

## Town Hall Series wraps up with sharp political wit

BY JILL FRALICK  
Special to Florida Weekly

"Is it too early to talk about the failed Obama presidency?"

"His Secretary of State thinks foreign affairs is when her husband is overseas. His Treasury Secretary cheats on his taxes."

"And he buys a Portuguese water dog! He outsourced his kids' puppy! Why not an American breed like a pit bull?"

"Call it, Rahm Emanuel."

Political funnyman and best-selling author P.J. O'Rourke fired off all those quips and more when asked to write some fresh copy to help promote his upcoming lecture. Mr. O'Rourke wraps up the nearly sold-out 26th annual Naples Town Hall Distinguished Speakers series on Monday evening, March 23. His lecture for the 6 p.m. engagement at the Naples Grande Beach Resort is titled "Pirates in Neckties: Government vs. The Free Market... Which is Worse?"

Well-known for his quick and clever lampoons, Mr. O'Rourke served as managing editor of *The National Lampoon* humor magazine. Thought of by some as the 21st century's Will Rogers, he's an equal-opportunity satirical genius for whom no one of prominence is off limits.

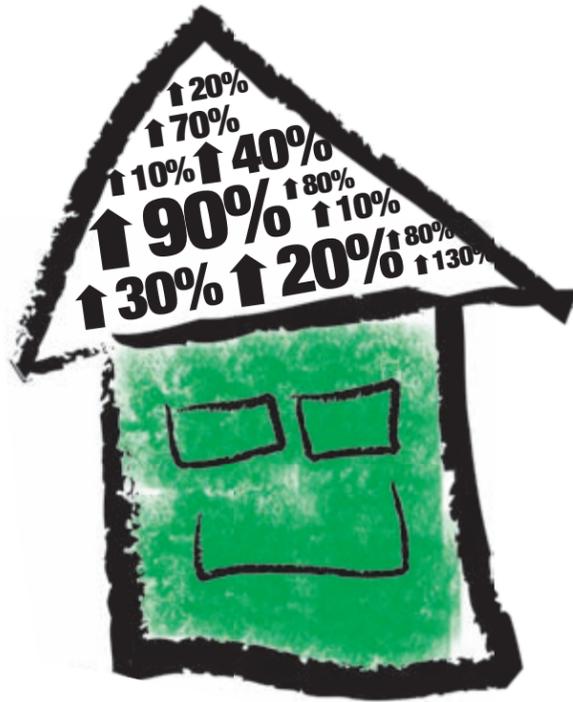
In addition to his sharp wit and tongue, he has shown he's no intellectual lightweight. His most recent book, "On the Wealth of Nations," explores and explains Adam Smith's tome, the definitive treatise on the theories of capitalism famous or its complexity and dry nature.

As the fourth speaker in the 2009 Town Hall series, Mr. O'Rourke follows Mia Farrow, Newt Gingrich and Prince Talal of Jordan. Tickets to his lecture remain available for \$106 and can be purchased by calling 596-6524. Starting with subscriptions and renewals for the 2010 Town Hall season, which go on sale March 23, ticket purchases will be tax deductible. ■



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P.J. O'Rourke



# BIPOLAR HOUSING



What the pros say about our roller coaster real estate market

BY ROGER WILLIAMS

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If Collier County were human, doctors might consider diagnosing it as economically bipolar. A deranged real estate market could cause the malady that runs in families — and Collier's closest Sunshine State sibling, Lee County, has careened off the proverbial tracks.

First all the way up and higher than a kite, then all the way down and lower than mud.

What that means for us, roughly 1 million residents of the two coastal counties alone, and how the condition might be remedied could be a matter not just of wild speculation these days, but of well-reasoned opinions and steady actions based on long observation.

This week, Florida Weekly seeks such opinions — call them knowledgeable straight talk — from real estate professionals in both counties.

None dispute that the short happy life of the bipolar market has been vivid.

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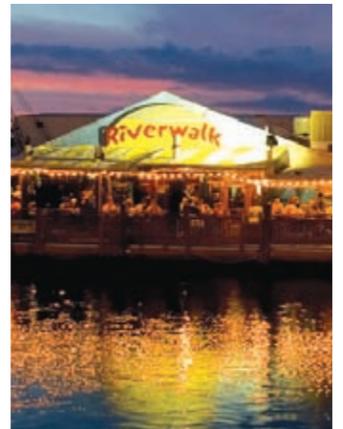
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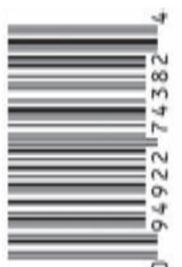
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## COMMENTARY

## Notes from readers



Note: Florida Weekly's policy regarding letters to Columnist Roger Williams is to run them whenever the letter writers are smarter than the columnist, or he wishes he had said what they did. Here are only a few that fit that category. Others will appear as space allows.

Roger,  
I have to pinch myself when I read Florida Weekly. Am I actually reading a newspaper? The sense of unreality begins as I hover 'round the mailbox toward the end of Friday, looking forward to the week's issue. I just can't believe I'm reading such a publication here, in Naples. Don't let anyone tell you it's a "community paper." Unless, that is, the Village Voice is a community newspaper. Yes, I think you and your editorial team have that kind of potential.

I get all my news online. Everything. The New York Times, Wall Street Journal, USAToday, travel and food blogs, trade newsletters, political blogs, just a whole lot of online reading that takes about three hours a day and sometimes a lot more, when I have the time.

I'm one of those people who says something you might not like to hear: I believe newspapers in their present incarnation are on the way out. I'm incredulous that people argue with me about it because to me it seems so obvious. And I'm glad. I don't

like the present incarnation of most newspapers, including and sometimes especially The Naples Daily News, though I have had many warm collegial relationships with various editors there over the years. And I feel sorry for those editors, although many have long departed.

The really bad thing about the death of print newspapers is the unemployment of thousands of talented journalists and writers and photographers. And editors. Newspapers are dying not only because of declines in advertising budgets, but also because rates are too high for small businesses, and because the type of news that newspapers traditionally traffic in is going online and on the tube. So the answer is: local/regional newspapers with an editorial platform not found online or TV, with stories emanating from that platform that engage readers. Readers will buy it. Advertisers will support it.

That's what you've done with Florida Weekly. Of course I like that you're friendly to PR people who have valid stories. Why the heck not? I like that you have bylined stories. I want you to run harder, more penetrating stories. Be a little more edgy. Stir it up. Don't be scared of, or too cozy with, advertisers.

— Beth Preddy, Collier County ("Rest in peace," March 4)

Roger,  
Besides your clever take and a few really great lines, I agree with why newspapers are in decline and I'm not a newspaper person, just a lifelong reader and a writer wannabe.

I've lived mostly in small towns (LaBelle,

Arcadia, Palmetto-type places) and what people want to read about is PEOPLE — the more local, the more interesting! Who needs to buy a newspaper to read about Iraq, Obama and Britney? It's much easier, more colorful, and more current to keep up with such online. Heck, we don't even have to read but can click on the little camera icon and have our own personal talker showing us pictures (while we paint our toenails).

Put local people's names in the local paper and local papers will sell. Is it really so difficult a concept? What parent with a child's picture in the paper doesn't buy up every copy within a mile radius?!

In my unnewspaper-educated opinion, all they would have to do to thrive is move Iraq, Obama and Britney to where classifieds are now and refocus all resources on what's happening within a 50-mile range. Areas like LaBelle and Arcadia are unbelievably underserved and would be so thrilled to see their people's names in print.

Fill editions with local stories: intrigues, deaths, births, crimes, businesses, court cases, foreclosure stories, overcomer stories, fishing-hunting-golfing-painting-whatever stories and then FOLLOW UP. When something particularly terrible or wonderful happens, report on it more than twice. People don't forget such things in one day. A desire for continuing information is a natural human trait (ala Anna Nicole Smith, Natalee Holloway).

We want to know about the economy, but wouldn't it be better, more interesting, more intriguing and gripping to know how it is specifically affecting one local business, family, or even segment of our local population than the whole of China, Chicago or L.A.?

Also, newspapers should constantly provide information for how readers can HELP.

People want to help people (at least I think we do, right? Gee, I hope so). Instead of focusing on delivering what wire services provide, local papers' main goals should be informing local readers what's happening inside their most local worlds AND helping them engage.

— Cynthia Mott, Lee County ("Rest in peace," March 4)

Roger,

Great article skewering that Middle School Nazi — I mean teacher. "Quashing young spirits" isn't what you'd hope for in the job description of our educators in 2009, is it?

— Ted Coine, Collier County ("Put a sock in it," Feb.18)

Roger,

I almost always enjoy your writing, although I'm not much of one myself.

This piece of yours on D.P. reminds me of the challenges of getting my son, 43 Sunday, through school. I also hear similar stories, from the same son, about my 13-year-old eighth grade grandson, and school. They live in New York apple country near the south shore of Lake Ontario.

I agree, there are many gifted teachers. Unfortunately, there are a few in any school system who can qualify as "village idiots" in spite of all their education. Such people always remind me of the comments of a collage graduation speaker I heard, who talked about the efficacy of the education system.

He pointed out that no college that he knew of had ever graduated a whole horse, but on many occasions colleges had given a diploma to the BACK HALF.

Roger, if you keep writing, I'll keep enjoying it. 'Bye for now.

— Dick Ludgate, Lee County ("Put a sock in it," Feb. 18). ■

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# OPINION

## Obama the rhetorical magician

BY RICH LOWRY

George H.W. Bush made a “read my lips” no-new-taxes pledge in his acceptance speech at the Republican Convention in August 1988, and broke it two years later. That seemed a fast turnaround, but President Barack Obama has outpaced him by making, and then signaling his intention to break, a no-new-taxes pledge all in the same address.

“If your family earns less than \$250,000 a year,” Mr. Obama said in his speech to Congress, “you will not see your taxes increased a single dime. I repeat: not one single dime.”

Unless, that is, your family pays a utility bill. Earlier from the same podium, Mr. Obama exhorted Congress to send him “legislation that places a market-based cap on carbon pollution.” This cap-and-trade program would increase the cost of energy for everyone, regardless of income. It is a broad-based (if indirect) tax increase of the sort the casual listener would have thought Mr. Obama ruled out in categorical language.

Mr. Obama’s recently released budget outline proposes using revenues raised by cap-and-trade to fund his

“making work pay” tax credits that were part of the stimulus bill. Of those credits, Mr. Obama said, “The recovery plan provides a tax cut — that’s right, a tax cut — for 95 percent of working families.” This was a central Obama pledge during the campaign, although he never mentioned he’d fund it with a countervailing tax increase on working families and everyone else.

Mr. Obama is a talented, but a wily and dishonest, salesman. Nineteenth-century pol Martin Van Buren earned the sobriquet “the little magician” for his skillful manipulation of New York’s political machine. Mr. Obama is the rhetorical magician, depending — as all magicians do — on deft sleight of hand.

In his speech, he didn’t want his listeners to think he’s a big-government heir to Lyndon Johnson, so he talked of slashing waste. He said his team had begun going “line by line” through the budget, and “we have already identified \$2 trillion in savings over the next decade.”

In common parlance, “savings” is taken to mean ... well, savings. But half of this \$2 trillion is accounted for by Mr. Obama’s planned tax increases on the rich — in other words, he has iden-

tified revenue, not savings. Much of the rest is arrived at by assuming the Iraq War would cost \$170 billion a year for the duration, even though the president has long planned a drawdown. Mr. Obama portrays himself as ruthlessly paring back government when he is simply raising taxes and leaving Iraq.

Even as he expands government, he forswears any interest in expanding government and says he’s scaling back: “Everyone will have to sacrifice some worthy priorities for which there are no dollars, and that includes me.” Really? His budget increases discretionary spending by 12 percent next year. To paraphrase Bob Dole, where’s the austerity?

Mr. Obama prides himself on a facility with words that has fueled his political rise. He clearly respects words, including their power to manipulate and mislead. “A good catchword,” Oliver Wendell Holmes said, “can obscure analysis for 50 years.” To pass a vast program changing the relationship of American government to its citizens, Mr. Obama only needs to obscure analysis for about a year. ■

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

## GUEST OPINION

### The missing bridge



**danRATHER**  
Special to Florida Weekly

This past week began with the details of the U.S. government’s latest rescue of Citigroup. It progressed — if you want to call it that — with the announcement that the Treasury would be sliding \$30 billion more over to AIG, the insurance giant that, when initially bailed out last fall, brought the phrase “too big to fail” into daily use. Too big to fail, apparently, because it’s got its fingers in so many financial pies, though the Treasury and the Federal Reserve Bank have yet to tell taxpayers — that would be those of us ultimately footing the bill for these bailouts — just which pies those are.

And there, at midweek, was British Prime Minister Gordon Brown addressing a joint session of Congress to make the pitch for what he has called “a global New Deal.”

Seeing a head of government stand in front of Vice President Joe Biden and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and talk about the need to commit to new energy technology and create green jobs induced

a certain degree of déjà vu — didn’t we see this just last week? The effect was heightened by the sense that Prime Minister Brown has been studying President Barack Obama’s rhetoric: “There is no old Europe, no new Europe,” the prime minister told Congress, “there is only your friend Europe.” There is not a red America and a blue America ...

The British prime minister sent a message that the U.S. and Europe are once again on the same page, and that both need to “seize the moment” (echoes of Mr. Obama’s “Now is the time”) provided by the global economic crisis to unleash “the biggest expansion of middle-class incomes and jobs the world has ever seen.”

It might be an auspicious moment, this confluence of domestic, economic and foreign policy goals between America and her strongest ally. And in our current 1932 mind-set, it’s good to see the kind of optimism that looks straight ahead to what might be our own version of the 1950s, skipping past all that nastiness about dust bowls and world war.

But there’s something about the Brown and Obama visions that puts one in the mind of a big house being erected on the spot where another house is still burning. And that’s how it will likely continue to feel, unless and until the

Obama administration comes forth with a clearly articulated (including an honest accounting of the likely astronomical costs), broad-based plan to put our financial system on sound footing.

Or, to use another metaphor, the recently passed “stimulus” bill, Mr. Obama’s budget proposals and Mr. Brown’s concomitant vision can all be likened to major economic surgery; surgery performed while the patient’s heart — the organ “too big to fail” — requires periodic defibrillating shocks. If the heart gives out, all the other surgery will be for naught.

Until we treat the institutions at the heart of our financial system in a more sustainable way — with a comprehensive, long-term plan that would be the equivalent of a pacemaker — the rest of the work we’re doing and plan to do for the economy and for the people who depend on it will be welcome, but is unlikely to generate much optimism.

Last fall, Prime Minister Brown won praise from some economists for pointing the way forward with direct cash injections to troubled institutions. Now old Europe, new Europe and the world look toward the new American administration to come up with a systemic plan that will move beyond ad hoc measures. There’s a vision for the future, and there’s anxiety in the present — a real plan to deal with our imperiled banks is the bridge without which we cannot get from here to there. ■

## MOMENTS IN TIME

• On **March 12, 1933**, eight days after his inauguration, President Franklin D. Roosevelt gives his first national radio address, or “fireside chat,” broadcast directly from the White House. Roosevelt went on to deliver 30 more of these broadcasts between March 1933 and June 1944.

• On **March 13, 1781**, English astronomer William Herschel discovers Uranus, the seventh planet from the sun. Herschel’s discovery was the first to be made by use of a telescope, which allowed Herschel to distinguish Uranus as a planet, not a star, as previous astronomers believed.

• On **March 15, 44 B.C.**, Julius Caesar, the “dictator for life” of the Roman Empire, is murdered by his own senators at a meeting in a hall next to Pompey’s Theatre. The conspiracy against Caesar encompassed as many as 60 noblemen, including Caesar’s own protegee, Marcus Brutus. ■

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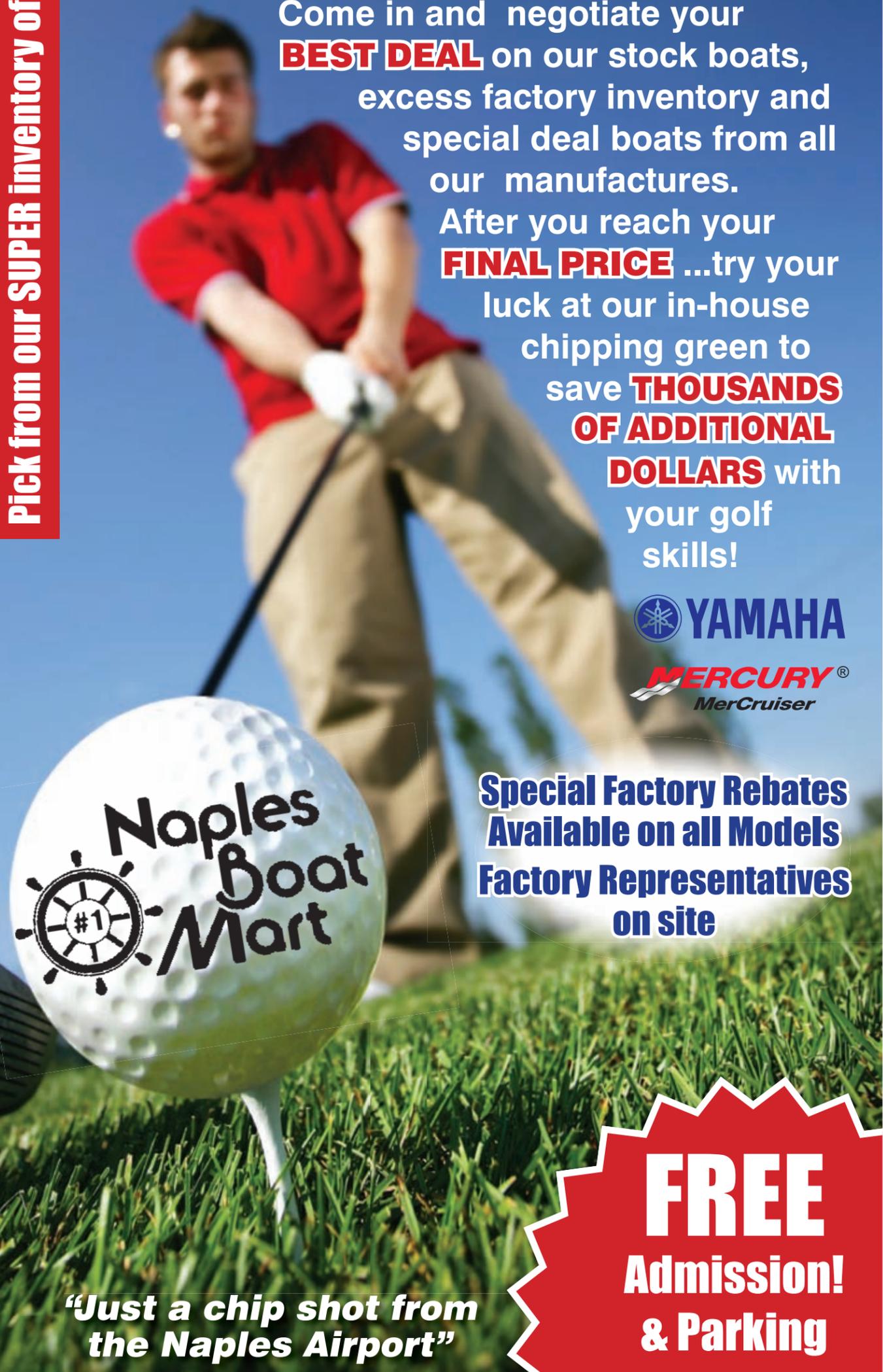
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# 15 MINUTES

## As serious as a heart attack about living every day

BY ROGER WILLIAMS  
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Her ancestors, the Romans, put it this way: Carpe diem. Seize the day.

But even after 30 years in Naples, which is almost half her life (she's 63), Susan Maturo is still Chicago, in the best sense: funny, tough, smart and unafraid to tell it like it is.

A realist, in other words.

Although her grandparents arrived from the old country and maybe they said carpe diem, she's Italian-American, so she puts it like this: "Live every day, because you could get hit by a bus. You shouldn't sit around worrying about being sick."

As advice, it works for everybody. But Mrs. Maturo, the executive assistant at Barron Collier Companies, where she's worked for three decades, isn't offering it to just anybody. She's offering it to people like her.

Eleven months ago, the proverbial bus that struck and killed her mother at 52 and her aunt at 55 — a heart attack — hit Mrs. Maturo. More precisely, it snuck up on her, offering only the slightest hint of its deadly nature, a tingling arm. She never saw it coming.

"It didn't hurt. It was silent," she recalls.

Despite her family history of heart disease, she never thought it would happen to her.

Some history. Her grandmother also died of a heart attack, like her moth-

er and aunt, and she believes her grandfather would have, if he hadn't died of cancer first. But that's not all: Her sons, ages 43 and 41, have both wrestled with heart problems or high blood pressure, like her brother and sisters. Oh, and her husband, Dennis Maturo, had a heart attack three years ago, at 61.

Hers hit her at work on April 10, while she was having a very bad day.

Her longtime and beloved boss, Paul Marinelli, was gravely ill in New York. His wife called to ask Mrs. Maturo to arrange a plane ride for the children, still in Naples, to go see him.

Only 40 minutes later Mrs. Marinelli called back with grim news: Mr. Marinelli was gone.

"I was totally coherent. I felt no physical pain. The last thing I remember is sitting at the desk and holding the phone to cancel the plane," Mrs. Maturo recalls.

Her co-workers say she went across the hall and told them her arm was tingling and she thought I was having a stroke. She remembers none of that; nor does she remember them asking her who the president was.



Sue Maturo

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"Apparently I told them, 'George Bush, and Hillary's is going to be president next.' And we all laughed."

Next thing she knew, her son was staring down at her in Naples Community Hospital. Although her vital signs looked good two days later, when a doctor asked her how she felt, she told him, "It's like there's an elephant sitting on my chest." It was another heart attack.

Particularly unnerving was the lack of indicators. She felt no chest pain or similar discomfort in the upper body, nor the symptoms women are more likely to feel than men: shortness of breath, nausea and back or jaw pain.

And she had no idea that cardiovas-

cular disease kills more women each year than the next five causes of death combined, including all cancers. Now she knows.

For heart-attack survivors, Mrs. Maturo offers this advice: Get over the fear.

"At first, yes, I was afraid, but now I'm not," she explains. "I'm the kind of person who, if I want the refrigerator moved, I move it myself. After the heart attack, I went around worried about things like that, but now I don't. I'm careful, I'm more aware of how I feel. I watch my diet."

And when her company's new exercise room is complete — with a variety of heart-healthy machines now being installed for employee use — she plans to use that, too.

There are small compromises now, of course, like her care with food (she never smoke or drank, however) and the daily diet of nine medicines she takes to compensate for her unreliable genetics and control blood pressure, triglycerides and cholesterol.

But she's happy to make those adjustments, she says. Life is at stake.

"The best part of my life is that we moved here 30 years ago," she says. "I have close ties to Chicago, but it's been 30 years of gorgeous weather.

"And the other good part is learning not to sweat the small stuff. Things that to me 30 years ago would have been monumental — now I can say, 'The world isn't going to stop because that didn't happen.'" ■

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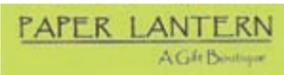
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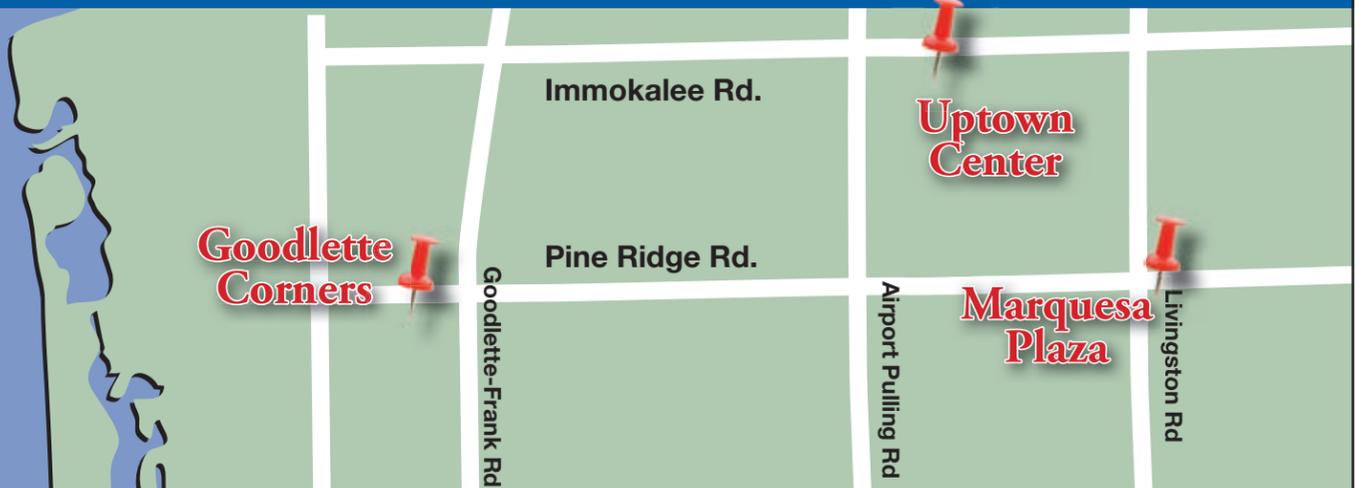


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In 2004 and 2005, Lee real estate ascended to the pinnacle, garnering national attention as one of the hottest residential real estate markets in the United States. Collier followed close behind.

That no-longer-enviable position was defined by huge increases in home values, number of sales, the number of quick turnovers and the ready availability of money, which seemed to grow on trees that forested the lobbies of banks.

"When things got totally crazy, anyone who had been in business for a while knew this was not good. What happened in some ways is the least surprising thing about all this, to me," says Phil Wood, whose Naples-based John R. Wood Realty has operated in Collier and Lee counties for many years.

The most surprising thing to him, Mr. Wood adds, "is how much the credit markets are messed up. I never thought they'd get to this point. Obviously, the government is going to help them get back to some kind of normalcy."

For Lee, with its sprawling service-industry communities stretched out for miles through zip codes that encompass Lehigh Acres and mottle Cape Coral, and its sizeable lower middle-class or poor neighborhoods in east Fort Myers, the distinction was particularly remarkable.

The great number of small, single-family homes — one-level 3/2s, three bedrooms, two baths in 2,000 square feet or less — did not prevent median values from rising above \$200,000 in the first quarter of 2004, back when the unemployment rate dropped below 4 percent.

And those values stayed there through the second quarter of 2008. At mid-year of 2006, the median home value even brushed the sky at almost \$300,000, according to Lee County statistics.

In those days, home foreclosures in Lee were, if not unheard of, infrequent. There were 1,900 on the books two years ago

when the market crested the top of the roller coaster and offered its first hint of the stomach-dropping descent about to follow, a fact noted in a Wall Street Journal story written out of the courthouse in Fort Myers three weeks ago.

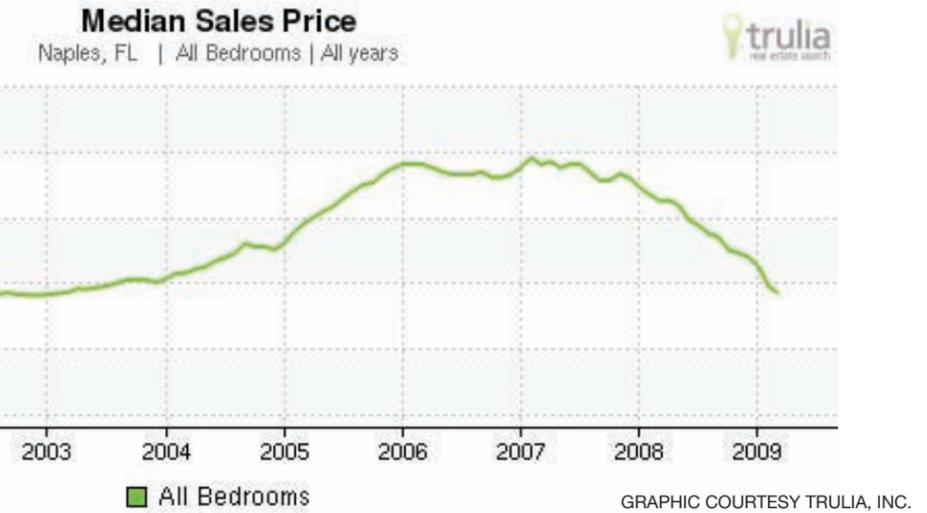
In January this year, there were 24,000 home foreclosures scheduled in the courts; last month judges were running them through "rocket-dockets" at the rate of about 60 seconds per case. Still, the number remains stratospheric — clogging the market, paralyzing banks and keeping the economy, with its recession-shot unemployment rate of almost 12 percent, anesthetized and belly up on the table.

"We have to move these cases out of here," Charlie Green told the Wall Street Journal. As clerk of courts in Lee County, scheduling the parade is his job. "That's how we get these houses back on the market and get to the bottom faster," he added.

If all that sounds like battlefield surgery of a sort, it is.

"As a former CPA, I learned a long time ago that banks know how to make and lend money, but they don't know anything about real estate," says Jack Samler, a 30-year real estate veteran who manages Royal Shell Preferred Properties on Sanibel and Captiva Islands.

"The foreclosures are killing them, they have to get rid of those properties as fast as possible. To get out of this recession,



we have to get the banks to let them go, whatever the price or the cost. The market won't start going back up until everything goes down as far as it will go."

## It's all in the timing

In Collier, meanwhile, the median price of homes has never dropped below \$200,000 in the 21st century. Nevertheless, the bipolar roller coaster still defines the status quo.

Beginning in mid-2003, the median home value rose steadily, more or less, to peak twice at about \$440,000 between the end of 2005 and the beginning of 2007.

Only 18 months ago, in September 2007, Collier unemployment was considered ridiculously high at 5.3 percent. By contrast, it was running at 8.1 percent at the beginning of the year, according to the Regional Economic Research Institute at Florida Gulf Coast University.

And in 2008, Collier Courts processed approximately 8,000 foreclosures, which amounts to about 22 for each day of the year. That number is showing no signs of dropping this year, according to county figures.

Both Mr. Wood and Mr. Samler are optimistic about the year ahead, even though economic forecasts suggest the recession will deepen in 2009. Their time frames, however, are different.

"The market is trying very hard to come alive, and January and February

were very encouraging. We have low prices and low interest rates," says Mr. Wood. "The only thing we need now is to have a little stock market recovery, and it will really pick up."

Ask Mr. Samler and you get a different response. "How long will we have to wait to get through this? We used to say 'next year,' but I think we're looking at two or three years to get back to normal," he predicts.

## Two real estate prognosticators

•Phil Wood  
John R. Wood Realtors, based in Naples

We'll get continued gradual improvement. I think next season will be very strong. By then, you'll see people try to jump in before prices really start to go up.

The public needs to realize: When you hear that Lee has been leading the nation in the number of foreclosures, the real estate market is still localized even to the neighborhood level. The huge majority of foreclosures are in Lehigh Acres and Cape Coral. But a lot of other neighborhoods are doing okay, and yes, they have the occasional foreclosure there, too.

There are some neighborhoods right now that are very balanced in inventory.

