, local and fresh, without being too pricey. I would have done this anyway, whether the economy was down or not, because it was our concept," he says.

At A Table Apart you can order chorizo mejillones, sautéed mussels with Mexican chorizo, tomatoes, garlic, white wine and cilantro pesto, for \$11; on the top end of the price scale, the menu offers organic salmon two ways — blackened and citrus ceviche — Furikake rice, braised baby bok choy and yuzu beurre blanc, for \$24. The restaurant also serves char-grilled filet mignon for \$28, and Asian-glaze whole lamb rack for \$32.

it is, we can do well.

"Many people think this is just a lot of fun and not so much hard work every day," he says. "But it's hard work all the time. You have to watch your payroll. You have to make sure your product is the best you can put out every single day. And not just me, but the chef has to worry about it, the girl at the podium has to worry that the reservations are correct, and so on."

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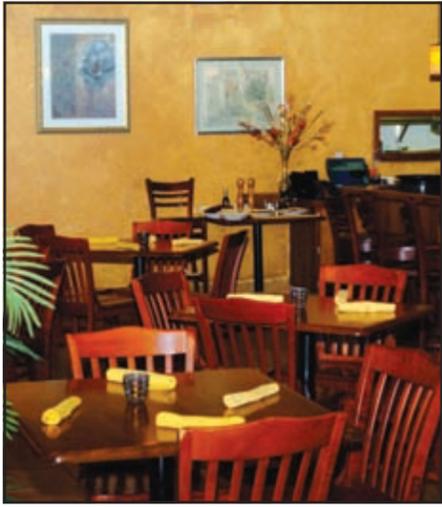
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**The dining room of A Table Apart in Bonita Springs**

**Sea Salt**

Those prices and the quality of food are bringing in the crowds, which is also happening at Sea Salt on Third Street South. Here, apparently, cost was not a concern (and it doesn't hurt to have such magazines as *Gourmet* celebrating your arrival while simultaneously mourning your departure from the restaurant scene in Washington, D.C.).

Here's what the foodie magazine recently wrote about Sea Salt, which was established by Venice-born Fabrizio Aieli and his wife, Ingrid: "Open to the street, with a terrace and a bar (including bar tables) up front, a slightly more formal dining room further back, a kitchen that's truly open (there is no wall between it and the nearest tables), a small specialty food market, and a small café. With floors of light wood and tile and walls of glass and limestone, the interior (by designer Griz White) combines a breezy, beachy feel with a kind of offhanded elegance."

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**Ichabod's Wicked Food and Drink**, 13851 S. Tamiami Trail, Fort Myers; 267-1611

**Two Meatballs in the Kitchen**, 890 Salrose Lane, Fort Myers; 489-1111, [www.twomeatballsinthekitchen.com](http://www.twomeatballsinthekitchen.com)

**Olive's Mediterranean Grill**, 3207 Cleveland Ave., Fort Myers; 337-5111

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## Realtors invited to see for themselves at Aqua



Aerial view of Aqua, the luxury waterfront condominium that opened earlier this month at Wiggins Pass.

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### Luxury condominiums overlook Wiggins Pass



#### SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Aqua, the luxury waterfront condominium that opened earlier this month at Wiggins Pass, has announced a program of open houses for real estate agents. In addition to touring the building and its amenities, agents will have access to models designed by Roz Travis and Robb & Stucky.

The open house schedule is as follows:

- 3-5 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 5, 12 and 19
- 9-11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 26
- 3-5 p.m. Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19 and 26

“At Aqua, we’ve proven that seeing is believing,” says Rod Robinson, vice president and director of sales for The Bentley Sales Group, the marketing arm of Aqua. “Those who visit Aqua clearly see its unique lifestyle and value.”

An intimate community of just 80 residences, Aqua was conceived and created with exceptional standards in construction, amenities, finishings and services. Included among its offerings is a private yacht harbor from which boats up to 55 feet long have the most immediate deepwater Gulf access in Naples. Overlooking the harbor, a resort-style

SEE AQUA, B17 ►

## Insurance concerns lead to new division of Gulfshore Homes

#### SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Gulfshore Homes has formed a new division intended to help homeowners address issues that impact their ability to obtain affordable insurance and their ability to sell in a tight housing market.

Gulfshore Homes Improvement Solutions will work with owners to assess the condition of their home and

ascertain whether it meets current building code standards, and then to complete all aspects of construction required to bring the home up to code.

The services offered by Gulfshore Homes Improvement Solutions are designed to not only help reduce insurance costs and improve marketability, but also to enhance a home’s

aesthetic value.

Recent events have focused a spotlight on building code related questions. Effective Jan. 1, Citizens Insurance, the state of Florida’s solution to providing affordable coverage to its residents, will not renew policies on homes valued at \$750,000 to \$2 million if the homes are out of compliance with current building codes.

Owners who wish to keep their coverage through Citizens must bring their homes up to code before their policy renewal date.

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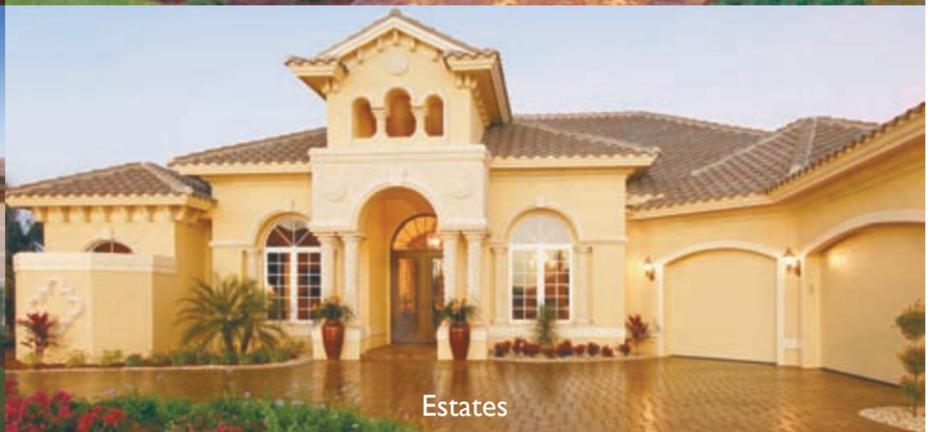
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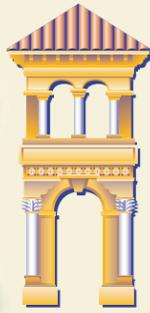
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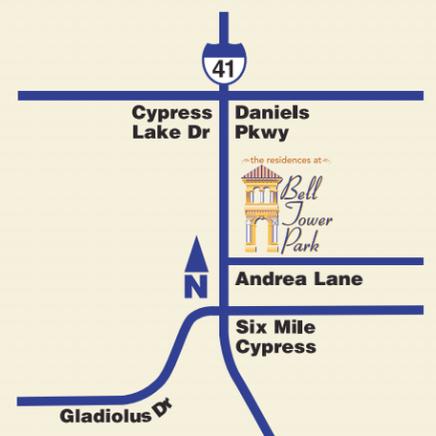
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# AQUA

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Priced from under \$2 million, three- and four-bedroom residences range from 3,500 square feet to 6,000 square feet and feature sunlit living areas, spacious terraces, high ceilings and gourmet kitchens and sunlit back-to-front living areas.

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Aqua is at 13735 Vanderbilt Drive at Wiggins Pass Road. For more information, visiting the on-site sales center or [www.AquaPIYC.com](http://www.AquaPIYC.com), or call 591-2727. ■

# INSURANCE

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are valued over \$2 million will be left to find new coverage, a difficult proposition at best, especially for those homes that are not in compliance with existing building codes.

The situation was complicated further when State Farm Insurance announced it is pulling out of the homeowners insurance market in Florida.

Insurance availability, the cost of coverage and a history of water intrusion issues (particularly if they involve mold infestation) have become increasingly important considerations for buyers and sellers in an already tight real estate market. Whether homeowners are seeking to reduce insurance coverage costs, to protect the long-term value of their homes or to better position themselves to sell against new construction, bringing their home up to code compliance, successfully mitigating all water intrusion related issues and having certified documentation of the work completed offer valuable benefits.

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# Downing-Frye exceeds \$1 billion in closed sales volume for 2008

Downing-Frye Realty, Inc., has announced its closed sales volume was nearly \$1.04 billion for 2008, the seventh consecutive year in which sales exceeded \$1 billion. The figure reflects well on the Naples and Southwest Florida real estate market, said Mike Hughes, broker and general manager of the firm. He added there are indications that activity is getting stronger.



Hughes

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**\$5,500,000 | Lynn Anderson/Carolyn Weinand | 434-2424**



**GREY OAKS - ESTATES** ▲  
Custom builder's personal home. Southern exposure four bedrooms, four baths, 2 half-baths, Koi pond, sauna, and stone fireplace.  
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**GREY OAKS** ▲  
Four bedroom estate blends luxury with comfort. Designed for a discerning buyer. A Christie's Great Estates Property.  
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**GREY OAKS - ESTATES** ▲  
Recently remodeled with Appalachian-Piazza maple flooring, new carpet and paint. Land golf course views. Furnished.  
**\$2,695,000 | Philip N. Collins | 404-6800**



**FIDDLER'S CREEK - MAJORCA** ▲  
This four bedroom plus study home features fine woodwork, stone fireplace, pool, spa, tray and vaulted ceilings.  
**\$2,500,000 | ML Meade/Natalie Kirstein | 293-4851**



**GREY OAKS - ESTUARY** ▲  
Magnificent master suite, sitting area, large wood floor study and outdoor entertaining. Views over creek. Furnished.  
**\$2,400,000 | Lynn Anderson/Carolyn Weinand | 434-2424**



**NEW LISTING**  
**GREY OAKS** ▲  
Charming two-story brick home with lake and golf course views, three bedrooms plus den, 2-sided fireplace, and full outdoor kitchen.  
**\$2,295,000 | Carolyn Weinand | 269-5678**



**NEW LISTING**  
**FIDDLER'S CREEK - MAJORCA** ▲  
Stately 2-story three bedroom home. Designer ceiling treatments, faux paint, fireplace, full game room, den, pool and spa.  
**\$2,290,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133**



**GREY OAKS - ESTUARY** ▲  
Exceptional 4 bedroom, 4.5 bath home. Gourmet kitchen with Sub-Zero and Dacor appliances. Lake and golf course views.  
**\$2,199,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420**



**GREY OAKS** ▲  
Custom home overlooks 18th hole. Soaring ceilings, marble, cast stone columns, cherry cabinets. Pool/spa.  
**\$2,099,000 | Angie White | 821-6722**



**NEW LISTING**  
**FIDDLER'S CREEK - MAJORCA** ▲  
Gorgeous home features designer ceiling treatments, faux paint, crown moulding. Pool area with built-in spa.  
**\$1,950,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133**



**TWIN EAGLES** ▲  
This residence features four bedrooms, four baths, limestone floors, wide crown moldings, summer kitchen, loggia, and fireplace.  
**\$1,999,500 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420**



**TWIN EAGLES - HEDGESTONE** ▲  
Four bedrooms, five bathrooms plus a den in this furnished home. Enjoy views of lake and golf course. Three-car garage.  
**\$1,699,500 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420**



**GREY OAKS - AVILA** ▲  
Furnished 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath home with lake and golf course views, faux finished ceilings and walls, and wide crown moldings.  
**\$1,495,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420**



**HAMMOCK BAY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB LESINA #1806** ▲  
Home in the sky, 180-degree views of Marco and Ten Thousand Islands from this 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath residence. Top-rate amenities.  
**\$1,250,000 | Darlene Roddy | 404-0685**



**HAMMOCK BAY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB LESINA #2005** ▲  
Stunning views of McIlvane Bay and the Gulf! Finished by Foxworthy's Interiors. Brazilian walnut wood and Turkish marble flooring.  
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**HAMMOCK BAY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB SERANO #PH-2106** ▲  
Penthouse with breathtaking views in 3 directions, three bedrooms, and over 2,500 total SF. Wraparound lanai.  
**\$899,000 | Carolyn Weinand | 269-5678**



**NEW LISTING**  
**FIDDLER'S CREEK - CRANBERRY CROSSING** ▲  
Beautifully decorated three bedroom, three bath. Private backyard and lanai with heated pool and spa, overlooking lake.  
**\$829,000 | ML Meade/Natalie Kirstein | 293-4851**



**TWIN EAGLES - WICKLOW** ▲  
Find your heart's desire in this Covington plan with four bedrooms, den, three baths, pool, spa, 3-car garage. Quality throughout.  
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**FIDDLER'S CREEK - MALLARDS LANDING** ▲  
Two bedroom plus den, furnished. Imported cabinets, granite counters and more. Infinity-edge pool with wide lake view.  
**\$749,000 | Michelle Thomas | 860-7176**



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**FIDDLER'S CREEK - CASCADA #102** ▲  
Panoramic golf/water views! Three bedroom plus study with coffered ceilings and expanded kitchen.  
**\$689,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 821-9545**



**HAMMOCK BAY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB AVERSANA #403** ▲  
Stunning McIlvane Bay, Gulf and golf views! Professionally decorated and turnkey furnished three bedroom with 2,625 SF A/C.  
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**TWIN EAGLES - BRAMBLE POINTE** ▲  
This like-new home has three bedrooms plus den and loft, and offers a spacious floor plan for all your family and guests.  
**\$529,000 | Susan DeShong | 253-3434**

## GREY OAKS

### Single Family Homes

**ESTATES 2626 Bulrush Lane**  
This 4 bedroom plus den features columns, tray ceilings, marble flooring and stone fireplace. Custom pool/spillover spa.  
**\$3,190,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420**

**OPEN SUN. 1-4** 1655 Chinaberry Court  
This estate home has 2 floors with sunsets from the lakeside lanai with an infinity-edge pool, and outdoor kitchen.  
**\$2,895,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420**

**PALM ISLAND 2343 Alexander Palm Drive**  
Gracious home with 180 degrees of breathtaking water and golf views from most rooms. Custom design, 4 bedrooms, den/study.  
**\$2,490,000 | Carolyn Weinand | 269-5678**

**CAPISTRANO 2810 Capistrano Way**  
Tropical lake views from this 3 bedroom plus study, elegant home. Pool/spa with new lanai screening. Furnished.  
**\$2,195,000 | Lynn Anderson/Carolyn Weinand | 434-2424**

### Condominiums/Villas

**ESTUARY 1306 Noble Heron Way**  
Elegant yet comfortable, open floor plan with 3 bedrooms, a den and 3.5 baths. Offered furnished.  
**\$2,000,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420**

**ESTUARY 1326 Noble Heron Way**  
Almost-new 4,000 SF former model with Saturnia marble floors, gas fireplace, vaulted ceilings, and pool/spa. Furnished.  
**\$1,990,000 | Lynn Anderson/Carolyn Weinand | 434-2424**

