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THEY HANKER TO DRAW BLOOD, AND ARE WILLING TO SHED IT

BY PAMELA V. KROL
Special to Florida Weekly

LOOKING AT ADAM DEANE, IT'S NOT HARD to guess that he has a secret. He has all the accoutrements of his official job as a CPA for Bank of America in Naples — the well-tailored suit, the clean shave and ever-present cell phone. Still, there are a few things about his appearance that keep him from looking like an average banker. Most notably, he's huge: 6-foot, 1-inch, 230 pounds — all muscle. And like Clarke Kent at his day job, you get a sense that there's something else going on there.

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Naples woman elected to League of Women Voters of Florida

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

A Naples woman has been elected second vice president of The League of Women Voters of Florida. Chris Straton, whose term as president of The League of Women Voters of Collier County ended this year, continues to serve the local league as a board member and chairman of voter service activities.

Ms. Straton brings a history of leadership and community service to her new position with the statewide league. She has served as president of the Collier County Audubon Society, president of the American Association of University Women, chair of the Collier County Environmental Advisory Board, executive



STRATON

director of the Southwest Florida Land Preservation Trust and vice chair of the Affordable Housing Commission. "During this past legislative session, the League of Women Voters of Florida was part of a coalition that successfully protected the voting rights of Florida's citizens," she said. "I am looking forward to taking on new statewide initiatives as I join the board of the Florida League."

The League of Women Voters of Collier County is a nonpartisan political organization

that encourages informed and active participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Membership in the league is open to women and men. Current officers and directors, in addition to Ms. Straton, are: Sandy Parker, president; Lydia Galton, first vice president; Jen Marquis, second vice president; Marjorie Joder, treasurer; Kathleen Slebodnik, secretary; and Marilyn Bogen, Rose DiBiasi, Joyce Fletcher, Anne Lewallen, Bernice Schmelz and Patricia Snyder, directors.

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COMMENTARY

Big bad Daddy's Day



Time to give dad a real Father's Day gift, and make him a little uncomfortable.

The best thing you can do for your father, in my opinion, is direct your life to your own ends, not his. And that's not comfortable for anybody.

Sure, you want to make him proud. So what? Time to get over that notion, and strip your love down to a hot wire: Love the man for his own sake, and do your own damn thing in the meantime, whether he likes it or not.

I had a dad once. Now that man was somebody to cuddle, although he reserved the privilege only for my mother.

He was 5 foot-10 inches tall, maybe, and he was the biggest man in the world.

He was kind and fierce and smarter than anyone I've ever met, with the possible exception of my wife, whom he never knew. He was troubled by a temper when I was young that measured somewhere in the low 100s of megatons, but he worked his way out of that by the time I was 16, mostly.

He did things that fathers used to do, and maybe still do for their sons, somewhere: He taught me how to think, he taught me how to fight, he taught me how to play football, he taught me how to shoot, he taught me to clean and eat what I shot (not that I always did, when he unleashed me at the age of 10 with a .22 and 50,000 acres in front of me).

He taught me to tell the truth (not that I always did), he taught me how to behave gracefully, and he taught me how to be a father.

I'm still learning those things, some of



them, and he's still teaching me, though he's been dead for 10 years. But that hasn't stopped him.

My dad took me to libraries, far away cities, art museums, operas, ballets, the White House, the Lincoln Memorial, Monticello, Saratoga Springs, Atlantic beaches, Gettysburg and high school tracks.

We walked out on a faintly visible quarter-mile oval ploughed in the gravel behind a junior high school one night when I was 13 years old and he had gotten overweight and too feisty, and he ran two laps at the speed, maybe, of a fast walker.

For the next 32 years, he ran seven days a week, with a few exceptions for surgeries. He ran two or three marathons in his 50s, and when he was 71 and dying of stomach cancer, he went out and trotted three or four miles a few times after the chemotherapy, then walked all over the woods. He could still do 50 or 100 pushups, then.

There were a few thousand other things he taught me, but they aren't the point.

The point is that he had about as much interest in Father's Day as a bank has in a beggar.

The most important thing he ever taught me — at least for the purposes of this column — was to walk my own road. And I found that rather hard to do, from time to time.

When I was young, I got in a few fights I could have avoided because I wanted to make him proud.

The spring I graduated from college, 297 years ago, I walked into the student union and tried to sign up for the Peace Corps, certain that I would be traveling to Africa or Eastern Europe to save countless thousands of young lives.

My dad had saved people from time to time, but he'd done it one at a time. I confidently assumed that if he could do that, I could save thousands at a time.

But the Peace Corps recruiters just looked at me and laughed (this is literally true). You have a classics degree, you don't know anything that will help us, they said.

So I walked across the lobby — the distance was roughly 100 feet — and joined the Marine Corps. The Marine Corps had the virtue of having the word "Corps" in it. The word had always impressed me. Several of my relatives had also appreciated the word "Corps," apparently.

And that was to please my dad, I think. Would I do that now?

Hell, no, not for his sake. For my own sake.

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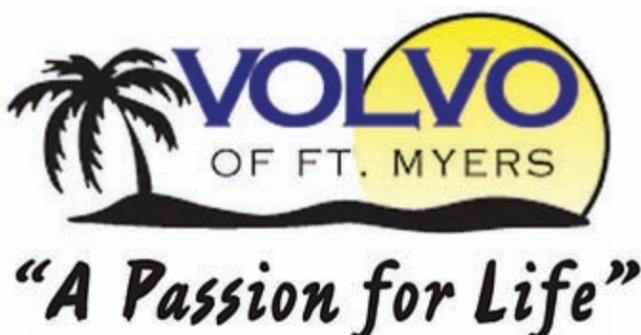
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OPINION

A laughable plan but an admirable exercise in fiscal restraint

BY RICH LOWRY

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner wasn't playing for yucks when he visited China recently. But when he told students at a Chinese university that China's assets in the U.S. are "very safe," the audience burst out in laughter.

The Chinese own so much of our debt, they have a keen interest in U.S. fiscal probity, and apparently a dim view of our ability to achieve it. The mandarins of a notionally communist government are now forced to harangue the world's emblematic capitalist country about its ever-spiraling public debt. Mao Zedong and John D. Rockefeller must be spinning in their graves, at an equal rate though in different directions.

The students didn't even titter at Mr. Geithner's most hilarious line of all: that it is going to control the cost of government by creating an expansive new government health care program. Heretofore, a Ted Kennedy-supported health care reform that will cost at least \$1.5 trillion over 10 years would be considered new spending, plain and simple. That was before the advent of Barack Obama and of fiscally prudent overspending.

The way overzealous Republicans argued that tax cuts paid for themselves, Obama Democrats argue that deficit spending pays for itself. The \$700 billion stimulus bill will preserve so many jobs, it is cheaper than the alternative. The bailout of the auto companies will pay off by saving and modernizing an embattled industry. And creating a new Medicare-like health program and handing out massive health care subsidies will end rampant health care inflation.

Typically, the Obama administration can't explain two things about its gloriously responsible new government program: how to pay for it and how it will achieve savings. Besides that, it's an admirable exercise in fiscal restraint.

President Obama sent a letter to Congress broaching the idea of more cuts to Medicare and Medicaid than he's already proposed, roughly doubling them to \$600 billion over 10 years. It's still not enough. Democrats in Congress are considering ending the tax deduction for employer-provided health care. When John McCain endorsed this proposal last year, the Obama campaign savaged it as the largest tax increase ever proposed on the middle class.

The only way the Obama program

will save money is through the sort of dislocating changes for people currently with coverage that Obama has promised he won't impose. They'd be herded into the new public plan Obama endorsed in his letter to Congress. Then, over time, costs could be squeezed through rationing or price controls.

Further nationalizing healthcare is a decades-old liberal goal. The stimulus bill was an ungainly collection of old liberal priorities passed ostensibly to fight the recession. Health care reform is an old liberal priority Obama hopes to pass under the pretense of saving the federal budget from the red ink flooding it thanks, in part, to the stimulus bill.

Whether Obama is spending or saving, creating red ink or fighting it, he's growing government. This from the president who promised to scour the federal budget for savings, and to level with the American public about tough choices as he pursued nonideological and responsible government. The Chinese students had the right idea — cue the laughter. ■

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

GUEST OPINION

Deadline looming in Iraq



With President Barack Obama's trip to Saudi Arabia and Cairo last week and elections in Lebanon and Iran this week, the Middle East has been front and center recently in the eyes of the world. But here in the United States, one wonders if we haven't developed a blind spot for the nation that, mere months ago, dominated our entire view of the region.

Iraq pushed itself back into the headlines Wednesday, with news of a car bomb killing dozens of people in an outdoor market in the small, southern-Iraq town of Bathaa. There are several things that make this deadly blast notable, and troubling.

The first is the fact that the bombing happened in the predominantly Shiite south of the country, an area where such events have been relatively rare. This is a region well outside the so-called Sunni triangle that contained the vast majority of insurgent attacks upon Iraqi civilians and U.S. forces. Perhaps coincidentally, perhaps not, Wednesday also brought news of two attacks on U.S. military

convoys in southern Iraq.

The second is that this is but the latest of a recent string of bombings that call to mind the worst days of Iraq's pre-"surge" descent into chaos. On May 21-22, a 24-hour rash of bombings in Baghdad and Kirkuk left scores dead, including three U.S. soldiers. On May 29, an attack on a U.S. military patrol in Mosul killed 11 civilians and another American soldier, making May the deadliest month for U.S. forces since last September, according to *The New York Times*. And this Monday, two days before the Bathaa bombing, another deadly bomb — this one inside a minibus — exploded in the south of Baghdad.

The third, and surmounting, thing to note about this and the other recent bombings in Iraq is that they have all occurred in the run-up to a date about which remarkably little has been said by our elected officials and in the American news media: June 30. In just over two weeks' time, the deadline — jointly agreed to by the U.S. and Iraqi governments — will arrive for U.S. forces to withdraw from Baghdad and other Iraqi cities.

June 30 will mark the day when the primary strategic thrust of President George W. Bush's surge in forces will become a thing of the past. What will

happen as that date draws nearer and after it passes is anyone's guess. Despite the great improvement in security that the surge has brought, the Iraq government has not fully taken advantage of that increased security to settle a number of difficult political questions. Furthermore, no one can be sure how Iraqi security forces will respond to the challenge of a dramatically increased role in keeping the peace.

Obama has staked much on the hope and apparent assumption that Iraq will not erupt in violence as American forces leave its cities and, eventually, the country itself. That assumption has been built into everything from budget projections to the great change in strategic focus from Iraq to Afghanistan. The absence of daily bad news from Iraq has made it possible for Obama to focus on his domestic agenda, and to set a foreign-policy course in which everything does not hinge on Iraq. But all that could change very quickly if scenes like those seen this week become more common.

In the wake of the bombing in Bathaa, Iraqi Vice President Adel Abdul-Mahdi laid the blame on al-Qaida and Baathist insurgents, saying that, "Targeting stable and secure areas is a desperate effort... to reignite sectarian sedition and try to affect security and political progress." In the U.S. and in Iraq, there is a great deal riding on that desperate effort not succeeding. ■

MOMENTS IN TIME

► On **June 18, 1942**, recording artist Paul McCartney is born in Liverpool, England. McCartney, John Lennon and George Harrison played together under several different names, and with assorted members, until 1960, when they adopted the name the Beatles. Ringo Starr joined the group in 1962.

► On **June 19, 1905**, the world's first nickelodeon, showing a silent

film called "The Great Train Robbery," opens in Pittsburgh. The storefront theater boasted 96 seats and charged 5 cents. Nickelodeons typically featured live vaudeville acts as well as short films.

► On **June 20, 1979**, President Jimmy Carter and first lady Rosalynn Carter climb to the White House roof to celebrate the installation of solar-energy

panels there. In 1986, President Ronald Reagan had the solar panels removed and put into a federal storage facility.

► On **June 21, 1985**, "Cocoon" opens, starring Hume Cronyn and Jessica Tandy. Cronyn and Tandy had both been successful screen and stage actors for more than 50 years. Married in 1942, they appeared in movies together until Tandy's death in 1994, at age 87. ■

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15 MINUTES

Gina Downs: the do-good wolf in sheep's clothing

BY EVAN WILLIAMS
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When the new traffic light started flashing officially on Monday morning at the corner of U.S. 41 and Woods Edge Parkway in North Naples, Gina Downs was there with representatives from Collier County and the Florida Department of Transportation to watch.

"This is why the Citizen Transportation Coalition was formed," Ms. Downs says about the light. "It's taken us three years."

It's not a light born into happy, well-planned urban circumstances, but it's a light that will help guarantee the safety of future drivers. That won't help the grandfather and grandson who were killed at the intersection in a car accident several years ago. It might help somebody else however.

State officials dragged their feet when horrified neighbors in District 2 sought changes on the road to prevent further tragedies, Ms. Downs says, and that was probably a mistake.

At the time, she was president of the condominium association in the Villages of Emerald Bay in North Naples, where she lives with her husband, Art Shanklin, a retired pharmaceutical salesman. After the deadly accident, Ms. Downs and others in the neighborhood formed the CTC. A ferocious and energetic community activist disguised as an affable, bespectacled, 53-year-old retiree, she's been a key leader this year in the coalition's efforts

to halt a state plan celebrated by the governor and championed by FDOT to turn Alligator Alley over to private interests.

"The fundamental principle goes back to this: It's a public asset," Ms. Downs explains of her highly effective, well-organized opposition to the plan. "Our grandparents and parents all paid the price for these assets, and they're ours. I owe it to my children and grandchildren to protect them."

The state plan would have allowed a private company to manage the Alley for 50 years, paying some millions up front to the state and to Collier and Broward counties in return for a guarantee of many more millions from tolls collected down the pike.

Apologists, including FDOT officials for whom Ms. Downs says she has great respect, believe private companies could run the Alley much more efficiently, an argument Ms. Downs finds specious.

"My answer to that is, if your government isn't doing it efficiently, MAKE them do it efficiently. All (the Alley) is, is an investment opportunity. These people are not altruistic." (Six potential bidders, representing international corporations, expressed interest last year and early this year, but withdrew tentative bids in May after a public outcry and in the face of a faltering economy).

"You can clean up your government, in other words," she adds — which is exactly what Ms. Downs was doing one morning last week.

She also sits on Collier County's Pro-



Gina Downs

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ductivity Committee as one of nearly a dozen savvy citizen members who meet with county department heads and then hash out their budgets with them. "We might say, 'OK, you're furloughing four hours, what if it was eight? And can you avoid replacing your fleet this year?'"

And she also serves on the board of the nonprofit organization called H.O.M.E. — Housing Opportunities Made for Everyone. "We buy foreclosed homes, rehab them and sell them as affordable housing to qualified people. We've done 13 so far," she says about the program that's a unique partnership of government, consortium banks, businesses, private individuals and the construction trades.

If it all sounds like a life of numbers, it is and it isn't. Ms. Downs grew up in western Maryland and earned a degree in economics from Shippensburg University. "I love crunching numbers," she says. "Give me some statistics, let me crunch them. I'm always reading all kinds of government documents — BEBR reports, for example, from the Bureau of Economic and Business Research at the University of Florida. It's all statistics. I just love it."

"Right now I'm reading 'Managing Community Growth.' "It's riveting."

On the other hand, Ms. Downs spent 10 years worth of summers wearing a tool belt and working with her best friend in Maryland, a carpenter who taught her how to build just about anything from a deck addition to a whole house.

And when her parents became ill, she left her career and went home "to help see them out of this world, since they saw me into it. It's the thing I'm proudest of in my life."

She arrived in Naples only accidentally, and not because of numbers or statistics.

She came here for the first time to visit friends, after breaking her toes and crushing part of her foot in a skiing accident in Colorado. "We just loved it," she says about the area. "We bought a place, and first we came for three months, then for four months, then for six months — and now I don't ever want to leave again."

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FIGHTING

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There is.

By night, Mr. Deane is a fighter, a heavyweight Mixed Martial Arts gladiator, trained to take — and dish out — the most brutal type of punishment still acknowledged as a sport in the United States.

As far as sports go, MMA is relatively new. It had its genesis in Japan less than 25 years ago, when German wrestlers taught the basics of their technique, known as shooting, to some top Japanese martial artists. Two of them, Masimi Soranaka and Yoshiaki Fujiwara, combined their existing knowledge with Russian Sumo wrestling and bare-knuckles boxing to create MMA. Also known as “strong style” or “shootfighting,” it’s the bloodiest and most extreme fighting style ever allowed in the ring.

Many legislators, including former presidential candidate Sen. John McCain, have tried to have MMA banned as too dangerous. But despite the severe brutality of the sport, or more likely, because of it, shootfighting has grown wildly in popularity in the U.S. and throughout the world.

It turns out that Florida is a major arena of the sport. Today, the oldest and largest organization sanctioning matches is the Fujiwara Gumi, run by founder and former champion, Yoshiaki Fujiwara. The current Fujiwara Gumi world champion is Miami’s Bart Vale, the first non-Japanese fighter to attain the highest level of the sport, and the man who coined the term shootfighting. He is presently promoting matches throughout Florida and California.

MMA competitions have their own rules. Pro matches run a non-stop 30 minutes. “But,” grins Mr. Deane, “they rarely last that long.”

Inside the ring, competitors are allowed to kick, knee or elbow any part of the body except the groin. Head butts and bare-knuckle punches are allowed. Any type of throw or takedown is also legal, as are joint locks, chokes against the side of the neck and striking a downed opponent. Though there are

lighter divisions for amateur competitors, professional shootfighting consists of only a heavyweight division — 200 pounds or more — and matches are won when a competitor is knocked down for a 10-count or forced to submit.

“Although shootfighting is, well, bloodier, I don’t believe that it’s actually as dangerous as, say boxing, where a combatant might take 100 or even 200 shots to the head,” says Mr. Deane. “Shootfights are faster and they look gorier, but they’re probably not as likely to cause a brain or other long-term debilitating injury.”

Professionals train up to 14 hours a day. Mr. Deane has a day job, so he can’t work out that long, but he does train daily to maintain his strength and stamina. At 39, he’s definitely a senior fighter, and he acknowledges that aging joints and old injuries do affect his performance.

“On the plus side,” he asserts, “I’m a much more level-headed and experienced fighter than I was when I was younger, and that counts for a lot. I’m less rash, less emotional. I have more patience. I can draw an opponent out, force them to expose their weaknesses, to tire themselves, without expending too much of my own energy.”

Yoga is an important part of his regular workout. “It’s very rigorous physically, and it’s taught me to control my breathing and my emotions — especially anger,” he says. “Anger is a bad thing to feel during a fight. It makes you impetuous. Reckless. Good MMA is all about self-discipline.”

Originally from Texas and the son of a military man, Mr. Deane considered entering the Navy Seals at one point. “I ultimately chose a different path, but I’m glad that I have MMA to satisfy the physical part of my nature,” he says.

“It’s an adrenalin rush. But there’s a lot more to it than that. The camaraderie, the mutual respect among the fighters. It’s all a real high. I think that facing down your fears, conjuring up the courage to get in to the ring and the heart to stay there, are qualities that ultimately improve a person.”

Barry Polonitza agrees. He has run the American Kenpo Karate and Shootfighting Academy in Bonita Springs since 1994. He has been aware of MMA since its inception and spent consider-



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Adam Deane

able time training with Bart Vale in Miami. According to Polonitza, some of the pressure to limit MMA in the U.S. has been politically motivated by boxing and wrestling organizations that have a vested interest in keeping the newcomer out.

Mr. Polonitza trains MMA fighters at his studio and also teaches more traditional forms of martial arts. He concedes that MMA is a grueling sport, but he also believes that with proper training and the right attitude, MMA provides a unique opportunity for immense physical improvement, as well as for the development of self-discipline and self-knowledge.

“Today’s young people are very impatient. They come in to the studio claiming that they want to be trained as MMA warriors and they’re full of enthusiasm until they realize the tremendous amount of time, and the sheer level of work that is required. A lot of them give up pretty fast,” he says.

Mr. Polonitza partly blames the martial arts world itself. “Kids today sign a contract with a studio and expect a black

belt designation in two years or less. In many cases, the standards have been watered down,” he says. “But there’s no way to water down MMA training. Anyone who steps in to a shootfighting ring without being completely prepared is asking for trouble.”

Psychology experts are taking serious note of the interest in MMA among young men, believing that boys today lack outlets for their natural physical aggression as well as productive and socially acceptable ways to prove their masculinity. “Their bodies mature, but they aren’t given anything productive to do with them,” says social psychologist Lawrence Greene. “There are also very few rites of passage that introduce boys into manhood. As a result, we have men who act like boys until they’re 30 — or more. This phenomenon is very unique to our age. Before now, properly directed male aggression was considered a benefit to society and a natural part of masculine development. It doesn’t surprise me that young males are looking for some place to vent their physical instincts.”

Despite its designation as a blood sport, MMA attracts a surprising group of participants. According to Ultimate Fighting Championship statistics, an astonishing number of shootfighters are college-educated, white-collar men — lawyers, investment bankers, engineers and corporate accountants.

Despite the obvious physical brutality of the sport, shootfighting is not just about pounding your opponent, says Mr. Polonitza. “Success requires a great deal of thinking, planning and strategy. Patience: the ability to draw out your opponent, to coax them to expose their weaknesses to nullify their strengths, to out-manuever them mentally as well as physically. The whole process is way more akin to a strategic military battle than a schoolyard take-down,” he adds.

Mr. Deane agrees. “I would certainly never go out looking for a fight on the street, but in the ring, I can feel comfortable with my own aggression. I know that my opponent knows what he’s getting himself into and that he has trained and prepared, just as I have. There doesn’t have to be any hesitation or guilt for either of us. It’s not personal, it’s a contest. May the best man win.” ■

Cage fighters walking the walk in Southwest Florida

BY ROGER WILLIAMS

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It was nearly 8 p.m., and retreat was impossible. It was too late to talk the talk. Now, nothing could save Dustin Fellows, Justin Goodall and Alex Iriarte from having to walk the walk.

Although each man would walk in proud, he might very well walk out humbled — or more precisely, stagger out of a chain-link cage a few minutes later, bruised, bloodied and hurt — if he wasn’t carried out first.

What fate had in store for the trio on Saturday night at Robarts Arena in Sarasota remained to be seen in a 10-fight card of Mixed Martial Arts known as the Rumble at Robarts.

From Naples to Fort Myers and beyond, small fighting clubs that practice MMA have grown increasingly popular among men and even some women in recent years. The three Lee County men, all friends in their 20s, were there to prove it at the highest level they could reach.

Since no sanctioned amateur MMA association exists in Florida, anyone who wants more than the skills and fitness training available at gyms or dojos in Collier and Lee counties must become professional. They hanker to draw blood and prove willing to shed it, and risk humiliation, in return for a

chance at glory and some money.

At Robarts Arena, the process was not simple.

Robed and hooded like sacrificial victims, the fighters presented their hands for wrapping by coaches or trainers about 45 minutes before the action. In the dressing room beneath the bleachers, Florida State Boxing Commission officials inspected and initialed the wraps. The FSBC requires that officials watch for tricks — plaster on the wrap, exposed knuckles, a roll of quarters or a cut-down horseshoe taped into the palm — as each fighter is readied.

Once ready, the men were restricted to the grim concrete confines of the dressing room. An irascible, beak-nosed official announced that particular rule in motionless air rank with sweat, anxiety and bridled ferocity: Any man seen leaving the dressing room before fight time after his hands were wrapped and gloved in the carbuncular little knuckle pads characteristic of cage fighters could be disqualified.

There were a lot of other rules, too. FSBC referee John Hosegood gathered the fighters to describe them. It was not a list for the faint of heart.

“No small-joint manipulation — you can try to grab four fingers and pull the hell out of them, but not one finger,” he said.

“Observe the ‘Mohawk rule’ — from that

part of your head to your butt bone, no strikes.

“All elbows are legal except for one: You can’t come from the ceiling to the floor.

“You can’t kick or knee to the head of a down opponent, and down means anything but the soles of his feet.” To demonstrate, Mr. Hosegood crouched on two feet. “This is not down,” he said. Then he rested a palm lightly on the floor. “This is down.

“Do not throw the axe kick straight down. Do not grab the fence, or your opponent’s trunks or his shirt. Do not grab his gloves by fish-hooking your fingers in at the wrists.

“And even if you CAN do it, you CAN’T throw your opponent out of the cage” — the fighters broke into amused chuckles — “and you cannot spike your opponent on his head. That’s a judgment call for us; sometimes he will land on his head.”

More amused chuckles.

“Don’t disrespect your opponent — no spitting or cussing. Keep your mouthpiece in at all times. If it’s knocked out, when the moment presents itself, we’ll get it and put it back.

“Defend yourself at all times — on a break, when we’re standing you up and after the bell break. AT ALL TIMES, that’s your responsibility.”

The long, anxious minutes before

Back in the dressing room, the fighters sat, stretched or stood to bob and weave, occasionally throwing shadow punches and ducking imaginary counter punches.

The Lee County men conferred in brief moments with their coach from the Lehigh Combat Sports Club, Mike Dowling, a veteran boxer who understood better than anyone, perhaps, what was about to happen. Then they conferred with the club’s judo coach, former world champion Marcelo Pereira.

Finally, each man followed his own prescription to get through the uncomfortable minutes before fighting.

Mr. Fellows, the club manager at Lehigh Combat Sports, mainlined a steady elixir of rap and up-beat music through his headphones. Tonight was his debut in the cage.

Mr. Iriarte, recently laid off as a biology and chemistry teacher and the wrestling coach at Ida Baker High School in Cape Coral, maintained his customary smile while chatting with his cousin, a former fighter who had inspired him to try the sport. Entering the Rumble at Robarts, he had one win and two losses under his belt.

And Mr. Goodall, also with a 1-2 record, walked up to his older brother Jason, an Xtreme Fight Club bantamweight champion, and stood inches away while

the two simply stared into each other's eyes. Then he wrapped his arms around his brother and held him tight. A moment later, the Goodalls were shadow boxing, talking strategy and moving to stay loose.

Above the fighters — up the short tunnel that would lead each man out at the center of a small parade of coaches, corner men, FSBC officials and fellow MMA practitioners — almost 2,000 fans delivered a steady, testosterone-fueled roar from the darkened seats. It was the barely restrained sound of blood lust, of heightened expectations emitted by those from whom nothing would be expected this night, except beer consumption.

“Ultimate Fighting. Superior Drinkability. \$3 drafts,” proclaimed the banners for Bud Light that patched the arena like huge Band-Aids.

Three bars were open and doing brisk business. Waitresses in skimpy dresses served customers seated at round tables flanking the cage. Each of those tables went for about \$450, according to fight sponsor Nick Smith. A former Army boxer who joined his brother to manage their St. Petersburg business, The Art of Fighting, Mr. Smith noted that even in the down economy, the fight crowds keep coming.

Fan Bryan Sisk confirmed that notion. He had arrived at the arena at 4 p.m., three hours before the doors opened, and was first in line. “I’ve always wanted to fight, but I can’t afford the training. I’m unemployed,” he explained.

That didn’t stop him from paying \$20 for a ticket, “but they could charge \$50 and I’d still get here,” he said. “These guys put it on the line, and later they’ll come out and talk to you, and sign autographs, or whatever.”