So, what's not being said in the media is that when you talk about foreclosures, you have to look at individual areas; you

## Q&A with a senior associate at Fishkind & Associates

Florida Weekly sought specific real estate answers this week from Russ Weyer, a senior associate at Fishkind & Associates, economists and analysts based in Orlando and Naples. Here's what he had to say.

**FW:** How can we halt the slide and stabilize the market?

**Mr. Weyer:** There's no quick fix. It's a very complicated mess we're in on a number of fronts and the old truth still holds: If you think you're in a recession, you're in a recession.

Even people with money aren't spending as much, and that contributes to the spiral down.

Two things need to happen quickly. One is to shore up the banks, because they aren't lending money. They got all that stimulus money, but they're just holding it to offset their assets. They see themselves as stuck: The government puts money in, but then the government has these ratios of cash to their assets they have to meet, and they can't.

So the banks are holding cash to offset the assets — and they're holding a lot of assets.

Banks will have to look at their portfolios and write off their bad assets. Now they're stymied. They don't know what to do because they have such an influx of properties. Until bank regulators force them to move, they will just sit there.

**FW:** Is that equally true both in Collier and Lee counties, or elsewhere?

**Mr. Weyer:** It's true in both cases, although Collier is nowhere near as bad as Lee County.

We were lucky despite the issues we have in Collier: getting projects approved more quickly, the high cost of living here influenced by impact fees and everything else, the long length of time required to go through the permitting process here, compared to Lee County. But here's what happened: It became a blessing in disguise, because we didn't get a lot out there, and now we're not suffering as much.

I think inventories will come down in both Collier and Lee.

**FW:** What's the shortest, least painful way to make that happen?

**Mr. Meyer:** One short-term fix is to make the decision to diversify our economy.

We were relying on agriculture, tourism and construction, and now there's no construction industry. There has to be a regional focus on that diversification, a conjoined effort between Collier, Lee and other counties.

We have to realize that our major assets are regional. The airport is regional and so is I-75. We don't have a port in Naples or Fort Myers, but we have three or four close ports both north and east of here, on the Atlantic coast and in Tampa. All of that is primary for economic development.

The second part of this is to identify the appropriate types of business that fit here.

Again, we need to look at this on a regional basis. So Lee is hiring a (Denver, Colo.-based) marketing firm to draw businesses. The good news is that it's a third party giving us a fresh eye. The downside might be that if Lee County is doing this on its own, and not looking at the region, it might limit what can happen.

**FW:** How long will it take for the region here to recover?

**Mr. Weyer:** Construction will come back, but it will take a lot longer than people think. We think it will be late 2010, and it will depend on how the stimulus package works.

In the 12-month perspective, housing prices will ultimately stabilize. There's always a price at which somebody will buy.

Just remember what's happening in Cape Coral and Lehigh: Sales figures are good; in those places, we're down to a price where people will buy again.

**FW:** Is that what the market has been doing? Simply stabilizing?

**Mr. Weyer:** If you were to draw a trend line from 1980 forward, with a growth rate of 3 to 6 percent a year on pricing — and we did this, extending it way out past 2015 — you'd see that pricing was actually fine until the 2003-2004 huge spike.

But here's what's interesting: Now we're back to just below that trend line. If we'd never had that bump, about three months ago we would have been where we should be today.

We're such an instant-gratification society, that we look at what happened today and yesterday, but sometimes no farther. Consequently, the value of my house went up more than 150 percent in 2005, but now it's back down to 100 percent. I could think, I lost a lot of money — but really I lost nothing, because it's all on paper.

And shame on you if you overspent when you thought it was a lot of money. You're paying the piper now.

So this has been about price stabilization.

**FW:** What's going to happen now?

**Mr. Weyer:** Inventories will come down in Lee

and Collier. There's probably about six years of housing stock out there, but it might not take six years to absorb. There's very little new product coming on line, so a lot of existing stuff will get absorbed and we'll get back to more normal growth.

My only concern about the Obama plan is that it looks like it will help short-term job growth, when what we need is long-term job sustainability. Part of it will happen in infrastructure — that's highly needed. We need to fix not only the current infrastructure, but look at what new types we need to go forward.

For our long-term recovery process in Southwest Florida, the first big problem is that we've lost — the state of Florida has lost — our competitive advantage.

We used to be a great place to come to. We used to be much more price-competitive, and we still don't have income tax. But hurricanes hit, our insurance rates got out of whack, and property taxes got out of whack.

Now when somebody is considering moving to Florida, they weigh places like North and South Carolina. Last year, Collier County lost 1,000 people, net.

The other thing to consider is that our primary market comes from the Midwest, and the Midwest economy is some of the hardest hit; automotive, the industrial base — it's all contracting at a rapid rate.

So baby boomers might be holding off retirement longer, and their net worth has come down significantly.

Here's what it all means: We have the perfect economic storm. You can't change it. All you can do is, number one, keep your finger on the pulse and number two, make sure you adjust. ■

can't just say the numbers apply to the whole area.

The same thing is true for pricing. The high-end market was slower than normal in 2008, but surprisingly, it is coming to life right now, even though the stock market has not had a positive influence yet. We've sold several properties, one listed at \$18 million, one listed at \$10 million, plus a number of properties at \$1 million to \$3 million.

I think Americans got too oriented toward buying houses as investments in 2004 and 2005, and it's taken a few years to get away from that — for people to remember that investing is not the big reason to buy homes. We buy them for a lifestyle.

To sellers right now, I say this: It's a buyer's market, so if you can hold off selling for a year or two, do that.

For buyers, there are some excellent values available, so go out and shop, and keep shopping until you find the one you want. But if the home is priced reasonably for the market, don't think you're going to go in and get it for 30 or 40 percent less.

I've seen recessions before. The only thing different about this one is that it's more severe and longer. But this, too, shall pass.

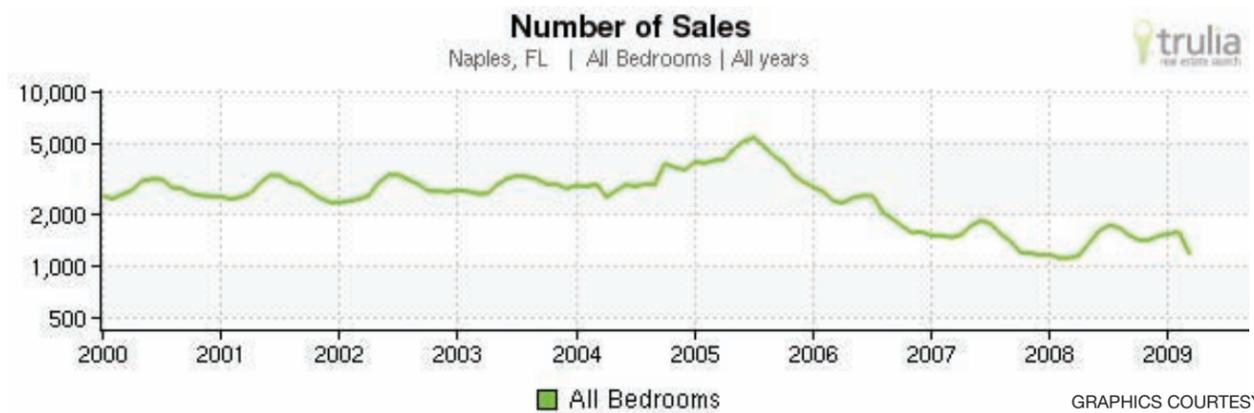
**• Jack Samler, manager  
Royal Shell Preferred Properties,  
Sanibel and Captiva Islands**

A lot of our potential buyers are influenced by what's happening on the mainland, and they expect the same thing to be happening out here as is happening in town.

We've only had 50 or 60 foreclosures. And 100 homes, approximately, are in pre-foreclosure, which can be identified as a couple of months late in payment. I will say this: This is more foreclosure activity than I've seen in 30 years, cumulative.

We used to say on the islands, "Our buyers don't have to buy and our sellers don't have to sell." Nobody is being transferred out, and if a seller doesn't get what a seller expects, then they have to spend another winter on Sanibel. So it's like Brer Rabbit (whose briar patch was the fabled creature's home, so he was happy to be thrown back into it).

There's a marked difference now in that attitude, but still, things here are nothing



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like the mainland.

We're seeing people who need to sell and want to sell, so we've had some serious price reductions in the past six months... of \$5,000 to \$25,000, say, just to get people's attention. I've seen reductions of \$500,000 in one case on Roosevelt Channel, and a \$1 million reduction on the gold coast on Captiva.

One factor is that when you're in a gated community where everything is fairly much the same... it's harder to sell a property because buyers have their choice of 100 other just like it. But in the Dunes on Sanibel, where I live in the Heron model, there might only be 25 of them out of 372 homes.

How long will we have to wait for the market to stabilize? We used to say it'll be next year, but we're now looking at two to

three years to get back.

So for now, if you don't get what you're asking as a seller and you enjoy it here, wait two or three years and it'll go up \$50,000 — and that's easier than working for it.

I'm a glass-half-full guy when it comes to the recovery, especially because our kind of buyer isn't as impacted by the recession. And we have partnerships, like five doctors who were looking at a place last year for \$2 million, and they just got it for a lot less.

You know when you have Realtors start to say, "If I had the money I'd buy that," good deals are happening. In Sanibel View across from Tanger (the outlet mall on Summerlin Road before the Causeway on the mainland), for example, we just had a closing at \$195,000.

We've been slow since 2007, and in

2008 we had a 10 percent loss of members (Realtors on the islands). This year we budgeted for a 15 percent loss, but we're only down 7 percent. That shows how membership is strong and can withstand a couple of years of slow business. But if you're calling me next March about this, we'll know the recession is a lot worse than we expected.

It's a crazy world out there right now. I've never seen anything quite like it. When the dotcom bubble burst, only the dotcom industry tanked with the worst sales since 1982 a few years ago, only the auto industry tanked.

But this recession is across the board. It's banking, the auto industry, real estate, the service industry, restaurant business, commercial building. ■



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## UNDERCOVER HISTORIAN

# Women have long been making history in Naples and Collier County

BY LOIS BOLIN  
Special to Florida Weekly

Every year during March, thousands of events are held throughout the country to acknowledge and recognize the accomplishments of women. It began in 1980 as a weeklong celebration and by 1987 was expanded by Congressional resolution to an entire month, making March our National Women's History Month.

The Naples community hosts countless stories of women with indomitable strength who kept their faces toward change and accomplished much in their own right by overriding belief systems and breaking the shackles of the 19th century about how women were supposed to be and act.

These local women who made history in their time have now passed, but their legacy bears mentioning:

► **Tommy Barfield** put Marco Island on the map. Known as a persistent and community-minded lady, Ms. Barfield was sought out by Barron Gift Collier to assist him in petitioning Tallahassee to make Collier County a separate county.

► **Susie Billie** was born in Collier County at the turn of the 20th century and lived on the Big Cypress Reservation for more than 35 years. She was known for her extensive knowledge of herbs and her use of them in healing rituals.

► **Deaconess Bedell** campaigned to improve the quality of life for the Miccosukee-Seminole Indians by working and living among them. She sought to revive the doll-making and basket-weaving skills that had become nearly extinct and ensured that no foreign replications

would undercut the price of the Indians' native crafts.

► **Alma Cambridge** was responsible for beginning the first nursery for the area's African American community. It is now known as Fun Time Early Learning Academy.

► **Leila Canant**, the beloved school teacher, was given a teacher's highest tribute when the Collier County Professional Building at Third Avenue South and Sixth Street South was named after her.

► **Doris Gandeese** was the founding president of the Naples Woman's Club in September 1932. The club motto was: "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." Programs included such topics as citizenship, welfare, education, town beautification and happiness.

► **Mother Perry**, Collier County's Patron Mother, delivered more than 500 babies as a midwife. One of the first inspirational leaders of the African American community, she died in 2008 at the age of 98.

► **Mary Jo Casey Miller** was the first woman elected to the Naples City Council, first woman president of the Naples Board of Realtors and first woman Rotarian in Naples.

### The debt we owe

History is being made every day in our community. The American Business Women's Association Neapolitan Chapter honors these living legacies at its annual Women in History luncheon. Past honorees include Tammi Nemecek, Jennifer Edwards, Doris Reynolds, Wilma Boyd and Mary Watkins.

Another Woman in History to whom Collier County owes a great debt was selected in 2004. Mary Ellen Hawkins was elected to House District 89 after only two years of residency in Naples. This was a feat unto itself back in 1974, but Ms. Hawkins' real achievement was that she was the first woman and the first Republican in Collier County to run for this office and the only Republican to win a seat in the Florida Legislature that was formerly held by a Democrat. She was never defeated, and she retired after serving 10 consecutive terms.

Ms. Hawkins successfully sponsored legislation on a wide range of concerns, from xeriscaping to child support to controlled burns on wild lands belonging to absentee owners. She says her most difficult challenge was the creation of the Big Cypress Basin as a subdivision of the South Florida Water Management District, which extends as far north as Orange County and is headquartered in West Palm Beach. The Big Cypress Basin is in Collier County and in a small, uninhabited area of Monroe County; it has its own board and, except for paying SFWMD for administrative services, spends the tax money taken for water management purposes right here in Collier County.

She also worked to achieve equity in athletics for girls in Florida's educational system. Shortly before she left office, she received a call from the University of South Florida letting her know the university had just awarded its first full athletic scholarship to a female, a softball player from Naples.



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Former State Rep. Mary Ellen Hawkins

### Women in history

A long time has passed since the belief that intellectual activities could damage a woman's biology. In celebration of that shift, the ABWA Neapolitan Chapter honors its two newest AWBA Women in History inductees who kept their faces toward change to personify undefeatable strength at its best. Myra J. Daniels and Lavern N. Gaynor will be honored at the AWBA "Women in History" luncheon Friday, March 13. ■

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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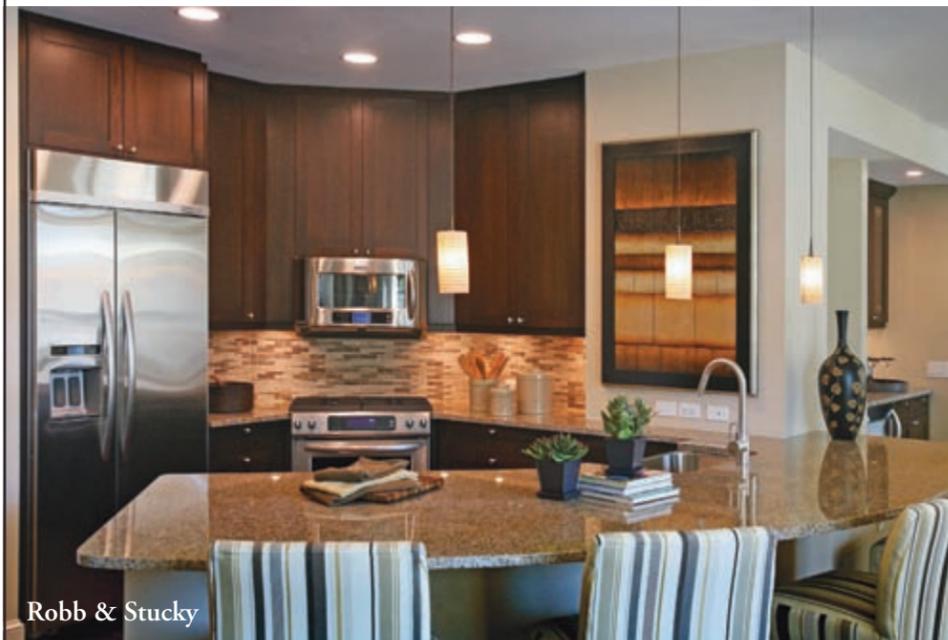
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## In American civics, are you as smart as a fifth grader?

Concerned that so many American don't know the fundamentals about their country, the League of Women Voters of Collier County has invited Jack Bovee, social studies coordinator for the Collier County School District, to give two presentations about civics on Monday, March 16. The public is invited.

"For the third straight year, the Intercollegiate Studies Institute has found that a large number of Americans cannot pass a basic 33-question civics literacy test on their country's history and its institutions," says Chris Straton, league president. "That's shocking," she says, adding the ISI is calling on everyone involved in education to re-evaluate curricula and standards of accountability.

Mr. Bovee will discuss the social studies curriculum that Collier County public school students are taught.

His first presentation will be at 1 p.m. at the Collier Athletic Club, 710 Goodlette Road North, following a regular league meeting beginning at 10 a.m. Luncheon will be served at 11:30 a.m. Non-league

members can join the luncheon for \$25 per person (\$20 for league members). For reservations, phone 263-4656 or e-mail [Hospitality@lwvcolliercounty.org](mailto:Hospitality@lwvcolliercounty.org) by 5 p.m. Thursday, March 12.

The evening meeting on civics education will begin at 7 p.m. at the Club at Olde Cypress, 7165 Treeline Drive. There is no cost for attendance.

"Our league advocates for the inclusion of civics education in Florida's curriculum because a fundamental principle of the league is that democratic government depends upon the informed and active participation of its citizens," Ms. Straton says.

During the 2006 legislative session, the Florida League and Common Cause successfully inserted a requirement for a semester of civics education into the middle school curriculum. Efforts to mandate student performance standards in civics education failed in the 2007 session.

For more information on the League of Women Voters of Collier County, visit [www.lwvcolliercounty.org](http://www.lwvcolliercounty.org). ■

## Sheriff invites the public to talk safety

Sheriff Kevin Rambosk has scheduled a series of community workshops to give Collier County residents the chance to share concerns about safety in the neighborhoods where they live, work and shop. All of the town hall-style meetings take place from 6-8 p.m.:

► North Naples: Thursday, March 19, at North Naples Regional Park; 597-1607.

► Golden Gate: Monday, March 23, at Vineyards Country Club; 455-3121.

► Golden Gate Estates: Tuesday, March 24, at the University of Florida Extension Center; 304-3520.

► East Naples: Wednesday, March 25, in the Professional Development Center at Gulfview Middle School; 793-1844.

► Everglades: Thursday, March 26, in the meeting hall at Everglades Community Church; 695-2301.

► Immokalee: Friday, March 27, in the Collier County Park Building; 657-6168. ■

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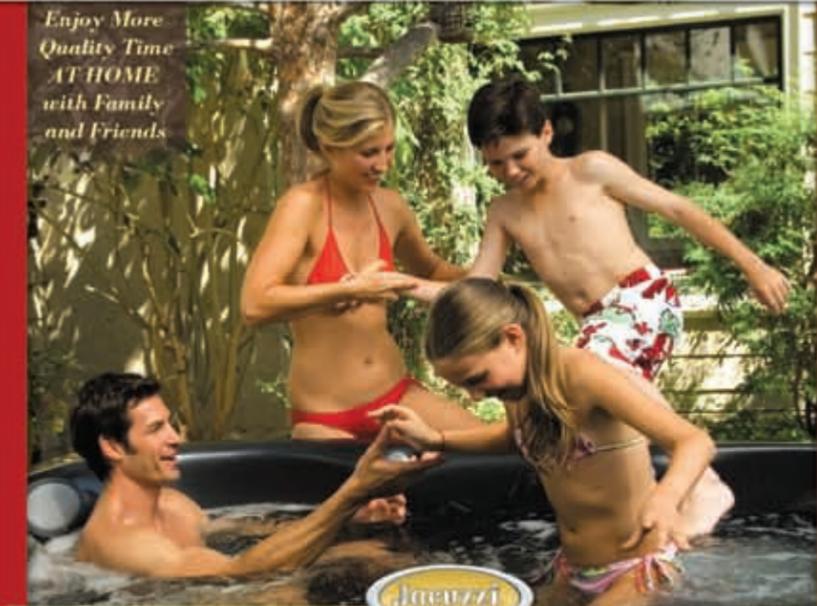


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The for-women-only evening will celebrate the creative, goddess-like aspects of the female mind. Panels of experts will conduct interactive presentations and roundtable discussions on topics from serious to salacious. Topics will include: Facing the Future: Finances in a Down Economy; Personal Styling: How to Look like a Goddess in Today's Economy; Hormone Replacement Therapy: The Good and The Bad; and Scrapbooking: Leaving your Legacy in Pictures.

Keynote speaker and breast cancer survivor Lorna Kelly, a former Sotheby's auc-

tioneer who was featured as auctioneer in the film "Sex and the City" and who also met Mother Teresa and has spent considerable time working alongside the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta, will regale the crowd with her life stories. She will also sign copies of her book, "The Camel Knows the Way."

Angela's Fine Cuisine will serve a gourmet meal of parmesan chicken, orzo salad, butternut squash, sautéed spinach and chocolate puzzle cake, which guests will enjoy under the stars on the art center's back patio.

Tickets are \$85, with proceeds benefiting The von Liebig's scholarship and education programs. For reservations or more information, call 262-6517, ext. 107.

"Goddess Night" is sponsored by eBella and Litchfield Nelson and Company. ■

## Celebrate Lilly Pulitzer and benefit C'Mon at The Pink Pineapple

The Pink Pineapple is celebrating the 50th anniversary of Lilly Pulitzer with a reception at the boutique's Bonita Springs location in The Promenade from 5-8 p.m. Friday, March 20. The evening will feature fruity drinks, fabulous treats and fashionable fun, plus the unveiling of the Lilly Pulitzer Jubilee Retrospective and the spring line.

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and the exclusive presentation of the new Lilly Pulitzer Fragrance Collection. Tickets will be available for an opportunity to win a jeweled clutch in Pulitzer pink and a Jubilee Clarkeson dress in embroidery faille.

Proceeds from fragrance and raffle sales will benefit the Children's Museum of Naples. C'mon will be Collier County's first learning environment devoted exclusively to child's play and the serious business of discovery that helps children attain hallmark milestones on the journey into adulthood.

For details or to RSVP, call 947-7462. ■

## Handbag auction will benefit Junior Achievement

Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida holds its second annual "Young Chicks, Old Bags" handbag auction from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at the Bell Tower Shops in Fort Myers. The evening will begin with a silent auction of designer purses, some new and others previ-

ously loved. Festivities include raffles, food and drink specials, live music, fashion events and free goodies.

Admission is \$10. For more information, call 225-2590 or e-mail [cstarnold.ja@sfwdb.org](mailto:cstarnold.ja@sfwdb.org). ■



## A 28-year tradition of art and antiques translates to dollars for area charities

Art and antique lovers will gather on the grounds of Trinity-by-the-Cove Episcopal Church for the 28th Annual Naples Art & Antiques Show March 12-14. The show was created as a fundraising vehicle to support the community.

This year's guest lecturers include Maxwell K. Hearn of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, who will discuss the life of philanthropist Brooke Astor during a luncheon that begins at noon

Friday, March 13 (\$100 per person); and Country French interior designer Charles Faudree, who will talk about coordinating contemporary style with classic antiques as part of brunch beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 14 (\$50 per person).

Regular admission to the show is \$20. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 262-0353 or visit [www.naples-antiqueshow.org](http://www.naples-antiqueshow.org). ■

## Woman's Club Antiques Show will take place March 13-14

The Naples Woman's Club will hold its fourth annual Naples Woman's Club Antiques Show on Friday and Saturday, March 13-14, at the club's home at 570 Park St. in downtown Naples. Exhibitors will display and sell fine antique furniture, paintings, rugs, art glass, silver and jewelry.

The Antiques Show Preview Party will be held from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12.

Guests will enjoy wine, appetizers and desserts as they preview the best of the show.

Preview tickets also include admission for Friday and Saturday. Preview tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Regular admission to the show is \$7 at the door. To purchase preview tickets, call 262-6331.

For information, visit [www.napleswomensclub.org](http://www.napleswomensclub.org). ■

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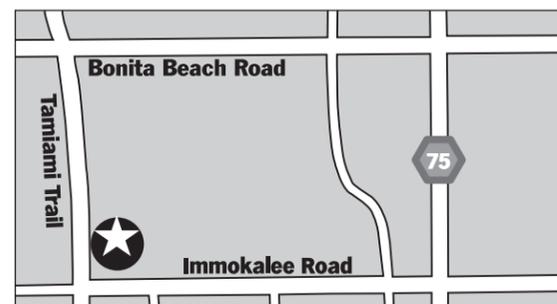
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# Save the Panther Week kicks off at Naples Zoo

## Refuge biologist, area conservation groups will educate zoo guests

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Friends of the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge and other conservation groups celebrate the beginning of Save the Panther Week on Sunday, March 15, at the Naples Zoo. Larry Richardson, biologist at Florida Panther NWR since it opened in 1989, will give presentations at noon and 2 p.m. at the zoo's interactive Panther Glade exhibit.

Save the Panther Week provides an opportunity for the public to hear from panther experts and learn about what's being done to save our state animal.

Area events throughout next week will culminate in the state's official Save the Panther Day on Saturday, March 21, celebrated at Florida Panther NWR. Several programs and activities during Save the Panther Week are sold out, but there's still time to sign up for these area events:

• **Monday, March 16: Swamp walk**

**at the Fakahatchee with Mike Owen, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Explore "the Amazon of Southwest Florida" as Mr. Owen shares his passion for the Fakahatchee and opens your senses to a whole new world. Reservations required by calling 353-8442, ext. 239 or e-mailing events@floridapanther.org.

• **Tuesday, March 17: Panther Activity Day at Naples Preserve, 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.** The morning presentation is designed for all ages; the afternoon program is for ages 7-11. RSVP by calling 261-4290 or e-mailing PreserveCaptains@aol.com.

• **Wednesday, March 18: "Panthers in Peril," a presentation by biologist Dave Shindle at the Conservancy, 6-8 p.m.** Discover why only 80-100 of these elusive creatures remain. Enjoy one-of-a-kind photos from field research in Florida panthers territory. Free for Conservancy members, \$35 for non-members. RSVP required by calling 403-4207.

• **Saturday, March 21: Save the Pan-**



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Residents of Panther Glade at the Naples Zoo

**ther Day at Florida Panther NWR, open house from 8 a.m. to noon.** Make it a fun family day exploring the refuge by swamp buggy or by walking trails.

Learn about birds, plants, orchids and, of course, see if you can spot a panther. Learn more about what you can do as an individual to help save the panther and its habitat. We offer tours, educational information, and fun kids activities! RSVP by calling 353-8442, ext. 239 or e-mailing events@floridapanther.org.

Regular admission to the Naples Zoo applies for the Save the Panther Week kickoff Sunday, March 15. Adults (13 and older) are \$19.95; children 3-12 are \$11.94; and children younger than 3 are admitted free. The all-day ticket includes admission to both the nationally accredited zoo and historic garden along with all shows, tours, exhibits and a boat ride to see the primate exhibit.

The zoo is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the last ticket sold at 4 p.m. The zoo is at 590 Goodlette-Frank Road, across from Coastland Center mall. For more information, call 262-5409 or visit www.napleszoo.org. ■

## Hop, skip, run, jump and read

Beginning Sunday, March 15, Trail Tales will let Collier County children experience reading like never before by bringing their need for play and their love of storytelling into an outdoor adventure.

A project of Collier County Parks and Recreation and the Public Library Department, Trail Tales will begin at the North Collier Regional Park Exhibit Hall,

where staff will provide parents with the Trail Tale of the month (stories change each month to encourage exercise and reading for children). Parents and their children will then begin their outdoor adventure around the park's lake, where they will discover "reading stops" at which they will read a page or two at a time before they walk, skip, jump or bike their way to the next "reading stop."

"Children and their parents will have to hop, skip, run, jump or pedal the trail to read the tale," Nancy Olson, senior naturalist at the North Collier Exhibit Hall, says.

Trail Tales opens its first page on Sunday, March 15. For more information, call the North Collier Regional Exhibit Hall at 252-4060 or 252-4024. ■



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# This week on WGCU-TV

► **Sweet Soul: Stax/Volt Revue - Live in Norway 1967** - Thursday, March 12, at 9:30 p.m.

This premiere special captures venerated soul icons, including Otis Redding, Sam and Dave, and Booker T. and the MG's, in concert, in their prime. Filmed April 7, 1967, in Oslo, the concert features live performance footage during a rare tour of artists from the legendary Stax Records label.



► **Connect! Volunteering** - Friday, March 13, at 8:30 p.m.

Distributing and collecting food through the Harry Chapin Food Bank; preparing, serving and delivering food through soup kitchens and Meals on Wheels; achieving the mission of feeding the hungry around the world through ECHO. Hosted by Jim McLaughlin.

► **Daniel O'Donnell at Home in Ireland** - Saturday, March 14, at 8:30 p.m.

O'Donnell, with his longtime singing partner Mary Duff, performs at a new concert hall in Letterkenny, located in his home county of Donegal in Ireland. O'Donnell presents a combination of familiar Irish tunes and American favorites.

► **Celtic Woman: The Greatest Journey** - Sunday, March 15, at 8 p.m.

For new and old fans alike, this is the essential collection of Celtic Woman's most beloved and memorable highlights from their three acclaimed PBS specials,

intertwined through stunning scenic and landscape images of the performers' homeland, Ireland.

► **Andre Rieu: Radio City Music Hall: Live in New York** - Monday, March 16, at 8 p.m.

The internationally renowned violinist performs for a sold-out crowd at the famed Radio City Music Hall with special guests: the Harlem Gospel Choir, Johann Strauss Orchestra, Rieu's vocal choir and 5-year-old violinist Akim Camara.

► **Eckhart Tolle: Awakening in the Now** - Monday, March 16, at 10 p.m.

A rare public lecture presented by Eckhart Tolle, author of "The Power of Now" and "A New Earth."

► **Discovering Secrets of the Vatican** - Tuesday, March 17, at 9:30 p.m.

Get a rare and revealing look inside the private city's government, military, culture, economy, communications and history.

► **Highland Heartbeat** - Wednesday, March 18, at 8 p.m.

Singer and actress Fiona Kennedy, a member of Scotland's leading theatrical family, leads a group of singers brought together after a country-wide audition to represent a range of musical styles. The singers are backed by the Scottish Festival Orchestra in performance at the historic Theatre Royal in Glasgow. Stunning footage of Scotland is interspersed with the songs. ■



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## HEALTHY LIVING

Casual smokers light up less, to fight stress  
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Roderick Jennings shares an old, unhealthy habit with America's new president.

The Lithonia, Ga., resident and President Barack Obama have been casual smokers, or "chippers," the slang term used to describe people who smoke an average of up to five cigarettes a day. These lighter smokers take longer breaks between cigarettes, can go days without puffing and tend to smoke to relieve stress or in social settings. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that more than 9 million Americans light up this way.

"It's a security blanket," said Jennings, a 26-year smoker who puffs through a pack about every two weeks, usually after cocktails. Twelve years ago, he quit cold turkey for five years but started back during a stressful job transition. (The term "chipper" refers to the practice of addicts "chipping" or "cutting" drugs to dilute them.)

If the president, who claims to have quit but fallen off the wagon at times, really wants to kick the habit for good, he should opt for a really good stress ball or a healthier outlet instead of the "socially acceptable vice," said Jennings, 46, who now enjoys video games as his preferred stress reliever.

Researchers have linked the increase of casual smokers to economic and societal pressures. Add in the poor economy and rising cost of cigarettes, averaging more than \$8 a pack in places such as New York, and more people are simply chipping away at cigarettes.

