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*United We Stand, John Lennon*

## Imagine all the art by John Lennon here this weekend

BY CINDY PIERCE

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A traveling collection of more than 100 pieces of art created by John Lennon arrives in Naples this week. "Remember Love: Celebrating John's Message of Peace, Hope & Love" will be on display at 1290 Third Street South for three days beginning Friday, Feb. 14.

Comprised mostly of limited-edition serigraphs, lithographs, copper etchings and aqua tints of Mr. Lennon's drawings, the collection is one of the annual exhibits that Mr. Lennon's widow, Yoko Ono, in conjunction with Legacy Fine Arts & Productions, has taken around the country for the past 15 years.

New releases in "Remember Love" include "Give Peace a Chance," "Consult the Stars" and "Turn Left & Make Peace." Ms. Ono signs the limited-edition prints of her late husband's works, for which prices range from \$200 to \$18,000.

Mr. Lennon attended the Liverpool Art Institute for three years before the Beatles became a full-time occupation, and he continued to draw throughout his life. At the time of his death in 1980, he had saved several hundred drawings that he considered important. Legacy Fine Arts & Productions describes his work, done mostly in pen, pencil and Japanese sumi ink, as "whimsical yet poetic... a commentary on his everyday life, his wife Yoko and their son. ■

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Naples Winter Wine Festival raises \$5 million for kids, about a third of last year's fest



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BY BILL CORNWELL

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**F.** Scott Fitzgerald got it wrong. The very rich, it seems, *aren't* that different from you and me.

When times are tough, even those possessing extraordinary wealth spend less, although let's be honest and admit that spending less is something of a relative term. Exhibit A in this regard is last weekend's ninth annual Naples Winter Wine Festival, which, according to the event's Web site, is ranked among the top 10 arts and entertainment events for wealthy Americans.

The highlight of the festival was Saturday's auction, which splayed across the verdant, sun-dappled lawns of The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort in Naples. Guests, who paid \$20,000 a couple to be a part of the three-day event, placed bids on an

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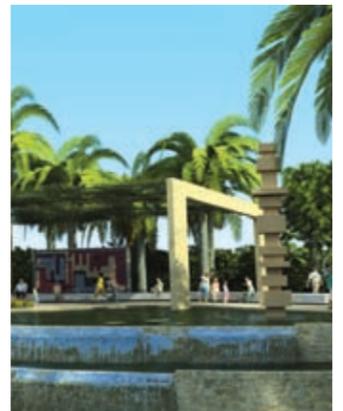
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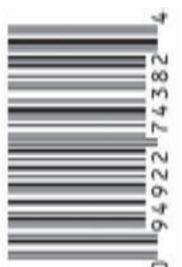
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## COMMENTARY

## The fact of the matter is... we all learn from our mistakes

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Oops.

Every so often you make a mistake. While that's not news to most people, in journalism we're supposed to be perfect — we aren't in the business of making mistakes. In journalism school (I got there when I was about 40) they drill it into you: accuracy, accuracy, accuracy. Check everything, and then check it again. Every spelling, every fact, every outward appearance.

When a mistake happens in a newsroom, there is often great anguish and despair: tearing of hair, gnashing of teeth, wailing, that kind of thing. Depending on the error, sometimes the journalists really mean their remorse, and sometimes they're just practicing, in case they have to really mean it on another occasion.

At a daily newspaper mistakes are especially embarrassing, because each error springs from the reporter's failure to be accurate, followed by the section editor's failure to recognize inaccuracy, and the copy editor's inability to spot the mistake, and often the failure of the managing editors who read the paper before it becomes print.

So when a source says "I'm Dr. Ray Jones," a competent pro shifts into the fact gear — and it has to be a quick shift, adroitly done if you're in the middle of a conversation in which Jones is explaining

something that requires both spot-on note taking and actual thinking.

Let's say Jones is describing molecular biology. At some point in the conversation, you have to ask Jones what kind of a doctor he is. If he isn't a medical doctor, then you won't be referring to him as a doctor, at least given the most common style in print journalism. And how do you spell Ray, who holds a doctorate in biology? I mean, how often are you going to ask somebody how he spells his name after he's just told you his name is Ray?

Meanwhile, you have to gain some understanding of what Ray is saying. You have to keep your mind on the ball, not just your eyes.

I happen to know a guy named Ray. I've known him for more than a decade, and I don't think he's ever said more than a few hundred words to me. But whenever he decided to speak about something, he always spoke the truth, as far as I could tell.

The truth: that's a thing difficult to pin down sometimes. The truth requires both accuracy and the eccentric calculus that leads to understanding. If truth were mathematics, it would go like this: 1 plus 1 equals 100.

I've had occasion in years past to quote Ray in stories, or to gain insight into a larger subject by talking with him, and some time ago I was about to do it again.

"You should talk to Ray," a fellow told me. When I was walking away, he called after me. "Roger? He spells his name R-a-i. Just so you know."

It was a thoughtful thing to do, and it occurred to me that the last time I spelled

Rai's name in print — probably almost a decade ago — I didn't spell Rai's name in print. I'm almost certain I spelled somebody else's name. Ray's.

And of course Rai — Raimond is his real name — never said anything, which reveals that eccentric calculus again, whose facts lead to something far greater than the sum. The truth is, Rai is big enough and secure enough not to have to waste extra words complaining when some knucklehead misspells his name.

There are many kinds of errors, of course. The ones you really don't want to make are either prejudicial or willful. You do that, and you need to be out of the business. Honest journalists don't make that kind of error.

But when you do make a mistake in print, you have to be big enough to correct it, and even to apologize. And you have to hope that people will accept a truth not evident in the immediate story: You're trying your best to report the facts of the matter, and even on occasion to get to the heart of it — to tell the truth.

Last week, in a story about the wonderful band teacher and classical music champion at The Village School, Jack Berry, I made a couple of the most clumsy spelling errors — big fat clunkers.

A stranger, somebody paying attention who wasn't even involved in the story, wrote me the kind of generous, gentle correction that makes you realize just how much grace there is in the world, or at least in her and her world.

Many people — and I have no right to criticize them, given the nature of my errors — resort to stinging reprimands or insults

when they encounter such errors.

But not her. She even tried to suggest it was a computer's fault, or an editor's fault, neither of which is the case.

Here's what she said.

*Dear Mr. Williams,  
I enjoyed reading your article about Jack Berry — it's always great to read a story about someone who discovers and follows his life's passion. However, I'd like to point out two spelling errors in the article that escaped the editors: 1) "site reading" should be "sight reading" — I guess in this era of computers the original spelling of "sight" can be forgotten! 2) "a chocolate Sunday" should be "sundae." Obviously, neither of these errors marred my enjoyment of the article, but I always think publications should be made aware of errors in grammar and spelling so that they can be more cautious before printing.*

*Thanks for your time, and thanks for your interesting articles.*

*Nancy Menaldi-Scanlan*

The facts of the matter is, I'm damned sorry I misspelled Rai's name long ago, and crippled the spellings of a couple of other decent English words more recently, in print.

I apologize.

And the truth? I'm glad to know of my mistakes, especially from people like Ms. Menaldi-Scanlan. It's the only way forward.

*Editor's note: Mr. Williams' editor and copy editor apologize, too. We appreciate the spirit of Ms. Menaldi-Scanlan's note and wonder if she is available for proofreading. ■*

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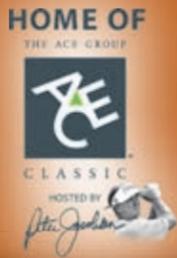
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# OPINION

## The rise of self-defeating industrial policy

BY RICH LOWRY

Washington can't decide whether to save or to smother the American auto industry.

A few months ago, GM and Chrysler got a federal lifeline in the form of \$17.4 billion in loans, on grounds that their health is essential to the economy. Now comes news that the Obama administration is acting quickly to approve a waiver for California to impose costly new restrictions on carbon-dioxide emissions from cars.

In a move meant to combat global warming, California wants to mandate a 30 percent reduction in tailpipe emissions by 2016 and a fuel-efficiency standard of 49 mpg by 2020. As many as 13 states will follow California's lead, creating a regulatory patchwork with automakers forced in practice to meet the higher standard.

Even California admits that the new strictures will add \$1,000 to the cost of vehicles by 2016. The automakers estimate it will add \$3,000. So, GM and Chrysler will struggle to shed labor and legacy costs, just to see new regulatory costs imposed on them by the very political authorities

that are putting taxpayer dollars at risk to save them. It's the rise of self-defeating industrial policy.

The auto-emissions standards already imposed on automakers — the so-called CAFE standards — have heaped billions of dollars of losses on Detroit. As Holman Jenkins of The Wall Street Journal notes, the American industry takes a hit on the cheaper, lighter cars it manufactures at its high-cost unionized plants to comply with CAFE. It makes such cars profitably overseas and could import them back here to the U.S. to meet CAFE standards if Congress didn't forbid it from doing so in a naked pander to the United Auto Workers.

When Detroit came to Washington in extremis last year, the rational reaction would have been to lift burdens on it. Instead, the fashionable rap on Detroit was that it had created its own mess by making SUVs on the foolish assumption that gas prices would stay at \$1.50 a gallon forever. This critique was premised on the foolish assumption that gas prices would stay at \$4 a gallon forever.

If a normal sense of self-preservation were at work, Detroit would howl at another step toward blud-

geoning it out of its most profitable line of work. But now its relationship with Washington is as important as its business model. Its executives have to drive to Capitol Hill in hybrid cars to do their begging and pretend that GM's plug-in Volt — prospectively priced at an outlandish \$40,000 per vehicle — is the car of the future.

In response to California's new rules, an Obama official told the Detroit News that "additional tools to support the auto industry will be considered." What Washington giveth it taketh away and giveth yet again.

This contradictory policy is driven by worry over the far-off threat of global warming, the killer abstraction that hangs over all of Mr. Obama's economic policy. At the same time everyone is aflutter with the need to stimulate the economy. As government intervention proliferates, we are about to see industrial policy run by people who don't like industry very much.

Detroit wanted a bailout, and it will get it good and hard. ■

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

## GUEST OPINION

### Obama and the stimulus



**danRATHER**

Special to Florida Weekly

It's still the early days of the Obama presidency, but Yogi Berra's line about Yankee Stadium's creeping shadows applies equally well to the White House — "It gets late early out there."

On the two-week anniversary of President Barack Obama's inauguration, the White House had hoped to make headlines by naming Sen. Judd Gregg of New Hampshire to the post of commerce secretary. Instead, news of the Gregg appointment was buried by two more of the president's high-profile nominees — Tom Daschle and Nancy Killefer — bowing out due to tax problems.

Meanwhile, in the U.S. Senate, Republicans beat back a measure to add \$25 billion in infrastructure spending to the so-called stimulus bill, which Senate Democratic leaders conceded on Tuesday they did not have the votes to pass as it then stood. This would be the same stimulus bill that passed the House of Representatives without a single Republican vote, despite Mr. Obama's highly visible outreach efforts to the House GOP.

With a House bill rich in targets for

critics, the distractions of botched appointments and presidential overtures to bipartisanship that have yet to bear tangible fruits, it looked this week as if Mr. Obama risked losing control of the narrative surrounding a piece of legislation of singular importance to his presidency.

Mr. Obama ceded some of this control voluntarily and from the start when he at least gave the appearance of leaving House Democrats to craft a bill of their own, based on broad campaign themes, before he took office. Publicly, the president has focused on stressing the bill's urgency and on achieving bipartisan support. But he has done little to enunciate and push for specific steps to stimulate the economy in the short term, or act as an effective salesman for those specific parts of the existing bill that he believes would do so.

Perhaps, as some have suggested, Mr. Obama resisted showing his hand so as to give himself room to triangulate between the more liberal House and more conservative Senate. If that was his strategy, the need to rethink it grew clearer as the week wore on. With most public-opinion polls suggesting that at least a plurality of Americans still supported the stimulus bill, reports from congressional offices had calls against the bill greatly outweighing those for it. In other words, the bill's critics

had become more passionate than its supporters.

A president builds passion for a piece of legislation by giving the people something that's in it for them, and by letting those people know exactly what that something is. Those against the stimulus bill seemed to have a better handle on what's in it than those who are for it.

Mr. Obama still has a lot of political capital. In order to save the legislation upon which the success or failure of his presidency may rest — whether in the Senate or in the reconciliation process that follows — he may now have to spend some of that capital. With a presidential address on the economy scheduled for this coming Monday, he might consider putting himself out on a limb to demand specific actions to stimulate the economy and help those in economic peril, laying those actions out to the American people in unmistakable terms, and essentially daring the opposition to oppose them.

There's a steep learning curve to the presidency. And what the Obama team is learning the hard way is that sometimes the most effective route to bipartisan support does not run through the elected members of the opposition party but rather through their constituencies — who have the power to demand that their representatives vote a certain way, and must be convinced to use that power. ■

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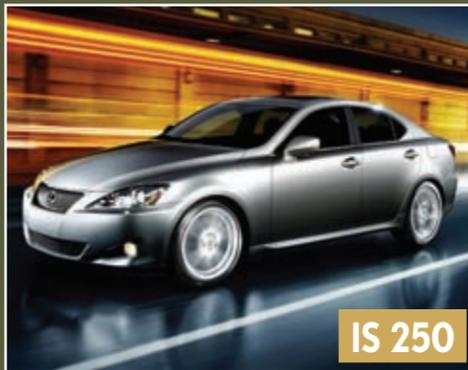
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# 15 MINUTES

## Cooking for kids, with a measure of joy added to every bite

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With people like Laverne Taylor on the job — she's chief cook and bottle washer for 65 kids and 12 adult staffers — the Fun Time Early Childhood Academy on 12th Street North might consider a different name.

Maybe this: the Life-Altering Early Childhood House of Good Nutrition.

Or Laverne's Kitchen for Kids (and Adults Who Like To Hang Around the Kitchen).

"We all like to hang around the kitchen," admits Franny Kain, executive director of the academy, which is the only Head Start program in Collier County operating outside the public school system. "Laverne has a mighty self."

The first thing to know about Ms. Taylor, a woman with a smile as wide as Naples Bay, is that she has a gleaming new kitchen, tucked into the welcoming embrace of a gleaming new building.

The joy she feels is palpable, probably akin to a painter's pleasure at fresh canvas and a new color palette.

"I have a four-burner electric stove with griddle, a dishwasher — I did 'em all by hand before — a double-side, stainless-steel refrigerator, a stainless-steel freezer, a commercial microwave with two oven waiters to keep the food warm... it's just so beautiful," she says.

Opened just last month, Fun Time's new home comes in part from the

Naples Winter Wine Festival folks, who provided a \$700,000 matching grant to build it.

As far as Ms. Taylor is concerned, those imbibing philanthropists do "very, very, very good work."

That phrase, "good work," isn't something Ms. Taylor uses lightly. A devoted member of the First Missionary Baptist Church in Immokalee, she says it means glorious work, God's work — work that celebrates the spirit by helping those in the body, who need it.

When Ms. Taylor speaks, the gentle lilt of the rural South fills her voice.

"I love the children, all of them, and they're all different," she adds, describing the very first rank of the needy, ranging from 1 to 5 years of age. "Maybe we can take in some more."

Indeed, although Fun Times runs a \$400,000 deficit from kids whose parents can't pay the full bill — they're all working parents, by the way — the new building has space for a few more children.

Like most of the beaming little charges she feeds three times a day, Ms. Taylor grew up under somewhat straitened circumstances.

Born and raised in Immokalee, she was a middle daughter and one of 12 children. Much of her youth was spent in the fields, where her parents also worked.

"We had to pick tomatoes, cucumbers, whatever there was to be picked, and I didn't like it much," she recalls. So

at 18 she left for Tampa, returning to Immokalee eight years later.

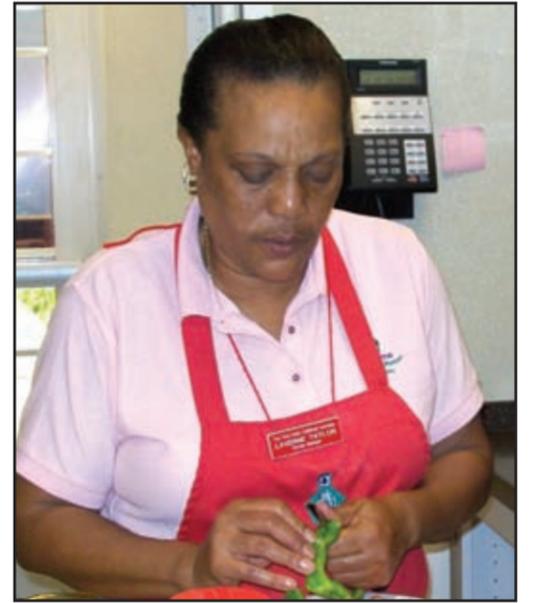
Although cooking is one of the great joys of her life, Ms. Taylor reached adulthood without having a clue about how to use a stove.

"I wasn't allowed in the kitchen when I was young — only my older sisters could help," she says. "When I got married, I didn't know how to cook." By the time she divorced, however, she'd taught herself.

"I'd start something in the kitchen, and I'd call my mom and ask for help. But then we lost the phone, and I had to quit buying cookbooks. So I'd get a little thing going and try it, and I'd try it again, and when I finally got it to where I liked it, I'd make more of it."

She's been at the business of caring for young children since 1985, but it wasn't until 2006 that she found her true calling in the Fun Times kitchen. Now she produces three meals beginning at 6:30 a.m. each day — nutritious meals low in sugar and fat.

For breakfast, kids get (non-sugary) cereal, fruit, eggs, toast, waffles, pancakes, muffins, milk and juice; for lunch, they can have spaghetti or other pasta dishes, homemade soup, tuna melts, hamburgers, chicken nuggets, milk and fruit; and for an afternoon snack, they might have cheese sticks, raisins or celery and peanut butter.



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Laverne Taylor

It's not a small thing in their lives, or in Ms. Taylor's.

"For so many of our children, the meals she serves them may constitute most of the nutrition they get in a day — perhaps the entirety of the nutritional food they receive," says Ms. Kain, the director.

And all that nutrition comes with an added spoonful — not of sugar, but of joy.

Ms. Taylor will share it with anybody. ■



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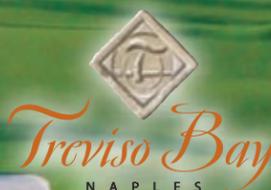
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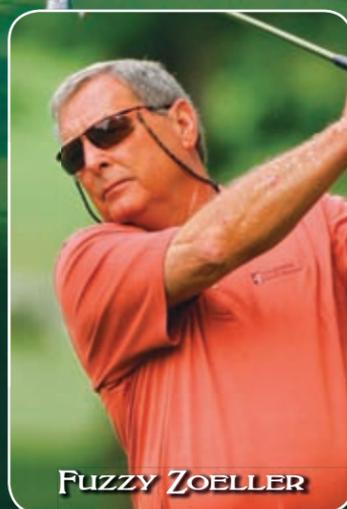
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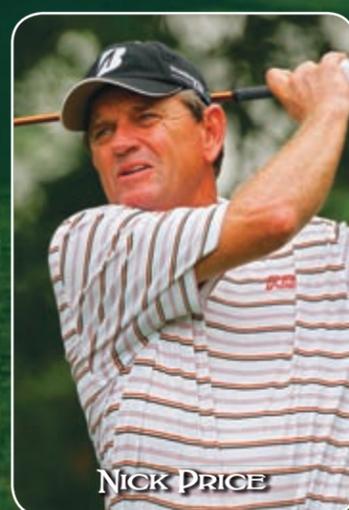


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# WINE FEST

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array of extravagant items, ranging from rare, vintage wines to vacations aboard lavish yachts to spectacular sports cars.

Just one year removed from raising more than \$14 million for children's charities, this year's festival brought in slightly more than \$5 million. Raising \$5 million for worthwhile causes is no mean feat — especially in the worst economic downturn in memory — but it is a long way from last year's total and from the record \$15.6 million raised the preceding year.

In the end, the deepening recession proved to be an uninvited guest that simply wouldn't go away. From discussions in the men's room ("I talked to a guy last week with the Federal Reserve in Denver, and he said it's going to take some sky-high inflation to get us out of this") to exhortations by auctioneers ("Come on, the market was up last week!"), the specter of economic uncertainty loomed large.

Festival organizers knew what they were up against.

"I think we'll do all right," said Ann Bain, the upbeat chairwoman of the festival's grants committee, on the eve of the auction. "Whatever we raise will be more than what would be available had we done nothing."

A frantic British auctioneer chose to address the dilemma right off the bat. "Do you know what we do with a recession in the United Kingdom?" he asked as he lurched across the stage erected inside an enormous wind-whipped tent on the hotel's grounds. "We put it across our knee and spank the hell out of it!"

The audience's tepid response to this Churchillian call to arms proved prophetic.

Not that the day didn't have its moments. A 10-day Caribbean voyage aboard a 170-yacht fetched \$350,000. The highest bid for a wine lot came in at \$150,000 for five Magnums of Domaine de la Romaine-Conti.

Lee Anderson, chairman of the St. Paul, Minn.-based API Group, which includes construction, manufacturing



and fire-protection companies, was the man who placed the high wine bid.

"Well, it is the best burgundy in the whole world," Mr. Anderson said in discussing his generous purchase. "I may never get around to drinking all of it, but that's all right. It really isn't about the wine. It's about helping the children."

Mr. Anderson made a valid point. Since its founding in 2001, the festival has raised a staggering \$74.5 million to help underprivileged and at-risk chil-

dren in Collier County. The Naples Children's Education Foundation will distribute this year's funds next month.

While Mr. Fitzgerald may have been off the mark about the very rich, he surely would have appreciated the Gatsby-like moments that invariably accompany such a to-do.

Take, for instance, the middle-aged man holding forth with glass of wine in hand and sunglasses perched atop his graying head. "The older and wealthier I get, the more handsome I seem to become," he announced to a group of young women, whose expressions ranged from mild incredulity to

PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE NAPLES WINTER WINE FESTIVAL

**ABOVE:** The sun-dappled lawns of The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort were filled with auction guests, celebrity vintners and chefs, servers and photographers throughout the day last Saturday.

**LEFT:** "Cotton Candy Sky" was the theme for Friday's chef-vintner dinner for 31 guests at the home of Tom and Connie Galloway, 2009 chairmen of the Naples Winter Wine Fest. Chef for the dream-come-true dinner was John Besh of Restaurant August in New Orleans; the vintners were Daphne and Bart Araujo of Araujo Estate Wines.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Connie Galloway, the hostess with the most at her home.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Joe Cox gives the thumbs-up to signify his satisfaction at the auction.

downright disbelief.

At the various serving stations, Ritz-Carlton chefs worked briskly and efficiently to meet the demand for dishes like venison tortellini with parsnip puree, while at the hot dog stand, tucked discretely to the side of the auction tent, business at the noon hour was virtually nonexistent.

"People eat tortellini before noon, but hot dogs are different story," explained Bill Robinson, a volunteer on duty at the stand. "They eat hot dogs after noon, because that's when ball games are played."

Winning bidders, especially females, often celebrated by with impromptu dances that brought to mind the old days of "American Bandstand."

But for sheer, unbridled enthusiasm, none of the celebrating millionaires or billionaires could match the wine server who approached a colleague and cut his eyes downward, while saying in a low voice, "Hey, take a look at this."

At waist level, he held a \$20 bill, discretely stretched between his two hands. A tip from a satisfied patron.

"Awright!" exclaimed the colleague. The two exchanged vigorous high-fives before the well-tipped server roared off in pursuit of another hard-earned double sawbuck. ■

“There’s great satisfaction in doing something like this for kids. This is a very fortunate area and (the wine festival) goes up and above any event in the country.” — Mark Kiffin, chef/owner of The Compound in Santa Fe, N.M.

# Top Naples chefs host culinary stars from across the nation

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A bevy of America’s culinary luminaries converged on the Inn on Fifth last week the evening before they would preside at vintner dinners as part of the Naples Winter Wine Festival.

Top chefs from some of the country’s best restaurants — as well as Tet-suya Wakuda from Australia and Mary Ann Esposito of PBS fame — chatted with one another, members of the news media and the 10 Naples chefs who joined forces to welcome them with wine and a bounty of well-executed small plates.

Offerings included langostino rughetta by Vergina Chef Sando Durante, filet mignon alla Piemontese by Bellini on Fifth Chef Maria Furetta, spicy tuna tartare in crispy somen noodles with gingered wasabi foam and baby amaranth from Trilogy Executive Chef Eric Delano, surf and swine by Truluck’s corporate Chef Brian Wubbena and Naples Chef Michael Rakun and grilled skirt steak and goat cheese empanada by Bistro 821 Chef Jesse Housman.

Emeril Lagasse might have been the most widely known of the guest chefs, but all of them operate one or more top restaurants in some of America’s most culinarily sophisticated cities.

Each had his or her own reasons for attending the wine festival, billed as the world’s most successful charity wine auction, but almost all cited the beneficiaries of the money raised — children in need — as their primary motivation.

“Being asked by the festival trustees is an honor,” Mark Kiffin, chef/owner of The Compound in Santa Fe, N.M., said. “There’s great satisfaction in doing something like this for kids. This is a very fortunate area and (the wine festival) goes up and above any event in the country. When I see what they’ve accomplished, my jaw is on the floor.”

Chef Norman Van Aken, who is credited with creating New World cuisine, an amalgamation of Latin, Caribbean and Asian styles, first at his eponymous restaurant in tony Coral Gables and now at The Ritz-Carlton in Orlando, made his fifth appearance at the Naples event and couldn’t have been happier about being considered a regular. “I go back and tell people who didn’t go, ‘You’re missing Woodstock,’” he said.

Mary Ann Esposito, host of the PBS show “Ciao Italia,” had an additional reason to attend: “I got a phone call. There was one spot left and there were no women chefs, so I’m here representing the women.” ■



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TOP: Vergina’s Jorge Lopez, left, and Executive Chef Sandro Durante, right, with celebrity chef Emeril Lagasse

ABOVE: Per Se, the much-acclaimed New York City sibling of Thomas Keller’s French Laundry in the Napa Valley, sent a top-flight team to the wine festival. From left: Executive Chef Jonathan Benno with kitchen staff Chung Chow, Michael Wallace and Milton Abel.

FAR LEFT: Guy Esposito, celebrity chef Mary Ann Esposito (of PBS’ “Ciao Italia”), Paul and Jean Delios

LEFT: Norman and Janet Van Aken with Mark Kiffin

## UNDERCOVER HISTORIAN

### Mullet Fryers Weekend celebrated the 'reel' people of old Naples

*"History teaches us what man has done, thus what man is."*

— Ferenc M. Szasz, professor of history  
The University of New Mexico

BY LOIS BOLIN

Special to Florida Weekly

Naples history does just that, especially when we take a look back at the "reel people" for whom self-sufficiency and self-reliance were the cornerstones of success. These pioneers of the 1920s through the 1940s lived off what nature provided in Florida's last frontier. All they needed for earnest employment was a strong back or a large family to help harvest the land they farmed, the game they hunted or the waters they fished.

If you've ever had the pleasure of meeting an old-timer whose family grew up fishing the area, you will understand what Washington Irving meant by his reflection that something in fishing tends to produce a gentleness of spirit and serenity of mind.

#### An educational weekend at Cove Inn

This past weekend was Mullet Fryers Weekend at the Cove Inn at Crayton Cove. History came alive for many locals and visitors alike who learned firsthand from a few old-timers about their first loves: the boats they owned, the boats they lost and the boats they loved to see come in at night.

There were many model boats on display as part of Mullet Fryers Weekend, the kind of boats that once upon a time lined the City Dock at Naples Bay (now known as the Bay Dock at Back Bay) and at the Combs' and the Kelly's fish houses where Tin City now sits. Among those boats were:

► **Mullet skiffs** — Most commercial fishermen had boats like these. They had no motors, just nets for fishing. Such nets are banned today.

► **Shrimp boats** — In 1950, the discovery of jumbo shrimp 35 miles offshore turned the quiet docks at Naples Bay into a commercial center — but only for a short time, because the shrimp boats could only come and go at high tide. It's too bad the channel was too shallow to keep the 51-cent-per-pound shrimp business going.

► **Crab boats** — These boats plied the waters around both both Naples and Everglades City.

► **Sailboats** — Much like the shrimpers, sailboat captains had to plan their time on the water around the tides.

► **Run boats** — Not to be confused with "rum boats" (although they both carried supplies of sorts to commercial fishermen back then), run boats would carry out supplies and pick up the catch of the day for delivery to the clam factory or Combs Fish House.

► **Houseboats** — Most were brought to Naples on a barge and docked at "Bay Dock," where several families made their home.



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In this photo from the mid-1940s, Merton Bickford pulls in a haul of mullet.

► **Commercial fishing launch** — This kind of boat was used to net mullet, mackerel, redfish, kingfish and grouper. Depending upon the fish, there was a net or hook appropriate for the job at hand.

#### Living on the dock of the Bay

One of the Mullet Fryers who brought his model boats, fashioned after those he had seen on Naples Bay as a child, was Harry Bickford. He lives in Lake Placid, Fla., now, but at one time lived in the old fish house over the water at Back Bay.