**REDUCED** **ESTUARY 1369 Noble Heron Way**  
This 3 bedroom plus study, 3.5 bath villa overlooks lake and fairway. Faux paint, marble flooring. Pool/spa. Furnished.  
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**AVILA 2579 Twinflower Lane**  
Long golf/lake views, three bedroom plus den and loft, A/C garage and pool/spa. A Christie's Great Estates Property.  
**\$1,595,000 | Carolyn Weinand | 269-5678**

## GREY OAKS

### NEW LISTING TRADITIONS 2325 Residence Circle #202

At close to 4,000 SF, this elegant home features a long lake view, marble and wood floors, and library with cherry doors.  
**\$1,550,000 | Jutta Lopez | 571-5339**

**TERRA VERDE 2396 Terra Verde Lane**  
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## FIDDLER'S CREEK

### Single Family Homes

**MAJORCA 8540 Majorca Lane**  
Former model decorated by Agostino's Design Group and on an oversized corner lot. Three bedroom plus den, 3200+ A/C SF.  
**\$1,350,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133**

**BELLAGIO 8579 Bellagio Drive**  
Mediterranean-style home with infinity pool overlooking the lake. Three bedrooms, 3.5 baths including a casita for guests.  
**\$1,295,000 | ML Meade/Natalie Kirstein | 293-4851**

**REDUCED** **BELLAGIO 8511 Bellagio Drive**  
Former model, decorated in classic Mediterranean style. Three bedrooms, 3.5 baths, oversized lanai with lake views.  
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**MALLARDS POINT 8500 Mallards Point**  
Two-story 5 bedroom plus loft home. Wide lake views. Pool and spa with waterfall. Cathedral ceilings, marble and bamboo floors.  
**\$995,000 | Michelle Thomas | 860-7176**

**MULBERRY ROW 7685 Mulberry Lane**  
Turnkey furnished, custom three bedroom plus den with open floor plan, granite counters and oversized pool/spa with waterfall.  
**\$949,000 | ML Meade/Natalie Kirstein | 293-4851**

**REDUCED** **MULBERRY ROW 7630 Mulberry Lane**  
Beautifully decorated Lundstrom home. Heated pool/spa, built-in grill, three bedrooms plus den, three baths and oversized garage.  
**NOW \$899,000 | ML Meade/Natalie Kirstein | 293-4851**

## FIDDLER'S CREEK

### Single Family Homes

**MAHOGANY BEND 3828 Mahogany Bend Drive**  
New, luxury home with western exposure golf course views, 3 bedrooms plus den, 3.5 baths, 3-car garage, and pool/spa.  
**\$699,900 | Michelle Thomas | 860-7176**

**CRANBERRY CROSSING 9100 Cherry Oaks Trail**  
Furnished 3 bedroom home with views of lake, heated pool, security system, tile throughout and granite.  
**\$695,000 | ML Meade/Natalie Kirstein | 293-4851**

### Condominiums/Villas

**SERENA 3164 Serena Lane #201**  
Brand new 3 bedroom plus den with long lake views. Granite counters, and stainless appliances. Turnkey furnished.  
**\$895,000 | ML Meade/Natalie Kirstein | 293-4851**

**SERENA 3198 Serenity Court #201**  
Furnished luxury coach home. Private elevator, 3,000+ SF under air, 3 bedrooms plus den, and 2-car garage.  
**\$829,000 | Michelle Thomas | 860-7176**

**VARENNA 9202 Museo Circle #104**  
Outstanding fountain and lake views. Very private. Fully furnished 3 bedroom, 3 bath corner coach home.  
**\$695,000 | ML Meade/Natalie Kirstein | 293-4851**

**MENAGGIO 9274 Menaggio Court #101**  
A luxury coach home on the ground floor overlooking a lake with 3 bedrooms plus den, family room and living room.  
**\$695,000 | Michelle Thomas | 860-7176**

**VARENNA 9221 Museo Circle #204**  
The best of everything: granite, stainless appliances and tile. Over 3,000 SF under air, and long lake views.  
**\$675,000 | Darlene Roddy | 404-0685**

**VARENNA 9242 Tesoro Lane #201**  
Outstanding residence with private elevator, over 3,000 SF AC, 3 bedrooms plus den, and spacious lanai. Furnished.  
**\$650,000 | Darlene Roddy | 404-0685**

**MONTREUX 3715 Montreux Lane #101**  
Fully upgraded corner coach home with stunning golf/lake views. Granite countertops, custom millwork, fireplace.  
**\$599,000 | Michelle Thomas | 860-7176**

**SERENA 3202 Serenity Court #201**  
Turnkey furnished luxury 2nd floor corner residence overlooking the lake. Spacious plan with 3 bedrooms, den, 3 baths.  
**\$599,000 | Michelle Thomas | 860-7176**

**MONTREUX 3745 Montreux Lane #204**  
Stunning lake and golf course views from this impeccable 4 bedroom coach home. Decorated and furnished.  
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**ESTATES AT BAY COLONY ▲**  
European-style estate with natural Koi pond, 11,000 SF, five bedrooms, six baths, marble columns, faux finishes and imported granites.  
**\$7,595,000 | Marlene Abbott-Barber/Leah D. Ritchey | 594-9494**



**TIBURON - ESCADA ▲**  
Three master suites, two guest rooms, each with bath. Gym, home theater, elevator, and golf views. A Christie's Great Estates Property.  
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**QUAIL CREEK ▲**  
Over 8,000 square feet, all four bedrooms are master suites. Spectacular pool with spa, waterfall and slide. Fantastic sights.  
**\$2,950,000 | Julie Rembos | 595-1809**



**VINEYARDS - TERRACINA ▲**  
Custom estate on 1.5 lots. Double fairway views. Five bedrooms en suite, home theater, billiard room, and wine cellar.  
**\$2,699,000 | Julie Rembos | 595-1809**



**TIBURON - SERAFINA ▲**  
This 4 bedroom plus den is sited on premium lot and views fairway. Venetian plaster, hardwood floors and private pool/spa.  
**\$2,275,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420**



**OLDE CYPRESS - DA VINCI ESTATES ▲**  
Fairway views, 4,690 SF under air, six bedrooms, marble/wood floors, pool/spa, summer kitchen, 3-bay garages. Furnished.  
**\$2,249,000 | Sandra McCarthy-Meeks | 287-7921**



**VINEYARDS ▲**  
Beautiful wide water lakefront views, a 1,500 SF covered lanai with heated pool/spa and outdoor kitchen. Southeast exposure.  
**\$1,445,000 | Ted Dudley | 860-2498**



**WYNDEMERE - LODGINGS ▲**  
Expansive views of golf course. Five bedrooms, four baths and super-sized family room. Lanai with fountain, pool/spa. Membership required.  
**\$1,375,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126**



**VINEYARDS - TERRACINA ▲**  
Wonderful estate home 4 bedrooms, den, 4.5 baths and golf course views from screened lanai with heated pool/spa, 3-car garage.  
**\$1,420,000 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231**



**KENSINGTON - KENSINGTON PARK ▲**  
Courtyard home with four bedrooms, four baths. Family room with bookshelves and sliding ladder. Wonderful views over lake.  
**\$1,295,000 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231**



**WYNDEMERE - LODGINGS ▲**  
On golf course, 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, family room with fireplace, freshly painted, and renovated pool. Membership required.  
**\$1,175,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126**



**TIBURON - VENTANA #PH-502 ▲**  
Furnished penthouse southwest views of preserve and golf course, three bedrooms, den, wraparound balcony, wood and tile floors.  
**\$1,175,000 | Kathryn Tout/Beverley Dale | 261-6161**



**VINEYARDS - HAMMOCK ISLES ▲**  
Tremendous three bedroom plus den, three bath home with upgrades galore. Private heated pool/spa. Marble and tile flooring throughout.  
**\$1,100,000 | Kevin Rathburn | 269-4575**



**AUDUBON COUNTRY CLUB ▲**  
Spacious home with 4 bedrooms, a study, and 3.5 baths. Remodeled master bath, crown moldings, and brick paver lanai pool area.  
**\$1,295,000 | Mitch/Sandi Williams | 370-8879**



**OLDE CYPRESS ▲**  
Mediterranean inspired courtyard home features tile/wood flooring, heated pool, and outdoor bar. Golf, tennis and more.  
**\$995,000 | Patrick O'Connor | 293-9411**



**KENSINGTON - KENSINGTON GARDENS ▲**  
This custom-designed estate home has a wonderful golf course view. Plan flows to pool. Custom kitchen with granite counters.  
**\$975,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731**



**OLDE CYPRESS - STRADA BELLA ▲**  
Golf course view with southern exposure. Three bedrooms plus den, three baths, and 3-car garage. Turnkey furnished.  
**\$850,000 | Ray Couret | 293-5899**



**IMPERIAL GOLF ESTATES ▲**  
2048 Imperial Circle - Stunning lakefront home. Completely remodeled. Lake views from most rooms. Vaulted ceilings, chef's custom kitchen. Pool/spa, summer kitchen.  
**\$849,000 | Dina L. Moon | 370-1252**



**VINEYARDS - GLEN LAKE ESTATES ▲**  
Pristine home with oversized paved pool deck and lovely heated pool and spa plus expansive lake views. Architectural details and quality throughout.  
**\$845,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552**



**OLDE CYPRESS - SANTA ROSA ▲**  
Long lake and golf course view from this four bedroom, four full and one half-bath residence. TROPICALLY landscaped pool area. Tasteful furnishings.  
**\$825,000 | Ray Couret | 293-5899**



**OLDE CYPRESS ▲**  
Impeccably-maintained 3 bedroom plus den with pool and golf views. Join for \$15,000 non-equity membership with no club minimums.  
**\$799,900 | Sandra McCarthy-Meeks | 287-7921**



**AUDUBON COUNTRY CLUB ▲**  
Cheerful four bedroom villa with heated pool, spa, summer kitchen, golf course and lake views. Diagonal tile, Jacuzzi tub.  
**\$769,000 | Mitch/Sandi Williams | 370-8879**



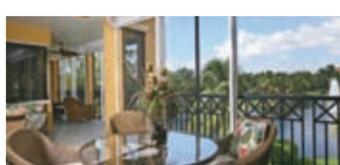
**OLDE CYPRESS ▲**  
Beautifully landscaped! Impeccably maintained three bedroom plus den Ruttenberg home. 2,738 SF A/C, and a 3-car garage.  
**\$749,000 | Sandra McCarthy-Meeks | 287-7921**



**WYNDEMERE - VILLA FLORESTA ▲**  
Magnificent golf and lake views. Two bedroom plus den with new tile, electric shutters and generator. Membership required.  
**\$695,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126**



**WYNDEMERE - PRESERVE ▲**  
Gorgeous lake and golf course views with southeast exposure. Large living room, family room with fireplace. Membership required.  
**\$650,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126**



**TIBURON - BOLERO #2 ▲**  
Wonderful waterscape and lake view from this three bedroom, two bath residence. Large screened lanai. Private elevator.  
**\$650,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420**



**IMPERIAL GOLF ESTATES ▲**  
Tranquil lakefront setting with southern exposure. Fantastic design with 3 bedrooms plus den, volume ceilings and spacious lanai.  
**\$599,000 | Pat Callis | 250-0562**



**TIBURON - CASTILLO III #101 ▲**  
Luxurious living awaits with crown moulding, tile floors, tray ceilings, and granite kitchen. Gracious master suite has preserve views.  
**NOW \$559,000 | Carolyn Weinand | 269-5678**



**VINEYARDS - VISTA POINTE #1503 ▲**  
Open spaces, high ceilings, southern exposure and expansive golf views. Neutral colors, tiled living area and storm shutters.  
**\$559,000 | Roya Nouhi | 290-9111**



**STONEBRIDGE - SHOREHAM VILLAS ▲**  
Sunset views over the 4th fairway and lake. Peaceful villa with a double garage and 10 foot ceilings. Golf membership included.  
**\$485,000 | Vickie Larscheid | 250-5041**



**STONEBRIDGE - BRAEBURN #101 ▲**  
Stunning fairway, lake and preserve views. Classy three bedroom with 18" tile floors, granite kitchen, and designer furniture.  
**\$449,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552**

## OLDE CYPRESS

2925 Lone Pine Lane  
Upgraded three bedroom plus den, 2.5 bath Ruttenberg home. Brick paved pool/spa, preserve views. Wood-burning fireplace.  
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## VINEYARDS

Single Family Homes

VALLEY OAK 241 Silverado Drive  
Great opportunity for this 3 bedroom plus den home! Private pool area, outdoor shower and separate pool bath. **\$499,000 | Patrick O'Connor | 293-9411**

Condominiums/Villas

MONTELENA 6135 Montelena Circle #3103  
Pristine two-story townhome offers 4 bedrooms (2 masters), loft, 3.5 baths and attached two-car garage. **\$450,000 | Patrick O'Connor | 293-9411**

VINTAGE RESERVE 693 Vintage Reserve Circle #16  
Watch the sunrise from your eastern exposure 40' lanai. Meticulous condition. Three private suites plus den. **\$420,000 | Kristin Mikler | 370-6292**

## KENSINGTON

KENSINGTON PARK 5202 Kensington High Street  
This villa offers great room with gas fireplace, formal dining, 3 bedrooms and den. Renovated master bath with marble. **\$935,000 | Mary Morris | 784-8599**

**OPEN SUN. 1-4** HAMLET 3300 Hamlet Drive #4  
Southern exposure lake/golf views from this Arthur Ruttenberg coach home. Mint condition 2 bedroom plus den. **\$439,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552**

## STONEBRIDGE

WILLOW BEND 1930 Willowbrook Bend Circle #204  
A two bedroom condominium with golf course and lake view. Offered furnished. Eastern exposure on the lanai. **\$399,000 | Otto Becker/Keith Alexander | 261-6161**

MIDDLEBURG 2140 Alberdeen Lane #101  
Play Golf? Mint condition 3 bedroom coach home on the 12th tee. Spacious sun-drenched lanai. Dream kitchen. **\$365,000 | Judy Perry/Linda Perry | 261-6161**