"People are cutting back but not cutting out," said Tom Glynn, director of cancer science and trends for the American Cancer Society. He noted an increase in the purchase of single cigarettes in developing countries and even in the United States, where the sale of "onesies" or "loosies" remains illegal.

For some, casual smoking has been a lifelong ritual, like a morning cup of coffee; while others, such as Jennings,



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are transitioning from daily smoking to quitting. Their stable yet infrequent use of cigarettes challenges many fundamental beliefs about nicotine addiction.

Jennings plans to quit soon. His habit lingers from psychological rather than physiological reasons, he says.

About 15 years ago, the notion that people could smoke infrequently was inconceivable, said Terry Pechacek, associate director of smoking and health studies at the CDC. Previous research suggested that smokers needed 15-20 cigarettes a day to fulfill their need for nicotine, but the growth

in occasional smokers suggests otherwise, he said.

"It used to be rare enough that we weren't paying much attention to it," Pechacek said, referring to a growing number of studies about this subgroup of smokers. "We're now paying much more attention to this."

Still, occasional smoking bears a higher health risk than many people might realize, experts warn.

"There's no safe level of inhaling cigarette smoke," Glynn said. "Even smoking less than 10 smokes a day doubles your chances of developing heart disease." ■

## There are no safe ways to smoke

Less smoking is better than more, but it is still dangerous, the American Cancer Society warns. Here's why:

- Research shows that smoking as few as one to four cigarettes a day can lead to serious health outcomes, including an increased risk of heart disease and a greater chance of dying at a younger age.
- All cigarettes pose a health risk. Those who switch to low-nicotine cigarettes often end up smoking more cigarettes to get the same nicotine dose.
- "Light" cigarettes do not have a lower health risk and aren't a good alternative to quitting. Studies have not found a decreased lung-cancer risk among smokers of "light" or low-tar cigarettes.
- Hand-rolled cigarettes are not safer than commercial brands.
- "All natural" does not mean healthier. Cigarettes marketed as having no chemicals or additives and rolled with 100 percent cotton filters are not safer than other cigarettes.
- Herbal cigarettes do not contain tobacco but emit tar and carbon monoxide that are dangerous to your health. ■

## Celebrity Chippers

President Barack Obama (right) is not the only well-known casual smoker. Among celebrities who are or have been "chippers":

• **Pope Benedict:** "Thou Shall Not Smoke" is not one of the commandments, but surely God has something to say about this.

• **Prince Harry:** The rambling royal adds smoking to his list of escapades.

• **Laura Bush:** Now that she's out of the spotlight, she can come out of the smoking closet.

• **Sharon Stone:** Perhaps a "basic instinct" has her lighting up occasionally.

• **Pierce Brosnan:** Being an advocate for cigars seems like such a "James Bond" kind of thing to do.

• **Mary-Kate Olsen:** No doubt she prefers ultra-slim cigarettes.

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President Barack Obama

• **Kate Winslet:** The down-to-earth actress reportedly maintains a down-low habit.

• **Renee Zellweger:** Her chain-smoking character Bridget Jones reportedly got Zellweger hooked. She claims to have quit.

• **Paris Hilton:** What's the world's most famous party girl supposed to do at parties?

• **Whoopi Goldberg:** She let a national audience "view" her campaign to quit a couple of years ago ... but, whoops!

• **Anna Kournikova:** The tennis glamour girl says four or five a day doesn't constitute a habit.

• **J.K. Rowling:** The "Harry Potter" author quit smoking but is now said to be addicted to Nicorette chews.

• **Tobey Maguire:** Perhaps dangling from a weblike strand can stress an actor playing a superhero. ■



## Chipping Away

Are you a "chipper"? If so, here are some tips to help you quit for good:

- Make a list of reasons you want to quit. A strong commitment and desire to quit are vital for success.
- Document which days (over a two-week period) you smoke, how many cigarettes you smoke and what the circumstances are.
- Schedule an absolute quit date of two to four weeks in the future.
- Enlist support of family, friends and co-workers, especially those who are present when you smoke.
- Seek information and support from quit lines, Web sites and cessation programs.
- Talk to your physician or pharmacist about using a medication to help you quit. Many chippers use nicotine gum to allay withdrawal symptoms when they most want a cigarette.
- Avoid the situations where you are most likely to smoke, to break the habits associated with your occasional smoking.

— Tom Glynn, American Cancer Society

# Actor steps out to unmask mental illness and benefit NAMI



PANTOLIANO

The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Collier County welcomes "The Sopranos" actor Joey Pantoliano to Naples on Friday and Saturday, March 20-21, to talk about his struggle with mental illness and to serve as grand marshal of NAMI's seventh annual Walk to Un-Mask Mental Illness.

A dependable scene stealer with more than his share of memorable roles, Mr. Pantoliano appeared as the killer pimp Guido in "Risky Business" and as the double-crossing bail bondsman Eddie Moscone in "Midnight Run." In the recent movie "Canvas," he plays the husband of a wife suffering from schizophre-

nia. The film has won several awards and will be available for purchase at the NAMI walk.

The three-mile Walk to Un-Mask Mental Illness steps out from Cambier Park at 8:45 a.m. Saturday, March 21. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. All donations benefit NAMI programs aimed at education, support and advocacy to improve the quality of life of the one in four individuals affected by mental illness.

NAMI is also hosting cocktails with Mr. Pantoliano from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, March 20, at The Club Pelican Bay for \$125 per person.

Honorary co-chair of the event is Connessa Rosemary Pace Di Mattei; co-chair is Beth Ryan. For more information about the Walk to Un-Mask Mental Illness and the pre-walk party with Mr. Pantoliano, call NAMI at 434-6726. ■

## Snowbird Blood Drive is here

The Community Blood Center's 12th annual Snowbird Blood Drive will help offset rising demand for blood against frequent donor shortages. Through March, anyone who gives blood at any Community Blood Center fixed site or bloodmobile will receive a T-shirt and freebies from Carvel Ice Cream and Chick-fil-A.

Collier County is experiencing a critical shortage in blood types O-positive and O-negative. Donors are encouraged to visit:

► Community Blood Center, Naples: Next to NCH Healthcare System's parking garage, in the Medical Plaza Building at 311 North Ninth Street. Monday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Wednesday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

► Community Blood Center, Bonita

Springs: In Sunshine Plaza, 9170 Bonita Beach Road. Monday and Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; closed Tuesday and Wednesday.

► Community Blood Center's bloodmobile locations are posted at [www.givebloodcbc.org](http://www.givebloodcbc.org) and are available by calling 436-5455.

The Snowbird Blood Drive promotion was created by seasonal resident and 20-gallon donor "Papa" Joe Lubbehusen as a way to motivate winter residents to give blood. Community Blood Center officials hope this year's promotion will attract new and lapsed donors and motivate them to become regular blood donors.

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# OUTDOORS

## Two more lectures remain in Conservancy's series

The Conservancy of Southwest Florida 2009 Speaker Series continues with the third lecture in the series, "Panthers in Peril," presented by Conservancy biologist David Shindle from 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, March 18. The presentation will include one-of-a-kind photos from field research in Southwest Florida's panther territory. Tracking equipment from Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge will also be on display.

The season's fourth and final lecture in this year's series will be "The World of Marjory Stoneman Douglas" by author and actress Janina Birtolo, from 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 8. Ms. Birtolo portrays the legendary environmentalist and



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Janina Birtolo as Marjory Stoneman Douglas



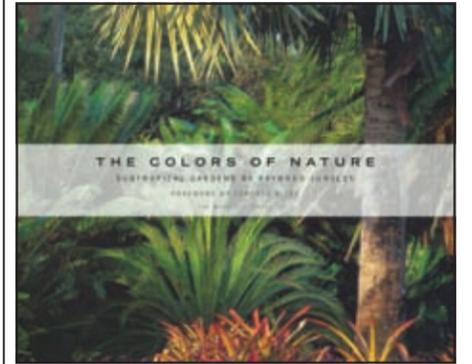
author of "The Everglades, River of Grass."

Both lectures take place at the Conservancy campus at 1450 Merrihue Drive in Naples and are open to Conservancy members.

Memberships are available for \$35. To become a member and register for the series, visit the [www.conservancy.org/speakers](http://www.conservancy.org/speakers). Online registration is required as seating is limited.

For more information, call 403-4207. ■

## Naples Botanical Garden welcomes landscape architect for next lecture



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Raymond Jungles's book, "The Colors of Nature"

Award-winning landscape architect and designer Raymond Jungles will discuss his plans for Naples Botanical Garden's new Brazilian Garden as part of the Lifelong Learning lecture series at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 24. Mr. Jungles will also discuss 20 other design projects around Florida. A limited quantity of his new book, "The Colors of Nature," will be available at a book signing following the lecture.

Admission to the Lifelong Learning lecture is \$15 for members of the Garden and \$20 for others. Seating is limited and registration is recommended by calling 643-7275. ■

## Musicians join in concert for CREW

A variety of musical sounds will fill the night air at Estero Community Park on Saturday, March 21. "A Musical Night with Nature" brings together an array of musicians to perform celestial, world, bluegrass, folk, pop and eco music in a beautiful natural setting, all to benefit the Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed Land & Water Trust.

Emmy-Award-winning flutist Kat Epple performs with harpist D.L. Turner, keyboard artist Chuck Grinnell and percussionist Darrell Nutt as the headline act; others who will sing and play for the cause include The McIltrout Brothers and Susie Jennings.

All funds raised through sponsorships and ticket sales will enable CREW to

continue its mission to preserve and protect the land and water resources in and around the 60,000-acre watershed. A silent auction during the concert will raise additional funds. Included in the auction will be a Dolphin Eco-Tour for two, a day in the field with botanist George Wilder and a 45-minute flight for three over CREW Lands.

"A Musical Night with Nature" begins at 7 p.m. Tickets for \$20 per person (children under 12 are free) are available by calling 657-2253 or e-mailing [crewtrust@earthlink.net](mailto:crewtrust@earthlink.net). Lawn chairs, picnic baskets, food and drink (no alcohol or pets allowed) are encouraged. Estero Community Park is on Corkscrew Road between U.S. 41 and Three Oaks Parkway. ■



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# OUTDOORS

AT COLLIER-SEMINOLE STATE PARK

## The truth about Spanish moss: It's neither

BY LEE BELANGER  
Special to Florida Weekly

Spanish moss (*Tillandsia usneoides*) is neither Spanish nor moss. Its Spanish name likely comes from its resemblance to Spanish beards; its moist, soft texture causes its confusion with mosses.

Spanish moss is actually a branching, rootless, wiry-stemmed, flowering plant. Yes, those grayish, hair-like masses you see trailing from trees and fence posts have flowers. I never saw the flowers myself until a few years ago while on a guided botanical walk. If you haven't noticed the flowers either, don't be discouraged. They're very small and not even present all the time.

Spanish moss is an "epiphyte" (Greek for upon/plant) or air plant. Epiphytes lack roots and do not need soil but do need a support structure. In Florida, we often see Spanish moss on live oak trees, but it also grows on many other trees, as well as on power lines and fence posts. Other epiphytes such as ball moss are often confused with Spanish moss. Ball moss is smaller and tufted and can grow on the same tree with Spanish moss.

As with all flowering plants, Spanish moss produces seeds. Each seed has a feathery parachute that helps it float in air until it finds a new spot to grow. The plant also propagates when birds or the wind carry strands to a new location where they continue growing.

The stems and leaves of Spanish moss

contain chlorophyll, which in the presence of sunlight, water and carbon dioxide, makes starch and sugar to nourish the plant. Because Spanish moss makes its own food and lacks roots, it is not parasitic to the trees it hangs on. However, if clumps get too heavy, they can break a weak limb. Large amounts of moss can also smother foliage on small branches.

Spanish moss is in the family bromeliaceae, which includes aloes, yuccas and the pineapple. It grows in warm, sunny climates in the southeastern United States, in the West Indies and to Argentina in South America. All Florida counties have it in varying amounts. High humidity and rainwater are necessary to its survival because the plant absorbs water through its stem and leaves. During dry periods, hair-like scales tighten over the stem and leaves and help conserving moisture. During wet periods, the scales raise up, letting the moisture in. The scales cover the green plant cells underneath, giving the plant its gray color.

Native Americans found many uses for this plant. They mixed it with clay to make



PHOTO BY LEE BELANGER

Spanish moss with seed pod

a plaster for houses, they made pillows with it, and they wove it into cloth. Children stuffed it into deer hides to make balls. It was even used as kindling to burn the inside of a log when making a dugout canoe.

Later, Florida settlers used it to stuff mattresses, horse collars and still later, automobile seats, but most was used as filler in furniture. Florida had 35 moss-processing plants at one time, the most recent in Gainesville. After the plant burned in 1958, it never reopened.

Today, florists use Spanish moss in the base of flower arrangements. Garden shops sell it dried for home use in potted plants and for crafts.

If you collect it yourself, be careful. Spanish moss can house redbugs (a.k.a., biting chiggers.) Chiggers like low, damp places and can inhabit Spanish moss growing on or near the ground. Moss high in trees rarely houses chiggers.

Chiggers or no, Spanish moss adds grace and charm to much of the South. Visitors to Florida expect to see it almost as much as they expect palm trees. Let's hope it continues to flourish. ■

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

### Paddle by day, hike by night

Collier-Seminole State Park offers guided, narrated canoe tours and night hikes as follows:

>> **Guided daytime canoe trips** take place from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Monday and Wednesday, March 14, 16 and 18. Paddle through the mangroves along the Blackwater River listening to stories of Seminole survival and watching for colorful crabs, tarpon and even manatees. The three-hour trip is fun for ages 6 and older; \$25 per person in your canoe or a park canoe.

>> **Guided night hikes** will take place from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, March 26 and 27. Unravel mysteries and sharpen your senses as you hike with a park naturalist, watching for things that glow in the dark, shooting stars and other night wonders with no city lights to interfere. Great for ages 6 and older; \$10 per person.

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. Special group, family or club trips can also be arranged. To sign up, call Lee Belanger at 394-3397.

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# PET TALES

## Cats in charge

BY DR. MARTY BECKER  
Universal Press Syndicate

Most dog owners come into the veterinary office with their canine companions devotedly following them. Tails wagging, the dogs look up at their people with adoring eyes.

Most cat owners, on the other hand, wrestle a cardboard box into the exam room, reach in like a magician and pull out not a rabbit, but an angry cat. For their efforts they get covered with furry shrapnel and sometimes raked with claws until their face and arms look like so many tic-tac-toe games.

As a lifetime pet lover and a veterinarian of 27 years, I've noticed cat lovers are a special breed. And for those of us who love the cat's fierce independence, tempered by the ability to adopt us as family — and I am one of these, owned by five cats — here are some behavior tips for cats:

- Strategically place your hairball. If you have to hack up a hairball, toss it like a trophy onto something visible and valuable like the new leather couch. If you can't reach that in time, an Oriental rug is an appropriate substitute.

- Know the enemy and embrace him. If mom is entertaining, determine quickly who hates or is allergic to cats, race immediately to that person and leap into his or her lap. Mom's watching, so he won't dare push you off and will even fake affection by stroking you and repeating, "Nice kitty. Niiice kitty."

- Wear fur proudly. You must always

select clothing in sharp contrast to your own fur color on which to rub, leap or audition for the president of the Hair Club for Cats. Again, dare to share.

- Johnnie on-the-spot.

As a courtesy, always accompany guests to the toilet. Your job is to sit and stare like you're a peeping-tom cat. If you get some really good shots, post them on the Internet and make a lot of bucks.

- Cat scratch fever. If someone claims to love cats and that all cats love him or her in return, lull that person into thinking you're a Stepford Cat. When his or her guard is dropped and the perfect cat lover begins to bask in a snapshot moment, show utter disdain, lay claw tracks across the expensive hosiery or silk tie, or turn unexpectedly and give a quick nip deep enough to test someone's blood type.

- Behind door No. 3. Never allow closed doors in any room except when you need to trap the dog. To crack open a closed one, stand on your hind legs and jackhammer it with your forepaws, scratch it like you're headed for China, or put your paws underneath it and keep pulling. Or just throw yourself against it repeatedly. Once the genie appears and opens the door for you, change your mind and walk away.

- Paper weight. If you come across somebody doing homework, paying bills or read-



Who rules the house? Cat lovers know it's cats, and so do the cats.

ing the newspaper, settle down on the page being worked on. This may entitle you to flying lessons, but when you get back on the page, and you will, make sure that you take everything with you — pens, pencils, other papers — on your next scheduled flight.

- Knit wits. If mom's into crocheting or knitting, curl up quietly in her lap and pretend to catnap. Then spring into action by grabbing the yarn and causing her knitting needles or crochet hook to plunge sharply like a trophy catfish has just hit the bait. She'll try to distract you and pick up the slipped stitch. Ignore her efforts to calm you, close your eyes again, and prepare for strike two.

- Early to bed, early to rise. Get plenty of sleep both during the day and in the evening, when your people want you to play. That way, you'll be fully rested and ready to rumble with Sleeping Beauty anytime between 2 a.m. and 5 a.m.

And always remember the No. 1 rule for being a cat: When in doubt, blame the dog. ■

### Pet of the Week



>>Quincy is a 2-year-old male who might have some golden retriever in him. He likes other dogs, walks well on a leash and is very affectionate. He is crate trained. We are not sure how he is with cats/children.



>>Mocha has lots of toys, a bed, crate and a huge stack of papers with his history. Vet says he's in perfect health and that he's an active 10-year-old. He gets along well with other dogs, people and children.



>>Robbie is a 4-year-old chocolate male who loves to go on walks, fetch and swim. He's house trained and crate trained and only likes to chew dog toys. He's loyal and wants a family to love.

### To adopt a pet

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# MUSINGS

## Psychopomp



No pomp under these circumstances, not pumped up, but down played under gray monochrome fog: wrapped, embalmed, embezzled, embarrassed, and altogether all alone. No subject, no object, no prosody. Especially no verb, just verbiage, hoping for gerunds and finding whatever.

Are you with me? Are you against me? In embrace, leaning, or perhaps pragmatic paranoia sees psychopathic intent in the contact. Who knows? Who is there to know that is not lean and awash in the gray?

Knowing was for a different time and place. Knowing was for a world with edges and colors and multiple cultures. Knowing was from a whirled birthing of paradigms popping into play. Now even the after images of these aborted bubbles slink into the underworld gray, victim to pathetic psychopathic pomp gone amuck.

In the ancient days, there was guidance, pirate guide dancing across the River Styx, boat available at a price. The Psychopomp was ready, and he was not merely psycho pomp.

Dependent upon quantification and accumulation, we synchronize our

watchings. Is psychopomp coming? Perhaps there can be an emerging of this "guide of souls." The psychopomp's duty is to escort the deceased to the afterlife. It has never been the work of the psychopomp to judge. The psychopomp only provides safe passage.

To where are we now passing? Jung saw the psychopomp as the archetypal mediator between the conscious and the unconscious. But it seems to this pirate that there is no such free flowing watery route in this degenerate age. We have no designated driver, no one more alive to the ambiguity of the gray than the average colorless lush. The here is only former solidity and clarity, and the there is merely the longing for that. Imagination is virtually missing in the this and the that, here or there.

In the ancient days, when the gods were alive on the streets and mingling with mortals in acts of mutual creation, stories emerged with each breathing and each seeing. Faith itself was more alive than the objects of its inquiry. Worlds were born and died, dancing out of Styx crossings in ephemeral mini-moments too brief to concretize.

Do you remember how the Ginnungagap, that magical creative power filled space, came to be out of the meeting of the eternal ice and snow and the eternal heat and flame? In this Norse version of the big bang, Ginnungagap is the name of the seeming emptiness out of which the manifest universe emerges.

Where does the effulgence of the cosmogenic process rest now? What name can we name beyond our quantification of loss? What name can we

name beyond our global battle of the hot over the cold? Will the heat cause our Styx to overflow its banks? Will the banks' erosion allow for another all destroying flood? Will the promissory note of the rainbow collapse into a lack of causes and conditions for this iridescent vision?

The drumbeats of shamans had formed bridges ridden to the ends of the earths. Now there are only armchair travelers too economically bereft or too afraid to travel in spontaneous worlds.

What constitutes safe passage? The risk free, non-controversial, solid, and secure is stoppage, not passage. The safe is enshrined, safe deposit boxed, safe sexed, flowless, flawless, fearless accumulation. The more and more: mores lost and shriven.

The hoarding is hard to justify and harder to dissipate.

Passage demands impermanence. Expansion demands obliteration.

The great Norse god Odin cast his eye into the depths of a well in payment for a drink of its waters of wisdom. Perhaps at the well bottom was a pirate, lurking in wait, motivated only by love, bound only by lascivious holding of breath. Perhaps this pirate once died with an incurable forehead wound, a site ripe for the grafting of divinity's sacrifice. Where better for an eye to fall?



From such visionary merger might emerge soul guide anew, with hope of passage out of grays into fresh circumstance. After life not as life after, but as here and now, accumulation of after-birth discarded. ■

— 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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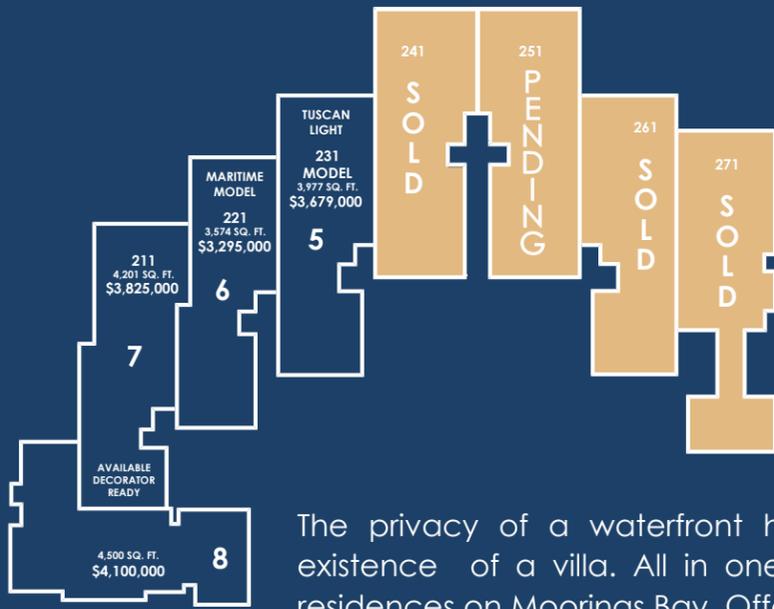
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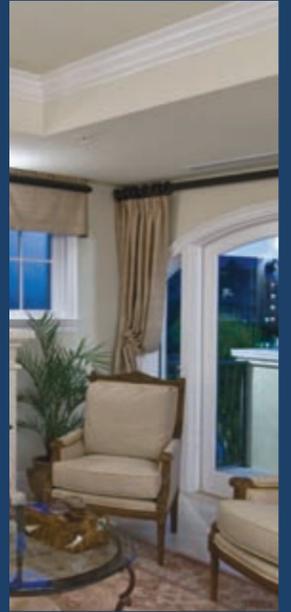
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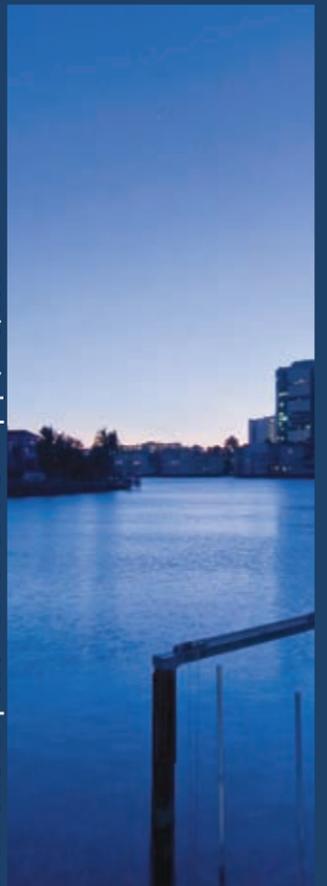
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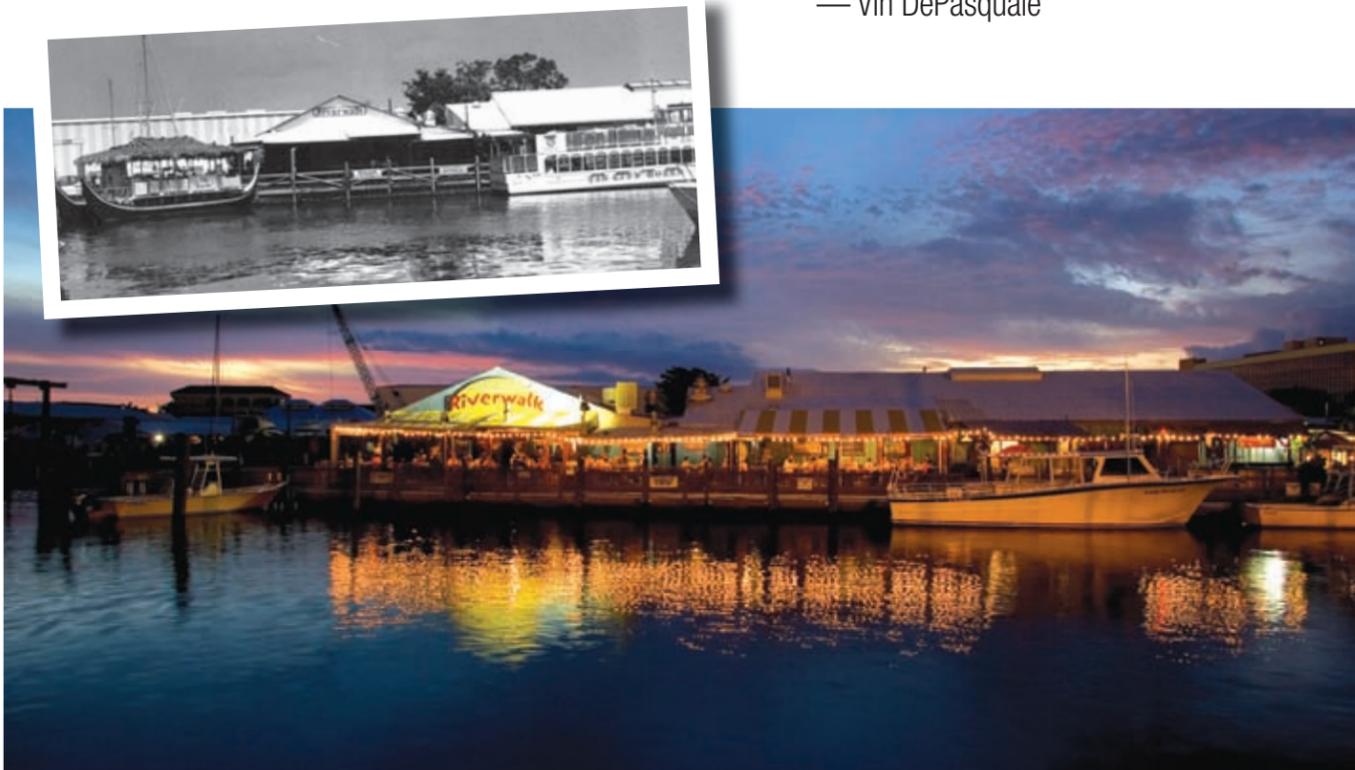
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## Riverwalk at Tin City: After 30 years, it just keeps getting better

**BY DOLLY ROBERTS**  
Special To Florida Weekly

The year is 1979.

Margaret Thatcher is elected England's Prime Minister. “Kramer vs. Kramer” rules the cinema, while “Mork and Mindy” dominates the small screen. Interest rates are 15.25 percent; gas is 86 cents, and the Dow ends the year at 838.

And in Naples, Fla., a largely undiscovered village at the southwest end of the Sunshine State, a few young entrepreneurs are looking hopefully to the future, dreaming of what might be.

Among those bright visionaries is Vin DePasquale, who years earlier while passing through the town had looked toward Naples Bay from the Gordon River Bridge and decided this was where he would live.

With his partners Kenney Schryver and Chuck Bruce, Mr. DePasquale had already started what would become Naples icons: the Dock Restaurant at Crayton Cove and the Great Dock Canoe Race. With additional partner George Dingman, they purchased a property on the Gordon River

next to the bridge and set about renovating it, with general contractor Joel Metz, to a new purpose. A clam processing factory in its earlier life, the property was converted to a tourist destination called the Olde Marine Marketplace, although it was quickly nicknamed Tin City because of its industrial tin roofing material.

“I think it was probably more crazy than visionary,” says Mr. DePasquale, today one of the area's most prominent restaurateurs.

As the Tin City transformation takes root, the partners decide to open a restaurant — open-air, waterside, overlooking the working docks and with an emphasis on seafood and fun.

And so, 30 years ago, the Riverwalk Fish & Ale House (now Riverwalk at Tin City) was born. The partners' budget for opening totaled about \$45,000, including such items as a logo (\$207), chairs, tables and stools (\$2,500) and opening inventory (\$9,000). Preliminary estimates suggested that 75 meals a day would be served off-season; that number was expected to double in-season. Seating capacity at open-

ing was 36.

Well-known maritime artist Jerry Vallez pitched in and painted three whales that still can be seen in the bar area. Artist Dale Beatty, who runs the adjacent Juice Bar, carved the wooden arches that still grace the restaurant's entryway.

Through the years, Riverwalk has undergone several expansions and renovations. In addition to nautical artifacts collected from around the world, its décor is enhanced by the work of the late Clint Beatty, son of Dale and a brilliant young sculptor in his own right. He created not only the sea life and lures displayed in the restaurant, but also crafted the abstract handrails and doors that echo the movement of water and birds.

At the same time, its menu has evolved from a short list of fried seafood to an extensive selection of gulf coast delicacies created by Executive Chef Corey Heath.

Today's Riverwalk is a far cry from its humble beginnings. Bruce Ronty, director of operations, says on any given day in season, Riverwalk serves some 1,000

SEE RIVERWALK, B13 ▶

## WEEK at-a-glance



**Catching the Buzz**  
Getting together at Sharks Cavern and other networking events. **B7 & 8** ▶



**Banking on the best**  
Bob Guididas of Bank of Naples believes bigger isn't always better. **B2** ▶



**Discover Fiddler's Creek**  
Eight luxury resale homes will be open for tours this weekend. **B9** ▶

## Survey says: It's time to fill out salary, benefits questionnaire

**SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY**

The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce and the Southwest Florida Employers Association announce that “Salary Survey Season” has started. For 14 years, the survey has produced the only local research that takes into account the unique nature of this area and the challenges employers here face.

Reporting on more than 300 job positions, this survey covers most local industries, from accounting, banking and construction to retail sales, restaurants and warehousing. The two-part survey

covers employee benefits and compensation. Businesses in Collier and Lee counties are encouraged to participate.

Entries must be submitted by Monday, March 16. Survey results will be available by April 15. Here's what previous participants have said about the SWFEA survey:

“Our employee compensation analysts have found this local compensation survey tool to be extremely useful since it cuts across all industries and reflects actual pay practices in the Naples area. By partnering with The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, the SFFEA



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found it to be very helpful.” — Steve Csotty, Wilson Miller

“Participation in the survey has significantly enhanced our recruitment efforts

makes the survey an even more valuable compensation planning tool.” — Brian Settle, Naples Healthcare System

“Benchmarking to the local market is essential to competitive salaries. I have

and retention of invaluable employees, empowering us with the knowledge needed to compete with all business sectors.” — Ron McSwiney, Youth Haven

The 2009 Salary Survey is available now online at [www.colliersalarysurvey.com](http://www.colliersalarysurvey.com). Employers must have a minimum of five employees in order to participate. Incomplete data will not be accepted.