Mr. Bickford's wife, Martha, was responsible for getting these very private men to show their model boats in public for Mullet Fryers Weekend. She told a tale of how Harry's father, Merton Bickford, on more than one occasion had to drop what he was doing to pull Harry's younger brother, who had wandered off yet again, from the bay: "When you lived on the dock over the water, falling in was just part of life on the waterfront," she said.

The other pioneers of the waterfront, most of whom would much rather brave a storm on the water than a crowd of people, were Bem Storter (a nephew of legendary Rob Storter, whose family founded Everglades City) and Captain John Morgan, the author of "My Life on the Water."

#### Fine wine and mullet fryers

Mullet Fryers Weekend happened on the same weekend as the renowned Naples Winter Wine Festival. This charming contrast is reminiscent of the early years in Naples when "peacocks were roasted and mullet was fried" and reminds us that it takes all kinds to make a real community. At the Cove Inn at Crayton Cove this past weekend, it was all about the "reel" people. ■

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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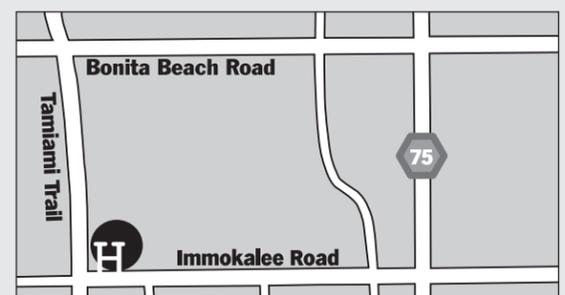
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# 'Chickee Chats' take place in gardens at Palm Cottage

The Naples Historical Society announces its 2009 Garden Side Chickee Chats that take place in the chickee pavilion in The Norris Gardens at Palm Cottage:

► **Friday, Feb. 27 — "Naples Oral Histories: A Sneak Preview"** will feature Lodge McKee and Maria Stone.

► **Friday, March 6 — "Ancestor Trackers,"** presented by the Genealogical Society of Collier County, will feature speakers Michele Bender and Thomas Tyrrell.

► **Friday, March 20 — "Historic Home Restoration"** will feature Paul Bollenback of the Building Department, City of Naples, and Christa Carrera, floodplain coordinator for the City of Naples. "This presentation is historic itself," Mr. Bollenback says, "Because there hasn't



been enough information given to the public on the protocol for restoring an historic home."

Garden Side

Chickee Chats are made possible by presenting sponsor Bank of Florida and corporate sponsor Newbury North Associates. All lectures take place from 11 a.m. to noon; reservations are required.

The Naples Historical Society is a non-profit organization headquartered at historic Palm Cottage, 137 12th Avenue South, one block east of the Naples Pier. The cottage and Norris Gardens are open from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday; admission of \$8 per person is the requested donation.

For more information and to reserve a spot at any of the Garden Side Chickee Chats, call 261-8164 or visit [www.NaplesHistoricalSociety.org](http://www.NaplesHistoricalSociety.org). ■



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Pilot Bill Earls, left, with Hope for Haiti programs director Tiffany Kuehner and co-pilot Larry Lappin at the Les Cayes Airport after completion of the second Hope for Haiti hurricane relief airlift.

## Hope for Haiti honors Bill Earls as first Heart of Gold recipient

Bill Earls, a 25-year resident of Naples, has been chosen to receive the first-ever Heart of Gold Award from Hope for Haiti. The award is intended to acknowledge a volunteer who has exhibited extraordinary service in support of Hope for Haiti's mission to improve the quality of life for people in Haiti, particularly children, through education, nutrition and healthcare and through the provision of emergency relief services.

In 2008, Mr. Earls put his two greatest passions — aviation and helping other people — to work in support of the people in the Les Cayes District of southern Haiti, which had been hit with devastating storms. Mr. Earls has piloted his aircraft to the stricken area on three occasions, each time delivering 1,000 pounds of medical supplies and nutrition packets.

"Bill Earls made a tremendously positive impact on the lives of hundreds of Haitian families," said Dorothy Pullen, executive director of Hope for Haiti, in announcing the inaugural Heart of Gold Award.

Hope for Haiti partners with those in Haiti who have proven records of success and supports them in furthering their work. The agency ensures that 95 cents of every dollar donated is used for programs that can help create a better future for the children of Haiti.

Mr. Earls, who is an agent with John R. Wood Realtors, will receive the Heart of Gold Award at Hope for Haiti's annual gala Saturday, March 7. The black-tie evening takes place at the Jubilee Center; tickets for \$300 are available by calling 434-7183 or by visiting [www.hopeforhaiti.com](http://www.hopeforhaiti.com). ■

## Collier property appraiser next up at Naples Preserve



Naples Backyard History

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## NONPROFIT NEWS

### Shop 'til you drop at Designers' Boutique, or try Another Option for great bargains



The Shelter for Abused Women & Children has two great opportunities for serious shoppers: the annual Designers' Boutique at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples, and the first anniversary celebration of the shelter's Another Option Thrift Shoppe. Purchases made at both will benefit the shelter's programs and services for victims of domestic violence.

#### Puttin' on the ritz

Twenty vendors from around the country bring their exclusive clothing and accessories to The Ritz-Carlton, Naples, for the Designers' Boutique in the Vanderbilt Ballroom. Shopping hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14.

The boutique is held in conjunction with the Masha Archer Extraordinary Jewelry Trunk Show in The Gallery at

The Ritz-Carlton, Naples, from noon to 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 13-15. Admission to the boutique is free. Parking is \$5 (complimentary valet parking with a Ritz-Carlton retail or food and beverage purchase). For information, call 775-3862.

#### An option for the bargain-minded

Another Option Thrift Shoppe opened one year ago at 5239 Golden Gate Parkway, joining the shelter's flagship resale store, Options Thrift Shoppe on Second Avenue North, in offering an array of used but still useful clothing and accessories as well as household items at affordable prices.

Through Saturday, Feb. 14, shoppers at Another Option will enjoy refreshments as they browse and discounts up to 50 percent when they check out. Furniture is 25 percent off; all other items are 50 percent off. Hours at Another Option are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 354-4050. ■

### Summer instructors, interns needed for Naples Art Association programs

The von Liebig Art Center has put the call out for art instructors and student interns for its ARTScool summer program for children ages 4-14. More than 40 classes are held, from painting and clay to science experiments and jewelry making.

ARTScool takes place June 8-Aug. 7 at the art center. In addition, the outreach ARTScool 2 U program is offered at the Immokalee Child Care Center, the Pace Center for Girls in Immokalee and at the Boys and Girls Club of Collier County.

Professional visual art instructors are invited to submit a packet of information regarding their experience presenting lectures, workshops and class instruction. The packet should include: a resume or CV detailing education, teaching experience, honors and fellowships awarded; at least three references (including other facilities at which they've taught); days/times available; and three photographs or slides of their

work. Send to: Nicole DuPont Strub, director of education, Naples Art Association, 585 Park St., Naples, FL 34102.

High school students between the ages of 14-17 serve as summer interns, working with ARTScool instructors to help gather materials and prepare the studio for the next class and also monitoring and supervising children during classes and the lunch hour and helping label and secure the children's art.

First-time interns receive training and are asked to volunteer a minimum of two weeks. In exchange, they receive a letter outlining their community service for their high school record, and a one-year membership to the Naples Art Association, which allows them to participate in all NAA activities free of charge. Requirements include: parental approval, teacher recommendation, personal interview and personal commitment to complete the internship. For more information, call Yvonne Gibb at The von Liebig, 262-6517, ext. 105. ■

### Fill a trunk with goodies from the Garden

Naples Botanical Garden will have its seventh annual Trunk Show in the Garden on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 19-20. 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 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.

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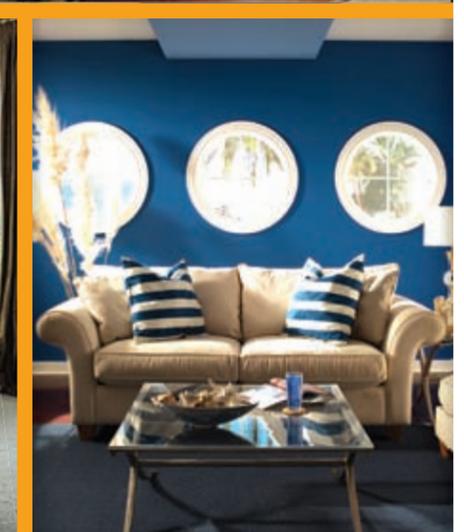


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## Three new gardens, birding tower will open next fall in the Garden



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Computer-generated image of the Brazilian Garden

Several portions of a renovated and expanded Naples Botanical Garden will reopen to the public next November. The Vicky C. and David Byron Smith Children's Garden, the Brazilian Garden and the Kathleen and Scott Kapnick Caribbean Garden, as well as the Mary and Stephen B. Smith River of Grass and the James and Linda White Birding Tower, will welcome their first visitors during a weeklong celebration beginning Nov. 9.

The remaining components of the Garden's expansion plan — the Karen and Robert Scott Florida Garden and the Marcia and L. Bates Lea Asian Garden, will open in 2010 and 2011, respectively.

"We wanted residents and visitors to experience the Garden as soon as possible, so we decided to open these major Garden components as they are completed," Brian Holley, executive director of the Garden, said.

For children, parents and grandparents to explore together, the Vicky C. and David Byron Smith Children's Garden, designed by renowned landscape architect Herb Schaal, will have waterfalls, tree houses, child-size recreations of native habitat, weird and wonderful plants and a hidden garden filled with fanciful plantings in found objects.

The Brazilian Garden pays tribute to one of that country's favorite sons, landscape architect Roberto Burle Marx. Bold and true to its roots, the garden will have as its centerpiece an original mural by Mr. Marx: a 7-foot-by-18-foot piece that is the only one of its kind in the United States. A gift to the Gardens from the designer of the Brazilian Garden, Raymond Jungles of Miami, the mural makes its debut this month at a

Jungles-designed presentation for the New York Botanical Garden's Orchid Show.

With the Kathleen and Scott Kapnick Caribbean Garden, designer Robert Truskowski is creating a one-acre reflection of the history of the Caribbean from its pre-Colombian verdant forest to its role as botanical reserve during the age of explorers to the current importance of its agriculture industry.

The Mary and Stephen B. Smith River of Grass reflects the most dominant feature of the South Florida landscape, the Everglades. The view from the top of the River of Grass leads the eye out to a pine and palm hammock and the sawgrass wetland beyond.

The James and Linda White Birding Tower is in the Collier Enterprises South Wetlands Preserve, 90 acres of giant pines and ancient cypress, unspoiled marshes and twisted mangroves that help provide a vital corridor of habitat for otters, bobcats, hawks, eagles and other wildlife. Hundreds of species of native plants also thrive here. From the birding tower, visitors will be able to see northern harrier hawks, migrating ducks, white pelicans and wading birds.

Kraft Construction is the general contractor for the Garden's construction; the project is on budget and ahead of schedule. Members of the public can track construction progress of the expansion by visiting [www.naplesgarden.org](http://www.naplesgarden.org).

The Garden also has a schedule of visitation days for the public while construction is under way. For more information, visit the Web site or call 643-7275. ■

## Native Plant Sale and Expo takes root

The first-ever Native Plant Sale and Expo at the Naples Botanical Garden will bring a large selection of native plants from vendors throughout Southwest Florida to the Garden from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14.

Vendors will include All Native Garden Center and Plant Nursery, Deep South Native Nursery, Green Door Nursery and Gardening Angel Nursery.

Members of the Florida Native Plant

Society will be on hand with information on growing native plants, minimizing the use of water and fertilizers in the home landscape and choosing the plants most compatible for your location. The mission of the Florida Native Plant Society is to promote the preservation, conservation and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida.

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# It's a WRAP award for the Garden in recognition of green practices

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Naples Botanical Garden has received the Waste Reduction Awareness Program award from the Board of Collier County Commissioners in recognition of its recycling and waste-

reduction efforts.

The Garden has a "Green Team" of dedicated employees who take on the additional responsibility of ensuring the Garden lives up to the message of being good environmental citizens. "We constantly strive for ways to improve our



Naples Botanical Garden

own practices," said Janele Smith, who is a member of the team. "Our goal is to set a good example for other businesses in the area on how easy it is to engage in green business practices," added fellow team member Rich Lewis.

Among the practices the Garden has implemented in order to be a greener Garden:

- ▶ Purchase business cards, paper, paper towels, toilet paper and envelopes with recycled content.
- ▶ Recycle all plastics, cans, cardboard, magazines, newspapers, junk mail and office paper.
- ▶ Buy refillable/recyclable ink cartridges.
- ▶ Minimize the use of paper by maintaining digital files.
- ▶ Publish documents electronically; post one copy at staff bulletin board.
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- ▶ Eliminate the use of paper, plastic and Styrofoam dishware by using environmentally friendly and reusable dishware.
- ▶ Provide staff and volunteers with reusable water bottles and ceramic coffee mugs
- ▶ Compost yard and garden waste.
- ▶ Utilize shredded newspaper as mulch.
- ▶ Switch from irrigating with city water to irrigating with water from our lake and initiated the use of rain barrels.
- ▶ Shut off lights when not in use; utilize daylight when possible ■



Front row: Naples Botanical Garden staff members Joyce Zirkle, Pat Lampe, Chris Brighton, Janele Smith and Jill Barry. Back row: Collier County Commissioners Fred Coyle, Frank Halas, Donna Fiala, Tom Henning and Jim Coletta.

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## Jordanian prince is next Town Hall speaker, followed in March by author P.J. O'Rourke

Jordanian Prince HRH Talal Bin Muhammad will make an exclusive United States visit to Naples as part of the Naples Town Hall Distinguished Speaker series on Wednesday evening, Feb. 25. As the late King Hussein's nephew and former envoy to the United States, the prince will speak with unique insight and authority on the subject of the Israeli/Palestinian conflict, global terrorism and U.S./Arab relations.



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Muhammad

A graduate of the prestigious Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in the United Kingdom and the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown, the prince was trained as both a diplomat and strategic military tactician. Today, he serves King Abdullah II in matters of security and western relations. His visit marks the first time

this year that a diplomat from Jordan has spoken in a public forum in the United States.

While his Royal Highness has declined radio and TV interviews for international content sensitivity, he will speak candidly, revealing cultural and philosophical inroads that will help attendees better understand the region, our allies and enemies.

Prince Talal is number three of four speakers in the Town Hall series. The final speaker will be political satirist and bestselling author P.J. O'Rourke on Monday, March 23.

The lectures begin at 6 p.m. at The Naples Grande Beach Resort. Tickets are \$212 for the pair of events. For more information, call 596-6524 or visit [www.THlectures.com](http://www.THlectures.com). ■



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Friends, relatives, local businesses, hospitals, schools, faith based organizations, service clubs and other organizations are invited to organize teams of 10-15 members who secure pledges for walking,

jogging, or running relay-style around the track for 18 continuous hours.

Naples has led the state of Florida in fundraising each year since the relay started locally in 1997. This year's goal is \$700,000.

For more information, call Ann Gardner at the American Cancer Society, 261-0337, ext. 118, or e-mail [Ann.Gardner@cancer.org](mailto:Ann.Gardner@cancer.org). ■



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# Pelican Bay Founders Fund seeks scholarship applicants

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Last year, 25 local students received renewable annual scholarships of \$2,000 each. Currently, nearly 100 students at 27 colleges, universities, vocational schools and professional programs receive support from the Founders Fund.

Applications for 2009 scholarships must be completed by March 17. Recipients are selected on the basis of need and merit.

"We want to reward good grades and hard work," says Sue McNaghten, chairman of the Founders Fund Scholarship



Committee. "We want to get to know the students. We feel that teenagers who are involved in leadership and their community will thrive in college."

The Founders Fund was created in 1991 by the founding members of The Club at Pelican Bay. It is supported by golf and social members, as well as by many corporate sponsors. Income from reserve assets and fundraising activities supports annual scholarship grants of approximately \$180,000; fund scholarship awards to date total more than \$1,800,000.

For more information, call 593-0124 or e-mail [foundersfund@aol.com](mailto:foundersfund@aol.com).

Students interested in applying for a scholarship can also ask their school guidance counselor for details about downloading an application. ■

# Prospective students invited to learn more about FGCU

Prospective students and their parents are invited to learn about Florida Gulf Coast University at the Eagle Expo open house from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21. FGCU faculty, staff and current students will provide information about admissions, financial aid and scholarships, academic programs, career

planning, honors programs, on-campus housing, recreation and student activities. Campus and housing tours take place throughout the event.

Reservations can be made at [www.fgcu.edu/Admissions/Prospective/expo.asp](http://www.fgcu.edu/Admissions/Prospective/expo.asp).

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"Valentine's Day is always special for couples, and we hope this also translates to opening people's hearts to a new furry friend," said adoption fair coordinator Kathlene Drew. In addition to dogs and cats from DAS, pets and/or information from the following groups will be available: Brooke's Legacy Animal Rescue, Humane Society Naples, Animal Com-

passion Project, Shy Wolf Sanctuary and Volunteer Services for Animals, Inc., (spay/neuter vouchers).

Fall in love on Valentine's Day — with a pet you find at Domestic Animal Services, 7610 Davis Blvd., from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14. Regular adoption fees apply for DAS and participating rescues.

Those who attend will be able to tour employee-only areas of the DAS shelter to get a behind-the-scenes look at operations including stray kennels and the veterinary clinic.

For more information, call 252-7387 or visit [www.collierpets.com](http://www.collierpets.com). ■



## Robb & Stucky welcomes Veranda magazine editor for presentation

Robb & Stucky Interiors welcomes Deborah Sanders, managing editor for Veranda magazine, to the Naples showroom at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, for a presentation of "The Evolved Space: New Directions in Luxury and Design." Ms. Sanders will discuss the new direction in furniture, fabrics, decorative accessories, outdoor furnishings, eco-friendly

products and kitchen and bath design. Attendees will see how the national style trends compare with and/or influence home fashions in Southwest Florida.

The Robb & Stucky Interiors showroom is at 2777 Tamiami Trail N. Ms. Sanders' presentation is free, but reservations are requested and can be made by calling 649-3249. ■

## Jeweler Barry Nicholls offers diamond class for the 19th year

"Diamonds and Gems," a class about finding, minding, indentifying and cutting diamonds and gems, takes place over three sessions at Barron Collier High School beginning Tuesday evening, Feb. 24.

Barry Nicholls of Paradise Jewellery in Naples wrote the curriculum and has taught the class for 19 years. His lectures a discussion of the myths and lore surrounding diamonds, plus tips on how to protect yourself from diamond switch-



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ing (it's easy, says Mr. Nicholls) and how to choose an appraiser.

Class meets from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 24, and March 3 and 10. Cost is \$49, and registration will be at 6 p.m. on the first night.

For more information, call 591-2645 or visit [www.paradisejewelry.net](http://www.paradisejewelry.net). ■

## Ladies, Let's Go Fishing seminar set

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Here's what to do:

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► **Present proof of identity.** If you don't have a valid permanent state driver's license, a government or military I.D. will suffice, as will a previous passport, certificate of citizenship or naturalization certificate. A Social Security card is not sufficient to prove your identity.

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► **Provide two passport photos.** The post office can take your passport photo for \$15.

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Express Mail service is available if you need to expedite your passport application.

► **One more thing:** Don't sign the application form until the passport clerk tells you to do so. The passport clerk must witness you signing the form. ■

# Update your closet by swapping clothes

Between sisters, roommates and best friends, swapping clothing is a fun and practical way to expand your options of what to wear — and to rid your closet of what not to wear. Kelli Mainous, owner of Persona Boutique in the Collection at Vanderbilt, has a plan to bring swappers together in a much broader sense.

Ms. Mainous is holding the first of what she hopes becomes a regular clothing swap at her shop next week. Here's how it works:

Bring what you no longer wear — freshly laundered and on hangers — to Persona and receive a ticket for each item. Come back to the store later and use

your tickets to "swap" for clothing that others have brought in from their closets. No money changes hands between swappers. Personal Boutique will donate leftover items to the Shelter for Abused Women & Children.

The first "swapping/shopping" events are set for 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18. Clothing should be brought to the store and exchanged for tickets two hours beforehand.

The Collection at Vanderbilt is at the northwest corner of Airport Pulling and Vanderbilt Beach Road. For more information about the clothing swap, call Personal Boutique at 593-0005. ■



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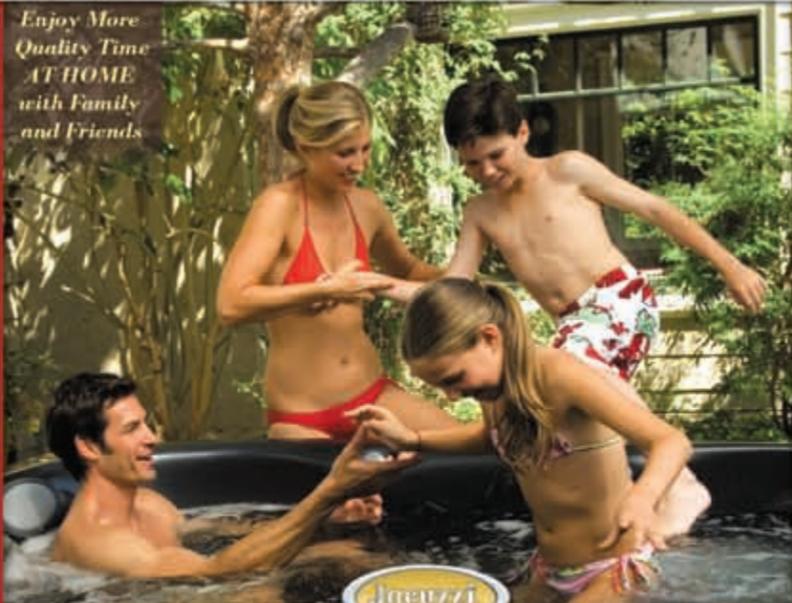


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## HEALTHY LIVING

## Upbeat &amp; Coping

Positive mental outlook a top strategy these days

BY JAMIE GUMBRECHT  
Cox News Service

Ed Caldwell has been through the wringer in the past year. His business tanked along with his retirement portfolio and the value of his home. He was diagnosed with cancer, a disease that killed his oldest brother in December, and which a brother-in-law is battling now, too, just as he is.

And he's begun taking care of his mother and in-laws while trying to start a new business "when all the economic news is terrible and there's a pervasive sense of angst."

Yet Caldwell, 58, is optimistic, which makes him decidedly different, according to all the polls, from the vast majority of Americans.

So how could he be upbeat when gloom is at or near record highs, President Barack Obama is warning of tougher times ahead and the news is bad?

"If I let all of it get to me, I'd be out on the street or on a psychiatrist's couch or drunk somewhere," said Caldwell, a corporate training consultant. "I'm coping by focusing on the good things, like my daughter's upcoming marriage."

And his new business — online fee-based coaching with an upbeat message and a WhyDriveYourselfCrazy.com Web site — which aims to help people think

positively.

"It uses the techniques of cognitive psychology to change your way of thinking," he said. "It teaches ways to take control, how to reinvent yourself."

That's exactly what millions of people are trying to do, but for most, it's not as easy as it is for Caldwell, who relieves his stress by exercising in his home gym, boating and swimming.

One recent morning, for example, several dozen shell-shocked men and women gathered at the Varsity restaurant in Kennesaw, Ga., where the aroma of chili dogs and fresh coffee couldn't even begin to pierce the gloom. At least not until Ted Daywalt, 59-year-old president of VetJobs Inc., which finds work for veterans, began an upbeat talk to people who have lost jobs or homes or both.

"Your job is to find another full-time job, and you can do it if you try," said Daywalt at the meeting of job seekers. "You shouldn't feel embarrassed. It's not your fault you're out of work. Just never give up."

He offered pointers on résumé-writing and stressed the importance of networking.

His words sounded like advice from on high to Lynnette and Jim Raposa, a couple whose income has dwindled by more than half, and who lost their home to foreclosure in the mortgage meltdown.

"There's a great deal of angst in not knowing when the other shoe is going to drop," said Raposa, 46. "I've never seen an economic cycle where people are sticking their heads in the sand like this. There's a bunker mentality. People are afraid."

Raposa has made a living for years doing audio commercials, mostly for auto dealers, "not a great sector to be in right now" because many have gone bankrupt.

Lynnette says the couple has turned to the Bible and their church to help cope. They both got real estate licenses just before the housing bubble burst.

"We lost our house in 2007, a foreclosure, and went through bankruptcy," she



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To relax for an hour or two, Ed Caldwell hops into a boat he keeps on the small lake behind his Duluth, Ga., home. Caldwell, recently diagnosed with cancer, is starting a new business while caring for his mother and in-laws.



Christopher Barry of Atlanta, who lost his magazine job, has a goal of working in New York. He takes long walks in the park to clear his mind.

said. "It's very humbling.

"I live every day knowing I am a child of God. He loves me no matter what. I have God, I have my faith, and I have family and friends who I can even laugh with from time to time."

Others, like Christopher Barry, 26, turn to other sources of inspiration, in his case, the late gonzo journalist Hunter S. Thompson.

Barry, who lost his job as a magazine editor in March, hopes one day to be able to save enough to move to New York to pursue a career there.

"To deal with all this, I work out at home, take long walks and don't waste money," he said. "I'll sit on a bench at the park, looking at the lake."

But every ripple in the water is a reminder of the moving hurdles he must clear.

And while many are turning to spiritual leaders, others are turning to spirits.

Dr. Nancy Molitor, a professor of psychiatry at Northwestern University in Chicago, says there's reason to believe many

are turning to booze.

"There is some data out there that supports the connection between increased alcohol sales and recessions," she said. "I am certainly seeing this more in my practice, as are my other psychologist colleagues. People seem to be drinking more ... to soothe themselves from the stress."

Dr. Richard Winer, a Roswell, Ga., psychiatrist, said, "This is the worst period of anxiety I've seen in my patients since at least 9/11. There's just a big black cloud over everything. And everyone is wondering, 'Will it get worse?'"

Dr. Darvin Hege, an Atlanta psychiatrist, says many of his patients who still have jobs "are very concerned they'll lose them. I've practiced psychiatry through numerous recessions, but I've never seen anything like this."

Caldwell's business partner, Dr. Laurie Nadel of New York, says people who are jobless often feel shame, but shouldn't.

"It's not their fault," she says. ■

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# Gallery lecture will address the effects of sonar testing on whales and dolphins

Arsenault Gallery welcomes Marsha Green of the Ocean Mammal Institute for the second in the gallery's series of lectures focused on preserving the environment and educating the public about various charitable causes that benefit us individually and the planet as a whole.

Ms. Green will discuss the effects of sonar testing on marine mammals when she appears at the gallery at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14. Her efforts to protect whales and dolphins in the United States and internationally have included speaking to Congressional representatives; educating the public; and working with the European Parliament, NATO and the United Nations to address underwater noise pollution.

The lecture will be followed by green tea, and a light spread of snacks at the gallery. Everyone is invited, and reservations are not necessary.

After the lecture and reception, gallery owners Paul and Eileen Arsenault will host dinner at their historic Naples home on Gordon Drive to



raise funds for the Ocean Marine Institute. Seating is limited and RSVP is required by Thursday, Feb. 12.

Throughout his 35 years in Naples, Mr. Arsenault has focused his career on environmental conservation, health and historic preservation efforts. His gallery featuring many "green" directives is the latest effort in that vein, offering several yoga lessons each week, green tea matinees, dinners, lectures and exhibits to raise awareness of and money for a number of charities.

Currently, the gallery is supporting New Horizons of Southwest Florida, an after-school program that provides academic tutoring to at-risk youth. The gallery is also the headquarters of Mrs. Arsenault's project "Art with Heart," which offers 10 percent of each sale to nonprofits including the Naples Historical Society, Collier County Audubon Society and Gordon River Greenway (Southwest Florida Land Preservation Trust).

For more information or to reserve a seat at the Saturday dinner, call 263-1214. ■

# Sanibel forum will focus on Everglades restoration



Everglades restoration and the advantages of the U.S. Sugar Corp. land acquisition to Southwest Florida will be the topic of a forum sponsored by the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, the Everglades Foundation and BIG

Arts on Sanibel. Originally set for Feb. 17, the forum has been rescheduled for Tuesday, March 4, at BIG Arts.

Guest speakers will be Shannon Estenoz, vice chairman of the governing board of the South Florida Water Management District; Thomas Van Lent, senior scientist with the Everglades Foundation; and Rae Ann Wessel, SCCF natural resource policy director. Everglades Foundation CEO Kirk Fordham will moderate the panel discussion and question-and-answer session.

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Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary displays photos documenting life and strife of panthers

Photographs by Ralph Arwood documenting the life and strife of the Florida panther, including a rare glimpse of interaction between a mother panther and her kittens, are on display through February in the Blair Visitors Center at Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary.