**REDUCED** SHOREHAM VILLAS 1826 Leamington Lane  
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GOLF COTTAGES 16 Golf Cottage Drive  
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WATER OAKS 32 Water Oaks Way  
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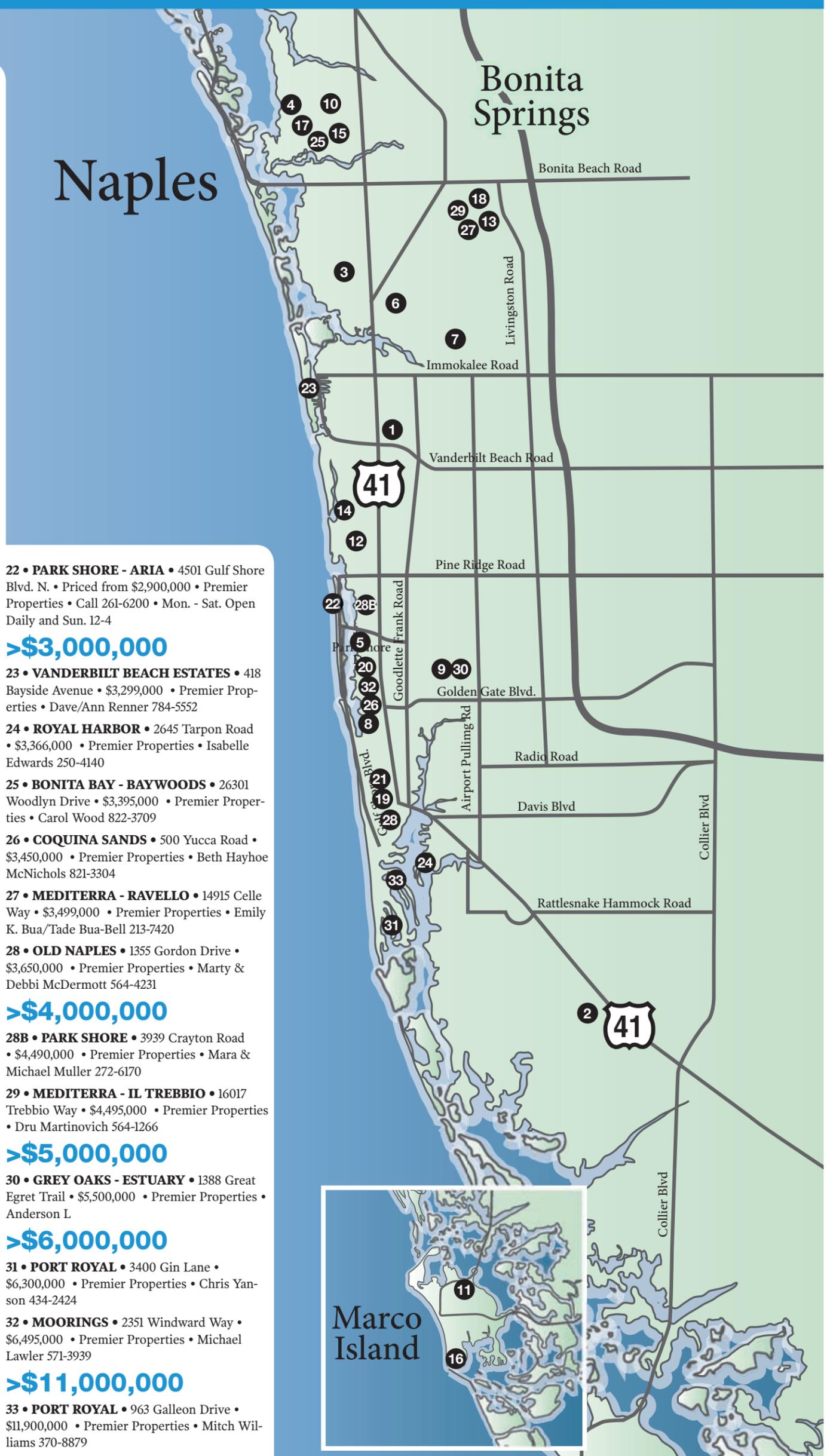
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**FELICITA ▲**  
Lakefront furnished home with southern exposure. Floor-to-ceiling sliders open to pool/spa and outdoor kitchen. Designer decorated.  
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**VILLORESI ▲**  
This Mediterranean-style 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath villa is open to glistening lake and outdoor spaces. Decorator finished.  
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**VILLORESI ▲**  
15683 Villoresi Way - Glistening lake views from this 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath villa. Golf course views. Columns, cherry flooring and granite counters.  
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**VILLALAGO ▲**  
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**CELEBRITA 16465 Celebrita Court**  
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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5-11, 2009

A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE

THE LIFE AND LOVES OF

# Maria Callas



**THE OPERETIC PRIMA DONNA CONTINUES TO INTRIGUE, AND A NEW ONE-WOMAN PLAY ABOUT HER PROMISES TO ENTERTAIN AT THE PHIL**

BY PEG LONGSTRETH  
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Joy Davidson performs as the tempestuous prima donna Maria Callas at the Phil next week.

She was one of the most controversial operatic figures of our times. A woman of incredible contrasts: revered/reviled; glorified/pitied; powerful/helpless; explosive/vulnerable. All these and so much more constituted the persona of the tempestuous prima donna the world knew as Maria Callas.

When I was asked to write about Ms. Callas in preparation for next week's premier performances of a new play about her at the Phil, I shuddered. Not because I felt anything but enormous admiration for the glorious voice this lost creature possessed, but because Maria Callas was precisely that: lost.

She's been dead for more than 32 years, and the intrigue continues.

We know she suffered a terrible childhood, and that fans worldwide considered her with equal adulation and revulsion. We know about her utterly pathologic relationship with Aristotle Onassis (and therefore, tangentially, with Jackie Kennedy Onassis). Her sad life was, by

all measures, a 20th century tragedy played out on the world stage.

I began my assignment with the things I always do: I looked up the literature about this lost woman of such huge talent whose life, nonetheless, foretold that it would end in tragedy. I listened once again to several of her recordings, read old reviews and interviewed Joy Davidson, the fascinating woman who is about to perform the role of yet another fascinating woman on the Naples stage.

Ms. Davidson stars in "Maria: The Life and Loves of Maria Callas," for two performances in the Daniels Pavilion at the Phil.

Approximately 40 books have been written about Ms. Callas; "Maria: The Life and Loves..." is

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**>>Inside:**  
Tickets are scarce for both shows, but it's worth trying to score one.  
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## WEEK at-a-glance



**A 'first time' for everything**  
Nancy Stetson gets up close and personal with director and actors in Theatre Conspiracy's "My First Time." C8 ►



**Blockbuster bluegrass**  
Peg Longstreth reviews Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder at the Phil. C3 ►



**Young artists in the spotlight**  
The Collection at Vanderbilt showcases student artwork. C16 ►

## Everglades City reels in its 36th annual seafood festival this weekend

FLORIDA WEEKLY STAFF REPORT  
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The 36th annual Everglades Seafood Festival takes place Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 6-8, in Everglades City. The festival has something for everyone, from fish chowder, corn on the cob, funnel cakes and gator nuggets to nibble on to arts and crafts to admire and buy, and carnival rides and free concerts to enjoy.

True to its long history, the festival brings lots of foot-stompin' entertainment to town. Friday is family night,



Cagle

featuring local Christian and gospel musicians. Chris Cagle and Confederate Railroad take the stage Saturday, and newcomer Katie Armiger opens for Joe Diffie on Sunday. Local acts Blackwater, the Ronnie Morgan Band and Casey Weston perform throughout the weekend.

Festival admission is free, and limited free parking is available in the immediate festival area. Some busi-



Armiger

nesses as well as the Everglades City Lions Club allow parking at their locations for a small fee, as do local residents. Make sure you park in an approved location.

All festival proceeds benefit the Betterment Association of the Everglades Area. For more information and a complete schedule of events and entertainment, call 695-4100 or 253-2882 or visit [www.evergladesseafoodfestival.com](http://www.evergladesseafoodfestival.com). ■



**Worth its salt**  
Sea Salt gets more than a pinch of praise for food, service, atmosphere. C27 ►

# SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

## Miracles happen during kickball season



**M**y roots, thick as mangrove knees, run deep beneath the black muck of the Okeechobee. I come from settler stock, those rugged pioneers who first came to Florida in covered wagons and stayed to herd cattle and farm sugarcane. Like so many of America's earliest immigrants, my ancestors were Protestant, bringing their particular brand of pragmatic faith to the far reaches of the new world.

Though I have that same Protestant efficiency running through my veins, sometimes I think I would have done better as a Catholic. I love the stiff pageantry of Catholicism, the incense, the robes, and the headgear. What I love best is the Catholic fondness for miracles. I like the idea of a faith where magic is commonplace, where turning wine into blood and wafers into flesh is a weekly occurrence. In today's world, we need as much magic as we can get.

Which is perhaps why I continue to have a fondness for kickball, that elementary sport transformed into playtime for adults, where miracles happen every season.

I've endorsed the World Adult Kickball Association's Southwest Florida-based Tarpon league before. For one, it's a great way to meet other people in the area, with its weekly co-ed matches and post-game socializing (the sponsoring bar is now Ichabad's on U.S. 41, previously of Dwyer's fame). But, beyond the practical get-out-there-and-meet-someone benefits, I've seen kickball work romantic magic on the most stalwart singles. Like my friend, Donovan.

The eternal bachelor, Donovan is tall, good looking, and smart, with a great sense of humor and a steady job. In short, everything women want. And the women want Donovan. I've never seen a man with such lady appeal: When he turns it on full-force, he becomes an unstoppable babe magnet. Like most guys with their choice of women, Donovan rarely settled for just one. He was the consummate player, using his magnetic charm to woo a host of hot ladies.



Until kickball. And Courtney.

Donovan and Courtney were thrown together during the first game of the first kickball season, as my untested team Dunder Mifflin came up against Courtney's Kickaholics. With Donovan at the helm, we thrashed the competition, but not before Donovan had gotten a good look at the knee-sock-wearing blond playing for the opposition. At the post-game booze fest, Donovan ramped up his charm and spent the night sweet talking Courtney. When he walked her to her car at the end of the evening, my teammates and I gave each other a knowing look.

To our surprise, Donovan returned a few minutes later. "What's up?" we asked. "You're not going home with her?"

Donovan shook his head and held up a slip of paper with Courtney's phone number. "Not tonight. But we scheduled a date."

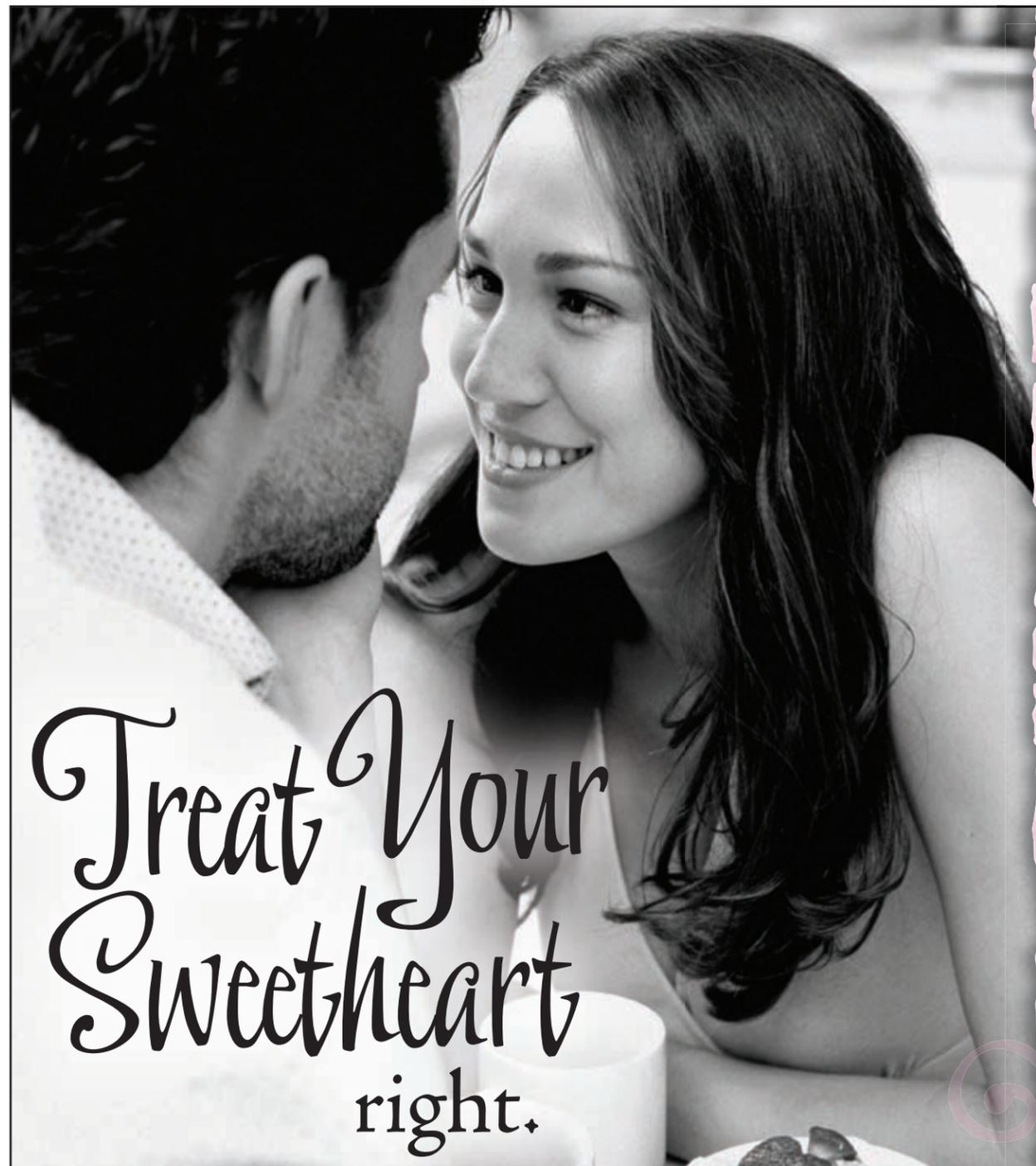
Donovan on a date? The Dunder Mifflinites stood with our mouths open. Could the magic of kickball morph our buddy into a committed boyfriend? Six months later, this poster boy for perpetual bachelorhood is still serious about Courtney.

If you're interested in launching your own in-field romance, you can sign up for the spring season at [www.kickball.com/fltarpon](http://www.kickball.com/fltarpon). Registration ends Feb. 16. ■

"I like the idea of a faith where magic is commonplace, where turning wine into blood and wafers into flesh is a weekly occurrence..."



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# United Arts Council names four as Stars in the Arts

Four new stars have risen in the local arts community, taking their place among a group of people and organizations honored by the United Arts Council for their leadership. From 35 nominations, the UAC has chosen gallery owner and music critic Peg Longstreth, watercolorist and former Naples Art Association president Bette Young, and musicians and educators Toby Blumenthal Phillips and the late Bert Phillips as its 2009 Stars in the Arts.

Ms. Longstreth, the owner of Longstreth Goldberg Art on Taylor Road, was trained as a classical musician and now writes about musical performances throughout the area for Naples Florida Weekly. She is also the author of the recently published "A Bear Called Charlie: A Memoir." Ms. Longstreth is chair of the Collier County Gallery Forum and a founding member of the Naples Fine Art Dealers Association.