Participants pay \$35 and will receive a copy of survey results; others must pay \$50 for a copy of the report.

For more information, call 285-4777 or e-mail [libby@swfea.org](mailto:libby@swfea.org). ■

# BUSINESS PROFILE

## Bob Guididas banks on being the best, not the biggest

BY ALYSIA SHIVERS  
Special to Florida Weekly

Boring is not a word that springs to mind upon mention of the banking industry these days. As Bob Guididas, president and CEO of the Bank of Naples, admits, business is anything but boring.

As interest rates fluctuate, loans become difficult to acquire and investment options are viewed with doubtful eyes, Mr. Guididas steps in to guide customers, and ultimately the bank itself, through difficult times.

Being there for its customers is top priority for the Bank of Naples, especially since new challenges and issues arise every day. While taxing and altogether tricky to navigate, it's in times like these that Mr. Guididas knows he chose the right career path. Early on, though, he wasn't as sure of himself.

As a new graduate of Cleveland State University with a bachelor's degree in accounting in hand and also a master's in business administration with a concentration in finance, he had "no earthly idea" what he wanted to do with his life. What he did know was that he needed a job.

The insurance industry seemed promising, so he accepted a position selling fidelity bonds. After three years of paperwork and very little interaction with people, he left for something more challenging: the management trainee program at Central National Bank. "At

25 I had a job that most people retire at. I gave up a company car when I left," he says with a chuckle about the job he's so happy he left behind.

From there, he was off and running, acquiring experience by spending time in nearly every position within a bank — all except teller, a position that, bewildering even to him, somehow passed him by. All the while, he was enjoying not only the steady paychecks but interacting with the public and, more importantly, helping people create improvements in their lives.

Central National opened doors to Huntington National and then Bank One.

But while Mr. Guididas was enjoying his career, he wasn't necessarily enjoying his surroundings. Ohio was downright cold most of the year, and his frequent vacations to Florida spoiled him with warmth and outdoor activities that eventually convinced him that the Sunshine State was where he wanted to be full time.

"I enjoyed boating, golfing and the beach, and you really can't do much of that up there during those long winters," he says.

His move to Florida came with a new position: area president of one of the state's largest banks, Southeast Bank. When it closed in 1991, Mr. Guididas moved on to Bank of Naples, which in 1999 was sold to a large out-of-state group. In 2000, when a group of local investors bought back the Bank



Bob Guididas

COURTESY PHOTO

Springs, Mr. Guididas has his sights set on not growing the business into the biggest bank in town, but rather into the best bank in town.

"It's really a people business, and that's my focus," he says. "I would never go back to a big bank. A small bank is more diverse. I can make a \$3 million loan one minute and bring cookies out from the kitchen the next."

Out of the office, though, his focus is on his wife and three children as well as various civic and charitable involvements, including the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, the Collier Building Industry Association, the Economic Development Council, the YMCA and the Collier County Affordable Housing Commission.

"This town has been very good to me. It's only right that I give back to it," he says. Another organization dear to his heart is the Naples Mid-Day Optimist Club, of which he is immediate past president.

Since running a bank takes much more time these days, Mr. Guididas has taken a step back from sitting on various boards and councils, yet he remains dedicated to their causes. His commitment today revolves around successfully guiding Bank of Naples through this challenging time.

When he does get a spare minute, he's likely to be found on the golf course or out on his boat, two of the many reasons he's so pleased to call Naples home. ■

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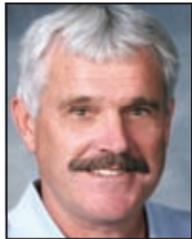
FRANK

Makeup artist **Donna Frank** has joined the staff at **Sphere Salon** after relocating from New York, where she worked for Estee Lauder and as a makeup artists in the television and fashion industries.

## New Location

Owner **Mike Kornell** announces **The Print Shop** has moved to 13800 Tamiami Trail N., south of Old 41 and north of Wiggins Pass Road, North Naples.

## Construction



BERRY

**John Berry**, vice president of field operations with **McGarvey Development Company**, has earned Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design accreditation from the U.S. Green Building Council. LEED is the nationally accepted benchmark for eco-friendly building practices. Mr. Berry has worked for McGarvey Development Company for more than 23 years, overseeing the construction of office, flex, tilt-wall and retail buildings. He holds a Florida certified general contractor license.

**Keith Daubmann**, president of **Mr. Shower Door** in Naples, was awarded

*Glass Magazine's* 2009 "30 Under 40" award in recognition of his contribution to the commercial, fabrication, retail and automotive glass industries. Mr. Daubman and his brother opened their Naples showroom in 2004; their parents opened the first Mr. Shower Door franchise in the country in the 1980s.

## Higher Education

**Ave Maria School of Law** announces the following additions to its faculty for the 2009-2010 academic year: Temple University School of Law Constitutional Law Professor **Stephen L. Mikochik** will join Ave Maria next fall as a visiting professor; former Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice **Clifford Taylor**, who also holds the title of Justice-in-Residence, will join in January 2010 as a visiting professor; Michigan Special Assistant Attorney General **Lucille Taylor** will join in January 2010 as a visiting associate professor; and Michigan Third Circuit Judge **Daniel P. Ryan**, who also holds the title of Judge-in-Residence, will join in fall 2009 as a visiting associate professor.

## Real Estate

Mortgage brokers **Andrew Folch** and **Elmo Mariathan** have joined **Weichert Realtors on the Gulf** and will serve real estate buyers and sellers throughout Collier and Lee counties. Mr. Folch and Mr. Mariathan both belong to the Naples Area Board of Realtors and the Realtors Association of Greater Fort Myers and The Beach.

**Downing-Frye Realty Inc.**, announces its sales and listing leaders for the month of February: In the Naples office, sales leader for the month was **Marcia Hawken**, and listing

leader was **Steve Schoepfer**. In the Bonita Springs office, **Jasen Berube** was sales leader and **Larry Halpin** was listing leader.

**Lance Gregory** was the top sales associate at **The Vineyards** for the month of February.

**Downing-Frye Realty Inc.**, has joined the **Greater Tampa Association of Realtors** and the **Orlando Regional Realtor Association**. The move gives Downing-Frye agents access to a broader geographic base of residential and commercial listings and other important market information. The Greater Tampa Association of Realtors was founded in 1911 as the Tampa Real Estate Board and today represents more than 6,400 real estate professionals. The Orlando Regional Realtor Association is one of the largest local trade associations in Florida, with more than 11,000 members in Hillsborough, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Polk, Seminole and Volusia counties. Headquartered in Naples, Downing-Frye Realty has real estate offices in Naples, Marco Island and Bonita Springs.

## Banking & Finance



CANKAR

**Lee Moran Cankar** has joined **FineMark National Bank & Trust** as vice president and senior banking officer. Ms. Cankar most recently was a manager at SunTrust Bank in Cape Coral. Before relocating to Florida, she served as president of the Lake Bluff Office of Baytree National Bank & Trust Company in Lake Forest, Ill. She holds a bachelor's degree from Cornell College.

**Noreen Jutkiewicz** has been named associate financial advisor with **Blue Heron Capital Management**, an independent financial advisory practice affiliated with Wachovia Securities Financial Network. Her primary responsibilities include marketing with main emphasis on protection of clients' wealth through various investment and insurance products.

## Healthcare



FRANGIE

**Tony Frangie** has joined **Bridgeport Home Health Care** as branch manager/administrative assistant.

## Nonprofit Organizations



FULLER

**Juliana Fuller**, a licensed funeral director/embalmer, has joined the board of directors for Avow Hospice. She and her husband own Fuller Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Naples and Cape Coral. Ms. Fuller's community involvement includes Women's Networking of Collier County, the Women's Guild of St. John Catholic Church and Pelican Bay Women's Club. She also belongs to several state, national and international funeral director associations. ■



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## Financial advisory firm celebrates 25 years

Schlager, Sonntag and Levin is celebrating more than 25 years of business in the financial services industry in Southwest Florida.

Robert and Reina Schlager, husband and wife and founders of the firm, credit their business success to their focus on customer service. The couple founded the firm in 1984 and later welcomed Mark Sonntag and Ken Levin as partners. All four have professional financial designations. Mrs. Schlager is a licensed CPA and offers tax advice;

Mr. Schlager has his MBA as well as the Chartered Life Underwriter and Chartered Financial Consultant professional designations; Mr. Sonntag and Mr. Levin are Registered Financial Consultants.

Schlager, Sonntag and Levin, with offices in Fort Myers and Bonita Springs, provides comprehensive financial services by combining tax preparation and accounting services with tax strategies for lowering the clients' federal tax bill, while coordinating this effort with the clients' estate and investment plans. ■



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Reina Schlager, Ken Levin, Mark Sonntag and Robert Schlager

## Chamber, SCORE present free seminar about reorganization and liquidation

Reorganization or liquidation is the unfortunate choice for more and more businesses and individuals in the current economic environment. A free seminar on the subject will be held from 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 21, at the Naples Chamber of Commerce.

Co-sponsored by the Chamber and SCORE Naples, the seminar will present Mike Schumann, SCORE counselor and co-owner of Traditions Classic Home Furnishing, and Jeff Leasure, a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute whose bankruptcy practice represents creditors, debtors and trustees.

Topics will include the basics of bank-

ruptcy law as it applies to small businesses; an overview of the alternatives; how bankruptcy affects financing leases and other contracts; the mechanics of the bankruptcy process; and where to get help.

Since many small business owners have personally guaranteed their business debts and/or leases, the seminar will provide an overview of the personal bankruptcy law.

Seating is limited, and although attendance is free registration is encouraged by calling 430-0081 or by visiting [www.scorenaples.org](http://www.scorenaples.org) (click on WORKSHOPS and then on SIGN UP). ■

## NEW IN BUSINESS

► **Blue Streak Tile and Marble** has opened at 5780 Taylor Road in Naples. The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting for the company that installs decorative tiles and stones in kitchens and bathrooms and has been in business in Southwest Florida for 15 years. For more information, call 514-4176 or visit [www.bluestreaktile.com](http://www.bluestreaktile.com).

► Ken Compton has started a home inspection and backflow testing business, **Ken Compton's Inspection & Homes Services Inc.**, to serve clients in Collier and Lee counties. Mr. Compton is a Florida-licensed Community Association Manager and a Certified Manager of Community Associations. For more information, call 564-5539 or visit [www.kcihs.com](http://www.kcihs.com). ■



The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting in celebration of Marbella Design & Fabrics' new location at 2100 Trade Center Way. For more information about Marbella, call 597-6313 or visit [www.marbellafabrics.com](http://www.marbellafabrics.com).

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### Great Leadership, by George

In our current economic environment, many are looking for companies helmed by great leaders. Tom Gardner, co-founder and CEO of The Motley Fool, recently discussed leadership with former Medtronic CEO Bill George, author of "True North" (Jossey-Bass, \$30) and "Authentic Leadership" (Jossey-Bass, \$20). George is worth hearing out, as he led Medtronic to a 60-times increase in its value during his 10-year tenure. He identifies five dimensions of an authentic leader:

- First, leaders must have a purpose. They must know why they want to lead and where they're going.
- They must practice and live their values every day — and not just the ones they articulate.
- They must lead with their hearts, not just their heads. Obviously, intellect is necessary, but George believes that having the heart is key: "This means having the passion for the work, having a real understanding of compassion for the people you work with, having a real deep understanding and

empathy for your customers, and having the courage to make difficult decisions.

"When you think about it, passion, compassion, courage and empathy are all matters of the heart, not of the head. There are so many leaders who have been brilliant leaders but have failed because they failed in that dimension."

• George noted that many leaders have vast networks of superficial relationships, when they really need deeper networks, where there's "a sense of two-way commitment between the individuals."

• His fifth dimension is "having the self-discipline to get results."

George suggested that "anyone who wants to be can be a leader in their own way. ... Maybe they wouldn't be the best CEO, but they certainly can lead in their own way. They can set the standards for other people, and they can demonstrate a certain level of enthusiasm and commitment that can cause other people to want to perform better. ... Those that fail typically are ones who are trying to be something different than who they are. They come across as fake." ■

## My Dumbest Investment

### Sweet Profits

Years ago, a friend who visited Los Angeles told me about a line half a block long outside a Krispy Kreme doughnut shop. When it went public in 2000, I bought some shares at \$36. Over just about a year, the stock rose and split twice. I sold half of my stake between the splits and the rest in 2002, netting a 190 percent gain in less than two years.

— W.L. Fink, Escondido, Calif.

**The Fool Responds:** You did well, especially in your selling of the stock, as it has recently been trading for around \$1.40 per share. Investors were very excited about Krispy Kreme at first, many swayed by the devotion of its fans. But it's not enough for a company to have a popular product. The company must also manage its finances, operations and growth effectively. Krispy Kreme's revenue has been falling over the past few years, as it struggles to turn its losses into gains. It may well turn itself around, but for now, there are much safer investments around. ■



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

## Last week's trivia answer

Based in Massachusetts, I'm the world leader in serving science, with annual revenue of \$10 billion, more than 30,000 employees, and more than 350,000 customers within pharmaceutical and biotech companies, hospitals and clinical diagnostic labs, universities, research institutions and government agencies. I supply labs with high-end analytical instruments as well as equipment, chemicals, supplies, software, services, reagents, education and more. From beakers and slides to pipettes and syringes, to mass spectrometers and centrifuges, I have it all. My stock has grown by a compound average rate of 10 percent annually over the past 20 years. Who am I? ■

(Answer: Thermo Fisher Scientific)



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### Stocks vs. Bonds for Junior

Q Are stocks or savings bonds better for kids?

— H.K., Denver

A It depends. The stock market is best for long-term investments — at least five years, if not more. If the money will be spent on college, see how many years you have until your kids are 18. If it's for their future use as adults, it might grow for a few decades.

Putting short-term money in "safer," less volatile investments such as savings bonds or CDs will give you a modest return and minimize losses. But over most long periods of time, stocks will outperform bonds and CDs.

An index fund is a great way to start with stocks. You might also invest at least a little money in the stock of a few companies that your children know, such as McDonald's or Nike. Then you can follow the fortunes of the companies and your investments together, as they learn about the stock market.

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Q What does it mean when I see that "Today's Volume" for a stock is 16,300,000?

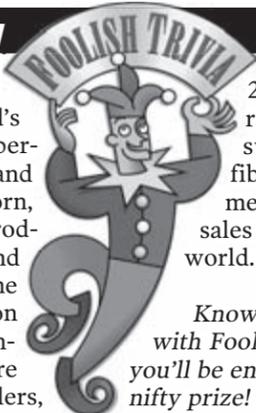
— P.W., Batavia, N.Y.

A Imagine the Scandinavian drug maker, Fryynder and Ulf Pharmaceuticals (ticker: GULPP), whose motto is "Varsågod och svälj!" (That's Swedish for "Here, swallow this pill!"). If its current volume is 16,300,000, that just means that so far today, 16.3 million shares of the stock have changed hands. Volume can vary widely — IBM averages about 10 million shares per day, vs. 1.7 million for Burger King. If a stock's volume is much higher than its average, then something is probably going on, such as good or bad news. ■

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2,200 barges and 23,800 railcars. I make flour, oils, sweeteners, chocolate, fiber and protein supplements and more. My annual sales top \$70 billion. I feed the world. Who am I? ■

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## The Motley Fool Take

### Buffalo Wild Wings

The restaurant industry has largely had a difficult time in this economy, with the exception of cheap eats such as McDonald's. But Buffalo Wild Wings (Nasdaq: BWLD) recently reported spicy fourth-quarter results, with net income increased up 29 percent to \$7.7 million and revenue up 33 percent to \$121.2 million. The company believes its goals of 15 percent unit growth, 25 percent revenue growth and 20 to 25 percent net earnings growth are achievable.

But the company is running negative free cash flow, like last quarter, with cash and securities down 35 percent to \$45 million. Still, the company does have cash on hand and no debt, both of which

currently work in its favor.

After a surge in its stock price, Buffalo Wild Wings shares recently traded with a P/E ratio around 21, which looks pricey compared to its peers. (McDonald's has been quite a performer, but its P/E is only around 15.) But the company is showing impressive growth, and its yearly earnings did increase by 24 percent, so its P/E isn't too out of whack. With the economy in rough shape, investors have learned to look for outliers that are performing well despite the troubles. At the moment, Buffalo Wild Wings looks like it fits the bill.

(Buffalo Wild Wings is a Motley Fool Hidden Gems recommendation, and The Motley Fool owns some shares of it.) ■

# BUSINESS MEETINGS

► **Young Professionals Naples** will meet for social and business networking and "A Taste of Asia" from 5:30-9 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at Chops City Grill, 8200 Health Center Blvd., in Bonita Springs. Members are admitted free; non-members pay \$10. RSVP required by calling Joe-Jo Jennings at (305) 803-4267 or e-mailing [Joejojenings@yahoo.com](mailto:Joejojenings@yahoo.com). YP Naples' next networking meeting will be Thursday evening, March 26, at Eros Artworks, Inc., in Naples.

► **Gulf Coast Venture Forum** will hear presentations from early stage businesses looking for growth capital from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, March 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.angelgroups.net](http://www.gcvf.angelgroups.net).

► **The ABWA Neapolitan Chapter** holds its "Women in History: 20/20 Vision" luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Friday, March 13, at the Naples Hilton. Honorees are Lavern Norris Gaynor, Naples' "first lady of history," and Myra Daniels, the city's "first lady of culture." Cost is \$35 for chapter members and \$55 for non-members. For reservations, visit [www.abwaneapolitan.org](http://www.abwaneapolitan.org) or e-mail [toby.buerger@riversidegc.com](mailto:toby.buerger@riversidegc.com).

► **The Jewish Business Network of Southwest Florida** meets for breakfast and business on the second Friday of the month (next meeting March 13) from 7:30-9 a.m. in the conference room at Robb & Stucky in

Fort Myers, 13170 Cleveland Ave. Cost for members is \$5 in advance, \$10 at the door; non-members pay \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Bring business cards, brochures and a friend. To RSVP and for information about how to pay in advance, call 433-7708 or e-mail [yourjbn@chabadswf.org](mailto:yourjbn@chabadswf.org).

► **Empowered Network** holds a networking luncheon Tuesday, March 17, at The Melting Pot in Naples. Donations are being accepted for a silent auction to benefit the local chapter of the American Cancer Society. For reservations, call 233-4114. For information about Empowered Network, visit [www.EmpoweredNetwork.org](http://www.EmpoweredNetwork.org).

► **The Direct Selling Women's Alliance Southwest Florida Area Chapter** meets on the third Tuesday of every month

(next meeting March 17) 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 [laci188@dswo.org](mailto:laci188@dswo.org).

► **The Christian Chamber of Southwest Florida** invites members and their pastors to lunch on Wednesday, March 18, at the Naples Hilton as part of Pray for Businesses in the Marketplace Month. For more information or to RSVP, call 481-1411, e-mail [christianchamber@embarzmail.com](mailto:christianchamber@embarzmail.com) or visit [www.hischamber.org](http://www.hischamber.org).

► Regular meetings of the **ABWA Neapolitan Chapter** take place on the fourth Tuesday of each month (next meeting March 24) beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Hilton. ■

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## Catch the Buzz at Sharks Cavern



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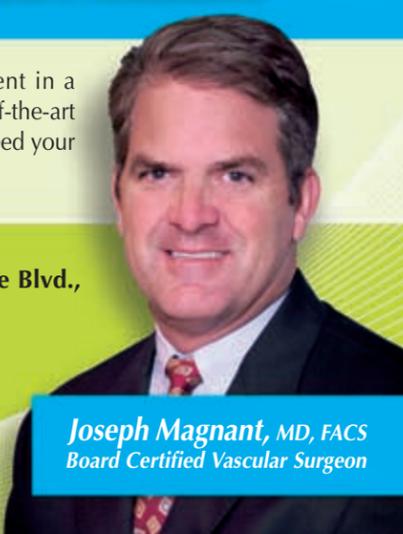
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## Find out what's up at Fiddler's Creek



Majorca Lane exterior



Isla del Sol exterior



Majorca Lane master bedroom



Isla del Sol lanai

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## Eight luxury resale homes open for tours on Sunday

### SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The Fiddler's Creek lifestyle is one of a luxury resort that has something for everyone: golf (Travel & Leisure Golf magazine included Fiddler's Creek in its annual listing of America's Top 100 Golf Communities for a second consecutive year this year), tennis, swimming, fitness, nature trails, casual and fine dining, social activities and beach and marina membership. See it all for yourself when eight resale homes are open for tours

from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, March 15.

These single-family residences range in price from \$648,000 to \$2,990,000.

After passing through the front gate, visitors will start the tour in Bellagio, the third street on the right. A map of the eight homes will be available at the third house on the right, 8511 Bellagio, a former model. The tour is free and open to the public.

Handy to Naples shopping, restaurants and beaches and within 10 minutes of Marco Island's boating, beaches and

the Marco Island Executive Airport, Fiddler's Creek is three miles south of U.S. 41 on County Road 951, on the left heading toward Marco Island.

For more information about the open house tour, call Premier Properties of Southwest Florida, Inc., at 293-4851 or 784-0491.

For information about the community of Fiddler's Creek and its developer, the Gulf Bay Group of Companies, call 732-9300 or visit [www.fiddlerscreek.com](http://www.fiddlerscreek.com). ■

## Urban Land Institute brings experts together to envision the future

### SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The Urban Land Institute Southwest Florida District Council is planning an informative breakfast program regarding the redevelopment of local cities and towns. "Viewing Yesterday's Vision in Today's Crystal Ball" takes place Thursday, March 26, at Spanish Wells Golf and Country Club in Bonita Springs.

In light of the current market, we are left with empty visions of redevelopment in many of our cities and towns. Municipalities are left with dreams of the past and challenged with waiting for the rebound or proactively making moves today to secure the potential for a brighter future in our downtowns. In a panel format, the ULI will convene a group of stakeholders to address the issues associated with bringing life to visions of the past.



The keynote speaker and moderator will be Kim Briesemeister, representing City Place in West Palm Beach. Panel members and their redevelopment projects of discussion include David Jackson, Gateway/Bayshore in Naples;

Russ Adams, Four Corners and 41-10 in Naples; Debrah Forester, Murdock Village in Charlotte County; Gary Price, Naples City Council member and Community Redevelopment Agency director; and Don Paight of the Fort Myers

Downtown Redevelopment Agency.

Registration and networking begin at 8 a.m., with the program from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Cost is \$35 for ULI members, \$50 for non-members, \$25 for young leaders, \$25 for government members, and \$25 for students.

The ULI is a nonpartisan research and educational institute directed by its members and supported by dues. ULI neither lobbies nor acts as an advocate for any single profession or industry. Its mission is to provide leadership in the responsible use of land in creating and sustaining thriving communities worldwide. For more details, visit the ULI Southwest Florida District Council at [www.swflorida.uli.org](http://www.swflorida.uli.org).

For more information or to register for the upcoming breakfast meeting, call the ULI Southwest Florida District Council at (800) 321-5011. ■

# New model hits a luxurious high note at Aria

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Residence 804, the newest model at Aria on Park Shore Beach, is open for viewing. The Lutgert Companies' luxury high-rise residence furnished by Robb and Stucky Interior Designers is the final developer residence in the building at 4501 Gulf Shore Blvd. N.

Residence 804 is comprised of 3,445 square feet of living area and a total area of 4,021 square feet. The three-bedroom, three-bath home has private elevator access and sweeping view of the Gulf of Mexico through west-facing walls of glass.

Uncharacteristic of typical condominiums, the ceilings in Aria are 10 feet high, and windows reach from floor to ceiling, both contributing to the sense of the residence's spacious size. Aria residence 804 also draws upon the great room concept more commonly found in a single-family home design.

Throughout principal living areas, the flooring is hand-scraped maple with a dark stain finish. Molly Grup of Robb & Stucky says the décor was planned as soft contemporary with a "beach" twist. Neutral walls and furnishings of lighter wood tones contrast with the dark flooring. A variety of textures impart a relaxed feel, such as the grass cloth wall covering in guest baths.

The kitchen, family room, dining room and morning room all have views of the gulf. Top-of-the-line appliances include stainless steel KitchenAid double ovens, a natural gas cook top, stainless steel pendant-style vent hood and a side-by-side refrigerator with wood-look front to integrate with Ray Routh wood cabinetry. The surfaces of the



Aria from beach

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breakfast bar and prep counters are sand tone slab granite, the backsplash running the length of the counter is tumbled marble.

In the family room, a corner fireplace with custom glass tile adds an inviting amenity. A wall of built-ins in white-washed pecky cypress tongue and groove complements the pecky cypress recessed ceiling in the dining room.

A private enclosed two-car garage and additional air-conditioned storage



Aria gulf-side terrace

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Aria living room

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clubroom with views of beach and gulf is available. A gulf-front pool, 65 feet long and 36 feet wide, is set amid a paved deck featuring planters filled with colorful tropical foliage.

Aria is the final new high-rise to be built on Park Shore Beach and enjoys a prime location close to the Village on Venetian Bay, where one can pick up a daily newspaper by the marina, enjoy waterfront fine dining, shopping at boutiques and browsing art galleries.

Residence 804 is priced at \$2,900,000 furnished. The model is open for viewing daily or by appointment. For information, call 261-6200, or visit [www.premier-properties.com](http://www.premier-properties.com). ■

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# \$1 million grant will help Florida preserve affordable housing

Just as Florida's affordable housing properties are reaching old age, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation has provided a lifeline. The foundation awarded a \$1 million grant to the Florida Partnership, which includes the University of Florida Shimberg Center for Housing Studies, the Florida Housing Finance Corporation and the Florida Housing Coalition.

The grant is to preserve properties that provide housing for extremely low-income households and people with special needs. It is one of 12 the foundation awarded to cities and states throughout the country for a total of \$32.5 million in new funding for innovative projects to preserve more than 70,000 affordable rental homes nationwide, including 5,000 in Florida.

"Florida's selection in this highly competitive process marks the state as an emerging leader in the field of affordable rental housing preservation," said William J. O'Dell, manager of the Shimberg Center's Florida Housing Data Clearinghouse. Mr. O'Dell and UF researcher Anne Ray are leading the center's research on the MacArthur grant.

With the state's rapid growth and available land, Florida's affordable housing focus has been historically on new construction, yet most of these newer units have rents that are not affordable to the lowest income families. The MacArthur grant will allow the Florida Partnership to meet the needs of low-wage workers and low-income seniors by helping mission-driven organizations to preserve the subsidized rental properties that serve those most in need.

The Florida Housing Coalition will receive \$475,000 to educate nonprofits and local governments about preservation strategies and how to access funding. The Florida Housing Finance Corp. will receive \$25,000 to support peer networking activities for nonprofit and for-profit developers in support of rehabilitating aging, privately owned properties with expiring subsidies.

For its part, the Shimberg Center will receive \$500,000 of the grant to develop enhanced data tools to help the state, nonprofits and local governments make far-sighted decisions about the communities and properties most in need of affordable housing preservation.

"We are excited about this opportu-

nity to connect UF to the needs of Florida's communities. Our estimates show that more than 900,000 low-income households in Florida rent their housing; for their sake, preservation of existing affordable rental housing is crucial," the university's Ms. Ray said.

UF's research and data collection will address which types of tenants are most at risk of losing their hous-

ing, how rents change at properties not preserved as affordable housing, where the best locations are for affordable housing preservation and how much affordable rental housing is provided by the private market.

All of the center's data will be available to the public on the Florida Housing Data Clearinghouse Web site at <http://flhousingdata.shimberg.ufl.edu/>. ■

## Senior Expo designed for energetic baby boomers

Baby boomers are redefining what it means to be a "senior." These active, energetic individuals aren't ready to slow down, and those who have reached retirement age are looking for new ways to expand their personal horizons. That's what the Senior Expo experience is all about.

At Naples/Collier County's 6th annual Senior Expo, the 50-plus set will see what's new for today's energetic seniors. The expo continues for the second day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, March 12, under the big top at the Naples Italian American Club, 7035 Airport Pulling

Road. Admission and parking are free.

Presented by Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Florida, the event features information about investments, travel, health insurance, senior living options, recreation and fitness, among other things. Attendees also can take advantage of a variety of tests and screenings provided by qualified medical practitioners. More than 75 companies will present their products and services.