An environmentalist and professional photographer, Mr. Arwood has captured exotic images the world over. Since 1971, he has focused on wildlife and the ecology in and around Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary. As part of the Florida Panther Recovery Team, he works with biologists at Big Cypress National Preserve to locate, collar and photograph panthers in their natural habitat. He also use his personal trail

cameras to document panthers within the Corkscrew sanctuary.

As recently as the early 1990s, only about 30 Florida panthers existed.

Through vigilant monitoring and care, the population has recovered somewhat, with about 100 cats now living in Florida. However, the panther is still critically endangered.

The entrance to Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary is at 375 Sanctuary Road West, Naples. Hours at the visitors

center are 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. seven days a week. For more information, call 348-9151 or visit [www.corkscrew.audubon.org](http://www.corkscrew.audubon.org).

To learn more about Florida panthers, go to [www.floridapanther.org](http://www.floridapanther.org) ■



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# OUTDOORS

AT COLLIER-SEMINOLE STATE PARK

## Wake up and smell the wild coffee that's a native Florida shrub

BY LEE BELANGER  
Special to Florida Weekly

Wild coffee! Just the name sounds exciting and tropical. Actually, wild coffee (*Psychotria nervosa*) is a Florida native shrub that gets its common name from the small, red fruit it produces. Other common names include wood balsam, Seminole balsam and or café marron. It also grows in the West Indies, parts of Mexico, Central America and in northern South America.

It's most certainly a tropical plant, and very cold sensitive. If the foliage freezes (as it often does in northern parts of Florida), it re-sprouts in spring, producing shorter plants that make a pleasing ground cover. Here in Southwest Florida, it grows as a dense, round, multi-stemmed shrub about 5 feet tall and spreading 4-8 feet. You'll see it in pinelands, shell ridges and coastal hammocks (higher shady areas), often under cabbage palms.

Its glossy leaves are puckered and waxy, light green when grown in full sun, and a rich forest green in shade. Deep veins in the slender, pointed, 5-inch leaves add to the plant's beauty. Generally, shade-grown shrubs are more eye-appealing.

Small, inconspicuous white flowers bloom in spring and summer and

produce a glorious fragrance similar to their relative, the gardenia. Many butterflies, including the Florida state butterfly, the zebra longwing, and the spicebush swallowtail drink nectar from the flowers of wild coffee. Honeybees also visit the flowers and pollinate them.

By late summer or fall, bright red, half-inch berries appear, each with two seeds. These seeds are an important food source for cardinals, catbirds, mockingbirds and blue jays, among other birds.

Wild coffee belongs to the Rubiaceae family, which includes firebush, seven-year apple and ixora. This family also includes *caffea arabica*, which produces the beans we use in brewed coffee.

Just like commercial coffee beans, wild coffee berries (beans) are round on one side and flat with a groove on the other. Wild coffee berries were once used as a coffee substitute even though they do not contain caffeine. The plant produces the chemical compound dimethyltryptamine, which is hallucinogenic. The scientific name *Psychotria* reflects this. The second part of the scientific name, *nervosa*, refers to the deep veins in each leaf.



LEE BELANGER / FLORIDA WEEKLY

Wild coffee

Native Americans brewed wild coffee beans for ceremonies and medicinal purposes, but wild coffee isn't considered palatable today. Instead, the plant is a favorite of landscapers and homeowners because of its contrasting green leaves and red berries, its fragrance when in bloom and its wildlife benefits.

For those who have trouble growing gardenias, wild coffee is a practical alternative. It doesn't require special fertilizers, and unlike gardenias, it can grow in alkaline soil. Although it's not salt-tolerant, it germinates readily, has few pest problems, tolerates varying amounts of water and is not invasive. It also prevents soil erosion.

Sometimes you'll see wild coffee in clumps, but more often it is scattered among other perennial plants. There is no "best time" to see this plant since it is pretty in every season. Come to Collier-Seminole State

Park and see wild coffee along all three of our hiking trails and next to our paved roads. It's one of many native plants helping make Southwest Florida a tropical paradise. ■

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>> **Guided night hikes** take place from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 24, 25 and 26. Unravel mysteries and sharpen your senses as you hike with a park naturalist. Look for shooting stars and other night wonders with no city lights to interfere. Fun for ages 6 and older; \$10 per person.

Weekend tours are not on the park schedule this week because of the second annual Jammin' in the Hammock Bluegrass Festival going on there Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 14-15. See story on page C16.

The entrance to Collier-Seminole State Park is at 20200 U.S. 41 in East Naples. Reservations are required for guided canoe trips and hikes. Call Lee Belanger at 394-3397.



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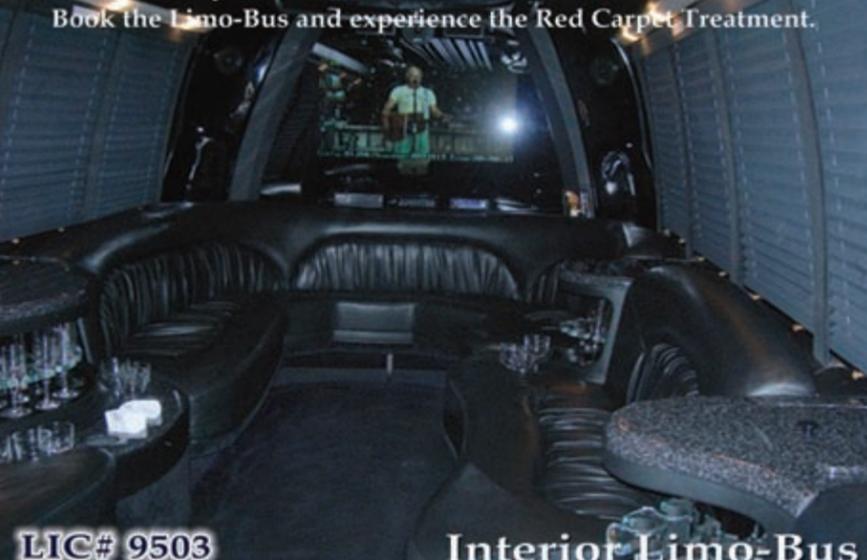


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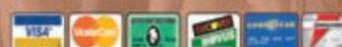
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# PET TALES

## Cut the costs, keep the pet

BY DR. MARTY BECKER & GINA SPADAFORI  
Universal Press Syndicate

In recent months, the worsening economy has had us all tightening our budgets. Pet lovers are no exception, and although our animals provide us with comfort and companionship during difficult times, there's no doubt that many people are looking to make sure they're getting the most "bang for their buck" when it comes to caring for their pets.

The most important advice we can offer you is to focus on prevention. Keeping pets in good health is the best way we know of to prevent illnesses that can make your pet miserable and cost you a lot at the veterinarian's. Likewise, working to prevent accidents, such as keeping your cat inside and your dog on-leash in high-traffic areas, will spare you the most expensive pet-related spending of all: the late-night visit to the emergency veterinarian.

Some more tips for keeping costs down include:

- Take the weight off your pet. Extra pounds increase the likelihood of serious health problems, such as arthritis, diabetes and cancer in pets just as they do in people. And yet few people recognize when their pet is overweight — or even grossly obese!

If your pet is normal weight — you should be able to feel ribs — measuring food, keeping treats to a minimum and working in a daily exercise session will keep him that way. If your pet is overweight, get your veterinarian's help to reduce weight slowly to avoid the health risks of sudden weight loss, especially in cats.

- Change your buying habits. You can save money buying the largest bags of food or litter, or get case discounts on canned goods. Split your dry food purchases with family or a friend, and store your portion in an airtight container. (Do keep product info from the bag, though, in case there are questions or problems.)

Other purchases should be considered carefully. Replace such things as collars when wear first shows — you don't want a collar to break and your dog to get loose in a dangerous situation. Buy quality, not silliness: One good collar is a better value than a lot of shoddy but cute ones.

Be careful when cutting down on toys, though: Good chew toys have saved many an expensive pair of shoes.

- Get the do-it-yourself bug. Most people can learn to handle basic pet grooming at home, from bathing to nail trims. If nothing else, you can probably stretch out time between professional grooming for high-maintenance pets with some at-home care. Check your library for grooming guides and home in on breed-specific tips with an Internet search.

And don't forget the value of bartering: Ask about trading goods and services for your pet's needs.

- Poison-proof your home. Go through your home with an eye toward possible hazards. From food hazards such as raisins, Xylitol-sweetened goodies and chocolate to houseplants such as lilies, many poisoning risks can be prevented just by removing them. Both over-the-counter and prescrip-

tion medications are also a danger, and these are best dealt with by putting them behind cupboard doors. (The ASPCA's Animal Poison Control Center offers information on all toxic risks to your pet at ASPCA.org/APCC.)

- Don't neglect preventive pet care. Vaccinations are no longer recommended annually for most dogs and cats, but that's not a good reason to skip your pet's yearly vet check — twice a year is recommended for senior pets. These "well-pet" examinations can spot little problems before they become expensive ones.

Don't be shy about asking your veterinarian to work with you on keeping costs down. For example, ask your veterinarian to give you prescriptions for medications to be filled elsewhere or to match prices. Comparison shopping for medications may offer considerable savings, especially if there's a generic equivalent available.

We also recommend looking into pet health insurance, because no pet lover wants to say no to a pet who can be saved because the money isn't there for the care. Because plans differ, do your research before buying to make sure the most likely health problems of your pet are covered. ■



### Pets of the Week



>>Deisel is a neutered German shepherd and Labrador retriever mix. He's a little more than 2 years old.



>>Hon is a 1-year-old female pit bull.



>>Foxy is a female pit bull who's about 18 months old.



>>Sugar is a sweet female brindle Labrador retriever mix who's about 1 year old.

### To adopt a pet

Collier County Domestic Animal Services is at 7610 Davis Blvd. Call 252-PETS (7387) or visit DAS online to search for a lost pet or find a new pet at [www.collierpets.com](http://www.collierpets.com). Adoption fees are \$60 for cats and \$85 for dogs and include spay/neuter surgery, a bag of pet food, pet's license and a micro-chip ID.

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# MUSINGS

## Irruption



Every vehicle of transport that I ride upon is pirate ship. It doesn't matter if it is a car, a bus, a train, a bike, or a long board. What matters is that my presence brings pirate purpose to the journey. My presence names the vessel as irrupting ship a-sail on mutable paths beyond national claim. On such waters even the most insipid happening is the stuff of mythic creation.

Come with me: Here I am, sailing along, ever alert for a gift for the likes of you, scanning the appropriately emerging horizon. Suddenly my head snaps left, reflexively following the sight of shiny movement. In free fall dance there is a red and white blaze of sensuous possibility emerging out of my peripheral vision. It catches the gleam of the sun, rolls that blurry blaze, tossing lithe light my way. Into the place of my serious recognition it wafts. I wonder what it will be, what I will be able to give to you.

The possibilities are still endless. I am happily seduced, wanting possession. Now I can only think about stopping my own movement long enough to grab this treasure, to be able to hold it close, to know its secrets, to name it.

Continuously moving I still strain to see more clearly. Then at one moment the vision crystallizes. Recognition reigns, and my sacred mythically oriented questing (Is

it sun god? Or fairy soul? Or inscrutable message?) faces annihilation.

I see it, my gift, as an abandoned and empty package, trash blown on the road. My mythic possible has solidified into common litter cast aside

Emile Durkheim, French sociologist, wrote that the dichotomy between sacred and profane is the central characteristic of all religion. The sacred things are those set apart, holy, which resonate the unity of the group. The profane (from the Latin pro, before, and fanum, temple) are those things which are mundane, of concern merely to the individual. No goodness or evil is implied in either. The sacred differs from the profane in its universality which confers its overarching import.

Mircea Eliade defined myth as the breakthrough of the sacred into the world.

Allow me to continue my little story.

Feeling a bit like Micky Mouse as befuddled wizard's apprentice as well as deeply amused by it all, I stopped to muse. Next to me was parked another vehicle. I felt that wonderful sort of déjà vu as I noticed that on the dashboard in the sunlight danced the same red and white numinousness. I began to look more closely, in spite of myself. Would the next defining vision disappoint or redeem?

I left my own vehicle, my approach intrepid. I can only describe my state of mind as carnivalesque. Mikhail Bakhtin uses this term to refer to that which subverts and liberates the assumptions of the dominant perspective. I was armed with my sacrality.

The profane had no power over me. Litter be blessed.

I asked my fellow traveler what is this appearance on his dash board. What is



this red and white blaze that refuses to be captured by the cognitive trap, manifesting through me, that threatens naming into the death horror of inherent existence?

And my friend began to sing: Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Krishna, Krishna, Hare, Hare.

He smiled: "It is Krishna." And indeed it was. Held in the emptiness of a red and white shrine, he was there, right in front of me. It was Krishna: god-child, prankster, divine hero, perfect lover of the gopis. His name means Existence of Bliss.

And in this eternal bliss moment the distinctions between sacred and profane were no more. The vision of dancing light made empty litter was now made emptiness of shrine, womb to hold the god image. It was not large enough to hold the song of praise in my heart. Hare, Hare: The song smelled of incense and tasted of sweet honeyed milk

and danced with the light of my vision and the waves of my pirate road.

This hierophany is my gift to you. In the break in of the sacred nothing is stolen. Instead there is gift. Everything acquires fresh identity through participation in the transcendent.

We stand profane, before the temple. And then we irrupt into that space, creating image larger, deeper, more beautiful than we ever suspected we could.

The pirate journey is never landing. ■

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

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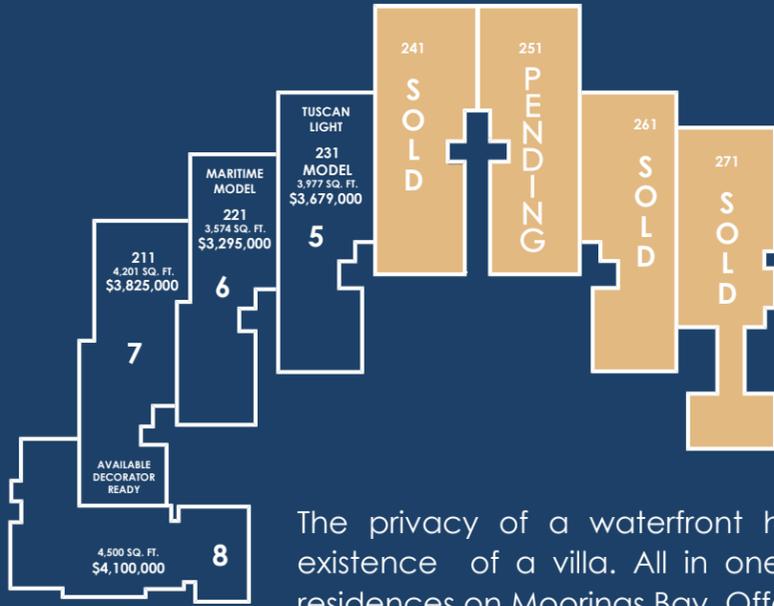
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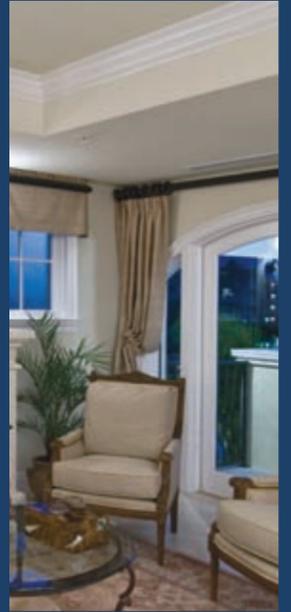
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A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES BUSINESS INDUSTRY

“Revenue has gone up. Turnout has gone up. Publicity has gone up,”

— Myra Daniels, president and CEO of the museum



The Larry Dinkin Exhibit at the Naples Museum of Art

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## A museum-quality approach to the economy Just like any business, area museums have to regroup in order to survive

BY STEPHANIE WESTENDORF  
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The Getty. The Museum of Modern Art. The Smithsonian.

They're just like any business these days — scrambling to restructure finances and making sacrifices in order to survive.

As people have less money to spend on recreational uses, visitor numbers have dropped considerably at museums around the country. Schools have eliminated field trips from budgets, and loyal sponsors and members, many of whom have suffered business or investment losses, aren't making donations at the same level — if at all.

Government-funded museums are seeing less money since arts and culture are among the first expenses to go during budget cuts. Museums turn to grant sources, which are also drying up.

Some institutions have been able to adapt and thrive, while others have had to sell off some of their collections just



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Naples Museum of Art, aerial view

to stay open. The Smithsonian board considered charging admission for the first time in its history after its endowment lost about \$200 million because of stock market declines.

At a time when even iconic national museums have to restructure their budgets, local art, science and history museums must do the same and think

beyond the usual for creative solutions to their economic woes.

### Feeling the effects locally

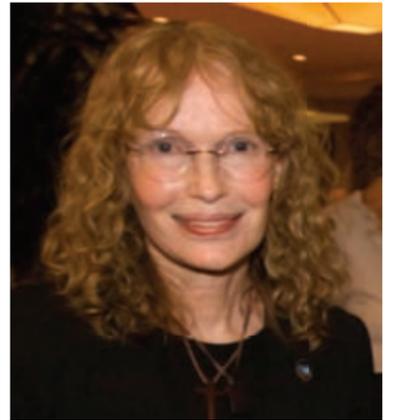
At the Immokalee Pioneer Museum at Roberts Ranch, Lee Mitchell reports visitation is down a bit. While the 15-acre ranch that dates from the early 1900s seems to be doing fine now, he added, the future is uncertain. Operating expenses have been severely cut, and there's no capital money for new projects in 2009 he added.

The Holocaust Museum of Southwest Florida in Naples experienced a smooth year in 2008 and an increase in visitors.

“However, we are projecting in this year's budget say a 35 percent decline in income,” said Godfrey Levy, the museum's director. The museum, which holds regular lectures and education programs on the Holocaust and genocide, will be looking for new grant sources and increasing fundraising,

SEE MUSEUM, B15 ►

## WEEK at-a-glance



Mia Farrow at Naples Town Hall  
And other meetings and events on the local business scene. B8 & 9 ►



Accomplishments aplenty  
Junior Achievement's Victoria Stephan measures success by giving kids the tools to succeed. B2 ►



On the Move  
See who's doing what and going where. B12 ►

## First American Bank opens Florida headquarters in Naples

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

First American Bank has opened its second commercial banking office and new Florida headquarters at the corner of Pine Ridge and Livingston roads, near the Marquesa Plaza in Naples. The bank continues to serve business clients and consumers from its previous headquarters at 3701 Tamiami Trail N. as well as from locations in Fort Myers and Cape Coral.

Jimberly Manjarrez-Kroenung will manage the office and lead the Pine Ridge team as they deepen relation-

ships with the Naples business community, combining a sophisticated menu of financial services and products with local decision-making and superior service.

“First American Bank has grown to be a much admired company, with respected advisors whose focus is long-term client relationships,” said John Fisher, president, First American Bank. The bank was founded as The State Bank 75 years ago, during the Great Depression in 1934.

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# BUSINESS PROFILE

## Helping students achieve defines success for this former teacher

BY ALYSIA SHIVERS  
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There are those who are fortunate enough to not only discover a fulfilling career, but to truly find their life's calling. Victoria Stephan is one of those lucky few.

"I always wanted to work with young people," the Florida native says. "Teaching was a calling I had."

Early in her career, Mrs. Stephan sought satisfaction through traditional methods by teaching sixth and seventh graders at Alva and Cypress Lake middle schools in Fort Myers. "I love this age because the kids are really starting to think things through," she explains. But her chosen path soon took her out of the classroom setting and into more indirect educational roles.

Her own consulting business, which she operated for nearly four years, specialized in nonprofit management and strategic planning and afforded her the opportunity to publicly speak at various functions. Then there was a short tenure as executive director of the Ronald McDonald House.

While her work was fulfilling and still offered opportunities to educate and work with area youth, she was thrilled when Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida called seeking her for the position of president. "It was an opportunity to get back into the education field," she says.

Junior Achievement, a not-for-profit organization, inspires and prepares

young people to succeed in a global economy. With the help of a host of volunteers — approximately 375 throughout Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties — the organization teaches three essential skills: financial literacy, work readiness and entrepreneurship.

In her role as president, Mrs. Stephan wants the Southwest Florida chapter to be another component, in addition to the school system, that helps students achieve a higher standard. With increased competition from around the world and the test scores and basic knowledge of United States' students slipping, her goal is to improve the existing standards so that educators are once again raising leaders in a global society.

"I want kids to know that free enterprise is still very viable," she said. "There's a lot of reward for hard work."

To accomplish this, Junior Achievement recruits business executives to voluntarily teach in the classroom as well as in after-school programs, starting with students as young as kindergarten and continuing up until 12th graders who are eligible to participate in the CEO Academy. Younger pupils learn how they and their families fit in a free enterprise society as workers, consumers and citizens; older students study economics, finances, international trade and general real life, real world experiences.

As Mrs. Stephan explains, everything from developing a firm handshake and creating a budget to hashing out the



Victoria Stephan

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intricacies of supply and demand and conducting business in a credible and honest fashion is touched upon. Such lessons have provided area youth with great opportunities, some even being interviewed for positions with those executives who taught them.

Katie Sproul is one such success story who took Junior Achievement in

high school and today serves as vice president of real estate for Barron Collier Companies.

"The students are pleased with the opportunities that have opened doors for them," Mrs. Stephan said.

Proudly, throughout her eight years as president, Mrs. Stephan has seen quite a jump in Junior Achievement's student enrollment, going from 1,900 when she started to approximately 9,500 students today. She strives to have the program continually grow with the hope that numbers will double in the next three to five years.

"I live, eat and breathe this," she says. "Being a teacher was fulfilling, but doing this requires a totally different skill set. This affects the lives of thousands of children."

That's the ultimate reward for someone who likes nothing more than seeing a young person gain self-confidence. "When you can help a person grow to be the best they can be, when you can give them knowledge, that is such a powerful tool," she says.

Of course, this isn't something she achieves on her own. Her committed volunteers help make it happen, which is why Mrs. Stephan is constantly on the lookout for business people who are willing to motivate today's youth.

"We are always in need of those who are passionate about education," she said.

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# ON THE MOVE

## Construction

**Kathy Guyitt** of **DesignTech of Southwest Florida** has been named 2008 Remodeler of the Year by the Collier Building Industry Association and is the first female to have been so honored by the association. She has been a member of CBIA for seven years and has participated in a number of education and community service programs on behalf of the Sales & Marketing and Remodelers councils.

**Debra Hayes**, general manager for **L.J. Hayes Construction**, has been awarded the Green Advantage Residential Certification.

## Higher Education

**Kevin Coughlin** has joined the staff at **Edison State College** as dean of student services. He will oversee faculty development, support academic enrollment and ensure effective learning resources are in place and utilized by both students and faculty, and will help develop and assess academic assessment strategies, review and evaluate program performance, and ensure compliance with applicable statutory and accreditation requirements. Mr. Coughlin has more than 14 years of experience in higher education, most recently at the University of South Florida as director of admissions and records.



Flick

**Alison Flick** is the new student training and development coordinator at **Florida Gulf Coast University's Career Development Services Department**.

**ment.** Ms. Flick will train students on job search skills and assist them in career planning. She will also conduct presentations and facilitate workshops on market trends and career-related topics. Her background includes working for The Ritz-Carlton, Naples, where she had supervisory and training responsibilities.

## Broadcasting



Scott

**Tom Scott**, president and CEE of **Sky Angel**, a Naples-based national provider of faith-based and family-friendly television and radio programming, was invited to participate in a panel discussion at the 2009 NRB Convention and Exposition in Nashville, Tenn., earlier this month. The discussion among industry experts was titled "To TV or Not to TV - That's the Question" and involved mobile and IPTV technologies within the United States.

## Banking & Finance



Lett

**Edward Lett** has retired from **TIB Financial Corp.** after serving more than 40 years in the banking industry, 20 of which have been in Florida. Mr. Lett will continue to serve the company as a member of the board of directors while retaining the title of vice chairman. Chairman of the Board Thomas Longe succeeded him as CEO in May 2008. Under

Mr. Lett's leadership, TIB Bank opened its first branch in Naples in 2002; the following year, the bank moved its headquarters here. Mr. Lett led the completion of a secondary public offering of TIB Financial Corp. stock in early 2004.



Davis

**Mike Davis** has been promoted to **SunTrust Bank** president for Collier County/Naples, in addition to his role as area manager overseeing 14 retail branch banking centers in Collier and Lee counties. Mr. Davis is based at the Pelican Bay office of SunTrust. His community involvement includes the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, the Education Foundation of Collier County, Habitat for Humanity and the March of Dimes.



Dorgan

**Fabriena Dorgan** has been promoted to vice president, executive administration manager for corporate administration for **Bank of Florida Corp.** She directs corporate and executive administration for the offices of the president/chief executive officer, chief financial officer, chief credit officer, director of risk management and director of banking. She also serves as assistant corporate secretary to the board of directors, responsible for the coordination of annual meetings and board events. She also oversees interior design for Bank of Florida financial centers. Ms. Dorgan joined Bank of Florida Corp. in 2004 and holds a

bachelor's degree in operations management from The Ohio State University and is a graduate of Sheffield School of Interior Design in New York City.

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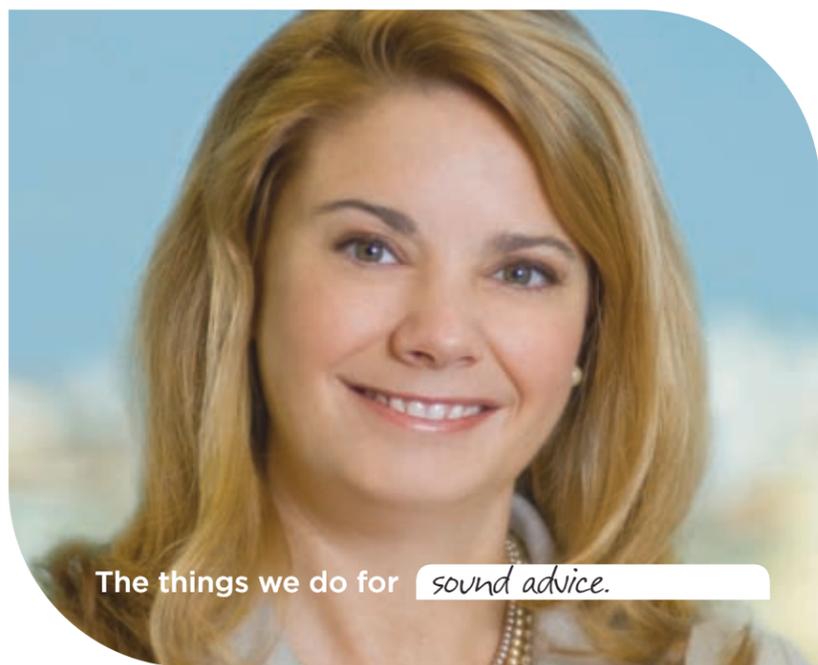
**The Conservancy of Southwest Florida** has named four new directors to its board for 2009. The directors will serve a three-year term. They are: **John Fumagalli**, president and CEO of the Northern Trust Bank, Southwest Region; **Robert Heidrick**, recently retired as an active partner of Spencer Stuart and still serving as an advisor with a focus on client relationships; **Colleen M. Colleen M. Kvetko**, a founding director and president of Florida Shores Bank; and **Kermit Sutton**, head of a family office in Naples and a retired partner of **Whitfield, Musgrave, Selvy, Kelly & Eddy** in Des Moines, Iowa.



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In addition to providing professional dry cleaning of everyday items, Platinum offers "Select" couture garment services with individual hand cleaning and finishing; "Forever" services to preserve or restore one-of-a-kind keepsakes and heirlooms; and "Home" services for table linens, bed linens and coverings.

For the past several years, Platinum Total Fabricare has been listed among America's Best Cleaners, a national accreditation organization that strives to locate and recognize the best dry



Sandy and Joe Waite

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cleaning establishments in major metropolitan areas throughout the country. The company also is recognized as a Certified Environmental Dry Cleaner and Certified Professional Dry and Wet Cleaner as well as a Certified Garment Care Professional.

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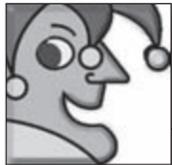
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Mutual funds may sound perfect, letting you leave your money in the hands of professionals, but consider these things:

- The majority of stock mutual funds tend to underperform the overall stock market average.

- Many charge steep loads (sales fees), sometimes topping 5 percent. Even when funds charge a typical 1 or 2 percent annual expense fee, that can significantly hurt your performance.

- As funds grow bigger (and their managers often try to grow them, so they can collect more in fees), it becomes much harder to deliver strong results. The more money a fund has to invest, the more likely it is to park some in less promising investments.

Fortunately, there's a simple solution. Instead of trying to find those few above-average funds and winding up with sub-par performance, you can choose to match the market average. Invest your long-term moolah in index funds designed to track the performance of a broad market index,

such as the S&P 500 or the Dow Jones Wilshire 5000. The S&P 500 is an index of 500 leading companies in America. The Dow Jones Wilshire 5000, despite its name, contains just about every U.S. stock — many more than 5,000. It's a "whole market" index.