Mrs. Young worked tirelessly for six years to raise funds for and plan the building of The von Liebig Art Center, home of the Naples Art Association. Since the center opened 10 years ago, she has remained active in the association and in several other area arts organizations.

Mrs. Phillips and her late husband founded Classic Chamber Concerts, Naples' premier chamber music series, which is now in its 14th season. Before Mr. Phillips' recent passing, he was a tireless partner with his wife in efforts to strengthen the arts community in Collier County. Passionate about music education, the Phillips have a long history of volunteering to entertain and teach young musicians in public schools. They also founded an international music camp in New York.

Past Stars in the Arts recipients are: the Philharmonic Center for the Arts, Classic Chamber Concerts, the Naples Art Association, the Art League of Marco Island, The Naples Players, Paradise Coastmen Barbershop Chorus, Dolph von Arx, Clyde Butcher, Olga Hirshhorn, Andrea Clark Brown, Delores and John Sorey, Charlie Horn, Paul Arsenault, Bill Meek, Jonathan Green, Mary Margaret Gruszka, Joel Banow, Dr. Ron Bowman, Betsy and Al Harris, Jim Rideoutte, Kathy Spalding, Dr. Ron Doiron, Ted Tobye, Elaine Vreenegoor and Kylene Moran.

The UAC will salute its newest Stars in the Arts during a luncheon Friday, Feb. 20, at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club. For information about tickets and reservations, call the UAC at 263-8242. ■



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“An opera begins long before the curtain goes up and ends long after it has come down. It starts in my imagination, it becomes my life, and it stays part of my life long after I’ve left the opera house.”

— Maria Callas

# CALLAS

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based on the latest, “The Autobiography of Maria Callas: A Novel,” (Birch Brook Press), written retired psychoanalyst Dr. Alma Bond. I must confess, I was more than slightly curious to see how the ghost of Ms. Callas would fare at the hands of an analyst.

I was also interested in the author’s choice of Birch Brook Press for her publisher.

A small press specializing in poetry and esoteric subject matter, Birch Book Press is a company of meticulous craftsmen who practice the lost art of hand-set type on arches paper. I thought this choice of publishing house to be at once most unexpected and telling about the author.

So I ordered a copy, awaited its arrival and then stretched out to read what I already knew would be a very out-of-the-ordinary book. Two hours later, I (who normally can speed read a book in about that length of time) had completed just 20 pages.

It was a long weekend, and when I had finally finished the “autobiography,” I had learned nothing new about the diva. Yet I found the author’s nearly obsessive approach almost as fascinating as her subject matter.

If we are to believe the stories, we know Ms. Callas was born to a mother who, for all intents and purposes, did not want her. Instead, she wanted a son, one to replace the son she had lost. She already had a daughter, one who was named Jackie.

Once Maria’s mother quite by acci-

**If you go**

**>>What:** “Maria: The Life and Loves of Maria Callas,” starring Joy Davidson  
**>>When:** 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 11-12  
**>>Where:** In the Daniels Pavilion at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts, 5833 Pelican Bay Blvd.  
**>>Tickets:** \$39  
**>>Info:** 597-1900 or www.thephil.org

dent discovered the enormity of the talent that lay within the voice of her child, she wanted to control every nanosecond of the girl’s life. Make her perfect. Humiliate her for any perceived imperfections.

How could such a conflicted child grow up to be anything other than exactly who she was to become? Doomed. Childless, but wanting a child. Alone, but wanting the “normalcy” of a relationship. A beautiful figure but, like other enormously successful women, struggling to almost unbelievable lengths to control her weight.

And when her voice, like that of an angel, began to fail — when Mr. Onassis dismissed her by stabbing her in the heart with, “What are you? Nothing. All you have is a whistle in your throat which no longer functions,” what would we expect Ms. Callas to say?

“Every morning I wake up in despair that I am still alive,” she wrote. “Every day that passes I thank God there is one less day to live.”

“Maria: The Life and Loves of Maria Callas,” the play adapted from Ms. Bond’s novel, was initially conceptualized as a five-person play. It was Ms. Davidson, herself a former opera star,

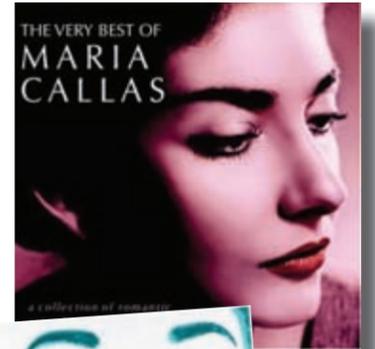
who felt strongly that it should be modified and transformed into a one-woman show.

Therein lies the next fascinating thing that occurred: To undertake such a task, Ms. Davidson found Bill Taylor, founder and producing artistic director of the Fort Myers-based Theatre Conspiracy, through an Internet search. After reading the initial script, Mr. Taylor agreed to take on the project. He worked tirelessly with Ms. Davidson to convert the overfull manuscript into something manageable, albeit draining. He also serves as director and set designer for the production at the Phil.

Ms. Davidson made her operatic debut in 1965 with the Greater Miami Opera. And though she has performed some 45 roles throughout Europe and this country, including with The Metropolitan Opera, Vienna Staatsoper, La Scala, Teatro Reggion, New York City Opera and San Francisco Opera, to name but a few; though she regularly serves as a judge and adjudicator for national competitions; though she returned to the theater in 1999, when she appeared as Ms. Callas in “Master Class,” this gripping solo performance no doubt will count as among the most challenging performances of her lifetime.

Maria Callas was only 53 when she died. Deliberately, symbolically, “Maria: The Life and Loves of Maria Callas” lasts 53 minutes.

Be forewarned that tickets are all but sold out for both of next week’s performances in the Daniels Pavilion at the Phil. Even so, I recommend that you should, by all means, at least attempt to obtain one. ■



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# THE MUSIC GOURMET

## The crowd goes wild for Ricky Scaggs and bluegrass at the Phil



If you thought last year's blockbuster bluegrass event at the Phil starring the Cherryholmes Family Band was something special (and it most assuredly was), you should have been part of the crowd trying to reach their seats to watch Ricky Scaggs and Kentucky Thunder blow the roof off the normally sedate performance hall last week.

The crowd was so big, the Phil even added temporary seats to accommodate several more people. The pity was, Scaggs et al were only here for a single performance. I truly believe every person there would have purchased tickets for a second performance the next evening.

I certainly would have.

He's just that good.

Lest you consider yourself too refined and cultured to participate in such a plebian art form, let me remind you of something: Bluegrass music, with all its variants, is America's gift to the rest of the musical world. And what an amazing gift it has been.

I'm just old enough — and from an essentially rural community in Indiana — to remember the fiddlers and mandolin players who brought magic to our town with their instruments, many of which were hand-carved. Ever try to play a mandolin carved from a gourd? Ever try to play a mandolin of any type, period? You'll gain enormous respect for the skill involved if you do.



Ricky Scaggs

COURTESY PHOTO

So here they were, Ricky Scaggs and his band of seven: a sizzling fiddle player, an awesome banjo man, three guitars and acous-

tic guitars, one played by a man who frequently partnered with Scaggs, singing second with a great tenor voice. The bottom

notes of these arrangements were more than ably performed on a double bass.

One of the most amazing things about watching Scaggs (and there are many) is trying to figure out how he roars over the strings of his Gibson mandolin like a freight train at full bore, with fingers you swear are too wide to play this particular instrument. Fortunately, no one ever told Scaggs that, so he magically keeps up an absolutely torrid pace, fingers little more than a blur, playing an instrument he literally dwarfs.

For fans of this very special art form, there were sections devoted to the music of the best of the "early" stars: Bill Monroe, Lester Flatt, Earl Scruggs. The audience practically swooned in ecstasy as first one, then another of the oh-so-familiar melodies of the mid-1940s were born again on stage.

There were other favorites too: Scruggs' tear-jerker "Mother's Only Asleep," "The Darkest Hour Is Just Before Dawn," "Sally Jo," "Highway 40 Blues" and the primo "Bluegrass Breakdown."

Magic. Pure magic.

Returning briefly to acknowledge the crowd's insistent chanting for "more," Scruggs tossed out a tidbit of news which everyone in the audience clearly hoped the Phil managed to secure: the possibility of Scruggs and his family performing a Christmas special here next year.

You could practically feel the ticket sales about to erupt at the possibility. ■

*Peg Goldberg Longstreth was trained as a classical musician. She owns Longstreth-Goldberg Art Gallery in Naples.*

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# WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

## This week's theater

■ **Heidi Chronicles** – The Naples Players presents “The Heidi Chronicles” at the Sugden Community Theatre through Feb. 28. This play is a winner of the Pulitzer, Tony and Drama Critics’ Circle awards. Walk with Heidi through 25 years of American cultural history, watching this art historian’s mirthful and touching search for self; 263-7990 or [www.naplesplayers.org](http://www.naplesplayers.org).

■ **Moon Over the Brewery** – The Naples Players presents the comedy “Moon Over the Brewery” through Feb. 7 live on the main stage at the Sugden Community Theatre. Tickets are \$30 (adults); \$10 (students); 263-7990 or [www.naplesplayers.org](http://www.naplesplayers.org).

■ **Church Basement Ladies** – Broadway Palm Dinner Theater – Off Broadway presents “Church Basement Ladies,” a musical tribute to the church basement kitchen and the fabulous women who work there through Sunday, March 29; 278-4422 or [www.BroadwayPalm.com](http://www.BroadwayPalm.com).

■ **Out of Order** – The Schoolhouse Theater on Sanibel presents Ray Cooney’s “Out of Order” through Feb. 7. Richard Wiley plans an illicit evening in a London hotel. The evening comes to an abrupt halt, however, when he and the lady involved find a dead body in their bedroom; 472-6862.

■ **Singin’ in the Rain** – Broadway Palm Dinner Theater presents “Singin’ in the Rain” through Feb. 14. Don Lockwood, Kathy Seldon and Cosmo Brown take center stage in this all-singing, all-dancing extravaganza that tells the story of the wild and often wacky world of Hollywood as silent pictures are coming to an end; 278-4422 or [www.BroadwayPalm.com](http://www.BroadwayPalm.com).

■ **My First Time** – Theatre Conspiracy presents “My First Time” Feb. 5-28 at 2711 Park Windsor Dr. #302, Fort Myers. When a Web site was created in 1998 that allowed people to anonymously share stories about their “first times,” more than 40,000 stories poured in from around the globe. The stories and all of the unique characters in them are brought to life by four actors in the acclaimed 90-minute play; 936-3239 or [theatreconspiracy.org](http://theatreconspiracy.org).

## This week's symphony

■ **Ernestine Anderson** – The Naples Philharmonic Center of the Arts welcomes Ernestine Anderson Feb. 6 and 7. The four-time Grammy nominee is known for her sultry, seductive voice and

charming stage presence. From poignant ballads to sassy swing music to hard-edged blues, this jazz legend does it all; 597-1900 or [www.thephil.org](http://www.thephil.org).

■ **Haydn Happening** – David Dash, a new member of the Naples musical scene who spent the last four years as a member of “The President’s Own” United States Marine Band, joins the Naples Orchestra and Chorus Feb. 7 and 8 in a program honoring the anniversary of the birth of Franz Joseph Haydn. Robert Dale Herrema conducts the Naples Orchestra and Chorus. The free concerts take place at Golden Gate High School at 7 p.m. Feb. 7 and at a 2 p.m. matinee on Feb. 8; 455-1912.

■ **Movie Salute** – The Southwest Florida Symphony presents “Salute to the Movies” Feb. 6 and 7 at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. The show is conducted by Michael Hall; 418-1500 or e-mail [tickets@swflso.org](mailto:tickets@swflso.org).

■ **Brubeck Brothers** – Award-winning jazz trombonist, bassist and composer Chris Brubeck and his quartet join the Gulf Coast Symphony at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. The quartet includes Brubeck’s brother and drummer, Dan Brubeck; pianist Chuck Lamb; and guitarist Mike DeMicco; 481-4849 or [bbmannpah.com](http://bbmannpah.com).

■ **Schubert** – The Naples Philharmonic Center of the Arts presents “Death and the Maiden” Sunday, Feb. 8. Schubert’s dark and mysterious work depicts Death pursuing a Maiden. Also featured will be one of Beethoven’s brilliant “Opus 9 String Trios” for violin, viola and cello and “The Bullet” Quintet by George Onslow; 597-1900 or [www.thephil.org](http://www.thephil.org).

■ **Jazz on Sanibel** – The Southwest Florida Symphony presents “A Jazzy Journey” at BIG ARTS on Sanibel Sunday, Feb. 8. Steven Mayer commands the keys performing the original version of Ger-shwin’s “Rhapsody in Blue”; 418-1500 or e-mail [tickets@swflso.org](mailto:tickets@swflso.org).

■ **Pops No. 2** – The Naples Philharmonic Center of the Arts presents “Pops No. 2 Cirque de la Symphonie” Tuesday, Feb. 10-Sunday, Feb. 15. The magic of cirque comes to the concert hall in this show that marries performance art with music by the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra; 597-1900 or [www.thephil.org](http://www.thephil.org).

■ **Jazz Concert** – The Southwest Florida Symphony presents “A Jazzy Journey” at Faith Presbyterian Church at 4544 Coronado Parkway in Cape Coral Monday, Feb. 9; 418-1500 or e-mail [tickets@swflso.org](mailto:tickets@swflso.org).

## Thursday, Feb. 5

■ **Brass Fest** – The Naples Philharmonic Center of the Arts will host the American Brass Festival at Temple Shalom at 8 p.m. This lively chamber event will present a variety of great American music. Highlights include: Joe Green’s spirited percussion piece “Xylophonia,” from 1925, known for its delightful xylophone parts and Dave Brubeck’s groundbreaking “Blue Rondo a la Turk,” which mixes jazz, classical form and Turkish rhythms; 597-1900 or [www.thephil.org](http://www.thephil.org).

## Friday, Feb. 6

■ **Open House** – The Art League of Bonita Springs, 26100 Old 41 Road, will have a Campus Open House & Annual Members Exhibition Reception/Annual Members Exhibition from 6-8 p.m. Students and faculty members will display and sell their art, and several instructors will provide artist demonstrations; 495-8989 or [artcenterbonita.org](http://artcenterbonita.org).

■ **Art Walk** – Eleven historic River District art galleries and venues hold Art Walk in downtown Fort Myers from 6-10 p.m. Along with the art galleries, restaurants and other businesses will support the monthly trek. Opening receptions will be held at many of the galleries, along with refreshments and music.

■ **Bluegrass** – Frontline Bluegrass will play at the Bayshore Coffee Co. at 7 p.m., opening for The Laws (John and Michelle) singer/songwriters from Nashville. There is a \$5 cover charge. Bayshore Coffee Co. is at 3570 Bayshore Dr., Naples; 775-5676.