For more information, call (866) 466-6300, ext. 17 or visit [www.expotradeshows.net](http://www.expotradeshows.net). ■



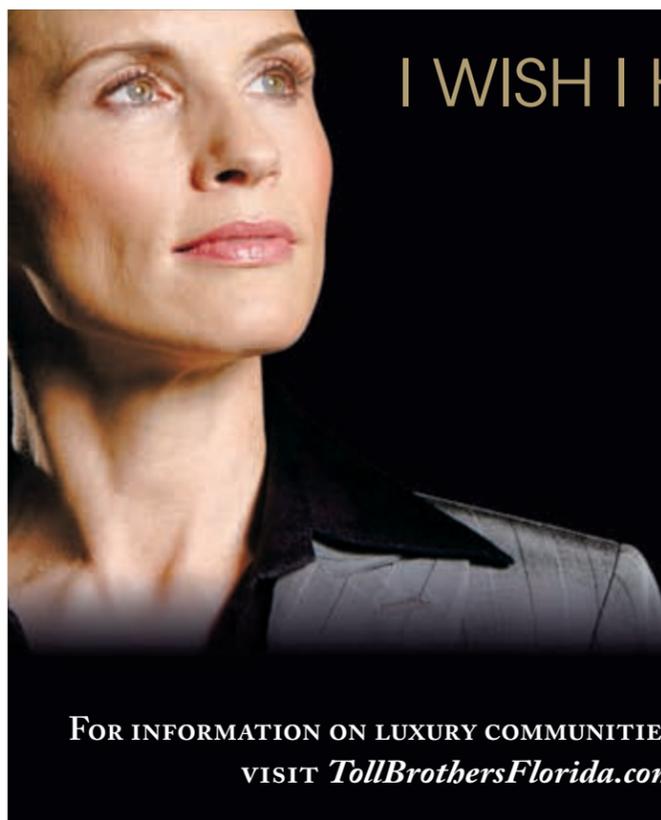
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Heritage Bay Executives	<del>SOLD</del>	Foxhall	<del>3 bed, 2 bath, den, 2-car garage, pool and spa</del>	<del>\$534,000</del>	<del>\$447,916</del>	<del>\$86,084</del>
Heritage Bay Executives	124	Foxhall	3 bed, 2 bath, den, 2-car garage, pool and spa	\$537,000	\$457,916	\$79,084
Heritage Bay Coach	6311	Hibiscus	3 bed, 2 bath, 2-car garage and golf membership	\$308,000	\$284,916	\$23,084
Heritage Bay Coach	6412	Hibiscus	3 bed, 2 bath, 2-car garage and golf membership	\$308,000	\$286,916	\$21,084
Heritage Bay Coach	<del>SOLD</del>	Oleander	<del>3 bed, 2 bath, 3-car garage and golf membership</del>	<del>\$346,000</del>	<del>\$319,916</del>	<del>\$26,084</del>
Heritage Bay Verandas	<del>SOLD</del>	Barrington	<del>2 bed, 2 bath, 1-car garage and golf membership</del>	<del>\$216,000</del>	<del>\$194,916</del>	<del>\$21,084</del>
Heritage Bay Verandas	3112	Barrington	2 bed, 2 bath, 1-car garage and golf membership	\$216,000	\$205,916	\$10,084
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Heritage Bay Verandas	3114	Barrington	2 bed, 2 bath, 1-car garage and golf membership	\$216,000	\$205,916	\$10,084
Heritage Bay Terraces	1414	Ashbury	2 bed, 2 bath, and golf membership	\$184,000	\$164,916	\$19,084
Heritage Bay Terraces	<del>SOLD</del>	Ashbury	<del>2 bed, 2 bath, and golf membership</del>	<del>\$184,000</del>	<del>\$164,916</del>	<del>\$19,084</del>
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Heritage Bay Vistas	1204	Baymont	2 bed, 2.5 bath Townhome in Naples	\$148,000	\$129,916	\$18,084
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Heritage Bay Vistas	<del>SOLD</del>	Baymont	<del>2 bed, 2.5 bath Townhome in Naples</del>	<del>\$148,000</del>	<del>\$134,916</del>	<del>\$13,084</del>
Heritage Bay Vistas	1208	Baymont	2 bed, 2.5 bath Townhome in Naples	\$153,000	\$134,916	\$18,084
Stoneybrook Townhomes	1910	Ashmont	3 bed, 2.5 bath Townhome in Ft. Myers	\$142,900	\$89,916	\$52,984
Stoneybrook Townhomes	1907	Baymont	2 bed, 2.5 bath Townhome in Ft. Myers	\$155,900	\$94,916	\$60,984
Stoneybrook Townhomes	<del>SOLD</del>	Baymont	<del>2 bed, 2.5 bath Townhome in Ft. Myers</del>	<del>\$155,900</del>	<del>\$94,916</del>	<del>\$60,984</del>
Stoneybrook Townhomes	1905	Baymont	2 bed, 2.5 bath Townhome in Ft. Myers	\$155,900	\$94,916	\$60,984
Stoneybrook Townhomes	1709	Ashmont	3 bed, 2.5 bath Townhome in Ft. Myers	\$149,900	\$89,916	\$59,984
Bella Terra Executives	C49	Siesta	3 bed, 2 bath, 2-car garage	\$257,000	\$229,916	\$27,084
Bella Terra Executives	A7	Bonita	2 bed, den, 2 bath 2-car garage	\$278,595	\$249,916	\$28,679
Bella Terra Executives	<del>SOLD</del>	Siesta	<del>3 bed, 2 bath, 2-car garage</del>	<del>\$257,595</del>	<del>\$239,916</del>	<del>\$17,679</del>
Bella Terra Executives	A11	Madiera	3 bed, 2 bath, 2-car garage	\$293,595	\$264,916	\$28,679
Bella Terra Manor	DD37	Royal	4 bed, 2 bath, 3-car garage	\$317,250	\$290,916	\$26,334
Bella Terra Manor	<del>SOLD</del>	Royal	<del>4 bed, 2 bath, 3-car garage</del>	<del>\$325,250</del>	<del>\$294,916</del>	<del>\$30,334</del>
Bella Terra Manor	EE12	Sabal	4 bed, 2 bath, 3-car garage	\$342,250	\$299,916	\$42,334
Bella Terra Estates	I30	Bayhill	3 bed, den, 2.5 bath, 3-car garage, pool and spa	\$452,000	\$369,916	\$82,084
Bella Terra Estates	G1	Doral	4 bed, 3 bath, 3-car garage, pool and spa	\$442,000	\$389,916	\$52,084
Bella Terra Estates	I36	Colonade	5 bed, 3 bath, 3-car garage, bonus room, pool and spa	\$553,000	\$499,916	\$53,084
Bella Terra Villas	<del>SOLD</del>	Magnolia	<del>3 bed, 2 bath, 2-car garage</del>	<del>\$192,900</del>	<del>\$164,916</del>	<del>\$27,984</del>
Bella Terra Villas	<del>SOLD</del>	Magnolia	<del>3 bed, 2 bath, 2-car garage</del>	<del>\$192,900</del>	<del>\$174,916</del>	<del>\$17,984</del>
Bella Terra Villas	B6	Magnolia	3 bed, 2 bath, 2-car garage	\$192,900	\$174,916	\$17,984

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# RIVERWALK

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Vin DePasquale, center, with Riverwalk patrons Joseph and Caroline Martino

customers in its current seating capacity of 152. Over a year, an estimated 100,000 pounds of seafood are prepared. A staff of 100 is involved in the daily operation. About 350,000 coasters are used (or taken as souvenirs) each year. Some customers visit at least once a week; others come every time they visit Naples.

## And on it goes

Fast forward to 2009.

Thirty years later on a starry February night, Mr. DePasquale and his current partner, Bobbi Mitchell, quieted the chock-full, bustling restaurant for just a moment. As diners looked quizzically from their tables, Mr. DePasquale explained that Riverwalk was celebrating its 30th birthday and, as he has each year since 1979, offered everyone champagne for a toast, cake and the opportunity to sing along for a chorus of "Happy Birthday."

As he and Ms. Mitchell moved from one table to another, they found old-timers recalling Riverwalk moments from long ago, and first-timers reveling in their discovery of a new favorite place. Customers, staff and observers alike took a moment to drink in the reality of what Mr. DePasquale had envisioned all those years earlier: a great waterfront restaurant where people would come to have fun.

"You know, it feels just as great today as it did 30 years ago," Mr. DePasquale summarized. "This place is terrific."

Minutes later, however, the table that displayed the huge, strawberry-filled, white chocolate birthday cake was quickly being reset to accommodate a waiting party. Riverwalk at Tin City was already on to its 31st year. ■



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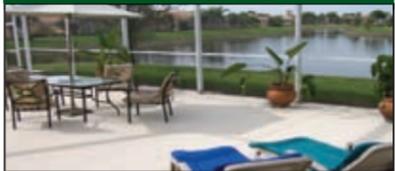
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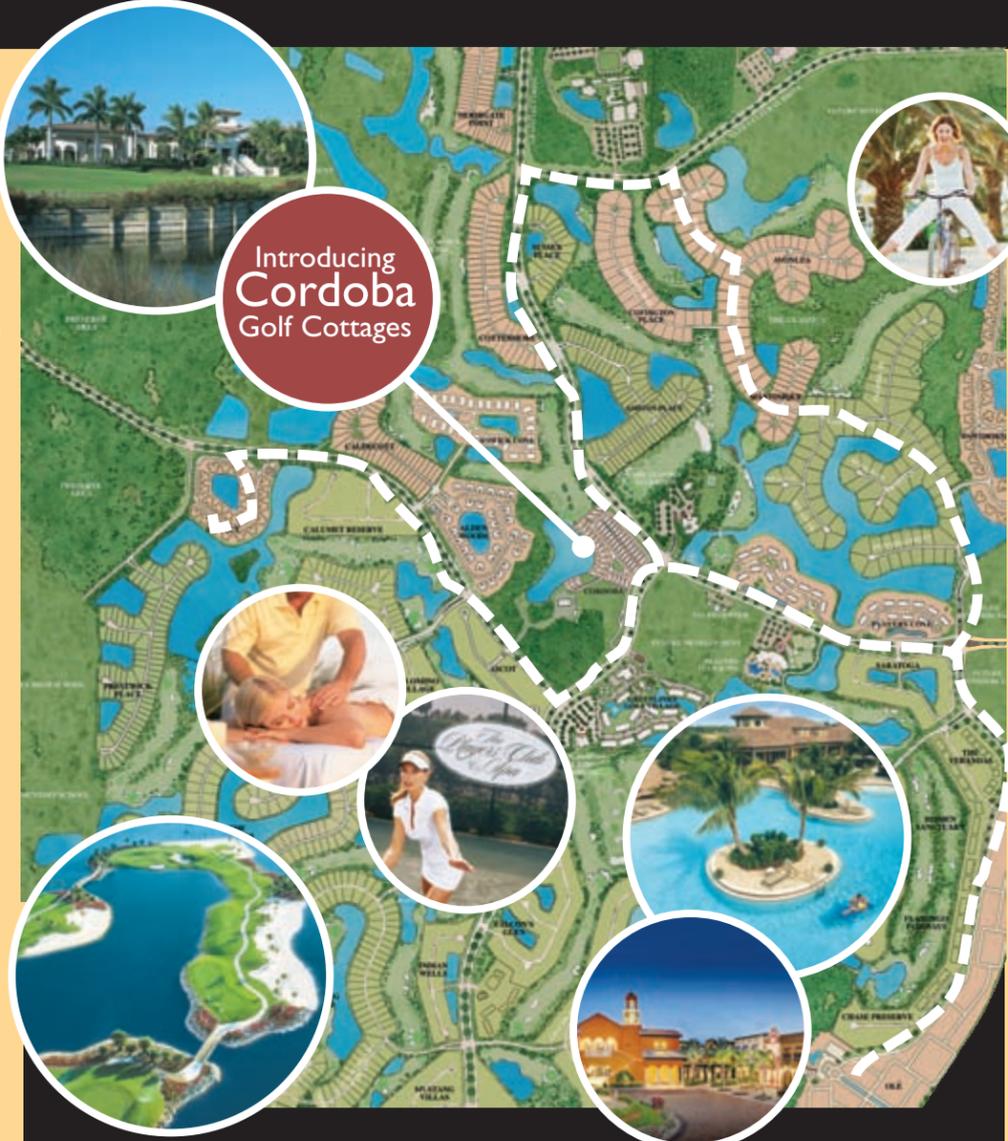
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Bayside Mediterranean Village. Nicely appointed residences, enjoy on-site galleries, gourmet dining, cabana bar, swimming and tennis. Short walk to 5th Ave. and beaches. Boat slips available, good rental history.



**#4508** - Three bedroom penthouse with terrific bay views. Turnkey furnished. Faux paint, moldings, plantation shutters. \$940,000 | Philip N. Collins | 404-6800  
**#5404** - Comfortable living is enjoyed in this 2 bedroom, 2 bath residence, furnished tastefully. \$674,500 | Jan Martindale | 869-0360  
**#2304** - Very stylish and well-maintained 2 bedroom. Offered furnished. \$499,000 | Thomas Gasbarro | 404-4883  
**#3502** - Immaculate 2 bedroom condominium awaits your decorative style. Ten-foot ceilings, pristine condition. Bring offers. \$525,000 | Thomas Gasbarro | 404-4883  
**#2202** - Two bedroom plus den featuring private lanai overlooking the landscaped courtyard. \$435,000 | Patrick O'Connor | 293-9411  
**#4401** - Sophisticated residence with granite, stainless appliances, and wood floors. \$395,000 | Virginia Wilson/Randy Wilson | 450-9091



**OLD NAPLES - NAPLES BAY RESORT - THE HOTEL** ▲  
#314 - This tropical luxury resort is nestled in a waterfront setting on Naples Bay. Southern exposure with marina view. \$799,000 | Fred Alter | 269-4123



**OLD NAPLES - SUNTIDE ON TENTH** ▲  
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

## AQUALANE SHORES

1700 - 3rd Street South  
Well-located and updated 3 bedroom cottage 3 blocks to the beach. Deep lot (165'). Large pool deck. Furnished. \$1,725,000 | Ruth Trettis | 403-4529

**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. \$799,000 | Ruth Trettis | 403-4529

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

287 - 11th Avenue South  
Structure in National Register Historic District. Two-story cottage; heart pine floors, and guest house. \$1,795,000 | Lodge McKee | 434-2424

181 - 15th Avenue South  
A classic Old Naples cottage located 2 blocks from the Gulf of Mexico. Lovely 3 bedroom, 2 bath home offered as-is. \$1,650,000 | Ruth Trettis | 403-4529

**RIDGE LAKE 656** - 5th Avenue North **NEW LISTING**  
Southern exposure large building lot (90' X 150'). Only blocks to the beach! Existing home on property. \$599,999 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231

### Condominiums/Villas

**CHATHAM PLACE 350** - 8th Avenue South #9  
Sophisticated, spacious and elegant, 3-story, 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath residence. Yard, splash pool, marble and granite. \$1,749,000 | Lodge McKee | 434-2424

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

**OLD NAPLES VILLA 1070** - 5th Street South **OPEN SUN. 1-4**  
Over 2,100 SF of living area, 3 bedroom plus den in the downtown historical area! Heated pool, 4.5 blocks to beach. \$1,150,000 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231

**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. \$999,000 | Tom McCarthy/Isabelle Edwards | 434-2424

## 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 Bandler | 450-5976

**#E-205** - New construction! Turnkey furnished 2 bedroom, 2 bath with over 1,400 SF. \$557,900 | Mark/Laura Maran | 777-3301

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

**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 Sonders | 860-0119

**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

**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/Boat Slips**  
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. \$2,950,000 | 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 Stoff 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

751 - 11th Avenue South  
Amazing centrally located residential lot in the heart of Old Naples. Lot size 67' x 150' with alley access! \$875,000 | Tom McCarthy | 243-5520

**NAPLES BOAT CLUB 909** - 10th Street South BS #27  
Full service marina with a full service fuel dock; Chickee bar and pool. Dock #27 will accommodate 61 FT overall length. \$425,000 | Michael McCumber | 777-9029

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

## ROYAL HARBOR

1802 Kingfish Road **NEW LISTING**  
Bermuda-style 4 bedroom plus den. Stone fireplace; hazelnut wood floors, elevator, custom wine cellar. Pool. \$2,695,000 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231

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

1303 Cobia Court  
Direct access, 142' seawall, concrete tile roof, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths. Large dock accommodates large vessel; two boat lifts. \$1,395,000 | Isabelle Edwards | 564-4080

1244 Cobia Court  
One of the best waterway locations in Royal Harbor. Very quiet. Very livable three bedroom. Pool. Dock, on 67' seawall. \$895,000 | Ray Couret | 293-5899

1571 Bonita Lane  
Exciting opportunity to build a home of your dreams on this vacant lot. Waterway views from backyard. \$699,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420

## ROYAL HARBOR AREA

**GOLDEN SHORES - VARESE 1601** Curlew Avenue #1601  
Custom, like new 3 bedroom, 3 bath "en suite" plus 1/2 bath. Large built-in spa on terrace overlooking personal dock and canal. \$929,000 | Ann M. Nunes | 860-0949

**FOUR WINDS 1200** Blue Point Avenue #A-2  
Lovely view from waterway to bay, 3 bedrooms, renovated/expanded kitchen, granite counters and breakfast bar. New A/C. \$419,000 | Kathy Morris | 777-8654

**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. \$399,000 | Kathy Morris | 777-8654

**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

**OYSTER BAY 1195** Clam Court #101  
A boater's dream! First floor, two bedroom, corner residence with upgrades throughout! Offered with a boat slip! \$183,000 | 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**



**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**



**OPEN SUN. 1-4**  
**1355 GORDON DRIVE ▲**  
New luxury construction. Four bedrooms, each with private bath, summer kitchen, sitting area complete with fireplace.  
**\$3,650,000 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231**



**PAR LA VILLE ▲**  
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**



**15TH AVENUE SOUTH ▲**  
Two blocks to Gulf! four bedroom plus den, 5.5 bath Bermuda-style home. Saturated floors, tray ceilings, fireplace and pool/spa.  
**\$3,497,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420**



**SOUTH LAKE DRIVE ▲**  
Serene lakefront property just 3 houses from beach. Exceptionally large Alligator Lake lot is a rare offering.  
**\$3,395,000 | Linda Sonders | 860-0119**



**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. Two-car garage, pool.  
**\$2,990,000 | Karen Cosentino | 571-6329**



**OPEN SUN. 1-4**  
**693 - 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**



**CENTRAL AVENUE ▲**  
Totally renovated. French limestone floors, kitchen and bathrooms feature marble and onyx tops. Security system and pool.  
**\$2,695,000 | Carolyn Weinand | 269-5678**



**OPEN SUN. 1-4**  
**SANDY CAY ▲ 305 - 3RD STREET SOUTH**  
Close to the beach and 5th Avenue South. Four bedrooms, 4.5 baths with private elevator, fireplace and built-in cabinets.  
**\$2,545,000 | Lodge McKee | 434-2424**



**OPEN SUN. 1-4**  
**616 GULF SHORE BLVD. NORTH ▲**  
Over 1/2 acre site on Alligator Lake. Build a new home or enjoy the existing three bedroom cottage surrounded by landscaping.  
**\$2,395,000 | Chris Yanson | 450-7584**



**OPEN SUN. 1-4**  
**ORCHID PLACE ▲ 435 - 3RD AVENUE SOUTH**  
Only one remaining! Perfectly located, 2 blocks to 5th Avenue South and 3 blocks to beach. Patio area with private pool.  
**\$2,295,000 | Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894**



**OPEN SUN. 1-4**  
**RIDGE LAKE ▲ 583 - 6TH AVENUE SOUTH**  
Built on 200' x 104' homesite with three separate dining and lounging areas. Private pool, spa, waterfall, and koi pond.  
**\$2,250,000 | Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741**



**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.  
**\$2,250,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420**



**RIDGE LAKE ▲**  
Classic Florida architecture with a large courtyard entry, 3 bedroom suites, formal dining, pool. Furnished.  
**\$2,199,000 | Virginia/Randy Wilson | 450-9091**



**RIDGE LAKE ▲**  
Custom-built home with 4 bedrooms den and reading room, a loft/media area. Maple floors, granite, heated pool. \$1,999,990  
**Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231**



**CHATHAM PLACE #5 ▲**  
This 4,000+ total SF, 4 bedroom plus den, offers luxury living on 3 levels. Three blocks to the beach.  
**\$1,984,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420**



**OPEN SUN. 1-4**  
**RIDGE LAKE ▲ 590 PALM CIRCLE WEST**  
Quaint cottage with guest house; beautiful lakefront setting. Fireplace, walls of glass, and fabulous lake views.  
**\$1,975,000 | Virginia/Randy Wilson | 450-9091**



**14TH AVENUE SOUTH ▲**  
Charming cottage-style home has undergone additions and renovations in the '90's. Many one-of-a-kind features.  
**\$1,880,000 | Karen Coney Coplin | 261-1235**  
Single Family Homes



**OPEN SUN. 1-4**  
**877 - 7TH STREET SOUTH ▲**  
Expansive 2-story living room, wraparound porch, oak floors, 3 bedrooms, and outdoor living area. Furnished.  
**\$1,795,000 | Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894**



**RIDGE LAKE ▲**  
Fabulous lake view! Remodeled 3 bedroom! New kitchen, baths, windows & roof. Two-car garage. Blocks to the beach.  
**\$1,649,000 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231**



**1ST AVENUE NORTH ▲**  
Charming Old Florida-style residence features 3 bedrooms plus den. Sunny screened lanai with heated tropical pool.  
**\$1,595,000 | Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894**

**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**

**689 - 13th Avenue South**  
An enchanting home on a nice size corner lot. Warm wood walls, large family/dining room. Close to dining/shopping. **\$1,528,000 | Ruth Trettis | 403-4529**

**Condominiums/Villas**  
**CATELENA 306 - 6th Avenue South OPEN SUN. 1-4**  
Lush tropical landscaping wraps corner condominium built in 2004 in privacy. Two bedrooms plus den. **\$1,390,000 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231**

**780 FIFTH AVENUE SOUTH CONDOMINIUM 780 - 5th Ave. S. #307**  
This 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath has high ceilings, 2 skylights, and beautifully detailed moldings. Furnished. **\$975,000 | Judy Perry/Linda Perry/Penny/Bob Lyle | 261-6161**

**PETTIT SQUARE 292 - 14th Avenue South #F**  
Renovated inside and out, 1,640+ total SF home is the only 3 bedroom. Marble floors, open great room plan. **\$889,000 | Virginia/Randy Wilson | 450-9091**

**VILLAS RAVELLO 842 - 9th Avenue South #105**  
Private tropical 2-story villa, with an attached garage, courtyard heated pool, 2 bedrooms plus den. **\$795,000 | Cindy Thompson | 860-6513**

**1500 - 5th Avenue South #342**  
Top floor 2 bedroom villa suite with southern exposure. Private corner porch with marina view. Turnkey furnished. **\$785,000 | Michelle Thomas/Cathy Owen | 642-2222**

**Condominiums/Villas**  
**THE PIERRE CLUB 1222 Gordon Drive #20**  
Walk to 3rd Street shops, restaurants, Naples Pier, and white-sand beaches. Furnished and ready to enjoy. **\$499,000 | Lodge McKee | 434-2424**

**WHARFSIDE 830 River Point Drive #4**  
Updated townhouse directly on Naples Bay with 30' dock. New granite counters, stainless appliances, and fresh paint. **\$499,000 | Lindsey Forte Smith | 572-2663**

**TOWN MANOR CLUB 1021 - 3rd Street South #204**  
Beautifully renovated, turnkey furnished 2 bedroom. New appliances, tile, kitchen and bathroom cabinetry! Walk to beach. **\$420,000 | Mary Yon | 572-3274**

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

**NEAPOLITAN CLUB 900 - 8th Avenue South #301**  
This 3 bedroom, 2 bath condominium is within walking distance to everything. Furnished and move-in ready. **\$375,000 | 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**

**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**

**VILLAGE GREEN - HERON CLUB 482 Broad Avenue South**  
Southern exposure, Brazilian hardwood floors. Guest suite is completely private. Cozy beach convenient condominium. **\$269,900 | Rod Mease | 659-0099**

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

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

**VILLAGE GREEN - EVERGLADES CLUB 661 - 12th Ave. S. #661**  
Two bedroom, 1.5 bath residence situated close to downtown historic Old Naples. Turnkey furnished. 55+ building. **\$229,000 | Isabelle Edwards | 564-4080**

**Lots / Boat Slips**  
**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**

**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**

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

**NAPLES BAY RESORT 1480 - 5th Avenue South BS #B-43**  
What a value for a 40' dock! Marina with hotel and shops, Yacht Club, and Private Club with spa. No bridges to the Gulf. **\$295,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420**

## LUXURY BEACHFRONT LIVING



**MARCO ISLAND - MADEIRA #PH201 ▲**  
This penthouse boasts 7,414 SF & views of the Gulf and Marco's crescent-shaped white-sand beach. A Christie's Great Estates Property.  
**\$6,950,000 | Chris Adams | 404-5130**



**PARK SHORE - LE RIVAGE ▲**  
Estate Elevation North - Design by Collins and DuPont. Furnished to perfection! Over 6,500 SF of living area, library and 4 bedroom suites.  
**\$6,500,000 | Barbi/Steve Lowe | 216-1973**



**MOORINGS - SANCERRE #501 ▲**  
Fabulously finished with upgraded appliances and alterations to make this 4 bedroom, 4 bath plan flow beautifully. **\$4,295,000**  
**Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420**



**BAY COLONY - REMINGTON #204 ▲**  
This rare 3 bedroom, 3 bath beachfront residence features over 3,000 SF of living area. Ritz-Carlton privileges. **\$3,975,000**  
**Marlene Abbott-Barber/Leah D. Ritchey | 594-9494**



**PARK SHORE - ARIA #605 ▲**  
Wonderful Gulf, Bay and City views from this 6th floor residence. Three bedrooms, granite countertops and 3 terraces.  
**\$2,495,000 | Polly Himmel | 290-3910**



**CAPE MARCO - COZUMEL #1601 ▲**  
Unparalleled views of Crescent Beach, 10,000 Islands and Caxambas Pass! Professionally decorated and turnkey furnished.  
**\$1,980,000 | Chris Sullivan | 404-5548**



**MOORINGS - WESTGATE #501S ▲**  
Renovated 3 bedroom, 3 bath situated for exceptional Gulf views. Great room, surround sound, sunset room and gourmet kitchen.  
**\$1,695,000 | Michael Lawler | 571-3939**



**VANDERBILT BEACH - GULFSIDE I #705 ▲**  
Panoramic Gulf view. Luxuriously renovated 3 bedroom, 3 bath corner residence. Exquisite furnishings.  
**\$1,495,000 | Gerry/Ulla Swart | 262-5007**



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# Florida Weekly's Open Houses

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

## >\$400,000

**1 • LEMURIA** • Lemuria Circle • From the Mid \$400s • Premier Properties of Southwest Florida, Inc., REALTORS • Tom Gasbarro 404-4883.

## >\$500,000

**2 • THE STRADA AT MERCATO** • Located just North of Vanderbilt Beach Rd on US 41 • Contemporary living from the \$500s • Premier Properties • Call 800-719-5136

## >\$600,000

**3 • TREVISIO BAY** • 9004 Tamiami Trail East • Priced from \$600,000 • Premier Properties • Call 239-643-1414

**4 • PARK SHORE - PARK SHORE LANDINGS** • 355 Park Shore Drive #134 • \$649,000 • Premier Properties • Larry Roorda 860-2534

## >\$700,000

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

**6 • PELICAN ISLE YACHT CLUB** • 410 Dockside Dr • 15 OPEN HOUSES EXTRAVAGANZA • \$795,000-\$2,175,000 • Amerivest Realty • Bridgette Foster 239-253-8001

**7 • PARK SHORE - TERRACES** • 4751 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. #1402 • \$799,000 • Premier Properties • Polly Himmel 290-3910

## >\$800,000

**8 • BONITA BAY - ESPERIA & TAVIRA** • 26951 Country Club Drive • New construction priced from the \$800s • Premier Properties • Call 800-311-3622

**9 • VILLAGES OF MONTEREY** • 2098 Mission Drive • \$899,000 • Premier Properties • Dave/Ann Renner 784-5552

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

## >\$1,000,000

**11 • PELICAN BAY - MARBELLA** • 7425 Pelican Bay Blvd. #201 • \$1,175,000 • Premier Properties • Ted Dudley 860-2498

**12 • BONITA BAY - HIDDEN HARBOR** • 27270 Hidden River Court • \$1,195,000 • Premier Properties • Gary L. Jaarda/Jeff Jaarda 248-7474

**13 • BONITA BAY - ESTANCIA** • 4801 Bonita Bay Blvd. #1004 • \$1,199,000 • Premier Properties • Carol Johnson/Michael Likley 948-4000

**14 • FIDDLER'S CREEK - BELLAGIO** • 8511 Bellagio Drive • \$1,200,000 • Premier Properties • Natalie Kirstein/ML Meade 784-0491 BRING AD TO GATE

**15 • COQUINA SANDS** • 1170 Oleander Drive • \$1,295,000 • Premier Properties • Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell 213-7420

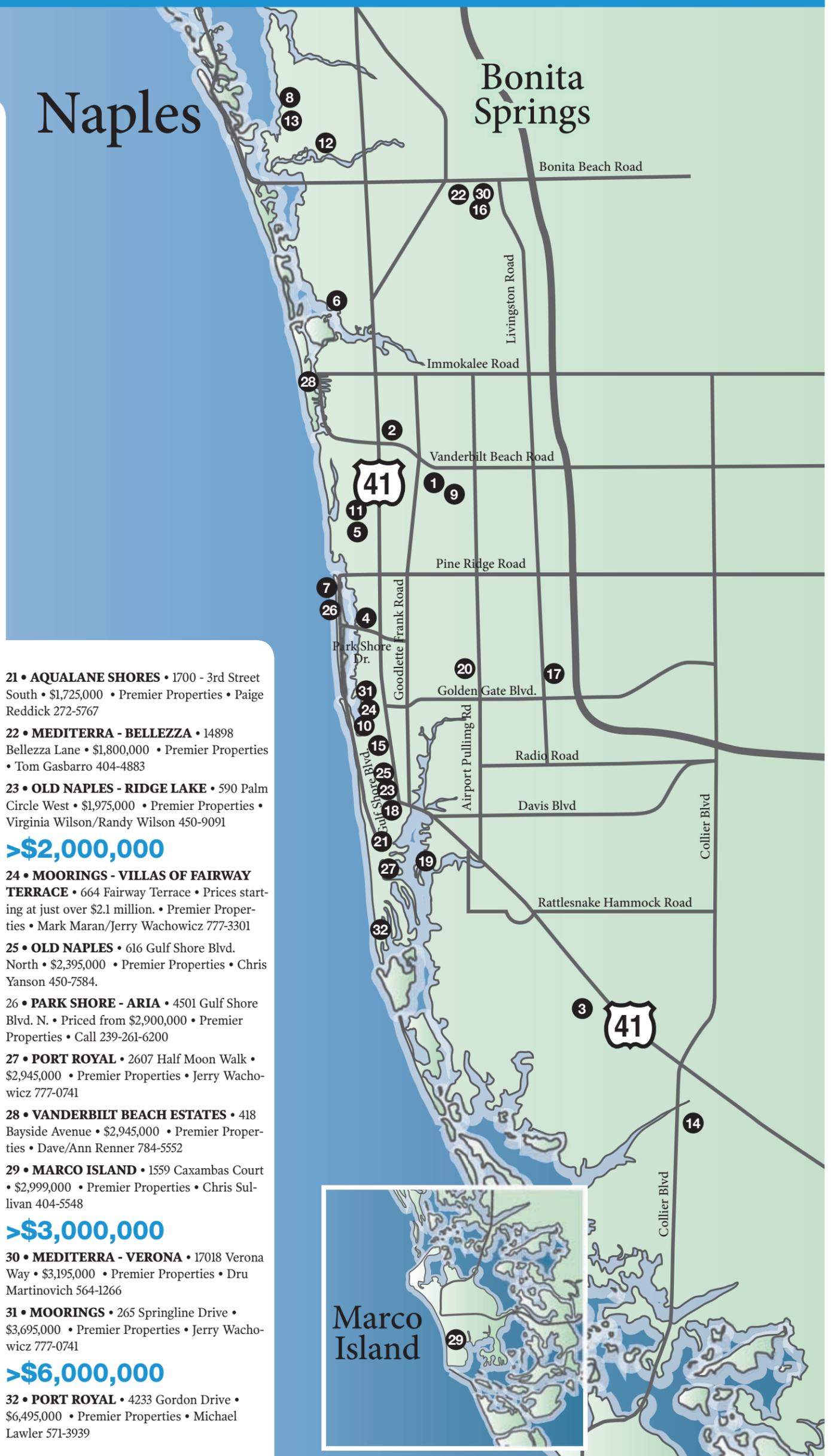
**16 • MEDITERRA - VILLALAGO** • 18061 Lagos Way • \$1,325,000 • Premier Properties • Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell 213-7420

**17 • WYNDEMERE - LODGINGS** • 122 Edgemere Way South • \$1,375,000 • Premier Properties • Kathryn Hurvitz 659-5126

**18 • OLD NAPLES - CATELENA** • 306 - 6th Avenue South • \$1,390,000 • Premier Properties • Marty & Debbi McDermott 564-4231