Later, indeed, Mr. Sisk approached and congratulated winners and losers alike, collecting autographs from men who were swollen, limping, broken-nosed and invariably pleasant.

Out front near the ticket windows, four United States Marines in starched camouflage utilities had set up a recruiting table, in case any of the bleacher jockeys — predominantly young and male — decided it was time to drink up and sign up, wedding their patriotism to their manhood.

But Staff Sgt. Daniel Lashley, a Louisiana native, was circumspect about the Marine Corps’ presence at a cage-fighting event, and reluctant to draw stereotypes about tough guys, either in the cage or in the Corps.

“A lot of people have a misunderstanding about us,” he noted. “It’s toughness this and toughness that and toughness the other. Toughness is good, but the Marine Corps relies on a lot of technology and a lot of other things, too, from planes to you name it. So it takes toughness and brains, both.”

In the middle of the crowd sat the sole visible exception to this martial display. Jenny Mansfield was surrounded by her husband and almost 40 relatives who had driven the 80 miles from Lee County to watch her son, Mr. Fellows — Dusty, she called him lovingly — fight. A former state champion wrestler from Riverdale High School in east Lee County, Mr. Fellows would soon experience the cage-fighter’s baptism of fire.

As the time approached and the crowd grew more frenzied, Mrs. Mansfield delivered no growls, no grunts, no knowing guffaws and no lupine snarls of sit-on-your-ass ferocity, like many spectators.

Instead, she surrendered her tears.

“I’m his mother,” she said later. “I didn’t want him to get hurt. I was so, so scared, but I was so, so confident. And I’m so, so proud of him.”

Pound for pound, dollar for dollar

The previous afternoon, the three Lee County fighters had arrived in Sarasota with their coaches to fill out the FSBC paperwork, to be tested by a state-sanctioned doctor and to “make weight,” together with the competition. Before stepping on the scales, each repeated a similar mantra.

“I just want to eat again,” said

Mr. Fellows, whose walking-around weight is about 170 pounds. He’d spent weeks working out daily for hours and sticking to six very small meals a day comprised mostly of chicken and broccoli or a salad, so he could hit the 150-pound limit, he said.

“It’s the toughest time. It’s taken me a month to make weight,” added Mr. Iriarte, who would fight at 170 but typically weighs about 190 pounds. “You want to pack as much strength and as much endurance into as small a package as you can.”

That day had ended happily at an all-you-can-eat Italian buffet with the relaxed camaraderie that typifies the team. There was even a special reason for careful jubilation: Mr. Goodall’s opponent had not made weight and was significantly heavier than Mr. Goodall’s 130 pounds, but Mr. Goodall agreed to fight him anyway, and boxing officials OK’d that decision. That was especially encouraging to Mr. Goodall, because he needed the money to help support his wife and two children to whom he is devoted, a friend said.

For this event, each fighter would get \$500 to show up, \$500 to win and bonuses for such crowd-pleasing spectacles as knockouts or brutal submission holds — a choke hold capable of rendering an opponent unconscious, or a grip that would break bones if the opponent did not submit by slapping a hand three times on the pad, for example.

Coach Dowling managed to negotiate an extra \$300 for Mr. Goodall, too, since he agreed to fight a heavier opponent. That meant Mr. Goodall’s minimum take for the night would be \$800, and he might go to \$1,300 if he could win, or higher if he could do something brutally decisive to finish the other man.

But nobody would really fight at the advertised weight. Having made weight the day before by starving themselves, the fighters would gain between 6 and 10 pounds each by fight time, they estimated.

Body and mind

As they gathered for the evening combat, the fighting men and their entourages were a study in contrasts, either behaving graciously toward each other, or ignoring each other completely.

Black, white and brown, most were Floridians who live in or between Miami and Tampa. They sported shaved heads or

neon-red Mohawks or Medusa-style Afros. They displayed tattoos as elaborate as spider webs or as bluntly to-the-point as a woman’s first name. Some swaggered, while others avoided any suggestion of showing off.

In the dressing room, Coach Dowling worked his jaw muscles unconsciously, the tension rolling off him in proverbial waves as he taped hands and checked his fighters.

Their time to put up or shut up had ar-

rived. Weeks and months of training was about to be tested: miles of daily running, thousands of pushups, pull-ups and crunches, along with countless “circuits” of two- or three-minute intervals hitting bags, pads, sparring, working the strength machines, jumping rope and executing throws, holds, kicks and punching combos. And then running some more.

The physical part for the well-prepared clearly isn’t easy, but the mental part might be even tougher, according to Coach Dowling.

“When they say this sport is 90 percent mental, that’s not an exaggeration,” he observed.

“These fighters are a breed of their own. They’re as tough as they have to be to get in there and put their lives on the line.

“But mentally, they’re some of the softest and gentlest people outside the cage. My bantamweight champion (Jason Goodall, Justin’s older brother) is a killer in the cage, but he’s a fragile personality outside the cage.

“And my undefeated heavyweight, Matthew Sposato — I can’t get him worried about anything. I’ll be worried to death, but he doesn’t get scared. With him, it’s, ‘Whatever. No big deal.’ He can be a lazy trainer, but close that kid in a cage and somebody’s going to get beat up.”

As a coach, he added, “I’m a janitor, I’m a baby sitter, I’m a psychologist, I’m a cop.”

But not now. Now he had to step back, and so did Mr. Sposato and Jason Goodall, who were both in the locker room supporting the night’s fighters.

As he watched his brother pace anxiously, the elder Goodall, undefeated in five fights, explained the compulsion to fight as “a God-given gift,” and thus worth pursuing.

“I’m neurotic about training — you just have to work harder than anybody else. They damn near well have to kick me out of the gym every day,” he said of his success.

Married to an emergency room doctor in Lee County, he compared MMA cage fighting to gambling. “A gambler knows what might happen and knows the odds better than most people, but he’s still gambling. And when you gamble, anything can happen, no matter how much you know.”

Although battle was about to be joined and each man would gamble with his health and safety, MMA cage fighting is not quite the no-holds-barred warring that the stereotype sometimes suggests.

The rules, remarkably detailed, are the state’s attempt to manage and control MMA fighting, said FSBC official Joey

Gentile, a former boxer who was working the Rumble at Robarts as a corner official.

“This part is just like boxing,” he explained. “I’m in the corner to make sure

nothing is illegal — there’s nothing in the water, there’s no Vaseline, all of that.”

But the fighting style is only marginally like boxing. It appears to spring from the rough hide of American machismo almost without a single identifiable tradition or precedent — but practitioners explain that it’s a mish-mash of precedents. Cage fighting on this level requires the skills of boxing, wrestling, karate and judo, plus the instincts of the street.

It comes down to this

As the fighters finally stood to be called into the arena — Justin Goodall, Mr. Iriarte and Mr. Fellows were scheduled one, two and three on the 10-bout card) — the brilliantly spotlighted cage, raised about four feet above the main floor, appeared in the arena’s center. There, promoter and ring announcer Jeffrey Santella began his spiel.

“GOOD E-VEN-ING LA-DIES and GENTLE-MEN!” he shouted into the microphone.

Typically dressed in white wraps and a simple black belt at his Cape Coral dojo, Street Defense Systems Institute, Mr. Santella (also a veteran Lee County sheriff’s deputy) appeared resplendent in a dark suit and raspberry-colored shirt with tie for the Rumble.

“This is FULL CON-TACT ENTERTAINMENT!” he bellowed. “We have some modern warriors here tonight to fight three five-minute rounds.”

Those modern warriors would nevertheless be fighting under some contrivance, “not like the street at all,” he had pointed out earlier. “The Ultimate Fighting Championship motto is, ‘As real as it gets.’ But the motto should be: ‘As real as it gets without being real.’”

Forgetting that notion, Mr. Santella worked to inspire the crowd, delivering some real entertainment and even appealing to fan patriotism before the singing of the national anthem and the parading of buff women in black holding up signs to announce the round.

“Let us remember, we have thousands of troops overseas and FREEDOM ISN’T FREE,” he boomed.

The crowd erupted in a great cheer, and then the violence started.

In a matter of moments, Justin Goodall was in the cage and facing a furious onslaught from a bigger man. For about four minutes, he was on his back, taking intense punishment and fighting just to survive — but grimly, coolly, courageously refusing to quit.

Almost in the blink of an eye, that changed. He snapped to his feet and savagely attacked his tiring opponent’s head and neck, then drove the stunned fighter into the mat face first, like a railroad spike.

The spectators exploded with hungry pleasure, their enthusiasm punctuating an inarguable fact: Fighting is back (if it ever went anywhere), its popularity reminiscent of American tastes in the 1930s, ’40s and ’50s, at least for a devoted subsection of the population.

Unlike in that era of celebrated fisticuffs, however, this was fighting not only with fists, but also with elbows, knees, feet, grappling, choking and kicking, and the Marquess of Queensberry be damned.

Nobody was crying foul, and the results would speak for themselves.

RESULTS FOR THE NIGHT:

• Justo Martinez vs. Justin Goodall. WINNER: Goodall via submission (rear naked choke) at 4:34 in round 1.

• Carlos Gonzales vs. Alex Iriarte. WINNER: Gonzales via TKO at 0:48 in round 2.

• Domingo David vs. Justin Fellows. WINNER: Fellows via submission (rear naked choke) at 0:45 in round 1. ■



Alex Iriarte, top, puts a leg hold on Carlos Gonzales in the cage at Rumble at Robarts in Sarasota. Mr. Gonzales won the fight by technical knockout.

UNDERCOVER HISTORIAN

Raising the bar: Naples' first woman attorney and judge

BY LOIS BOLIN

Special to Florida Weekly

In March 1776, Abigail Adams wrote to her husband, "If particular care and attention is not paid to the ladies, we are determined to foment a rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any laws in which we have no voice or representation."

Although there was no Twitter or Facebook then, Mrs. Adams' sentiments permeated the consciousness of women in this new America. While the 19th Amendment was not passed until August 1920, women did foment a rebellion of the "mind kind" and laid the groundwork for the gentler persuasion to enter the field of law. In 1889, the historic founding of the National Association of Women Lawyers led to the American Bar Association, in 1918, electing (but not necessarily welcoming) the first two women into its membership: Mary Belle Grossman (1879-1977) and Mary Florence Lathrop (1865-1951).

Long before the establishment of the informal Naples women's bar association and the official Collier County Women's Bar Association in the 1980s and '90s, Naples made "law history" in 1949, when the first full-time law firm with a female attorney opened its doors. That woman was Lynne Hixon-Holley.

The road to the bar

Ms. Hixon-Holley was born in St. Petersburg, Fla., and attended law school at the University of Florida, which is where she met her husband, William "Billy" Hixon, who had recently returned from the war. After graduation, she held the position of

Assistant Attorney General in Florida for three months before moving to Naples with her husband, who had also completed his law degree. Not long after the young couple hung up their shingles, they realized that one of them needed to get a "real job."

The mayor's wife, who was also a school board member, drafted Ms. Hixon-Holley to teach first grade. As she had no experience in the classroom, Ms. Hixon-Holley received a crash course in teaching — and also in manners for teacher — from Lillian Barnes, the county's supervisor of teachers. (Ms. Barnes had actually given up playing tennis, which she dearly loved, because it wasn't proper for a teacher to be seen out in public in shorts.)

A classroom with no air conditioning was just one of the challenges the newbie teacher faced. She countered this inconvenience by taking her charges outside after lunch and reading the classics to them as they all sat in the shade of a big banyan tree.

The next year she advanced to second grade and team-taught a group of 60 boys and girls with Opal Storter. After her second year of teaching, an opportunity to join *The Collier County News* as a columnist came along. For more than a year, Ms. Hixon-Holley wrote "The Naples Notebook" for the paper.

But after a few years away from her first



COURTESY PHOTO

Lynne Hixon-Holley takes the oath as Collier County's first elected female judge.

love, the law, she went back into practice. Her husband's office, originally located behind the offices of Bob Benson Insurance and John Pulling Real Estate, was too small for two attorneys, so they opened their practice behind the old Rexall Drug Store at Eighth Street South and Sixth Avenue South.

Raising the bar

Ms. Hixon-Holley raised the bar for women when she became Collier County's first elected woman judge, serving from 1966-1975. Before becoming a judge, however, she decided Collier County needed its own professional bar association. When she approached her husband and Walter Sorokoty, the town's only other fulltime attorney at that time, to make her case, they

said sure — an acknowledgment that she later recalled translated to something like this: "Lynne, go on and draft the bylaws and make all of the necessary arrangements for the birth of the Collier County Bar Association and we'll be there." She served as the association's third president. Ms. Hixon-Holley is semi-retired now and spends her time as a mediator and a researcher. She recounted to me her most recent search of a Supreme Court decision that a president chose to ignore:

"It is interesting to compare history to today's events," she said. "When the Supreme Court's decision came down declaring that the Cherokee tribe did not have to move off its land, Andrew 'Stonewall' Jackson said, 'Let the Supreme Court enforce it. I control the military — enlisted and reserves.'"

When I asked her if this could happen today, she raised the bar by making me think.

She asked, "What do you think?" I'm still pondering that thought. Abigail Adams has been described as a woman of keen intelligence, resourceful, competent, self-sufficient, vivacious and opinionated — a formidable force. I say the same words can be used to describe our very own formidable force, Judge Lynne Hixon-Holley, who's still raising the bar for Naples. ■

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.

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPHERD

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Terrorism gets pizzazz

A physical fitness video, purportedly made in April by a U.S.-based al-Qaida operative, gives workout tips to jihadists, urging that they “train as hard as possible” to inflict maximum damage on “the enemies of Allah,” according to an ABC News report. Exercises such as crawling long distances on hands and knees are demonstrated by people in flowing robes. The narrator discourages

using gyms and fitness centers because of the “un-Islamic” music and “semi-naked” women. And a video released in May, purportedly from al-Qaida in Somalia, features an English-speaking rap singer making a recruitment pitch to U.S. and European youth, including such verses as: “Mortar by mortar / Shell by shell / Only going to stop / When I send them to hell.” ■

Can't possibly be true

► When a son, angry that his father had ordered him to clean up his room, screamed at Dad and threw a plate of food across the dinner table, Dad called 911. The son is 28-year-old Andrew Mizsak, who lives rent-free with his parents in the Cleveland suburb of Bedford, Ohio. He's also a member of the Bedford School Board (and his mom is a city councilwoman). After police arrived, the habitually untidy son apologized and, according to their report, “was sent to his room to clean it. He was crying uncontrollably.” Subsequently, the school board punished Andrew by removing two of his duties.

► When courts in Nashville, Tenn., get too backed up, a local tradition allows judges to appoint well-known local attorneys to act as “special judges” to help clear dockets. According to a months-long investigation by WTVF-TV, it

appears that at least some of the “special judges” used their power largely to dismiss speeding tickets, including at least one instance of a lawyer dismissing his own client's ticket. The station found that of almost 1,800 speeding tickets dismissed by courts during the time investigated, 1,300 were by the “special judges.”

► In September 2003, Lisa Strong was hospitalized for a kidney stone. It wasn't treated properly, and by the time the resultant, massive, life-threatening infections had been dealt with, both her arms and both her legs had been amputated. She filed a lawsuit against the doctors in 2005, but in May 2009, a jury in Broward County, Fla., somehow could not find any fault at all by doctors. (An incredulous Judge Charles Greene reversed the verdict, dismissed the jury and ordered a new trial.) ■

Unclear on the concept

London's celebrated high-end restaurant Nobu still serves a bluefin tuna entree for the equivalent of about \$51 but is apparently ashamed that it has a fresh inventory ready to carve, accord-

ing to a May report in the Daily Telegraph. Printed on the menu is this advisory: “Bluefin tuna is an environmentally threatened species — please ask your server for an alternative.” ■

Inexplicable

► They're studying what? Where? (1) Doctors and specialists from the New York Psychiatric Institute are in the middle of a two-year investigation, on a \$400,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health on why gay men have risky sex in Argentina. Researchers visit gay bars nightly in Buenos Aires and question men about their behavior and substance abuse. (2) Wayne State University (Detroit) researchers, operating on a \$2.6 million NIH grant, are “training” prostitutes to drink alcohol responsibly, to reduce the women's willingness to engage in risky sex. However, the training is taking place in Guangxi province, China.

► Challenges of geography (1) Chi-

na's Minister of Railways, Liu Zhijun, has acknowledged that the government has plans for a rail line connecting Beijing and Taipei, Taiwan (which would involve traversing the Taiwan Strait, which is 108 miles across at its narrowest point). (2) The Czech Republic newspaper Lidove Noviny reported that, as late as 1975, the communist government of Czechoslovakia was actively planning to dig a tunnel from that landlocked country underneath Austria and the part of Yugoslavia that is now Slovenia, to give it rail access to the Adriatic Sea, 250 miles away. It is not known what the Austrians and the Yugoslavs thought of the idea. ■

Fine points of the law

Kerry Fenton's pub, The Cutting Edge, in Worsbrough, England, initially complied with the 2007 Smoking Act, which prohibits lighting up inside. However, since smoking research is generally carried on indoors, “research” was exempt from the law. Mr. Fenton ultimately

renamed part of the bar the Smoking Research Centre and allows patrons to smoke provided they fill out questionnaires about their habit. So far, according to a May BBC News report, neither Britain's Home Office nor the local Barnsley council has intervened. ■

Least competent criminals

► Police in Indianapolis charged Fifth Third Bank manager Dwayne Roberts, 31, with arson and theft after the failure of his scheme to cover up embezzlement. Police said Mr. Roberts elaborately staged a fire inside a locked vault so that an undeterminable amount of money would burn up, thus perhaps covering his cash shortage. However, after he set the fire and locked the vault, he realized he had left his keys inside and could not re-open the vault or lock the bank's doors or drive home.

► Donny Guy, 31, was arrested in

Hickory, N.C., in May and charged with burglary of the Captain's Galley Seafood restaurant in a caper caught on surveillance video. Mr. Guy was immediately a suspect because he lives in an apartment about 50 yards from the restaurant, and there were two paper trails from the restaurant almost to his front door. The video revealed that, in carrying away the two cash registers in the dark, the burglar failed to notice that the spools of paper in each machine had snagged on something in the restaurant and were unraveling with each step he took. ■

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Just in time for Father's Day, cufflinks make a comeback



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If your dad isn't the cufflink type, shop for another collectible, such as sports memorabilia or a shaving mug.



These cufflinks and tie bar in a modern design were made by Ed Wiener. The set of three pieces sold for more than \$1,700 at a Sollo Rago auction in Lambertville, N.J.

A smart woman created Father's Day in 1910. Sonora Smart Dodd wanted to honor her father, William Smart, in the same way mothers were honored on Mother's Day. It wasn't until 1972, however, that Congress made the third Sunday of June the official holiday.

It can be difficult to find a gift for Dad, but with cufflinks back in style, shopping might be a bit easier. Vintage examples from \$10 to more than \$1,000 abound. Just be sure Dad has at least one shirt with cuffs that have holes, not buttons.

An expensive pair of cufflinks and a matching tie bar sold last year at a Sollo Rago auction for \$1,715. The gold cufflinks and tie bar in an abstract design were made by a now-famous artist, Ed Wiener (1918-1991). A self-taught jeweler who worked in Greenwich Village in the late 1940s, Mr. Wiener made unusual, modern pieces of sterling silver until the late 1950s and then added gold to his mix. Any piece by Mr. Wiener brings high prices today, and since he sold jewelry to many tourists, it's not unusual to find examples in all parts of the country. The best news is that he always marked pieces with his name, so they can be easily identified.

Q: Years ago, I acquired three pieces of porch furniture: two wooden chairs and a wooden seat attached to a metal glider. The manufacturing plate on the rocker says, "Rok-o-Glider, The Goshen Manufacturing Co., Goshen, Indiana." Do you know how old the pieces are and what they're worth? They have been repainted.

A: The Goshen Manufacturing Co. has been in business since the late 1890s. Today it's a division of Gleason Industries and makes hand and platform trucks. It started out as a manufacturer of ladders, hay tools and lawn swings. The patent for the design of your glider was granted in April 1937, so your set probably dates from the late 1930s. A repainted glider and one chair sold a couple of years ago for \$200. ■

Fourth of July parade goes online

MytownTv will provide live streaming video coverage of the annual Naples Fourth of July Parade on www.MytownTv.com.

For more than 15 years, the city of Naples has sponsored the parade, and this year organizers anticipate 75-80 participants. The live Internet broadcast will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the parade steps out at 10 a.m., following a route from Broad Avenue to Third Street South, north to Fifth Avenue South and east to Eighth Street South past City Hall, ending at Eighth Avenue and Eighth Street.

This is the first time Neapolitans will be able to watch the parade live or after the event (it will be available to view for the next 12 months) from their homes. Those who are out of town will also be able to watch the parade as it happens or later on the MytownTv site.

The production will be done the same as it would for a regular television broadcast. The 12-person crew of MytownTv will shoot the parade using four professional video cameras. The live Internet broadcast will include running commentary from MytownTv.com announcers Tom Murphy and Jeff Schuler. The program will

also feature numerous pre-parade interviews with community members, business owners and dignitaries.

activities around the area:
 ▶ Celebrate on the water aboard the **Naples Princess** luxury yacht. The Independence Day cruise will also serve as a fundraiser for the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra and its youth music education programs.

Boarding begins at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 4, at Port-O-Call Way, and the boat departs at 7:30 p.m. to cruise through Naples Bay into the Gulf of Mexico to view the fireworks up and down the beach. Carving stations, a buffet and cash bar will be part of the evening.

This is the last in the 2008-09 season of "Party of Note" fundraisers sponsored by the Naples Philharmonic League. Tickets are \$130 each, with \$40 tax-deductible. For more information, call 254-2777 or 435-3819.

▶ The **Bonita Springs** night sky will come alive with a laser light show Saturday, July 4, in Riverside Park as part of the annual Star Spangled Bonita Party in the Park. This year's event sets a new precedent by starting at 6 p.m. (instead of following the morning parade).

Live entertainment will be part of the fun, as will pie-baking and hot-dog-eating competitions. Children's activities will include a waterslide, dunking game, potato sack races and relay races. For more information, visit www.cityofbonitasprings.org or call 949-6262.

▶ Historic **Everglades City** celebrates the Fourth in old-fashioned style — on Sunday, July 5, with a grand parade, arts and crafts sale, a raffle and "the best fireworks display south of Orlando." The family festival takes place in McLeod Park beginning at 11 a.m. The parade starts at 1 p.m. Fireworks begin at 9 p.m. For more information, call 695-2905. ■



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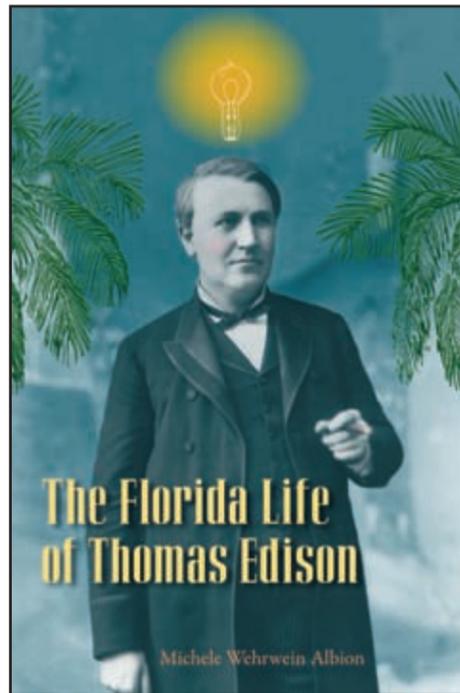
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Collier County Museum welcomes Thomas Edison expert and author

The Collier County Museum welcomes author and former Edison & Ford Winter Estates curator Michele Wehrwein Albion at 3 p.m. Friday, June 19. Ms. Albion will present her new book, "The Florida Life of Thomas Edison," which has received rave reviews from publications including Publisher's Weekly and The Chronicle of Higher Education, and also from Linda Fasulo of National Public Radio.

Ms Albion will share her account of this area's most famous winter resident from an insider's view and discuss the process of learning more about the inventor. Drawing from a wide range of resources, including photographs, manuscripts, maps and newspaper accounts, Ms. Albion explores a significant facet of Mr. Edison's life that is largely unknown.



In doing so, she presents the full story of his professional and leisure time while on holiday and how central Fort Myers became to the most famous inventor in the world.

The former assistant curator and registrar at the United States Holocaust Museum, Ms. Albion was the first professional curator of the Edison & Ford Winter Estates. She now lives in Dover, N.H. Her presentation at the Collier County

Museum is free.

The museum, which was established in 1978 to preserve and interpret the history, archaeology and development of Southwest Florida's last frontier, is in the County Government Center, 3301 Tamiami Trail E. For more information, call 252-8476. ■



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Naples Community Tennis Center at the YMCA has summer lessons

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Life is like a game of tennis; the player who serves well seldom loses. That's what Roddy Cantey, sports director at the new Naples Community Tennis Center, believes. The summer tennis camp he has developed as manager of the Naples YMCA tennis facility reflects that philosophy.

"Camp has become more of a learning environment with activities now geared more toward developing skills of socialization, problem-solving, decision-making and building confidence and self esteem," he says. "The best tennis players can come for practice and the beginners come to play better," he adds. "And everyone comes for fun."

Registration is open for children ages 6-14. Camp sessions are held Monday through Friday, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and ending at either noon or 3 p.m., through Aug. 21 at the



COURTESY PHOTO
Roddy Cantey and student Quinn Lucas at the Naples Community Tennis Center.

Naples YMCA, 5450 YMCA Road. Parents can drop their children at 8 a.m. for an extra 90 minutes of supervised activities before camp starts and pick them up as late as 6 p.m.

Mornings are spent on the courts learning from certified tennis professionals in small group instruction — a six-to-one player-to-pro ratio. Full-day campers also visit the YMCA pool each day and participate in other day camp activities. Cost is \$100 a

week for the half-day program and \$165 a week for the full day.

The Naples Community Tennis Center at the YMCA has 10 Har-Tru courts and a pro shop. For more information or to register for summer camp, call 682-6651. ■

Make a run for July 4 'Firecracker' race

Moe's annual Firecracker 5K Run, sponsored by Gulf Coast Runners, takes off at 7 a.m. Saturday, July 4, at the site of the old Pippin's restaurant on Tamiami Trail North in Naples. Advance registration at www.gcrunners.org is \$7 for members and \$10 for others; registration on the day of the race begins at 6 a.m. and is \$15.

Post race refreshments will be provided and participants are encouraged to bring cupcakes or cookies. Everyone is welcome to meet at the Naples Beach Hotel for a group swim at 10 a.m.

For more information about Gulf Coast Runners, visit the Web site or e-mail Mitchell Norgart at mnorgart@aol.com. ■

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Naples students earn academy appointments

Four young men from Naples are among 15 students from Southwest Florida who received appointments to U.S. service academies beginning with the upcoming academic year. They were honored at a reception hosted by U.S. Rep. Connie Mack at Florida Gulf Coast University on Sunday, June 14. The Naples students are:

- Michael Thorsen, a graduate of Northfield Mt. Hermon School in Massachusetts, who will attend the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis
- Colton Wetzel, a graduate of Barron Collier High School, and Shawn Hibbard, a graduate of Gulf Coast High School, who will attend the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs
- Howard Showalter, a graduate of Val-

ley Forge Military Academy in Pennsylvania, who will attend the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, N.Y.