Index funds usually sport extremely low fees — sometimes less than 0.20 percent (that's one-fifth of 1 percent). There's little turnover within them, too, so commission costs are minimal. Best of all, investing in index funds is simple, taking very little time or energy. Once you've invested in them, you can forget about them (ideally adding money periodically, though). However the stock market performs in the coming years, your index fund won't be far behind.

If you want to beat the indexes, though, we'd love to help. For pointers to many funds that have performed much better than average, test-drive our Champion Funds newsletter for free at [www.championfunds.fool.com](http://www.championfunds.fool.com). Learn more at [www.indexfunds.com](http://www.indexfunds.com) or read "Common Sense on Mutual Funds" by John C. Bogle (Wiley, \$20). ■

## My Dumbest Investment Up and Down Like a Rocket

I know this goes back awhile, but during the dot-com boom, I bought shares of JDS Uniphase. It went up like a rocket. I was cruising! But what did I know? It soon plunged 50 percent. Whoopee! A hot buying opportunity for "smart investors," I thought. I bought more. Then it plunged another 20 percent, then another ... all the way down to oblivion. Lessons? Well, maybe: (1) In the style of Warren Buffett, never buy stock in a company whose business you don't understand. Frankly, I never did understand what the company did. Neither did most of the other investors. (2) If a stock is dropping like a rock, thoroughly understand why before buying more. In JDSU's case, it was because the market for its products sharply declined. (3) If a stock has a P/E ratio of, say, 200, don't touch it with a 10-foot pole unless you've done a great deal of disciplined, methodical research.

— Scott, California

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## Last week's trivia answer

I'm a global leader in records management and have been storing boxes of documents for companies since 1951. My founder was once known as the "Mushroom King" in upstate New York, where he grew fungi. I rake in some \$3 billion annually from my 120,000-plus customers. I also store electronic data, computer disks and tapes, microfilm, audio and video tapes, X-rays and blueprints. I can retrieve — or destroy — whichever records you want. My disaster recovery division can back up your data and store it off-site. You might call me Ferrous Peak. Who am I? ■

(Answer: Iron Mountain)



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## Ask the Fool

### Mutual Funds Versus UITs

**Q**How do unit investment trusts differ from mutual funds?

— K.A., Augusta, Ga.

**A** Mutual fund managers invest in assets (such as stocks or bonds) according to stated sets of objectives. Shares are issued and redeemed on demand at a specific net asset value that is determined at the end of each trading day (based on the total market value of the fund's holdings). The number of shares is not fixed. If many people want to buy in, the fund company will issue more shares.

Meanwhile, a unit investment trust (UIT) invests in a relatively fixed portfolio of investments. These are held until the trust is liquidated at a predetermined date in the future. Investors who want to trade shares of a UIT before it matures can often do so in the secondary market. Unlike a mutual fund, UIT share prices in the secondary market may be priced above or below the net asset value of the trust's actual holdings. When you buy shares of UITs, you typically pay a sales fee, or load, of around 4 or 5 percent. Many mutual funds carry no sales load at all.

Learn more about mutual funds at [www.fool.com/mutualfunds/mutual-funds.htm](http://www.fool.com/mutualfunds/mutual-funds.htm) and [www.ici.org](http://www.ici.org).

**Q**What does it mean if a company's projected price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio is much lower than its current P/E?

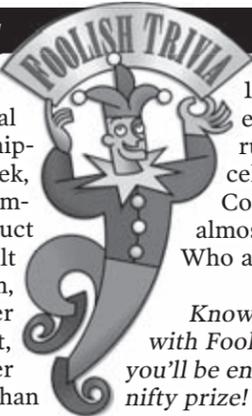
— L.W., Nevada, Mo.

**A** It suggests that rapid earnings growth is expected. Imagine that Holy Karaoke Inc. (ticker: HYMNS) trades for \$24 per share and has \$1 per share in annual earnings. Its P/E is 24 (24 divided by 1 is 24). If it's expected to earn \$3 per share next year, its projected P/E for that year is 8 (24 divided by 3 is 8). ■

Got a question for the Fool? Send it in — see *Write to Us*.

## Name That Company

Founded by two Stanford classmates in 1939, I'm a global leader in computer printers, shipping more than a million each week, along with nearly 50 million computers each year. My first product was an audio oscillator that Walt Disney Studios used for its film, "Fantasia." I spend \$3.5 billion per year on research and development, and produce about 11 patents per day worldwide. I power more than



130 of the world's stock exchanges. My software runs more than 100 million cell phones. I merged with Compaq in 2000 and rake in almost \$120 billion annually. Who am I? ■

Know the answer? Send it to us with *Foolish Trivia* on the top and you'll be entered into a drawing for a nifty prize!

## The Motley Fool Take

### Linear: The Formula for Profits?

Looking at integrated circuit-maker Linear Technology's (Nasdaq: LLTC) second-quarter report, it's easy to see why the stock is a Motley Fool Stock Advisor pick. Linear's competitive moat is a mile wide, and few rivals can afford even the entry fee into this neighborhood.

Linear reported second-quarter revenue up 14 percent over last year, though earnings dropped 7 percent. All things considered in this environment, that's not bad. Linear is sitting pretty with the fattest profit margins in a notoriously cutthroat market, thanks to its contributions to high-profit, first-to-the-market proprietary products such as the iPhone. Everything isn't smooth sailing, though,

even for this cash creator. Third-quarter sales are expected to drop another 15 percent to 20 percent from the second quarter, whereas Linear is used to about 6 percent sequential sales growth between these two periods. And even that gloomy outlook assumes that order volumes in February and March pick up a bit from current rates.

But the company appears to be weathering the recession well, buying back \$200 million of its \$1.7 billion in senior debt notes last quarter and raising its quarterly dividend by a penny to \$0.22 per share. (Its yield is around 3.8 percent.) Hard times will separate the wheat from the chaff, and Linear is practically bread already. ■

# BUSINESS MEETINGS

► **Lee-Collier Networkers** meet for lunch once a month in Bonita Springs and also in Naples. The Bonita Springs meeting is at 11:15 a.m. on the second Thursday (Feb. 12) at the Elks Lodge on Coconut Point Road; \$21 at the door (cash only). The Naples meeting is at 11:15 a.m. on the fourth Friday of the month (Feb. 24) at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club; \$30 at the door or \$25 in advance at [www.leecolliernet.com](http://www.leecolliernet.com).

► **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 at [www.BonitaSpringsChamber.com](http://www.BonitaSpringsChamber.com). Enhanced membership levels can call the chamber at 992-2943 for reservations.

► **Florida Gulf Coast University** holds the Southwest Florida Financial and Economic Forum from 9-11:30 a.m. Friday, Feb.

13, in the Student Union ballroom. The free program will have presentations by panelists followed by a question-and-answer session. Panelists are: Denny Grimes, president of Denny Grimes & Company real estate; Gary Jackson, director of the Regional Economic Research Institute and assistant professor of economics at FGCU; David Morgan, senior vice president of investments, and Raymond James and Associates manager for Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties; and Ginny Yates, consultant for PrimePlus, the elder-care services division of the CPA firm Markham Norton Mosteller Wright & Company. Continental breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. For more information, visit [www.fgcu.edu/cob/wachovia](http://www.fgcu.edu/cob/wachovia). To pose a question to panelists in advance of the event, contact Daniel Borgia, FGCU professor of finance, at 590-7371 or [dborgia@fgcu.edu](mailto:dborgia@fgcu.edu).

► A workshop on how to set up a business Web site takes place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, at the **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce**, 2390 Tamiami Trail N. Gregory Nelson, chairman of SCORE/Naples, will discuss naming a site, hosting options, design, coding, implementation, search engine optimization and promotion. Mr. Nelson maintains SCORE's Web site at [www.scorenaples.org](http://www.scorenaples.org) and develops its monthly e-newsletter. Advance registration is \$10 and includes a box lunch. Reserve a seat online at [www.napleschamber.org](http://www.napleschamber.org) (click on "Upcoming Events").

► **The Economic Development Council of Collier County**, in cooperation with the Small Business Development Center at FGCU, is holding an Introduction to Export workshop from 9-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, SEE MEETINGS, B7 ►

# BUSINESS MEETINGS

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Drive, Naples. Presenters include state and federal trade specialists, a local banker, a freight forwarder, counseling specialists and a local export company. Registration is required and the cost is \$20. Contact Vicky Holmes at 745-3700 or avholmes@fgcu.edu. Seating is limited.

► **The Institute for Responsible Corporate Governance** at FGCU presents a workshop titled "The Uproar Over Executive Compensation: How Should the Board React and How is it Likely to Affect the 2009 Proxy Season," from 3-5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Sugden Welcome Center. Cost is \$25 in advance, \$25 at the door. Register online at [www.fgcu.edu/cob/ircg/programs.html](http://www.fgcu.edu/cob/ircg/programs.html). Seating is limited.

► **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.

► **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. ■

## Financial planners, FGCU business students join forces for free financial consultations

One hundred Southwest Florida residents will receive free professional financial checkups as part of a seminar presented by the Financial Planning Association of Southwest Florida.

The association is partnering with Florida Gulf Coast University to sponsor "Times Have Changed, Do You Have A Plan?" on Thursday, March 12, at Herbert J. Sugden Hall on the FGCU campus. In addition to individual financial consultations there will be educational sessions and panel discussions with tips and advice on how to weather tough economic times.

Advice from representatives of the Foundation for Financial Planning, the Florida Bar Association, Florida Bankers Association, Consumer Credit Counseling Services Florida and the Department of Financial Services Florida will be presented from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Undergraduate FGCU students will be working alongside association members.

Presenters include Terrance Cerullo of the Florida Department of Financial Services, Sandee Rains of Consumer Credit Counseling Services, and attorney Tamsen Nicole Hays.



From 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. members of the planning association will offer the free, one-on-one financial checkups. The one-hour sessions will be provided to the first 100 people who make reservations by calling 223-8108.

"Now more than ever its imperative that individuals and businesses have solid financial plans," said Scott White, president of the Financial Planning Association of Southwest Florida. "Unlike previous economic downturns, no one can invest their way out of the current situation. People who have a written financial plan and work with a financial planner generally have a better outcome than those who do not."

The place to begin your search for a financial planner is the FPA of SWFL. Visit [www.fpa-swfl.org](http://www.fpa-swfl.org) or call 941-637-7526. ■

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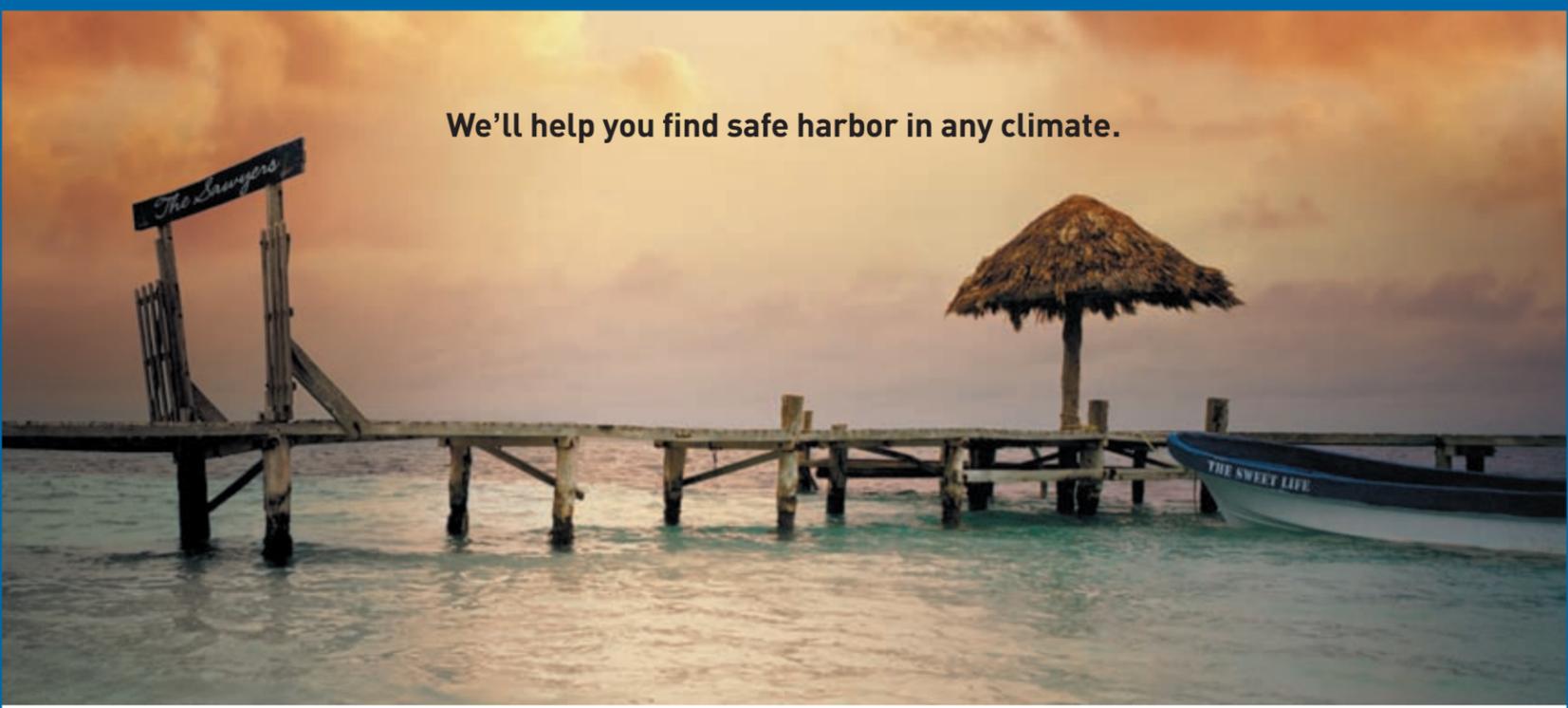
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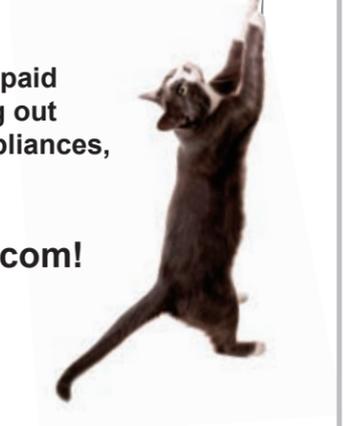


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The kitchen in one of Miramonte's models.



The living room is part of the 5,000 square feet interior at Miramonte.

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Miramonte is a private enclave of 36 luxury villas in the Mediterranean style at Grey Oaks. Residence C is one of four floor plans in the community by The Newport Companies. The two-story residence has 5,000 square feet under air, with four bedrooms, a library and game room, family room and 4½ baths.

Throughout Miramonte, one- and two-story villas with lake and garden views line brick cul-de-sacs accented

with tropical foliage. Connie Dickinson, director of sales for Grey Oaks Realty, reports the first model of Residence C recently sold for \$2,895,000, and two new models under construction should be completed this spring.

Landmark Design completed the interior of Residence C, shown in the photos here.

Grey Oaks Country Club is off of Airport Pulling Road north of Golden Gate Parkway. Resident and non-res-

ident memberships are available for the club that has three championship golf courses, 5,500 square feet of fitness facilities, a tennis club with eight lighted Har-Tru courts and pro shop, a heated pool and formal and casual dining at two clubhouses

Grey Oaks Realty is the exclusive sales and marketing representative of Miramonte at Grey Oaks. For more information, call 262-5557 or visit [www.greyoaks.com](http://www.greyoaks.com). ■

## Urban Land Institute symposium focuses on home values and affordable housing

"The Decline in Housing Value Solves Affordable Housing and Workforce Housing Crisis in Southwest Florida — NOT!!!" is the title of a symposium sponsored by the Urban Land Institute on Thursday morning, Feb. 26, at Trianon Bonita Bay.

The focus of this annual symposium on affordable and workforce housing will be the effects of the depressed housing market nationally, emerging

best practices and the long-term impact this crisis will have on the local workforce. A panel of local and nationally recognized specialists in housing policy and practice will address a variety of issues.

Featured speakers include Jeffrey Lubell, executive director of the Center for Housing Policy in Washington, D.C.; Mike Timmerman, economist with Fishkind & Associates in Naples;

Marcy Krumbine, director of housing and human services for Collier County; Brenda Bala, director of the Charlotte County Housing Development Corp.; and Gloria Sajgo, principal planner for the Lee County Planning Division.

The Urban Land Institute is a nonpartisan research and educational institute that provides leadership in the responsible use of land in creating and sustaining thriving communities worldwide.

Trianon Bonita Bay is at 3401 Bay Commons Drive in Bonita Springs. Registration and networking begin at 8 a.m., with the presentation starting at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$35 for ULI members, \$50 for non-members, \$25 for young leaders and \$25 for government members and students. For additional information or to register, call the ULI Southwest Florida District Council at (800) 321-5011. ■



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# Miromar Lakes introduces three new model home

Three new models have opened in the Porto Romano neighborhood at Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club: the Serenus, the Flora and the Bonaventura. Porto Romano is a gated enclave surrounded by the Miromar Lakes golf course.

Each of the three floor plan choices at Porto Romano is a one-story residence with a two-car garage.

With 1,800 square feet, the Flora has two bedrooms, a den/third bedroom option, two bathrooms and an optional pool bath.

The Bonaventura encompasses 2,349 square feet and has two bedrooms, a den, a second den/living room, a family room, two bathrooms plus an optional pool bath; one of the dens offers the option of being a third bedroom with a third full bathroom.

The Serenus has two bedrooms, a den, family room, two full bathrooms, a powder bath and an optional pool bath; the den can be converted to a third bed-

room with a third full bathroom in lieu of the powder bath. The Serenus has 2,400 square feet.

Homes in Porto Romano are being built by Benderson Development Company. Each home features granite or Silestone kitchen countertops, energy-efficient Frigidaire appliances, raised panel interior doors, rounded drywall corners and hand-set tile flooring in the foyer, kitchen, café, laundry room and bath. The master baths include a Roman tub, a separate shower and Corian countertops. Exterior features include a brick paver driveway, concrete roof tile, decorative banding and stucco trim, plus numerous energy-saving, safety and convenience features.

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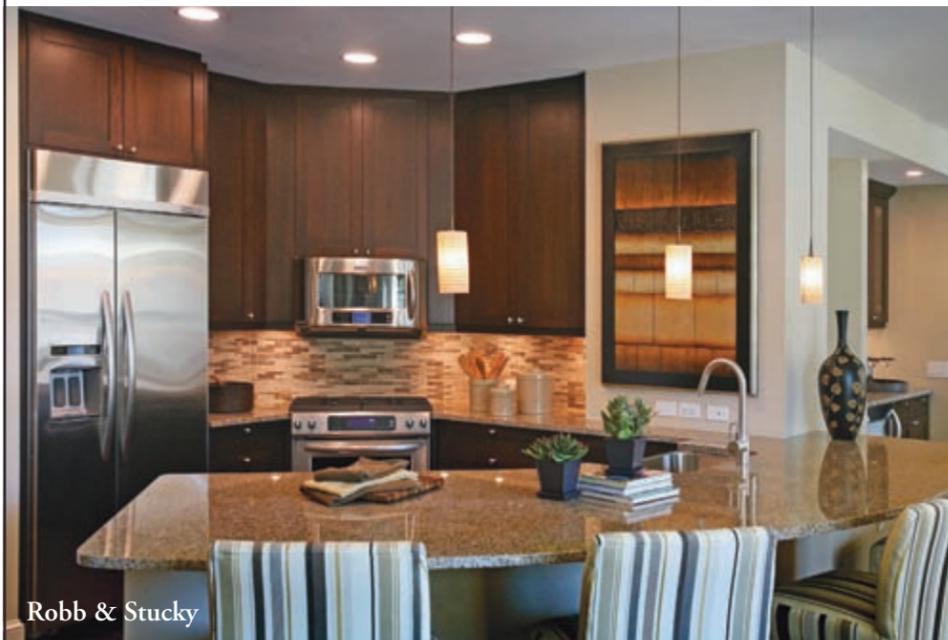
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# MUSEUM

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publicity and outreach activities. "We're looking to reduce expenses wherever we can," said Mr. Levy.

In Fort Myers, marketing efforts are expanding at The Edison & Ford Winter Estates. "We continue to reinforce our relationship with the Lee County Tourism Bureau and Visit Florida to maximize national and international marketing," said Chris Pendleton, President and CEO of the Estates. A partnership with area hotels offers ticket packages to guests who want to visit the property, and the Estates are also collaborating with Lee County public schools to encourage family visits at free or reduced rates. The historic homes will also be open during the evenings of all the Boston Red Sox afternoon spring training games.

At the Collier County Museum, Manager Ron Jamro said currently things "couldn't be better." But what's to come is another story. The county museum is funded through tourist taxes — "and that's the part of the economy we're most concerned with," Mr. Jamro said. "What I'm hearing is that we should brace ourselves for about a 10 percent decrease this fiscal year in tourist revenue."

But no one really knows, he added. "It's crystal ball time. Will tourists come or will they not?"

The Holocaust Museum also relies heavily on visitors from outside the area, Mr. Levy said, which is why the museum is stepping up advertising efforts outside Southwest Florida.

## Make do on a shoestring

Budget cuts are a way of life for many museums, including the Collier County Museum, said Mr. Jamro. "We're used to doing things with the bare essentials. The whole operation is geared for lean budgets," he explained. "We're used to hardship." For the first 15 years of its existence, he added, the museum operated on less than \$200,000 a year.

Collier County currently operates four museums; a fifth — a historical museum on Marco Island — is scheduled to open in October, according to Mr. Jamro.

Other area museums are more than optimistic — for them, business is booming. Anne Cull, curator of the Cape Coral Historical Museum, reported a slight drop in visitors and gift shop sales before the holidays. But after and since the opening of a new building business has steadily improved, she said. She attributes this success to the expansion and publicity.

The Naples Museum of Art at the



The Mexican Exhibit at the Naples Museum of Art

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Philharmonic Center for the Arts has also managed to flourish in tough times. "Revenue has gone up. Turnout has gone up. Publicity has gone up," said Myra Daniels, President and CEO of the museum.

In tough times, Mrs. Daniels added, "It's up to the museums to grab people into them. The smaller groups may not make it. This will separate the strong from the weak."

Mrs. Daniels attributes the Naples Museum of Art's success in part to the high caliber talent of exhibition artists and guests at the museum. But over-

all, she can't fully explain it. "I can't really tell you how we do it. We just work hard," she said. She also acknowledged the lack of competition for an art museum in Naples. "We're the only ones around."

Moreover, private funds make up the majority of museum support. And the community of Naples continues to contribute to private funds for museums. In 2010, the city will become home to a new museum. C'Mon, the 30,000-square-foot Children's Museum of Naples has been in the works for seven years and will be funded mostly from private donors. ■

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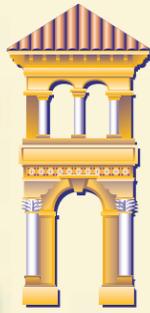
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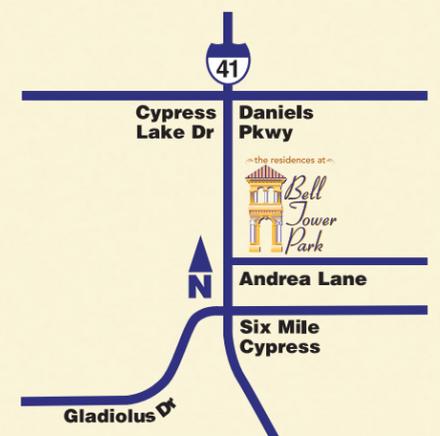
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Tropical gardens, Koi pond and Balinese orchid house grace the grounds. Fourth bedroom has outside access. Private one-of-a-kind setting just blocks from the beach!  
**\$1,750,000 | Carolyn Weinand | 269-5678**



**OLD NAPLES - CHATHAM PLACE #9** ▲  
Sophisticated, spacious and elegant. 3-story, 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath residence. Yard, splash pool, marble and granite, two-car garage.  
**\$1,749,000 | Lodge McKee | 434-2424**



**OLD NAPLES** ▲  
A classic Old Naples cottage located two blocks from the Gulf of Mexico. Lovely three bedroom, two bath home offered as-is.  
**\$1,695,000 | Ruth Trettis | 403-4529**



**OLD NAPLES - CATELENA ON 3RD** ▲  
Quiet, sunny, and private location with treetop views. Tropical grounds surround pool/spa. Large "Florida Room", three bedroom plus den residence.  
**\$1,695,000 | Beth Hayhoe McNichols | 821-3304**



**ROYAL HARBOR** ▲  
Direct access, 142' seawall, concrete tile roof, four bedrooms, three baths. Large dock accommodates large vessel; two boat lifts.  
**\$1,395,000 | Isabelle Edwards | 564-4080**



**OLD NAPLES - RIDGE LAKE** ▲  
Beautiful 90'x158' lot 6 blocks to the beach. All new landscaping and the pool has been totally restored. Being sold "as is". Elevation (13.1), survey available.  
**\$1,080,000 | Virginia/Randy Wilson | 450-9091**



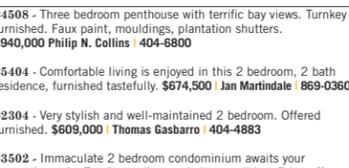
**ROYAL HARBOR AREA - GOLDEN SHORES VARESE #1601** ▲  
Custom, like new three bedroom, three bath "en suite" plus 1/2 bath. Large built-in spa on terrace overlooking personal dock and canal.  
**\$1,050,000 | Ann M. Nunes | 860-0949**



**OLD NAPLES - COLONNADE ON 5TH #304** ▲  
Spacious and lovely floor plan with two master suites. Granite counters, built-in wine refrigerator, and hurricane windows.  
**\$999,000 | Kevin Rathburn | 269-4575**



**OLD NAPLES - BAYFRONT** ▲  
Bayside Mediterranean Village. Nicely appointed residences, enjoy on-site galleries, gourmet dining, boating, cabana bar, swimming and tennis. Short walk to 5th Ave. and beaches. Boat slips available, good rental history.



**#1508** - Three bedroom penthouse with terrific bay views. Turnkey furnished. Faux paint, moldings, plantation shutters.  
**\$940,000 Philip N. Collins | 404-6800**

## AQUALANE SHORES

Single Family Homes

1700 - 3rd Street South  
Well-located and updated 3 bedroom cottage 3 blocks to the beach. Deep lot (165'). Large pool deck. Furnished. **\$1,825,000 | Ruth Trettis | 403-4529**

Condominiums/Villas

**REDUCED** AQUALANE MANOR 320 - 14th Avenue South #C  
Carefree 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Walk to Gulf beaches and shopping. Deeded covered boat slip with lift. Turnkey furnished. **NOW \$799,000 | Ruth Trettis | 403-4529**

Lots

848 - 21st Court South  
Lot offers 265' of water frontage, 100' on Naples Bay and 155' deep into Egret Channel. Boathouse and cut-in slip. **\$4,550,000 | Michael D. Browne | 272-3331**

815 - 21st Avenue South  
Direct Gulf access. Building site 1 lot from Naples Bay. Deep-water, approx. 80' dock, covered slip and boat house. **\$2,795,000 | Beth Hayhoe McNichols | 821-3304**

## OLD NAPLES

Condominiums/Villas

SHADOWMOSS 350 - 3rd Avenue South  
This 3 bedroom plus den, 3 bath is surrounded by gardens and lovely landscaping. Wood floors, granite counters, wine cooler. **\$1,275,000 | Lodge McKee | 434-2424**

**REDUCED** BAYPORT VILLAGE 875 - 9th Avenue South #PH-301  
Penthouse with 3 bedrooms plus den and poolside cabana. Granite, marble, wood floors, private elevator. Pet friendly. **NOW \$999,000 | Tom McCarthy/Isabelle Edwards | 434-2424**

NAPLES BAY RESORT - THE HOTEL 1500 - 5th Avenue South #244  
Turnkey furnished, 2 bedroom with an expanded patio and S exposure. Marina views. Rentable by day, week or month. **\$895,000 | Linda Sanders | 860-0119**

**REDUCED** VILLAS RAVELLO 842 - 9th Avenue South #105  
Private tropical 2-story villa, with an attached garage, courtyard heated pool, 2 bedrooms plus den. Walk to 5th Ave. **NOW \$895,000 | Cindy Thompson | 860-6513**

THE PIERRE CLUB 1222 Gordon Drive #20  
Walk to 3rd Street shops, restaurants, Naples Pier, and white-sand beaches. Furnished and ready to enjoy. **\$529,900 | Lodge McKee | 434-2424**

## OLD NAPLES

Condominiums/Villas

OLD NAPLES - NAPLES BAY RESORT - THE COTTAGES  
Brand new! Enjoy all the amenities of the only 4-star resort in Old Naples, 15,000 SF clubhouse, fitness center, resort-style pool and more. Weekly rental policy. Minutes to the beach.