**19 • ROYAL HARBOR** • 1303 Cobia Court • \$1,395,000 • Premier Properties • Isabelle Edwards 250-4140

**20 • ESTUARY at GREY OAKS** • 1485 Anhinga Pointe • Priced from \$1,565,000 • Premier Properties • Call 239-261-3148



**21 • AQUALANE SHORES** • 1700 - 3rd Street South • \$1,725,000 • Premier Properties • Paige Reddick 272-5767

**22 • MEDITERRA - BELLEZZA** • 14898 Bellezza Lane • \$1,800,000 • Premier Properties • Tom Gasbarro 404-4883

**23 • OLD NAPLES - RIDGE LAKE** • 590 Palm Circle West • \$1,975,000 • Premier Properties • Virginia Wilson/Randy Wilson 450-9091

## >\$2,000,000

**24 • MOORINGS - VILLAS OF FAIRWAY TERRACE** • 664 Fairway Terrace • Prices starting at just over \$2.1 million. • Premier Properties • Mark Maran/Jerry Wachowicz 777-3301

**25 • OLD NAPLES** • 616 Gulf Shore Blvd. North • \$2,395,000 • Premier Properties • Chris Yanson 450-7584.

**26 • PARK SHORE - ARIA** • 4501 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. • Priced from \$2,900,000 • Premier Properties • Call 239-261-6200

**27 • PORT ROYAL** • 2607 Half Moon Walk • \$2,945,000 • Premier Properties • Jerry Wachowicz 777-0741

**28 • VANDERBILT BEACH ESTATES** • 418 Bayside Avenue • \$2,945,000 • Premier Properties • Dave/Ann Renner 784-5552

**29 • MARCO ISLAND** • 1559 Caxambas Court • \$2,999,000 • Premier Properties • Chris Sullivan 404-5548

## >\$3,000,000

**30 • MEDITERRA - VERONA** • 17018 Verona Way • \$3,195,000 • Premier Properties • Dru Martinovich 564-1266

**31 • MOORINGS** • 265 Springline Drive • \$3,695,000 • Premier Properties • Jerry Wachowicz 777-0741

## >\$6,000,000

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**MOORINGS ▲** 2351 Windward Way Waterfront 4 bedroom home plus den and game room; over 6,700 SF A/C; 4-car garage, sound & security systems, pool/spa. **\$6,995,000 | Michael Lawler | 571-3939**



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



**PARK SHORE ▲** New construction home on Venetian Bay. Four bedrooms, library, game room, study, heated pool/spa, dock/hoist. **\$5,295,000 | 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. **\$4,995,000 | 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. **\$4,750,000 | Michael Lawler | 571-3939**



**PARK SHORE ▲** Fresh new look! Stunning home to be built. Gorgeous Bay views, 4 ensuite bedrooms, fireplace, and walk-in wine cellar. **\$4,195,000 | Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741**



**PARK SHORE ▲** Wide west Bay views. 2006 custom built home with 5 ensuite bedrooms, office, negative edge pool, dock/hoist. **\$3,995,000 | Mara/Michael Muller | 272-6170**



**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 - 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**



**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**



**MOORINGS ▲** 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**



**MOORINGS ▲** Finely appointed custom residence with room for everyone including attached guest suite with kitchen, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths. **\$2,500,000 | Karen Coney Coplin | 261-1235**



**MOORINGS ▲** Completely renovated! Western sunsets over Bowline Bay. Travertine marble, stainless appliances, granite counters. **\$2,325,000 | Trey Wilson | 595-4444**



**MOORINGS ▲** Outstanding! Over 4,400 A/C SF, panoramic golf views, 5 bedrooms and gourmet kitchen. Three-car garage. **\$2,295,000 | Michael Lawler | 571-3939**



**MOORINGS ▲** 710 Riviera Drive Ground level master, den, 3 bedroom suites upstairs. Cypress bead board ceilings, 3-car garage. 66' heated pool. **\$2,275,000 | Beth Hayhoe McNichols | 821-3304**



**PARK SHORE ▲** 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**



**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 - VILLAS OF FAIRWAY TERRACE ▲** 664 FAIRWAY TERRACE Magnificent 1 & 2-story villas built BCB Homes & designed by Stofft Cooney Architects. **Just over \$2.1 million | Mark Maran/Jerry Wachowicz | 777-3301**



**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. **\$1,295,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420**



**PARK SHORE ▲** 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 Tout | 250-3583**



**SEAGATE ▲** A beautifully landscaped waterfront property. This 3 bedroom, 3 bath home is just 1 block from the beach. **\$1,095,000 | Michael Lawler | 571-3939**



**PARK SHORE ▲** 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**



**MOORINGS ▲** Charming 5 bedroom, 4 bath home nestled on a large, quiet lot. New gourmet kitchen. Backyard putting green and pool. **\$999,000 | Mary Riley | 595-1752**



**MOORINGS ▲** 2338 Beacon Lane - Walk to private beach/park! Three bedroom professionally decorated and furnished. Oversized lot (98' x 170') with pool. **\$799,000 | Virginia/Randy Wilson | 450-9091**



**PARK SHORE - COLONADE ▲** 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 - PELICAN POINT WEST ▲** Expansive views of Bay from every room! Beautifully renovated with 2 master suites and 1500+ total SF. **\$750,000 | Ann S. Zampogna | 580-7367**



**PARK SHORE - COLONADE ▲** "Athena" model with 3 bedrooms. Marble floors, new kitchen cabinets, plantation shutters and 10' ceilings. **\$675,000 | Julie Rembos/Linda Ohler | 595-1809**



**PARK SHORE - PELICAN POINT I ▲** Serene views of Venetian Bay from recently updated 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Granite countertops, wood flooring. **\$675,000 | Paula Sims/Julie Rembos | 262-6600**



**PARK SHORE - COLONADE ▲** Delightful villa featuring architectural details such as 10' ceilings, bay windows and 8' doors! Marble flooring. **\$595,000 | Barbi/Steve Lowe | 216-1973**



**MOORINGS - COMMODORE CLUB ▲** 222 Harbour Drive #108 - Oversized boat dock, sun deck, pool, beach and fishing pier only steps from your door. Well-maintained. **\$350,000 | Vickie Larscheid | 250-5041**

## PARK SHORE

- 363 Neptunes Bight 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**
- 299 Mermaids Bight New "on the water" home in Addison Mizner-style (to be constructed in '09) is a true showpiece. Floorplan available. **\$4,195,000 | Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741**
- 378 Neptunes Bight This expansive 2 story home offers 5 bedrooms plus den, 5.5 baths, 3-car garage and a sizable pool. Boat dock and lift. **\$3,995,000 | Michael Lawler | 571-3939**
- 646 Parkview Lane Reminiscent of a French Chateau. Sophisticated details, 4 bedroom plus den in a 'Feng Shui' plan. **\$2,850,000 | Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741**
- 4379 Crayton Road 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**
- OPEN SUN. 1-4** 575 Whispering Pine Lane Spectacular home with four en-suite bedrooms plus den, half-bath, fireplace, kitchen/family room. Heated pool/spa. **\$1,995,000 | Michael Lawler | 571-3939**
- NEW LISTING** 626 Fountainhead Way Beautifully kept 3 bedroom offers 2,500+ total SF and is completely renovated! Covered outside dining and large pool. **\$799,000 | Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741**
- REDUCED** 4009 Belair Lane New granite and stainless kitchen. New tile floors, impact windows, renovated pool and new metal roof. **NOW \$699,000 | 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. **\$995,000 | 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**
- PIEDMONT CLUB 4155 Crayton Road #204 Finely appointed 3 bedroom with wide western bay views! Turnkey furnished. Intimate complex with bayside pool. **\$775,000 | Patrick O'Connor | 293-9411**
- OPEN SUN. 1-4** VILLAS OF 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 LANDINGS 255 Park Shore Drive #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

- Condominiums/Villas
- PIEDMONT CLUB 4155 Crayton Road #203 Wonderful 3 bedroom direct bayfront location. Enjoy Naples famous sunsets and city night lights. Only 19 residences. **\$650,000 | Patrick O'Connor | 293-9411**
- 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. **\$649,000 | Larry Roroda | 860-2534**
- 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**
- 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**
- BELAIR AT PARK SHORE 3606 Belair Lane Two-story, 3 bedroom villa recently "staged" and 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 | Judy Perry/Penny Lyle | 261-6161**
- LEXINGTON 4022 Belair Lane #9 Elegant quiet 55 plus community, close to the beach. This 2nd floor walkup has 2 bedrooms, 2 baths. Upgrades throughout. **\$275,000 | Mimi Straub | 434-2424**

## COQUINA SANDS

- 1727 Alamanda Drive Four bedroom, 2 bath pool home. Live close to Lowdermilk Beach Park, shopping and downtown areas! New roof. **\$515,000 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231**
- BANYAN CLUB 274 Banyan Blvd. #274 This two bedroom, two bath residence offers a spacious screened terrace, open floor plan and fully equipped kitchen. **\$399,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420**
- Lots
- 266 Yucca Road Fabulous opportunity to build your dream home. Lot size is 113'x197'x110'x195'. Close to beaches, shopping and dining. **\$1,640,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420**
- 670 Murex Drive Exceptional property located close to beach shopping and more on a lovely street. Build your dream home here. **\$599,000 | Steve Smiley | 298-4327**

## MOORINGS

- Single Family Homes
- 365 Windward Way An incredible waterfront homesite. Three bedroom plus den home with Bay views. No bridges to the Gulf. **\$3,295,000 | Michael Lawler | 571-3939**
- 649 Bowline Drive 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**
- VILLAS OF FAIRWAY TERRACE 692 Fairway Terrace 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**
- REDUCED** 2807 Crayton Road Old Florida-style home situated in the heart of the Moorings. Private pool and summer kitchen. Three-car garage. **NOW \$2,100,000 | Trey Wilson | 595-4444**
- 2999 Crayton Road New construction! Old Florida-style 4 bedroom plus den home with 2-story living room. Pool, spa & outdoor kitchen. **\$1,995,000 | Michael Lawler | 571-3939**
- 925 Wedge Drive Updated 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath. Wood floors, mouldings, granite, SS appliances. Cast stone pool deck. Stunning views. **\$895,000 | Mary Smallwood | 293-0349**
- 3396 Crayton Road Spacious 4 bedroom pool home convenient to the beach or shopping. Corner lot. Renovated in 2001! Private pool area. **\$849,000 | Angela R. Allen | 825-8494**
- 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**

### Condominiums/Villas

- SUZANNE 825 Ketch Drive #200 Spacious 3 bedroom corner residence. Close to beaches, dining and shopping. Private beach membership available. **\$295,000 | Robin Weidle | 370-5515**
- ALAMANDA APTS 1964 Alamanda Drive Less than a mile to the Moorings Beach. Charming 2 bedroom, 2 bath, new carpet, paint, vanities and fixtures. **\$150,000 | Beth Hayhoe McNichols | 821-3304**

## SEAGATE

- 5164 Seahorse Avenue WOW! The most spectacular view creating a feeling of total security. Four bedrooms, 2,900 A/C SF. **\$1,995,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420**
- 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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**Miramonte**

Nestled in the heart of the Miramonte neighborhood  
 • The beautiful iron and glass front door welcomes you into a home full of designer detailing • Southern exposure combined with a lake view assures a bright interior  
 • Gourmet kitchen with butler's pantry and adjoining family room leading to the covered lanai • The home features 3 bedrooms and 3 and 1 half baths, 2 car plus 1 car garages, abundant use of cast stone, crown moldings and 9-inch baseboards • This home is a must see!  
**Priced at \$2,495,000**



**Avila**

This 5 bedroom villa home located in the charming Mediterranean neighborhood of Avila • This home is professionally decorated with touches of Tuscany and exquisite neutral faux finishes • The large kitchen has many upgrades and includes a gas range and separate pantry  
 • The master and one guest bedroom are located on the first floor with the remaining bedrooms are on the second floor  
 • Private lanai and spa are set amidst a landscaped area.  
**Priced at \$1,299,000 furniture neg.**



**Traditions**

Elegant coach home with a lovely lake view built by The Newport Companies • Majestic 9 ft. mahogany entry door • 12-inch baseboards, crown moldings and gourmet kitchen with natural gas cook-top  
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**The Verona**

Estate model home by Gulfshore Homes  
 • 4 bedrooms, 4 full and 2 half baths • 2nd floor media/game room situated on .82 acre homesite • Luxuriously appointed, extensive ceiling details, dramatic front entry  
 • Interior by Decorators Unlimited • Architecturally designed pool and spa, outdoor kitchen and fireplace  
**Priced at \$5,550,000 furnished**



**The Estates**

Formal foyer opens to a marbled gallery • Infinity edge solar heated pool, spa, lake and view of the 4th fairway  
 • Granite countertops, custom cabinetry, subzero refrigerator, two dishwashers and walk-in pantry • Formal library, luxurious master suite and exercise room • Separate guest house boasts a large br/bath, living room, kitchen and laundry room • Second story apartment with living room, kitchen and br/bath • Owner financing available  
**Priced at \$3,695,000 furnished**



**Banyan Island**

Breathtaking view of lake and Botanical Island  
 • Quality 4 bedrooms, 5.2 baths custom home, features a large gourmet Kitchen with gas cooking, two sub-zero refrigerators and freezers, and two Asko Dishwashers • Outdoor kitchen with fireplace, oversized pool, pool bath and marble floors, includes A/C unit for each garage and three A/C units with 8 zones for the home  
**Priced at \$3,695,000 furniture neg.**



**Avila**

Mediterranean 3 bedroom villa with private screened outdoor spa in a tropical setting  
 • Southern exposure, volume ceilings and close to the clubhouse • Many upgrades and beautifully furnished • There's even room in the garage for your own private golf cart  
**Priced at \$1,175,000 furnished**



**Homesite**

Located in the heart of Grey Oaks, quiet and secluded, this lovely homesite with Southeast exposure is a rare find • Choose from six approved builders to make your dream home a reality  
**Priced at \$650,000**



**Traditions B**

Built by The Newport Companies • 3 bedrooms plus study and 3 and 1 half baths • 3,033 sq. ft. • Ground floor residence • Gourmet kitchen with upgraded Viking appliances • Exquisite baths with marble countertops  
 • 2 car attached garage with private side entry  
**Priced at \$1,445,000 furnished**



**The Estates**

Exquisite 2 story home located in the Estates at Grey Oaks • Kitchen boasts 2 subzero refrigerators, 2 dishwashers, and Butler's pantry  
 • Spacious family room leads to a lanai with fireplace; outdoor kitchen all screened overlooking a Tuscan villa style pool • Superb landscaping sets off this beautiful Italian architecture  
**Priced at \$4,400,000**



**The Estates of Estuary**

Built by Harwick on 1 1/2 lots overlooking water and golf • Pool and spa with summer kitchen and fireplace • 1,100 bottle wine cellar, and step down bar  
 • Saturina flooring in main living area and hardwood flooring in children's bedrooms  
 • Dramatic ceilings and architectural detail throughout  
 • 5 bedrooms with 4 full and 2 half baths  
**Priced at \$5,899,000**



**Avila**

Mediterranean architecture found in this 3 bedroom, den, loft, 3 and one half bath villa home • 2-story foyer with dramatic staircase • Easy access from the large family room and living room to the pool, patio, and rear garden area  
 • Expansive homesite allows for a large pool and back yard  
 • Solid core raised panel doors with detailed molding, 12 inch baseboards, double crown molding, cobblestone driveways  
**Priced at \$1,399,999 furniture neg.**



**Terra Verde**

This Spacious Mediterranean coach home has 3 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms • European style cabinets and granite counter tops • The family room and living room open to a screened lanai from this location you will enjoy a view of the first fairway of the tropical Palm course  
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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

WEEK OF MARCH 12-18, 2009

A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE



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Conductor Robert Herrema

## Naples Orchestra and Chorus celebrates 15 years

BY ARLENE YEDID

Special to Florida Weekly

Why does Lee Wilkins, a student of three of the finest violin teachers in the world and a senior professor at Eastman School of Music, perform on the musical saw and the “strumpet”? And why does he insist on decomposing Mozart and Beethoven?

Maybe the wacky musician Spike Jones motivated Mr. Wilkins, or perhaps Peter Schickel’s “P.D.Q. Bach” inspired his to bring more humor to classical music.

Whatever the case might be, the Naples Orchestra and Chorus welcomes Mr. Wilkins and his musical saw, his strumpet, his bag of musical tricks and, of course, his violin, to help celebrate NOC’s 15th anniversary next week. The program, titled “Music, Mirth and Memories,” will include several of Mr. Wilkins’ creative “decompositions” of orchestral classics, including:

- “The Bottom of the Ninth!” adapted from Beethoven and “orchestrated” with “Take Me Out to the Ballgame”

- “Who Spiked Mozart? Eine Kleine Nachtmusik” in the style of Spike Jones

- “Symphony No. Neine” by Yura Dumpkoff, decomposed in the style of Klezmer music

- “A Whiter Shade of Pale,” inspired by J.S. Bach

- “Taco-Bell Canon,” with apologies to Johann Pachelbel

Mr. Wilkins has studied with Ivan Galamian, Dorothy DeLaly and Josef Gingold and has performed

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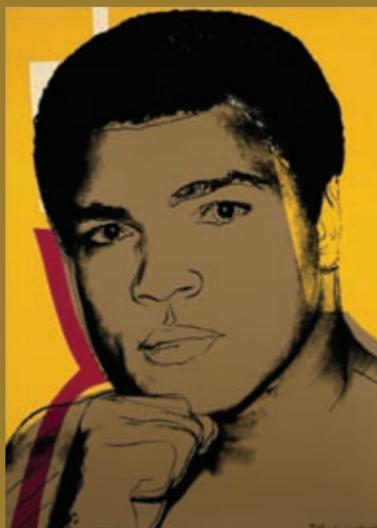
**A** new Andy Warhol exhibition makes its Florida debut at The von Liebig Art Center this week.

“Andy Warhol Portfolios: Life & Legends”

presents works spanning Mr. Warhol’s career from the 1950s through 1986 and features key pieces from landmark series such as Endangered Species, Flowers, Jews of the Twentieth Century, Myths, Muhammad Ali and Space Fruits. The exhibition also includes two of Mr. Warhol’s most famous pieces: a portrait of Marilyn Monroe and *Campbell’s Soup I (Cream of Mushroom)*.

Part of the Bank of America Art Exhibition Program, which enables museums to borrow complete or customized exhibitions from the bank’s corporate collection, the show will be at The von Liebig from March 13 through May 3.

Bank of America developed its art exhibition program with two main themes in mind: community and access. “What better representation of accessible art than an Andy Warhol exhibition, whose works are some of the most



Marilyn, 1967 and Muhammad Ali, 1978 by Andy Warhol will be on display at The von Liebig from March 14 to May 3.

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## WEEK at-a-glance



### A sure thing

See who saw “Doubt” and who was out and about at other society to-dos around town. **C23, 24 & 25** ►



### Welcome back, Jack

The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra brings Jack Everly back to the podium for Pops #3, and Peg Longstreth couldn’t be more pleased. **C5** ►



### Get yourself to ‘Anything Goes’

Nancy Stetson says The Naples Players get it right with the popular Cole Porter classic. **C8** ►



### No standard 4-H fare

See what wines won awards at the Florida State Fair. **C26** ►

# SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

## The feel of a body



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On the final day of my four-week stint in Guatemala, I progressed through the tearful goodbyes that seem to bookend every extended sojourn. First it was my Spanish school classmates, two American girls with whom I'd consumed vast amounts of Guatemalan coffee, cementing our friendship with slices of macadamia pie. On the cobbled streets in front of my rented room, we hugged our farewells.

The airport shuttle pulled up to the house, unexpectedly on time (this was Central America, after all). I rushed to collect my luggage then said a quick adios to my host family with more tears and a single kiss on the cheek, Guatemalan style.

My Canadian friend and housemate Jack, whose AA meetings and affection for the underbelly of Guatemala helped me discover a different side of the country, accompanied me to the airport. When we said goodbye, I hesitated, unsure how to approach the cross-border North American send-off. Jack stuck out his hand, a gesture that felt strangely formal. After all, we had shared a bathroom (no delicate feat

given the intestinal ups and downs of the last month) and seen each other's underwear drying on the clotheslines. In response to his outstretched hand, I opened my arms.

"This is how we say goodbye in the U.S.," I said. Jack opened his arms too and we hugged for the space of several heartbeats. It was a brief touch but still strangely intimate, and I realized it was the most physical contact we had shared during my entire stay in Guatemala.

In America especially, where we are forever surrounded by the press of people, it is easy to forget how little we are touched. True, we hug hello when it has been awhile and, yes, we hug goodbye when absence stretches before us, but even these gestures are wrapped-up with the back pat, that universal signal that it's time to finish the bodytouch-

ing and re-establish personal space.

In France, where an entire culture is based around seduction, they favor the two-cheek kiss, not just for serious greetings and goodbyes, but for every hello and see-you-later. French people kiss before movies and after coffee, when they meet up for a cigarette or go out to a bar. To Americans, it can feel shockingly forward, but I sometimes wonder if we couldn't use more of this casual touching in our own physically standoffish culture.

I remember reading an article about how best to help a friend who has recently lost a spouse. One of the answers: Give him or her a gift certificate for a massage. How true, I thought. Those of us in relationships — with its

"... but even these gestures are wrapped-up with the back pat, that universal signal that it's time to finish the body touching and re-establish personal space."

hand-holding and couch-cuddling — easily forget the physical wasteland of being single in America.

In Guatemala, people prefer the single-cheek kiss and considerably more warmth in their physical gestures. During a museum visit, one of my teachers looped an arm around my shoulders and pulled me in for a quick hug. "I'll miss you when you leave," he said. It was a casual gesture sprung from a place of friendship, but still my body sizzled where our skin touched. It occurred to me then that I had gone too long without feeling a body beside mine, and I was suddenly glad to be heading back to the States. ■



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Wednesday, March 11, 6 p.m.  
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Thursday, March 12 and Friday, March 13 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Saturday, March 14 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
\$20 per person

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**LECTURES:**  
MAXWELL K. HEARN,  
Curator of Chinese Art from the Met, NY  
"Philanthropy and the Brooke Astor Story"  
Friday, March 13, Noon Luncheon speaker  
\$100 per person  
CHARLES FAUDREE,  
Interior Designer, author and  
antiques dealer, Tulsa, OK  
"Interiors with Panache"  
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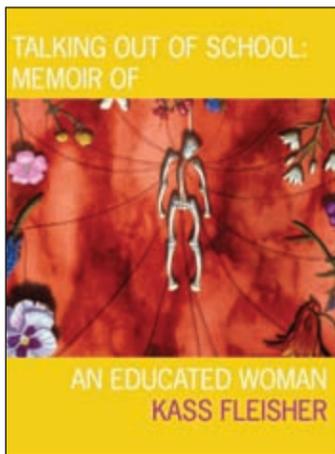
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# BEACH READING

## Talking Out of School: Memoir of an Educated Woman

By Kass Fleisher  
(Dalkey Archive Press, \$13.95)

**REVIEWED BY KATY B. OLSON**  
Special to Florida Weekly



Biting, witty and occasionally even venomous, professor and author Kass Fleisher's memoir "Talking Out of School: Memoir of an Educated Woman" chronicles not just the author's own tumultuous education within and outside of university lecture halls, but also the tenuous state of women's higher education in America today. Alternating between moral outrage and personal regret, the author tackles, through personal observations and experiences both reassuring and daunting, the many issues plaguing today's colleges and universities.

Perhaps most formative of her personality, and most compelling in her telling, is Fleisher's chaotic childhood, which was spent under the watchful eye and violent arm of an abusive mother — one who played the part of respected teacher and admired union leader at school, but remained a volatile tyrant at home. Maintaining this lifelong, tight-rope-walk relationship with her duplicitous mother equips Fleisher to take on her college's injustices, but also allows

her to fall prey to them.

Later, Fleisher works as an adjunct professor in a small, homogenous college, where she is forced to confront her own demons in order to expose the sexism and racism often at play in classrooms and offices alike. Yet in recognizing her own prejudices, she manages to find a freeing, if tenuous, kind of autonomy.

Affective in its brutal honesty, "Talking Out of School" raises uncomfortable but crucial questions about how deeply embedded issues of gender, class and race are within our country's revered institutions of higher learning. Fleisher's personal experience — from the high, as the only grandchild in her mom's family to graduate, to the lows, in which she discards the principles she all along meant to advocate — make the seemingly overworked issues of gender and race politics real, relevant and, perhaps most significantly, clear as day. ■



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## WARHOL

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recognizable in the world,” said Lillian Lambrechts, BOA senior vice president and manager of the program. “Warhol became the art itself in many ways,” Ms. Lambrechts, who curated the exhibition, added.

### Art in the everyday

Mr. Warhol’s art is unique in the way anyone can enjoy and connect with it, regardless of their art knowledge. “As an illustrator he knew how to create an image connecting directly to the viewer and life on Main Street,” Ms. Lambrechts said. “We look forward to helping a new generation of viewers connect with him by making his work accessible to the Naples community.”

Using mass production techniques to create his works, Mr. Warhol erased the distinctions between fine and pop art. From household objects to Hollywood starlets, his subjects captured the essence of American culture. He challenged traditional boundaries of the practice of art, blurring the lines between art, business and life. He turned everyday life into art and art into a way to live the everyday—collecting, documenting, reproducing, experimenting and collaborating with the people, places and things around him.

For example, his Flowers series infused the tradition of floral still-life painting with artificial, acid-colored abstractions of the natural world. Critic David Bourdon has written that the Flowers appear to float right off the canvas, “like cut-out gouaches by Matisse set adrift on Monet’s lily pond.” His Ten Portraits of Jews of the Twentieth Century series ranges from Gertrude Stein and George Gershwin to the relatively obscure Louis Brandeis and Martin Buber.

The Campbell’s Soup Can image in the exhibition is just one of 32 Mr. Warhol created and may be the most recognizable work in the show.

“We elected to present Andy Warhol’s work because he is one of the most famous American artists of the 20th Century,” said Jack O’Brien, curator at The von Liebig Art Center. “He explored so many issues in American life, such as the role of fame and consumerism. His screen prints... were created in the New York studio he called ‘the Factory.’ His ideas and designs were given to studio assistants, who made the editions. Warhol’s work plays on the idea of mass production. His prints were turned out like consumer goods on an assembly line.”

The prints in the Bank of America exhibition demonstrate many aspects of Mr. Warhol’s art, including his brilliance as a colorist. He transformed

☰ If you go ☑ ☰

>>What: “Andy Warhol Portfolios: Life & Legends”

>>When: March 13-May 3

>>Where: The von Liebig Art Center, 585 Park St.

>>Alan Brown lecture and exhibit tour:

10-11 a.m. Friday, March 13; \$20 for Naples Art Association members, \$25 for others

>>Preview reception: 5:30-7:30 Friday March 13; free for NAA members, \$10 for others

>>Regular gallery hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 1-4 p.m. Sunday; suggested donation \$5 for adults, \$2 for children 10 and older

>>Complimentary docent tours: 11 a.m. Saturdays, March 14, 21 and 28 and April 4, 18 and 25

>>Information: 262-6517 or www.naplesart.org

photographic imagery through color, design, form, and multiples. Because of the infinite possibilities of printmaking, his portfolios contain a vast array of techniques, from collage and drawing to the use of diamond dust.

### Lecture, preview reception, etc.

Art dealer Alan Brown, a Naples resident who worked at galleries beginning in the 1960s and owned his own gallery in Westchester County, N.Y., met Mr. Warhol on several occasions and collects early works by the artist.

“I started following his work in the 1960s when he was doing his films and was out and about in New York City,” Mr. Brown said, adding, “He was always viewed as an important artist by major critics, museums and art historians.”

Mr. Brown will present a lecture about Mr. Warhol and the portfolios exhibition from 10-11 a.m. Friday, March 13, at The von Liebig. The lecture is \$20 for Naples Art Association members and \$25 for the general public, and includes refreshments and the first view of the exhibition. Reservations are encouraged but not required by calling 262-6517, ext. 102.

A preview reception for “Andy Warhol Portfolios: Life & Legends” as well as the Naples Art Association Student Exhibition and the Members’ Gallery exhibition will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, March 13. The catered opening reception is free for Naples Art Association members and \$10 for non-members.

Complimentary docent tours of the exhibition will be available at 11 a.m. on Saturdays, March 14, 21 and 28 and April 4, 18 and 25.

Exhibition sponsors are Quarles and Brady, The Naples Daily News, Comcast, Sunny 106 and WAVV 101.1.

The von Liebig Art Center at 585 Park St. is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday from 1-4 p.m. The suggested donation is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 10 and older. For more information, call 262-6517. ■

## ORCHESTRA

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as a classical violin soloist around the world for events and programs as diverse as the 350th anniversary of Harvard University and Garrison Keillor’s “A Prairie Home Companion.”

NOC Musical Director Robert Dale Herrema will conduct Mr. Wilkins and the orchestra and chorus in its anniversary performances at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 21, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 22, in the auditorium at Golden Gate High School. Although admission is free, donations will be welcome.

The NOC was founded in 1993 by Ralph Stewart, a choral conductor, author, politician and diplomat who serving in the Canadian Parliament for

11 years. When he and his wife retired to Naples, they recognized the need for a community orchestra and chorus. The ensemble “I Musici Di Napoli” (Naples Orchestra and Chorus) was founded to provide affordable classical music to everyone and to offer professional and non-professional musicians the opportunity to continue their musical pursuits.

After Mr. Stewart’s death in 2004, pianist and conductor Richard Holmberg began his tenure by conducting the NOC at Mr. Stewart’s memorial service.

Mr. Herrema stepped up as music director this year and has raised the ensemble to new heights of musicianship, as audiences will witness during the 15th anniversary celebration concerts. For information, call 445-1912 or 775-8460. ■

# THE MUSIC GOURMET

## Conductor Jack Everly back at the Phil for Pops #3



**Peg GOLDBERG LONGSTRETH**  
plongstreth@floridaweekly.com

Mention the name Jack Everly, and any regular pops attendee at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts ought to respond instantly with the three Es associated with his name: Excellence. Excitement. Extravagance.

That pretty well sums up every over-the-top program the Hoosier-born maestro has created, enjoying non-stop kudos throughout the world in the process.

Imagine being so good you're hired by Mikhail Baryshnikov freshly out of college. That's how Indiana University grad Everly began his career: as artistic director for the legendary ballet dancer. Not exactly a bad beginning.

Literally thousands of productions later, he changed direction, quickly becoming equally acclaimed as director for hits such as Marvin Hamlisch's "They're Playing Our Song" and "A Chorus Line" and Carol Channing's "Hello, Dolly!" He had his talented mind and hands in "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" and has conducted some of the greats from all genre of music, including Pinchas Zukerman, Sandi Patty, Marilyn Horne and Bernadette Peters, to name but a few.

He serves as principal pops conductor for The Indianapolis Symphony,

The Baltimore Symphony and The National Arts Centre in Ottawa. And he's been music director for the Symphonic Pops Consortium since he created it in 1998.

So, what should audiences expect from Everly and the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra during their seven performances of Pops #3 "Viva Las Vegas" at the Phil this week? I guarantee edge-of-your-seat action and high-voltage entertainment, with great arrangements, great entertainers and the NPO at its absolute best (something Everly always manages to accomplish from the moment he hops onto the podium and lifts his baton). It'll be a visual and auditory smorgasbord of highly recognizable tunes ("New York, New York," "I Gotta Be Me," "Luck Be A Lady Tonight," "Fly Me to the Moon," "I've Got You Under My Skin"), Vegas-style showgirls strutting their stuff, a cadre of exciting vocalists and even Mr. Showmanship himself, Liberace (performed by Martin Price).