More information about the service academy application and nomination process is available on Congressman Mack's Web site, www.mack.house.gov. ■

'Stock the Pantry'

The offices of Morgan Stanley Smith Barney in Naples and Marco Island are collecting food for the Harry Chapin Food Bank through the end of this month.

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Collier health organizations will observe National HIV Testing Day with free tests

June 27 marks the 15th annual observance of National HIV Testing Day.

New data from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention indicates there are more than 1.7 million Americans living with HIV, and at least 25 percent of those do not know that they are HIV-positive. The CDC recommends that everyone between the ages of 14 and 64 take an HIV test at least once a year.

The HIV/AIDS Network of Collier County is sponsoring free testing at several locations in Collier County June 22-27. Tests will be offered at the Marion E. Fether Medical Center in Immokalee, Planned Parenthood and Project Help in Naples, and at the Collier County Health Depart-

ment offices in Naples and Immokalee. Some of these sites have Rapid HIV testing with same-day results; others will offer traditional testing with a two- to three-week wait for results.

Rapid HIV testing at Collier County Health Department in Naples is normally \$20.

An estimated 52,000 Americans each year are newly infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. Approximately 8 percent of those new infections occur in Florida. In Collier County, there have been nearly 1,400 reported cases of HIV/AIDS.

For more information, call Deborah Harris, manager of the Collier County Health Department HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis Program, at 252-2683. ■



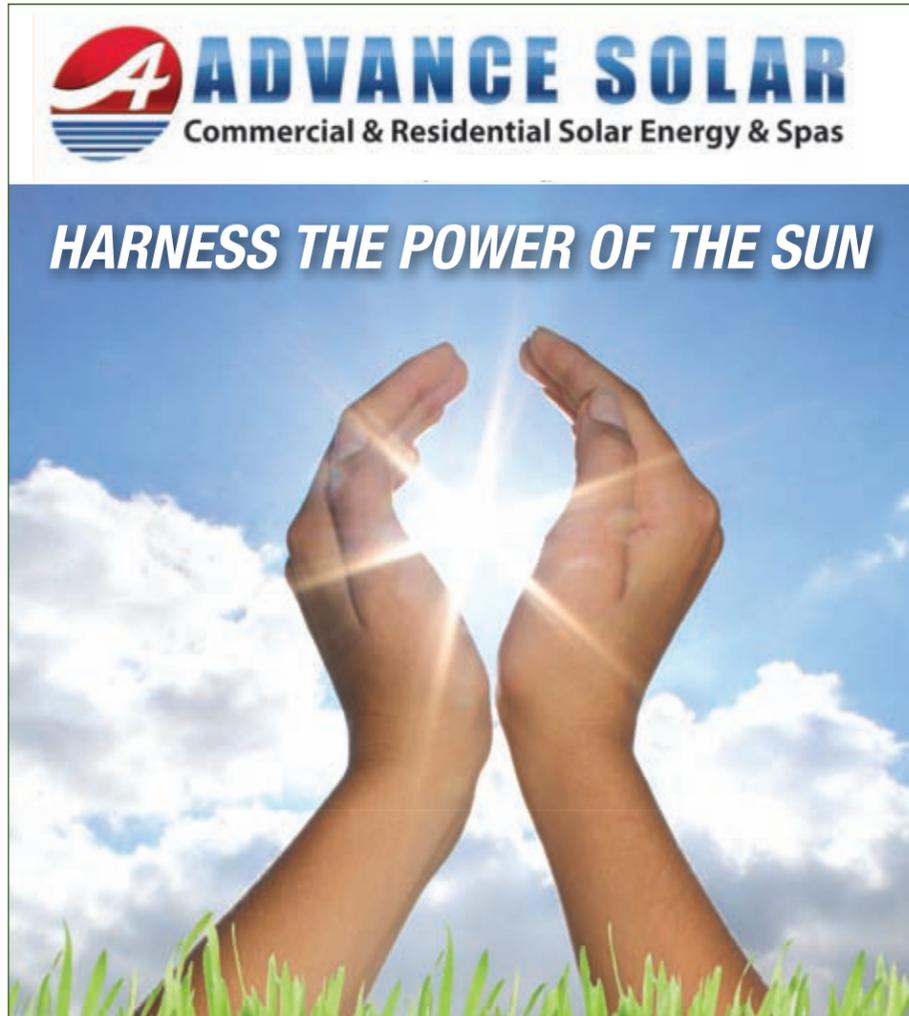
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The date is burned into my memory: Aug. 29, 2005. It was the day Hurricane Katrina made landfall in southeast Louisiana. It was also the day that I became a member of the painful but not very exclusive club known as “Americans with Back Problems.”

It is estimated that up to 80 percent of all Americans will, at some time, suffer a back problem and thus unwillingly join me in this dubious fraternity of pain and discomfort. Low back pain is a leading cause of absenteeism from work and a chief contributor to worker's compensation claims. Back injuries in the United States generate about \$50 billion in expenses annually. Low back pain is the second most common neurological ailment, surpassed only by the common headache.

For some sufferers, a back problem involves a minor sprain or strain that is resolved easily and quickly with rest and medications to address pain and inflammation. Others, however, face the wrath of a herniated disc, sciatica or worse and find themselves confronted with a lengthy course of physical therapy, aggressive treatment and even surgery.

The good news is that 90 percent of low back pain cases improve without surgery. The not-so-good news is that 50 percent of the afflicted will have another episode of back pain within the first year.

In retrospect, it is apparent that I was a back problem waiting to happen. I was under considerable pressure from work, and I was concerned about the safety of my daughter, who at the time was in law school in New Orleans and directly in Katrina's path. I was living in Atlanta, and as a runner of more than 30 years, I was putting in serious weekly mileage — somewhere in the neighborhood of 40 to 60 miles. Virtually all of these miles were run on unyielding pavement, and many of them involved trudging up and down Atlanta's notoriously steep hills. Running up these mini-mountains was no problem for my soon-to-be ailing back because ascending a hill taxes your heart and lungs much more than your skeletal system. Coming down is another matter. Descending a hill at a brisk pace is a violent, jarring affair that beats your quadriceps to a pulp and stresses your core and lower back. The natural tendency to “put on the brakes” further aggravates the toll downhill running takes by hammering muscles, tendons and ligaments of the lower body. Occasionally, I noticed a slight twinge in my back on a downward slope, but I paid scant attention to these faint warning signals.

Backs are different

The day my back “went out,” as they say, I was not running. I was reaching for a pencil. I bent only a few degrees to pick it up, but when I straightened, the pain was electric and tear-inducing. The slightest movement was excruciating, and my back muscles felt as if they had been knotted. I knew something was terribly wrong, but I assumed (or hoped) the problem would correct itself. It was an attitude I had adopted with running injuries involving other areas of my body, but I soon learned that the back is unique unto itself.

“It is human nature to avoid treatment for many things,” says Dr. Daniel Hillis, a Naples chiropractor with more than 30 years experience treating back disorders. “But the five most dangerous words in the English language are, ‘Maybe it will go away.’”

I suffered unrelentingly for three months without consulting a health professional. I shuffled, limped and winced through my daily routine. Running was out of the question. When I finally sought help, I was a mess. The pain was crippling, and if I sat in one position too long, I needed assistance to arise.

One Sunday morning, I forced myself to an emergency room, where the initial diagnosis was back spasms. I was given prescriptions for a muscle relaxant and an anti-inflammatory agent. Within days, I was feeling much better. I resumed running, although distance and pace were greatly reduced. The doctor — aghast that I was back scooting up and down the dreaded hills — counseled more tests, saying the spasms could be merely symptoms of a more complex, underlying problem. I declined further care. Since that time, I have had several flare-ups, including one that kept me in bed for a solid week and another that almost prevented me from attending my daughter's graduation from law school.

Why have I ignored the doctor's importuning that I submit to x-rays, an MRI and various other probes? Well, first there is my natural aversion (perhaps phobia is a better word) to anything that smacks of medical treatment, and I suppose that, incredibly, I still harbor the belief



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that maybe it will go away. I mean, it's only been, what, slightly less than four years now? Healing could be just around the corner. I actually think these thoughts, but even I recognize how crazy they sound as I type them. The prospect of a spontaneous healing is remote, at best. So I endure, with my lower back never feeling exactly “right” and the prospect of a full-blown siege of tooth-rattling pain and the attendant incapacity always waiting in the wings.

Back problems, like many health woes, are often simply another wonderful consequence of aging. (I was 56 when mine came on in 2005.)

Most people experience back pain

“Everybody's back is slowly degenerating,” says Dr. Jonathan S. Daitch, a board-certified pain management specialist with Advanced Pain Management and Spine Specialists in Fort Myers and Cape Coral. “As the body ages, things are going to happen. Some of those things the body can repair on its own, but there are some things it cannot.”

Dr. Daitch says that most of his patients between the ages of 20 to 50 experience back problems related to their discs. Above the age of 60, he continues, arthritis and osteoporosis are common culprits. Patients in their 70s and 80s often have spinal fractures, which Dr. Daitch points out produces some of the most “acute and severe back pain” he treats.

If the problem is not a simple strain or sprain brought about by undue exertion, it may involve a herniated or bulging disc, which occurs when cartilage bulges or is pushed outside its normal position and infringes on nearby nerves, which can lead to pain on a cosmic scale and a host of frightening complications. Surgery is sometimes used to correct the problem, although therapy, manipulation and medication are also options. Sciatica is another common problem, and it is characterized by a searing pain that radiates along the sciatic nerve

from the buttocks down the back of the leg. Neither diagnosis is what a patient wishes to hear.

Dena Geraghty of Fort Myers suffered a herniated disc about five years ago and was advised that surgery was the only solution.

“The pain was like an ice pick, and they were talking surgery from the get-go,” she recalls.

Ms. Geraghty, who is a nurse, was in no rush to go under the knife. Instead, she consulted a massage therapist who in a matter of days improved her condition significantly. She believes the massage therapy relaxed muscles and reduced pressure on nerves, which led to decreased pain and increased strength in her left leg, which had been compromised by the back problem.

“My doctor said it must be a coincidence that I improved after seeing the massage therapist,” Ms. Geraghty says. “Well, he can call it what he wants, but I know it was not a coincidence, and I never needed the surgery.”

As Ms. Geraghty's experience shows, back pain can respond to a variety of treatments — from massage therapy to physical therapy to pain-reducing injections to chiropractic manipulation to acupuncture to surgical intervention. It is difficult to predict what therapeutic course will work best for any given person and stories of back patients wandering from specialist to specialist like pain-obsessed Bedouins are common.

Surgery

Surgery, of course, is required on occasion to correct a persistent and severe back ailment, although many patients like Ms. Geraghty are understandably hesitant to take that step. According to NeuroSurgery.org, the following are signs that surgery could be in order:

- Back pain limits daily activities
- Neurological problems — leg weakness, numbness — are present
- There is a loss of normal bowel or bladder function
- It is difficult to stand or walk
- The problem is resistant to medication and physical therapy

Dr. Daitch says surgeons are not always successful in alleviating back pain. He says surgery typically is more successful in treating leg pain — such as sciatica — than pure back pain.

Despite the seeming inevitability of back pain, preventive steps can be taken.

Dr. Hillis, a Naples chiropractor, says strengthening the body's core muscles — through the midsection and the back — is



DR. DAITCH

key to preventing the onset of back problems. Exercises such as crunches and leg lifts are recommended, he says, but they are not for everyone, and most patients need instruction on how to exercise with the proper form.

“Someone must be aerobically fit before I will give them back exercises,” Dr. Hillis says.

Exercise can also help those who have already succumbed to a back ailment. This notion rebukes earlier beliefs that favored rest and inactivity following back injury.

A recent study of 240 men and women at the University of Alberta showed that patients with back pain for which no specific cause could be determined benefited from strength training. Those who trained

four days a week reduced their pain by 28 percent, a significantly better result than those who trained only twice a week or not at all. The test subjects lifted weights, performing bench presses, lateral pull-downs and leg presses. Building a strong upper body improves posture, which is important to protecting the back, the researchers noted, and increasing leg strength helps take the strain off of the back when heavy objects are lifted. But as Dr. Hillis points out, no one — especially those who are unfit — should undertake a vigorous exercise regime without first consulting a health professional.

In addition to exercise, the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Strokes lists these measures that may reduce the risk of back injury:

- Stretch gently before and after exercise
- Sit erect; do not slouch
- Sit in a chair with proper support for your back
- Wear comfortable, low-heeled shoes
- Keep your back straight and engage your knees and legs when lifting heavy objects
- Keep your body weight at an acceptable level; additional pounds stress the back
- Do not smoke (smoking reduces blood flow to the lower spine)

“All of those (preventive measures) are beneficial, but they don't guarantee a healthy back,” Dr. Daitch says. “Genetics can determine the quality of discs you have. But it certainly can't hurt to be fit and trim. There is nothing we can do about aging, other than trying to grow smarter (about caring for our backs) as we grow older.”

Moreover, Dr. Daitch urges common sense in your daily routine.

“I won't lift anything heavier than 50 or 75 pounds, because I know there is a risk of injuring my lower back,” he says.

Psychological stress can contribute to back problems. Relaxation techniques — things like tai chi, yoga or meditation — can reduce stress levels. (The most severe bouts of back pain I have endured have coincided with times of unusual stress.)

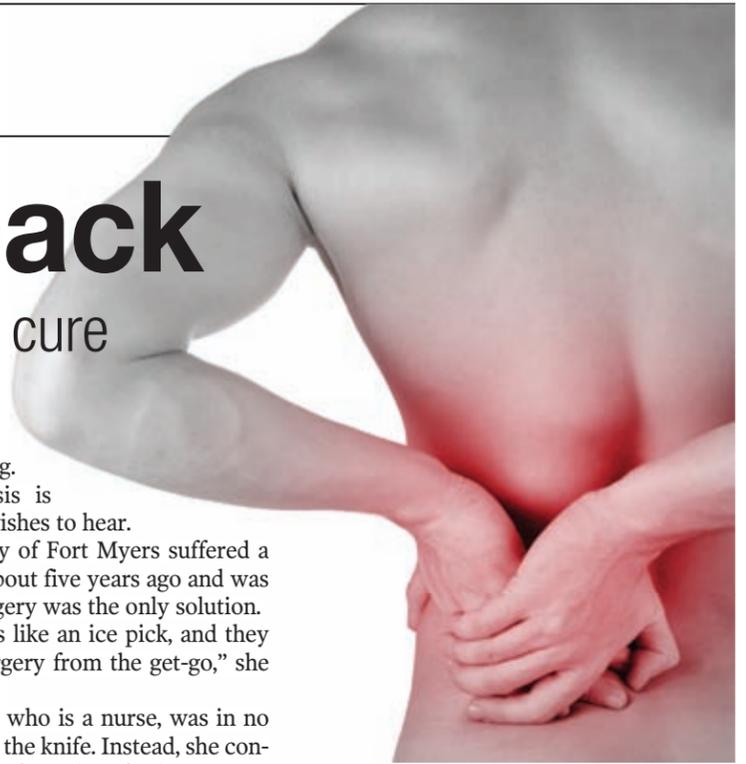
Experts agree that even if you follow all of the suggestions aimed at preventing back pain, the odds suggest you will likely become a member of Americans with Back Problems.

Given that stark reality, how you deal with back pain when it hits is of the greatest importance. Seeking proper treatment and following the directions of the practitioner is, of course, the first step — or at least it should be.

Maybe it will go away. That philosophy has led many of us to avoid, delay or disregard treatment. Do so at your own peril; denial can be the first step down a long and painful road.

So perhaps it is wise to consider this simple thought when confronting persistent back pain: Maybe, just maybe, it won't go away.

Some of us, however, are slow to learn. “Hope springs eternal,” observes Dr. Daitch. ■



Community Blood Center bloodmobile hits the road with donor incentives

Community Blood Center needs blood donors to ensure adequate levels of blood are available in Collier County hospitals this summer. CBC officials report patient blood usage has been constant, especially for types O+ and O- blood. Blood drives are planned this month as follows:

• **Thursday, June 18, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Marazzi Nissan, 3540 Pine Ridge Road in Naples.** Sponsored by Marazzi Nissan and In Trouble Zone Productions, blood donors will get gift cards for a free oil change, a 21-day membership at The Health Club of Naples, a pint of Carvel ice cream and a haircut from Sports Clips (while supplies last). Donors will also enter a prize drawing for a gift package for the Naples International Film Festival.

• **Friday, June 19, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Naples Nephrology, 1750 S.W. Health Parkway, North Naples.** Donors will receive a gift certificate for a haircut at Sports Clips.

• **Saturday, June 20, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Marriott Courtyard at Gulf Coast Town Center in Estero.** Donors will be entered into a drawing for a gas grill from Bass Pro Shops. Marriott and other businesses will have giveaways, including gift cards from LA Fitness, Rita's Italian Ice and P.F. Chang's.

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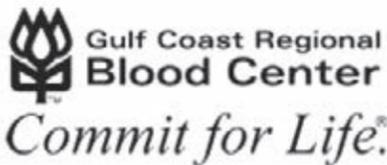
• **Tuesday, June 23, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Waterside Shops in Naples.** Donors will receive a \$10 gas card and will become eligible for drawings from BrickTops, Brio, Silver Spoon Café and California Pizza Kitchen.

• **Thursday, June 25, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Classic Car Wash, 10000 Arcos Ave. in Estero.** Donors receive a discount car wash coupon, Embassy Suites free Sunday brunch and a Chick-fil-A gift card.

• **Friday, June 26, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Chick-fil-A, 21900 South Tamiami Trail south of Corkscrew Road in Estero.** Donors will get a certificate for a chicken sandwich.

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Plants might have the cure, but let scientists do the research

BY LEE BELANGER
Special to Florida Weekly

OK. So you think medicinal plants are a bunch of hoey. Well, stay with me and see what you think at the end of this article.

Remember the famous folk remedy for wound infections? People placed wet, moldy bread on wound sites and the infections disappeared. Much later, scientists discovered the mold was penicillin.

Bacteria were discovered in the 1800s, but modern medicines to fight bacteria weren't available until World War II.

African folk medicine uses herbs containing cortisone to relieve inflammation, and Asians have been using the Rauwolfia plant as a tranquilizer for centuries. In fact, plants were the major source of medicines for thousands of years. Without pharmacies, there was little else.

Underdeveloped countries still rely on herbal plants for their health care. The warmed juice from fresh Spanish needles

(*Bidens pilosa*) is used to stop bleeding. Tea from the buttonwood tree (*Conocarpus erectus*) is applied to skin to soothe prickly heat. Latex from the poinsettia (*Euphorbia pulcherrima*) is treated and used to stop toothaches. (Don't try this yourself, as untreated latex is toxic.)

Today, modern medicine still uses herbs. Examples include digitalis for heart conditions, cascara to treat constipation and atropine to dilate eyes. Many modern medicines come from folk remedies and many are still prepared from wild or cultivated plants. You may use old remedies without realizing it. Have you used coconut milk or prune juice to treat constipation?

Many plants prevent illnesses. When you eat green, leafy vegetables containing calcium, you help prevent osteoporosis. Berries, especially blueberries, contain antioxidants that help fight cancer. And eating citrus and other fruits has virtually eliminated scurvy, an illness caused by lack of vitamin C.

Just as modern prescription drugs are not without side effects (just read the packaging the next time you pick up a prescription), nor are herbal medicines. Never assume that herbals are milder than prescribed pills.

A plant's medicinal strength depends on growing conditions: soil type, light, heat and moisture. Even in the same garden, herbs vary in strength. Because the Federal Drug Administration does not measure herbal strengths, you take certain risks when using herbals. The same strength herbal can react differently from person to person. Some people can handle Brazilian pepper (*Schinus terebinthifolius*) without suffering ill effects, while others react with sneezing, a rash, headaches, vomiting or diarrhea.

Even so, there is renewed interest in folk medicine. Some people believe herbals are purer or healthier than manufactured drugs. I've heard people say, "I take herbals to avoid all those chemicals." In reality, it is the chemical alkaloids in plants that

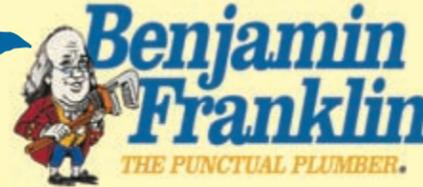
give them their medicinal power.

Scientists know extracts from the nicker bean (*Caesalpinia bonduc*) have antiviral and anti-cancer properties. The pretty periwinkles (*Catharanthus roseus*) many of you have in your gardens contain extracts used to treat cancer commercially. Drugs from these plants have been used to treat leukemia and Hodgkin's disease by slowing down cell division.

Research into plant medicine is still in its infancy. Only a small fraction of the world's plants have been examined for possible health benefits.

It's fun to learn about medicinal plants, but be sure you have good sources of information, and never experiment on your own. Let the botanists do the research and then, just as with penicillin, we can all reap the benefits. ■

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<p>This week's Trivia challenge: Q: Who won rock music's first Pulitzer Prize? See next week for the answer.</p> <p>Last week's Trivia Q&A: Who set up the first American car manufacturing company? The Duryea brothers, Charles and Frank.</p>	 <p>Benjamin Franklin THE PUNCTUAL PLUMBER.</p> <p><i>If there's any delay, it's you we pay!™</i></p> <p>239 775-2387 www.whistledixie.com</p>	<p>Call Us To Save Money On A New Air Conditioner and qualify for the \$1500 tax credit. 601-4687</p>  <p>ONE HOUR AIR CONDITIONING & HEATING Always On Time...Or You Don't Pay A Dime!™</p>
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So why does the zoo want old aftershave? It's for the animals, of course. But not to make them smell good.

Many animals perceive the world as much through smell as humans do through sight. A spritz of cologne on a tiger-sized toy, a tree or a path at the zoo will arouse curiosity in the animals and make them put their skills to work investigating their surroundings.

Zoo workers will spray the donated aftershave and cologne in animal habitats through-

out Father's Day weekend during "Meet the Keeper" presentations about various activities employed to promote the animals' use of their natural abilities. Zoo guests will be able to watch as the animals react to the new scents.

"Meet the Keeper" programs are scheduled both days this weekend as follows: 10

a.m. in the Panther Glade exhibit; 10:30 a.m. with the Fosas of Madagascar; 11 a.m. with the white tiger; 1:30 p.m., Black Bear Hammock; 3 p.m. with the South African lions; 4 p.m. with the leopards; and 4:30 p.m. with the Red River hogs.

If Dad doesn't have aftershave to donate,

some of Mom's perfume will work, too. Otherwise, you can print a discount coupon off the Web at www.napleszoo.org in place of cologne.

At 1590 Goodlette-Frank Road, The Naples Zoo is a nonprofit organization. Admission includes all shows and is \$19.95 for ages 13 and older, \$11.95 for ages 3-12 and free for children younger than 3. The zoo welcomes guests daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the last ticket sold at 4 p.m. ■

Naples Fitness Boot Camp party will benefit children's museum

Naples Fitness Boot Camp will celebrate its first year of "Gaining Beauty while Losing Booty" with a party for Boot Campers past, present and future from 8-10 p.m. Friday, June 19, at Sway Lounge. A \$10 donation at the door will benefit the Children's Museum of Naples.

"Lots of our supporters are regulars at Boot Camp," says Joe Cox, C'Mon executive director. "We're thrilled to be the beneficiary of an organization committed to maintaining a healthy lifestyle. That's one of the goals of the Children's Museum, to inspire kids to live well and to educate them about

the importance of health and wellness."

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PET TALES

Don't dig this!

BY DR. MARTY BECKER & GINA SPADAFORI
Universal Press Syndicate

Summer is the time when we enjoy our yards the most — or would, if our dogs hadn't pulled up the shrubs, sat on the flowers, dug holes in the lawn and left yellow spots everywhere.

But it doesn't have to be that way. While it takes planning, work and dog-savvy, you can have a dog and a nice yard. You can't just plant whatever you want wherever you want and then throw a bored, unsupervised dog into the mix. Here are the basic guidelines:

- Exercise your dog. Dogs who don't get daily exercise are likely to expend that energy and cure boredom doing things people don't like — digging, chewing and barking. Dogs who are well-exercised are more likely to sleep while you are gone. A dog with too much energy isn't one you want to leave alone all day — and yet that's exactly what many people do. If you don't take care of your dog's exercise requirements, he's going to take care of them on his own, by digging a hole to China or by removing the shrubs in your yard. (Leaving him inside just shifts the destruction — although it will keep him from bothering your neighbors with his barking.)

When you leave, you should also offer your dog alternatives to choosing his own amusements: Provide him with chew toys. You can make them more appealing by praising him for using them and by stuffing hollow toys — such as a Kong — with something delicious, like peanut butter.

- Work with your dog's habits when planning plantings. Observe how your dog uses your yard, and plan accordingly. For instance, many dogs consider it their duty to run the fence line, leaving a well-worn trail where many people hope to put flowers. Instead of fighting with your dog, go with his natural instincts. Place your beds and plantings away from the fence line, and let him do his guard-dog patrolling behind those plants.

- Flush pee spots with water. After your dog relieves himself, flush the spot thoroughly with fresh water. This will dilute the urine and help to prevent the yellow spots in the lawn.

- Redirect digging. Some breeds were developed to dig, and expecting them not to indulge in it is unfair. Give your dog a dig zone. While hardly clean fun, it is good fun, especially for dogs who are happiest with their noses in the dirt and their paws flying. In areas you want untouched, you can keep many dogs from digging if you keep them exercised, limit their access to dirt, and make the digging experience unpleasant. Sometimes, putting the dog's own stools in the hole and covering them with dirt deters them. Many dogs won't dig if their own mess is under the surface.

- Put special plants in safer places. Raised beds and hanging planters are the place to put your most precious plants. In borders, put the plants that can take being stepped on in front. What are some dog-friendly



You can have a dog and a nice yard, but it takes knowledge and planning.

plants? Mint is a good one. This plant is nearly indestructible and greets each assault with a wave of cool mint smell. Some lilies are tough enough to be stomped or sat on, as well, and your gardening center may have suggestions for others that are dependable growers in your region.

Dogs don't know a wisteria from a weed, and they never will. That's why it's up to you not to leave them unattended around plants you want left alone. When you leave for work, limit your dog's space for his safety and to protect your plants. Most of a dog's time alone is spent sleeping anyway, so he doesn't need to have the entire run of the house and yard. Outings — for jogging, walking, fetch or swimming — should be done with your supervision.

If your dog is allowed in your yard under your supervision only, the chance of his digging or chewing is just about nil — you can stop him before the damage is done. And you can enjoy your beautiful yard together. ■

Pets of the Week



Liberty



Nikko



Sophie



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The Humane Society Naples adoption shelter is at 370 Airport-Pulling Road North. Hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 643-1555 or visit www.HSNaples.org.

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 This is not what I have in mind. I object. The words I hear might as well be the beating of drums, forest murmurs, taps of death or rousing, grousing, flying, muezzin chanting, or the bells, the bells, the bells. Sound bites, jewels set into private parts, falling head over heels, confetti in jet stream, grabbed and dragged or drugged. Eye object, already somnolent, is disintegrating at the edges of the possible. It's time.