**#E-203** - A rare opportunity to own this 3 bedroom furnished residence. **\$890,000 | Rod Soars | 290-2448**

**#D-205** - Professionally decorated and furnished two bedroom, two bath residence. **\$699,000 | Rod Soars | 290-2448**

**#I-102** - Tastefully turnkey furnished first floor cottage home. **\$650,000 | Vincent Bandelier | 450-5976**

**#E-205** - New construction! Turnkey furnished 2 bedroom, 2 bath with over 1,400 SF. **\$599,000 | Mark/Laura Maran | 777-3301**

**#J-104** - Fully furnished with the developer luxury hotel-style rental package. **\$495,000 | Larry Roorda | 860-2534**

NEAPOLITAN CLUB 900 - 8th Avenue South #301  
This 3 bedroom, 2 bath condominium is within walking distance to everything. Furnished and move-in ready. **\$399,000 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231**

VILLAGE GREEN - JASMINE CLUB 670 Broad Avenue South #J-670  
Masterfully redone 2 bedroom, 2 bath! Enlarged kitchen, quartz stone countertops, transformed baths; 55+ building. **\$389,000 | Bette Helms | 250-6455**

NAPLES LARCHMONT 311 - 6th Street South  
Tastefully decorated and renovated, this 2 bedroom hideaway has new tile, appliances, granite kitchen counters. **\$269,900 | Tom McCarthy | 243-5520**

Lots

PAR LA VILLE 355 - 4th Avenue South  
Multi-family site zoned for six villas, each being 3,000 SF. This lot is located three blocks to Naples beaches. **\$3,650,000 | Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741**

205 South Lake Drive  
Magnificent views of Alligator Lake from this secluded half acre lot. Close to the beach and 5th Ave. S. and 3rd St. S. **\$2,850,000 | Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894**

81 Gulf Shore Blvd. South  
Homesite is ready-to-go for your dream home. Steps to Gulf. Plans for a 4 bedroom Stofft Cooney design available. **\$2,375,000 | Ruth Trettis | 403-4529**

663 - 11th Avenue South  
Beautiful homesite close to marina, restaurants and shops. Two alleyways for a flexible homesite, survey available. **\$999,000 | Virginia/Randy Wilson | 450-9091**

## OLD NAPLES

Lots

**REDUCED** 751 - 11th Avenue South  
Amazing centrally located residential lot in the heart of Old Naples. Lot size 67' x 150' with alley access! **NOW \$900,000 | Tom McCarthy | 243-5520**

SEAPORT 1001 - 10th Avenue South BS #21  
On Naples Bay. Gated live-a-board floating dock. Approximately 70' x 18'. 60-foot finger pier. Walk to downtown. **\$425,000 | Kathy Morris | 777-8654**

## ROYAL HARBOR

2035 Wahoo Court  
One of the largest waterfront lots in Royal Harbor. Revamped kitchen with new granite, cabinetry, and appliances. **\$1,799,999 | Ann M. Nunes | 860-0949**

1571 Bonita Lane  
Exciting opportunity to build a home of your dreams on this vacant lot. Waterway views from backyard. **\$797,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420**

## ROYAL HARBOR AREA

FOUR WINDS 1140 Little Neck Court #D-34  
Enjoy the view from this 2nd floor, 3-bedroom condominium directly on Naples Bay. Includes a 26' boat dock. **\$459,000 | Kathy Morris | 777-8654**

**REDUCED** FOUR WINDS 1240 Blue Point Avenue #A-2  
Lovely view from waterway to bay, 3 bedrooms, renovated/expanded kitchen, granite counters and breakfast bar. New A/C. **NOW \$419,000 | Kathy Morris | 777-8654**

QUARTERDECK 1504 Blue Point Avenue  
Recently renovated 2 bedroom with boat dock and no bridges to Gulf. New kitchen and granite counters, and designer tile. **\$369,000 | Judy Congrove | 269-7538**

SANDPIPER WEST 1625 Chesapeake Avenue #204  
Western facing lanai overlooking pool and boat dock. Two bedroom waterfront condominium with views of waterway. **\$225,000 | Bernie Garabed | 571-2466**

## WINDSTAR

MARINA COVE 5085 Yacht Harbor Drive #201  
Spacious coach home with view of lake. Bright and light 2 bedroom, 2 bath plus den with double garage and lanai. **\$409,000 | Rod Mease | 659-0099**



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**GULF SHORE BLVD. SOUTH ▲**  
Gulf front building site. Just south of Naples Pier and Walking distance to 3rd Street. Lot Size 100'x400'x230'x100'.  
**\$6,950,000 | Michael D. Browne | 272-3331**



**15TH AVENUE SOUTH ▲**  
Two blocks to Gulf! Four bedroom plus den, five full and one half-bath Bermuda-style home. Saturated floors, tray ceilings, fireplace and pool/spa.  
**\$3,797,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420**



**14TH AVENUE SOUTH ▲**  
Exquisite 2-story, four bedroom with an den/office boasts 4,110 SF A/C. Quality craftsmanship throughout. Summer kitchen.  
**\$3,695,000 | Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894**



**GORDON DRIVE ▲**  
New Luxury construction. Four bedrooms, each with private bath, summer kitchen, and sitting area complete with fireplace.  
**\$3,650,000 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231**



**LAKEVIEW TERRACE ▲**  
Custom 5 bedroom plus den home. Volume ceilings, maple floors, granite and stone floors, private pool and summer kitchen.  
**\$3,100,000 | Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894**



**GARDEN TERRACE ▲**  
Soon-to-begin new construction on a tree-lined street just steps from the beach. Each villa has a private pool/spa.  
**\$2,995,000 | Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741**



**14TH AVENUE SOUTH ▲**  
Walk to beaches and Naples Yacht Club. Charming with four bedrooms including furnished guest suite over garage. Pool.  
**\$2,990,000 | Karen Cosentino | 571-6329**



**CENTRAL AVENUE ▲**  
Totally renovated. French limestone floors, kitchen and bathrooms feature marble and onyx tops. Security system and pool.  
**\$2,850,000 | Carolyn Weinand | 269-5678**



**14TH AVENUE SOUTH ▲**  
Views of Crayton Cove and Bay! New Caribbean architecture, 4 bedrooms, den, pool/spa, summer kitchen and 3-car garage.  
**\$2,795,000 | Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894**



**3RD STREET NORTH ▲**  
Private pool and wide views of Alligator Lake. Warm terra cotta floors and neutral decor. Detached guest house. Close to the beach, Old Naples and the Beach Club Resort.  
**\$1,800,000 | Karen Cosentino | 571-6329**



**SANDY CAY ▲**  
Close to beach and 5th Avenue shops. Five bedroom, 5.5 bath with family room, private elevator, fireplace, and built-in cabinets.  
**\$2,545,000 | Lodge McKee | 434-2424**



**VILLAS ESCALANTE ▲**  
#C-6 - This villa has 3,881 SF, 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths and 4 terraces. Marble flooring, private elevator and 2-car garage. A Christie's Great Estates Property.  
**\$2,495,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420**



**GULF SHORE BLVD. NORTH ▲**  
A unique, secluded, over 1/2 acre site, on Alligator Lake. Build a new home or enjoy the existing 3 bedroom cottage surrounded by landscaping. Just steps to the beach.  
**\$2,495,000 | Chris Yanson | 450-7584**



**ORCHID PLACE ▲**  
Only one remaining! Perfectly located, two blocks to 5th Avenue South and three blocks to beach. Patio area with private pool.  
**\$2,295,000 | Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894**



**PALM CIRCLE WEST ▲**  
Classic Florida architecture with a large courtyard entry, three bedroom suites, formal dining, pool. Professionally decorated and furnished.  
**\$2,199,000 | Virginia/Randy Wilson | 450-9091**



**5TH AVENUE SOUTH ▲**  
Roomy, nicely updated three bedroom, three bath home with writer's retreat. Pool/spa area, and fireplace. Open air balcony.  
**\$2,000,000 | Karen Coney Coplin/Lodge McKee | 434-2424**



**7TH STREET SOUTH ▲**  
Expansive two-story living room, wraparound porch, oak flooring throughout, three bedrooms, and outdoor living area. Furnished.  
**\$1,895,000 | Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894**



**11TH AVENUE SOUTH ▲**  
A significant contributing structure in the Old Naples National Register Historic District. Two-story cottage; heart pine floors, and guest house.  
**\$1,795,000 | Lodge McKee | 434-2424**



**4TH STREET SOUTH ▲**  
This Florida cottage offers three bedrooms plus den and a separate living area in a peaceful, tropical setting. Close to beach.  
**\$1,695,000 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231**



**1ST AVENUE NORTH ▲**  
Charming Old Florida-style residence features three bedrooms plus den with sunny screened lanai with heated tropical pool.  
**\$1,595,000 | Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894**



**13TH AVENUE SOUTH ▲**  
An enchanting home on a nice size corner lot. Warm wood walls, large family/dining room. Close to dining and shopping.  
**\$1,528,000 | Ruth Trettis | 403-4529**



**780 FIFTH AVENUE SOUTH CONDOMINIUM ▲**  
#307 - This 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath has high ceilings, 2 skylights, and beautifully detailed mouldings. Completely furnished.  
**\$1,150,000 | Judy Perry/Linda Perry/Penny/Bob Lyle | 261-6161**



**OLD NAPLES VILLA ▲**  
Over 2,100 square feet of living area, three bedroom plus den in the downtown historical area! Heated pool, 4.5 blocks to beach.  
**\$1,150,000 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231**



**OLD NAPLES - PETTIT SQUARE ▲**  
#F - Renovated inside and out, 1,640+ total sq. ft. home is the only three bedroom. Marble floors, open great room plan.  
**\$889,000 | Virginia/Randy Wilson | 450-9091**

## Single Family Homes

**REDUCED** 483 Palm Circle West  
Custom-built home with 4 bedrooms, 5 baths, den and reading room, a loft/media area. Maple floors, granite, heated pool. **NOW \$1,999,990 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231**

**RIDGE LAKE 659 Palm Circle East**  
Fabulous lake view! Remodeled 3 bedroom! New kitchen, baths, windows and roof. Two-car garage. Blocks to the beach. **\$1,749,000 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231**

## Condominiums/Villas

**NEW LISTING** 364 - 2nd Avenue South  
Spanish-inspired Mizner West Palm Beach-style stand-out! European stone area with pool, spa, summer kitchen. **\$2,795,000 | Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741**

**CHATHAM PLACE 338 - 8th Avenue South #5**  
Three blocks to beach. Nestled by interior fountain. Located in Old Naples in the community of only 16 residences. **\$1,984,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420**

**CATELENA 306 - 6th Avenue South**  
Lush tropical landscaping wraps corner condominium built in 2004 in privacy. Two bedrooms plus den. Well-appointed. **\$1,390,000 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231**

**NAPLES BAY RESORT - THE HOTEL 1500 - 5th Ave. S. #314**  
This tropical luxury resort is nestled in a waterfront setting on Naples Bay. Southern exposure with marina view. **\$829,900 | Fred Alter | 269-4123**

## Condominiums/Villas

**SUNTIDE ON TENTH 653 - 10th Avenue South**  
Light, bright and open top floor condominium has garage, walled pool, privacy. Only 2 years new! Stone-look floor. **\$675,000 | Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894**

**WHARFSIDE 830 River Point Drive #4**  
Updated townhouse directly on Naples Bay with 30' dock. New granite counters, stainless appliances, and fresh paint. **\$599,000 | Lindsey Forte Smith | 572-2663**

**FIFTH AVENUE BEACH CLUB 175 - 5th Avenue South #102**  
One block to beach! This 2 bedroom is totally redone! Granite countertops, tile and turnkey. Weekly rentals allowed. **\$459,000 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231**

**REDUCED** TOWN MANOR CLUB 1021 - 3rd Street South #102  
Updated getaway, 2 bedroom, 2 bath only 2.5 blocks to beach, steps to 3rd St. shops and dining; blocks to 5th Ave. **NOW \$415,000 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231**

**VILLAGE GREEN - HERON CLUB 436 Broad Avenue South #H-436**  
Total renovation and furnished like a model! This 2 bedroom boasts crown moulding, new appliances and granite counters. **\$315,000 | Trey Wilson | 595-4444**

**CASTLETON GARDENS 980 - 7th Avenue South #102**  
Only blocks to beach, shopping and fine dining. Wonderful courtyard building, pool and recreation area. Move right in. **\$249,000 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231**

## Condominiums/Villas

**VILLAGE GREEN - HERON CLUB 482 Broad Avenue South #482**  
Southern exposure, Brazilian hardwood floors, floor areas. Guest suite is completely private. Beach convenient. **\$289,900 | Rod Mease | 659-0099**

**VILLAGE GREEN - HERON CLUB 462 Broad Avenue South #462**  
Southern exposure! New carpet, kitchen tile and appliances. Electric storm shutters. Close to pool and 3rd Street South. **\$245,000 | Beth Hayhoe McNichols | 821-3304**

## Lots

**175 South Lake Drive**  
Serene lakefront property just 3 houses from beach. Exceptionally large Alligator Lake lot is a rare offering. **\$3,395,000 | Linda Sanders | 860-0119**

**3RD AVENUE SOUTH 658 - 3rd Avenue South**  
Vacant and ready to develop up to 6 residential condominiums in Old Naples. West of 41 and 5 blocks from the beach. **\$2,950,000 | Mark/Laura Maran | 777-3301**

**115 - 5th Avenue South**  
SELLER FINANCING EXTENDED. Corner of Gulf Shore Blvd. and 5th Avenue South. High, natural elevation. **\$2,950,000 | Jim Barker | 250-6342**

**690 - 13th Avenue South**  
Build new on corner homesite with southern exposure. Close to Naples Yacht Club, access to Bay and Gulf-no bridges. **\$1,195,000 | Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894**

## LUXURY BEACHFRONT LIVING



**MARCO ISLAND - MADEIRA ▲**  
#PH-202 - Beachfront penthouse with 6,500+ SF of living area. Gulf, beach and island vistas from 2,140 SF of multiple terraces.  
**\$7,495,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 821-9545**



**PARK SHORE - REGENT ▲**  
Estate Six South - Spectacular beachfront condominium with 1st class amenities. Five full bedrooms includes a "private guest cottage".  
**\$6,500,000 | Barbi/Steve Lowe | 216-1973**



**VANDERBILT BEACH - THE VANDERBILT ▲**  
#301 - On the beach location and renovated with European craftsmanship. Gourmet kitchen, complete with a wine storage area, exquisite finishes.  
**\$4,200,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731**



**MOORINGS - SANCERRE ▲**  
#703 - Private seaside residence overlooks Gulf. Polished marble salon with fireplace, high-tech den, morning bar in master. Intimate setting.  
**\$3,995,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420**



**BAY COLONY - BRIGHTON ▲**  
#1704 - This much sought-after residence features three bedrooms, three baths, marble floors, custom built-ins and electric storm shutters. **\$3,295,000 | Marlene Abbott-Barber/Leah D. Ritchey | 594-9494**



**PARK SHORE - ARIA ▲**  
#803 - The perfect view of both beach and bay views! This residence has three bedrooms, three full baths and a natural gas fireplace. **\$2,675,000 | Marion Bethea/Anne Killilea/Bette Helms | 261-6161**



**COQUINA SANDS - VIA DELFINO ▲**  
#301 - On the beach location and renovated with European craftsmanship. Gourmet kitchen, complete with a wine storage area, exquisite finishes.  
**\$2,395,000 | Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894**



**CAPE MARCO - BELIZE ▲**  
#2107 - Stunning 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath with over 3,844 square feet of living area. Furnished. Views of the Gulf. Beautiful beachfront building.  
**\$2,298,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133**



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# Florida Weekly's Open Houses

**Open Houses are Sunday 1-4, unless otherwise marked**

## >\$200,000

**1 • Eagle Creek** • 166 Cypress View Dive • Priced at \$249,000 • Prudential Florida Realty • Michelle DeNomme 239-404-7787

**2 • Berkshire Lakes** • 812 Belville Blvd • Priced at \$295,000 • Prudential Florida Realty • Michelle DeNomme 239-404-7787

## >\$500,000

**3 • THE STRADA AT MERCATO** • Located just North of Vanderbilt Beach Rd on US 41 • Contemporary living from the \$500s • Premier Properties of Southwest Florida, Inc., REALTORS • Call 800-719-5136 • Mon. - Sat. 9-5 and Sun. 12-4

## >\$600,000

**4 • Castillo at Tiburon** • 2874 Castillo Court, Unit 101 • \$619,000 • Prudential Florida Realty • Michelle DeNomme 239-404-7787

**5 • PELICAN MARSH - OSPREY POINTE** • 9024 Whimbrel Watch Lane #202 • \$659,000 • Premier Properties • Tom McCarthy 243-5520

## >\$700,000

**6 • TREVISO BAY** • 9004 Tamiami Trail East • From \$700,000 • Premier Properties • Call 643-1414 • Mon. - Sat. 9-5 and Sun. 11-5

**7 • BONITA BAY - SANCTUARY** • 4285 Sanctuary Way • \$789,500 • Premier Properties • Cathy/Jim McCormick 850-4278

**8 • PELICAN BAY - ST. RAPHAEL** • 7117 Pelican Bay Blvd. #202 • \$795,000 • Premier Properties • Jean Tarkenton 595-0544

**9 • PELICAN ISLE YACHT CLUB** • 435 Dockside Dr • \$795,000-\$1,749,000 • Amerivest Realty • Bridgette Foster 239-253-8001

## >\$800,000

**10 • BONITA BAY - ESPERIA & TAVIRA** • 26951 Country Club Drive • New construction priced from the \$800s. • Premier Properties • Call 800-311-3622. • Mon. - Sat. 10-5 and Sun. 12-5

**11 • IMPERIAL GOLF ESTATES** • 2205 Imperial Golf Course Blvd • \$850,000 • Amerivest Realty • Bridgette Foster 239-253-8001

**12 • MOORINGS** • 1947 Crayton Road • \$899,900 • John R Wood Realtors • Margaret Hutchison 239-272-7000

## >\$900,000

**13 • FIDDLER'S CREEK - MULBERRY ROW** • 7685 Mulberry Lane • \$949,000 • Premier Properties • ML Meade 293-4851 - "bring ad to gate"

## >\$1,000,000

**14 • ESTUARY at GREY OAKS** • 1485 Anhinga Pointe • From \$1,890,000 • Premier Properties • Call 239-261-3148 • Models Open Daily

**15 • MEDITERRA - VILLALAGO** • 18132 Lagos Way • \$1,195,000 • Amerivest Realty • Bridgette Foster 239-253-8001

**16 • PELICAN BAY - BRIDGE WAY VILLAS** • 667 Bridgeway Lane #135 • \$1,195,000 • Premier Properties • Mary/Jamey Halpin 269-3005

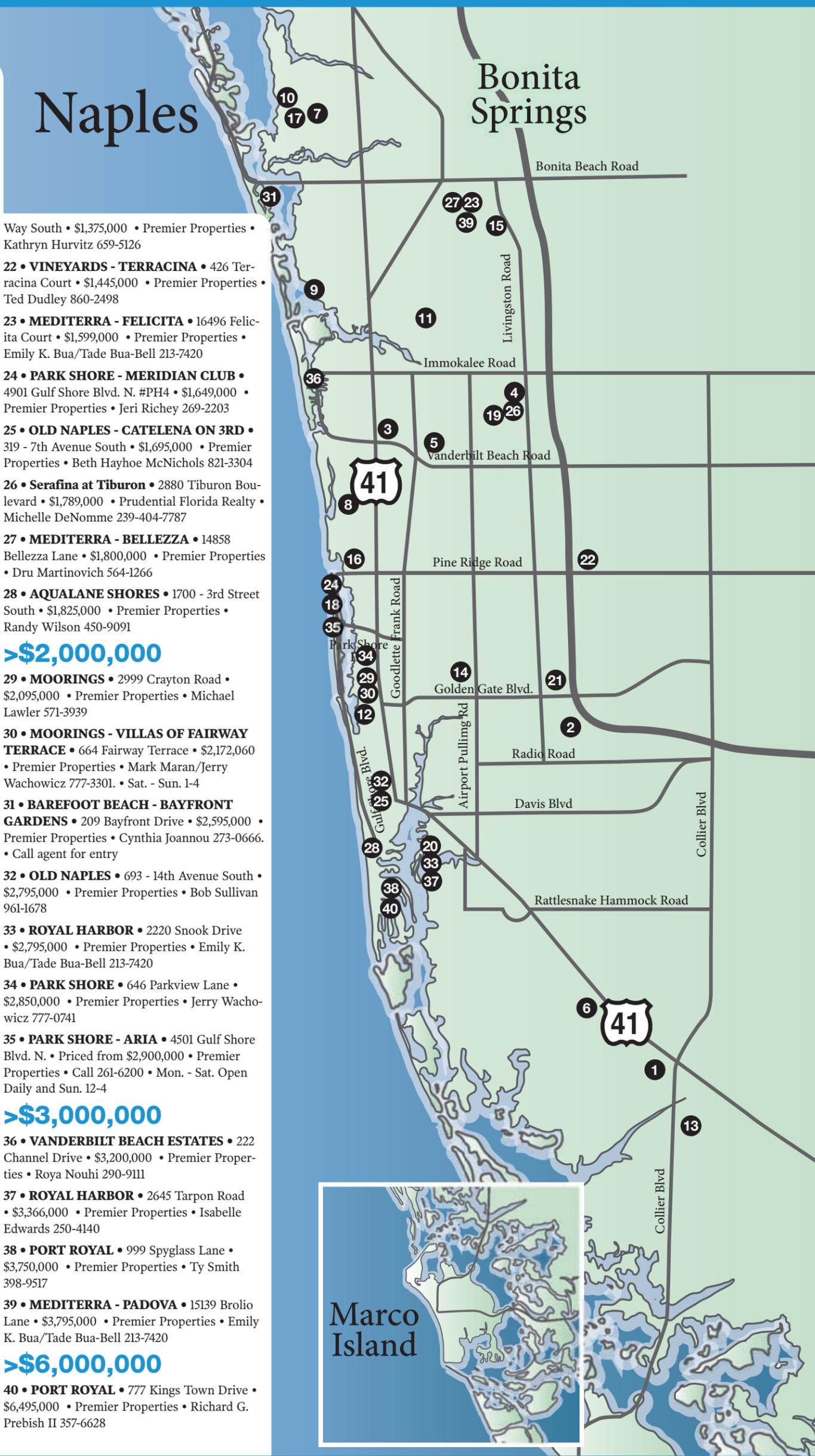
**17 • BONITA BAY - MIRA LAGO** • 26250 Mira Way • \$1,249,000 • Premier Properties • Harriet Harnar 273-5443

**18 • PARK SHORE - TERRACES** • 4751 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. #1206 • \$1,250,000 • Premier Properties • Polly Himmel 290-3910

**19 • Ventanas at Tiburon** • 2748 Tiburon Boulevard, Unit C-503 and Unit C-103 • 1,275,000 to 499,900 • Prudential Florida Realty • Michelle DeNomme 239-404-7787

**20 • Royal Harbor** • 1409 Dolphin Road • \$1,299,000 • Prudential Florida Realty • Michelle DeNomme 239-404-7787

**21 • WYNDEMERE - LODGINGS** • 122 Edgemere



Way South • \$1,375,000 • Premier Properties • Kathryn Hurvitz 659-5126

**22 • VINEYARDS - TERRACINA** • 426 Terracina Court • \$1,445,000 • Premier Properties • Ted Dudley 860-2498

**23 • MEDITERRA - FELICITA** • 16496 Felicitita Court • \$1,599,000 • Premier Properties • Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell 213-7420

**24 • PARK SHORE - MERIDIAN CLUB** • 4901 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. #PH4 • \$1,649,000 • Premier Properties • Jeri Richey 269-2203

**25 • OLD NAPLES - CATELENA ON 3RD** • 319 - 7th Avenue South • \$1,695,000 • Premier Properties • Beth Hayhoe McNichols 821-3304

**26 • Serafina at Tiburon** • 2880 Tiburon Boulevard • \$1,789,000 • Prudential Florida Realty • Michelle DeNomme 239-404-7787

**27 • MEDITERRA - BELLEZZA** • 14858 Bellezza Lane • \$1,800,000 • Premier Properties • Dru Martinovich 564-1266

**28 • AQUALANE SHORES** • 1700 - 3rd Street South • \$1,825,000 • Premier Properties • Randy Wilson 450-9091

## >\$2,000,000

**29 • MOORINGS** • 2999 Crayton Road • \$2,095,000 • Premier Properties • Michael Lawler 571-3939

**30 • MOORINGS - VILLAS OF FAIRWAY TERRACE** • 664 Fairway Terrace • \$2,172,060 • Premier Properties • Mark Maran/Jerry Wachowicz 777-3301. • Sat. - Sun. 1-4

**31 • BAREFOOT BEACH - BAYFRONT GARDENS** • 209 Bayfront Drive • \$2,595,000 • Premier Properties • Cynthia Joannou 273-0666. • Call agent for entry

**32 • OLD NAPLES** • 693 - 14th Avenue South • \$2,795,000 • Premier Properties • Bob Sullivan 961-1678

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**PARK SHORE** ▲  
New construction home on Venetian Bay. Four bedrooms, library, game room, study, heated pool/spa, dock/hoist. **\$5,995,000** | Michael Lawler | 571-3939



**PARK SHORE** ▲  
Bay views from this 5 bedroom, 6.5 bath with 2 masters, spacious kitchen and great lanai with kitchen, pool/spa and 80' dock. **\$5,500,000** | Michael Lawler | 571-3939



**PARK SHORE** ▲  
Fountains grace entry of this 4 bedroom plus den two-level home. Overlooks bay. Leisure room, office, studio, pool/spa, dock. **\$5,495,000** | Michael Lawler | 571-3939



**PARK SHORE** ▲  
On Venetian Bay with 165' on the water. Four bedrooms, 4.5 baths, 28' ceiling, fireplace, koi ponds and dock. **\$5,475,000** | Michael Lawler | 571-3939



**PARK SHORE** ▲  
Sparkling water views! Elegant home built in 2006. Negative-edge pool; 50' dock/lift. Satin and mahogany floors. **\$4,490,000** | Mara/Michael Muller | 272-6170



**PARK SHORE** ▲  
Five bedroom plus den custom-built waterfront home features marble flooring, elevator, infinity pool and spa. **\$4,295,000** | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



**PARK SHORE** ▲  
This expansive 2 story home offers 5 bedrooms plus den, 5.5 baths, 3-car garage and a sizable pool. Boat dock & lift. **\$4,295,000** | Michael Lawler | 571-3939



**MOORINGS - VISTA ROYALE** ▲  
231 Harbour Drive - Luxuriously appointed waterfront villas offer exquisite views from multiple balconies overlooking Moorings Bay and include gourmet kitchen, private pool/spa and deeded boat slips. **From \$3,295,000** | Michael Lawler | 571-3939



**MOORINGS** ▲ 265 Springline Drive  
Overlooking Compass Cove. Boat lift on bay, sea wall and Gulf access. Negative-edge pool/spa, dream kitchen. **\$3,695,000** | Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741



**MOORINGS** ▲  
An incredible waterfront homesite. Three bedroom plus den home with Bay views. No bridges to the Gulf. **\$3,650,000** | Michael Lawler | 571-3939



**COQUINA SANDS** ▲  
Nestled lakefront 5 blocks to Gulf. Gourmet kitchen, impact glass on windows; infinity-edge pool with spa. **\$3,450,000** | Beth Hayhoe McNichols | 821-3304



**PARK SHORE** ▲  
646 Parkview Lane - Reminiscent of a French Château. Sophisticated details, 4 bedroom plus den in a 'Feng Shui' plan. **\$2,850,000** | Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741



**MOORINGS** ▲  
Ground level master, den, 3 bedroom suites upstairs. Cypress bead board ceilings, 3-car garage, 66' heated pool. **\$2,475,000** | Beth Hayhoe McNichols | 821-3304



**PARK SHORE** ▲ Spectacular home with four en-suite bedrooms plus den, half-bath, fireplace, kitchen/family room. Heated pool/spa. **\$2,430,000** | Michael Lawler/Vickie Larscheid | 571-3939



**PARK SHORE** ▲  
New construction courtyard home with 3,940 SF A/C, 4 bedrooms, study, 4 baths including guest cabana; 3-car garage. **\$2,195,000** | Michael Lawler | 571-3939



**MOORINGS** ▲  
Five bedrooms plus den, 5 full baths, 2 half-baths. Home theatre with full bar. Space over the three-car garage. **\$2,195,000** | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



**MOORINGS - VILLAS OF FAIRWAY TERRACE** ▲ 664 Fairway Terrace  
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**MOORINGS** ▲  
Three bedrooms, den, 3.5 baths, and pool. Chef's kitchen. Outdoor screened living room with summer kitchen. **\$2,149,000** | Mark/Laura Maran | 777-3301



**MOORINGS** ▲  
2999 Crayton Road - New construction! Old Florida-style 4 bedroom plus den home with 2-story living room. Pool, spa & outdoor kitchen. **\$2,095,000** | Michael Lawler | 571-3939



**PARK SHORE** ▲  
Waterfront property on Venetian Bay offers 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, great views, and Gulf access. Large screened pool. **\$1,995,000** | Michael Lawler | 571-3939