Throughout its schedule of Pops #3 "Viva Las Vegas," the NPO is joining more than 200 orchestras across the country in the Orchestras Feeding America Food Drive. The orchestra is collecting canned goods and non-perishable items at the Phil for distribution to local charitable organizations. The nationwide food drive is under way in conjunction with the release of "The Soloist," the film based on the true story of a Juilliard-trained cel-

list with schizophrenia who becomes homeless and is helped by a Los Angeles Times columnist.

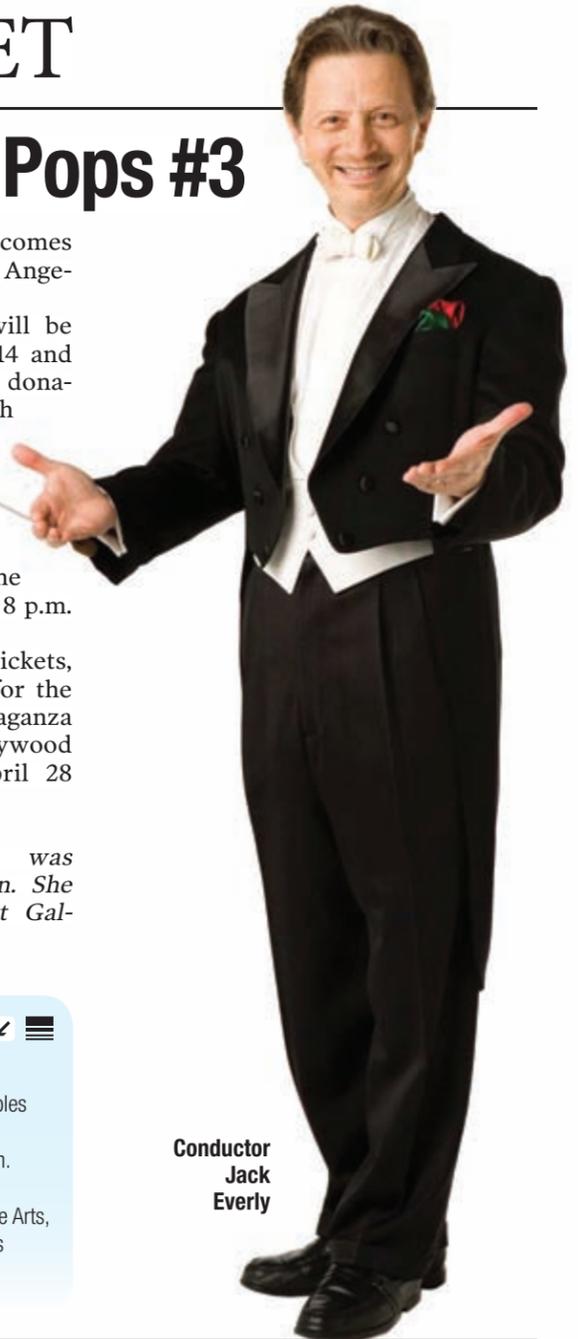
Pops #3 "Viva Las Vegas" will be presented at 8 p.m. March 12-14 and also at 2 p.m. March 14-15. Food donations will be welcome at each performance. If you don't have a ticket for Pops #3 but would still like to participate in the food drive, donations can be dropped off in front of the lobby, near the box office, between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. through March 15.

When you call for Pops #3 tickets, go ahead and purchase some for the NPO's remaining Everly extravaganza of this season: Pops #4 "Hollywood Epics" will be performed April 28 through May 3. ■

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

**If you go**

- >>What: Pops #3 "Viva Las Vegas"
- >>Who: Jack Everly conducting the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra
- >>When: 8 p.m. March 12-14 and 2 p.m. March 14-15
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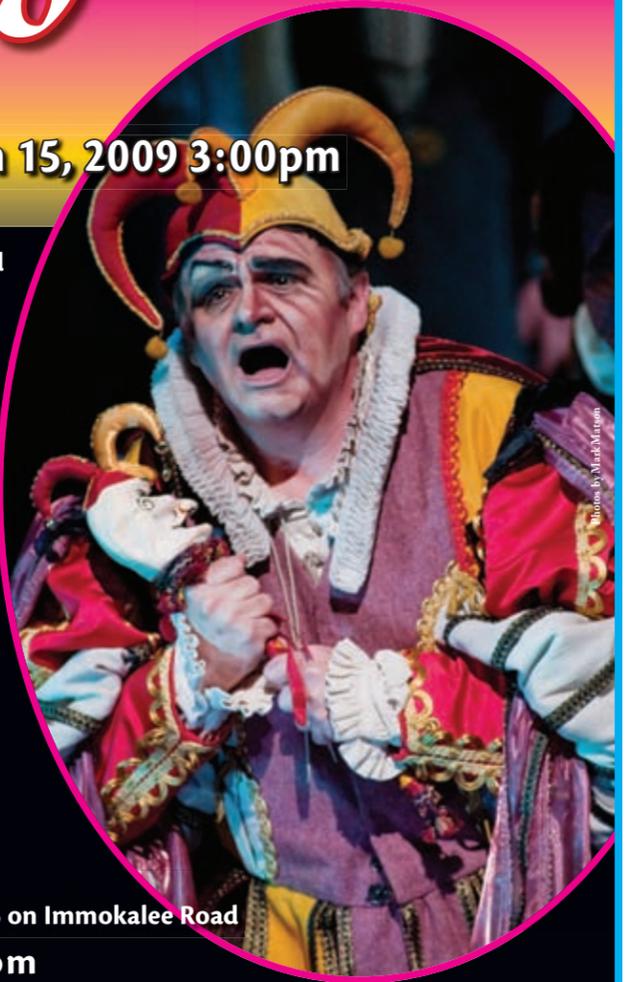


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## This week's theater

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■ **Anything Goes** - The Naples Players present "Anything Goes" through April 4 at the Sugden Community Theatre. Cole Porter's sublime 1930s musical crams a world of joyous archetypes aboard the oceanliner S.S. America and then lets them collide happily. Tickets: \$35 (adults), \$10 (students); 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

■ **Wicked** - The Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall presents the Broadway blockbuster "Wicked" through March 29. (800) 440-7469 or 481-4849 or www.bbman-npah.com.

■ **Little Shop of Horrors** - Sanibel's Schoolhouse Theater presents the gleefully gruesome musical "Little Shop of Horrors" March 12-April 4. 472-6862 or the-schoolhousetheater.com.

■ **Shakespeare Abridged** - The-

atre Conspiracy in Fort Myers presents "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)" March 19-April 11. Three actors cram all 37 plays and 154 sonnets by William Shakespeare into two acts. The theater is at 2711 Park Windsor Dr. #302, Fort Myers. 936-3239 or theatreconspiracy.org.

■ **ZAP** - "ZAP!" lights up audiences at Florida Repertory Theatre's Lunchbox Theatre Series at 11 a.m. Saturdays through April 11 at the Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center in downtown Fort Myers. Tickets for \$12 include a boxed lunch from Jason's Deli and an interactive workshop with the cast. www.floridarep.org or 332-4488.

■ **All Shook Up** - Broadway Palm Dinner Theater in Fort Myers presents "All Shook Up" through April 11. This musical comedy combines Elvis hits with a whole new story full of twists and turns. 278-4422 or www.BroadwayPalm.com.

■ **Church Basement Ladies** - Broadway Palm Dinner Theater/Off Broadway presents "Church Basement Ladies," a musical tribute to the church basement kitchen and the women who work there, through March 29. 278-4422 or www.BroadwayPalm.com.

## This week's symphony, ballet and opera

■ **Pops #3** - Take a spin on a musical roulette wheel when conductor Jack Everly leads the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra in Pops #3 "Viva Las Vegas!" March 12-15 at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. The cast of high rollers, showgirls and celebrities includes stars from Broadway and the Vegas Strip, along with Martin Preston as the legendary Liberace. Tickets: \$74. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

■ **Rigoletto** - Opera Naples performs Giuseppe Verdi's "Rigoletto" in the Performing Arts Hall at Gulf Coast High School the evening of March 13 and the afternoon of March 15. 1-800-771-1041 or www.operanaples.com.

■ **Gulf Coast Symphony** - The Gulf Coast Symphony presents "American Icons" the evening of March 14 at Anderson Theater at Bishop Verot High School in Fort Myers. Tickets: \$10-\$20 (free for those younger than 18). Call 481-4849 or visit www.gulfcoastsymphony.org.

■ **Miami City Ballet** - The Philharmonic Center for the Arts presents the Miami City Ballet Program II: "In the Night," the company premiere of Jerome Robbins' master-

piece, March 17-18. The dreamy, romantic work is danced by three couples, after dark, to Chopin's Nocturnes. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org. legendary Liberace. Tickets: \$74. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.



Opera Naples performs Giuseppe Verdi's "Rigoletto."

## Thursday, Mar. 12

■ **New Kids** - The New Kids On The Block perform at Estero's Germain Arena. Reserved seats: \$67; www.ticketmaster.com.

■ **Art & Antiques** - The 28th annual Art & Antiques Show at Trinity-by-the-Cove Episcopal Church takes place March 12-14. Admission: \$20 per person. 262-0353 or www.naplesantiquesshow.org.

■ **Antiques Show Preview** - A preview party for the fourth annual Naples Woman's Club Antiques Show takes place from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Naples Woman's Club, 570 Park St. Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. 262-6331 or www.napleswomansclub.org.

## Friday, Mar. 13

■ **Antiques Show** - The fourth annual Naples Woman's Club Antiques Show is held at the Naples Woman's Club, 570 Park Street, March 13-15. Tickets: \$7. 262-6331 or www.napleswomansclub.org.

■ **The Duprees** - BIG Arts on Sanibel presents The Duprees at 8 p.m. in Schein Performance Hall. Tickets: \$41 floor, \$46 loge. 395-0900, info@BIGARTS.org or www.BIG-ARTS.org.

■ **Magic in the Air** - The Naples Magic Festival starring Master Magician John Calvert takes place March 13-14 at the Norris Center as a benefit for Naples Public Theatre: Free Shakespeare In The Park. A 10-minute TV flashback will be shown of Mr. Calvert cutting Red Skelton in half. Other performers include Billy Ray, The Trailer Trash Magician and Ariel and Damara, "The Magic of Twins." 213-3049

■ **Talent Night** - Six Degrees Exhibitions presents free Talent Night from 8:30-11 p.m. Microphones and amps are provided; leave your gear at home. Six Degrees is at 1100 Sixth Avenue South, Suites 2&3, Naples. 331-2678.

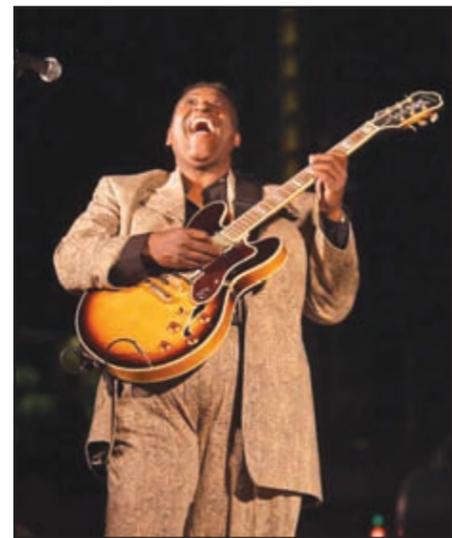
■ **Organ Recital** - Andrew H. Yeargin performs works by Bach, Howells, Mozart and Vierne in a free recital beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Fort Myers. 334-8937 or www.covpcfm.com.

■ **Circus Sarasota** - Circus Sarasota comes to the big top at Gulf Coast Town Center for matinee and evening performances March 6-29 (see story on page C1). Tickets start at \$10 per person. www.CircusSarasota.org or (877) 355-9805.

## Saturday, Mar. 14

■ **Book signing** - Naples resident Joe Carufe will talk about and sign copies of his first novel, "Repeat Business" from 2-4 p.m. at Barnes & Noble at Waterside Shops.

■ **Art Festival** - The Art League of Bonita Springs hosts the Bonita Springs National Art Festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 14-15 at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. 992-1213.



Joey Gilmore will preform at the Bonita Blues Festival.

■ **Blues Fest** - The third annual Bonita Blues Festival brings a host of foot-stompin' performers to Riverside Park on Old 41. Admission: \$10 in advance, \$15 day of the show. 947-0715 or www.bonitablues.com

■ **Art Lecture** - Thomas Hoving, author and former director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, present an illustrated lecture, "The Art Forgeries Around Us," at 10 a.m. at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. Cost: \$32. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org

## Sunday, Mar. 15

■ **Art Festival** - The Art League of Bonita Springs hosts the Bonita Springs National Art Festival continues from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. 992-1213.

■ **Music in the Wild** - The Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation hosts a musical afternoon with Jack Williams. Cost: \$15. 472-2329 or www.jackwilliamsmusic.com.

■ **Save the Tiger** - The Renaissance Academy of Florida Gulf Coast University presents a screening of "Save the Tiger" at 3 p.m. at the university's Naples Center. The movies starts Jack Lemmon in his Academy Award-winning performance as a desperate small business owner compelled to betray his personal values and integrity in order to rescue his company from bankruptcy. A discussion about business ethics will follow with Donald Pomerantz moderating.

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# WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

## Monday, Mar. 16

■ **Lunch Lecture** - The Naples Art Association hosts Lunch With the Arts at The von Liebig Art Center. The series will present Peabody Award-winning radio broadcaster Michael Lasser. 262-6517 or naplesart.org.

■ **Two-Part Class** - "The Movies That Changed Hollywood," a two-part class, will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 16, and Monday, April 6, in the Toni Stabile Building at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. Tickets: \$64. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

■ **Garrison Keillor** - The Philharmonic Center for the Arts hosts "An Evening with Garrison Keillor." 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

## Tuesday, Mar. 17

■ **St. Patrick's Day Parade** - The Downtown Naples Merchants Association loves a parade, and so will shoppers and strollers along Fifth Avenue South from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For the nighttime crowd, the luck o' the Irish celebration continues until midnight at Sugden Plaza.

■ **Diane Schuur** - The Philharmonic Center for the Arts welcomes vocalist/pianist Diane Schuur 6 and 8:30 p.m. March 17-18 in Daniels Pavilion. Ms. Schuur has built a stellar career by embracing not only the jazz of her parents' generation but also the pop music of her own youth during the 1950s and '60s. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

## Wednesday, Mar. 18

■ **Evening With** - The Art League of Bonita Springs presents "An Evening With... Suncoast Brass Quintet Celebrates" from 7-9 p.m. From light and breezy to bold and brassy, enjoy the sounds of Jamie Marshall on trombone, Al Mitchell on French Horn, Thomas Kracmer on tuba and Alan Klispie and Cindy Scaruffi-Klispie on trumpets. Five of the area's talented brass musicians on one stage. 495-8989 or artcenter-bonita.org.

## Thursday, Mar. 19

■ **Salute to the Stars** - The Philharmonic Center for the Arts presents Michael Feinstein's "Salute to the Stars of MGM in Hollywood," a tribute to the Golden Age of Hollywood musicals featuring two of the classic stars who made the films great, Vic Damone and Arlene Dahl, performing with Mr. Feinstein. The event includes remembrances and stories along with classic film clips. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

## Upcoming events

■ **Ikebana** - The Naples Chapter 160 of Ikebana International hosts its annual Japanese floral arts exhibit, "Entering Spring," from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, March 20, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at St. Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church, 7100 Airport Road. Admission: \$2 per person, children free. www.ikebananaples.com or 793-4536.

■ **George Benson** - The Philharmonic Center for the Arts presents "George Benson: An Unforgettable Tribute to Nat King Cole," Friday, March 20. The renowned jazz guitarist/vocalist will perform some of Mr. Cole's timeless classics, along with some of his own hits. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

■ **Jazz Band** - The Barbary Coast Dixieland Jazz Show Band performs at 7 p.m. Friday, March 20, at North Naples United Methodist Church. Tickets: \$15. Proceeds benefit the programs of Grace Place for Children and Families. 455-2707 or www.graceplacenaples.org.

■ **Linda Eder** - The Philharmonic Center for the Arts hosts Linda Eder, one of the country's great solo voices, Sunday, March 22. A concert hall favorite, Broadway star ("Jekyll & Hyde") and hit recording artist, Ms. Eder has captivated audiences around the world with her repertoire of standards, pop hits, show tunes and original compositions. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

■ **Scout Salute** - The Naples Area Boy Scouts are holding "A Toast for Leadership - Salute to Scouting," a wine and food tasting from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at Bayfront. Tickets: \$50 in advance and \$60 the day of the event. 936-8072, ext.112, or www.SWFLCouncilBSA.org.

■ **Paul Anka** - The Philharmonic Center for the Arts hosts "An Evening with Paul Anka" Saturday, March 21. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

■ **Musical Triumph** - The Southwest Florida Symphony performs "Musical Triumph" Saturday, March 21, at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in downtown Fort Myers. The program features Handel's "Royal Fireworks Music" and Haydn's "Lord Nelson Mass." 418-1500 or e-mail tickets@swflso.org.

■ **Ave Maria Festival** - Artists and performers will be part of the second annual Ave Maria Festival of the Arts starting at noon Sunday, March 22. Sculptor Márton Váró will demonstrate



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how he is creating a 50-ton marble sculpture that will adorn the façade of the Ave Maria Oratory. Events include a dinner theater at which Ave Maria University students will perform "Oklahoma!" 280-2500 or www.aveherald.com.

■ **Classic Operas** - The Philharmonic Center for the Arts hosts the "Cavalleria Rusticana" (Rustic Chivalry) and "Pagliacci" (Clowns), tales of seduction, betrayal and murder, Monday, March 23. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

■ **Broadway Stars** - The Philharmonic Center for the Arts hosts "An Evening with Patti Lupone and Mandy

Patinkin" Tuesday, March 24. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

■ **Dinner With Friends** - The Naples Players perform "Dinner With Friends" March 25-April 18 in the Tobye Studio at Sugden Community Theatre, 701 Fifth Avenue South. Tickets: \$20/adults, \$10/students. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

■ **Into the Woods** - KidzAct Youth Theater of the Naples Players performs "Into the Woods Jr." March 30-31 on the main stage at the Sugden Community Theatre. Tickets: \$15 adults, \$10 children. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

## Ongoing events

■ **Solo Exhibit** - Art Modern Gallery, 751 12th Avenue South, presents an exhibition of works by Captiva Island artist Stella Farwell through March 28. 263-1137, info@artmoderngallery.com or www.artmoderngallery.com

■ **Circus Sarasota** - Florida's Circus Sarasota performs matinee and evening shows under the Big Top at Gulf Coast Town Center through Sunday, March 29. Tickets start at \$10. www.CircusSarasota.org or (877) 355-9805.

■ **Schwartz Exhibit** - The Art Gallery at Florida Gulf Coast Univer-

sity presents an exhibition of works by painter and printmaker Carl E. Schwartz in the FGCU Library Gallery through March 22. The show is free and open to the public. 590-7199 or asturdiv@fgcu.edu.

■ **Thursdays on Third** - Enjoy live music from 6-9 p.m. Thursdays 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. 200-3477

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## ARTS COMMENTARY

## 'Anything Goes': It's de-lightful!

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If you're a regular theatergoer, odds are good you've seen "Anything Goes" — perhaps more than once.

After all, there was a moment when it seemed to be playing here almost every year: The Naples Dinner Theatre put on a production, as did the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre in Fort Myers. A national touring company even came through with a production.

This season, The Naples Players throw their sailor hat into the ring, presenting "Anything Goes" as their mid-season musical extravaganza.

And this production does not disappoint.

The community troupe has obviously gone all out, with a cast of more than three dozen and a nine-piece orchestra.

Even before the curtain rises, you know this is going to be a big production: Scenic designer Matt Flynn created a screen filled with Art Deco mermaids and mermen and the hull of a ship bearing down upon the audience. While the orchestra plays the overture, show credits run on the ship's sail, which acts as a movie screen. (Note the film sprockets at the top of the sail.)

The show, of course, is a vehicle for Cole Porter's delightful songs: "I Get a Kick Out of You," "It's De-Lovely," "You're the Top," "Friendship," "All Through the Night," and "Anything Goes."

The plot, which has gone through at least three rewritings and is the cumulative work of six people, is ridiculously flimsy and non-essential. It's mainly one-liners, in the style of vaudeville. Some hit their mark, some don't.

Many of the lines have been around forever yet still coaxed laughs from the audience at the Sugden the night I attended. Some of the best lines, however, seemed to fly over the heads of the audience. (I laughed alone when one character said to another, a gangster dressed up as a priest, "Thanks, you're one hell of a Christian.")

And it must have been an audience filled with Midwesterners, because no one seemed to find the name Murray Hill Flowers — even when it's explained it's a name taken from the phone book — funny. Murray Hill is a neighborhood in Manhattan, and it's the name of a busi-

ness, not a person. (Though now it's also the name of a New York drag king.)

If you care to know the plot: Billy (James Little) stows aboard the S.S. American because he's in love with Hope (Laura Needle). But Hope is engaged to Lord Evelyn Oakleigh (Mark Vanagas) and denying her feelings for Billy. Billy's boss (Bill Ziff-Levine) is onboard, as are two gangsters in disguise, Moonface Martin (Jim Corsica) and Erma (Jessica Walck). The latter two try to keep Billy from his boss and from being recognized by the crew. Reno Sweeney (Mary Anne McAvoy McKerrow), a nightclub singer/evangelist, is also onboard, and even though she's in love with Billy herself, she decides to help him.

There are also chorus girls (the hilariously misnamed Purity, Virtue, Chastity and Charity), sailors, FBI agents and passengers, who all run about the ship in a perpetual state of frenzy.

But the musical numbers are exquisite. Director Dallas Dunnagan and musical director Charles Fornara obviously took great care in casting the show and in making the music and lyrics its most prominent feature.

The spoken lines might be thrown away, and not always delivered with the best comedic timing, but the songs! Oh, the songs are divine.

This cast lovingly sings the lyrics, putting across every clever Cole Porter line as if it had never been sung before.

Ms. McAvoy McKerrow is an excellent actress, playing the role of Reno with perpetual bemusement and sophistication. Though she has a great voice, however, she lacks the physical and vocal heft of a belter. It would've been wonderful to see someone plant their feet and belt out "Blow, Gabriel, Blow" with a voice that could raise the dead.

(And in fact, when her microphone wasn't turned on for a couple of lines, Ms. McAvoy McKerrow's voice was lost in the sea of other voices.)

But the slim actress knows how to put across a song, whether it's a love song with Mr. Little ("You're the Top") or a silly song such as "Friendship," sung with Mr. Corsica. It takes a certain comedic talent to present such songs, and Ms. McAvoy McKerrow and Mr. Corsica do so with perfect goofiness.

Almost every musical number brings the house down. Ms. Needle is touching in "It's De-Lovely" and "Goodbye, Little Dream, Goodbye," and Ms. Walck is full of sassy sexiness in "Buddie Beware."

Mr. Vanagas has wowed in previous productions, especially as the emcee in



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Jim Corsica as Moonface Martin, public enemy #13, is happy to be surrounded by lovelies.

The Naples Players' recent "Cabaret." In "Anything Goes," he plays a foppish British lord fascinated with American sayings. In all previous productions of this musical, I've found this character annoying and cringe-inducing. But Mr. Vanagas understands the character and plays him with perfect pitch and believability, seducing the audience with his silliness.

And in his duet with Ms. McAvoy McKerrow, "The Gypsy in Me," in which he stomps his feet, dances a tango and pretends to be a bull, he has the audience eating out of his hand.

From the very beginning, Mr. Little, with old-fashioned movie star looks and boyish vulnerability, has the audience cheering for him to win the girl. His high tenor notes on "Easy to Love" tug at the heart.

And kudos to choreographer Dawn Lebrecht, who has somehow made these non-dancers almost as graceful as Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers in some numbers and transformed them into spirited, tap-dancing fools in others. (I especially liked Frances Maslowski's surprising turn in the spotlight.)

Dot Auchmoody's costumes are also noteworthy, with variations on a red-white-and-blue theme. Mr. Flynn's ship is sturdy, and his sets of individual cabins are perfect, with stripes of deepening blues, a rounded silver outline to suggest a hull, and even choppy waves outside. And for the "Blow, Gabriel, Blow" number he's created a simple, yet sophisticated Art Deco set.

Special care has been taken with this musical, and it shows in the details: the cut of the costumes, the ship's logo repeated on the sailor outfits and on the food carts.

However, the performance I saw contained numerous small glitches. More than one character's hat fell off. A handkerchief was accidentally dropped (and picked up by another dancer). And a male character developed an unfortunate split in the crotch of his pants right before a big dance number.

The show also had sound problems throughout the night. The mics faded in and out; the person behind the soundboard was consistently late with turning on actors' microphones. The volume was also not loud enough; people around me complained of not being able to hear all the dialogue or lyrics.

And with Cole Porter's wonderfully witty lyrics, you don't want to miss a single word.

Regardless, "Anything Goes" is a big love letter to a time of class, sophistication and urbane wit.

Yes, it's the top, it's de-lovely, it's not to be missed. ■

If you go

>>>What: "Anything Goes"  
 >>>When: through April 4  
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# GIVING

## Unrestricted funds can support a community's changing needs

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Clients who wish to make a meaningful philanthropic gift to support changing local needs should consider an unrestricted gift to a community foundation.

"One of the most lasting and powerful ways a donor can support a local community is through an unrestricted gift to a community foundation," says Dottie Gerrity, a donor and past board chair of the Community Foundation of Collier County. "The value of endowed unrestricted gifts is that they are perpetual — lasting many years beyond a donor's lifetime — and they are managed by a skilled group of community guardians to meet unanticipated community needs."

Mrs. Gerrity and her husband Bob started the Gerrity Family Fund in 2002. Each year, 5 percent of the balance of the unrestricted fund is pooled with the foundation's other unrestricted funds and directed by a committee of community volunteers to nonprofit organizations as grants.

Unrestricted funds are essential resources for a community foundation because today's most pressing issues are not likely to be tomorrow's needs. For a donor, an unrestricted gift gives a greater opportunity to support the community they live in.

"An unrestricted gift will help solve future unknown problems," says Mary George, president and CEO of the Com-



munity Foundation of Collier County. "Things change," she says, adding one of the first community foundations in the country started from an unrestricted donor bequest, and its first grant was to help widows of drivers of horse and buggy accidents. "That was a very important issue at the time, but obviously not today," Ms. George says. "An unrestricted fund gave their board the power to redirect funds to other pressing community needs."

If you or your clients are considering leaving a charitable legacy, an unrestricted gift to a community foundation might be the best way for them to continue to provide significant support to the community no matter how needs evolve in the future. ■

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## FOCUS ON FOUNDATION FUND HOLDERS

### The Baby Basics Fund

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Eight concerned citizens have found an innovative way to fulfill their vision of a Collier County chapter of Baby Basics Inc.

By making good use of the community foundation's 501(c)3 status and using the administrative resources of the foundation, this dedicated group is able to ensure that 100 percent of all contributions go directly to those who need help: the babies of working poor families.

Baby Basics Inc. was founded in 1992 in Ridgewood, N.J., and now flourishes throughout the country. Its goal is to provide diapers and emotional support and care to babies and their families twice a month. Children covered by the program range in age from newborn

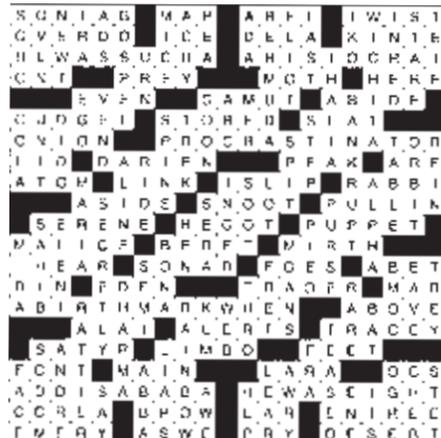


to 3 years.