Out of these vibrations, called light and sound and touch and smell and taste, come occipital, parietal, sensory/motor strippings and sortings, guttural snortings. Ecstasy.

Now: I've got it. Gotten, like a point or a lay or a virus, it is. Or so I say.
 "Once, upon a time..."

And in earnest I object to the eye object put on the table and appropriate. Inside the look, it is.

It is timely. And the more I see, the more it is not Kansas anymore.
 "Often, inside this moment..."
 I'm over it. I let it go. It is the bird's

eye view, taken, shaken. My little objet trouve, found by chance and birthed into aesthetic, a piton. This metal spike has an eye to hold rope passing through its hole. It is driven into rock of ages or ice at the hearts of queens. And through its pretense the climb emerges, timely.

"Rarely, under that epoch..."
 My job is undermining me and thee. Never mind.

It is. All. Beside the point, somewhere over the rainbow.
 "Always, beside the chronos..."
 Objection
 According to MaX:
 Oh, Rx, man of medicine, 'tis a pity you can be so pithy. Next you will be shouting: "Tell me about the rabbits, MaX. Are we there yet?"

You are not the only one who sees men on the moon and rabbits, simultaneously. Or hears cocks crow in different languages. (Cock a doodle, KiKiRiKi.) You oneiric butterfly, do you really believe you awaken in your writing? Do you fancy yourself, tasty found object?

What is your object? To whom do you send your action for result? Who reads this drivelf?

Is it found tucked behind com-modes at rest stops under strings of numbers claiming to be routes to the best minds of our generation, to angel headed lost battalions of platon-ic conversationalists? Where have



I heard all this before?
 And I've read Heidegger, too. I know about being and time and time bombs. I've looked into the mirror and seen my face before birth. I think I was holding onto a root. Or was it a root beer? A real cliff hanger, no? Or at least hung over.

I am no human seraphim. And neither are you.

Postscript, according to Rx:
 "Well, while I'm here I'll do the work. And what's the work? To ease the pain of the living.

Everything else: drunken dumbshow." So said Allen Ginsberg.
 Just look at the sunflower. Ah... ■

— 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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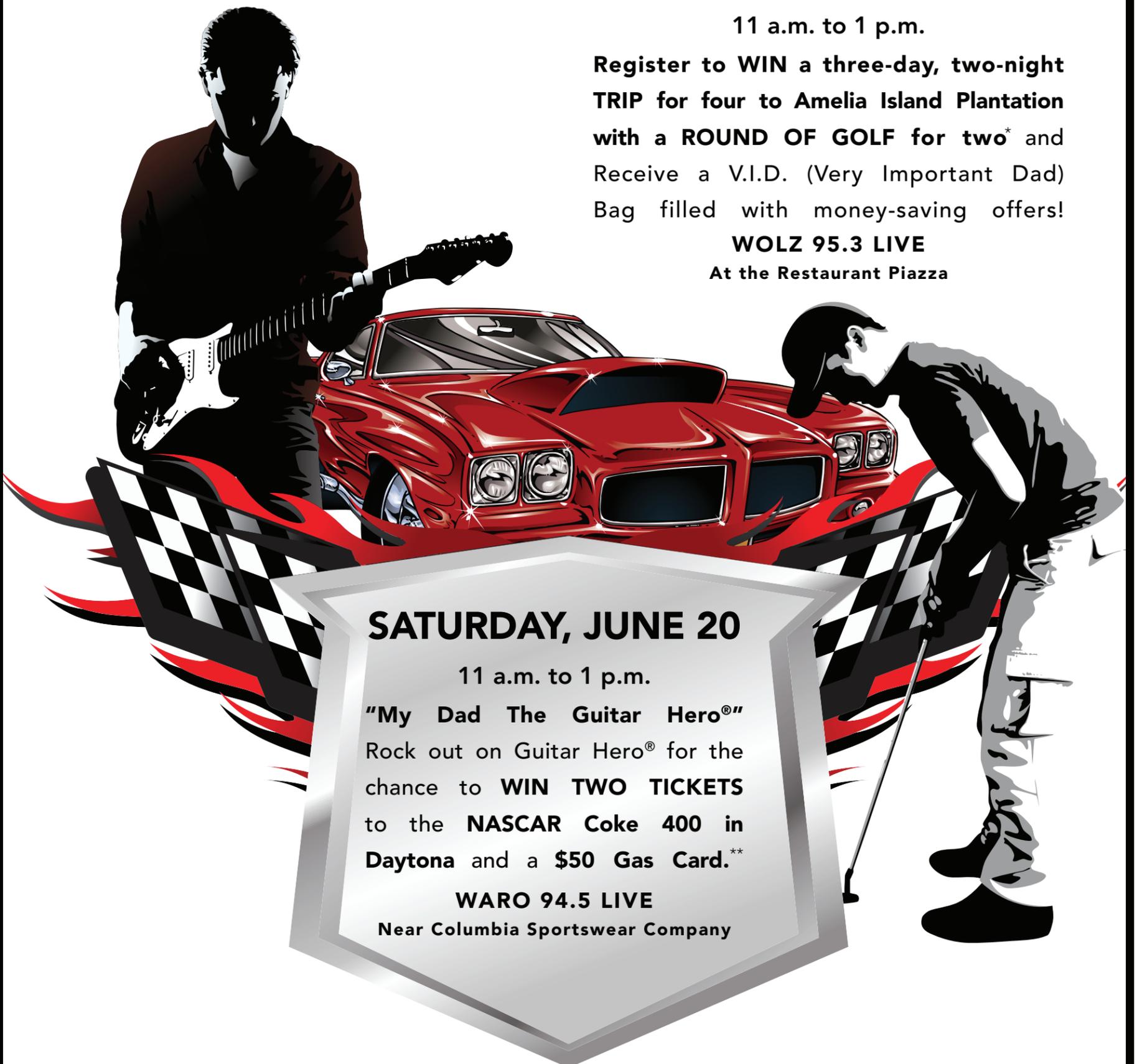
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The site that sells sunshine

Florida Vacation Auction site holds the ticket to affordable getaways

BY KATHY GREY
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It started back in the '90s, when the Internet became public domain and electronic marketing was just emerging.

In 1996, a marketing program caught the eye of veteran hospitality marketer Sal Dickinson. He received an e-mail marketing program from Cathay Pacific, offering airline seats by auction at a fraction of retail prices. Mr. Dickinson — then vice president of marketing for South Seas Resorts Company in Southwest Florida — was intrigued.

The Internet quickly opened up a whole new world for bargain travelers with dot-com companies such as Priceline, Expedia, Travelocity and Orbitz. And for the first time, buyers felt they were in the driver's seat as they booked their travel adventures.

Not much has changed in 13 years —

except everything.

The evolution of Web marketing gave Mr. Dickinson's exacting vision and his unflappable confidence a new frontier, and he hit the ground running. He entered a hefty budget line for dot-com marketing in South Seas' marketing budget. He was granted a third of his request — not much of a playing field, but a field, nonetheless, and he passionately pursued the new territory.

Some others in the industry stood back, contemplating the potential of the World Wide Web, dot-com and e-mail marketing. As hospitality marketers pondered and puzzled over the Internet's potential, Mr. Dickinson, then 36, moved around them, ahead of them and beyond them. "At South Seas, we were one of the early adapters (to the Web)," he says. In this instance, the hare bested the turtle outright.



Dickinson



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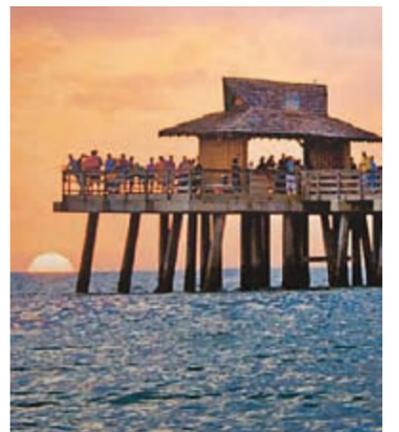
WEEK at-a-glance



Everything to GAIN
Growing Associates in Naples graduation, and more business events. **B7 & 8** ►



C'Mon along
Joe Cox puts his lifelong love of museums to work at the Children's Museum of Naples. **B2** ►



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Naples senator is first to earn 'Most Valuable Legislator' from state chamber

Every year since 2005 the Florida Chamber of Commerce has named one lawmaker as the state's Most Valuable Legislator and each year the award goes to someone in the House of Representatives. All that changed this year, however, when State Sen. Garrett Richter (R-37) of Naples won the prestigious title.

What made Sen. Richter the first senator worthy of this title? Mark Wilson, president and CEO of the Florida Chamber, says it was Sen. Richter's lead

on several critical bills, including worker's compensation attorney fee reform and property insurance reform, as well as his fight to lower costs for employers.

Sen. Richter is happy that he's been successful in influencing some of the decisions made at the state level "that

POWER POINTS

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Fifth Third Bank in 2005, Sen. Richter can relate with employers' struggles and yet he says his focus on Florida's business climate was an "unconscious direc-

tion." He simply went into the political arena to make a positive and meaningful impact on the state.

Now, with his Most Valuable award in hand — which just happens to be a baseball bat — he says there's still plenty of work to do, particularly with regard to property insurance and specifically responding to policy holders' needs and to the needs of risk insurers.

In all, he says the political life has been "extremely enlightening, from time to

time to

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BUSINESS PROFILE

C'Mon director brings lifelong passion for museums

BY ALYSIA SHIVERS
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Joe Cox is a self-proclaimed museum geek.

Considering his upbringing in England, it's really no wonder why. With parents who filled his childhood free time with visits to the natural history museum, the science museum or one of the many other museums that surrounded their home, his fascination is understood. It is this affection that made Mr. Cox the perfect person to serve as executive director for the Children's Museum of Naples, a facility preparing to open in the fall of 2010.

Yet, Mr. Cox didn't grow up thinking he'd be a museum director. In fact, at one point he wanted to be a veterinarian — that is, until he interned at a veterinary hospital one summer. "I loved the 'All Creatures Great and Small' book, but the reality of a 100-pound pit bull having sutures was not my cup of tea," he chuckles.

After that experience, he considered environmental education as a career path, thinking it would be an ideal way to combine his love of teaching and his love of the environment. A bachelor's degree in environmental science from St. Mary's University College offered him a way to embrace all of his interests and still be out in the field educating children in an informal setting.

"If you think about it, the highlight of a kid's school year is field trips," he explained. "That one day will stick in

their head forever."

And that's exactly what Mr. Cox wanted — to make a significant impact on a child's life.

After graduation, an internship opportunity at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida inspired him to come to the United States. "I couldn't tell the difference between a mangrove and a manatee, but I fell in love with the hands-on environmental education," he says. It was during his time at the Conservancy that his old affection for museums resurfaced and he decided to pursue a master's in museum studies through a 20-hour-a-week distance learning program while working fulltime. "I believe it is important to decide what you want to be and then pursue your graduate education," he says.

After four years at the Conservancy, Mr. Cox was named the director of the organization's Nature Center and spent another four years with the hundreds of children who passed through the center, teaching them about nature and the environment. During his tenure, he received a fellowship from the Smithsonian Institution that afforded him the opportunity to spend one week a month, over the course of 18 months, in Washington, D.C., developing an educational program for children in museums.

"I was literally handed the keys to the Smithsonian," he says, noting that one day he'd be wandering through the National Zoo talking to kids about pandas and the next he'd be at the Museum of Natural History helping redesign the



Joe Cox

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mammoth exhibit. In the end, he created a treasure hunt program for children but took the traditional game one step further by asking the participants how each object relates to real life. He ended up implementing it at the Conservancy.

A few years ago, when the Children's Museum of Naples' board started looking for land, Mr. Cox, who knew many of its members through their children,

wanted to help. It was soon thereafter that he was named executive director of C'Mon.

"One of the great things about this project is the passion of everyone involved," he says. Also exciting for him, is that the 30,000-square-foot facility will be a green building, in effect utilizing his passion for the environment.

One of the biggest factors that ultimately persuaded him to work with the C'Mon board was its members' commitment to creating a building and an experience that will be accessible to all children no matter their learning ability or their physical ability. Mr. Cox, who was born completely deaf in his left ear, knows firsthand how a disability can affect childhood experiences.

"It makes a huge difference in your life when you can't hear anything happening to the left of you," he says. Because of his own personal challenges, he is adamant that every child encounter the museum exactly the same way, an effort that everyone involved has taken to heart.

Construction of the museum, which will be in North Collier Regional Park on Livingston Road, has been underway since ground was broken back in January.

Mr. Cox believes C'Mon will change the lives of families who live here. "Ever since I moved to Naples, those who grew up here have said there was nothing to do (back then)," he says. "The next generation won't be able to say that." ■



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Table sponsorships available for chamber's Wake Up Naples

The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce is seeking table sponsors for the 2009-10 season of its popular Wake Up Naples networking breakfast meeting.

Wake Up Naples features speakers who address issues and topics important to Collier County's business climate. Meetings begin at 7:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the

Naples Hilton. Table sponsors have four reserved seats at each of 10 breakfasts that make up the program year; a table sign with the company logo is included.

The new program year for Wake Up Naples begins Wednesday, July 15. For more information about table sponsorship, e-mail Brenda O'Connor at Brenda@napleschamber.org. ■

Expression of Art opens with marketing services

Longtime Naples resident Kerri Meehan has opened Expression of Art LLC, a marketing company that uses art and digital media to serve the needs of small businesses and corporate customers.

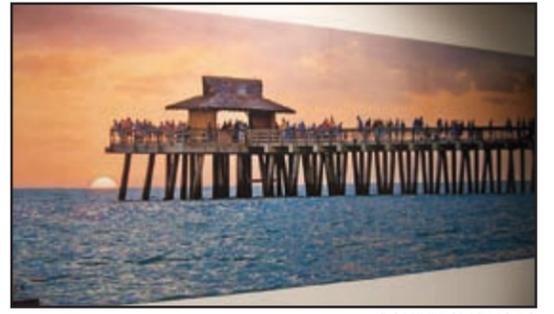


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Tattoowall is a trademark application that combines digital art and photography in a mural technique to cover interior or exterior walls and ceilings. One of the first installations in Naples was completed recently at the headquarters of Bank of Naples.

Ms. Meehan previously served as a customer relationship director for WCI Communities. Prior to joining WCI,



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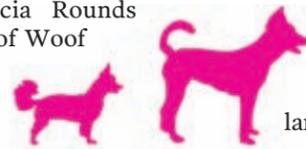
This Tattoowall mural of the Naples Pier was installed recently at the Bank of Naples by Expression of Art.

she was a marketing specialist for First National Bank of Naples, now known as Fifth Third Bank. She belongs to the United Arts Council, the Naples Art Association, the Art League of Bonita Springs, the International Decorative Artisans League, the American Marketing Association and the Public Relations Society of America.

To learn more about Expression of Art, call 250-1690, e-mail Kerri@ExpressionOfArt.com or visit www.ExpressionOfArt.com. ■

Woof Gang Bakery opens Naples location

Naples resident Alicia Rounds has opened a franchise of Woof Gang Bakery, a gourmet dog treat bakery and pet supply store, in Berkshire Commons Plaza at 7203 Radio



Road. In addition to pet food and handmade treats, the dog boutique sells collars, leads, toys, bowls and "doggie spa" products. ■

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Victor Dudash has been named vice president of restoration and waterproofing for the contracting division of **Elias Brothers Group**. He has more than two decades of

experience in the industry in management and quality control and specializes in remedial restoration. Most recently, he was the regional representative for RL James Inc. in Fort Myers. Elias Brothers Group recently moved into its new corporate headquarters at 3570 Enterprise Ave., Naples.

Local Government

Tim Durham has been named **Collier County chief deputy supervisor** of elections. He has been with



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the local elections office since January 2005. He previously worked in the Collier County Attorney's office and in the Collier County Sheriff's Office Drill Academy. He is a graduate of Rutgers University and Florida State College of Law. He served as a U.S. Army squad leader in a military police company in Iraq from November 2005 to November 2006 and was awarded a Bronze Star.

Nonprofit Organizations

Larry Aguilar, assistant vice-president and financial center manager for **Fifth Third Bank's** Radio Road, Naples, location, has joined the Board of Literacy Volunteers of Collier County. LVCC is dedicated to helping non-English speaking adults learn to read, write and speak English. Mr. Aguilar, who is also an LVCC volunteer tutor, brings 17 years of experience in the financial services industry to the organization's board.

New officers and incoming board members for the **Florida Gulf Coast University Foundation** were announced at the quarterly meeting in June and are as follows: **Stephen McIntosh**, chairman of the board; **Donald Lesch**, vice chairman; **James Knupp**, treasurer; **Joseph Shepard**, assistant treasurer; **John Fumagalli**, secretary; **Jack Blais**, **Miller Couse**, **David Holmes**, **Laura Holquist** and **Tom Rice**, new board members elected to four-year terms; and **John Little**, reelected to the board for four years. The purpose of the FGCU Foundation is to support the educational mission of the university. The foundation encourages, solicits, receives and administers gifts for scientific, educational and charitable purposes.

Restaurants



LUIBLE

Martin Luible, the former COO of **Vapiano International LLC**, has become managing partner for the restaurant and lounge chain's franchise operations in Florida. Vapiano has more than 55 locations worldwide; the company's first franchised restaurant in the United States is in Gulf Coast Town Center. Mr. Luible and four partners from Germany have signed a 10-unit development plan for Florida, including locations in Naples, Miami, Orlando, Tampa and Fort Lauderdale. In his new role, Mr. Luible will also serve as general manager of the Gulf Coast Town Center restaurant. ■

VACATION

From page 1

Taking it to the Web

In 1998, Mr. Dickinson began purchasing and collecting vacation auction domains from Alabama to Alaska, along with domains targeting personal interests and lifestyles. In all, and over time, he invested more than \$20,000 into securing domains that would be his to use at the appropriate time.

FloridaVacationAuction.com tested the waters of vacation auction viability. Florida also happens to be the market that raised Mr. Dickinson in the hospitality profession. As one-time chair of the Hospitality Sales and Marketing Association International and an adjunct hospitality marketing professor at Florida Gulf Coast University, this was clearly Mr. Dickinson's area of expertise and his time to shine.

"It was a tremendous learning experience," he said. But, as he also said, "Failure was never an option."

Fast forward to 2005, and Sal Dickinson is CEO of Fort Myers-based Dickinson & Associates and has launched a Web-based auction site, FloridaVacationAuction.com, giving bidders access to first-rate hotels and attractions within the state at a fraction of retail price. Running the daily operations are Tracy Hart, who manages all aspects of administration and customer service, and Glenn Letch, director of sales, who is responsible for advertiser development.

When the site went live in 2005, there were 13 advertisers. Today, there are 163.

Like every inventor worth his salt, Mr. Dickinson has attracted mentors with like passions who share his vision. He'll bring three of them to Fort Myers in July for a strategic planning session, utilizing their "fresh eyes" to inspire future growth. One is an advertising and sales guru. One was a founder of one of the top travel Web sites in the world. ("He's forgotten more about the industry than I know today," says Mr. Dickinson.) And one is an astronaut, hero and friend, Story Musgrave, who encourages his friend to let his dreams of take flight.

Power to the people

A live auction with FloridaVacationAuction.com works like any Internet bidding site. The offerings change weekly, so bidders always have a fresh assortment of destinations to consider. Bids are open for a week and close at 10 p.m. each Sunday.

In the first week of June this year, the site closed 39 auctions, including a three-night stay at the Tradewinds Island Beach Resort on St. Petersburg Beach with a retail value of \$831 plus tax. The package can be purchased anytime using FVA's "Buy Direct" option for \$582 plus tax, a \$249 savings. The actual winner of the auction paid \$405 for the stay, with all taxes included. Having tax included could mean an additional savings of 14 percent.

A two-night stay at the Blue Tree Resort just outside Disney World had a retail value of \$410 and a "Buy Direct" special price of \$330. The auction winner that week grabbed it for \$160. Add what was saved in taxes, and the saving is close to 75 percent.

Buy, stay local

For Southwest Floridians looking for a local getaway, the site offers stays at many Southwest Florida hotels, such as the Sanibel Harbour Resort and Spa, Tween Waters Inn on Captiva, the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point, the Pink Shell on Fort Myers Beach

and Marco Island's Lakeside Inn. Orlando area destinations include two Sheratons, Disney World's Royal Plaza, the Imperial Swan and the Pirates Dinner Company.

Bidder Jill Hassel of Bonita Springs discovered FloridaVacationAuction.com in 2007. "I entered 'Florida vacation auctions' as a Web search and there it was," she said. "I didn't know such a site existed."

Aside from hotel stays, Mrs. Hassel has won bids for tickets for the Spanish Quarter Museum in St. Augustine and the kid-centric Wannado City on Florida's east coast.

"The first time we bid, we had a win, which was exciting. But I'm a pretty frugal bidder, so I set a price I'm willing to pay," she said. Mrs. Hassel takes advantage of the site's referral service, which gives her a \$5 credit on her next winning bid for each new member who signs up at her recommendation.

Fort Myers resident Craig Nesvik visits the site faithfully on Sunday, when auctions are coming to a close. "My mother and brother are in Orlando, and I use it primarily for that. I can get a really nice condo for the price of a hotel room," he said.

And the auction concept has given him a chance to become reacquainted with destinations he had pretty much forgotten. "I hadn't been to Matlacha for probably 20 years. I got a place with a dock for \$80 for two nights. We brought out our wave runners and had a great time. I'd go out there again in a heartbeat."

Advertisers certainly see the benefit. Susan Johnson, general manager of the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre in Fort Myers, has advertised her dinner theater destination on the site since the program's inception.

"We've found so many new customers either visiting the state on vacation or folks from Florida looking for deals as they travel, especially during the summer," Mrs. Johnson said. "It allows us to use up 'dead inventory,' and Florida Vacation Auction customers are looking for deals. It's truly a win-win."

Dawn Grigsby, national director of resort sales for Starwood Villa Rentals in Orlando learned about Florida Vacation Auction three years ago. "It looked like a great outlet for exposure for our villa properties, and I liked the functionality and look of the site," she said. "We hear great compliments about our villas and the FVA program." When asked about business gains from the FVA association in the future, Ms. Grigsby replied, "We must have a good feeling about it, as we are continuing into our third year."

NYT brings national attention

Floridians aren't the only ones enjoying the savings. After Michelle Higgins of the *The New York Times* wrote about FloridaVacationAuction.com for its travel section on May 17, traffic on the auction site traffic spiked. As of June 10, there have been more than 1,542 referrals from the NYT Web site. Traffic from all sources has been up 50 percent in the 30 days following the column's publication, Mr. Dickinson said.

To infinity — and beyond

Though he won't disclose the exact location, Mr. Dickinson said he plans to launch a second vacation auction site later this year. He does hint that it's a state on the Gulf of Mexico with year-round tourism.

In the future, we can expect Mr. Dickinson to pull from his collection of domains as he launches vacation auction sites around the world, one after another.

From this launch forward — as his astronaut-friend Story Musgrave surely knows — the sky really is the limit. ■

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► The next **Business After 5** meeting of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 18, at Sugden Community Theatre with The Naples Players hosting. Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for others. Register online at www.napleschamber.org/events.

► **YP Bonita Springs** will hold "An Evening with Community Leaders" from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, June 18, at the Holiday Inn Airport near Gulf Coast Town Center. State Sen. Garrett Richter will deliver the keynote address. Cost is \$25 per person, which includes dinner. Call 992-2943 or visit www.bonitaspringschamber.com.

► **Nuts and Bolts: Starting a Business** in Florida is the name of a free workshop presented by SCORE from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 20, at the Collier County Public Library, Naples Branch, 650 Central Ave. Call SCORE 430-0081 to register.

► The Naples-based **Gulf Coast Chapter of PRSA** holds luncheon meetings the fourth Tuesday of the month (next meeting June 23) at the Hilton Naples. For more information, contact Cyndee Woolley, chapter president, at 253-1217 or cyndee@pbscontractors.com.

► **The Neapolitan Chapter of the American Business Women's Association** meets for dinner and a business meeting with program at 5:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Naples Hilton (next meeting June 23). Cost is \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members. Reservations must be made by noon on the Thursday before each meeting. Call 513-4652, e-mail info@abwaneapolitan.org or visit www.abwaneapolitan.org.

► **The Naples Small Business Networking Group** meets for breakfast at 9 a.m. Thursday, June 25, at Bayshore Break, 3570 Bayshore Drive. RSVP to Lisa at 331-8888 by Tuesday, June 23.

► The next **Accelerated Networking Luncheon** for members of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce begins at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, July 2, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Cost is \$15, and reservations must be made by June 25. www.napleschamber.org/eventbts.

► **The Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** holds its monthly Business Before Business event from 8-9:15 a.m. Thursday, June 25, at Juniper Village, at 1155 Encore Way in Naples. Cost is \$5 in advance for members or \$10 at the door; future members are \$40. To register, call 992-2943 or visit www.bonitaspringschamber.com.

► **YP Naples** will have their next Speed Networking event beginning at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, June 25, at The Melting Pot, 2950 Ninth Street N., Naples. RSVP by e-mailing thegiftgirl@msn.com.

► **Lee-Collier Networkers** meets for lunch once a month in Bonita Springs and also in Naples. The Naples meeting is at 11:15 a.m. on the fourth Friday (next meeting June 26) at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club; \$30 at the door or \$25 in advance. The Bonita Springs meeting is at 11:15 a.m. on the second Thursday (next meeting July 9) at the Elks Lodge on Coconut Road; \$21 at the door (cash only), \$16 in advance. www.leecolliernet.com.

► **The Eastern Collier County Chamber of Commerce and Fisher & Phillips LLP** will host a breakfast briefing on 2009 changes in employment laws Wednesday, July 1, at the Seminole Casino in Immokalee. The event is open to the public and will be of interest to in-house counsel, human resource professionals, business owners, risk managers, CEOs and anyone interested in learning about new labor laws. Registration and breakfast begin at 7:30 a.m., and the program will go from 8-10 a.m. Cost is \$15 per person. Call 657-3237 or e-mail ecoc@comcast.net for reservations.

► **The Zonta Club of Naples** holds business luncheon meetings beginning at 11:30 a.m. on the first Tuesday of each month (next meeting July 7) at the Hilton Naples, 5111 Tamiami Trail N. For reservations and more information, call Sally Sitta at 262-1283.

► **The Naples Area Professional League of Executive Services, N.A.P.L.E.S.**, meets from 7-9 a.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month at The Club at Naples Bay Resort. www.naplesgroup.net.

► **The Jewish Business Network of Southwest Florida** meets for breakfast and business on the second Friday of the month (next meeting July 10) 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@chabad-swfl.org.

POWER POINTS

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time frustrating, and overall rewarding."

Actually, the baseball bat says it all: "A good recipe for life is learn, earn and return." He sees this as his chance to "return" to his community.

And yet, just as his political career is ramping up, Sen. Richter is planning to return to the business world with the

opening of First National Bank of the Gulf Coast with former partner Gary Tice. They're currently in the process of securing all the necessary regulatory approvals. The new bank's headquarters will be on Pine Ridge Road, and there will be a branch office on Anchor Road.