**SEAGATE** ▲  
WOW! The most spectacular view creating a feeling of total security. Four bedrooms, 3 baths, 2900 SF of living area. **\$1,995,000** | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



**PARK SHORE - PIEDMONT CLUB** ▲  
#204 - Finely appointed 3 bedroom with wide western bay views! Turnkey furnished. Intimate complex with babyside pool. **NOW \$775,000** | Patrick O'Connor | 293-9411



**PARK SHORE** ▲  
4032 Crayton Road - Furnished villa with large floor plan, 2 bedrooms upstairs and master on main level. Two-car garage. **\$725,000** | Bette Helms | 250-6455



**PARK SHORE** ▲  
#342 - Boat dock #23 included! Water views from this 2 bedroom plus den, 2 bath top-floor furnished residence. **\$699,000** | Pat Callis | 250-0562



**PARK SHORE - COLONADE** ▲  
Delightful villa featuring architectural details such as 10' ceilings, bay windows and 8' doors! Marble flooring. **\$675,000** | Barbi/Steve Lowe | 216-1973



**MOORINGS** ▲  
Four bedroom, 3 bath modified Rutenberg Islander II, pool and oversized, walled yard. Brick paver courtyard. **\$635,000** | Ruth Trettis | 403-4529



**PARK SHORE - PELICAN POINT I** ▲  
300 Park Shore Drive #3D - Lovely 2 bedroom, 2 bath turnkey furnished residence has wonderful bay views. Stroll to Venetian Village. **\$545,000** | Paula Sims/Julie Rembos | 262-6600



**MOORINGS - COMMODORE CLUB** ▲  
#402 - Serene Bay views from screened/glassed lanai. Remodeled kitchen and living areas. Deeded boat dock with Gulf access. **\$545,000** | Vickie Larscheid | 250-5041



**PARK SHORE - JACARANDA** ▲  
#20 - West of US 41, 2240 square feet under air, 3 bedrooms plus den, 3 full baths. Granite kitchen countertops. **\$419,000** | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231

## COQUINA SANDS

1170 Oleander Drive  
Two blocks to the beach from this beautiful setting. This 3 bedroom, 2 bath is in move-in condition. Furnished. **\$1,485,000** | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420

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**Single Family Homes**

723 Moringline Drive  
New construction 4 bedroom plus den with fireplace, coffered ceilings and crown moldings. Pool/spa and outdoor kitchen. **\$2,595,000** | Michael Lawler | 571-3939

680 Regatta Road  
Finely appointed custom home with attached suite with kitchen, 2 bedroom main home; and wonderful outdoor spaces. **\$2,500,000** | Karen Coney Coplin | 261-1235

2201 Beacon Lane  
Completely renovated! Western sunsets over Bowline Bay. Travertine marble, stainless appliances, granite counters. **\$2,425,000** | Trey Wilson | 595-4444

**NEW LISTING** 695 Wedge Drive  
Outstanding! Over 4,400 A/C SF, panoramic golf views, 5 bedrooms plus his and her studies. Three-car garage. **\$2,295,000** | Michael Lawler | 571-3939

2807 Crayton Road  
Old Florida-style home situated in the heart of the Moorings. Private pool and summer kitchen. Three-car garage. **\$2,200,000** | Trey Wilson | 595-4444

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995 Wedge Drive  
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**OPEN SUN. 1-4** 2338 Beacon Lane  
Walk to private beach/park! Three bedroom professionally decorated & furnished. Oversized lot (98' x 170') with pool. **\$839,000** | Virginia/Randy Wilson | 450-9091

**NEW LISTING** 2515 Crayton Road  
Unique floor plan emphasizes outdoor courtyard living. Pool newly resurfaced. New roof and A/C. **\$625,000** | Ann Marie Shimmer | 825-9020

660 Wedge Drive  
Exceptional opportunity. Close to beach. Build a custom home on this south facing lot. Or enjoy home on property. **\$545,000** | Karen Coney Coplin | 261-1235

## MOORINGS

**Condominiums/Villas**

COMMODORE CLUB 222 Harbour Drive #108  
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## PARK SHORE

**Single Family Homes**

299 Mermaids Bight  
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233 Mermaids Bight  
Waterfront property on Venetian Bay with 116' of water frontage with only 1 bridge to the Gulf. Close to the beach. **\$2,250,000** | Michael Lawler | 571-3939

502 Whispering Pine Lane  
This spacious 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath offers neutral tile in main living areas, newer carpet in bedrooms and is freshly painted. **\$1,250,000** | Kathryn Tount | 250-3583

503 Neapolitan Way  
Exceptional 4 bedroom plus den with chef's kitchen, poolside family room, study and pool set amid private garden. **\$1,090,000** | Karen Coney Coplin | 261-1235

566 Neapolitan Lane  
Delightful 4 bedroom home. Southern exposure and sparkling pool. Oversize 2-car garage and Xeriscaping. **\$799,000** | Jeri Richey | 269-2203

**NEW LISTING** 4009 Belair Lane  
New granite and stainless kitchen. New tile floors, impact windows, renovated pool and new metal roof. **\$729,000** | Judy Perry/Linda Perry | 261-6161

3750 Fountainhead Lane  
Desirable 3 bedroom, 2 bath pool home with upgraded 20" tile, newer kitchen cabinets, appliances and new roof. **\$599,000** | Kevin Rathburn | 269-4575

**Condominiums/Villas**

PELICAN POINT WEST 250 Park Shore Drive #403  
Overlooking Venetian Bay. Granite, wood cabinets, stainless appliances, 3 bedrooms, balcony from master. **\$1,095,000** | Paula Sims/Julie Rembos | 262-6600

COLONADE 179 Colonnade Circle  
Delightful 3 bedroom plus den with attached 2-car garage. 'Delphi' floor plan, light and bright, private elevator. Furnished. **\$850,000** | Linda Ohler | 404-6460

COLONADE 247 Colonnade Circle  
Delphi Model with a private elevator, 14' ceilings, 3,200+ total SF and 2-car garage. Walk to private beach area. **\$825,000** | Linda Ohler | 404-6460

COLONADE 117 Colonnade Circle  
Three bedrooms, 3.5 baths, granite counters, stainless steel appliances, Sub-Zero refrigerator, wood floors and tile. **\$759,000** | Linda Ohler | 404-6460

## PARK SHORE

**Condominiums/Villas**

PELICAN POINT WEST 250 Park Shore Drive #402  
Expansive views of Venetian Bay from every room! Beautifully renovated home with 2 master suites and 1500+ total SF. **\$750,000** | Ann S. Zampogna | 580-7367

PELICAN POINT I 300 Park Shore Drive #2F  
Corner residence with wide water views of Venetian Bay. Updated 3 bedroom with new African granite kitchen counters. **\$695,000** | Paula Sims/Julie Rembos | 262-6600

PIEDMONT CLUB 4155 Crayton Road #203  
Wonderful 3 bedroom direct bayfront location. Enjoy Naples famous sunsets and city night lights. Only 19 residences. **\$695,000** | Patrick O'Connor | 293-9411

PELICAN POINT I 300 Park Shore Drive #2A  
Serene views of Venetian Bay from recently updated 3 bedroom, 2 bath residence. Granite countertops, wood flooring. **\$675,000** | Paula Sims/Julie Rembos | 262-6600

**OPEN SUN. 1-4** PELICAN POINT I 300 Park Shore Drive #4B  
Fabulous location! Three bedrooms, incredible views of Venetian Bay. Steps to beach, fine dining and shopping. **\$645,000** | Paula Sims/Julie Rembos | 262-6600

PELICAN POINT I 300 Park Shore Drive #4A  
Serene views of Venetian Bay from this rarely offered 3 bedroom, 2 bath corner residence. Steps to beach. **\$599,000** | Paula Sims/Julie Rembos | 262-6600

VILLAS OF PARK SHORE 579 Park Shore Drive  
Corner residence with 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, attached 2-car garage, screened lanai, cathedral ceiling and an interior atrium. **\$595,000** | Ted Dudley | 860-2498

PARK SHORE LANDINGS 355 Park Shore Drive #134  
Long Venetian Bay views, new carpet/paint. Corner 2 bedroom with windows on 3 sides for a light, bright interior. **OPEN SUN. 1-4** **\$649,000** | Larry Roorla | 860-2534

**OPEN SUN. 1-4** BELAIR AT PARK SHORE 3606 Belair Lane  
Two-story, 3 bedroom villa recently "staged" & now has some "pizzazz". Two-car garage and pets with approval. **\$439,000** | Mimi Straub | 434-2424

JACARANDA 4082 Belair Lane #10  
This 3 bedroom plus glassed-in porch used as den is updated and in excellent condition. Wood and tile flooring. **\$329,000** | Penny/Bob Lyle/Judy Perry | 564-4405 & 261-6161

LEXINGTON 4022 Belair Lane #9  
Elegant quiet 55 plus community, close to the beach. This 2nd floor walkup has 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Upgrades throughout. **\$275,000** | Mimi Straub | 434-2424

## SEAGATE

5128 Seahorse Avenue  
A beautifully landscaped waterfront property. This 3 bedroom, 3 bath home is just 1 block from the beach. **\$1,295,000** | Michael Lawler | 571-3939

5122 Sand Dollar Lane  
Large .34 acre lot is steps to the beach. Current home on property being sold "as-is". **\$545,000** | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 12-18, 2009

A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE

One-woman show features  
Broadway star Tovah Feldshuh

## Golda's BALCONY

BY NANCY STETSON

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IT TAKES A STRONG ACTRESS TO play a formidable, historic person such as Golda Meir, the fourth prime minister of Israel.

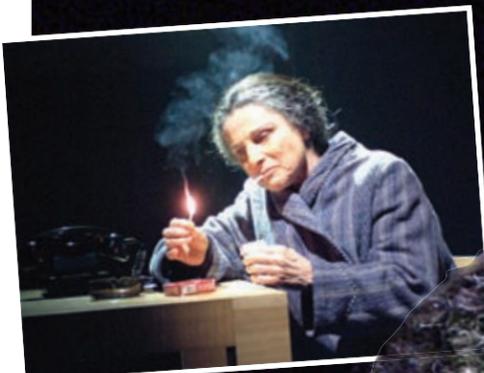
But Tovah Feldshuh welcomed the challenge.

As she likes to say, she's played many Jewish mothers, but never the head of a state. She's portrayed Golda Meir in "Golda's Balcony," a one-woman show, since 2003, first off-Broadway, at the Manhattan Ensemble Theatre, then on Broadway starting that fall. Her performance garnered Ms. Feldshuh a Drama Desk

SEE GOLDA'S, C4 ►

COURTESY PHOTO

Tovah Feldshuh portrays Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir in "Golda's Balcony" at the Phil.



>>inside:  
"Golda's Balcony" plays one night only at the Phil, Feb. 15.  
C4



## WEEK at-a-glance



### Third on Canvas

Painters pack their palettes and make the sidewalk their studio. C5 ►



### Nothing missing from DVD

In "Changeling," Angelina Jolie gives a compelling performance as a mother whose son disappears. C11 ►



### 'Alone Together' at the Rep

Florida Repertory Theatre's latest show filled with meaning for empty nesters. C8 ►

## Get realism

### Weatherburn Gallery hosts Florida debut of guild's juried exhibition

FLORIDA WEEKLY STAFF REPORT

Forty-five works in classical and contemporary realism styles by artists from around the world are on display this month as The Weatherburn Gallery at Bayfront Place hosts the fourth annual Juried Exhibition of the International Guild of Realism. The show is the largest of its kind to be held in the United

States during 2009, according to Larry Charles, an IGOR charter member and coordinator of the Weatherburn event. It is the first IGOR juried exhibition to be held in Florida.

"For many of the artists from overseas, this is the first exposure of their work in the United States and an important step in their careers," Mr. Charles says.

SEE REALISM, C23 ►



COURTESY PHOTO

Bill Barnes, *Dancing Swan*, 30x30 oil



### Vino adventures

A world of experiences awaits wine-loving travelers. C26 ►

# SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

## The doctor is in



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In America — and the world over, really — doctors are accorded a god-like respect. They treat the injured and tend the dying as guardians of hope against death's final frontier. With all this deifying, though, I think we sometimes forget that doctors are human, too.

When my friend Jacob attended medical school, he confessed that the male students worried about their OBGYN rotation.

"What if we get a really hot girl in the exam room?" they asked. Would they be able to swap their natural urges for medical professionalism?

In France, I think doctors worry less about this sort of impropriety. When I spent time in Paris under a government teaching contract, I was required to go through an extensive medical exam before receiving my work permit. The most unnerving part involved a topless upper respiratory evaluation. My own was brief and clinical, but my friend Naomi had a different experience. When she exited the changing room and sat in the examination chair, the doctor gave her an approving thumbs up.

"Nice," he said.

After he listened to her lungs and took an x-ray of her bare chest, he handed over his phone number.

So far, my own experiences with male doctors have been strictly routine, except for a memorable episode last week. See, I have this unpredictable digestive system, with a stomach that goes on the fritz at random (and inopportune) moments. After more than a decade, I'm finally addressing this cranky condition.

I performed an extensive Google search and peeked at WebMD, then decided I have an intolerance for fructose (got to love that high fructose corn syrup). With this in mind, I made an appointment with a gastroenterologist, hoping for a quick blood test and a speedy confirmation of my Internet diagnosis. What I got was something, shall we say, entirely more personal.

At the appointed time, the nurse led me to an examination room. "The doctor will be right in," she said.

In just a few minutes, the gastroenterologist arrived. He sat opposite my chair and fired off a succession of probing questions, taking notes as he spoke.

"Recent weight loss? History of diabetes? Allergic to any medications?"

After we moved through the list, he closed the file folder and stood. "I'll find the nurse for the examination."

A woman arrived a few minutes later carrying a paper gown. "You'll need to put this on," she said. "And take

off everything from the waist down."

I backed toward the corner. "The waist down?"

She wrinkled her eyebrows and said it again slowly, adding, "For the rectal exam."

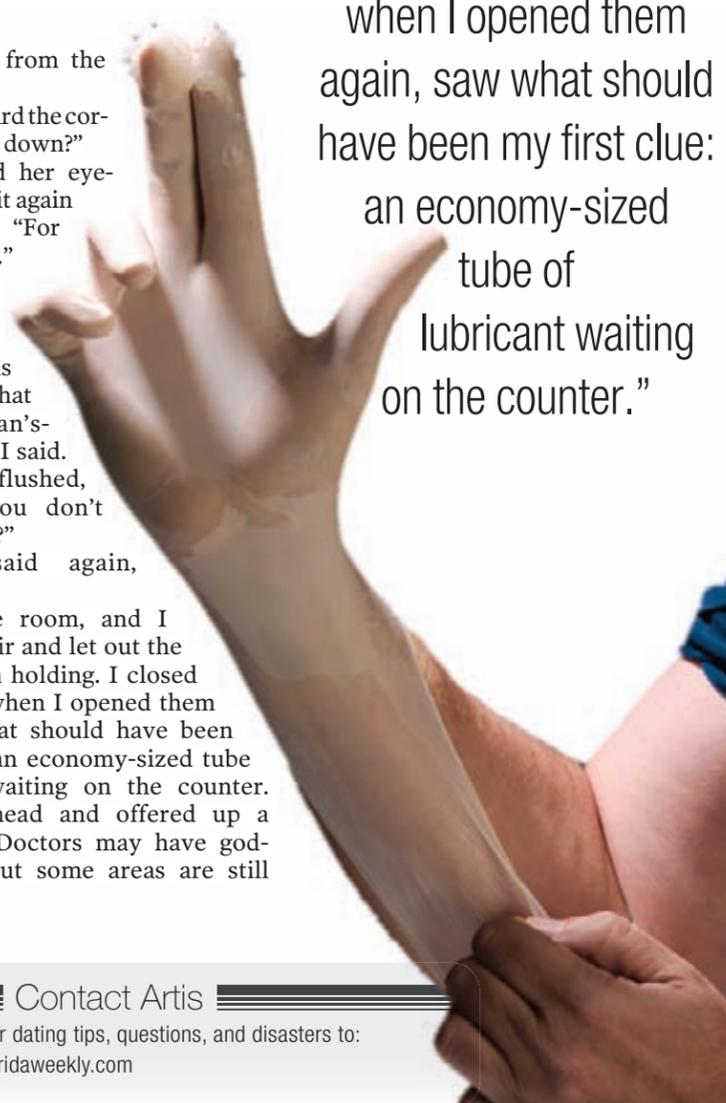
My hands flew to the back pockets of my jeans, as if to protect that sacred no-man's-land. "Oh, no," I said.

The nurse flushed, perplexed. "You don't want the exam?"

"No," I said again, empathically.

She left the room, and I sank into a chair and let out the breath I'd been holding. I closed my eyes and, when I opened them again, saw what should have been my first clue: an economy-sized tube of lubricant waiting on the counter. I shook my head and offered up a small prayer. Doctors may have god-like powers, but some areas are still off-limits. ■

"I closed my eyes and, when I opened them again, saw what should have been my first clue: an economy-sized tube of lubricant waiting on the counter."



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# 'On the Scene' offers a closer look at 'Doubt'

Gulfshore Playhouse is making audiences part of the creative process through a new, two-part educational and interactive experience called "On the Scene," starting with the upcoming production of "Doubt."



"On the Scene" participants will attend a closed rehearsal of "Doubt" followed by a luncheon with the actors on Saturday, Feb. 14. They will

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way actors face-to-face, ask questions of the creative team and "really experience theater from the inside out," she says.

also receive an official script and a ticket to the Thursday evening, Feb. 19, performance, followed by a talk-back session with the cast and creative team.

Cost to be "On the Scene" is \$75; participants will also be entitled to a 10 percent discount on tickets for additional guests at the sneak preview.

"We are so delighted to bring this special inside look at the world of theater to our community," says Kristen Coury, Gulfshore Playhouse founding artistic director, who also directs "Doubt."

"This show is such a thought-provoking piece, and the cast is an amazing mix of Broadway vets and regional favorites," Ms. Coury adds. "On the Scene" provides a rare opportunity to meet Broad-

"Doubt" is a Pulitzer Prize- and Tony Award-winning drama by John Patrick Shanley. Set in a parochial school in the Bronx in 1964, it is a gripping story of suspicion cast on a priest's behavior.

The cast features Broadway veterans Alan Campbell (last seen in Gulfshore Playhouse's "Oleanna") and Dale Soules. Rounding out the cast are Elizabeth A. Davis and Patricia Idlette.

Enrollment for "On the Scene" is still open. Call 566-8394.

"Doubt" will be presented at the Norris Center in downtown Naples from Feb. 18 through March 1. Tickets start at \$30 and are available by calling (866) 811-4111 or by visiting [www.gulfshore-playhouse.org](http://www.gulfshore-playhouse.org). ■



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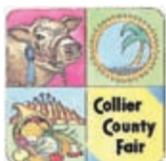
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“History is not somewhere over there for Golda. It exists as her third leg, going up through the center of her body. It’s just so personal.”

— Tovah Feldshuh

## FELDSHUH

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Award for Outstanding Solo Performance and a Tony nomination for Best Actress in a Play.

With 493 performances she also broke the record for having the longest one-woman show in the history of Broadway.

(Lily Tomlin in “The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe” previously held the record, with 391 performances.)

Then in the summer of 2008, Ms. Feldshuh had a London run for eight weeks, playing in the West End.

On Sunday, Feb. 15, she’ll reprise her role at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts in Naples. (Tickets are \$64.)

“It absolutely resonates with me, it’s a wonderful part,” Ms. Feldshuh exclaims. “I believe that the story needs to be told.”

You may know the actress from the movie “Kissing Jessica Stein,” for which she received the Golden Satellite Award for Best Supporting Actress, or for her role as defense attorney Danielle Melnick in “Law & Order,” for which she was nominated for her second Emmy.

On the big screen, she’s also been in “A Walk on the Moon,” “Lady in the Water” and “The Idolmaker.” On TV, she starred opposite James Wood in “Citizen Cohen,” Richard Dreyfus in “The Education of Max Bickford” and Bill Cosby in “The Cosby Mysteries.”

The richness and difficulty of playing Golda Meir appealed to her, she says, and the fact that she bears very little physical resemblance to the historic figure. But with the help of a fat suit, wig, make-up, and excellent acting, she transforms into Israel’s former premier minister.

“I feel very fortunate to have been chosen to play the role, to have been offered the role, and I grabbed it,” she says.

An additional appeal was the fact the play was written by Tony Award-winning playwright William Gibson, known for “The Miracle Worker,” about Helen Keller, and “Two for the Seesaw.”

“It was a great honor to work with him,” Ms. Feldshuh says, calling him “a



FELDSHUH

great American playwright.” (Mr. Gibson died last year on Nov. 25, at the age of 94.)

A friend had urged her to see the show when it was playing in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, saying, “It’s got your name written all over it.”

But Ms. Feldshuh, who was performing at Tanglewood, couldn’t get to see it. She told her manager to look into it.

“She tracked it down, and she bought me back an offer,” she says. “And I read the piece and said, ‘This looks difficult but interesting.’”

The show opened off-Broadway at the Manhattan Ensemble Theater in Soho.

“It was very chic, very hip, and very cool, and very small scale,” Ms. Feldshuh says. “So to be honest with you, I wasn’t frightened, though the stakes were higher artistically. I’d been up in front of the New York critics for 35 years of my Broadway life. I had a great director, Scott Schwartz, a very interesting script, and I just buried myself inside the tunnel of researching her, and then I went forth.”

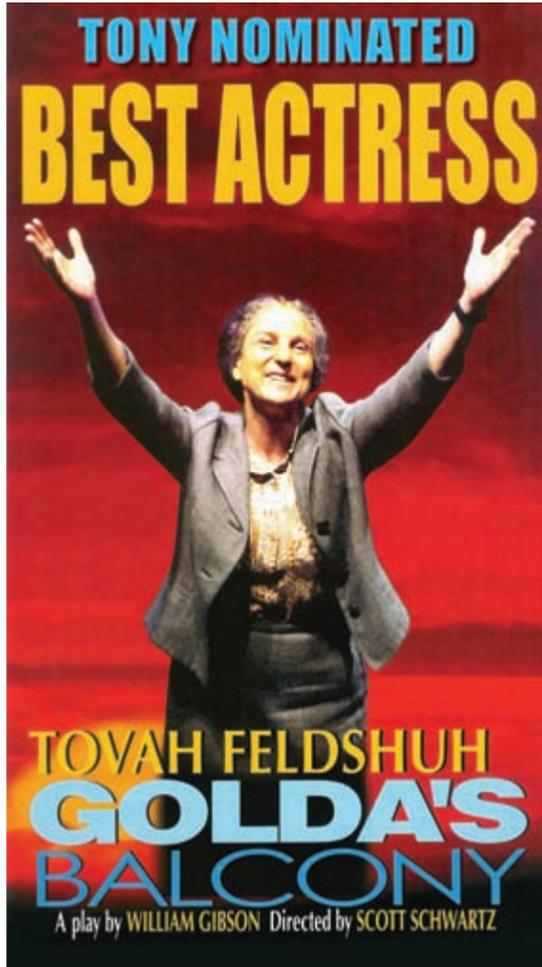
The show was so successful, it moved to the Helen Hayes Theatre on Broadway, where, after 14 days of previews, it opened on Oct. 15, 2003.

Ms. Feldshuh, who’s passionate about her craft, watched films of Golda Meir talking, in order to learn her speech patterns, as well as those of others she impersonates in the show, such as King Abdullah of Jordan and Henry Kissinger.

For the off-Broadway show, she traveled to Milwaukee and Denver, where Golda Meir had lived, to do research. To prepare for the Broadway show, she returned to those cities, and then went to Israel.

This past summer, she went to Ukraine to do research for her next Broadway show, “Irena’s Vow,” which opens in March. She took a side trip to Kiev, to visit the synagogue Golda Meir went to, and her apartment.

“It’s like being a good journalist,” she says. “You do what’s required to contribute at your highest level or you don’t. Or you don’t. And you get to live with that. I can’t live with that. I literally can’t



live with that.”

Ms. Feldshuh also played “Golda’s Balcony” at the Shaw Theatre in London for eight weeks. She continues to perform the piece around the country. She’s also created a concert, “Mining Golda: My Journey to Golda Meir,” which she performed at the West End, Leeds, and Manchester in England, as well as in Johannesburg, South Africa, and Sydney, Australia. And she made “The Journey to Golda’s Balcony,” a DVD of her behind-the-scenes preparation, as well as interviews with people who were in Golda Meir’s life.

“Golda’s Balcony” follows Golda Meir’s life, a Russian immigrant who moved to the United States, was a schoolteacher, married, and had children, then became Israel’s fourth prime minister. It focuses on the 1973 Yom Kippur War, when Egypt and Syria attacked Israel on their holiest of days.

During that time, Golda Meir had to decide whether she would arm planes with nuclear warheads and use them in retaliation.

Backstage, Ms. Feldshuh used to paper

if you go

**“Golda’s Balcony,” a one-woman show starring Tovah Feldshuh**

>>When: 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15

>>Where: The Philharmonic Center for the Arts, 5833 Pelican Bay Blvd., Naples

>>Cost: \$64

>>Information: Call 597-1900.

the walls of the Helen Hayes Theatre with photos of American soldiers killed in Iraq.

“Before I’d go on, I’d see those boys,” she says. “Because Golda Meir used to say, ‘Wake me day or night if I lose a boy.’ Imagine such a thing! It makes me cry when I say it. She was a mother, it was like you or I being head of state. It’s so wild. I’m not saying she wasn’t capable. She did the very best she could. And she did walk the walk, and I take my hat off to her.”

Golda Meir, she says, owned few dresses and didn’t bother with fashion. She was a chain smoker.

“She was immaculately clean,” Ms. Feldshuh says. “She did care about her hair, oddly enough. It’s very funny. She looks unkempt, but I’m sure she ran several combs through that mop of hair. And the most interesting thing about her is that eros and power are almost irresistible. She had love interests!”

“She had integrity. She broke up her marriage, but she had lovers. Wild, eh? Thank you, baby! I thought that was the greatest thing since French toast. I couldn’t believe it. None of us could believe it. But there it is. God bless Mr. Gibson.

“This is no x-rated show, but I think it’s very interesting that God is in the details, that this marvelous playwright went to the trouble of doing this intricate work about her personality and how it juxtaposes itself with history.

“History is not somewhere over there for Golda. It exists as her third leg, going up through the center of her body. It’s just so personal.”

And you get the feeling it’s the same for Ms. Feldshuh.

Playing Golda Meir, she says, “is the greatest role of my career to date. Golda did her damndest to help give birth to the state of Israel, a postage stamp where Jews would live in peace. And she walked the walk.” ■

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The completed works will be on view at The von Liebig Art Center Feb. 20-26 and sold via sealed bid and live auction during a gala at the center on Thursday, Feb. 26.

"Naples has a long history of interest in and support for the visual arts, and having these nationally known artists demonstrate their craft and then sell their latest masterpiece is a wonderful way for art patrons to follow and enjoy the whole process," said Third on Canvas chairperson

Jody Rosenbaum, a board member with the Naples Art Association at The von Liebig Art Center.

The artists who will paint at sites along the Historic Third Street Shopping District, with four artists also in the Crayton Cove area, include: Maritime Master painter John Stobart, David Arrowsmith, Paul Arsenault, Steven Todd Beyer,



Maritime Master artist John Stobart painted "The Naples Pier," an oil on canvas, during the 2008 Third on Canvas event.

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Third on Canvas gala tickets are \$95 and include a dinner buffet, wine and \$20 purchasing incentive. For details, call Joan Esler at The von Liebig, 262-6517, ext. 108. ■



Rachel Kennedy at Third on Canvas.



Janine Wesselman at Third on Canvas 2008.

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# WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

## This week's theater

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

■ **Short Plays** - The Naples Players Etc... Readers Theatre presents one performance only of three short plays by contemporary American playwrights at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, in the Tobye Studio of the Sugden Community Theatre. Lightheartedly themed "Love, Luck and Letting Go," the staged readings are of "Goodbye Howard" and "Songs of Love" by Romulus Linney, and "Breaking the Chain" by Michael Bigalow Dixon and Val Smith. Tickets \$10 at box office at 701 Fifth Avenue South; 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

■ **Golda's Balcony** - The Naples Philharmonic Center of the Arts presents "Golda's Balcony," starring Tovah Feldshuh on Sunday, Feb. 15. The longest-running one-woman play in Broadway history tells the story of Mrs. Meir, the Milwaukee school teacher who became the fourth prime minister of Israel in 1969; 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

■ **Heidi Chronicles** - The Naples Players presents "The Heidi Chronicles" at the Sugden Community Theatre through Feb. 28. 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.

■ **Doubt** - The Gulfshore Playhouse presents the highly acclaimed drama "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. Gulfshore Playhouse partners 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. Theater tickets start at \$30; (866) 811-4111 or www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org.