■ **Varsity Singers** – The Varsity Singers of Indiana University’s Singing Hoosiers perform at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium at Golden Gate High School. The prestigious 25-member choreographic unit of the Singing Hoosiers will perform jazz and Broadway favorites. The show is free, but donations are welcome and will benefit the IU Florida Chapter Scholarship Fund and the Naples Music Club Scholarship Fund; 353-2216.

■ **Landscapes of Life** – Jo-Gi Gallery holds the opening reception for “Landscapes of Life 2009,” from 7-9 p.m. In addition to contemporary French paintings, sculpture and lithographs, the exhibition includes the works of three Naples artists: photographer Kabir Chuttani, sculptor Jose Rodriguez and painter Wil Yegge. The gallery is at 474 Fifth Avenue South; 659-5644.

## Saturday, Feb. 7

■ **Art in the Park** – The Naples Art Association hosts Art in the Park on Park Street, alongside The von Liebig Art Center. Naples’ oldest outdoor art festival in 2008-09 celebrates its 52nd anniversary season of showcasing artwork by Naples Art Association members the first Saturday of the month from November through April. The free, juried shows feature a variety of media, including paintings, photography, sculpture and jewelry. Refreshments are available. The center is at 585 Park St.; 262-6517 or [naplesart.org](http://naplesart.org).

■ **Artists by the Sea** – Artists by the Sea, an alliance of five Collier County women artists, hold its first exhibition and tea party from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the pavilion at Delnor Wiggins State Park; 537-7133.

■ **Family Fun** – The Naples Art Association hosts Nuts About The von Liebig, a family fun day, from noon to 4 p.m. The center is at 585 Park Street; 262-6517 or [naplesart.org](http://naplesart.org).

■ **St. Olaf Choir** – St. Olaf Choir’s 14-city tour includes two concerts in Naples, set for 2 and 7 p.m. at Moorings Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Drive. Conductor Anton Armstrong’s program explores the legacy of the historic choir. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$10 for students, and can be purchased online at [www.stolaftickets.com](http://www.stolaftickets.com) or at the door.

■ **Shrek Showing** – As part of the Movies in the Park series, “Shrek” will be shown at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at Riverside Park on Old 41 in Bonita Springs. For early birds, cartoons will start at 6:30 p.m.; 949-6262 or 992-2943.

## Monday, Feb. 9

■ **Art Lunch** – The Naples Art Association has Lunch With the Arts at The von Liebig Art Center. In celebration of Black History Month, the NAA presents African-inspired artist and designer Winnie Chafa-Govha. The center is at 585 Park St.; 262-6517 or [naplesart.org](http://naplesart.org).

## Tuesday, Feb. 10

■ **Pajama Game** – The Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall presents “The Pajama Game,” in which a feisty employee representative finds her match in the pajama shop superintendent. When the two get together, they wind up discussing a whole lot more than job actions; (800) 440-7469, 481-4849 or [bbmannpah.com](http://bbmannpah.com).

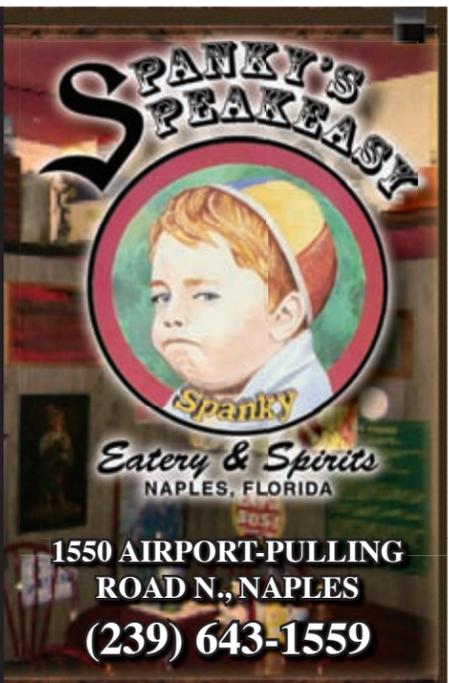
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## Ongoing events

■ **Thursdays on Third** – Enjoy live music from 6-9 p.m. and visit the shops and galleries around Third Street South in Naples.

■ **Chefs Market** – The Bayfront Chefs Market is held the third Wednesday of the month from 4-8 p.m. featuring an organic fresh fruit and vegetable market and chef presentations. There's live music from 5-9 p.m.; 200-3477.

■ **Art Exhibit** -The Art Galleries at Florida Gulf Coast University is hosting an exhibition of works by Leo and Krista Johnson in the FGCU Library Gallery through March 6; 590-7199 or asturdiv@fgcu.edu.

■ **Wild Things** – A captivating wildlife exhibit, "Where the Wild Things Really Are, II," by photographer Sallie Rich, is open at The J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on

Sanibel through Feb. 28. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. seven days a week in The Duck Stamp Auditorium of The Visitor's Center at The Refuge on San-Cap Road.

■ **Art Exhibit** – The Bob Rauschenberg Gallery features "Lilian Garcia-Roig: Nature of Being There" through Feb. 21. The gallery is on the Lee County Campus of Edison State College; 489-9313.

## Upcoming events



The Naples Philharmonic Center of the Arts presents Oleta Adams Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 17-18.

■ **A Tribute to Patsy Cline** - This original musical stage show starring Lorraine as Patsy Cline comes to the Norris Center at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 6, 7, 13 and 14. The same show also plays in Marco Island at the United Church Hall at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 20 and 21. Tickets are \$18; 213-3049 for Naples reservations, 389-0021 for Marco Island reservations.

■ **Visions** – The exhibit "Visions," featuring paintings by Linda Chambers, Alice Jacobs, Carole Peterson and Karen Stone, opens with a reception from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, at Art Modern Gallery, 751 12th Avenue South. The show hangs through Feb. 28; 263-1137.

■ **Auditions** - Auditions for the comedy "The Sugar Bean Sisters" will be held at 2 p.m. Feb. 14 at the Sugden Community Theatre, 701 Fifth Avenue South; 434-7340, ext. 10.

■ **Etc.** – There will be a performance of "Etc." at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 15 at the Tobby Studio, Naples Players, Sugden Community Theatre, 701 5th Avenue South, Naples. Tickets are \$10; 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

■ **Alone Together** - Florida Repertory Theatre presents "Alone Together," a witty comedy about a nest that won't stay empty, Feb. 13-March 8; 332-4488 or FloridaRep.org.

■ **Miss Tammy Grimes** – The Naples Philharmonic Center of the Arts hosts Broadway legend Tammy Grimes Friday, Feb. 13, and Saturday, Feb. 14. She has won rave reviews and avid fans for her cabaret show, which makes its Southwest Florida debut here. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

■ **Book Signing** – There will be a book signing from 2-4 pm. Saturday, Feb. 14, for "Monty, Cat of Ave Maria" by Patricia Sette, at By Way of the Family, 5080 Annunciation Circle, Ave Maria; 348-1437.

■ **Golda's Balcony** – The Naples Philharmonic Center of the Arts features "Golda's Balcony," with four-time Tony Award nominee Tovah Feldshuh, Sunday, Feb. 15. The longest-running one-woman play in Broadway history, "Golda's Balcony" tells the remarkable story of the Milwaukee school teacher who became the fourth prime minister of Israel in 1969; 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

■ **Third on Canvas** – The Naples Art Association hosts Third on Canvas on Third Street South on Tuesday, Feb. 17, through Thursday, Feb. 26; 262-6517 or naplesart.org.

■ **Oleta Adams** – The Naples Philharmonic Center of the Arts presents Oleta Adams Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 17-18. The daughter of a minister, this multiple Grammy-nominated contralto seamlessly blends gospel, jazz and pop in a powerful, spiritually uplifting style that is all hers; 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

■ **Ballet** – The Naples Philharmonic Center of the Arts welcomes Miami City Ballet: Program I, Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 17-18. In the tradition of George Balanchine, who portrayed Don Quixote in the mid-1960s, MCB Founding Artistic Director Edward Villella plays the title role in this acclaimed version of Marius Petipa's spirited masterpiece; 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

■ **Art Exhibit** - An collection of artist prodigy Alexandra Nechita's paintings, lithographs and sculptures will be available for acquisition at the Road Show Gallery in Naples beginning Feb. 22. Teen People called Ms. Nechita "One of 20 Teens Who Will Change the World." Road Show Gallery is at 370 12th Avenue South; (866) 398-8390.

■ **KidzAct** - KidzAct classes continue through the winter at the Sugden Community Theatre, 701 5th Avenue South; 434-7340 or www.naplesplayers.org.

■ **Furniture as Art** - American furniture artist Wendell Castle will present Furniture as Art at the Daniels Pavilion, Philharmonic Center for the Arts, at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18. Castle will discuss the exhibition Living with Studio Furniture, featuring art from the collection of Robert and Carolyn Springborn, on display at the Naples Museum of Art through Sunday, June 28. Cost is \$25 for adults and \$20 for Naples Museum of Art and Friends of Art members; 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

■ **Doubt** – The Gulfshore Playhouse presents "Doubt" by John Patrick Shanley, Feb. 18-March 1 at the Norris Center in Naples. Set in a parochial school in the Bronx in 1964, "Doubt" is a gripping story of suspicion cast on a priest's behavior, less about scandal and more about the fascinatingly nuanced questions of moral certainty. Gulfshore Playhouse is partnering with Café Lurcat to offer theater patrons a three-course meal and a glass of wine at the Naples eatery for \$20.95 per guest. Reservations are requested with seating from 5-6:15 p.m. Play tickets start at \$30; (866) 811-4111 or www.gulfshore-playhouse.org.

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## ARTS COMMENTARY

# 'My First Time': Careful, or you'll end up in a play

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Life is full of firsts: first kiss, first boyfriend or girlfriend, first job, first car, first time away from home. As the adage goes, there's a first time for everything.

Some firsts are memorable; some we wish we could forget.

Everyone remembers the first time they had sex. It might have been sweet and romantic, or awkward and clumsy. Maybe you felt loved. Or violated. Or confused. Or disappointed.

When [www.firsttime.com](http://www.firsttime.com) appeared online, more than 40,000 people from all over the world wrote in to share about the first time they had sex.

Ken Davenport took some of those stories and turned them into an off-Broadway play called "My First Time." The show is still running in New York, and this month, Theatre Conspiracy is putting on a production in Fort Myers. Directed by Producing Artistic Director Bill Taylor, the show stars Miguel Cintron, Michael Dunsworth, Rachael Endrizzi and Madison Mitchell.

"It covers the gamut of emotions and experiences," says Taylor. "The typical awkward experience, the unwanted experience, the mistake... It covers a broad spectrum." It's fast-paced and not told one actor/one "first" at a time, Taylor adds. "It's very funny, but also at the same time, poignant."

In keeping with the spirit of the show, he and two of the four actors agreed to talk about their first times. Here are their stories, in their own words:

### Bill's first time

It was at a girlfriend's house, late at night, in the living room. It was not very memorable, in a sexual way. I do remember just the excitement of having done it, and it's over.

You did it!

There's the relief; you have the peer thing that goes on when you're younger. They talk about what they've done. They may be making it up, who knows?

There's that pressure from the peers. Well, it's not pressure from them as much as the pressure that you put on yourself, in order to stay up with your friends around you.

I must have been around 16.

I don't remember if her parents were



asleep or out... We both enjoyed the experience, but at the same time, we were kids. We were in love with each other. No disappointment, it was a shared emotional experience.

In reflection, looking back now, I think, oh, I could've done that better.

I don't think I told my friends. I don't remember it becoming something to brag about. I don't think I've ever really been that type of person.

### Michael's first time

I was almost 17 years old and had invited a friend, a girlfriend, to a cast party... for one of the shows I was in. I believe it was a production of "Loot" by Joe Orton.

Her name was Bridgette.

I had borrowed my mom's Ford Taurus station wagon.

After the party, I drove Bridgette back home. In North Carolina, where I grew up, they had subdivisions with long, extended driveways back to where the houses are. So we pulled into her driveway, which was a quarter mile from the house, and scooted the seat back, adjusted the tilt on the steering wheel and proceeded to get somewhat frisky.

I guess at some point I acquired cold feet, and had a problem performing. (There had been a lot of drinking involved at the cast party.) I had her climb on top of me, and it lasted for about a minute and a

half. And that was it.

We both sat in the front seat and looked at each other and I said, "OK, I guess I should take you up to the house now."

Needless to say, come Monday morning, it had gotten around that I was not the longest of finishers... I was a sophomore in high school, she must have been a senior. I love older women! I'm a huge fan of them!

That was pretty much my sexual experience... It was kind of traumatic.

It was probably 2½ years before I had sex again... I was away at school. The second time around was definitely much better.

I'm leery when anyone tells me their first time was great, amazing, mind-scrambling, mind-blowing performance that compared to John Holmes. You might as well be trying to sell me a bridge, because I'm not buying it. I was born at night, but not last night.

### Rachael's first time

I was in ninth grade, and I'd been "going out" with this guy, Joe, for quite a while. It was probably six months or so, which seems like forever in high school. He was 17. I guess I felt pressured by him for a while, and finally gave in... And I got dumped two days later.

I stayed away from sex for about two years or so then. I dated other guys, but didn't do anything more until after the end of 11th grade.

The funny thing was, we ended up being friends again in my junior year of high school, and he started dating one of my very good friends. And I was just scared for her, because I knew she was a virgin and she had very strong feelings about waiting for marriage.

He really liked her. He waited quite a while for her, for a year. He had changed a lot. They got married. I was at the wedding.

I think he did apologize. I can't remember... I regretted it for a while. Now I don't regret it, I'm over it now. At the time, I really didn't want to, to begin with. It was like I was doing him a favor. It was so stupid. I couldn't believe I did that.

The first time is not as important as the next time. Like with everything, you get better with practice, which is a fun way to look at it. It's not the end-all and be-all here. ■

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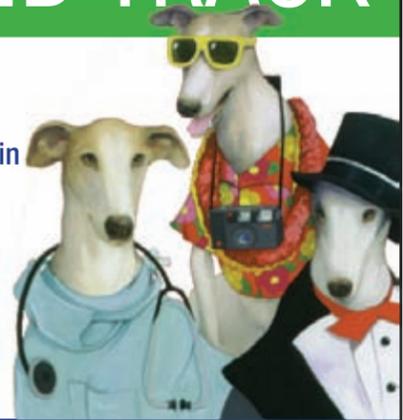
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# GIVING

## Supporting Collier County teachers has local and statewide benefits

BY NICOLE FLESVIG  
Special to Florida Weekly

Floridians have much to be proud of when it comes to its teachers. The national "Quality Counts" report, issued annually by Education Week, has ranked Florida 10th in the nation for the quality of its education system. Of particular interest is the state's ranking in the area of teacher quality. Our teachers are considered to be amongst the best in the nation, ranking fourth in comparison to all other states.