Sen. Richter is excited to once again provide banking services to the community while at the same time serving his friends, neighbors and constituents of Southwest Florida. ■

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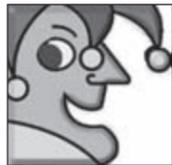
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Should You Set Up a Trust?

The term "trust fund baby" has negative connotations, but you may be surprised to learn that trusts can be useful, even to those who aren't ultra-rich. First used in medieval England, trusts now serve many purposes, such as dividing ownership of property. The trustee is the legal owner and may control and take responsibility for the property, while the beneficiary holds the sole right to enjoy the property.

Trusts are often preferable to wills for ensuring the orderly transfer of property:

- Trusts can take effect immediately, handling circumstances that wills cannot. For instance, if you're seriously injured, a trustee may take over your finances until you're able to assume responsibility again.
- Assets that pass through trusts are generally not subject to probate proceedings; unnecessary delay, expense and publicity can thus be avoided.
- Trusts can usually be changed without the formalities required for altering a will.

• A trust may help you postpone or avoid taxes.

But trusts have disadvantages, too:

- Trusts are often more complicated to draft than a will. A poorly drafted trust can be nearly impossible to execute.
- Appointing a guardian is traditionally done in a will, not a trust.
- Many professionals charge much more to draft a trust than a will. (It might still be worth it, though.)

There are revocable and irrevocable trusts, and living and testamentary trusts (linked with wills). Unfortunately, it's not always easy to determine when a trust is advantageous. Study the matter closely before making a decision, and consult a professional or two, if you're not comfortable deciding on your own. Remember that having a solid estate plan is essential to achieving your ultimate goals and to saving your heirs time and money. Don't put off thinking about your last financial arrangements.

Learn more at www.estateplanninglinks.com, www.fool.com/retirement and www.fool.com/taxes. ■

My Dumbest Investment

Costly Options

I subscribed to an options-trading newsletter, when I had about \$24,000 to invest. I found a service that would automatically place all the trades recommended by the newsletter, and two months later, I had just \$3,000 left. — M.D.F., Hong Kong

The Fool Responds: Ouch. There are several lessons here. For starters, know that investing newsletters vary widely in their quality and in their performance results. Poor ones will probably not make it easy for you to find out that they're lackluster. Next, know that options can be extremely risky investments. There are ways to use options relatively conservatively, but many people try to maximize their gains via options, which means they're also making themselves vulnerable to taking big hits. With options, you can lose much more than you invest. Most options will pay off for you if a certain security moves at least a certain amount in a certain relatively short time frame. But that can be a big guessing game, and most options expire unexercised, taking the option-trader's money with them. You can do well in investing while avoiding options entirely. ■



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

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(Answer: Google)



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What Is This Thing Called The Motley Fool?

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Ask the Fool

Option ARMs ABCs

Q What are these "option ARMs" I've heard about that contributed to our financial meltdown?

— W.D., Omaha, Neb.

A They're a creative and potentially dangerous kind of adjustable-rate mortgage (ARM). First, remember that with a traditional mortgage, you put down 20 percent or so on a house and borrow the balance from a bank, with either a 15- or 30-year fixed-rate mortgage, or a simple ARM that gives you a low introductory rate for maybe five or seven years before starting to gradually raise or lower its interest rate according to prevailing rates.

Well, in the housing market's recent go-go years, financial institutions started offering aggressive loans to enable more people to buy homes, and precarious option ARMs were among them. As you can learn at mtgprofessor.com, you'll know you're looking at an option ARM if you're being offered a loan where the interest is adjusted monthly, and you can end up with a growing debt by opting to make minimum payments.

Option ARMs are attractive because they start out with low payments. When their rates reset, they can do so sharply, whacking borrowers with much steeper payments. But borrowers can often just make minimum payments instead, hiking their loan balance, even beyond the value of their home.

Q What are the "trade date" and "settlement date" on my brokerage statements?

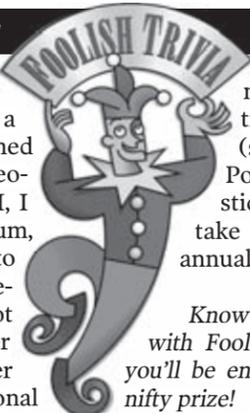
— S.H., Detroit

A When you place an order to buy or sell a security with your broker, there will be a "trade date" and "settlement date" recorded. The trade date is the date the order was executed, and it counts for tax purposes. The settlement date is just the date when the cash or securities from the transaction are plunked into your account.

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Name That Company

I was born in Brooklyn in 1938. My chewing gum was considered a "change-maker," as it was positioned near cash registers, attracting people's pennies. After World War II, I introduced Bazooka Joe bubble gum, after Atom Bubble Boy failed to take off. In 1951, I introduced baseball trading cards. Now I offer not only basketball, football and soccer cards, but also Obama and other specialty cards. I'm an international



marketer of collectible trading cards, confections (such as Ring Pops, Push Pops and Baby Bottle Pops), stickers, games and more. I take in around \$300 million annually. Who am I? ■

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

The Motley Fool Take

Target's Quarter

You'd think these would be great days for discounters, and in some ways, they are. However, Target (NYSE: TGT) has failed to draw crowds of customers, so maybe its "cheap chic" reputation is striking many shoppers as too chic and not cheap enough.

First-quarter net income at Target fell 13 percent, to \$522 million, while revenue rose a scant 0.2 percent, to \$14.83 billion. That sounds bad, but it was still better than many analysts expected.

The quarter reflects a current trend in retail — flagging profitability and a failure to grow traffic and revenue. Things are tough all over. Although this is Target's seventh consecutive quarter of profit decline, Wal-

Mart (a Motley Fool Inside Value recommendation) recorded only flat net income in its most recent quarter, with sales dipping 0.6 percent, in part due to the strong dollar. Still, Wal-Mart has been gaining market share, as nervous consumers have been attracted to its low-priced products. Another rival, BJ's Wholesale, reported an impressive 41 percent increase in quarterly earnings. At this time, Target doesn't look terribly alluring by comparison.

There's much to like about Target's business, but a wait-and-see approach may be best at the moment, until it can show some earnings traction. Ninety percent of participants at our <http://CAPS.Fool.com> who have rated the company (nearly 2,000 people) are bullish on it. ■

BUSINESS BRIEFS

FGCU, AIA host legislators for 'Greenprint' update

"Greenprint: 2009 Legislative Update" will provide an update on the recent Florida legislative session. The second annual program is presented by Florida Gulf Coast University's Continuing Education and Off-Campus Programs along with The Southwest Florida Chapter American Institute of Architects. It takes place from 9-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 24, in the FGCU Student Union ballroom. The event is open to the public.

Speakers include State Sen. Garrett Richter and State Rep. Gary Aubuchon and Matt Hudson. Each will provide

legislative updates and highlight particular areas of interest to the planning, design and building professions. Steve Tirey, president of the Chamber of Southwest Florida, will moderate the event.

Registration and continental breakfast is from 8-9 a.m. Continuing Education and Off-Campus Programs will provide two contact hours (pending) for architects through the American Institute of Architects, and for planners through the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Cost for two contact hours is \$40 for professionals (CE credit hours). General admission is \$35. Cost for students with ID and no contact hours is \$15.

Online registration is available at <http://registerCE.fgcu.edu>, or by calling 590-1088.

For more information, contact Continuing Education and Off-Campus Programs at 590-1095. ■

'Meet the Portfolio Manager' on June 24



MORAN

The Moran Asset Management Group of Wells Fargo Advisors presents "Meet the Portfolio Manager" at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, at the firm's headquarters, 5801 Pelican Bay Blvd., Suite 200.

Thomas Moran, managing director-investments and founding member of The Moran Asset Management Group of Wells Fargo Advisors, will discuss his outlook for the economy and the market. A 28-year veteran of the securities industry, Mr. Moran has received local, national and industry recognition for his ability as a financial advisor. He is a senior PIM portfolio manager, the firm's highest level designation for an advisor.

A strong supporter of the Southwest Florida community, Mr. Moran serves as CEO of the advisory board of the United Arts Council and CFO of Opera Naples.

For more information about the upcoming "Meet the Portfolio Manager" seminar, call 254-2200 or visit www.moranguard.wbsec.com. ■

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Growing Associates In Naples at the Chamber's 2009 GAIN graduation



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Brendisi: A vibrant villa in Via Veneto at Treviso Bay



R&D Companies' 2,150 square foot, three-bedroom Brendisi attached villa model residence is in the Via Veneto neighborhood at Treviso Bay.



The Brendisi's spacious, two-story foyer and great room feature soaring ceilings detailed with cognac stained faux wood beams.

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Visitors to R&D Companies' Brendisi attached villa model residence in Via Veneto at Treviso Bay immediately feel the embrace of hues and flavors both familiar and exotic. The interior of the 2,150-square-foot, three-bedroom, three-bath home was designed by Faith Fix of Freestyle Interiors.

The Brendisi features soaring ceilings and views of the lake and lanai, with encir-

cling iron railing reminiscent of a Mediterranean courtyard.

Outside, the freeform pool overlooks the lake, with Avignon-inspired lounge chairs for relaxing.

The kitchen's stainless steel Sub-zero and Wolf appliances are offset by maple raised panel cabinetry finished in a rich cognac stain and open basket weave hardware. Countertops of warm brown and cherry toned granite with a dash of spice are durable, yet beautiful.

The great room's 8-foot custom entertainment center provides a focal point and is perfect for a plasma flat-screened TV. Rustic leather chenille in bold spice colors are offset by the soft sand-hued fabrics. A slate stone cocktail table with glass inset and ironwork completes the setting.

In the master suite, scarlet and ochre tones surround the maple Casablanca-styled armoire and chests and iron four-poster bed with bronze tone. The master bath incorporates maple cabinetry fin-

ished in an olive stain with granite countertops and double sinks.

Two guest suites are outfitted for comfort with tones of copper and nutmeg, one with an Indonesian headboard and the distinct flavor of Morocco and another with a decidedly masculine ambiance.

The entrance to Treviso Bay is one mile east of St. Andrews Boulevard on U.S. 41. For more information, visit the sales center at 9004 Tamiami Trail E. or visit www.TrevisoBay.com. ■

Affordable home prices turning renters into buyers

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Like oil and water, procrastination and a hot homebuyer's market don't mix. With the economy showing some signs of recovery and consumer confidence up, market watchers say great deals, extraordinary tax credits and low interest rates won't last.

Qualified first-time buyers and renters who have been playing the waiting game only need to look at the current affordability index to see that home buying power is at the highest point in the 18 years since records have been kept.

"First-time buyers are in an enviable position right now," says Alan Beulah, general sales manager for Beazer Homes in the Naples-Fort Myers area. Local Beazer communities include Valencia Lakes in Naples, Somerset Town Homes in Estero and Coral Walk in Cape Coral. "More affordable home prices, the \$8,000 federal tax credit and record-low mortgage rates are helping to turn more renters into homeowners," Mr. Beulah adds.

Lower home prices across much of the country mean that a family earning the median U.S. income of \$64,000 can now afford about 73 percent of all the homes sold in the first quarter of this year, accord-

ing to a recent report by the National Association of Home Builders.

On the other hand, over the last decade, the cost of rental housing has increased an average of 3 percent each year, according to research. Therefore, a renter who pays \$1,000 today will end up spending \$137,567 over the next 10 years for the use of that apartment or house.

"For someone who wants to build wealth and put tax savings back into their pocket, it just doesn't make sense to rent if you can qualify to purchase a new home," Mr. Beulah says. "Monthly mortgage payments increase home equity, which often is the base from which people build their financial future."

But purchasing a first home can be confusing, and buyers often lack general knowledge about the marketplace and what they can afford, Mr. Beulah says. To fill the educational void, his company has introduced "Beazernomics," an educational campaign supported by a user-friendly Web site, www.Beazernomics.com, filled with fact-based tables, charts and photographs to help inform and enlighten prospective buyers.

Plus, Beazer is putting the spotlight on the many energy-saving features found in

its new homes that are often lacking in older houses.

"Next to the mortgage, the power bill can be the second most expensive cost in owning a home," says Mr. Beulah. "The cost of energy is increasingly a key factor when making a home-purchase decision." He offers several reasons why renters should seriously consider the benefits of purchasing a new home today:

- **More affordable** — Home prices are back to 2003 levels, according the latest Case-Shiller Index, but many experts are predicting they will bottom out this year. More than half of all U.S. households — 55 million — can now afford to buy the median priced home, which is 45 percent more than could afford to do so in 2007.

- **Buying power** — Interest rates are at some of the lowest levels in decades, meaning more purchasing power for buyers. The lower the rate, the more home you can afford. For example, the monthly payment on a \$250,000 mortgage at 4.5 percent is roughly \$1,267. However, the monthly payment for that same loan amount jumps by more than \$300 a month at an interest rate of 6.5 percent.

"A one point increase in interest rates can make a big difference in a monthly

mortgage payment, which can impact one's buying power," says Mr. Beulah.

- **Tax stimulus** — States like California and Georgia are stepping up to help first-time buyers with tax incentives of their own, adding even more punch to the \$8,000 federal tax credit approved earlier this year. For example, Californians who purchase a new home may qualify for a \$10,000 state-funded tax credit, while Georgians can get an additional \$1,800 tax credit.

- **Other tax advantages** — In addition to the state and federal tax credits, there are other significant tax advantages to owning rather than renting. For those who itemize, mortgage interest payments and property taxes on a principal home are 100 percent deductible. This means that, unlike rent, a portion of your monthly mortgage payment is returned to you in the form of a tax savings.

- **Energy savings** — A brand new home likely will offer the greatest savings in monthly energy bills — as much as 15 percent lower than a 10-year-old house. Beazer offers up to 10 eco-friendly features in every new home built, designed to help lower energy bills and water use as well as improve indoor air quality. ■

DiVosta Homes introduces The Dublon at VillageWalk

DiVosta Homes will debut its newest town home design, The Dublon, at a model grand opening event from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, June 18, in VillageWalk of Bonita Springs at 15044 Blue Marlin Terrace. The evening will include live entertainment, complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres, and various give-aways.

The two-story Dublon features three bedrooms and three full baths in 1,858 square feet of living space. The kitchen opens to the great room, providing an excellent area for entertaining, while the home's ample closet space, expansive patio and upgraded features combine to create a residence that is versatile and appealing. Pre-construction pricing for The Dublon at VillageWalk of Bonita Springs is as low as \$187,900.

The VillageWalk of Bonita Springs is built and developed by DiVosta Homes, a member of the Pulte Homes Inc., family of companies. VillageWalk features a



The Dublon

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lake-oriented design and miles of bridges and walkways. The social hub of the community's recreational and practical amenities is the VillageWalk town center, which includes a community post office, fitness center and restaurant. For more information, visit www.divosta.com.

Pulte Homes Inc., based in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., operates in 49 markets and 25 states. Its DiVosta Homes brand is renowned in Florida for its distinctive master-planned communities. ■

Lely Resort model wins award for interior by Robb & Stucky

The interior design of the Hibiscus, a single-family home by Stock Construction in Martinique at The Classics in Lely Resort, has earned a Pinnacle Award from the Sales & Marketing Council of the Lee Building Association for Robb & Stucky Interiors.

With three bedrooms, two baths, den, a three-car garage and a cabana, the Hibiscus has nearly 3,000 square feet under air and 4,105 square feet of total living area. Throughout the model, Robb & Stucky interior designer Donna Grose and design consultant Meghan Garrett used a Florida tropics theme, which is reflected in shades of kiwi, mango and coconut.

Starting at \$599,990, the Hibiscus is one of four floor plans priced from the mid-\$500,000s that are available in the Martinique neighborhood of 28 luxury homes formed by two cul-de-sacs within The Classics at Lely Resort.

Lely Resort is a 3,000-acre community by Stock Development that offers residential options including condominiums, coach homes, town homes, casitas and custom-built single-family homes. Amenities in the community include



The living room of the Hibiscus

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the Hibiscus exterior

20,000-square-foot Players Club & Spa; 54 holes of golf on championship courses designed by Robert Trent Jones, Gary Player and Lee Trevino; and two golf clubhouses.

For more information and to arrange a tour of the Hibiscus model, call the Lely Resort Realty office at 793-2100. The sales center is at 8020 Grand Lely Drive. ■

Urban Land Institute meeting on market trends

The Urban Land Institute Southwest Florida District Council will welcome Michael Timmerman of Fishkind & Associates and Bill Reagan of Raymond James & Associates, Monday, June 22, at the Embassy Suites, 10450 Corkscrew Commons Drive in Estero. Coffee and networking begin at 8 a.m. with the presentation starting at 8:30 a.m.

Mr. Timmerman will discuss "Bumping Our Bottoms on the Bottom: Market Trends and Economic Report and

Presentation." Mr. Reagan will present "Land-Based Finance: Challenges and Opportunities."

Cost is \$20 for ULI members, \$30 for non-members and \$15 for young leaders, government/nonprofit members and full-time students. For more information, call the ULI of Florida District Council at 1-800-321-5011 and mention 81180914 or visit online at www.SWFlorida.ULI.org. ■

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► Broker associate **Andrew DeSalvo** of the commercial division of Premier Properties of Southwest Florida Inc., Realtors, has received the CoStar Power Broker Award for 2008. Mr. DeSalvo, assisted by **Matt Stepan**, qualified as one of the top brokers in the area based on total leasing/sale transactions closed during the year. Mr. DeSalvo specializes in land sales and acquisitions, income-producing properties,

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site selection and 1031 exchanges. He is a member of the Bonita Springs-Estero Board of Realtors, The Realtors Land Institute and the Southwest Florida Chapter of the Commercial Investment Real Estate Institute. He has served as president and chairman of both the Bonita Springs Board of Realtors and the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce.



PHILLIPS

► **J. Ray Phillips** has been promoted to vice president of operations for Beazer Homes in Florida. Mr. Phillips joined Beazer Homes seven years ago and has held executive positions at the company's divisions in Fort Myers, Orlando, Charlotte, N.C., and Atlanta.



JOHNSON

► **Christel Johnson** has joined the Naples office of VIP Realty Group. A resident of Naples for nine years, she is a top agent in the market in residential and commercial real estate sales. Her community involvement includes the Vineyards Elementary School PTA and school advisory council, the Counsel for Gulf Coast High School and the high school youth group at St. Agnes Catholic Church. She is a member of the Naples Area Board of Realtors and the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce.

► **Kelley Pezzella** was the sales leader for the month of May in the South Florida market of Pulte Homes. Ms. Pezzella is a sales associate for VillageWalk of Bonita Springs, a DiVosta Homes community that is part of the Pulte Homes

family of brands. She has been with Pulte Homes since 2005, and has held the position of sales associate at VillageWalk of Bonita Springs since January 2006. She is a licensed real estate broker in Florida, North Carolina and South Carolina.

► VIP Realty Group announces the following top agents for the month of May: **Dennis Brando**, listing leader; **Michelle Ross**, sales leader; and **Zach Fischer**, top producer.

► Sales and listing leaders for the month of May with Downing-Frey Realty Inc. were **Michael Parise** with sales and **Armand Procacci** with listings in the Naples office, and **Susie Bellina** with sales and **Chuck Scariano** with listings in the Bonita Springs office.

► **Harold "Hal" Drake** has joined Downing-Frye Realty Inc. as a sales associate. Originally from Hutchinson, Kansas, Mr. Drake has five years of real estate experience in Illinois and Florida. Prior to joining Downing-Frye, he was with RE/MAX Coastal Living in Bonita Springs. He is working on his Certified International Property Specialist designation. He belongs to the Bonita-Estero Association of Realtors, the Naples Area CIPS Council and the Florida and National Associations of Realtors.

► CB Richard Ellis, Fort Myers/Naples and brokers **Randal Mercer**, **Stan Stouder**, **Scott Dunnuck**, **Fred Kermani**, **Enn Luthringer** and **Bill Young** have received the CoStar Power Broker Award for their 2008 volume of commercial property sales and leases.

► **Realty Pros of Naples** has moved into its new location at 1170 Third Street South in Naples; 793-2777 or www.Naples-RealtyPros.com.

► **Lennar Homes** released 12 estate home sites for sale at its newest neighborhood, **Estate Homes at Heritage Bay Golf and Country Club**, off Immokalee Road. Three-, four- and five-bedroom homes at Heritage Bay range from 2,552 square feet of living space to 2,978 square feet and are priced from \$559,000 to \$629,000. Each home has a private swimming pool and spa, and golf or lake views. A \$12 million clubhouse at the community recently opened.

► **Stock Development** continues to report strong new home sales in May with 17 transactions in **Lely Resort**. Homes sold across a variety of neighborhoods, including flats and town homes, villas and single-family custom homes. May's sales reflect an average selling

price of \$335,000.

Lely Resort has 13 neighborhoods with homes beginning at \$198,990. Residents have access to the Players Club & Spa at Lely Resort, a separate non-golf clubhouse providing a casual, tropical atmosphere, as well as to three championship golf courses, two golf clubhouses and a village center in the Olé neighborhood. The Lely Resort Sales Center is at 8020 Grand Lely Drive. For more information, call 793-2100 or visit www.lely-resort.com.

► **The Florida Association of Mortgage Brokers** will host its annual convention and trade show July 15-18 at the Orlando World Center Marriott Resort and Spa. The FAMB advances the mortgage broker profession through advocacy, education and ethical practice. Cost of full registration is \$295 per person for FAMB members and \$450 for non-members. Special event and education seminar tickets can also be purchased separately onsite. For a complete list of events and seminars and more information, visit www.famb.org.

► **Waterstone Resorts and Vacation Homes** has purchased a portion of ResortQuest's operations in Collier and Lee counties. As a member of ResortQuest's Partner Affiliate Program Waterstone will have a presence on ResortQuest's Web site along with other partners representing more than 100 destinations worldwide. ResortQuest will continue to manage its other vacation rental and real estate operations in Florida as well as South Carolina, Delaware, Alabama, Colorado, Utah and Idaho. ■

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



THE DUNES - GRANDE PRESERVE GRANDE DOMINICA ▲
#PH02 - Luxurious 4 bedroom with private elevator entry and Gulf views from spacious terrace! Private 2+ car garage.
\$2,850,000 Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731



PINE RIDGE ▲
Private gated California mission-style estate on 1.4 acres. Four bedrooms plus library. Natural slate floors.
\$2,295,000 | Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741



VILLAGES OF MONTEREY ▲
Incomparable lakeside masterpiece! Gorgeous, hand-scraped maple and custom marble flooring and a dream kitchen.
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PINE RIDGE ▲
Complete privacy, 4 bedroom plus den estate on over 1.5 acres of landscaped area. Geothermal heated pool with spill-over spa.
\$1,495,000 | Sue Black | 250-5611



THE DUNES - GRANDE PRESERVE GRANDE EXCELSIOR #T05 ▲
Exceptional terrace residence with oversized lanai. Four bedrooms and private elevator foyer. Bay views.
\$1,399,000 Cynthia Joannou | 273-0666



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Stately, immaculate lake front 5 bedroom, 3.5 bath home. Heated pool/spa, 3-car garage. Family community, many amenities.
\$1,224,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



REDUCED
PINE RIDGE ▲
Wonderfully remodeled 4 bedroom. Free-form pool/spa and paver deck. Huge garage. Owner financing available. **NOW \$999,999**
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QUAIL WOODS ESTATES ▲
Spacious 4 bedroom with office and playroom and 4-car garage on .83 acres. Spectacular lanai, pool and spa.
\$1,075,000 | Mara/Michael Muller | 272-6170



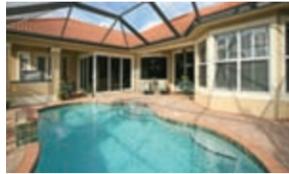
THE DUNES - CAYMAN ▲
#PH7 - Inviting 3 bedroom with office and stunning Gulf and Bay vistas. Custom kitchen, wraparound lanai with electric shutters.
\$999,000 | Pat Callis | 250-0562



THE DUNES - GRANDE PRESERVE GRANDE DOMINICA ▲
#301 - Furnished, 3 bedrooms. Views of Gulf and Turkey Bay. Private elevator, marble and hardwood floors. Beach club available.
\$995,000 | Ellen Eggland | 571-7192



BANYAN WOODS ▲
Custom designed and professionally decorated southern exposure courtyard home. Lap pool, cabana, and outdoor shower.
\$949,000 Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



BANYAN WOODS ▲
Lake view 4 bedroom plus den, 3 bath with hurricane impact windows/doors, electric shutters, and gourmet kitchen.
\$895,000 | Claire Catalano | 571-7223



GULF HARBOR ▲
Waterfront 3-story home. Four bedrooms with guest suite, media room and observation area. Direct Gulf access.
\$895,000 | Mitch/Sandi Williams | 370-8879



THE DUNES - CAYMAN ▲
#601 - Spectacular views the moment you enter this beautiful 3 bedroom, 3 bath corner residence. Wraparound lanai.
\$748,000 | Connie Lummis | 289-3543



THE DUNES - CAYMAN ▲
#1107 - Outstanding views of Bay to Gulf from this spacious, bright corner residence. Amenities included.
\$699,000 | Gayle Fawkes | 250-6051



THE DUNES - CAYMAN ▲
#704 - Freshly painted, turnkey furnished, and brand new wood floors throughout. Remodeled kitchen, hurricane shutters.
\$679,000 | Marsha L. Moore | 398-4559



WILSHIRE LAKES ▲
Built by Divco. Four bedroom plus den pool home. Tile and bamboo flooring, sunny patio, heated pool/spa.
\$675,000 Patrick O'Connor/Bernie Garabed | 293-9411



PINE RIDGE ▲
Four bedroom with 2,200+ SF. Many updates; new kitchen, wood flooring and new roofing. Screened-in lanai.
\$599,000 | Sue Black | 250-5611



BANYAN WOODS - RESERVE II ▲
#202 - Outstanding 3 bedroom plus den coach home with upgrades. Private elevator. Walk to shopping! Beautiful lake/pool views.
\$599,000 | Carolyn Weinand | 269-5678



EDEN ON THE BAY ▲
Three bedrooms, 3 baths, a den and 2-car garage with pool. Tiled living areas, granite counters and crown moulding.
\$599,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210



THE DUNES - SEA GROVE ▲
#101 - One block to beach! Spacious, like-new 3 bedroom coach home; 2-car garage. Professional decor. Great views.
\$599,000 Sandra McCarthy-Meeks | 287-7921



VILLAGES OF MONTEREY ▲
Picture perfect 3 bedroom plus den pool home. Clubhouse, fitness room, lap pool, 3 Har-Tru tennis courts, 3 miles to beach.
\$579,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



THE CROSSINGS - MILL RUN ▲
Beautifully maintained true 4 bedroom pool home on private lot with updated granite/stainless kitchen. Covered lanai.
\$569,900 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



COVE TOWERS - ARUBA ▲
#403 - Spectacular view of Wiggins Pass from this totally remodeled high-rise. Full pool service, tennis. Furnished.
\$559,000 | Marsha L. Moore | 398-4559



LEMURIA ▲
#1601 - Brand new 3 bedroom with volume ceilings, hurricane code windows, and granite and marble appointments. Furnished.
\$549,900 | Sue Black | 250-5611