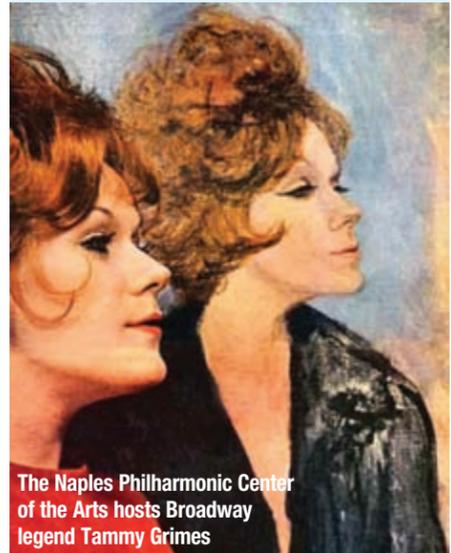
■ **My First Time** - Theatre Conspiracy presents "My First Time" through Feb. 28 at 2711 Park Windsor Dr. #302, Fort Myers. When a Web site was created in 1998 that allowed people to anonymously share stories about their "first times," more than 40,000 stories poured in from around the globe. The stories 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.

■ **Singin' in the Rain** - Broadway Palm Dinner Theater presents "Singin' in the Rain" through Feb. 14; 278-4422 or www.BroadwayPalm.com.

■ **Classic Broadway** - Sanibel's Schoolhouse Theater presents "Classic Broadway Abridged," a musical review of Broadway show tunes, through March 7; 472-6862 or theschoolhousetheater.com.

■ **Love Letters** - Sanibel's Schoolhouse Theater presents A.R. Gurney's "Love Letters" at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15. The play chronicles the relationship between a man and a woman solely through their correspondence; 472-6862 or theschoolhousetheater.com.

## This week's symphony



The Naples Philharmonic Center of the Arts hosts Broadway legend Tammy Grimes

■ **Pops No. 2** - The Naples Philharmonic Center of the Arts presents "Pops No. 2 Cirque de la Symphonie" through Sunday, Feb. 15. The magic of cirque comes to the concert hall in this marriage of performance art with music by the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra; 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

■ **Miss Tammy Grimes** - The Naples Philharmonic Center of the Arts hosts Broadway legend Tammy Grimes in her Southwest Florida debut Friday and Saturday, Feb. 13-14; 597-1900 or www.thephil.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.

## Friday, Feb. 13

■ **Art Opening** - Art Modern Gallery presents ART object, a fine art show highlighting 2D and 3D works by artists both past and present, opening with a reception from 6-9 p.m. and continuing through March 1. The gallery is at 751 12th Avenue South; 263-1137.

■ **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. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 13-14. The same show also plays in Marco Island at the United Church Hall at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 20-21. Tickets are \$18; 213-3049 for Naples reservations, 389-0021 for Marco Island reservations.

■ **Guitar Concert** - Kraig Kenning plays at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, 3333 San-Cap Road, at 7 p.m. His guitar playing has been called contemporary folk, blues and root rock. \$15; 472-2329.

■ **Arts Fundraiser** - The Art League of Bonita Springs hosts A Night at Rick's Café and Casino, an Affairs of the Arts fundraising event, from 6:30-9 p.m. \$50 per person; 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

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## Saturday, Feb. 14

■ **Jammin' in the Hammock** - The second annual bluegrass festival at Collier-Seminole State Park brings local and national acts to the hammock Saturday and Sunday. The music goes from a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sunday. \$15 each day, \$25 for a two-day pass; children 13 and younger admitted free with an adult; 394-3397 or www.floridastateparks.org.

■ **Book Signing** - Author Patricia Sette signs copies of "Monty, Cat of Ave Maria" from 2-4 p.m. at By Way of the Family, 5080 Annunciation Circle, in Ave Maria. 348-1437.

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

■ **Buckets and Tap Shoes** - BIG ARTS on Sanibel presents "Buckets and Tap Shoes," a company of musicians, percussionists and hoofers whose shows include original music, improvisation and choreography derived from roots of funk, soul, jazz, classical, hip-hop, blues and rock, at 7:30 p.m. 395-0330 or www.bigarts.org

■ **Arts Fundraiser** - The Art League of Bonita Springs holds Sweethearts for the Arts, an Affairs of the Arts fundraiser, from 8-10 p.m. \$75 per person; 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ **Art Festival** - The Coconut Point Art Festival takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ **Music Fest** - The Edison Festival of Light Music Fest takes place at Centennial Park in downtown Fort Myers from noon to 6 p.m. Blues Traveler and the Smithereens will headline the concert also featuring regional acts. \$15 in advance, \$20 at the gate, \$50 VIP, children 10 and under admitted free; 321-7530.

## Sunday, Feb. 15

■ **Art Fest** - The Coconut Point Art Festival takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Monday, Feb. 16

■ **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 lecture series will present African-inspired artist and designer Winnie Chafa-Govha. 262-6517 or naplesart.org.

■ **Third on Canvas** - The Naples Art Association hosts Third on Canvas on Third Street South from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 262-6517 or naplesart.org.6517 or naplesart.org.

## Tuesday, Feb. 17

■ **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.

## Wednesday, Feb. 18

■ **Evening With** - The Art League of Bonita Springs hosts World Travels, Sounds, Moods: The Magic of Music from 7-9 p.m. Flautist/composer Kat Epple and pianist/composer Chuck Grinnell will give an informal concert and talk about flutes from around the world. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ **Furniture as Art** - American furniture artist Wendell Castle presents Furniture as Art at the Daniels Pavilion at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts at 10 a.m. \$25 (\$20 for Naples Museum of Art and Friends of Art members); 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

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## Ongoing events

■ **Art Showcase** - Robb & Stucky Interiors in Naples showcases artwork from Rosenbaum Fine Art Feb. 12-15. The gallery represents more than 100 internationally acclaimed artists. Robb & Stucky is at 2777 Tamiami Trail N., 261-3969.

■ **Contemporary Art** - Lizio Contemporary Gallery presents Eros Arrows through Feb 28, featuring contemporary works of Florida regional artists. Meet the gallery's Signature Artists at a reception from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19. The gallery is at 430 Bayfront Place; 262-7329.

■ **Farmers Market** - The Third Street South Farmers Market takes place from 7:30-11:30 a.m. Saturdays, Feb. 14, 21 and 28 behind Tommy Bahamas. The market features nearly 50 vendors with locally produced vegetables and fruits, jams, baked goods and seafood. It's also the best people watching in town.

■ **Walking Tour** - The Naples Historical Society conducts its Historic Old Naples Walking Tours Wednesdays, Feb. 11, 18 and 25. Meet at Palm Cottage at 9:45 a.m. (reservations required); 261-8164 or [www.napleshistoricalsociety.org](http://www.napleshistoricalsociety.org).

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

■ **Chef Market** - The Bayfront Chefs Market is held the third Wednesday of the month from 4-8 p.m. and features an organic market, two chef presentations and live music. 200-3477.

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

## Upcoming events

■ **Jazz Quartet** - The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in Fort Myers welcomes the Wycliffe Gordon Jazz Quartet on Friday, Feb. 20. \$30; 337-1933 or [www.sbdac.com](http://www.sbdac.com).

■ **HSDC** - The Naples Philharmonic Center of the Arts presents Hubbard Street Dance Chicago on Thursday, Feb. 19. Critically acclaimed for its exuberant, athletic and innovative repertoire, the troupe inspires and engages audiences worldwide 597-1900 or [www.thephil.org](http://www.thephil.org).

■ **Hot Club** - The Naples Philharmonic Center for the Arts welcomes The Hot Club of San Francisco Silent Surrealism on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 20-21. The ensemble celebrates the music of jazz guitarists Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli and the pioneering Hot Club de France. 597-1900 or [www.thephil.org](http://www.thephil.org).

■ **The Naples National** - The Naples Art Association hosts the Naples National Art Festival Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 21-22, in Cambier Park. Consistently voted among the top outdoor festivals nationwide, the Naples National is an excellent opportunity for serious art collectors, a great venue for finding one-of-a-kind jewelry and clothing to treasure, the perfect place to pick up something beautiful for your home, and a fun day out in downtown Naples.

■ **Church Concert** - First Christian Church of Naples presents the second annual Rock4ACure Concert on Saturday, Feb. 21, to raise money for ALS research. Four local bands, including Deep Roots, will play. \$5; [www.fccnaples.org](http://www.fccnaples.org)

■ **Moscow Ballet** - The Naples Philharmonic Center for the Arts hosts the Moscow Festival Ballet Sunday, Feb. 22. 597-1900 or [www.thephil.org](http://www.thephil.org).

■ **NY Philharmonic** - The Naples Philharmonic Center for the Arts welcomes the New York Philharmonic, conducted by Lorin Maazel, Monday, Feb. 23. 597-1900 or [www.thephil.org](http://www.thephil.org).

■ **Liza Minnelli** - The Naples Philharmonic Center for the Arts hosts musical icon Liza Minnelli Tuesday, Feb. 24. 597-1900 or [www.thephil.org](http://www.thephil.org).

■ **Stephen Schwartz** - The Naples Philharmonic Center for the Arts features Stephen Schwartz & Friends Defying Gravity: The Music of Stephen Schwartz Wednesday, Feb. 25. Three-time Academy Award-winner Schwartz was the composer for the animated films "Pocahontas," "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" and "The Prince of Egypt" as well as the smash Broadway hit "Wicked." 597-1900 or [www.thephil.org](http://www.thephil.org).

■ **Art Exhibit** - Paintings, lithographs



The Naples Philharmonic Center for the Arts welcomes the New York Philharmonic

and sculptures by artist prodigy Alexandra Nechita are on display at the Road Show Gallery starting Saturday, Feb. 21. The gallery is at 370 12th Avenue South, Naples; (866) 398-8390.

■ **KidzAct** - KidzAct classes continue through the winter at the Sugden Community Theatre, 701 5th Avenue South; 434-7340, ext. 10 or 39, or [www.naplesplayers.org](http://www.naplesplayers.org).

■ **Critic's Choice** - The Philharmonic Center's Lifelong Learning arts education program presents "Mister Pip" by Lloyd Jones on Feb. 28; "Out Stealing Horses" by Per Petterson on March 28; and "Fieldwork" by Mischa Berlinski on April 18. 597-1900 or [www.thephil.org](http://www.thephil.org).

■ **Anything Goes** - The Naples Players perform the Cole Porter Musical "Anything Goes" March 4-April 4 on the main

stage at the Sugden Community Theatre. \$35 (adults), \$10 (students); 263-7990 or [www.naplesplayers.org](http://www.naplesplayers.org).

■ **Wicked** - The Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall welcomes "Wicked," Broadway's biggest blockbuster, March 7-29. Long before that girl from Kansas arrives in Munchkinland, two girls meet in the Land of Oz. How they two grow to become the Wicked Witch of the West and Glinda the Good Witch makes for a completely satisfying musical. (800) 440-7469 or 481-4849 or [www.bbmnpah.com](http://www.bbmnpah.com).

■ **Latin Dance Party** - Champion dancer Alec Lazo leads the Latin Dance Party series as part of the Phil's Lifelong Learning series. Three classes will be held in the Daniels Pavilion on Mondays at 7 p.m. beginning March 9. Tickets for all three classes are \$96, or \$32 for one session; 597-1900.

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# 'Alone Together' on stage at Florida Rep



**Nancy STETSON**  
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**W**hen kids leave home, it's a bittersweet experience, a mixture of pride and sadness, parents say.

Suddenly, they're gone, and you and your spouse finally have the house to yourselves.

After the whirlwind of soccer games, dance lessons, football practice and theater camp, you're suddenly alone with the person you married so many years ago.

Who is this stranger?  
Is this the person I married?  
What's next for us?

"Alone Together," playing at Florida Repertory Theatre Feb. 13 through March 8, looks at this transition period that takes place in so many couples' lives.

Helene (Carrie Lund) and her husband George (Tad Ingram) see their three sons off — but then, like filial boomerangs, they return home, along with a young woman.

"This show's reflecting everything that's going on in my life," says Ms. Lund during a rehearsal break. During cast discussions, she says, she's always saying "Matt did this" or "Julia did that," referring to her 18-year-old-son and 17-year-old daughter.

With a son in college and a daughter finishing high school, Ms. Lund and her husband, Florida Rep Producing Artistic Director Bob Cacioppo, "have to contemplate our life after they leave. The play is

very true to life," she says.

Mr. Ingram can also relate. He and his wife have a daughter, Hannah, who's almost 30 — the age of his eldest son in the show.

In the play, his wife accuses him of being a part-time parent.

"As an actor, I was a part-time parent all the time," he says. "I was out on the road a lot. That was my job," he says, comparing his profession to that of an athlete who needs to travel constantly.

"Is this part of their nature or learned culture? The play is suggesting that this is rather typical, a common occurrence and experience."

Ms. Lund says that she likes that the characters aren't "one- or two-dimensional; we have our own fears and insecurities that come out in these characters. Moving onto a new stage, having the fear that I won't have my children as part of my job...What do I fill that void with? That's a fear I think that mothers have in common."

"Alone Together," she says, examines a couple on the threshold of the next chapter of their marriage.

Now that their kids are out of the house, they have to deal with each other. The moment of truth has come.

As Helene says to George, "No kids as a buffer in between. No shirking our problems because they've dumped one on us we could hide behind."

The couple, says Ms. Lund, recognizes that they have cracks in their marriage, and have to work to mend and recreate their relationship.

The play is serious, she says. "It doesn't have the constant gag-gag-



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**Carrie Lund and Tad Ingram** in "Alone Together."

gag," Mr. Ingram says.

But the play is very much a comedy. Mr. Ingram likens it to the '80s TV sitcoms, the shows that came after Norman Lear's groundbreaking shows.

"There would be a moment in them that would break your heart," he says. "This makes us laugh at things that we all understand."

Comedy is laughing at a bad thing and discovering what's comical about it, Ms. Lund interjects.

"Someone slipping on a banana peel and not getting hurt is funny," Mr. Ingram explains. "Someone slipping on a banana peel and getting hurt isn't funny. The tension comes from: is it OK to laugh? Are they going to get hurt?"

Yet some tension on stage doesn't get resolved right away, Ms. Lund says.

She's played wives in two previous plays this season, married to a senator in "Born Yesterday" and to banker in "Indian Blood." (She also played a singlewoman in "Dancing at Lughnasa," which just closed.)

Audiences may remember Mr. Ingram from productions in previous seasons, when he appeared in "Proof," "Mousetrap,"

and "Fools."

The cast also includes Jason Parrish, John Robert Warren, and Trey Gerrald as the sons. Mary-Margaret Roberts plays a young woman, a friend of one of the sons who shows up on the parents' doorstep.

Florida Rep Associate Artistic Director Chris Clavelli, who appeared in "Born Yesterday," "Indian Blood" and "Dancing at Lughnasa" this season, is directing.

Part of a director's job is making the actors feel safe, the two say, and Mr. Clavelli does that.

"He encourages us to discover things on stage," Mr. Ingram says. "It's a delight to work with him. He is such a fun guy to work with. But we get down to nuts and bolts too. It's almost like a therapy session."

The title, "Alone Together," is significant, he says.

"It suggests that just because people are together, it doesn't mean that they might not be very much alone. The playwright, Lawrence Roman, reconstitutes the family to turn up the heat on the relationship, to get it boiling again.

"So the lid will blow off, off it's going to boil and become a good stew." ■



The cast of "Alone Together."

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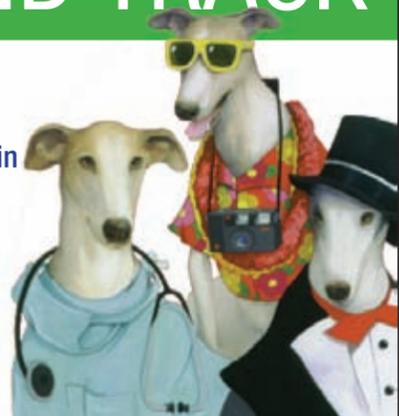


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# GIVING

## Foundations have a unique perspective on issues facing their communities

BY MARY GEORGE  
Special to Florida Weekly



Community foundations are natural community leaders, sometimes serving as conveners and often as initiators of events to resolve community issues. The Community Foundation of Collier County is no exception. Because of our working relationships and experiences with a variety of donors and nonprofit organizations, the Foundation has built a unique perspective of community issues.

Community leadership is often defined as having the ability to identify an issue, articulate a desired outcome and conduct a process that includes a wide range of interests. Sometimes this leadership role includes bringing together differing elements of the community for a common goal. But most often, a community foundation initiates the process through funding and/or collaboration building.

The foundation launched its first role as a community leader in 1995 through the Early Childhood Initiative. Because Collier County had so few nationally accredited childcare organizations, the need to advocate for the issue resulted in the area's first award to inspire and recognize high quality pre-school teachers. The initiative also brought together teachers, nonprofits

and preschools to encourage better transition from preschool to kindergarten. Most importantly, funding was offered to many of the nonprofit childcare providers to receive accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Today, the Community Foundation of Collier County supports a wide range of initiatives. Our most comprehensive to date is the Center for Nonprofit Excellence, a service for all nonprofits in the area. Managed by Community Foundation staff, this program has been sustained through annual donations and endowed funds — a perfect recipe of community leadership to help strengthen the community — forever. ■

*Mary George is the president and CEO of the Community Foundation of Collier County. With assets of more than \$51 million, the foundation manages more than 400 funds established by charitable individuals and organizations. Since 1985 the foundation, together with its fund holders, has granted \$30 million back to the community. For more information, call 649-5000 or visit [www.cfcollier.org](http://www.cfcollier.org).*

## FOCUS ON FOUNDATION FUND HOLDERS

### Focus on the Foundation's fund holders The L. Bates and Marcia W. Lea Fund Established 1996

Bates and Marcia Lea practice strategic philanthropy everywhere they go, whether it's Michigan, Illinois or here in Collier County.

Mr. Lea received his JD from the University of Michigan Law School. After retiring as vice president and general counsel of Amoco

Corporation (formally Standard Oil) in Chicago, he established the L. Bates Lea Visiting Professorship in International Law, which each year brings leading foreign scholars to teach and research at his alma mater.

The Leas' allegiance to their communities was responsible for their commitment to help improve the quality of life in Collier County. In support of this, they established their first fund, an unrestricted fund, at the Community Foundation. Mr. Lea, who served on the foundation board



Marcia and Bates Lea

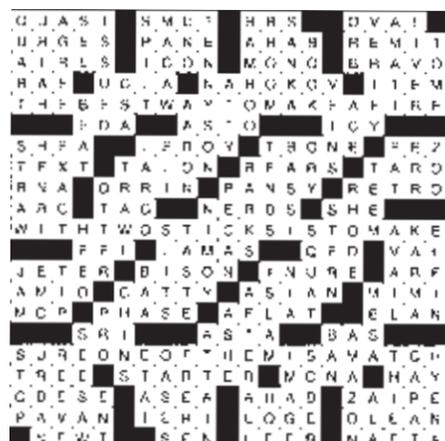
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for six years, experienced first-hand the strategic benefit of the foundation's unrestricted grant-making program. "We like the idea of an unrestricted fund in addition to our donor advised fund," he says "The Grant Committee of the Community Foundation is

always more up-to-date than we are on the changing needs of Collier County's many charitable groups, and uses unrestricted funds to address these needs." The Leas opened their donor advised fund, the Lea Family Fund, in 2000. "We use our advised fund to help those organizations which we are more familiar with or where we have some special interest," Mr. Lea says, adding, "The two different funds are a pretty efficient way of getting the most out of our charitable dollars." ■

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

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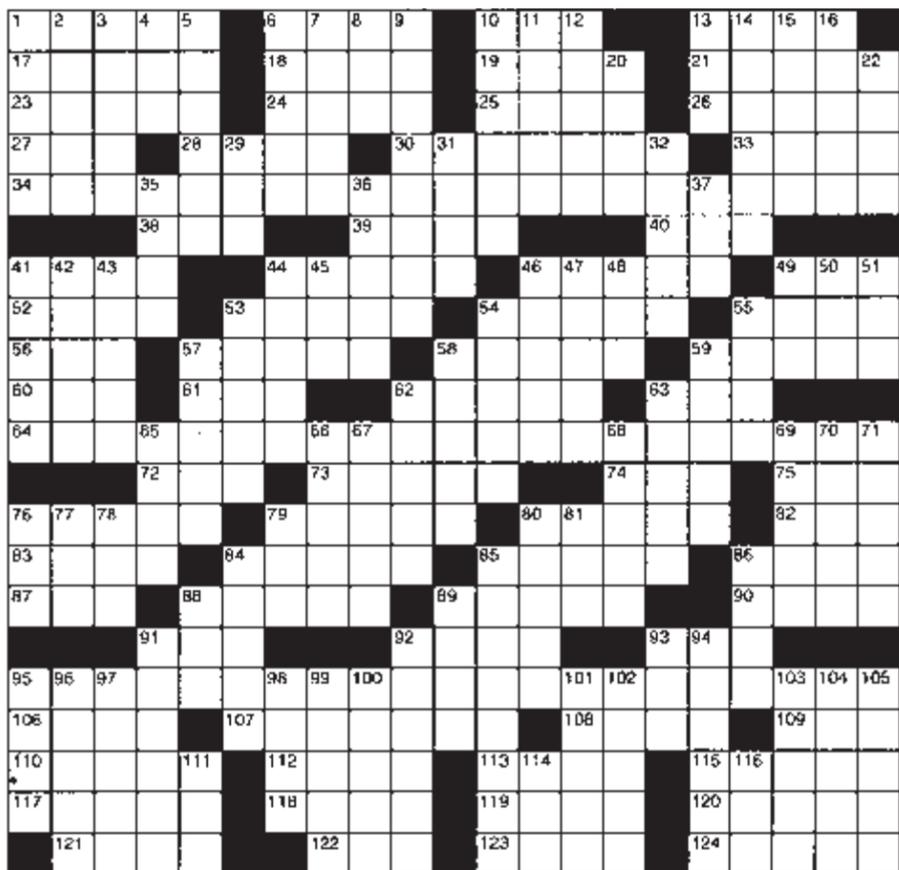
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Conservancy of Southwest Florida is a 501(c)3 organization. The drawing will be held at the Keewaydin Club, Keewaydin Island, Florida on February 15, 2009 at 6:00 pm. The winner will be selected through a random blind drawing from tickets officially submitted through 5:59 pm February 15, 2009. Tickets may be obtained from a representative of Conservancy of Southwest Florida. The winner will be responsible for any applicable state or federal taxes (e.g., sales and income taxes), license, registration and any other fees associated with transfer of title. The prize may not be substituted, transferred or exchanged or redeemed for cash. The odds of winning are 1 in 100. Ticket holders need not be present to win. Tickets will be collected by representatives of Conservancy of Southwest Florida. No purchase is necessary to obtain or submit tickets. Car will be available to take home the day of the drawing, February 15th 2009. Must be picked up within 14 days of drawing or another ticket will be chosen. Tickets must be completely and clearly filled out. Neither Conservancy of Southwest Florida nor its officers, directors, Board members, members or Magic Under the Mangroves committee members provide any warranty or guarantees expressed or implied with respect to the prize being offered. Without limiting the foregoing, specifically neither Conservancy of Southwest Florida, nor its officers, directors, Board members, members or Magic Under the Mangroves committee members provide warranties or fitness for a particular purpose of merchantability or assume or authorize any other person to assume for them any other liability in conjunction with the drawing or otherwise.

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Resembling
  - 6 Lowdown lit
  - 10 Small shot
  - 13 Ellipse
  - 17 Prompts
  - 18 Sheet of stamps
  - 19 — League
  - 21 Send payment
  - 23 Benos —
  - 24 Computer image
  - 25 Non-stereo
  - 26 Praise for Pavarotti
  - 27 "Norma —" (1979 film)
  - 28 Bruins' sch.
  - 30 "Ada" author
  - 33 List entry
  - 34 Start of a remark by Will Rogers
  - 38 Author LeShan
  - 39 About
  - 40 Very cold
  - 41 Mals' milieu
  - 44 Art sl. Neiman
  - 46 Steakhouse order
  - 49 Kasbah cap
  - 52 Printed matter
  - 53 Hook on a hawk
  - 54 Wall Street spoolers
  - 55 Fox base
  - 56 Cooe letters
  - 57 Prominent Hatch?
  - 58 Gardener's delight
  - 59 So put it's in
  - 60 Bow
  - 61 Playground game
  - 62 Uncool ones
  - 63 Who stoops to conquer
  - 64 Middle of remark
  - 72 Snaky swimmer
  - 73 Actor Lorenzo
  - 74 Logica letters
  - 75 "Knots Landing" character
  - 76 Yankee Derek
  - 79 Nickel creature
  - 80 Toughen up
  - 82 Dachshund declaration
  - 83 Surrounded by
  - 84 Dedicated to defamation
  - 85 Laotian native
  - 86 "La Boheme" seamstress
  - 87 Love the linoleum
  - 88 Part of a process
  - 89 Black piano key
  - 90 Spirit
  - 91 — Lanka
  - 92 Mutt of mystery
  - 93 — relief
  - 95 End of remark
  - 106 Corner a cat
  - 107 Indy 500 figure
  - 108 Actress Freeman
  - 109 Fury's food
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  - 112 Lost
  - 113 Ultimate whale
  - 115 Former African nation
  - 117 Actress Marisa
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  - 119 Theater section
  - 120 New York city
  - 121 Salamander
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  - 123 Look like a leech
  - 124 Com. treaty
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  - 2 A Heap of Dickens
  - 3 Come around
  - 4 Look at
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  - 6 Like some milk
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  - 9 "In Memoriam" poet
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  - 12 Low-octane
  - 13 Sphere
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  - 16 Bie producer
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  - 35 Best
  - 36 Hitler Hank
  - 37 Sail through
  - 41 Scarecrow stuffing
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  - 43 Precise
  - 44 A particular Key
  - 45 Lilly of pharmaceuticals
  - 46 Mans the bar
  - 47 Mat men
  - 48 Rossini's "Le Comie"
  - 49 Some trimmings
  - 50 Bungle
  - 51 Gnus center?
  - 53 Seek out a school?
  - 54 Conifer coverings
  - 55 Really rain
  - 57 Sleak swimmer
  - 58 Some kind of a nut
  - 59 — Island
  - 62 "In Search of ..." host
  - 63 Unyielding
  - 65 Pay attention to
  - 66 Opens the mail
  - 67 Discernment
  - 68 Hunker down
  - 69 Serve a purpose
  - 70 Fate
  - 71 Impish
  - 75 Berry sweet stuff?
  - 77 Funny Philips
  - 78 Inside info
  - 79 Herd word
  - 80 Farouk's faith
  - 81 Nicotia on "Fame"
  - 84 Exercises the arms
  - 85 "— is said and done"
  - 86 A real butte
  - 88 Expert
  - 89 Tennis legend
  - 91 Playground leasure
  - 92 Reach
  - 93 Prohibition
  - 94 Woman warrior
  - 95 Subway station
  - 96 Papal name
  - 97 "Superman" star
  - 98 Coup d'—
  - 99 Desert refuges
  - 100 Jacques, for one
  - 101 Effigy
  - 102 Like a judge
  - 103 Man of steel?
  - 104 Jeweler's weight
  - 105 African scavenger
  - 111 Tolkien creation
  - 114 Form furrows
  - 116 Cookbook phrase

SEE ANSWERS, C9

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## HOROSCOPES

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** You might want to ask a friend or relative for advice on an ongoing personal matter. But be careful not to give away information you might later wish you had kept secret.

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Use the weekend for a creativity break to help restore your spiritual energy. Once that's done, you'll be back and more than ready to tackle whatever challenge you need to face.

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Try to say as little as possible about the work you're doing through the end of the month. Then you can make your announcement and accept your well-deserved plaudits.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** You face a more difficult challenge than you expected. But with that strong Taurean determination, you should be able to deal with it successfully by week's end.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Before you act on your "feelings" about that upcoming decision, it might be wise to do a little fact-checking first. You could be very much surprised by what you don't find.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** A recent workplace success can open some doors that were previously closed to you. On a personal level, expect to receive some important news from a longtime friend and colleague.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Put your wounded pride aside and do what

you must to heal that misunderstanding before it takes a potentially irreversible turn and leaves you regretting the loss of a good friend.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** One way to kick a less-than-active social life into high gear or rebuild an outdated Rolodex file is to throw one of your well-organized get-togethers for friends and associates.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Getting out of an obligation you didn't really want to take on can be tricky. An honest explanation of the circumstances can help. Next time, pay more attention to your usually keen instincts.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Use your Scorpion logic to push for a no-nonsense approach to a perplexing situation. This could help keep present and potential problems from creating more confusion.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** A friend's problem might take more time than you want to give. But staying with it once again proves the depth of your Sagittarian friendship and loyalty.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** The Sea Goat can benefit from an extra dose of self-confidence to unsettle your detractors, giving you the advantage of putting on a strong presentation of your position.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You get great joy out of creating beautiful things and sharing them with others who appreciate them.

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## SUDOKU

By Linda Thistle

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**PICK OF THE WEEK**

► **“Changeling”** - Angelina Jolie gives an award-winning performance as Christine Collins, a single mother living in 1920s Los Angeles who challenges a corrupt police department and is brutalized as a result.