Dedication to children and their needs is a priority, and the Community Foundation of Collier County is thrilled to help support in such an endeavor. ■

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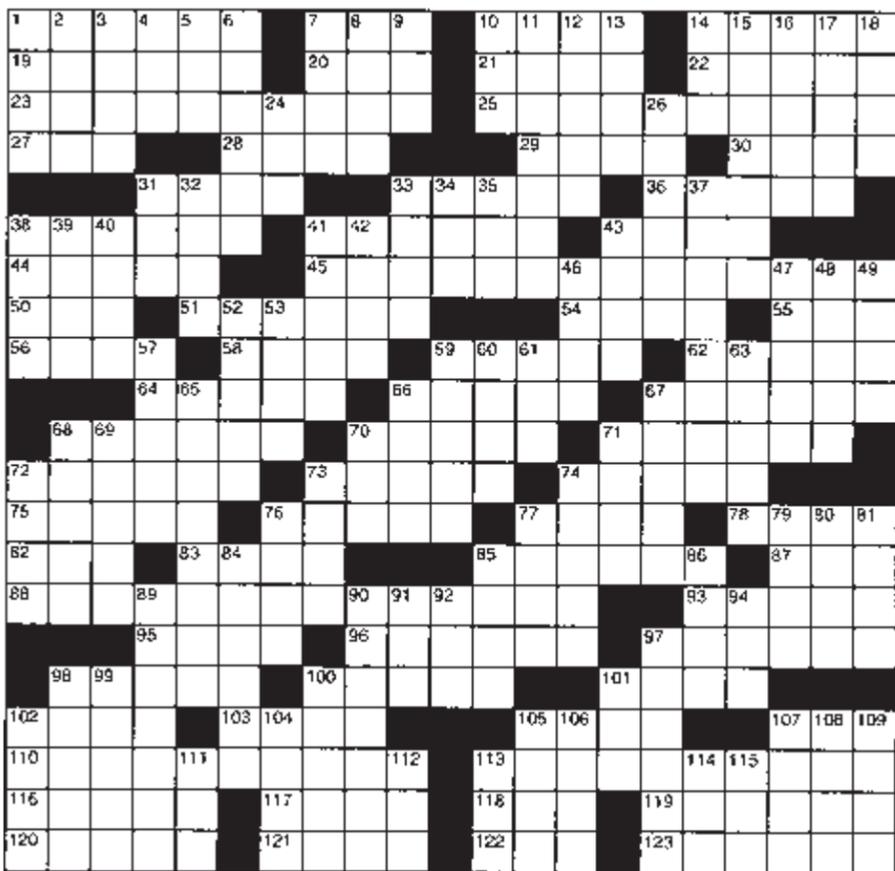
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### DELAYED REACTION



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  - 7 AAA handout
  - 10 Explorer Tasman
  - 14 Checker move?
  - 19 Carry too far
  - 20 Winter hazard
  - 21 Creme — creme
  - 22 Kunta — ("Roots" character)
  - 23 Start of a remark by Stevan Wright
  - 25 Painful
  - 27 Canadian prov.
  - 28 Victim
  - 29 Wool gatherer?
  - 30 Roll-call reply
  - 31 Level
  - 33 Entire range
  - 36 Put up with
  - 38 Thick stick
  - 41 Put aside
  - 43 Blind part
  - 44 See 11 Down
  - 45 Part 2 of remark
  - 50 It may get tipped
  - 51 Connecticut town
  - 54 Summit
  - 55 Live and breathe
  - 56 Mighty mute
  - 58 Sausage segment
  - 59 Long Island resort
  - 62 Te Aviv teacher
  - 64 Out of the way
  - 66 Beak
  - 67 One way to park
  - 68 Tranquil
  - 70 Part 3 of remark
  - 71 Kukla or Lamb Chop
  - 72 Lil will
  - 73 Cherbourg chapeau
  - 74 Glee
  - 75 "— a Symphony" ('65 song)
  - 76 Submarine finder
  - 77 Competitors
  - 78 Facilitate a feony
  - 82 — Tin Tin
  - 83 Paradise
  - 85 Merchant
  - 87 Cal. page
  - 88 Part 4 of remark
  - 93 Over
  - 95 Jar —
  - 96 Sounds the loc:sn
  - 97 Ullman or Gold
  - 98 Goatish gamboler
  - 100 Bar hop?
  - 101 Dr. Scholl's concern
  - 102 Source
  - 103 Cardinal
  - 105 — Flynn Boyle
  - 107 Mil. training ctr.
  - 110 African capital
  - 113 End of remark
  - 116 Jazzman Chick
  - 117 Forehead
  - 118 Organ of equilibrium
  - 119 Steak or lobster
  - 120 Abrasive substance
  - 121 "— forgive those ..."
  - 122 Be too interested?
  - 123 And area
- DOWN**
- 1 Manhattan district
  - 2 Hot spot?
  - 3 Frog's kin
  - 4 Singing syllable
  - 5 They may be personal
  - 6 Mahalia's music
  - 7 Pixie and Dixie
  - 8 "— Breaky Heart" ('92 hit)
  - 9 Princess bruiser
  - 10 Orthodontists' org.
  - 11 With 44 Across, salad veggie
  - 12 "Silas Marne" author
  - 13 Endure
  - 14 Ring stat
  - 15 Kansas city
  - 16 "The Lady —" ('79 film)
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  - 24 Fancy vase
  - 25 A Muse
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  - 38 Fountain order
  - 39 Component
  - 40 Carthaginian queen
  - 41 Book part
  - 42 Travel with Spock?
  - 43 — aerobics
  - 46 Rotissere part
  - 47 Defer
  - 48 NASA lap
  - 49 Equine accessory
  - 52 Skirt shape
  - 53 Coney Island attraction
  - 57 Ballet's Taltchiel
  - 59 Actress Stevens
  - 60 Santa's problem
  - 61 Destiny
  - 63 Dominant, as a dog
  - 65 On the sly
  - 66 Doris Day refrain
  - 67 Handbag
  - 68 Master, in Madras
  - 69 '85 John Malkovich movie
  - 70 Barnyard belle
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  - 72 Sorvino or Nair
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  - 74 Complains
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  - 79 Coll. hotshot
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  - 81 Playing card
  - 84 TV's "— & Greg"
  - 85 "Comin' — the Rye"
  - 86 Half-baked?
  - 89 More squalid
  - 90 Heavenly sight
  - 91 Alphabet sequence
  - 92 Network
  - 94 Try for a hit
  - 97 Provoked
  - 98 Biblical city
  - 99 Pianist
  - 100 Fishermen, frequently
  - 101 Aubert's "— Diavolo"
  - 102 Confront
  - 104 Swedish rockers
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  - 106 Crooked
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  - 108 "Moon-struck" star
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  - 112 Blow away
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  - 115 "— Not Unusual" ('65 hit)

SEE ANSWERS, C9

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## HOROSCOPES

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Instead of spending too much time floundering around wondering if you can meet your deadline, you need to spend more time actually working toward reaching it.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** You'll want to discourage well-meaning but potentially ill-advised interference in what you need to accomplish. Your work has a better chance to succeed if it reflects you.

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** The Bovine's well-deserved reputation for loyalty could be tested if you learn that it might be misplaced. But don't rely on rumors. Check the stories out before you decided to act.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** You've been going on adrenaline for a long time, and this unexpected lull in a recent spate of excitement could be just what you need to restore your energy levels. Enjoy it.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Friends can be counted on to help you deal with a perplexing personal situation. But remember to keep your circle of advisers limited only to those you're sure you can trust.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Security-loving Lions do not appreciate uncertainty in any form. But sometimes changing situations can reveal hidden stresses in time to repair a relationship before it's too late.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** This is a good time for

single Virgos to make a love connection. Be careful not to be too judgmental about your new "prospect" -- at least until you know more about her or him.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Your sense of justice helps you resolve a problem that might have been unfairly attributed to the wrong person. Spend the weekend doing some long-neglected chores.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** You might feel justified in your anger toward someone you suspect betrayed your trust. But it could help if you take the time to check if your suspicions have substance.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Ignore distractions if you hope to accomplish your goal by the deadline you agreed to. Keep the finish line in sight, and you should be able to cross it with time to spare.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Your creative self continues to dominate through much of the week. Also, despite a few problems that have cropped up, that recent romantic connection seems to be thriving.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** As curious as you might be, it's best to avoid trying to learn a colleague's secret. That sort of knowledge could drag you into a difficult workplace situation at some point down the line.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a natural gift for attracting new friends, who are drawn to your unabashed love of what life should be all about.

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## SUDOKU

By Linda Thistle

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[ DVD PREVIEW & RELEASES ]

**PICK OF THE WEEK**

► **"Murnau"** - F.W. Murnau was one of Germany's great pioneer filmmakers. This six-disc collection of Murnau's early films represents some of the best of German cinema of the Silent Era. Included in the collection is probably Murnau's best-known work, "Nosferatu," the first great vampire movie. It's certainly a hundred times better than The Other Vampire Movie being released on DVD this week.



Max Schreck in "Nosferatu"

This is the newly restored version of the classic 1922 film, featuring Hans Erdmann's original score, two documentaries on the film, newly translated intertitles and much more.

Also in this box set is the newly restored epic "Faust," Murnau's sweeping adaptation of Goethe's masterpiece; "The Last Laugh," "Tartuffe," the ghost story "The Haunted Castle"; and finally, "The Finances of the Grand Duke," Murnau's departure into light comedy.

Each of the films has undergone the massive and meticulous restorative work they so richly deserve. Each film also has a goodly number of special feature documentaries to give audiences unfamiliar with Murnau's work a deeper appreciation for the films and why they are so important to the history of cinema. For students of film and anyone curious about experiencing great movies from a bygone age, this box set is definitely worth adding to your library.

**ALSO THIS WEEK**

► **"The Three Stooges Collection, Vol. 5: 1946-1948"** - I wouldn't normally mention a collection like this, except that this particular anthology should be of special interest to Stooges fans. This two-disc set featuring 25 Three Stooges shorts marks the transition between Curly and Shemp. Because of failing health, Curly had to retire in 1946 (at the age of 43), so Shemp Howard (at the behest of Moe) rejoined the slapstick troupe.

The 10 short films featuring Curly are particularly bittersweet for fans, as his deteriorating health is very much in evidence. In fact, in some of the films, Curly's health was so bad that the directors had to substitute old footage because Curly couldn't physically perform the stunts.

**DOG OF THE WEEK**

► **"Twilight"** - The god-awful film adaptation of that horribly written Mormon Abstinence Allegory featuring (what else?) sullen foo-foo boy vampires finally gets released on DVD. If you are a 12-year-old girl, you already pre-ordered the two-disc special edition from Amazon three months ago. It should arrive tomorrow. Knock yourself out, Sugar Britches. I'll be watching "Nosferatu."

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### Pastels are all the rage at Bonita art center

The Southwest Florida Pastel Society presents its annual Members Show at the Art League of Bonita Springs through March 30. Artists from Lee, Collier, and Charlotte counties display a variety of pastel paintings including portraiture, still life and landscapes, abstract and non-representational works.

The Pastel Society is a nonprofit organization that fosters an appreciation for the pastel medium and provides educational opportunities for adults and youth in Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties.

Hours at the Art League of Bonita Springs are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 1:30-5 p.m. Saturday. The center is at 26100 Old 41 in Bonita Springs. For



COURTESY PHOTO  
**Yellow Lily, Jackie Moore, 2008 Best in Show**

more information, call 495-8989 or visit [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org).

For information about the Southwest Florida Pastel Society, e-mail Ann Dalton at [ann@daltonandreilly.com](mailto:ann@daltonandreilly.com). ■



COURTESY PHOTO

An exhibit of Polaroid transfers by photographer Constance Parry hangs in the lobby of the Marco Island Executive Airport through June. After photographing her subjects, Ms. Parry exposes color slide images onto Polaroid film and then uses the emulsion to transfer an image onto hot-pressed watercolor paper. No two images are ever the same. A partnership between the United Arts Council of Collier County and airport management, the show is open to the public.

◀ **Red Poppies, Constance Parry**

### Iranian-American contemporary artist at Art Modern Gallery for two-day show

Iranian-American artist Freydoon Rassouli will visit Naples for a two-day show at Art Modern Gallery on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 17-18. The artist will attend a reception at Bamboo Café from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, March 17 (reservations requested).

Mr. Rassouli's contemporary painting technique, called "fusionart," is inspired by mystical visions of universal unity and poetry. His dream-like images are constructed of vibrant colors and swirling circular energy depicting surreal images. He has created several public murals in the Los Angeles area, notably the landmark "Angel of Unity," a 55-foot-by-1,100-foot-wide mural in Venice, Calif.

For additional information or reservations to the opening reception at Bamboo Café, call 643-6177.

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## ART SHOWS

# Sweet Art Gallery showcases Sharon Erbe, Tammra Sigler

"Take a Risk," an exhibit of works by Sharon Erbe and Tammra Sigler, opens at Sweet Art Gallery with a reception from 6-9 p.m. Friday, March 13. The public is welcome.

Ms. Erbe, who divides her time between Naples and Taos, N.M., paints flamboyant Caribbean dancers and color-splashed market scenes. A bold approach to color, coupled with a loose, spontaneous style, give her art a sensuality and vibrancy that commands attention and also reflects her lifetime love of music and dance.

"What intrigues me," she says, "is capturing the essence of culturally diverse, ethnic people as a metaphor for the indomitable human spirit." Her paintings hang in private collections

throughout the United States and Europe and in the permanent collection at The von Liebig Art Center in Naples.

Ms. Sigler has painted and taught in the Baltimore/Washington area for 45 years and has resided in Naples for the past

eight years. Her provocative paintings and fresh monotypes can be found in the permanent collections of The National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington, D.C., and the Baltimore Museum of Art. Her works are in many private collections both nationally and internationally and have been selected twice for the national publication "New American Painting" by Open Studio Press.

She paints and teaches at The von Liebig Art Center and in her studio at 5760 Shirley St. in Naples. In addition to Sweet Art Gallery, she is represented by J.L. Pierce Fine Art in Baltimore.

In her most recent work for the Sweet Art exhibition, Ms. Sigler continues to deal with issues that have always been her

concerns: paint, color, form, relationships, juxtaposition, irony, play, randomness, whimsy and, always, "the mark."

Sweet Art Gallery is at 2054 Trade Center Way. Call 597-2110 or visit [www.thesweetartgallery.com](http://www.thesweetartgallery.com).



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For more information or to enroll in the workshop, call the Norris Center at 213-5038. ■



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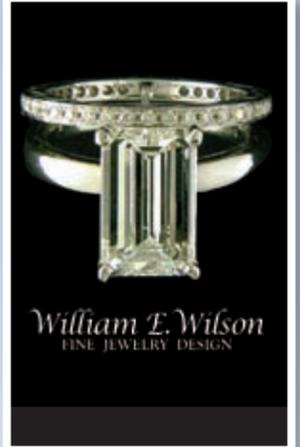


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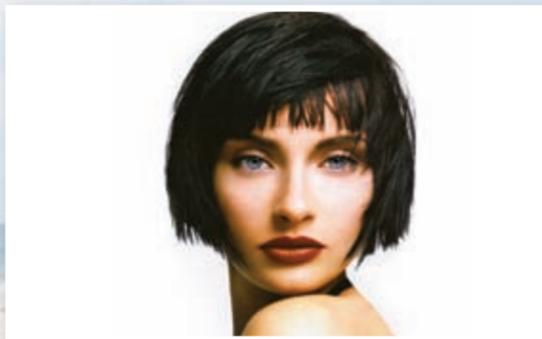
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The Bach Ensemble of Naples presents "A Spring Fantasia: Immortal Harmonies," the final concert of its seventh season Sunday afternoon, March 22, at Naples United Church of Christ.

Guest pianist and Naples resident Jodie DeSalvo will be featured in "Choral Fantasia," the familiar theme Beethoven later used in the last movement of his "Ninth Symphony," and will also perform two Chopin pieces.

Choral works include Bach's "Cantata 50" in an arrangement consisting of a double chorus within the ensemble, and Beethoven's venerated "Mass in C." Soloists include soprano Jeanie Darnell, chair of the Voice Department at Florida Gulf

Coast University; alto Rissa Arias, who was featured in recent performances of Puccini's "Suor Angelica" at FGCU; alto Janet Ortenzo; tenor Luis Cabrera; bass Ronald Bowman, president of the Naples Opera Society; and bass Bruce Galbraith, a member of the Bach Ensemble who is a former director of the Interlochen Arts Academy.

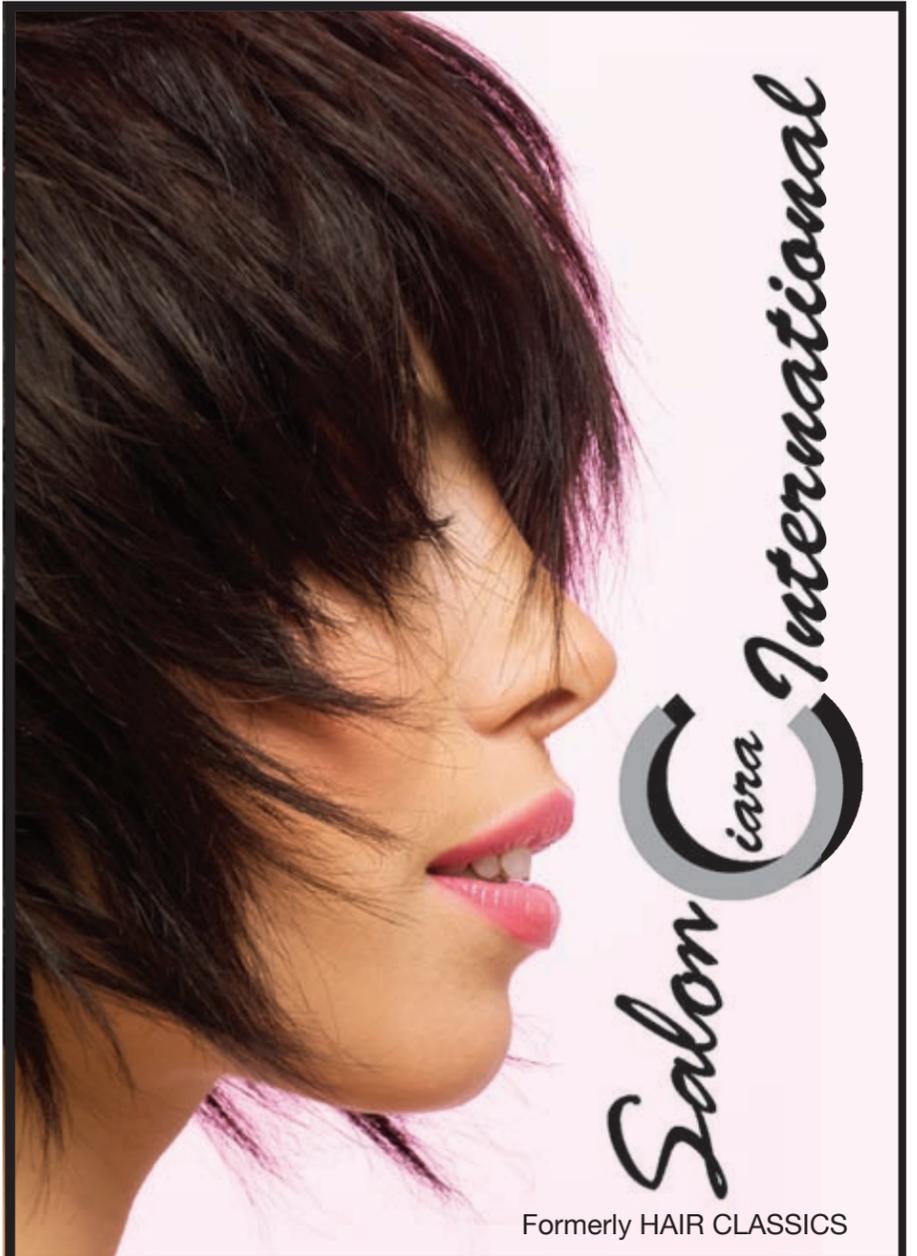
The performance begins at 3 p.m. Ronald Doiron, artistic director and conductor of the 40-voice ensemble, will preview the concert at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets for \$35 (preferred seating) and \$30 (general admission) can be purchased at [www.thebachensemble.org](http://www.thebachensemble.org) or by calling 732-1055. ■



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## Naples resident signs his first novel at Barnes & Noble this weekend

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Naples resident Joe Carufe will speak about and sign his first novel, "Repeat Business," from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at Barnes & Noble at Waterside Shops.

A native of Cold Spring, N.Y., Mr. Carufe was a sports writer in upstate New York for several years before moving to Florida. His work has appeared in the New York Daily News, and he's been featured on National Public Radio's "All Things Considered." The owner of Earthtech Unlimited, a Naples-based landscape company, he also has written for Gulfshore Life and Home & Condo magazines.



Repeat Business by Naples resident Joe Carufe

upstate New York, content with two adorable children and grounded in the passion she feels for Gianni, her soul mate and husband. Her psychic powers fail to alert her to the nor'easter that's about to change her life forever.

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Published by Inkwater Press, "Repeat Business" is available online at InkwaterPress.com,

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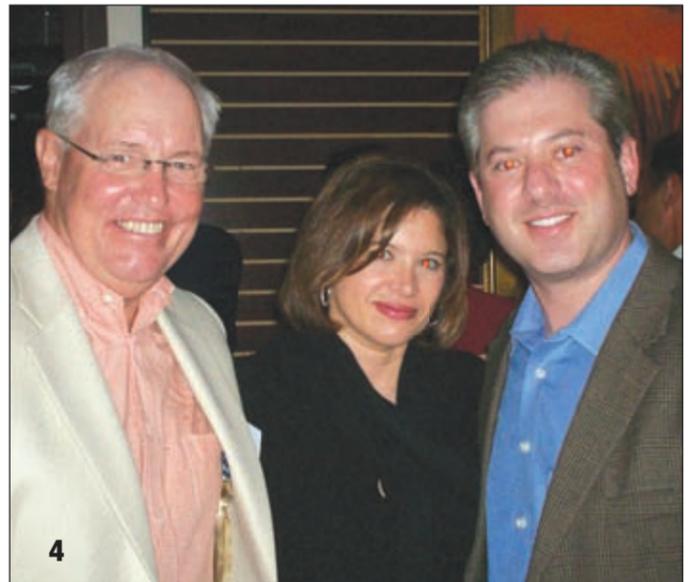


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### Magic Under the Mangroves at Wrenwood Farms

2. Carla Meekins and Chris Grinnell
3. Mrs. Lavern Gaynor
4. David and Vicky Smith
5. Edwin and Tickie Easton
6. Try Frensley and Wendy Rowell
7. Dick and Helen Thomas
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## Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest

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- 3. Angela Robertson

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# VINO

## State fair awards show Florida wines coming of age



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When it comes to Florida beverages, it's orange juice that first comes to mind. As for wine from the Sunshine State, most people tend to think of the sweet, syrupy ones made from citrus and sold as novelties in souvenir shops.

But palatable wines made by enterprising and diverse vintners are on the rise in the state, as evidenced by the recent Florida State Fair wine competition.

As you might expect, some of the enterprises came about through necessity.

"We were in citrus," says Vince Shook, co-owner of Florida Orange Groves in St. Petersburg and producer of the fair's Best of Show Sparkling Blueberry Wine. "It was a great business to be in, but as the economy changed, we knew we needed a year-round business going forward, and that was making wine with citrus from our groves."

Despite other fruit growers telling him he couldn't succeed, Mr. Shook started making citrus wines 12 years ago. Today the company produces 35 wines, including blueberry, mango, banana and pineapple.

It was much the same scenario at VINO Florida in John's Pass at Madeira Beach. The business began as a T-shirt shop, says Matthew Powers, the owner's son, but needed a way to stand out from the myriad tourist shops nearby.

"It started as a corner of the store and expanded until now we only sell wines, gourmet foods and cigars," says Mr. Powers, who's been making wine for a mere eight months. He began with fruit wines, but his reserve merlot, his first red, captured a Best of Show at the state fair. He buys grapes from Lodi, Calif., and creates a traditional grape-based wine.

Joe Keel of Keel & Curley Winery is a blueberry farmer in Plant City. Faced with a lot of leftover fruit that couldn't be sold at the retail level, he says, "I was looking for a use other than giving it to my neighbor's cow." In 2003, he started experimenting in his kitchen, making blueberry wines until he developed a product he liked.

Keel & Curley now produces 10 wines: three made with blueberries, several containing grapes from California, Oregon and Canada, and some that mix grapes and other fruits. This year's prizewinners were fusion wines, blended with grapes and fruit juices, Mr. Keel says.

One winner, the Key West Key Lime, is made with a couple of grape varieties, plus Key lime and a touch of other citrus. The winery's Strawberry Riesling contains Plant City strawberries and British Columbian Riesling juice.



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**Keel & Curley Strawberry Riesling wine spritzer**

Charles Cox of San Sebastian Winery in St. Augustine asked his winemaker to produce this year's prize-winning port as a traditional wine for the city with Spanish roots. The family runs this winery as well as Lakeridge Winery in Clermont. "We only use grapes, which makes us different from all the other Florida wineries," Mr. Cox says.

Jeannie Burgess, winemaker for the two vineyards, says the San Sebastian port uses two red grape varieties based on the Muscatine grape. The process of making port takes away some of the traditional native grape flavors.

All of the wine producers believe consumers need to sample Florida wines for themselves.

"They're not all the same," says Mr. Shook. "Our fruit wines are 100 percent fruit, so not only do they have an authentic taste, when you cook with them the flavor is not diluted or changed, as sometimes happens with wines flavored with fruit."

According to Mr. Powers, "These fruit wines are not like Boone's Farm and other flavored wines from years gone by. They have an intensity of flavor." He suggests blending Key Lime Sauvignon Blanc in a blender with crushed ice, and serving it as a margarita with a salted rim. "Our wines

are all about the Florida style of living, just sun and fun."

Many Florida wines are available at ABC Liquors, Total Wine, Publix, Sam's Club and Wal-Mart. They also can be ordered from the wineries. ■

### Wine picks of the week

Here are some of the great wines I sampled at the recent 2009 Southwest Florida Wine and Food Fest:

>>**Ponzi Rosato Pinot Noir 2007:** Fresh, elegant berry nose with crisp raspberry and citrus fruit flavors and great color. Priced about \$20.

>>**B. R. Cohn Chardonnay Sonoma County 2007:** Big nose with pear and apple notes and flavors with a little citrus and a touch of oak. Crisp and clean, priced about \$24.

>>**Silver Oak Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2004:** Another great cabernet from this year's signature vintner, the just-released 2004 vintage starts with a complex fruity nose and a dark ruby color. Soft and supple with plum and spice flavors and a lingering finish. About \$100.

>>**Caldwell Vineyard Rocket Science 2004:** Dark and intense garnet color with black cherry and black raspberry flavors leading to a long velvety finish. About \$50.

>>**Montes Purple Angel Carmenere 2005:** This Chilean standout is elegant and rich with dark purple color, spicy blackberry and plum fruit and a touch of chocolate. About \$60.

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# FLORIDA WEEKLY CUISINE

## MiraMare brings elegant Italian fare to Venetian Bay



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There was much wailing and gnashing of teeth when the wondrous Marie-Michelle's closed its doors at the Village on Venetian Bay last year.

And while it's not the same, the new inhabitant of that choice waterfront location, MiraMare (Italian for "looking at the water"), is a worthy successor, offering well-executed Italian fare along with that dazzling view.

With Chef Giovanni Scamardella, formerly of Vergina, Naples Tomato and Bice, teamed with owner Sal Sinzieri, former managing partner of Bice, it's not surprising that the food and ambience are exceptionally good.

And while the service needs work, I anticipate it will improve as the young restaurant gets more seasoned.

The dining room is tiny, holding just a few tables tucked behind a bustling bar and in front of a semi-open kitchen and massive mirror. But the covered balcony and even larger bayfront patio just below that accommodates quite a crowd.

We were seated at a small table for two on the edge of the balcony. A glass partition affords some distance from the table a couple of feet below on the patio. With a row of larger parties on the balcony as well as the line of tables for two, there was but a narrow walkway that had to accommodate servers, customers, tray tables and heaters. On one occasion, we felt the urge to duck as servers hefted a table from one end to the other. Removing a couple of tables from the balcony would help alleviate that cramped feeling.

The wine list has a creditable by-the-bottle assortment, including a multitude of worthy Italian offerings. But the full-bodied and moderately priced ZD Chardonnay 2007 won out for its balance of fruit and acid, which makes it a fitting accompaniment for seafood and tomato sauce.

An appetizer of fried calamari and vegetables was ample for two. We enjoyed the tender squid, expertly seasoned and fried, as well as various fried

veggies, complemented by a delicate tomato sauce that didn't overwhelm the calamari.

Several dishes feature fresh pasta and are thoughtfully marked on the menu. (They are also available in whole wheat.) From these, we ordered the pappardelle alla Bolognese. The broad, flat noodles had the rich flavor and firm texture that sets fresh pasta apart from its dry brethren. It paired well with the mellow tomato sauce studded with ground beef. As with the calamari, everything was in balance, with no single seasoning outshining the others.

The same can be said of the pan-seared

chocolate-covered cannoli, stuffed with creamy mascarpone and chocolate chips, topped with chocolate sauce, whipped cream and a dusting of powdered sugar. The other consisted of an ethereal zabaglione with diced cantaloupe, grapes, blueberries and strawberries beneath a mound of whipped cream and a sprig of mint.

MiraMare has a firm grasp on the culinary aspects of what makes a memorable meal. It's setting is lovely and I'm hard-pressed to suggest any improvements there.

The next step is to elevate the service to the level of the food. Along with several other tables on the balcony, we were waited on by a young man dressed in an impeccable suit and tie. I'm assuming he was a manager because most servers wore black vests and red bow ties. While he was pleasant, he appeared unfamiliar with basic server protocol, which includes informing customers of the night's specials, inquiring whether they would like drinks (or wine) before ordering food, offering fresh ground pepper (there was no pepper on the tables) and freshly grated cheese. We had already ordered when we overheard a server explaining the specials to a nearby table. We also saw other servers offer pepper and cheese to their customers.

We watched another server repeatedly carry a water pitcher by its lip, then pour water into customers' glasses. And although there were quite a few server attendants, none seemed trained to clear plates unless asked to do so. I lost count of the number who passed our table where dirty dishes, an empty wine bottle and glasses languished.

From my vantage point, I could see servers lavishing their tables with attention, staying on top of dishes and refilling wine glasses. It's what you'd expect in a place like MiraMare.

Food and ambience this good deserves service to match. ■



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For a decadent dessert, consider the cannoli dipped in dark chocolate topped with chocolate sauce and whipped cream.



Pan-seared salmon is paired with a subtle honey and apple berry Dijon sauce served atop mashed potatoes.

salmon with a slightly sweet honey and apple berry Dijon sauce served over mashed potatoes and a smattering of green beans and zucchini strips.

A side order of sautéed broccoli rabe had a burned flavor, which may have come from some singed garlic. When the manager, whom I presume was Mr. Sinzieri, stopped at our table we praised all but the broccoli rabe. He offered to replace it with spinach but, since we were finished with the rest of our meal, instead had it taken off of our bill.

Dinner concluded with two very satisfying desserts. The first was a deca-

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\* **Friday, March 13, 7-9 p.m., Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center:** Frank Pulice of Austin's presents wines from the Finger Lakes and Long Island, N.Y., as well as Canada's Niagara Peninsula and British Columbia paired with a tasting menu by Chef Kristina San Filippo; \$95, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 390-2222.

\* **Saturday, March 14, 11 a.m., Whole Food Market:** Kids Club cooking class, with instructor Denise Petersen conjuring up Dr. Seuss-inspired fare such as Green Eggs and Ham, Noodle-Eating-Poodle Noodles and Pink Yink Ink Drink; free, 9101 Strada Place; 552-5100. Advance registration required.

\* **Saturday, March 14,**

**11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Whole Foods Market:** Cookout for a Cause with proceeds benefiting Shy Wolf Sanctuary; \$5 donation for a beef or veggie burger, chips and a drink, 9101 Strada Place; 552-5100.

\* **Sunday, March 15, 3-4 p.m., The von Liebig Art Center:** Greg Shapiro of Tastebuds Custom Catering conducts Shopping Secrets for Buying Local and Buying Green; \$45, 585 Park St.; 262-6517, ext. 102.

\* **Monday, March 16, 6-8 p.m., Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center:** In the midst of the Florida growing season, learn how to can, preserve and freeze fresh foods to provide delicious meals over the coming months; \$45, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 390-2222.

\* **Monday, March 16, 6:30 p.m.,**

**Fleming's Steakhouse:** The Vintage Rock Wine Dinner features wines from Mick Fleetwood and B.R. Cohn, whose Doobie Red honors his years as manager of the Doobie Brothers; \$55 plus tax and gratuity, 8985 Tamiami Trail N.; 598-2424.

\* **Monday, March 16, 6:30 p.m., Whole Foods Market:** Chef Brent Courson of Real Seafood Co. demonstrates how to prepare pan-seared sea scallops with wilted spinach and balsamic brown butter plus two more easy-to-fix meals, \$5; 9101 Strada Place; 552-5100. Advance registration required.

\* **Tuesday, March 17, 6-8 p.m., Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center:** Wine expert Julie Glenn introduces wines from ecologically focused vineyards and winemakers, explaining the practices and regula-

tions involved, while chef Kristina San Filippo prepares tapas to match each one; \$55, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 390-2222

\* **Thursday, March 19, 6-8 p.m., The Good Life:** Guys' Night Out cooking class with Annie DePiero preparing lime tequila drunken shrimp, Annie's barbecued drumsticks and meatballs with red wine sauce with a pasta side; \$50, Collection at Vanderbilt, Airport Pulling and Vanderbilt Beach roads; 514-4663.

\* **Thursday, March 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Total Wine & More:** The wines from Down Under seminar and tasting; \$25, Carillon Place, 5048 Airport Pulling Road North; 649-4979. Reservations required.

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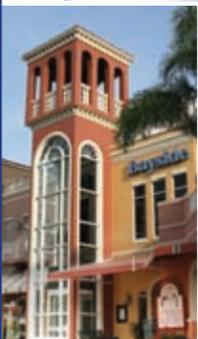
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