WIGGINS BAY VILLAS ▲
Renovated 3 bedroom villa. Granite counters. Updated baths. Tarpon Cove Yacht and Racquet Club membership.
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VILLAGES OF MONTEREY WOODBRIDGE ▲
Immaculate, sunny 2 bedroom plus den. Vaulted great room plan, courtyard and glassed-in lanai. Superb amenities.
\$249,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552

VILLAGES OF MONTEREY

2098 Mission Drive
Beautifully renovated! Five bedroom plus den, 3.5 bath with wood floors. Terrific yard and oversized garage. **\$799,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552**

WOODBRIDGE 7562 Cordoba Circle
Fabulous living space in the heart of Monterey. Stone pool and spa, fireplace, 4-car garage, and large backyard. **\$688,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552**

2011 Mission Drive
Arthur Rutenburg Bimini model. Extra large pool, spa & lanai on private oversized lot. Lake views. 4 BR plus den. **\$624,900 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552**

8034 Vera Cruz Way
Charming and beautifully renovated 4 bedroom home. Gorgeous cherry kitchen w/ new hardwood floors. Many updates. **\$599,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552**

8149 Las Palmas Way
Like-new Rutenberg home. Bamboo & porcelain floors, oversized lanai, pool, family room, bonus room, 2-car garage. **\$549,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552**

7648 Ponte Verde Way
There is nothing like coming home to this delightful, cheery home on picturesque, expansive lot. Room for pool. **\$497,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552**

8139 Las Palmas Way
Robb & Stucky designer has created a stunning renovation of this 3 bedroom home. Large lanai/backyard. **\$449,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552**

PINE RIDGE

691 Myrtle Road
Nicely suited for family home and located on quiet street in Pine Ridge. Western exposure; 1.44 acres. **\$695,000 | Michael Lawler | 571-3939**

NORTH NAPLES

WIGGINS PASS WEST 242 Wiggins Bay BS #242
Boat dock has a brand new 30,000 lb. lift and dock can handle up to a 52'-54' boat; approx 14' height restriction. **\$259,000 | Jack Despart | 273-7931**

LAKE PARK 674 11th Street North
Alley on south side offers many building options for this homesite. Ready for your new home to be built. **\$295,000 | Virginia/Randy Wilson | 450-9091**

EDEN ON THE BAY 368 Mallory Court
Overlooking lake, 3 bedrooms + den, 3 full baths. Granite countertops in kitchen, heated pool/spa. Outdoor kitchen. **\$640,000 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231**

PELICAN ISLE YACHT CLUB II 435 Dockside Drive #703
Incredible views! Three bedrooms, three baths and 2,600+SF of living space. Yacht club membership available. **\$975,000 | Ann Marie Shimmer | 825-9020**

THE CROSSINGS - MILL RUN 7114 Mill Run Circle
Lake & preserve views. Soaring ceilings, kitchen open to family room, lanai w/pool. Master suite views lake. **\$589,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552**

WIGGINS BAY

HARBOURSIDE 505 Clubside Drive #505
Totally remodeled 3BR, 3BA is offered furnished with new granite counters, cabinets, appliances and flooring. **\$349,000 | Jack Despart | 273-7931**

PRINCETON PLACE 380 Horsecreek Drive #106
Two bedroom turnkey furnished home w/bamboo floors. Screened lanai overlooks lake. Membership included. **\$319,000 | Marsha L. Moore | 398-4559**

PRINCETON PLACE 380 Horsecreek Drive #303
Yacht & Racquet Club membership included (\$20,000 value). Beach shuttle. Florida room, 2 BR/2 BA. Motivated seller. **\$295,000 | Marsha L. Moore | 398-4559**

WILSHIRE LAKES

9723 Wilshire Lakes Blvd.
Lakefront, 5 bedroom, 3 bath pool home. Upgraded cabinets, granite, crown moulding, tray ceilings, pool/spa. **\$849,000 | Bernie Garabed | 571-2466**

8191 Wilshire Lakes Blvd.
Unique 5 bedroom plus den, lakefront estate home. Cypress ceilings, wood floors. Two-sided fireplace, pool/spa. **\$799,000 | Bernie Garabed | 571-2466**

8123 Wilshire Lakes Blvd.
Impeccable 5 bedroom, 3 bath, 3-car garage home. Oversized screened lanai, large pool, brick paver deck. **\$599,900 | Sandra McCarthy-Meeks | 287-7921**



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VANDERBILT BEACH ESTATES ▲
New waterfront estate! Bay views, 5 bedrooms, media room and 5,860 SF of living area. A Christie's Great Estates Property.
\$3,999,999 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731



BAREFOOT BEACH ▲
105 St. Eustacius Lane - Incredible 180 degree Gulf views from all four levels! Renovated in 2002. Spacious guest suites with private baths.
\$3,895,000 | Cynthia Joannou | 273-0666



VANDERBILT BEACH - THE VANDERBILT ▲
PH02 - Views of Gulf, waterways and all the way to Sanibel. Rooftop patio with spa, outdoor movie theater and summer kitchen. **\$3,800,000**
Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731



VANDERBILT BEACH ESTATES ▲
Boat in your backyard, steps from the beach! Waterfront, 4 bedrooms, study, travertine marble floors and granite counters.
\$2,970,000 | Roya Nouhi | 290-9111



VANDERBILT BEACH ESTATES ▲
Waterfront masterpiece on oversized lot with bay and waterway views, 5 bedrooms, 5 baths and over 6,300 A/C SF. A Christie's Great Estates Property.
\$2,945,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



BAREFOOT BEACH - BAYFRONT GARDENS ▲
Stunning home with bay views, pool/spa, boat dock and lift, 2 gourmet kitchens, 3 guest suites, and 3-car garage. **\$2,595,000 | Cynthia Joannou | 273-0666**



VANDERBILT BEACH ESTATES ▲
Beautiful waterfront views from this 2 bedroom, 2 bath with 2,120 total SF single-family home. Being sold in "as is". **\$1,899,000 | Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741**



VANDERBILT BEACH ESTATES ▲
470 Egret Ave. - New custom waterfront home. Covered dock and lift. Access to Gulf. Light, bright, 4 bedroom, 4.5 bath, Pool/spa. **\$1,875,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420**



VANDERBILT BEACH - GULFSIDE II ▲
#505 - Preferred 3 bedroom corner residence with wraparound vistas of Gulf. New A/C system and electric hurricane shutters. **\$1,450,000 | Pat Callis | 250-0562**



VANDERBILT BEACH ESTATES ▲
Complete renovation! Waterway/preserve views. Large lanai and oversized pool. Dock lift can accommodate a 40'+ boat. **\$1,195,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552**



VANDERBILT BEACH - REGATTA II ▲
#1102 - Gulf, Bay and city views from this 3 bedroom, 3 bath turnkey furnished residence. Cabana, 40' boat slip included. **\$995,000**
Marlene Abbott-Barber/Leah Ritchey | 594-9494



VANDERBILT BEACH - LE DAUPHIN ▲
#405 - Water! Water! Water! Private beach club membership included! Beautiful turnkey furnished model perfect residence.
\$995,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731



VANDERBILT BEACH PHOENICIAN SANDS ▲ #201 - Small intimate complex right on the sand. Furnished 2nd floor, 2 bedroom with over 2,052 total SF. Newly decorated.
\$899,900 | Teri Purvis | 597-2993



VANDERBILT BEACH - GULFSIDE I ▲
#102 - Light and bright beachfront gem lives like a home with tropical Gulf views, sunsets and glorious sounds of surf. **\$899,000 | Pat Callis | 250-0562**



VANDERBILT BEACH ESTATES ▲
Build your dream home on this waterfront lot with access to Vanderbilt Beach and the Gulf via Wiggins Pass Waterway.
\$897,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



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



VANDERBILT BEACH - LA SCALA ▲
#203 - Beautiful wide water views! Beautifully updated 3 bedroom with over 1,750+ total SF. Boat dock with lift included. **\$847,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731**



VANDERBILT BEACH - REGATTA II ▲
#302 - Upgrades galore in this 3 bedroom residence. 3 bedroom plus an open den off the kitchen. Furnished.
\$825,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731



VANDERBILT BEACH - GULFSHORES ▲
#261 - Stunning Gulf views, 3 bedroom beachfront penthouse. Renovated kitchen. Docks available. OWNER MOTIVATED TO SELL.
\$825,000 | Gayle Fawkes | 250-6051



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



VANDERBILT BEACH SAUSALITO OF NAPLES ▲
#1 - Over \$70K in upgrades, 3-story townhouse across from beach and on the bay. High-impact glass, 4 balconies, boat slip. **\$775,000 | Gayle Fawkes | 250-6051**



VANDERBILT BEACH - REGATTA III ▲
#302 - Upgrades galore in this 3 bedroom residence. Granite kitchen with backsplash, tile throughout and faux finishes. **\$599,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731**



VANDERBILT BEACH VANDERBILT YACHT & RACQUET CLUB ▲
#401 - Magnificent long water views. Spacious with 2 bedroom suites. Bright, crisp and clean. Across from beach. **\$599,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731**



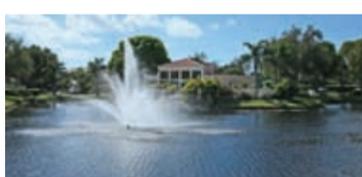
VANDERBILT BEACH VANDERBILT SURF COLONY II ▲
#205 - Panoramic bay views and gorgeous sunsets from every room. Open kitchen, wraparound lanai. Freshly painted. **\$539,000 | Marsha L. Moore | 398-4559**



VANDERBILT BEACH AREA BEACHWALK HOMES ▲
Lovely updated Florida home. Totally caged pool and lanai area, newly updated kitchen. Walk to the beach.
\$490,000 | Carol Loder | 860-4326



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



VANDERBILT BEACH AREA BEACHWALK VILLAS ▲
Fabulous view over the lake and fountain to the south sets this lovely 2 bedroom, 2 bath villa. New tiled roof.
\$399,000 | Carol Loder | 860-4326



VANDERBILT BEACH BEACHWALK GARDENS ▲
#D202 - Walk to the beach! Furnished, 2nd floor, 2 bedroom, with 1,780+ total SF, vaulted ceilings and a lake view. **\$345,000 | Pat Duggan | 216-1980**

VANDERBILT BEACH ESTATES

Lots & Acreage

452 Heron Avenue
This is a great boating neighborhood where you can build your dream home. Walk to the beach. Southern exposure lot. **\$864,000 | Teri Purvis | 597-2993**

380 Tradewinds Avenue
Waterfront with southern exposure. Concrete seawall spans 75 feet- ready for dock and lift. Access to Gulf of Mexico. **\$569,000 | Fred Alter | 269-4123**

VANDERBILT BEACH

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

Boat Slips
REGATTA 425 Launch Circle BS #25-B
This 30' boat slip with 14' beam is a corner, finger dock and quick Gulf access. Must be an owner in Regatta. **\$68,500 | Bernie Garabed | 571-2466**

VANDERBILT BEACH AREA

BEACHWALK GARDENS 565 Beachwalk Circle #203
Furnished 2 bedroom, 2 bath residence with split floor plan, vaulted ceilings, and lovely views over 1 of 3 lakes. **\$350,000 | Carol Loder | 860-4326**

BONITA SPRINGS

IMPERIAL SHORES 4824 Snarkage Drive
Five bedroom, 5.5 bath with 3-car garage, private pool/spa, over 4,800 SF and vaulted ceilings. No bridges to the Gulf. **\$2,450,000 | Linda Sonders | 860-0119**

IMPERIAL SHORES 4819 Snarkage Drive
New home situated on a waterway with Gulf access, 4 bedrooms, 4 baths, 3-car garage and heated pool/spa with southern exposure.
1,950,000 | Linda Sonders | 860-0119

BONITA SPRINGS

ARROYAL 3648 Margina Circle
This riverfront property includes a 30' x 19' covered boat dock with lift. Sold furnished with 4 bedrooms and 3 baths. **\$1,200,000 | Connie Lummis | 289-3543**

PALMIRA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB - VILLA D'ESTE
14017 Lavante Court
Attention golfers! Rarely lived-in, 3 bedroom plus den, 3 bath; upgrades galore! Granite counters. Pool/spa views golf and lake.
\$590,000 | Bernie Garabed | 571-2466

BONITA FARMS 27160 Mora Road
Over 1/2 acre of landscaped grounds, 200' of seawalled Gulf access waterfront. Boat dock. Large master bedroom, 2-car garage.
\$549,000 | Mark Leone | 784-5686

PALMIRA GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB - LA TREMITI
14086 Tivoli Terrace
Spectacular 3 bedroom plus den pool home overlooking a lake/golf. Great room floor plan with crown moulding and tray ceilings.
\$439,000 | Wendy Hayes | 777-3960

IMPERIAL SHORES 4895 Esplanade Street
This 3 bedroom villa has direct Gulf access and is situated on the Imperial River. Boat dock, boat lift, pool/spa. **\$999,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420**

VASARI COUNTRY CLUB AREZZO 28623 Via D Arezzo
Estate home boasts 3 large bedrooms, den, many upgrades. Granite, tumbled marble, mouldings, golf course views.
\$949,900 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420

BONITA VILLAGE III 3901 Kens Way #3507
Two bedroom 2 bath wide open floor plan with volume ceilings. Custom paint, tile in all living areas. Furnished. **\$459,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210**

BONITA SPRINGS

Condominiums/Villas

OPEN SUN. 1-4 **VASARI COUNTRY CLUB - ALTESSA** 28610 Altessa Way #102
Spacious 2 bedroom plus den is meticulously maintained. Cherry cabinetry, tile on the diagonal, upgraded appliances.
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12220 Toscana Way #101
Tastefully finished home overlooks lush green and lake. Two bedroom plus den corner residence. Bundled golf community. **\$299,999 | Susan DeShong | 253-3434**

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This custom designed estate home features volume ceilings, 4 bedroom suites, a home theatre and library. Pool and spa.
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Mediterranean-style home with view of golf course. Satin flooring, crown moulding and granite counters. Pool/spa. **\$2,395,000**
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Overlooking lake and golf, 3,946 A/C SF, 3 bedrooms plus den. Gourmet kitchen, Australian cypress floors, 3-car garage.
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Breathtaking golf vistas! Unique plan with 3 bedrooms, den and 3 baths. Bamboo floors, new gourmet kitchen. Pool/lanai.
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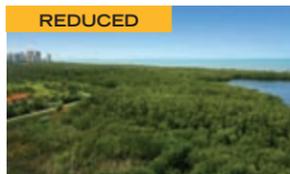
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PELICAN BAY - COCOBAY ▲
7853 Cocobay Drive - Lakefront courtyard villa with guest cabana. Three bedroom plus den. Private pool/spa. Many recent improvements.
\$1,700,000 | Cathy Owen | 269-3118



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8687 Purlane Drive - Furnished home with luxurious appointments, 4 bedrooms, 4 baths, crown moulding, and Koi pond, side courtyard.
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\$1,595,000 | Rod Soars | 290-2448



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PELICAN BAY - ST. LAURENT ▲
#1104 - Expansive Gulf, city and golf views! Newly renovated, corner 3 bedroom. Southern exposure and two terraces.
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Four bedrooms, 4 baths, 3-car garage, pool, view lake view. Granite counters, fireplace, tray ceilings, 2 new A/C.
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PELICAN BAY - TIERRA MAR ▲
Rare lakefront 3 bedroom villa sits on oversized Tierra Mar lot with southern exposure. Vaulted ceilings and lots of glass.
\$1,150,000 | Linda Piatt | 269-2322



PELICAN BAY - ST. RAPHAEL ▲
#14 - Corner 3 bedroom, 3 bath villa with private elevator, sunny private pool, fireplace and "Juliet" balcony.
\$1,099,000 | Karen Coney Coplin | 261-1235



PELICAN BAY - GROSVENOR ▲
#1705 - Extremely open and airy stand-out. Modified plan. Granite countertops, marble flooring, 3M film on all windows.
\$1,090,000 | Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741



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PELICAN BAY - LAS BRISAS ▲
Gorgeous 3 bedroom villa with 2600 SF under air, prime southwest exposure, a private pool, and remodeled kitchen.
\$1,050,000 | Jane Darling | 777-3899



PELICAN BAY - L'AMBIANCE ▲
#201 - Sensational view! Tropical aquascape view enhances the open spaciousness of this coach home. Incredible amenities.
\$995,000 | Ellen Eggland | 571-7192



OPEN SUN. 1-4
PELICAN BAY - ST. RAPHAEL ▲
7117 Pelican Bay Blvd. #207 - Peaceful, tropical setting with sunsets galore. Bamboo flooring, 3 bedrooms, hurricane shutters and 2,200+ total SF.
\$995,000 | Jean Tarkenton | 595-0544



PELICAN MARSH - IVY POINTE ▲
Lovely villa with 3 bedrooms plus a den/study and 2,900+ total SF. Spectacular lake/golf views! Refurbished pool cage.
\$870,000 | Carol Loder | 860-4326



PELICAN BAY - ST. PIERRE ▲
#1504 - Watch the sun rise over golf course and sun set over Gulf. Wood floors, newer appliances, screened/open balconies.
\$725,800 | Kathryn Tout | 250-3583



PELICAN BAY - INTERLACHEN ▲
Spacious floor plan with 3 bedrooms and 2-car garage. Wonderful lake/pool views. Beach access, pool, tennis. **\$699,500**
Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



PELICAN BAY - LUGANO ▲
Fantastic views over golf/lakes! Lovely 3 bedroom, 2 bath condominium (1BR currently used as a den/TV room). Beach tram.
\$575,000 | Carol Loder | 860-4326



OPEN SUN. 1-4
PELICAN MARSH - ARIELLE ▲
#907 - Outstanding 2 bedroom plus den beautifully decorated home on the golf course. 2066 total SF. Close to the beach, dining and shopping.
\$305,000 | Vickie Larscheid | 250-5041



PELICAN MARSH - ARIELLE ▲
#2107 - Sparkling lake views & gorgeous sunsets from this 2 bedroom plus den. Very private "Ibis" floor plan is sunny & bright; turnkey furnished. **\$299,000**
Ray Couret /Adrienne Young | 293-5899

PELICAN BAY

Single Family Homes

GEORGETOWN 6605 George Washington Way
Borelli-built, French Provincial 2-story manor home. 5 bedroom with elevator, media room and library. Turnkey furnished. **\$2,895,000 | Jane Darling | 777-3899**

BARRINGTON 6982 Green Tree Drive
Spectacular lake views! Large screened lanai with pool and outdoor kitchen. Master suite wing plus 3 other bedrooms.
\$2,395,000 | Mary Halpin/Jamey Halpin | 269-3005

PINECREST 801 Slash Pine Court
Renovated inside and out, 4 bedroom, 4.5 bath home. Cook's kitchen, family room, heated pool/spa, 3-car garage. **\$1,795,000 | Janet Rathbun | 860-0012**

PINECREST 815 Bentwood Drive
Extensively remodeled 4 bedroom plus den, 3.5 bath home with gourmet kitchen, electric shutters, and custom cabinetry.
\$1,498,000 | Mary Halpin/Jamey Halpin | 269-3005

OAKMONT 709 Turkey Oak Lane
One house from the lake. Cathedral ceilings, French doors, 4 bedrooms and 3 full baths. Large heated pool. **\$1,350,000 | Sharon Kipyk | 777-3899**

OAKMONT 808 Pine Creek Lane
Lovely 3 bedroom residence newly renovated with tile and bamboo flooring. New kitchen, tray ceilings, private pool.
\$779,500 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420

Condominiums/Villas

CAP FERRAT 6597 Nicholas Blvd. #1001
SW end residence, panoramic Gulf and bay views. Den, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, high-end finishes, pool, secured entry. **\$2,800,000 | Ellen Eggland | 571-7192**

MONTENERO 7575 Pelican Bay Blvd. #508
Private elevator! Beachfront, 3 bedroom plus den with 4,080 total SF. Panoramic views of Gulf from oversized lanai.
\$1,975,000 | Judy Perry/Linda Perry & Penny/Bob Lyle | L261-6161

OPEN SUN. 1-4 ST. RAPHAEL 7117 Pelican Bay Blvd. #PH-20
Spectacular sunsets on Gulf with totally unobstructed views from this penthouse. Sunrise terrace looks over golf. **\$1,870,000 | Jean Tarkenton | 595-0544**

OPEN SUN. 1-4 COCOBAY 7865 Cocobay Drive
Lakefront courtyard villa with separate guest house. Wood floors, granite counters, 4 bedroom, 4 bath, private, tropical pool.
\$1,749,000 | Linda Piatt | 269-2322

COCOBAY 7857 Cocobay Drive
Lakefront courtyard villa. Three bedrooms, den and 3,440 total SF. Separate guest house. Screened courtyard. **\$1,749,000 | Linda Piatt | 269-2322**

RENAISSANCE 5850 Pelican Bay Blvd. #3A
Charming residence with high ceilings, granite, wood-burning fireplace, loft library, skylights. Furnished. **\$1,199,000 | Susan Barton | 860-1412**

ST. LAURENT 6849 Grenadier Blvd. #705
Spacious corner 3 bedroom with Bay, Gulf and golf views. Panoramic sunsets from open air lanai. Large master suite.
\$1,150,000 | Michael Lawler/Janet Rathbun | 571-3939

CORONADO 7225 Pelican Bay Blvd. #1104
Gulf views from every room. Stainless appliances, new A/C unit, granite countertops, tray ceilings. Tram to beach.
\$997,000 | Judy Perry/Linda Perry & Penny/Bob Lyle | L261-6161

MARBELLA 7425 Pelican Bay Blvd. #201
Marble floors, crown mouldings, faux paint, foyer with tray ceiling. Retirement living at its best. **\$985,000 | Ted Dudley | 860-2498**

HERON 5555 Heron Point Drive #802
Your home in the sky awaits. Stunningly remodeled. Unobstructed bay and Gulf views. Two bedrooms, den, 3 baths. **\$945,900 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126**

PELICAN BAY

Condominiums/Villas

ST. MARISSA 6573 Marissa Loop #2003
Gulf of Mexico views from this residence with an entire new kitchen featuring granite, new cabinetry and new appliances!
\$929,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731

MARBELLA 7425 Pelican Bay Blvd. #1105
Wonderful Gulf views from this 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath with approx. 2,000 total SF. Full service building. **\$899,500 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420**

CRESCENT 8440 Abbington Circle #25
Lake, golf, sunsets, lush distant horizons, and palm trees. Spacious 2 bedroom, den, 2.5 bath, large SW lanai. **\$899,000 | Mary Halpin | 269-3005**

L'AMBIANCE 1100 L'Ambiance Circle #202
Airy south-facing 3 bedroom plus family room, 3 bath lakefront corner residence. Near shops, restaurants, private beach. **\$875,000 | Dorcas Briscoe | 594-9494**

BAY VILLAS 554 Bay Villas Lane
Beautifully remodeled, 3 bedroom villa with soaring, vaulted ceilings in the great room, master bath, and kitchen. **\$874,950**
Mary Halpin/Jamey Halpin | 269-3005

ST. MARISSA 6573 Marissa Loop #1002
Endless Gulf of Mexico views from this 2 bedroom plus den condominium. Beautifully updated building with great amenities.
\$799,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731

OPEN SUN. 1-4 ST. RAPHAEL 7117 Pelican Bay Blvd. #202
Custom interior finishes throughout modified floor plan. Appointments of marble, polished porcelain and granite. **\$795,000 | Jean Tarkenton | 595-0544**

STRATFORD 5601 Turtle Bay Drive #501
Long views of Gulf of Mexico. Over 3000 sq. ft. of living area, 2 bedrooms, study, 3 baths and a quiet location. **\$749,000 | Linda Piatt | 269-2322**

ST. RAPHAEL 7117 Pelican Bay Blvd. #14
Garden residence with condominium amenities! Private 26'x20' pool, spacious garden, 2 bedrooms, marble floors. **\$745,000 | Cynthia Joannou | 273-0666**

CHATEAUMERE 6040 Pelican Bay Blvd. #301
Fabulously updated 3 bedroom, 3 bath corner residence with wraparound lanai. Move in and enjoy! **\$699,777 | Esther Van Lare | 404-3045**

ST. NICOLE 5550 Heron Point Drive #1202
Sunsets from balcony! Pristine 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom residence. Gorgeous Gulf views, beautiful furnishings. **\$675,000 | Pat Duggan | 216-1980**

ST. PIERRE 6825 Grenadier Blvd. #103
Sellers Motivated! Upscale, bright 3 bedroom, 2 bath high-rise, lush garden view, hurricane shutters, beach access next door! **\$575,000 | Patricia Bucalo | 248-0694**

CALAIS 7016 Pelican Bay Blvd. #102
New 20" tile, carpet, cabinets, granite and marble counters, stainless appliances and crown moulding. Attached garage. **\$559,000 | Barbi/Steve Lowe | 216-1973**

L'AMBIANCE 800 L'Ambiance Circle #103
Prime location with waterscape, fountain and waterfall vistas. Smartly designed residence for maximum enjoyment. **\$499,000 | Vickie Larscheid | 250-5041**

AVALON 8375 Excalibur Circle #8
Wonderful lake views! Open corner 2 bedroom plus den with cathedral ceilings and split bedrooms. One-car garage. **\$495,000 | Pat Biernat | 269-6264**

PELICAN BAY

Condominiums/Villas

STRATFORD 5601 Turtle Bay Drive #402
Extremely beautiful views of the Gulf. Newer A/C unit, hot water heater, in this 2 bedroom, 2 bath high-rise. **\$489,000 | Polly Himmel | 290-3910**

HYDE PARK 6360 Pelican Bay Blvd. #C404
Awesome views of golf course and lake. Spacious 2 bedroom plus den, 2.5 bath. Updated kitchen, new wood flooring.
\$475,000 | Mary Halpin/Jamey Halpin | 269-3005

CHATEAUMERE 6060 Pelican Bay Blvd. #201
Beautifully renovated! Spectacular lake/golf views. Enclosed lanai with sliding glass doors. Turnkey furnished. **\$469,000 | Julie Rembos/Linda Ohler | 595-1809**

PEBBLE CREEK 7750 Pebble Creek Circle #203
Relax with a long lake view from cottage-style decor condominium. Location, location, location. Enclosed garage. **\$439,000 | Janet Rathbun | 860-0012**

HYDE PARK 6300 Pelican Bay Blvd. #A-402
Fantastic lake and golf course views from the terrace of this 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath condominium. Convenient to all. **\$430,000 | Pat Biernat | 269-6264**

PELICAN MARSH

Single Family Homes

MUIRFIELD 8845 Muirfield Drive
Magnificent custom-built home. Two home theaters, wine cellar, wood floors, granite counters. Pool, waterfall spa. **\$1,399,000 | Alison Kalb | 564-0714**

GABLES 1052 Spanish Moss Trail
Custom built 4 bedroom plus den with a large kitchen that opens onto family room w/wood burning fireplace. Lanai overlooks lake.
\$1,050,000 | Mitch/Sandi Williams | 370-8879

VENTURA 8816 Ventura Way
Expansive great room and kitchen. "Spinnaker" floor plan, 3 bedroom plus loft/den, lanai with pool. Attached 2-car garage. **\$545,000 | Pat Duggan | 216-1980**

Condominiums/Villas

TERRABELLA 9154 Torrefino Court
Contemporary villa with European-style finishes. Three bedroom, upgraded cabinetry, guest cabana & courtyard pool/spa. **\$1,285,000 | Rod Soars | 290-2448**

PORTOFINO 1456 Via Portofino
Tile & marble floors, volume ceilings, and plantation shutters. Private pool & spacious lanai overlook preserve. **\$999,000 | Jean Tarkenton | 595-0544**

OSPREY POINTE 9061 Whimbrel Watch Lane #202
Second floor, 3 bedroom plus den, 3 bath floor plan lives like a house. Southern exposure golf course views, 2-car garage. **\$599,000 | Ray Couret | 293-5899**

MONT CLAIRE 2365 Mont Claire Drive #101
Turnkey furnished 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath with wet bar, built-ins, diagonal tile, crown moulding and coffered ceilings. **\$580,000 | Ray Couret | 293-5899**

CLERMONT 1575 Clermont Drive #202
Three bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, and a 2nd floor location. Lake views and palm tree-lined sunsets. Tastefully updated. **\$399,000 | Ray Couret | 293-5899**

ARIELLE 2245 Arielle Drive #2101
New wood flooring and great decor! This end 3 bedroom plus family room/den residence enjoys a peaceful lake view. **\$369,000 | Jean Tarkenton | 595-0544**

ARIELLE 2120 Arielle Drive #202
Amazing lake and golf views with southern exposure. Corner 2 bedroom plus den. Tastefully decorated and sunny. **\$319,000 | Ray Couret | 293-5899**

Lots

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The Villas of Estuary

Located in the prestigious Estuary community • Elegant 4 bedroom, 4 bath villa is Florida living at its best • Outdoor living includes pool, spa, fireplace and kitchen with expansive Western exposure golf course view • Many additional upgrades added to this charming villa • This is a must see • Relax and enjoy your home as most maintenance is done for you!
Priced at \$1,990,000



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 • Satirina 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 \$5,399,000



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



Terra Verde

This exceptional coach home is located on a fabulous water & golf view • 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, professionally decorated, all new granite counter tops, cove moldings, stereo speakers throughout, wireless network & high speed internet • This home includes a separate Cabana with bath overlooking the tropical pool at Terra Verde
Priced at \$975,000 furnished



The Torino C

Mediterranean-style home built by The Newport Companies • 4 Bedrooms plus study and loft • 4 and 1 half baths • Dramatic staircase in foyer • Top-of-the-line professional series appliances • Stone tile floors and designer carpeting • 4,922 sq.ft.
Priced at \$1,899,500 furnished



La Residence

• 2 Story Villa with view of lake and Pine Course 18th • Beautifully appointed Kitchen with adjoining family room • Second Floor sitting room with balcony and two guest suites • Abundant storage, 2 car garage & golf cart
Priced at \$1,695,000



The Estates

View to the South, Southwest & Southeast of the Pine golf course! • 3 bedrooms, 4 baths, plus den home with mitered windows • Oversized lanai, gorgeous tropical landscaping and updated appliances, air conditioner and more
Priced at \$1,649,000 furniture neg.