Based on an actual case, the story revolves around the disappearance of Collins' 9-year-old son. She files a report with the LAPD and for five months nothing is done. After some public pressure is put on the department, the LAPD picks up a kid found in Indiana and tries to pass the child off as Christine's son — despite the fact that the boy's dental records don't match, he's shorter, uncircumcised and all of the kid's teachers say “It's not the boy.”

Collins confronts the LAPD, who respond by saying that she has become mentally unstable due to the abduction of her child and should be placed in a mental institution. So, they throw her in the looney bin, where she undergoes some pretty horrible treatment.

Although this isn't Clint Eastwood's best directorial effort (“Unforgiven” still holds that spot in my book), “Changeling” is a compelling and heart-wrenching motion picture

**ALSO**

► **“Religulous”** - Comedian Bill Maher stars in this documentary about his journey around the world, where he confronts and questions leaders and followers of the major religions about the tenets of their faith. Telling people their religion is a joke and that their god doesn't exist is a touchy and awkward subject for a film. Maher's smugness



Angelina Jolie in “Changeling”

doesn't really help the situation, which made the film for me, at times, unwatchable. That said, I know a lot of people who have seen the film and say they enjoyed it quite a lot, so I'll leave it up to you.

**KIDS AND FAMILY**

► **“High School Musical 3: Senior Year”** - I have not seen this movie. I will never see this movie. That's because I am neither a 10-year-old girl nor gay. But, I know it's going to sell a bajillion copies, and all you parents out there will have to go out and buy it for your kids, so I'm letting you know that it'll be out on Feb. 17. There. I've done my part. You have my sympathies. ■

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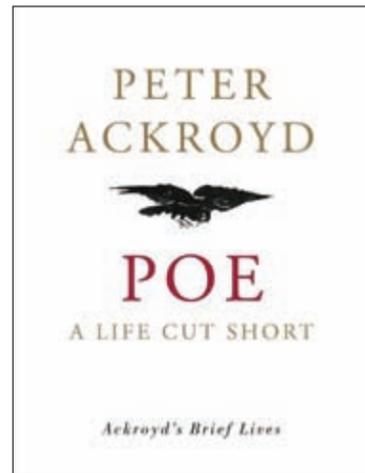
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Edgar Allan Poe was described by no less than Lord Alfred Tennyson as the most original genius ever produced in America. Thomas Hardy thought him to be "the first to realize in full the possibility of the English language."

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Edgar Poe was born in Boston in 1809. Orphaned when he was 3, Poe was taken in by John Allan, a wealthy merchant from Richmond, Va. Unable to support himself when the relationship soured, Poe enlisted in the U.S. Army as a private in 1827. That same year, his first book was published, but it sold less than 50 copies. Poe left the Army and enrolled at West Point, and when that, too, ended in failure, he turned to journalism.

Throughout most of his life, Poe



scrambled for money. He was an alcoholic, and his relationships with women were complex. Mr. Ackroyd says that Poe often courted women who were not available, sometimes getting entangled with more than one at a time. In 1835, he married his 13-year-old cousin, Virginia

Clemm. Several years later, he contracted tuberculosis.

During this turbulent period Poe wrote "The Raven," his most famous poem, and "The Murders in the Rue Morgue," considered by many to be the first detective story ever written. For "The Raven," he received the princely sum of \$9. After Virginia's death in 1847, Poe became more depressed and slipped even further into alcoholism.

Poe was found unconscious in Baltimore during the fall of 1849. He was admitted to a hospital charity ward, where he died several days later. Poe was buried in an unmarked grave but was eventually moved to be near his aunt buried in the same cemetery. At the time of his death, he was 41. ■

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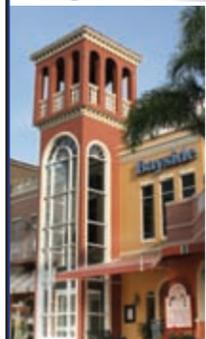
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The music begins at 10 a.m. and goes until 9 p.m. Saturday; Sunday entertainment starts with a gospel jam at 9:30 a.m. and goes until 6:30 p.m. Vendors will be in the park with arts and crafts and food such

as sirloin burgers, pulled pork quesadillas, homemade ice cream and funnel cakes.

Admission at the gate is \$15 each day, or \$25 for a two-day pass. No pets, alcohol, smoking or coolers are allowed in the festival area. Limited camping spots are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The entrance to Collier-Seminole State Park is on U.S. 41 eight miles east of Collier Boulevard (Highway 951). For more information about Jammin' in the Hammock, call 394-3397 or visit [www.floridastateparks.org](http://www.floridastateparks.org). For information about camping, call Reserve America at (800) 326-3521. ■

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## One show only: Readers Theatre presents three staged readings

The Naples Players Etc... Readers Theatre will present one performance only of three short plays by contemporary American playwrights on Sunday, Feb. 15, in the Tobye Studio of the Sugden Community Theatre.

The staged readings, lightheartedly themed "Love, Luck and Letting Go," the staged readings will be of "Goodbye Howard" and "Songs of Love" by Romulus Linney, and "Breaking the Chain" by Michael Bigalow Dixon and Val Smith.

► **"Goodbye Howard"** presents three aging (and rich) spinster sisters waiting in a North Carolina hospital for news of their brother's death. They worry about how their mother (who must be 100) will react to the news. This eventually is upstaged by the intrusion of a brash young man who seems not to have the proper respect for the aged and the dying.

► **"Songs of Love"** is a warmly comic

study of two doughty nursing home residents who desire to marry, despite the explosive reactions of their children.

► **"Breaking the Chain"** follows Jessica after she chucks the chain letter her superstitious — and amazingly lucky — neighbors send her. Is her skepticism correct, or will Jessica find she has made a disastrous mistake?

Tickets for the Etc... Readers Theatre performance are \$10 and are available at the box office at 701 Fifth Avenue South, by phone at 263-7990 or online at [www.naplesplayers.org](http://www.naplesplayers.org).

Seating in the intimate Tobye Studio is limited, and the performance usually sells out early. Etc... Readers Theatre of The Naples Players is now in its seventh season. Support is provided by the United Arts Council of Collier County's Community Arts Fund and by the Community Foundation of Collier County. ■

## Audition Saturday for 'Sugar Bean Sisters'

The Naples Players holds auditions for "The Sugar Bean Sisters" at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at Sugden Community Theatre, 701 Fifth Avenue South.

Hailed during its initial off-Broadway run as a true Southern Gothic comedy, the play by Nathan Sanders is an offbeat story of romance, murder and alien abduction. It tells the story of the Nettles sisters, stuck in a swamp near DisneyWorld and determined to escape spinsterhood by hopping the next spaceship out of town. Not even the arrival of a snake charmer, a handsome Mormon bishop or a mysterious bird

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John McKerrow will direct the production for The Naples Players. Roles to be cast are for one man age 30-50 and four women ages 30-70. Actors must be comfortable with physical comedy. Rehearsals begin March 9; performances are April 22- May 16.

For a \$20 refundable deposit, scripts are available in the box office for perusal prior to Saturday's auditions. Those who are interested in helping backstage on the production should call or e-mail Becky Troop at 434-7340, ext. 14 or [btroop@naplesplayers.org](mailto:btroop@naplesplayers.org). ■



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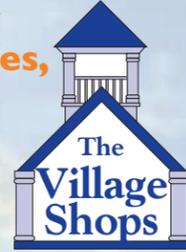


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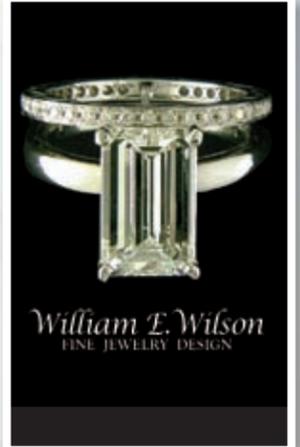
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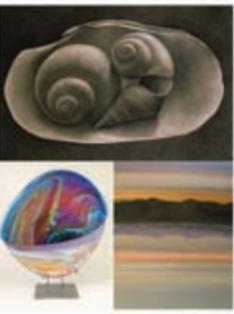
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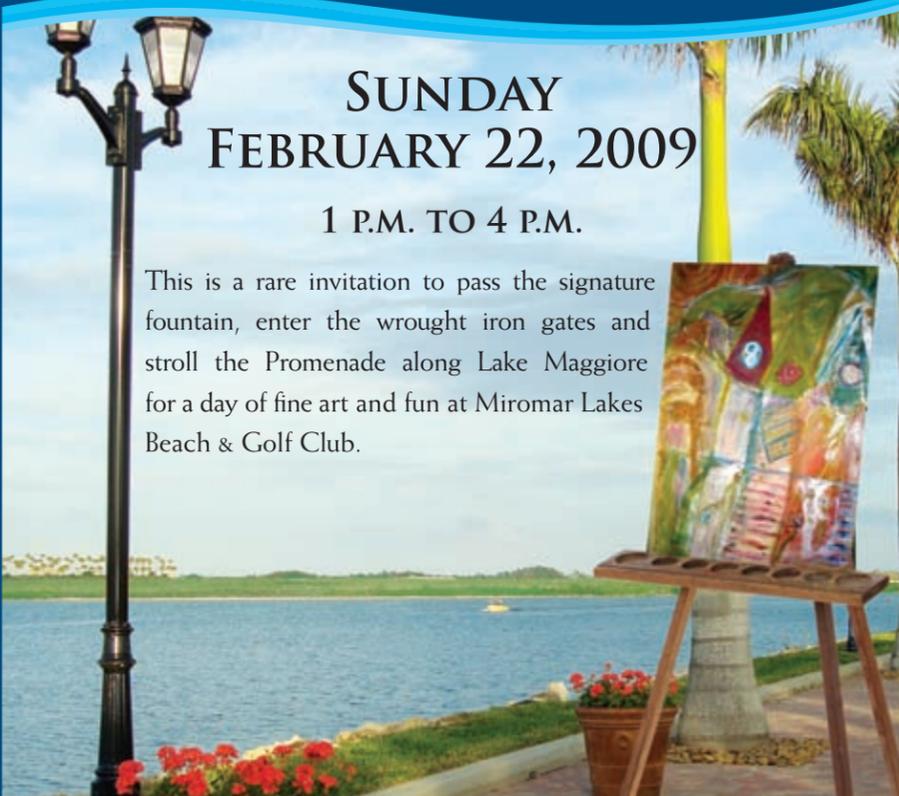


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## WGCU-TV giving viewers more time to get ready for DTV



WGCU TV is delaying the shutdown of its analog transmitter to coincide with the new June 12 digital television transition date.

Although some of the commercial television stations in the Fort Myers/Naples area have announced that they will shut off their analog signal in February, WGCU (the local provider of PBS programming) is giving its viewers a few more months to get ready for the analog shut off.

Rick Johnson, general manager of WGCU Public Media, pointed to the public television audience in announcing his decision.



Johnson

“Those segments of the population that are less likely to be DTV ready — children in disadvantaged households, the elderly, and

those who receive their television signals through over-the-air antennas — are a significant and important segment of the WGCU viewing audience,” Mr. Johnson said.

The federal government’s decision to postpone the nationwide DTV conversion is, in part, because of the delay many have had in receiving a government issued \$40 coupon to use to purchase a converter box.

“With the delay many have experienced in getting a converter box coupon, we know that some of our over-the-air viewers are not ready for us to turn off the analog signal.” Mr. Johnson said. “We want to ensure that those viewers are able to continue to receive the best that public television has to offer through the new transition date.”

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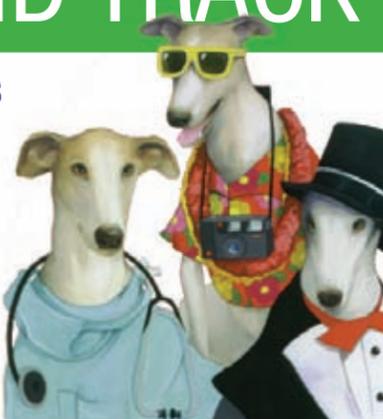
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Filled with more than 200 historic photos, "Bonita Springs" tells Bonita's story — how it grew from a small fruit plantation in the late 1800s into a major tourist destination during the early 20th century, from a traditional Deep South community into a melting pot of long-time families, immigrants, snowbirds and thousands more.

"There are so many fascinating secrets and stories about this community that many current residents and visitors don't realize," said Chris Wadsworth, a veteran journalist and the book's co-author. "Each building, park, street and home has a tale to tell."

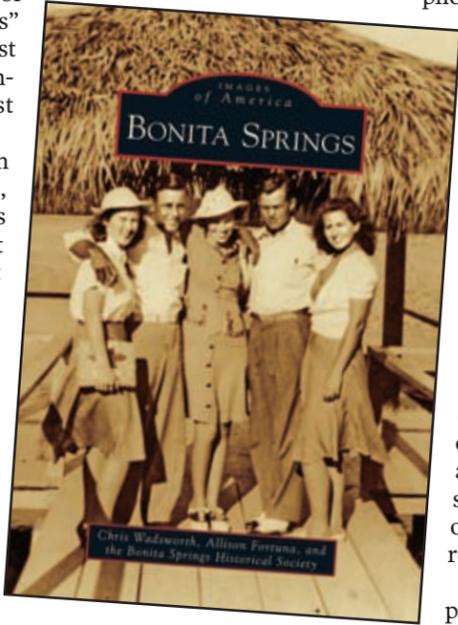
Mr. Wadsworth teamed up with Allison Fortuna, the historian and archivist for the Bonita Springs Historical Society to create this treasure trove of fascinating facts and warm recollections. The duo pored over more than a thousand photos, selecting only the best to be

featured in the book. Copious research and interviews with longtime residents contributed greatly to the book's rich photographic images and captions.

"We wanted to be absolutely sure that we were capturing the true history of Bonita Springs," said Ms. Fortuna. "We researched decades-old documents in the historical society's archives and double-checked our information and stories with some of Bonita's oldest families and residents."

The book is part of the popular "Images of America" series published by Arcadia Publishing, based in Mount Pleasant, S.C. The company has produced more than 5,000 regional and local history books covering communities all over the United States.

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The entries were evaluated by a panel of professionals and reduced to a short list of 45 finalists. The winners in 10 categories will be announced during the opening reception for the exhibition Tuesday evening, Feb. 17. All the works will then be available for purchase and will remain on display until March 2.

Gallery owner Roger Weatherburn, recently elected president of the newly formed Naples Fine Art Dealers Association, is delighted to have the IGOR show. "The work of IGOR members is truly exceptional," Mr. Weatherburn said, adding, "Part of NFADA's mission is to bring major events of this caliber to Naples."

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Most wineries offer tours and tastings, so it's possible to plan your own informal tour, plotting out the various wineries in a particular region. Or choose an immersion tour where the details are taken care of and all you have to do is sit back and savor.

Bill and Dot Hagman of Naples highly recommend an experience of the latter kind. The couple participated in Bordeaux Harvest Tour 2008, offered through The Bordeaux Wine Experience, in which they tasted more than 65 wines and toured five premier cru chateaux in five days.

"This tour is perfect for both expert and novice wine lovers," says Mr. Hagman, whose wife shares his passion for wine but not his depth of knowledge. "I think my wife got as much out of it as I did."

The Bordeaux Wine Experience is owned and operated by Ronald and Margaret Rens, who offer more than simple winery tours. "Be our guests at our 18th-century Chateau Coulon Laurensac," says Mr. Rens. "It just doesn't get more personal than that."

Mr. Hagman says he really got a feel

for the Bordeaux district in a way that he wouldn't have touring on his own. "We met the owner, grower or harvest chair from these great estates," he says. "We went to the best-known chateaux and vineyards in Bordeaux. We were guests at some fabulous parties. Our hosts knew everyone in the business."

At about \$4,100 per person, a trip like that might be beyond the means of many, but there are some more economical — and convenient — options as well.

The Wine Spectator offers two annual extravaganzas: the three-day Wine Experience and the one-day Grand Tour tasting.

Fort Myers wine lover Jerry Greenfield and his wife, Deb, have made multiple treks to New York for The Wine Experience, which begins with a day-long tasting featuring 250 wineries, all contained in two grand ballrooms. "You can go to where they make the wines you like, or you can go to The Wine Experience where they bring it all to you," says Mr. Greenfield.

There's more to it than simply tasting wines.

"You meet the people who make the wines," Greenfield says, including those who produce acclaimed names such as Harlan, Seghesio and Screaming Eagle. "If their name is on the label, they are usually behind the tasting table."

The second day is for themed tastings that might include a collection of pinot noirs, or vertical tastings of Chateau D'Yquem, or four reds and four whites from a specific producer. "You get to try wines you would not ordinarily try, or even see in the market-



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**Dot and Bill Hagman prepare to enjoy some Bordeaux at their home in Naples.**

place," says Mr. Greenfield.

Besides the exceptional wines and learning experience, he adds, "You meet lots of wonderful people and make good relationships with the winemakers." That comes in handy should you decide to visit a specific wine region in which there are winemakers you've met at The Wine Experience. "They know you're a serious wine drinker if you met them at the Wine Spectator event," Mr. Greenfield says, "so you have the advantage of their special hospitality."

The Wine Experience costs \$1,750 per person, not including travel or lodging.

The Grand Tour is a smaller-scale event that travels to several cities, bringing 200-plus of the world's finest wineries to a single location. (This year's events are May 9, Atlantic City; May 13, Chicago; and May 16, Las Vegas.)

All wines are top-scoring selections from Wine Spectator, and participants have the chance to meet winery owners or winemakers. It costs \$200 per person, not including travel and lodging.

Day trips like the Napa Wine Tour offered by Wine Country Tour Shuttle are fun and economical. For \$95, participants board a shuttle at the south end of the Golden Gate Bridge for a tour of Napa Valley that includes stops at four wineries and a picnic lunch. Tasting fees from \$7 to \$15 are extra and include a winery or vineyard tour. The tour guide provides a "wine 101" introduction of the valley.

There are also custom tours available at hourly rates. Quality Wine Tours in New York provides trips to the Finger Lakes region, with participants selecting the wineries they want to visit. The company's six-hour rates vary from \$295 for a two-passenger sedan with a driver-guide to \$570 for a super stretch limo accommodating up to 12 guests.

Just as the price and character of wines cover a vast range, so do the wine-related opportunities available to travelers. Whatever your travel budget, there's a trip to match. ■

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If I were forced to pick just one cuisine to eat for the rest of my life, it would be Indian. It's fragrant and seductive, savory and spicy, with an abundance of vegetables, bountiful breads and fork-tender meats. It feeds body and soul simultaneously. It demands to be shared, nurturing camaraderie among those who partake together.

Naples is fortunate to have an establishment that offers a wealth of tantalizing Indian dishes served by a most hospitable staff. Saffron is a hidden treasure, tucked behind a Hess gas station in what was the original Noodles restaurant on Pine Ridge Road.

Beyond a simple sign, there's nothing much to see from the outside, but that magical aroma, a bouquet of the rich spices of the Indian palette, greets those who step inside. The dining room is painted in hues of saffron and papaya with prints of ornate Indian jewelry on the walls over comfortable booths. There are also tables for those who prefer them.

The restaurant is owned and operated by a pair of siblings and their spouses. The men handle the cooking while the women run the front of the house, making diners feel welcome and demystifying the menu for those who aren't familiar with the cuisine.

The menu offers traditional dishes such as tandoori, kormas, vindaloos and masalas, and some contemporary items, including spinach dip and salmon tandoori. And, as is true of virtually all Indian restaurants, there are lots of vegetarian dishes available.

Saffron's wine list is modest in scale but includes a variety of reasonably priced offerings by the bottle plus a dozen by the

glass. They also stock Kingfisher beer, which isn't widely available.

Ordering here is difficult because there are so many appetizing dishes. Luckily, we were a party of five, so we knew we'd be able to take a big bite out of the selections.

A sampler plate held a mix of appetizers — crisp samosas, turnovers filled with lamb or veggies; pakoras, deep-fried rounds of potato and eggplant; chicken pakora, chicken pieces dipped in chick pea flour then fried; and malai seekh kabob, tender minced lamb seasoned with ginger, garlic, coriander and other spices cooked on a skewer in a clay (tandoor) oven. All were delicious, especially when dipped in mint chutney, a light sauce of yogurt, coriander and mint.

The spinach dip was quite good, too, with its rich mixture of spinach and house-made cheese served with pieces of warm naan, the classic Indian bread cooked in the tandoor oven.

Entrees are served with salad or the house soup, mulligatawny. Saffron's version of this soup, whose name means "pepper water," is a lovely pastel yellow made with lentils and pureed vegetables, rice and cilantro and just a little spicy bite. It came with lemon slices, which brightened all the other flavors.

Then the feast began in earnest.

Salmon tandoori is a delicious departure from the usual chicken and shrimp that are cooked in this way. Saffron serves it with rice and spinach or fresh mixed vegetables.

Salmon tandoori was a delight. Because of the intense heat of the tandoor oven, meat and fish often emerge with the consistency and moisture content of shoe leather. That's not the case here. The salmon had the characteristic red-orange tandoori hue imparted by the seasonings in which it's marinated, but was very moist. The seasoned spinach that accompanied it paired perfectly.

Each dish was well seasoned, some



This spinach dip contains housemade cheese, making for a rich spread to apply to warm pieces of naan, a classic Indian bread.

spicy, others mild, but each with a distinct flavors.

Rogan josh, a classic lamb curry, married tender chunks of meat with a well-balanced curry sauce that was spicy but not in a five-alarm way. A side of Bombay dal contained savory lentils with onions, tomatoes and cumin. Kadai shrimp featured large shrimp sautéed with onions, tomato, garlic and jalapenos. Kadai gosht blended onion, garlic and tomatoes with lamb in a spicy sauce, while the saag meat consisted of lamb in a mild puree of spinach, ginger and spices.

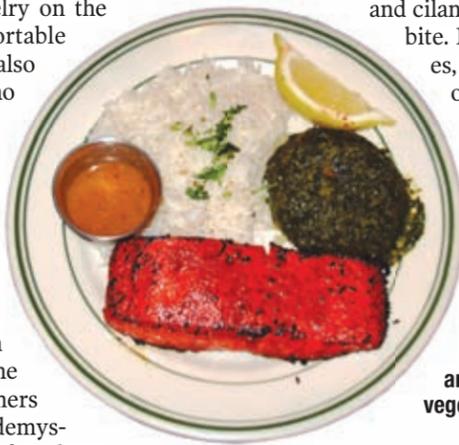
The accompanying rice was fluffy and had a pleasant hint of cinnamon. Sides of soothing cucumber-studded raita and sweet mango chutney balanced out all of the lively flavors. We also tried mixed pickle, a traditional Indian side staple, that proved saltier and spicier than even the hardest palate in this non-native group could handle. (It is, however, a condiment that Indians eat with almost everything.)

Saffron offers a baker's dozen breads. We sampled keema naan, a leavened bread stuffed with spiced ground lamb; kabuli naan, which contained cashews and raisins; and paneer kulcha, with a filling of house-made cheese, onion and coriander. The keema naan seemed to clash with the entrees (and might be a better appetizer choice), but the other two breads were so good we took home the leftovers because we couldn't bear to waste them.

We all declared we had no room for dessert, but our friendly and nurturing server insisted we try the mango kulfi, an Indian-style ice cream. She delivered a bowl of what looked like cheddar cheese squares. The frozen concoction is a blend of mango puree, cream and sweetened condensed milk with an intense mango flavor and a slightly chewy texture. It's an ideal way to refresh the taste buds after the garlic, onion and spices of an Indian meal.

Given the quality of the food and the warm hospitality of the staff, I was saddened by the trickle of business Saffron had on a Saturday night. I've eaten at any number of Naples restaurants that were full to overflowing yet offered neither the caliber of food nor service provided at Saffron.

Like the spice for which it is named, Saffron is a rare find that deserves to be treasured. ■



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**>>Seating:** Booths and tables inside as well as tables on a sheltered patio  
**>>Specialties of the house:** Mulligatawny soup, spinach dip, samosa, chicken pakora, paneer kulcha, chicken tikka, tandoori shrimp, lamb vindaloo, vegetable korma, Saffron biryani  
**>>Volume:** Low  
**>>Parking:** Free  
**>>Web site:** www.saffronnaples.com

★★★★★ Superb  
★★★★ Noteworthy  
★★★ Good  
★★ Fair  
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### diningCALENDAR

\* **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.

\* **Friday, Feb. 13, 7-9 p.m., Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center:** 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.

\* **Sunday, Feb 15, 3-4 p.m., The von Liebig Art Center:** Greg Shapiro of Tastebuds Custom Catering conducts a culinary workshop, Stretching Your Weekly/Monthly Food Budget, showing how to get the most out of any budget while maintaining healthy and quality choices; \$45, 585 Park St.; 262-6517, ext. 102.

\* **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.

\* **Wednesday, Feb. 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Artichoke & Co.:** Sample 15 wines from California and Italy along with hors d'oeuvres; \$28, Village on Venetian Bay; 263-6979.

\* **Thursday, Feb. 19, 6-8 p.m., The Good Life:** The Big Easy, with Shelly Connors using traditional Southern ingredients combined with modern techniques to create New Orleans barbecued shrimp salad with fresh corn maque choux and roasted tomato vinaigrette, shrimp-andouille savory cheese cake with Creole mustard sauce and banana Foster bread pudding; \$50, Collection at Vanderbilt; 514-4663.

\* **Saturday, Feb. 21, noon to 2 p.m., Alexander's Restaurant:** Chef/proprietor Alexander Bernard prepares coun-

try pate, pate en crouete, chicken liver mousse and dark chocolate mousse; \$40, 4077 Tamiami Trail N.; 262-4999.

\* **Tuesday, Feb. 24, 6-8 p.m., The Good Life:** Mardi Gras, with Annie DePiero demonstrating the art of making jambalaya, gumbo, spicy crawfish fry and bourbon bread pudding; \$50, Collection at Vanderbilt; 514-4663.

\* **Friday, Feb. 27, 6-8 p.m., The Good Life:** Girls Night Out Caribbean tapas party, with Shelly Connors creating small appetizers inspired by Caribbean and Latin cuisines, including baked coconut shrimp with pineapple ginger dipping sauce, sugar cane skewered pork strip with honey lime glaze and tamarind-ancho chicken wings; \$50, Collection at Vanderbilt; 514-4663.

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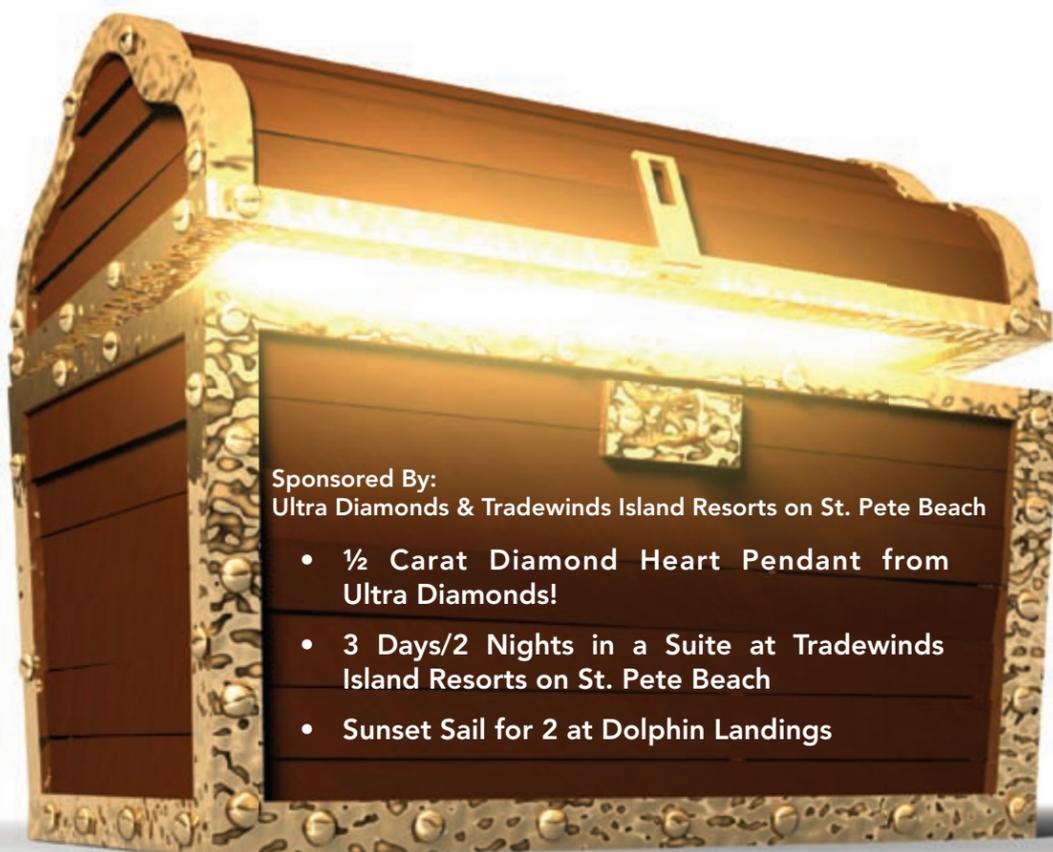
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