Certainly, the quality of Collier County teachers has contributed to Florida's success. Our teachers constantly strive to offer their students the best education possible by seeking higher degrees, National Board Certification and professional development. They are creative, insightful and always working to provide that "light-bulb moment" for their students.

The Education Foundation of Collier County seeks to provide district teachers with recognition, resources and professional development with the knowledge that by supporting quality teachers, we ultimately benefit the students.



The Education Foundation  
Champions for Learning

The community-based Golden Apple Teacher Recognition program provides the community an opportunity to say "thank you" and opens the door to leadership and professional development opportunities via the Academy of Teachers. Each year, 40 Teachers of Distinction participate in the academy's yearlong program that includes conducting research, sharing best practices and developing business community partnerships.

Academy members conduct research within their classrooms, seeking ways to improve instruction and student performance. This research allows these dedicated educators to implement innovative strategies within their classrooms and to help each other, and colleagues at their schools, learn and grow professionally. Suncoast for Kids Foundation through the Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union and the Mary Ingram Fund of the Columbus Foundation underwrite this opportunity for teachers.

The Connect with a Classroom mini-grant program gives our teachers resources and funds to provide unique learning experiences for their students. By bringing their creative ideas to reality through conducting hands-on projects with their students, teachers and students alike benefit. From constructing a school garden in order to teach multiple concepts across all subject areas, to learning about the world through the eyes of Flat Stanley, Collier County teachers are always devis-



COURTESY PHOTO  
Students at Lely Elementary School are excited about their Connect with a Classroom project

ing ways to dissolve the walls of the classroom and provide meaningful learning experiences that engage students.

Because many projects are of a manageable size and ready for implementation, community members can immediately impact students by viewing mini-grant requests at [www.connectwithaclassroom.org](http://www.connectwithaclassroom.org) and funding a project.

The Teacher Leadership for School Improvement Program has provided Immokalee teachers with tuition assistance and an opportunity to earn a master's degree or specialist designation from University of Florida, applying what they have learned

in the context of their current teaching assignments. TLSI, in partnership with The Education Foundation, Collier County Public Schools and the Lastinger Center for Learning at the University of Florida, is designed to develop and retain a cadre of teachers committed to the students of Immokalee. The nature of the program supports collaborative work between teachers and across schools in order to support quality instruction.

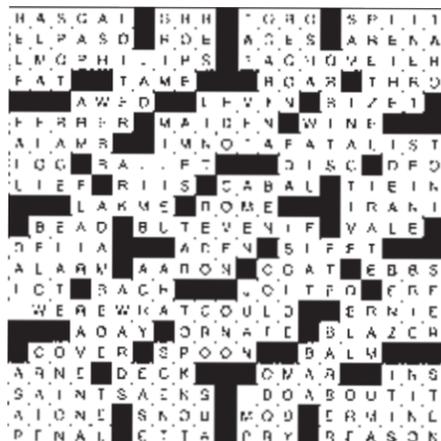
In 2008, TLSI graduated seven teachers with specialist degrees and 13 with master's degrees. Six teachers are now in the process of completing degree requirements. The success of this initial group has brought the opportunity for a new group of Immokalee teachers to participate; 21 teachers will graduate from TLSI in 2011.

For more information about these programs and to help support quality teaching in Collier County, and in Florida, through the programs of The Education Foundation, visit [www.educationforcollier.org](http://www.educationforcollier.org), or call 643-4755. To view "Quality Counts 2009: Portrait of a Population," visit [www.edweek.org](http://www.edweek.org).

*Nicole Flesvig is vice president of educator programs at The Education Foundation of Collier County. Founded in 1990 the foundation is an independent 501(c)(3) organization whose purpose is to enhance learning for Collier County children and their teachers by engaging community support.*

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

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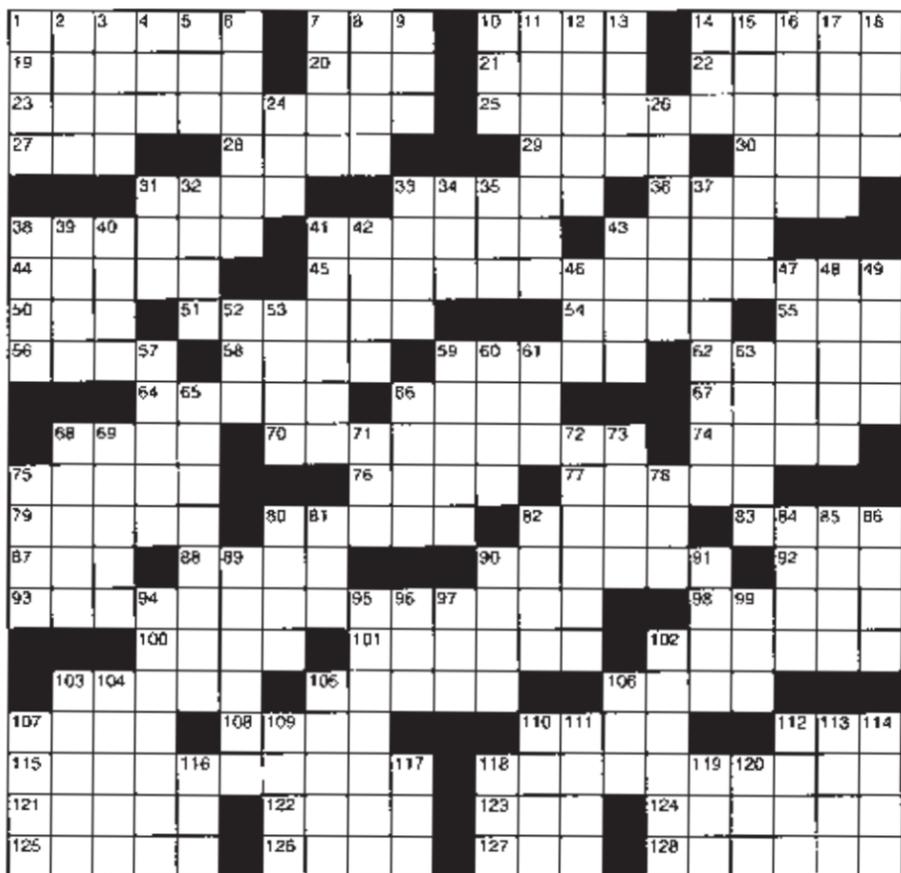
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### DESTINY'S CHILD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Scamp
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  - 10 Corrida victim
  - 14 Cheer-leader's maneuver
  - 19 '59 Marty Robbins hit
  - 20 Caviar
  - 21 The Four —
  - 22 Stadium
  - 23 Speaker of a remark at 45 Across
  - 25 Dashboard feature
  - 27 Corpulent
  - 28 Doodle
  - 29 Laugh loudly
  - 30 "Comin' — the Rye"
  - 31 Impressed immensely
  - 33 "The Steplord Wives" author
  - 36 "Carmen" composer
  - 38 Jose of "Moulin Rouge"
  - 41 Rock's Iron —
  - 43 Jeroboam contents
  - 44 Gentle as —
  - 45 Start of remark
  - 50 Fireplace fuel
  - 51 "Rodeo," for one
  - 54 — brakes
  - 55 "— volente" once
  - 56 Willingly, once
  - 58 Journalist Jacob
  - 59 Plot
  - 62 Link
  - 64 Delibes opera
  - 66 "Spartacus" setting
  - 67 Persian, presently
  - 68 Make a necklace
  - 70 Part 2 of remark
  - 74 Gian
  - 75 Cookbook author
  - 76 Yemeni seaport
  - 77 February forecast
  - 79 Dismay
  - 80 Composer Copland
  - 82 Paint layer
  - 83 Recedes
  - 87 Sodom escapee
  - 88 Cantata composer
  - 90 Shook up
  - 92 Palindromic preposition
  - 93 Pari 3 of remark
  - 98 Sgt. Bilko
  - 100 "An apple —"
  - 101 Fancy
  - 102 Jacket style
  - 103 Lid
  - 105 Masters' "— River Anthology"
  - 106 Palliative
  - 107 "Rule Britannia" composer
  - 108 QE II section
  - 110 Epps or Vizquel
  - 112 Officeholders
  - 115 "Samson and Delilah" composer
  - 118 End of remark
  - 121 Right a wrong
  - 122 Social climber
  - 123 Crowd
  - 124 January steal
  - 125 Correctional
  - 126 Sundance's sweetie
  - 127 Use a crowbar
  - 128 Kant subject
- DOWN**
- 1 Scuba site
  - 2 — mater
  - 3 Primer pouch
  - 4 Mushroom part
  - 5 Hibachi residue
  - 6 Hang around
  - 7 Harsh
  - 8 Something to skip?
  - 9 Musical syllables
  - 10 Make lace
  - 11 Wind instrument
  - 12 Scout's job
  - 13 Dept. of Labor div.
  - 14 Houston or Huff
  - 15 Twisted treat
  - 16 Mythical river
  - 17 Like some gases
  - 18 Tropical tuber
  - 24 Youngster
  - 26 Runs circles around?
  - 31 Prepare for combat
  - 32 "Dragnet" star
  - 33 Navel store?
  - 34 Maestro de Waar
  - 35 Filly physician
  - 37 Sedentary
  - 38 Hairpiece
  - 39 "The Time Machine" people
  - 40 Frenzy
  - 41 Sphere
  - 42 Singer/actor
  - 43 Keen
  - 46 Regulatory agcy.
  - 47 Unimprovable
  - 48 Notre Dame's river
  - 49 Basil or Braxton
  - 52 Joan Van —
  - 53 Branch
  - 57 Panache
  - 59 Bewitching bunch
  - 60 Mass communication?
  - 61 Golfer Hogan
  - 63 Beside oneself
  - 65 George Eliot novel
  - 66 Change the decor
  - 68 Subordinate to
  - 69 Gladden
  - 71 Paving material
  - 72 Wagner heroine
  - 73 Insipid
  - 75 Spanish surrealist
  - 76 Nice time of year
  - 80 Sore
  - 81 "So that's your game!"
  - 82 Stallion's son
  - 84 German auto engineer
  - 85 Cheeseboard choice
  - 86 Cassandra or Merlin
  - 89 Tony, Oscar, and Edgar
  - 90 Don —
  - 91 Farmer's place
  - 94 Italian city
  - 95 Quail feature
  - 96 — Magnon
  - 97 Lennon's lady
  - 99 Computer acronym
  - 102 He runs a clip joint
  - 103 Pack peppers
  - 104 Soubise ingredient
  - 105 Perfume
  - 106 Lea lament
  - 107 PDO, politely
  - 109 Vacation sensation
  - 110 Aroma
  - 111 Melville title start
  - 112 Medical suffix
  - 113 Tempo or Flora
  - 114 WWII gun
  - 116 — Aviv
  - 117 Federal agcy.
  - 118 Mischief-maker
  - 119 Bonanza material
  - 120 Actress Thurman

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## HOROSCOPES

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Someone who gave you a lot of grief might ask for a chance for the two of you to make a fresh start. You need to weigh the sincerity of the request carefully before giving your answer.

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Too much fantasizing about an upcoming decision could affect your judgment. Better to make your choices based on what you know now rather than on what you might learn later.

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Some unsettling facts about a past situation could come to light. And while you'd love to deal with it immediately, it's best to get more information to support your case.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** A straightforward approach to a baffling situation is best. Don't allow yourself to be drawn into an already messy mass of tangles and lies. Deal with it and move on.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Don't be discouraged or deterred by a colleague's negative opinion about your ideas. It could actually prove to be helpful when you finally get around to finalizing your plan.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Ignore that sudden attack of "modesty," and step up to claim the credit you've so rightly earned. Remember: A lot of people are proud of you and want to share in your achievement.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** A financial "deal" that seems to be just

right for you Leos and Leonas could be grounded more in gossamer than substance. Get an expert's advice to help you check it out.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Don't ignore that suddenly cool or even rude attitude from someone close to you. Asking for an explanation could reveal a misunderstanding you were completely unaware of.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Unless you have sound knowledge, and not just an opinion, it's best not to step into a family dispute involving a legal matter, regardless of whom you support. Leave that to the lawyers.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** An awkward situation presents the usually socially savvy Scorpian with a problem. But a courteous and considerate approach soon helps clear the air and ease communication.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** A calmer, less-tense atmosphere prevails through much of the week, allowing you to restore your energy levels before tackling a new challenge coming up by week's end.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Your approach to helping with a friend or family member's problem could boomerang unless you take time to explain your method and how and why it (usually!) works.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a way of seeing the best in people and helping them live up to their potential.

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## SUDOKU

By Linda Thistle

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# COUCH THEATER

[ DVD PREVIEWS & RELEASES ]

**PICK OF THE WEEK**

► **“The Back to the Future Trilogy”** - One of the biggest blockbusters of the mid-’80s is being re-released this week. Michael J. Fox plays Marty McFly, a high-school student who uses Doc Brown’s (Christopher Lloyd) time-traveling DeLorean to travel back and forth in time — from the 1980s to the 1880s to 2015. If you don’t already have the trilogy in your collection, this is as good a time as any to buy, since the discs are being sold individually at a reduced price. Don’t expect any new special features or anything. It’s just a bare-bones repackaging of each of the three films.



Christopher Lloyd stars as Doc Brown in “Back to the Future.”

**DOG OF THE WEEK**

► **“W.”** - Regardless of your political bent, Oliver Stone’s biopic of George W. Bush is a ponderous mish-mash of a film. The alleged comedic bits play like a stale SNL skit that’s gone on for too long, and any attempts at gravitas fall flat or are unintentionally funny. That said there are good performances by Elizabeth Banks (as Laura Bush), James Cromwell (as Bush Sr.) and Richard Dreyfus (as Dick Cheney), but they get lost in the constant jumping back-and-forth between vignettes of Bush’s past and the lead-up the invasion of Iraq.

Also, “W.” doesn’t have the same depth of character as Mr. Stone’s other presidential biopic, “Nixon,” which was an incredible piece of cinema and a balanced, sympathetic insight into one of the most controversial and despised presidents in history. Maybe if Mr. Stone had spent more time getting the script in shape, “W.” might have been a better film.

I think one of the reasons “W.” fails is because Stone rushed production so he could release it before the November 2008 elec-

tion. Problem was, he should’ve released it in November of 2004 if he’d wanted to make an impact. I mean, didn’t anyone tell him that Bush wasn’t running? Seriously, what was the point of this ridiculous pop-psychology exercise of a film? The plot in a nutshell: W. has Daddy Issues. Mr. Stone should’ve called this turkey “W.: An Oedipus Wreck.”