Avila

Exceptional find! • 4 bedroom plus loft villa • 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.
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WEEK OF JUNE 18-24, 2009

A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE

PHOTOS/ THE ART LEAGUE OF BONITA SPRINGS

BY NANCY STETSON
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IF YOU THINK ALL TEAPOTS are, as the song says, "short and stout," just simple utilitarian household items to be used but not admired, you're in for a surprise. Artists have long embraced the object, and, more recently, as artists are prone to do, are pushing its boundaries. "Teapots: Object to Subject," an exhibit at the Center for the Arts at The Art League of Bonita Springs, is a perfect example of that. Among its many teapots are some that would look right at home on your

SEE POTS, C4 ►

Above, Venus By Russian artist Noi Volkov.

Above and top, Nancy Selvin's terracotta teapots have beauty in their roughness.

>>inside:
See more teapots from the traveling exhibit.
C4

WEEK at-a-glance



Stepping out

A fashion show to benefit Step by Step, and more summer fun. **C20 & 21 ►**



Not worth \$10

That's what movie critic Dan Hudak says about "Pelham 1 2 3." **C12 ►**



Himalayan scenes

Photographer Tom Curtis will share stories of his adventures at Six Degrees. **C6 ►**

Filmed locally, 'Still Green' comes out in Naples this weekend

BY NANCY STETSON
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Graduating from high school is a milestone for every teen, but the eight friends who start out celebrating in the movie "Still Green" wind up facing another milestone, too — a much bigger, more difficult one: the death of a friend.

The grads are starting their coming-of-age summer in a rental house on the Gulf of Mexico, when an accident happens. "One of the kids ends up dying," says movie co-producer Doug Lloyd. "And they have to make a decision about what to do."

The film, which was shot in Naples and Bonita Springs and directed by Joe



COURTESY PHOTO

Paul Costa as Brandon and Sarah Jones as Kerri in a scene from "Still Green."

Artigo, has its Florida debut at the Pavilion 10 Cinemas in Naples June 19-25.

It was writer and co-producer Georgia Menides' idea to have "something dark happen in such a beautiful environment," Mr. Lloyd says. They had worked

if you go

- >> **"Still Green,"** the Florida premier
- >> **Where:** Pavilion 10 Cinemas
833 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples
- >> **When:** June 19-25
- >> **Information:** Call 596-0008 for show times.

in Southwest Florida on the film "Freedom Park" (also directed by Mr. Artigo), which won awards at World Cinema Naples and the Marco Island Film Festival in 2004.

"We really came to love this area

SEE GREEN, C14 ►



Spice would be nice

Passage to India needs to kick it up. **C23 ►**

SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

Niceness makes a comeback



“Nice guys finish last,” the nice guys of the world lament. And nice women everywhere nod their heads in collective agreement.

On a summer trip to Rome, I spent an interminable 30 minutes just inside Saint Peter’s, waiting for the rest of my group. I leaned against a marble column, observing the passing tourists in sun visors and man-pris (the cropped pants much-loved by European males).

A good-looking Italian security guard darted smoldering looks in my direction. He walked an increasingly narrow security perimeter so that our shoulders nearly brushed after 20 minutes. In all that time, he never once smiled. While he was walking the wider part of his route, a group of Americans passed. Pale and Midwestern, they looked soft beneath their stone-washed Levis. One young man glanced in my direction. When our eyes met, he smiled a bright, open smile, beaming that unique brand of American kindness identifiable anywhere in the world. Not an Adonis, I thought, but his warmth still put him leagues ahead of the handsome — but sullen — security guard.

Niceness certainly feels like a turn-on, so I wonder why we don’t encourage it

more in our relationships.

In her best-selling dating advice book, “Why Men Love Bitches,” author Sherry Argov tells the story of a married friend who convinced her husband to do his own laundry using a supreme-o bitch tactic. Her solution? She dropped a red sweatshirt into his load of white cotton underwear. There was much gnashing of teeth and rending of clothes when he discovered the carnage. With a pair of pink boxer shorts clutched in a meaty fist, he shouted, “You will never, ever, ever do my laundry again.” His wife smiled in triumph. Ouch.

Thankfully, a recent *New York Times* article reported that congeniality is making a comeback. Leading men like Paul Rudd and Seth Rogan point to the growing trend. “That amiable guys and uncomplicated sweet-hearts could be today’s pop heroes is a sign of an outbreak of niceness across the cultural landscape — an attitude bubbling up in commercials, movies and even, to a degree, the normally not-nice blogosphere,” the *NYT* reported.

If this is really the case, then I — for one — am thrilled. I’m tired of the meanness that now masquerades as social normalcy. Not just the Simon Cowell and Janice Dickinson type of harshness, but the rudeness and sarcasm that have infiltrated our romantic behavior as well. Since when did love become less about kindness and more

about snarkiness?

In her sequel to “Why Men Love Bitches” — “Why Men Marry Bitches” — even Ms. Argov pointed her readers toward greater sweetness. True, she berated a young woman for serving foie gras on the second date, but she seemed to take a step back from the first book’s hard-line stance, where lines like “Baseball, hot dogs, apple pie, and... bitches — it doesn’t get any better than that” set the tone.

In her second book, Ms. Argov encourages women to have a backbone but allows room for a gentler side. “All you have to do is be feminine, soft, charming and enjoyable to be around,” she says. Wouldn’t that be nice? ■

“With a pair of pink boxer shorts clutched in a meaty fist, he shouted, “You will never, ever, ever do my laundry again.” His wife smiled in triumph. Ouch....”



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Naples Players go 'Thoroughly Modern' for this summer's musical production

The Naples Players will present "Thoroughly Modern Millie" June 26-July 25 at the Sugden Community Theatre. The high-spirited musical set in the New York City of the roaring 1920s is the winner of six Tony Awards, including Best Musical.

It's the story of Millie, a small-town girl who arrives in the big city with dreams of marrying for money rather than for love. After all, she's a modern girl, a flapper who meets up with all sorts of zany characters, high-brow and low-rent, at the hotel where she lives and plays. Intrigue, mystery and romance combine to create a toe-tapping, Charleston-dancing, Keystone Kops comedy with lots of big production numbers that are fun for the whole family.

The book was written by Richard Morris and Dick Scanlan. Music is by Jeanine Tesori, who also wrote the



music for "Shrek, the Musical," which is now on Broadway.

The Naples Players production of "Thoroughly Modern Millie" follows its tradition of staging a full-orchestra show each summer. The show features a lavish set and costumes, lots of tap dancing and unique props such as custom-built rolling desks, typewriters and telephones.

"Thoroughly Modern Millie" will be performed at 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 26-July 25. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$10 for children 18 and under. The dinner/show package, which includes an adult ticket to "Thoroughly Modern Millie" and a three-course dinner at Vergina restaurant, is \$48.

Visit the box office at 701 Fifth Avenue South, call 263-7990 or go to www.naplesplayers.org.



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POTS

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kitchen table. Then there are those that look like sculpture, or a fiber purse, or a pile of rocks.

Ray Bub's "Mint Green Sharp Edges Reassembled Ring Teapot" demonstrates the deconstruction of the teapot as we know it. The artist took one of his ring teapots, cut it up into four pieces with a curving saw blade and reassembled it, almost like a three-dimensional version of Duchamp's "Nude Descending a Staircase No. 2." You see a base, the curve of a handle, of a spout, the idea of a teapot, but it's entirely reconstructed.

"It's very Cubist," Susan Bridges, executive director of the Art League of Bonita Springs, says about Mr. Bub's teapot. "It has a wonderful feel to it."

Barbara Frey's "Let's Go Teapot # 21" looks like a pile of stones and pebbles piled on top of smooth oval river rocks. Three small pebbles form the handle, while two small pebbles are the spout.

In her artist's statement, Ms. Frey says that her teapots are composed of "porcelain stones created in homage to the smooth, rounded stones I find on the shores of Lake Ontario. I am interested in creating what might be called an intensified realism."

Although it looks as though it's made from rocks, "When you get closer, you realize it's wheel-thrown vessels and shapes arranged together, glazed and fired," Ms. Bridges says.

Not your grandmother's teapots

"Teapots: Object to Subject" was originated at Craft Alliance in St. Louis, Mo., and is now touring through the U.S. The Center for the Arts at the Art League of Bonita Springs will host the exhibit from June 19 through Aug. 13.

Ms. Bridges booked the show for the center more than a year ago. "When I saw this show, I jumped at it," she says.

Her concern is that when people hear about a teapot exhibit, "They'll say, 'Great, I'll send my grandmother,' or 'I'll send my Aunt Matilda,'" she says. "These aren't your grandmother's teapots. These are truly art... by highly individual, personal artists who have created their own iconography. It's great stuff."

Some of the artists push our idea of what a teapot should be.

"It asks people to think differently," Ms. Bridges says. "It asks people to step outside a little... It's taking an idea and turning it over upside down. You turn it inside out, and after you've looked at every facet of that idea, you then say, 'OK, I'm ready to make this artwork.'"

"They've turned it over in their minds, and that shows in these pieces. They thought about teapot, and then not."

Richard Notkin's "Stacked Teapot (Variation # 9), part of the Yixing Series" looks like something from a miniature stage set. Although it's stoneware, it looks more like plastic and consists of two wooden crates stacked one on top of the other. On one end is a concrete block with a tire balancing on it; that's the handle. On the other end, three steel drums balance; that's the spout. On top of the piece is a checkerboard with a Coca-Cola bottle standing in the middle; that's the lid.

The piece is marvelous with detail. You can see the grain in the wood, and even tiny nails. The tire has tread, and the concrete block is roughly textured. If you look closely, you can even see the Coca-Cola logo on the bottle.

Just like the checkerboard on top of the piece, this teapot is a study in straight edges and roundness, with the rectangular shapes of the crates and the



Picasso, by Noi Volkov

circular shapes of the tire and drums.

The more she examined "Stacked Teapot" over a couple of days after it arrived at the center, Ms. Bridges says, "The more I was glad.

"It begs you to look at it more closely," she adds. "Those who do, get rewarded, and those who don't, what a loss... It's just there, waiting for you to discover all the little elements of it. I love it. I absolutely love it."

The artists' cup of tea

The exhibit includes two works by Russian artist Noi Volkov, whose teapots pay homage to famous artists. In the traveling show are "Picasso" and "Venus." The former has a three-dimensional face of Pablo Picasso on one side and one of his Cubist paintings of a woman on the opposite side; a red bull and a three-dimensional Cubist woman and red bull, reminiscent of his "Guernica," sit on the lid.

Volkov's "Venus" teapot is based on Botticelli's "The Birth of Venus." One side of the teapot is a close-up of Venus's face; the other is sand, sea and



Avian Teapot, by Louis Marak



King Penguins Upright, by Ray Bub

sky, like the background of the famous painting. The waves and curlicues of Venus' hair form the handle. A clamshell, complete with pearl, forms the handle for the lid.

Carriane Hendrickson's "Sea of Duplicity," a 2006 piece made of low-fire white clay with a low-fire glaze, looks more like a sculpture than a teapot. A woman in a bathing suit, cap and sunglasses stands in a yellow inner tube that has two faces: one with antlers and the other with sharp, white teeth. The lid is the two polka-dotted beach balls she has tucked under her left arm.

Richard Swanson's teapots look like zaftig, red clay figures. "My Sister, Myself" shows a nude woman on her stomach, chin in hands, while "Pleasure That Burns" shows a couple making love. The figures are lusciously plump, almost Botero-like in their roundness.

Not-so-everyday varieties

Other teapots look very much like teapots. Adam Posnak created one with a flower on the side, and another



Let's Go Teapot #21, by Barbara Frey



Stacked Crates, by Richard Notkin

if you go

>>What: "Teapots: Object to Subject"
>>When: Opening reception 6-8 p.m. Friday, June 19. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday through Aug. 13
>>Where: Center for the Arts at the Art League of Bonita Springs, 26100 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs
>>Cost: Free
>>Information: Call 495-8989

bearing skull and crossbones.

Nancy Selvin's terracotta teapots have beauty in their roughness. The artist draws lines and designs on her textured pots with a ceramic pencil. They seem casual, but Ms. Selvin's creations are carefully constructed.

Rollie Younger's "Bridge Tea" looks almost like a coffee urn made out of steel girders and bronze. The bell-shaped teapot includes rivets, welding, girders and a huge gauge on top. The outside is dark and very industrial looking, but the inside is a warm, glazed rose color that you wouldn't have guessed.

In contrast, Kate Anderson's "Mickey Mouse Teapot/Warhol-Haring," made of knotted waxed linen and stainless steel, looks like a purse. On one side is a reproduction of Andy Warhol's silkscreen of Mickey Mouse; on the other side is a reproduction of "Andy Mouse," Keith Haring's portrait of Warhol as Mickey Mouse. On top of the purse is the name "Mickey" in stainless steel, and the handle has four Haring-like figures cut out. The spout is a little cube of stainless steel with no visible hole.

"Making sculptural forms using a basketry technique called knotting opens up questions about content, 'high art' and the blurred edges where art and craft meet," Ms. Anderson writes in her artist's statement. "Teapots are familiar and comfortable icons; I create them as containers to hold images of visual art icons."

"Look at what they've done with teapots," Ms. Bridges says with admiration as she surveys the show. Every day she looks at the teapots, she says, she sees something new to admire.

"It's a common, everyday thing that you shouldn't just pass by without taking a second look." ■



Sea of Duplicity, by Carriane Hendrickson



Bridge Tea, by Rollie Younger

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■ **Three Little Pigs** - The Naples Players presents "The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs" through June 20 in the Tobye Studio at Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

■ **Peter Pan** - Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre in Fort Myers presents the high-flying adventure "Peter Pan" through Aug. 8. Performances are Wednesday through Sunday evenings, with matinees on select dates. 278-4422 or www.BroadwayPalm.com.

Best bets for the weekend

Here's what the United Arts Council of Collier County suggests you work into your plans for June 19-21 (call ahead for specific show times and open hours):

■ **Holocaust Museum of Southwest Florida** - It's a great time to view the permanent collection; 263-9200.

■ **The Who's Tommy** - TheatreZone presents the rock musical in the G&L Theater at The Community School of Naples; (888) 966-3352.

■ **Lions, Tigers & Bears '09!** - Dad can trade an old bottle of cologne for free admission to The Naples Zoo; 262-5409.

■ **Anniversary of D-Day Commemorative Exhibit** - At the Collier County Museum; 252-8476.

■ **Crossroads** - On exhibit at Rosen Gallery & Studios; 821-1061.

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This week's live bands

■ **Bayshore Coffee Company** - Live music every night. Call for this week's lineup. 2727 Bayshore Drive. 775-5676 or 287-2035.

■ **Fred's Diner** - Wednesday: Singer/Songwriter Night hosted by Tim McGeary and sponsored by Robert George Productions from 6:30-9 p.m. Uptown Plaza, 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.

■ **The Island Pub** - The Island Sounds of Trevor Earl, 5-8 p.m. Friday. Jebry's Jazz Jam, 5-8 p.m. Monday. 600 Neapolitan Way, in the Park Shore Resort. 262-2500 or www.naplespubs.com.

■ **Noodles** - Saturday: Paul Rozmus and the Funkyside Dance Band beginning at 8:30 p.m. 1585 Pine Ridge Road. 592-0050.

■ **Olio** - Jazz during Sunday jazz brunch 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and every Wednesday 6-9 p.m. 1500 Fifth Avenue South. 530-5110.

■ **Riverwalk at Tin City** - Thursday 5:30-8:30 p.m.: John Lowbridge; Friday

5:30-8:30 p.m.: Merrill Allen; Saturday 5:30-8:30 p.m.: Sal Desantis; Sunday 3-7 p.m.: Sal Desantis. 1200 Fifth Avenue South. 263-2734. www.riverwalktincity.com.

■ **Sea Salt** - Thursday and Saturday, 7-10 p.m.: Cougar and the sounds of flamenco guitar; 1186 Third Street South; 434-7258 www.seasaltnaples.com.

Thursday, June 18

■ **Thursday on Third** - Stroll along Third Street South and enjoy the sounds of Made In Brooklyn, Plan B and the Beadniks from 7-10 p.m.

■ **Indie Screening** - Catch some indie shorts and hob-nob with Naples International Film Festival judges from 7-9 p.m. at Six Degrees Exhibitions, 1100 Sixth Avenue South. 331-2678 or www.naplesfilmfest.com.

Friday, June 19

■ **Kids Free Fridays** - Kids 12 and under are admitted free with a paying adult (\$5) from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Fridays through Aug. 21, at Rookery Bay Reserve Environmental Learning Center, 300 Tower Road. 417-6310.

■ **Edison Expert** - Michele Albion, author of "The Florida Life of Thomas Edison," discusses her research in a free presentation at 3 p.m. at the Collier County Museum. E-mail Jennifer-Guida@colliergov.net.

■ **Wine Tasting** - Sukie Honeycutt leads a wine tasting at Bayside Seafood Grill Bar from 5:30-7 p.m. Cost: \$15. RSVP to sukieh@tonysoffthird.com or 262-5500.

■ **Wegman's Weimaraners** - Well-behaved pooches and their humans are invited to an opening reception for an exhibit of original William Wegman photos from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Bamboo Café. Proceeds from cocktail sales will benefit local animal rescue efforts. The restaurant will offer a special \$22.50 prix fixe dinner along with the regular menu. 643-6177.

■ **Teapots on Tour** - "Teapots: Object to Subject" opens with a reception from 6-8 p.m. at The Center for the Arts in Bonita Springs. The Art League of Bonita Springs hosts the exhibit of more than 40 artful teapots through Aug. 13. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Saturday, June 20

■ **Farmers Market** - The Third Street South Farmers Market is open from 7:30-11:30 a.m. in the parking lot behind Tommy Bahamas.

■ **Fun in the Sun** - Have "Fun in the Sun" in the North Park at Ave Maria from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pulte Homes is the host for entertainment and refreshments. 304-7600 or www.avemaria.com.

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Saturday, June 20

■ **Venetian Days** - Celebrate 20 years at The Village on Venetian Bay from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Naples Players will perform at 1 and 2 p.m., and Collier County Domestic Animal Services will show off adoptable pets from 2-4 p.m. Restaurants and shops will have specials throughout the day.

■ **Dinner and Laughs** - Enjoy a three-course dinner and see "Assisted Living," a musical by the comedy team of Compton and Bennett, all for \$29.95 at Fred's Diner, Uptown Plaza, 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.



Famed photographer Tom Curtis will display his "Extraordinary Images of the Himalayas" at Six Degrees Exhibitions Art Gallery and Art Bar from 2-6 p.m. Sunday, June 21. Mr. Curtis has dared to go where others have only dreamed and has captured on film what few have seen, from a king penguin rookery in Antarctica to African lions in Kenya. At Six Degrees he will tell of the adventures his photos so vividly depict. Admission is free and the images will be available for purchase. Six Degrees Exhibitions is on the Dockside Boardwalk next to Tin City. For more information, call 331-2678.

Sunday, June 21

■ **Taste of the Beach** - Head to Fort Myers Beach for Taste of the Beach from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. next to Salty Sam's Marina on Old San Carlos Island. 226-0400.

Monday, June 22

■ **Three Movie Matinee** - See three independent films for \$3 beginning at 3 p.m. at Six Degrees Exhibitions, 1100 Sixth Street South next to Tin City. 331-2678.

Tuesday, June 23

■ **Outdoor Movies** - See "Charlotte's Web" as part of Gulf Coast Town Center's free Cinema Under the Stars evening. The show starts around sundown in Market Plaza.

Wednesday, June 24

■ **Walking Tour** - The Historic Old Naples Walking Tours meet at Palm Cottage at 9 a.m.

■ **Historic Naples** - Historic Palm Cottage and Norris Gardens are open from 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays through June 27.



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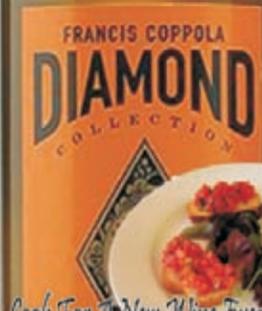
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ARTS COMMENTARY

'The Who's Tommy' makes for a strange musical that's missing spark



"Tommy" by The Who was one of my favorite Christmas presents when I was a girl. I remember being mesmerized by the music on two (two!) records, the way the album jacket unfolds into three panels, the Escher-like art of that blue latticework and the doves.

My older, teenaged brother was just as enamored with the double album and let me play it on his turntable.

But damn, does it make a strange musical!

Some facts in the rock opera have been changed for the stage. The boy Tommy becomes deaf, blind and mute after witnessing his father murder his wife's lover. None of the doctors who see Tommy can help him. The Acid Queen, however, instead of a prostitute who sleeps with Tommy and gets him high, is an evangelist who claims she can heal him.

Tommy experiences sexual and physical abuse at the hands of Uncle Ernie and Cousin Kevin, but goes on to become a Pinball Wizard.

When he has a breakthrough and can once again speak, see and hear, he becomes a rock idol. But when he tells his fans not to follow him, they turn on him and reject him.

At least, that's what I think happened. But don't hold me to it. This odd little musical can be difficult to follow.

And the way it ends, it could've all been just a dream, or a dying man's hallucination.

I suspect Pete Townshend of The Who didn't imagine it being staged when he penned this classic. When it was simply a double album, the music was so powerful and creative that the strange storyline wasn't front and center.

(I also suspect that many who listened to the album back then were aided by hallucinogens, which probably "helped" their understanding of the story.)

Suffice it to say that this is a musical about alienation, finding one's way, and the pitfalls of hero worship.

TheatreZone in Naples has "The Who's Tommy" on the boards for June, and I found it to be a mixed bag.

Some of the performers are top-name people from Broadway and regional theater, but in this production, the parts are



Shane Daniel Lord, reflected in the mirror, is Tommy in "The Who's Tommy."

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Larry Alexander plays Mr. Walker and Tracey Edwards stars as Mrs. Walker in "The Who's Tommy" for TheatreZone.



better than the sum of them.

To be fair, it's a challenging show for anyone to tackle. There's very little dialogue, and the story unfolds in numerous, rapid, short scenes, especially in Act I. Plus, the title character spends most of his time on stage in a catatonic state.

Opening night was plagued with sound problems — mikes weren't turned on in time, others only worked some of the time; there was feedback and pops. And the vocal balance wasn't consistent: One singer could barely be heard, while another's voice was way too loud.

The set design, by Kirk V. Hughes, looked very cheap. Yes, they have a low budget and were going for a minimal-

ist look. And with all the rapid scene changes, especially in the beginning, there's simply no time to load in complicated sets. Still, what sets and props there were, looked thrown together, especially the giant pinball machine.

The talent, on the other hand, was a different story. All the leads were very polished and compelling. Larry Alexander, as Capt. Walker, has a pow-

erful voice and commanding stage presence. I enjoyed his singing so much I wish he'd had a larger role. And his duets with Mrs. Walker (Tracey Edwards, returning to the stage after a long hiatus) were wonderful.

Meg Pryor, as the Acid Queen, was memorable. I'm thankful she didn't try to impersonate Tina Turner. (No one can be Tina Turner except Tina Turner.) She put her own authoritative spin on the number.

Ladd Boris, as Uncle Ernie, stole the show. Looking more like Uncle Fester than Uncle Ernie, this bald, lumpish character actor made my skin crawl as he sang "Fiddle About," about how he was going

to molest 10-year-old Tommy Walker (Jude Farley).

Director Mark Danni then has the chorus stand in front of the two, blocking our view, which makes the scene even more disturbing.

Mr. Boris really stole the show near the end of Act II, performing "Tommy's Holiday Camp" to maniacal calliope music. He danced, he pranced, he donned sparkly white eyeglasses and vamped. And even though his character is a vile child molester that you hate in Act I, he won you over in a gleeful, over-the-top performance that highlighted what was missing from this production as a whole: that spark, that extra something, that electricity.

Local actor Ryan James puts in a strong performance as Cousin Kevin, a menacing young punk who bullies Tommy and introduces him to pinball.

Shane Daniel Lord (who was Berger in TheatreZone's "Hair" last season) is the grown-up Tommy. He has a wonderful voice and falsetto, but it's perhaps better suited to musicals than rock songs. That being said, he was great in "See Me, Feel Me" and in "Pinball Wizard," where he's almost Elvis-like.