**KIDS AND FAMILY**

- **“Wallace and Gromit: A Grand Day Out”**
- **“Wallace and Gromit: The Wrong Trousers”**
- **“Wallace and Gromit: A Close Shave”**

The first three Wallace and Gromit films are being re-released this week (for less than 10 bucks apiece), and I couldn’t be happier, as I am a huge fan. Wallace is a likable yet hapless inventor whose creations always seem to go awry. Gromit is his devoted beagle companion who thankfully has the intelligence and resourcefulness to get his master out of whatever jam he’s gotten himself into. These short films are hilarious, good clean fun for audiences of all ages. I highly recommend them. ■

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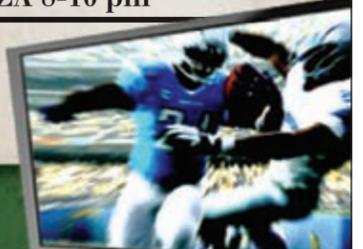
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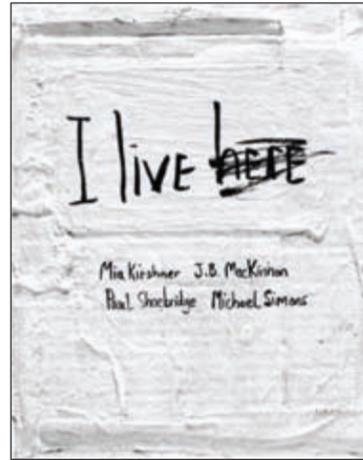
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# BEACH READING

## I Live Here

By Mia Kirshner, J.B. MacKinnon, Michael Simons and Paul Shoebridge (Random House, \$29.95)

REVIEWED BY KATY B. OLSON  
Special to Florida Weekly



Chechen refugees, Burma's sex workers, Juarez's murdered teenage girls, Malawi's AIDS orphans. While infomercials and human-rights campaigns remind Americans of the shadows within which these people live and die, the details of their everyday lives — their ambitions, hobbies, secrets — are murky and underreported, leaving them without a face. "I Live Here," a collection of four notebook-like volumes covering each of these troubled regions, is not just a rising voice, but also a vibrantly painted canvas. As a study in storytelling, the work creates, and sometimes resurrects, the three-dimensional lives of these little-known people through sketches, photos, poetry, artwork and interviews.

In Mali, the authors speak English with a 12-year-old girl who doubles as head-of-household for her parentless family of nine; in Ingushetia, they listened to the sad music of a teenage pianist, plagued by dreams and the destruction of her former home. The authors

imagine the pink and white quincea — era of Claudia, a young woman believed to be murdered in crime-ridden Juarez; they record the daily routine of a 24-year-old Burmese prostitute who longs only to have a baby and a factory job. More than simple sto-

ries, these accounts are infused with the character and spirit of each person.

Upon hearing that, in Malawi, the life expectancy is 46, there are 1.6 doctors for every 100,000 people and that 550,000 children have been orphaned by AIDS, the authors admit: "(We) can't connect with any of these statistics. A statistic is forgettable. It's never going to move you in the way human contact can." Yet separated by miles and lifestyles, in the absence of human contact, readers have "I Live Here" to reveal to them with beauty and candor stories nearly too painful to bear, yet too connected to our own lives to ignore. ■

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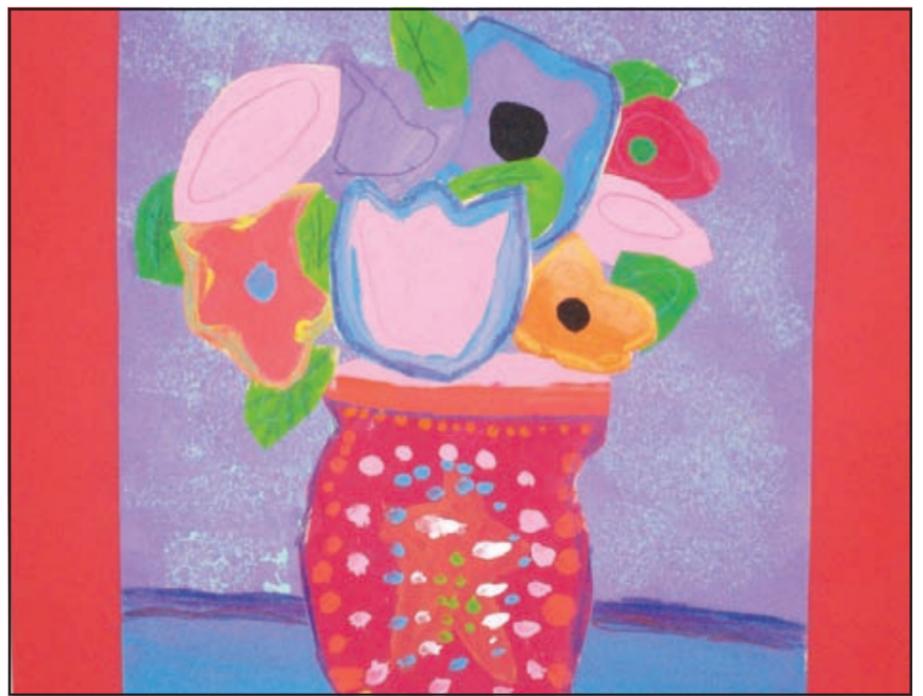
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The art show is in conjunction with the Neapolitan Family and Preschool Expo taking place at the Collection from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7. Presented by Neapolitan Family magazine, the expo will feature dozens of vendors including preschools, summer camps, dance and martial arts studios, private schools and pediatricians with information about their programs and services.

Cookies, coffee and juice will be served at the student art show throughout the day. The exhibit will also be open from 3-6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6 and Feb. 9-13, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14. The Collection at Vanderbilt is at the northwest corner of



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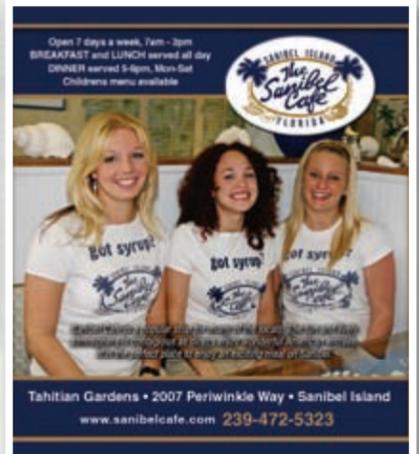
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ignorant of true life. Show time is 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday through Feb. 22. Due to the intimate style of the theater, latecomers will not be admitted to performances. In addition, re-entry to the theater is prohibited once the performance is in progress. General admission is \$10; FGCU faculty, staff and students with valid FGCU ID pay \$5. Seating is limited, and advance purchase is recommended at the Theatre Lab box office or by phone, 590-7268. For more information, call the above number or visit [www.theatrelab.fgcu.edu](http://www.theatrelab.fgcu.edu). ■



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# It's show time at the Norris Center

FLORIDA WEEKLY STAFF REPORT  
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Here's what's coming up at the Norris Center:

► **Naples City Improv** has several family-friendly performances on the schedule this season. As the players perform their fast-paced, unscripted games, the audience can sit back and enjoy the hilarity or get involved by offering suggestions. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5; Saturday, March 7; and Friday and Saturday, April 24 and 25. Tickets are \$15.

► **Lorraine presents "A Tribute to Patsy Cline"** at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 6-7 and 13-14. Tickets are \$18.

► Naples' own writer/dramatist **Jani-na Birtola** brings her original one-woman show, **"The Black Queen,"** a portrayal of Catherine de Medici, the Italian commoner who became one of the strongest Queens of France, to the stage at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12. Tickets are \$12.

► **Kennedy's Kitchen** brings Irish tear-up-the-floor, break-your-heart songs, jokes, stories and dance to the center at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 6. Rowdy and toe-tapping, sweet and sentimental, Kennedy's Kitchen has grown over the past 10 years from its beginnings during weekly sessions at Lula's Café in South Bend, Ind. Tickets are \$30.

► **Manhattan Lyric Opera** presents **"The Merry Widow"** at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 10. The Franz Lahar operetta peeks into a Paris filled with waltzes,

folk tales, sentimentality and naughty fun. Tickets are \$30.

► **The second annual Naples Festival of Magic**, starring John Calvert and produced by Eddy Lester, magically appears at 7 p.m. Friday, March 13, and 2:30 and 7 p.m. Saturday, March 14. Tickets are \$15 and \$20.

► **"Lilli Marlene: A Musical Play about Friendship and Survival"** is the gripping story of three friends who met at the Vienna Academy of Music between the wars. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 20-21. Tickets are \$18.

► Comedian **Bobby Hunt**, aka "Circus Boy," skillfully combines good-natured wit with things like fire-eating and juggling for a delightful performance at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 27. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for ages 15-18.



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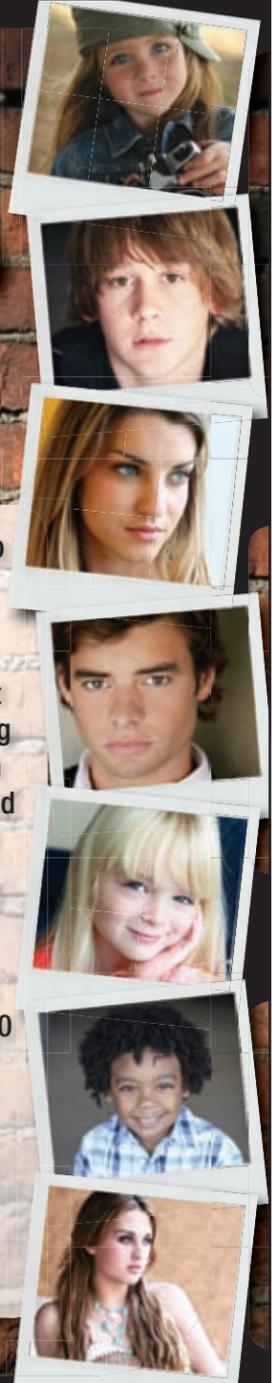
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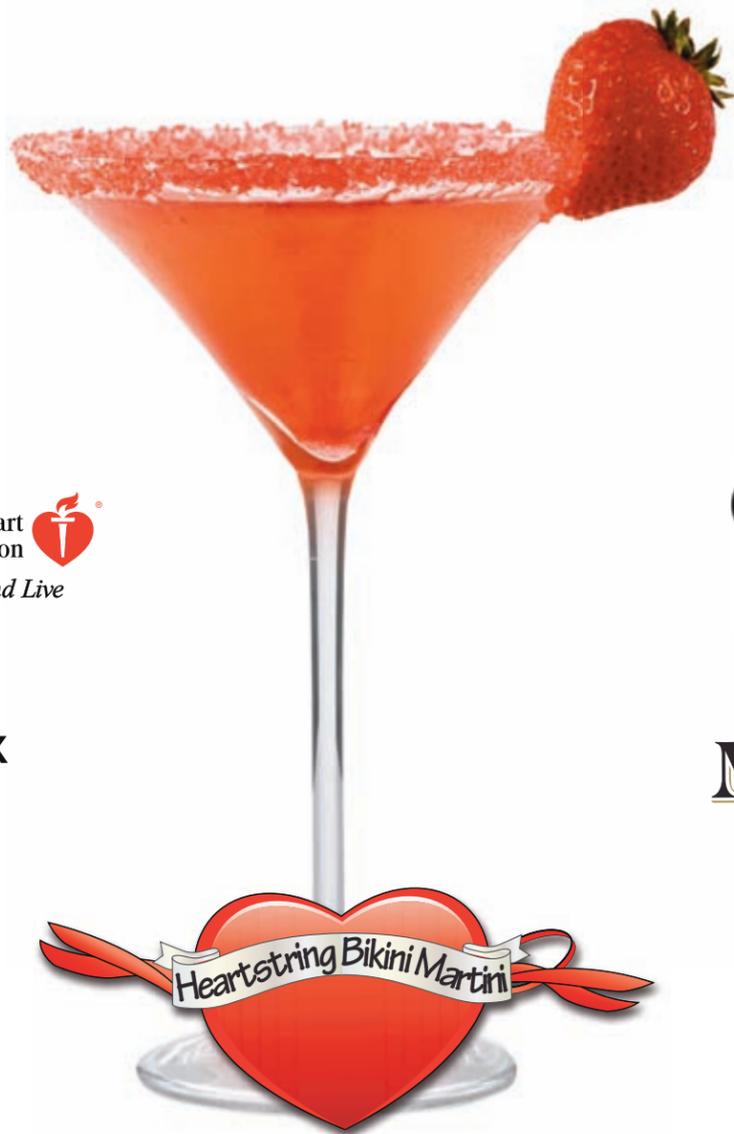


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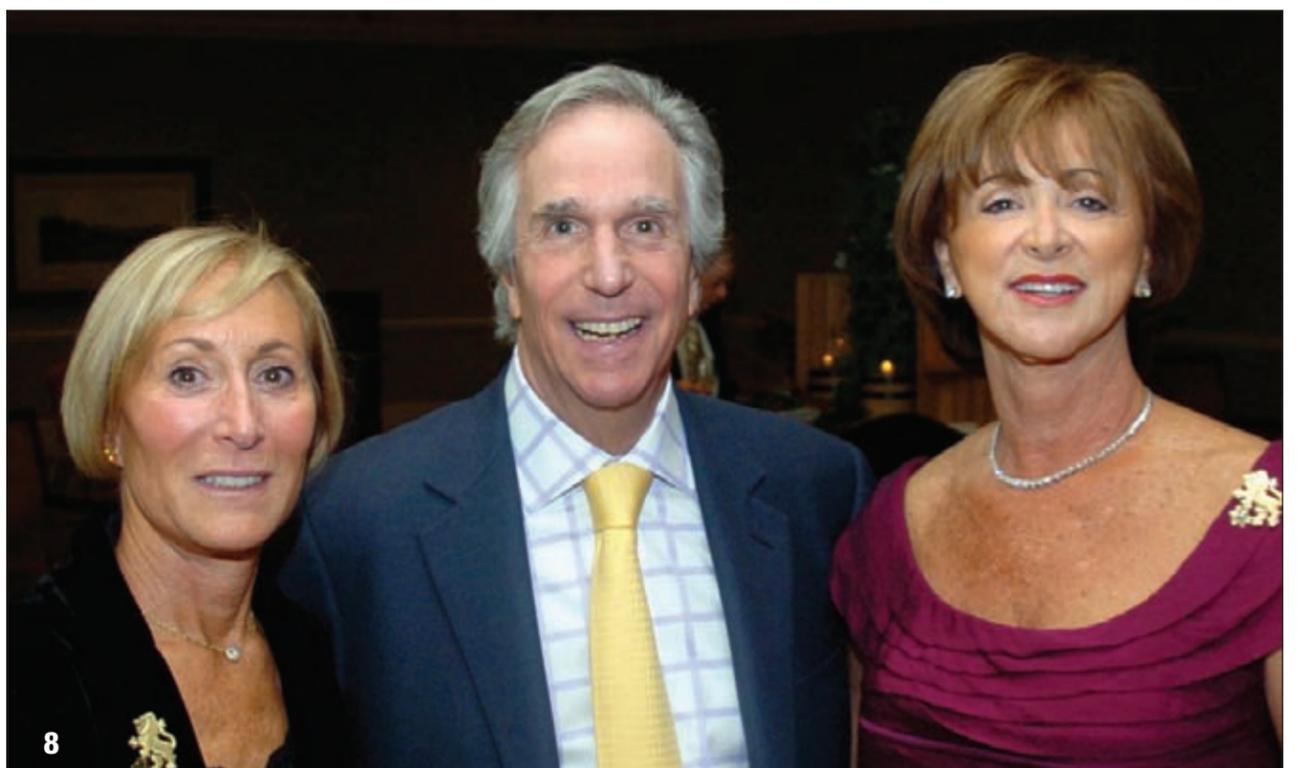


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5. Michael, Phyllis and Jordan Seaman
6. Jeff and Tracey Jubelirer, Myra and Mort Friedman
7. Shereen and David Willens
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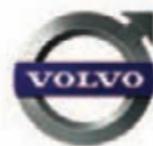
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## A Tribute Dinner for Sculptor Raymond Lutgert

1. Kristen Cartwright, Kurt Lutgert, Jamie and Heather Dockweiler
2. Terry Edwards, Ruth Kern and Simone Lutgert
3. Raymond (seated) and Beverly Lutgert, Bob and Terry Edwards

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## Groundbreaking for The Children's Museum of Naples

4. Joan and John Loos
5. Jake and Nancy Ross, Julie Koester, Ally and Ben Loos, Amy Austin
6. Meryl Samuels and Megan Wheeler

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2. Brett and Alison Hobden's fancy footwear
3. Jacob and Elizabeth Nassberg, Nikole Stillman and Ryan Livingston
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## Pedaling for Pathways Bicycle Brunch



1. Virginia Bonness and Patrice Bonnes Coty
2. Dorothy Roe and Isobel Hitchcock
3. Diane Elliott and Henry Halle
4. Ann Stickford and Marianne Larimer
5. Tom Kleinknecht and John Shuey
6. Keith Newman, Doug Finlay and Linda Penniman

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# PAST REPASTS

## Here are some capsule summations of recently reviewed restaurants:

**Bha! Bha! A Persian Bistro**, 847 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples; 594-5557

The promise of what's to come quickly reveals itself as customers walk in the door and the scents of saffron, cinnamon, ginger and garlic waft over them. Chef/proprietor Michael Mir has created a bastion of fine hospitality and creative cuisine, with many recipes passed on by his Iranian mother. Feast on delicacies such as haleem bademjune, a creamy concoction of eggplant, lentils, garlic and sour cream; plum lamb; spicy seafood gilani; and squash jewel cake with apricots, prunes and mango sauce. There's belly dancing on Thursdays, which added another authentic note to this exotic, sensuous meal. Beer and wine served.

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

**Escargot 41**, 4339 Tamiami Trail North, Naples; 793-5000

Naples is blessed with several excellent French restaurants, but Escargot 41 is one of the best. Never mind that it's tucked into the corner of the non-descript Park Shore Shopping Center. Step inside and it's as if you've traveled to a well-to-do Parisian bistro. Chef Patrick Fevrier is a master of French cuisine, while his wife, Jackie, is a gracious hostess. Choose from several escargot dishes (I liked Peter's Fricassee 41). The salmon cured in sea salt, coated in coffee and smoked, is superb. The lobster bisque was classic and rich. Yellowtail snapper in lemon butter and caper sauce was a nightly special worthy of the des-

**Yellowtail snapper, a nightly special, shines in a simple but elegant lemon butter and caper sauce.**



ignation. No cloyingly sweet duck here. Fevrier's version is rubbed in garlic salt, roasted until the skin is just lightly crisp and the flesh still moist, then finished with a savory plum port wine sauce. For dessert, an ethereal raspberry soufflé was worth every calorie. Beer and wine served. (The wine list is exceptional even for a much larger establishment.)

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

**IM Tapas**, 965 Fourth Ave. North, Naples; 403-8272

There's nothing puny about the small plates that emerge from the kitchen at IM Tapas. Each looks like a work of art and possesses big, fresh flavors that reveal the passionate dedication to this classic Spanish cuisine of its creators, chefs Isabel Polo Pozo and Mary Shipman. A polished staff and stylish dining room add to the warmth and conviviality of meal at this little off-the-beaten-path gem.

Highlights from a recent meal included fresh anchovies in garlic, chorizo in cider, wild bonito with pomegranate seeds and pomegranate foam, duck breast with figs and port wine reduction, bacalao-stuffed peppers and a plate of stellar artisanal cheeses. While not situated on one of the city's popular dining areas, it could easily hold its own among them, it's easy to get to and there's plenty of parking. Beer and wine served.

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

**Sharks Cavern**, 13040 Livingston Road, Naples; 643-1113

This promising newcomer along Pine Ridge Road delivers well-executed food and gracious service. Chef Steve Jenkins possesses a true flair for sauces, which is a trait many graduates of the Culinary Institute of America share. Pan-seared scallops on coconut sticky rice cakes with chipotle pineapple sauce were exceptional. A nightly special of Thai style chicken soup with coconut milk was expertly seasoned, smooth and silky. The prime rib was under-



cooked but otherwise all right, but the grouper tower and its

**The grouper tower's bright colors are matched by the varied flavors and textures of this creative dish.**

colorful presentation was the standout of the evening. Desserts, served in pilsner glasses, include a tart Key lime pie and vanilla panna cotta with pineapple salsa. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★★ Service: ★★★★★ Atmosphere: ★★★★★

**Truluck's**, 698 Fourth Ave. South, Naples; 530-3131

It may be a crab house, but Truluck's has the look and feel of an upscale supper club, with service to match. The restaurant brings in stone crabs this time of year with its own fleet from Isle of Capri and so usually has a good supply. The tuna tartare tower looks like a seafood version of a trifle, with layers of tuna, crab, tomato, avocado and pineapple drizzled with a citrus soy reduction. This appetizer is worth the trip alone. Miso-glazed barramundi was a white, flaky and mild fish, enhanced by crab fried rice and a generous topping of julienned vegetables. The Nigerian shrimp were enormous, as billed, but not as flavorful or tender as the gulf variety. Plan to share one of the massive desserts. The white cake with almond-studded cream cheese icing served with crème anglaise and raspberry puree made for a satisfying finish. Full bar.

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

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# FLORIDA WEEKLY CUISINE

## Sea Salt's a rare treasure in an ocean of culinary options



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Just like olive oil, cheese and chocolate before them, sea salts have become the darlings of the culinary literati. They bear entrancing names — fleur de sel, sel gris, Durango, Peruvian pink — come in a rainbow of colors and flavors and have captivated chefs and consumers alike.

It's a doubly apt name, then, for the hot new restaurant on Third Street South, which is also close enough to the Gulf of Mexico to enjoy a breeze laden with a touch of sea salt from time to time.

Sea Salt is the creation of chef/owner Fabrizio Aielli and his wife, Ingrid. The Venetian-born chef comes to us by way of Washington, D.C., where he catered to well-known politicians, journalists and other celebrities. Ted Koppel and CNN's Wolf Blitzer were regulars at his acclaimed Teatro Goldoni. According to *Forbes Traveler*, so popular was it with lawmakers that the dining room was equipped with a bell to summon lunching senators back to the Capitol for important votes. Now that's customer service.

Chef Aielli has transported his formidable culinary skills along with exceptional service and fashioned a Neapolitan style hotspot that's at once casual yet sophisticated, a place where you can show up in beachwear and dine like a king. Oh, and you can drink like royalty, too, choosing from an encyclopedic wine list featuring fine options from around the world in virtually all price ranges.

Considering that *Gourmet* magazine has already previewed Sea Salt, it shouldn't be surprising that the word is out and business is booming. Nary a sign of tough economic times was visible during my recent visit. The house was full, complete with busy bar and well-populated terrace, despite the slightly chilly weather.

We sat in an alcove off the main dining room and enjoyed an excellent view of the

main room and the bar. The dining room faces a wide open kitchen, providing a lively spectacle as the staff performs its culinary ballet. The area in which we sat had about eight tables, with opaque glass framing two sides, making it look and feel as if it was a separate room without detracting from the restaurant's free-flowing layout.

No expense has been spared in the design and furnishings, so it's not surprising that Chef Aielli takes the same approach to cooking. At Sea Salt, seemingly ordinary ingredients possess larger-than-life flavors, in much the same way that paint springs to life on a canvas when applied by a gifted artist.

While we paged through the wine list, server attendants delivered water, bread, olive oil and a trio of sea salts, which one of our servers explained held black lava salt and red rock salt, both from Hawaii, and a lovely pastel Bolivian rose. We dropped a bit of each into the olive oil to sample them. Owing to the minerals they contain from various locales, each had a unique taste.

Dinner can start any number of ways here. There's a selection of carpaccio (tuna, salmon or kona kampachi) and three varieties of oysters on the half shell, plus meats, cheeses and olives that can be mixed and matched.

Then there are the traditional sorts of starters that Chef Aielli makes



◀ **Roasted Loch Duart salmon sits atop a green lentil mustard sauce, turnips and cipollini onions with a poached pear garnish.**

extraordinary. Instead of the typical garlic and wine broth, black mussels come with a fragrant red curry sauce balanced by tomatoes, lime and green peppers, accompanied by Thai basil aioli bruschetta. A salad of sweet red and gold beets, mache and pecan-crusting goat cheese achieves a perfect piquant balance when dressed with pomegranate vinaigrette.

Sea Salt offers Loch Duarte salmon, a Scottish product that's farm-raised in a sustainable and environmentally responsible way. While I normally avoid farmed salmon because of its insipid flavor, I am also well

aware that wild salmon populations are being decimated by consumer demand. Loch Duarte manages to raise salmon that possess the vivid color and rich flavor of their wild brethren. This particular fillet had been marinated in limoncello then served atop a green lentil mustard sauce with cipollini onions and turnips. It was finished off with a garnish of shaved poached pear that added a subtle sweetness to this well-prepared fish.

A nightly special featured a bit of land and sea: Nova Scotia wild halibut and veal osso buco ravioli. The fish was tender and moist, accompanied by cherry tomatoes, arugula, red onions and black olives. While the fish itself possessed excellent flavor, the vegetable medley's bright flavors and textures made the dish so much more than the sum of its parts. The ravioli were outstanding, too, with tender pasta pillows stuffed with savory veal, napped with a silky porcini black truffle sauce so good I (briefly) considered licking the plate.

Desserts are all mini-sized and priced. A three-bite almond linzer torte and a scoop of smooth, rich pistachio gelato topped with a dollop of tomato marmalade were perfect endings to the meal, priced at \$3.50 and \$2.95 respectively. From a sushi-style menu of Norman Love chocolates, we felt compelled to try the Sea Salt signature truffle: dark chocolate with vanilla caramel lightly dusted with sea salt. All were perfect and just big enough to satisfy.

Sea Salt's service measured up to the food. Servers work in pairs so there's always someone nearby to assist. There are numerous attendants ably assisting the servers. We'd no sooner ordered our wine — an excellent Patz & Hall Dutton Ranch '06 chardonnay — than a server delivered the appropriate glasses. The wine itself, perfectly chilled, arrived in short order. When customers request freshly ground pepper, servers deliver it via a 3-foot-tall pepper mill. Courses were perfectly timed, allowing for a little relaxation



in between. It's clear the staff works hard to ensure customers feel pampered.

There's no predicting how long the current demand for gourmet sea salts will last, but I feel certain Sea Salt will not be a passing fancy. ■

### If you go

**Sea Salt**  
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★★★★★ **Superb**  
★★★★ **Noteworthy**  
★★★ **Good**  
★★ **Fair**  
★ **Poor**

### diningCALENDAR

\* **Thursday, Feb. 5, 6-8 p.m., The Good Life:** Asian Noodle Sampler cooking class with Shelly Connors concocting dishes such as Thai basil and shrimp rice noodle salad, udon noodle miso soup and soba noodle salad with sesame seared tuna; \$50, Collection at Vanderbilt; 514-4663.

\* **Friday, Feb. 6, 6-8 p.m., Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center:** Local Florida Seafood class led by Chef Kristina San Filippo with information and recipes about ocean wild and ecologically farm-raised seafood; \$45, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 390-2222.

\* **Friday-Sunday, Feb. 6-8, Everglades City:** Annual Everglades Seafood Festival with food, music, entertainment, arts and crafts, Everglades City;

(239) 695-4100 or online at www.evergladesseafoodfestival.com.

\* **Saturday, Feb. 7, 7-9 p.m., Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center:** Argentinean wine dinner with Frank Pulice of Austin's Wine Cellar presenting wines paired with a five-course tasting dinner by Chef Kristina San Filippo; \$95, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 390-2222.

\* **Monday, Feb. 9, 6-8 p.m., Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center:** Taste of Hawaii class with Chef Kristina San Filippo preparing traditional dishes from the Hawaiian islands; \$45, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 390-2222.

\* **Feb. 10, Tuesday, 6-8 p.m., The Good Life:** A Sumptuous Valentine's Day meal, with Annie DePiero creating an elegant but easy menu including timbales of salmon and crab on cucumber

coulis, vegetable medley, veal with green peppercorns and Berkeley Court crepes; \$50, Collection at Vanderbilt; 514-4663.

\* **Thursday, Feb. 12, noon-2 p.m., Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center:** Romantic Dinner for Two with Chef Kristina San Filippo demonstrating how to prepare a decadent meal; \$45, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 390-2222.

\* **Friday, Feb. 13, 6-8 p.m., Design Within Reach:** Meet the Artists of the third annual Coconut Point Art Show, with food presented by Slow Food Southwest Florida and proceeds to benefit Slow Food, Interfaith Caregivers of Estero and Our Mothers Home of Fort Myers/San Carlos Park; \$50, Coconut Point, Estero; 948-9154.

\* **Feb. 13, Friday, 6-8 p.m., The Good Life:** Couples Night Out, with Shelly Connors preparing a romantic

meal (singles invited, too) that includes Tuscan rib eye steak with rosemary gremolata butter, spinach gorgonzola soufflé and Asiago potato gratin; \$50, Collection at Vanderbilt; 514-4663.

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\* **Tuesday, Feb. 17, 6-8 p.m., The Good Life:** Ooh La La! Flavors of France, with Annie De Piero preparing a Sunday lunch including pumpkin and tomato soup, filet of beef with Roquefort and chestnuts, lentils and shallots; \$50, Collection at Vanderbilt; 514-4663.

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