The choreography by Karen Molnar is creative, and the costumes by Kathleen Kolacz are an interesting mix of '60s mod style and '40s military wear.

The six-piece band, headed by musical director Charles Fornara, sounds like your best local band playing The Who's songs (if your best local band had a French horn player!) — in other words, not as good as The Who, but nice covers.

Mr. Danni and cast had 10 days to put this show together; perhaps more rehearsal time would've helped it gel some more. There are moments of brilliance, and great performances by individuals and ensembles (especially when the men performed in trios or quartets.) Days afterward, I found myself reliving some of the individual performances.

But to my disappointment, as a production, it didn't knock me out the way I was expecting it to. ■

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BY LISA CHURCH
Special to Florida Weekly



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Teachers have recently posted their grant requests for the 2009-2010 school year. Visit www.ConnectWithAClassroom.org, click "Invest in a student project" and take a peek (be forewarned: you might want to go to school all over again). Teaching students about erosion in "Blowing in the Wind," exploring "History's Mysteries" and "Giving Beads" are just some of the amazing opportunities teachers want to create for their students.

You can also get creative in how you give. When Rich Smolucha, an Education Foundation board member and regular bridge player at the Pelican Bay Duplicate Bridge Club, suggested that the proceeds from "charity games" be donated to benefit the programs championed by The Education Foundation, the club's leadership and members responded positively. "The small, periodic contributions of a group can, over time, add up to something significant and provide a stable base of resources to fund core programs," Mr. Smolucha explains. "It also gives people in the community an opportunity to help share the work of education."

Guy Germer, who directs the club, was

happy to take on the challenge and even expanded the program beyond the Pelican Bay community. So now a group of bridge players have fun through a game they regularly play and at the same time raise awareness about the work of students and teachers across the community, and help fund education programs through modest contributions made over time.

This past February, many decided to attend The ACE Group Classic hosted by Peter Jacobsen to see some great golf and also to support local charitable organizations. The Education Foundation of Collier



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Left to right: Sharon Treiser, Jason Camp, Kevin Rooney and Todd Bradley with proceeds from The Ace Group Classic.

County recently received a \$25,000 contribution from that event.

"The Education Foundation is an amazing organization that helps so many youngsters around the county," said Jason Camp, tournament director. "Through this donation, we hope that The ACE Group Classic will have a yearlong impact on local education. This would not be possible without the support of the community that attended in record numbers this year."

The ACE Group Classic was considered a monumental success in its inaugural year at TPC Treviso Bay. Comments from players, sponsors and fans were overwhelmingly positive. Attendance from tournament week surpassed 110,000 for the first time in the event's history, and proceeds totaling \$232,100 were donated to 14 local charities.

Please consider your role and ways you can help so that together, we can make education the best it can be! ■

Lisa Church is senior vice president at The Education Foundation of Collier County. Founded in 1990, the foundation is an independent, not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to enhance learning for Collier County children and their teachers by engaging community support. For more information, call 643-4755 or visit www.EducationForCollier.org. Rich Smolucha of Golden Technologies contributed to this piece.

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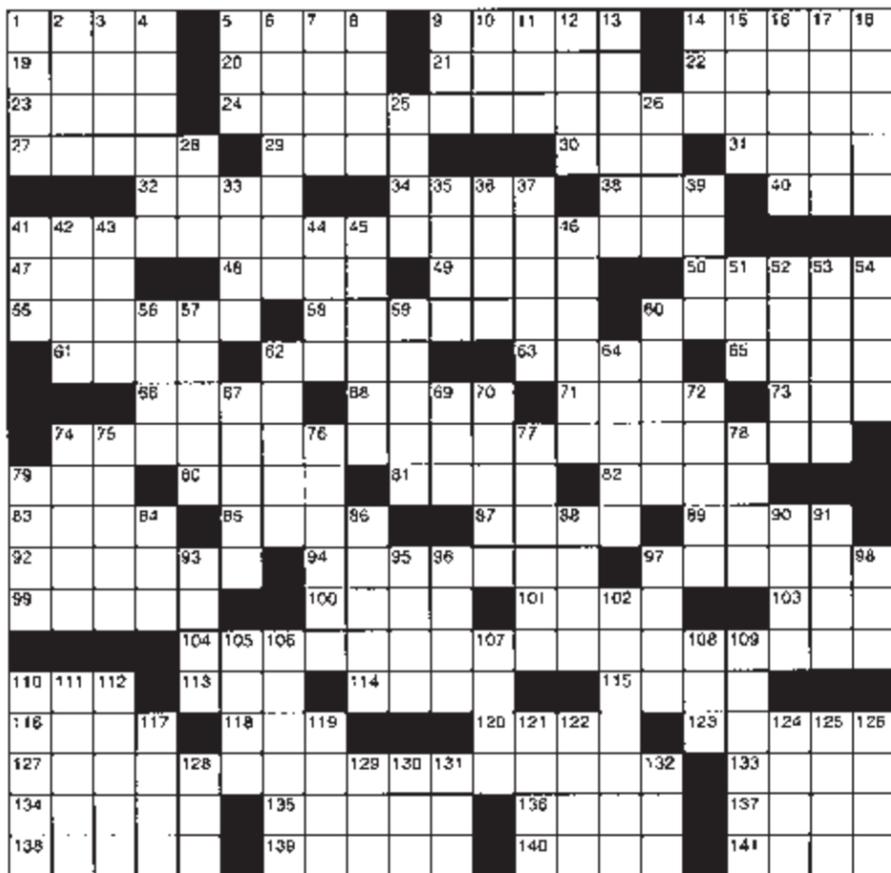
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 - 22 Field marshal Rommel
 - 23 Exclude
 - 24 FARMER WANTED!
 - 27 Passé
 - 29 Roman statesman
 - 30 Mare's morsel
 - 31 Florida county
 - 32 Darling dog
 - 34 It's a long story
 - 38 Gum gob
 - 40 Musical syllables
 - 41 GAS STATION ATTENDANT WANTED!
 - 47 Actress Hagen
 - 48 "— Got Tonight" ('83 tune)
 - 49 Air bear?
 - 50 Buck's "The Good —"
 - 55 Most spirited
 - 58 Descend upon
 - 60 Stick
 - 61 Tiller
 - 62 Agitated state
 - 63 Oklahoma city
 - 65 Bristol brews
 - 66 Novelist O'Flaherty
 - 68 TV's "Happy —"
 - 71 Burn remedy
 - 73 — and outs
 - 74 MAIL CARRIER WANTED!
 - 79 Outlaw
 - 80 Barbara of "Perry Mason"
 - 81 — St. Vincent Millay
 - 82 Dweeb
 - 83 Move like molasses
 - 85 Attempt
 - 87 Stare salaciously
 - 89 97 Across ingredients
 - 92 Weaken, in a way
 - 94 Daydream
 - 97 Brunch offering
 - 99 Tantrum
 - 100 Sedaka or Simon
 - 101 Out-of-this-world org.
 - 103 "Hi, Horace"
 - 104 CHANDELIER SALESMAN WANTED!
 - 110 Singer Davis
 - 113 Paid player
 - 114 Actor McGregor
 - 115 Reunion attendee
 - 116 "Zip — -Doo-Dah"
 - 118 Wildbeast
 - 120 Earl —
 - 127 MILLINER WANTED!
 - 133 Privy to
 - 134 Rod Stewart's ex-prop
 - 135 Pageant
 - 136 — friendly
 - 137 Short on looks
 - 138 Get side-tracked
 - 139 Ski center
 - 140 Pedestal part
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 - DOWN**
 - 1 Lumber
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 - 25 Word with lace or hear
 - 26 And others
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 - 33 Salamander
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 - 37 Usner's beat
 - 39 Stained
 - 41 Toby, for one
 - 42 Neighbor of Idaho
 - 43 Identical
 - 44 A Kara-mazov brother
 - 45 Dwell
 - 46 Sylvester's snooze
 - 51 "Gotcha!"
 - 52 Antique
 - 53 Senator Lott
 - 54 Musical Myra
 - 56 Building wings
 - 57 Jaclyn of "Charlie's Angels"
 - 59 Declare
 - 60 Cherish
 - 62 Food fish
 - 64 Actress Graf
 - 67 Put down
 - 69 Accounting abbr.
 - 70 Murcia
 - 72 Roger's '77 Sunset Strip" co-star
 - 74 Hyper
 - 75 Quilter's cry
 - 76 Found out
 - 77 "— Bull" ('80 film)
 - 78 Bnck
 - 79 Auction actions
 - 84 Savage sort
 - 86 Farmer
 - 88 Rachel's sister
 - 90 Elated
 - 91 Golfer Ballesteros
 - 93 Short-time
 - 95 Survey
 - 96 Joyce of "Fido"
 - 97 Neighbor of Molokai
 - 98 Lapidus or Lewis
 - 102 Began
 - 105 Press
 - 106 Beethoven's "Moonlight —"
 - 107 The — 500
 - 108 Flemrant
 - 109 Impressive lobby
 - 110 "— Pearl" ('71 hit)
 - 111 Mature
 - 112 Ronald or Franck
 - 117 Sicily's highest point
 - 119 "QB VII" author
 - 121 Israel's Barak
 - 122 Tabula — "Benson"
 - 125 Electrical measure
 - 126 "Only Time" singer
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SEE ANSWERS, C9

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HOROSCOPES

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Creating a loving atmosphere for those you care for could pay off in many ways. Expect to hear some unexpected but very welcome news that can make a big difference in your life.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Stepping away from an old and seemingly insoluble problem might be helpful. Use the time to take a new look at the situation and perhaps work out a new method of dealing with it.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're still in a favorable goal-setting mode. However, you might need to be a little more realistic about some of your aims. Best to reach for what is currently doable. The rest will follow.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A setback is never easy to deal with. But it could be a boon in disguise. Recheck your proposal, and strengthen the weak spots. Seek advice from someone who has "been there and done that."

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Coming up with a new way of handling a tedious job-regulated chore could lead to more than just a congratulatory memo once the word reaches the "right place." Good luck.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) What you might call determination someone else might regard as stubbornness. Look for ways to reach a compromise that won't require a major shift of views on your part.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You're still in a

vulnerable mode vis-a-vis "offers" that sound too good to be true. So continue to be skeptical about anything that can't be backed up with provable facts.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Thrift is still dominant this week. What you don't spend on what you don't need will be available for you to draw on should a possible (albeit temporary) money crunch hit.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Staying close to home early in the week allows for some introspection about your social life. Sort out your feelings before rejoining your fun-time fellows on the weekend.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It can be a bit daunting as well as exciting to find yourself finally taking action on a long-delayed move for a change. It helps to stay with it when others rally to support you.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Get your facts together and become familiar with them before you have to face up to that interview. The better prepared you are, the easier it will be to make that important impression.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) New information might warrant changing your mind about a recently made decision. Never mind the temporary confusion it might cause. Acting on the truth is always preferable.

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BEACH READING

'When March Went Mad'

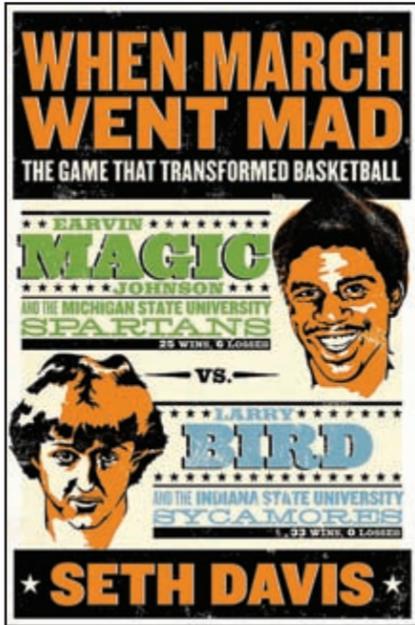
By Seth Davis
(Times Books, \$26)

REVIEWED BY CHRIS RICHCREEK
Special to Florida Weekly

The mega event known as March Madness in men's college basketball had a seminal moment (other than the rise of office bracket pools) that helps explain why it now attracts such a rabid following among sports fans.

That moment was when Magic Johnson's Michigan State Spartans met Larry Bird's Indiana State Sycamores in 1979 for the NCAA Division I championship, a matchup that is still the highest-rated basketball game in TV history.

Author Seth Davis does a great job of filling in the details surrounding that clash in "When March Went Mad." The CBS studio analyst skillfully weaves together two sets of stories, one involving Mr. Johnson and Mr. Bird, and the second involving their coaches, Michigan State's Jud Heathcote and Indiana State's Bill Hodges. Neither coach made it back to a Final Four after 1979. Hodges, who was in his second season as head coach, would be gone from the ISU post a mere three years later.



Davis' book sheds light on key members of both teams, the personal histories of Mr. Bird and Mr. Johnson, and how a number of changes resulted from their meeting, including the rise of ESPN and the rebirth

of the NBA.

One of the most illuminating points comes at the end of the book, in a description of how Mr. Bird has never quite gotten over the loss to Mr. Johnson, despite their later friendship. An emotional Mr. Bird told an Indiana State crowd in 2004, "Hell, Magic was just too tough."

It's the kind of detail that helps secure the author's spot as having written the definitive book of Mr. Bird and Mr. Johnson at the apex of their college careers ■

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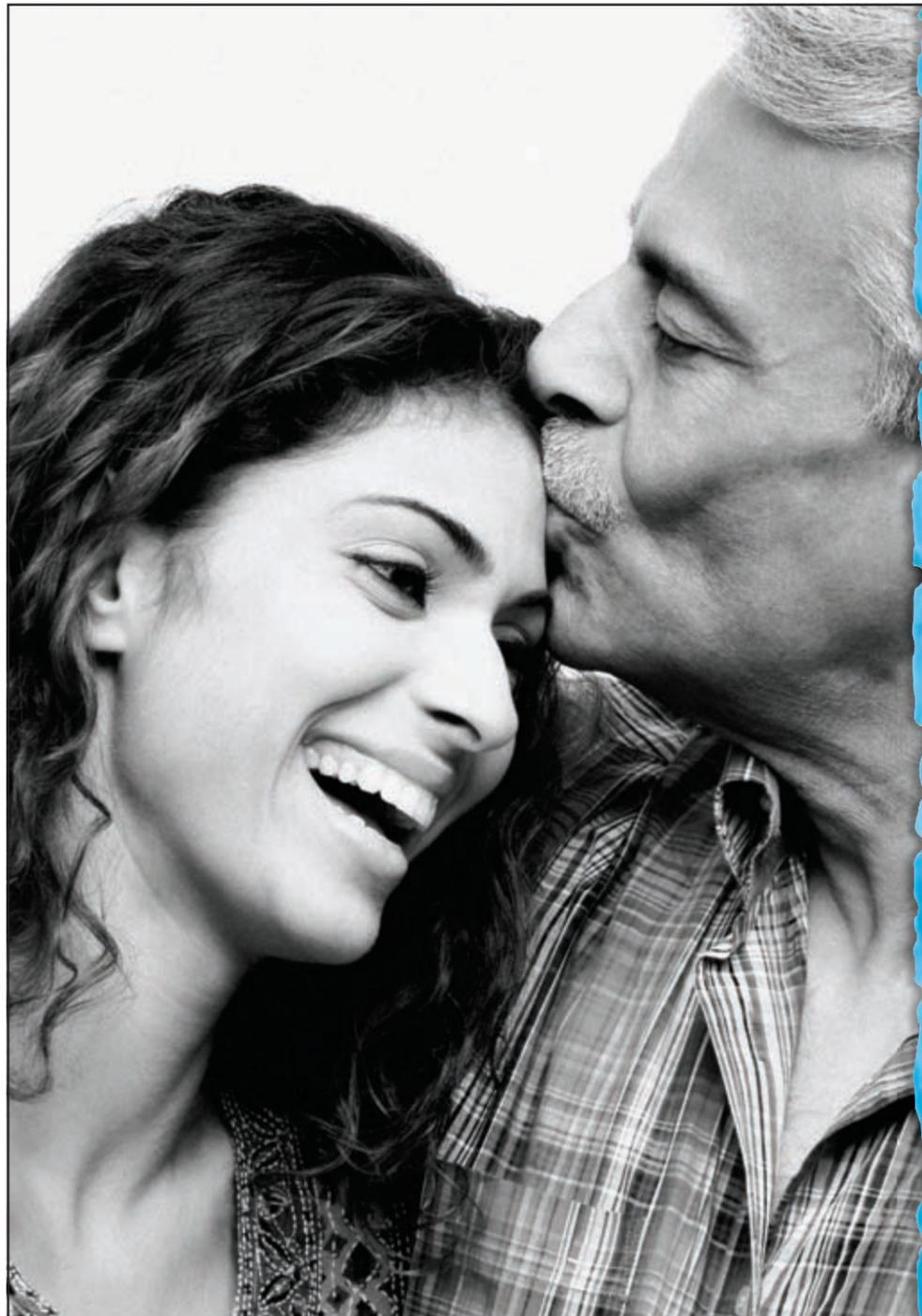
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accused of being a great actor. And he probably never will be. But he usually doesn't ruin movies with his mere presence. Some were terrible regardless ("Battlefield Earth," "Staying Alive"), while others had issues that weren't his fault ("Be Cool," "Basic").

★ ★

Is it worth \$10? No

This shouldn't surprise us, but somehow a movie about a subway hijacking ends with a car chase through New York City traffic. And it's not even a good car chase. It's action for the sake of action, which is always trouble. It would be one thing if all the possibilities of the subway scenario had been exhausted, but that situation — like most of "The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3" — leaves a lot to be desired.

Denzel Washington stars as Walter Garber, a subway train dispatcher with the requisite personal problems that always afflict middle-aged innocents in these movies. In his case, he's under investigation for allegedly taking a bribe from a train contractor. He's about to clock out for the day when a thug named Ryder (John Travolta) and his goons (Luis Guzman, Victor Gojcaj) hijack the Pelham 1 2 3 train, so named because it leaves the Pelham area of the Bronx at 1:23 p.m.

Walter and Ryder have lengthy conversations at times, with bland dialogue that's not nearly as clever as they think it is. Walter's life is made more difficult by an intrusive hostage negotiator (John Turturro) and the mayor (James Gandolfini), both of whom should've been written out of the script. Eventually Ryder requests that Walter bring him the \$10 million he's demanded from the city, which leads up to the aforementioned heinous car chase.

This is the fourth film Mr. Washington has made with director Tony Scott, and it's easily the weakest of the bunch ("Déjà Vu," "Man on Fire" and "Crimson Tide" are the others). It does have Mr. Scott's trademark kinetic energy, but the story is unfocused, and Mr. Travolta's performance is horrible.

Now, Mr. Travolta has never been



Denzel Washington in "The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3."

This time he is to blame. "The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3" requires believability, and not once does Mr. Travolta appear as menacing, hateful or dangerous as he needs to be. All he does is scream "mother*%\$*" about 15 times in between casually chatting and launching ridiculous threats. Watching it, one can't help but think how much better it would be if he and Mr. Washington had switched roles.

There's a good drama to be made from this story, and it's already been made. The 1974 movie starred Walter Matthau as Garber and Robert Shaw as the main bad guy. Anyone who's seen the original can never forget it.

So if you want to see "The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3," go to the video store and rent it. ■

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Did you know?

>>The production shot in the real New York City subway for four weeks, which is the longest shoot ever in New York's subway. Also, the "Pelham" crew was granted access to areas NYC Transit had never before allowed a film crew.

CAPSULES

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'Land of the Lost' ★★

(Will Ferrell, Anna Friel, Danny McBride) On a routine expedition, Dr. Rick Marshall (Ferrell), his assistant (Friel) and a novelty store owner (McBride) travel through a time portal to a land in which past, present and future converge. There are a few good laughs, but it's not cheesy enough to be kitschy-good and the story is a mess. Based on the Sid & Marty Krofft television show. Rated PG-13.

'The Hangover' ★★★½

(Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms, Zach Galifianakis) In Las Vegas, Phil (Cooper), Alan (Galifianakis) and Stu (Helms) are giving groom-to-be Doug (Justin Bartha) a bachelor party for the ages. That they wake up the next morning with terrible hangovers and having

forgotten the events of the night before is one thing; not knowing where they left Doug is another. This is an instant classic in the guy-humor, absolutely hilarious, wife-would-kill-you-if-she-knew sense. Rated R.

'Easy Virtue' ★½



(Jessica Biel, Ben Barnes, Kristin Scott Thomas) In 1920s England, cultures clash

when a son (Barnes) returns to his parents' (Thomas and Colin Firth) country estate with an American wife (Biel). Biel is a bit out of her element in the lead, but that's not the problem here. The real issue is the unfunny dry British humor and painfully one-dimensional characters. It's all such a bore. Rated PG-13. ■

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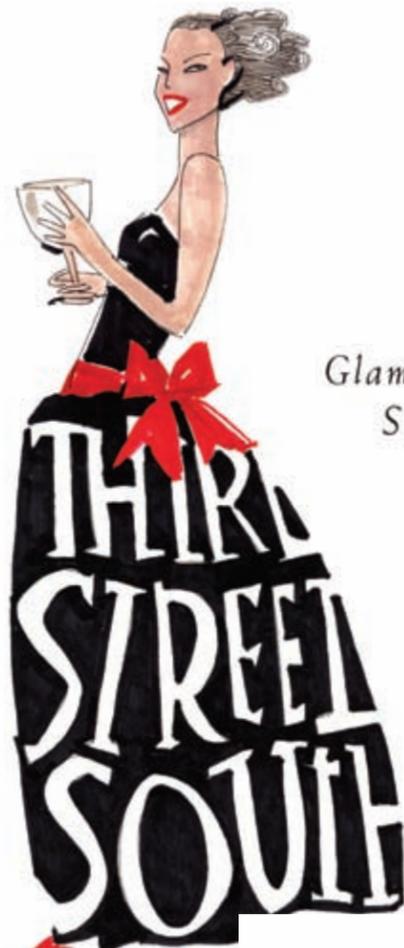


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GREEN

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because it's so beautiful," Mr. Lloyd says. "We met a lot of great people down here who were really excited about movies in this area."

So instead of shooting "Still Green" in Massachusetts, as originally planned, they came here for five weeks in 2005. In order to stretch their money, they shot at the end of summer — which meant they had to deal with hurricane season.

"Hurricane Katrina came right around us in the middle of our shooting, so we had to deal with that a little bit," Mr. Lloyd says. "It changed the weather enough and the sea was crazy enough that it definitely messed with our shooting schedule."

They also had a camera stolen, along with the day's footage that had been shot on Fifth Avenue South in Naples. They later reshot the scenes in Charleston, S.C.

Familiar faces

Some local actors appear in the film.

Gricel Castiniera, who grew up in Naples and is in school in Orlando, auditioned and was cast as one of the ensemble actors.

Paul Costa, from Port St. Lucie, also attended an open call audition and was cast. He has since moved to Los Angeles where he has an agent and is continuing to act.

And though she doesn't have a major role, Fort Myers native Vonzell Solomon of "American Idol" fame also appears in the movie. She plays a small cameo as a record store clerk. "She was very excited that we were in town, so we wanted to fit

her in somewhere," Mr. Lloyd says.

The rest of the ensemble consists of Sarah Jones ("Big Love," "The Riches," "Love Comes Softly"), Noah Segan ("Brick," "Cabin Fever II," "The Brothers Bloom"), Ryan Kelley ("Mean Creek," "Smallville," "Prayers for Bobby") and Douglas Spain ("Band of Brothers," "But I'm a Cheerleader").

Mr. Lloyd says the producers discovered there are pros and cons to using teen actors. A negative, he says, is that because they're all teens, they liked to party after hours. While they were on the set, "They were very, very professional actors," he adds. "But we still had to deal with the fact that they're very good-looking kids, and they were going to develop their own crushes."

So behind the scenes, life was imitating art, and the actors were behaving similarly to the characters on the screen.

The big benefit to using teen actors is that, "We were able to get some really tremendous actors... A lot of them, a few years down the line, are going to be able to demand a high salary. We were able to grab them before they got famous."

"We have a few that are on the verge, and I think within the next couple years you're going to be hearing from them."

The Naples engagement of "Still Green" is part of a limited theatrical tour. The film is also being shown in Worcester and Boston, Mass., and in Los Angeles.

It won Best Narrative Feature at the New England Film/Video Festival and Best Ensemble Cast at the Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival. Boston film critic TC Kirkham called it the Best Film Not Yet Released.

The film was recently sold to Osiris Entertainment and should come out later this year on DVD, Blu-ray and On-Demand. It will also be part of the Naples International Film Festival in November. ■

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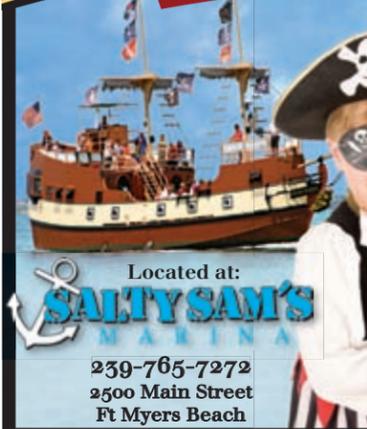
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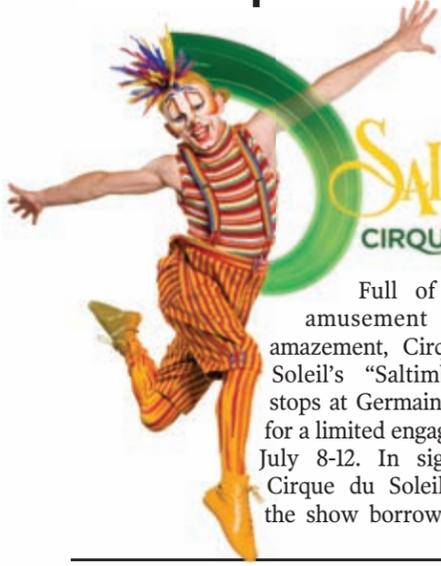
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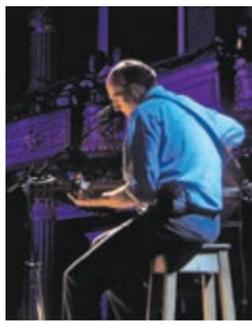
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Cilantro Tamales, 10823 Tamiami Trail, Naples; 597-5855

Mexican food often gets a bad rap as a lard-laden and cheese-drenched cuisine. That's not what you'll find at Cilantro Tamales, where the recipes come from Mexican home cooks who shared them with the founding owner. The dining is cheerful and bright, as are the servers, who deliver large platters laden with fresh, well-prepared food. The guacamole is chunky and studded with jalapenos, tomatoes and onion. The soft



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The Cilantro Tamales sampler platter with a beef tostada, chicken tamale, refried beans and beef taco.

tacos consist of double layers of tender flour tortillas stuffed with savory shredded beef, cheese and onions. And the vegetarian fajitas (chicken and beef are other options) have lots of fresh veggies and black beans, all expertly seasoned. The flan is creamy with a rich vanilla flavor. Cilantro Tamales' menu boldly states "The Best Mexican Food You've Ever Had or It's Free!" It's not likely the management has to pay up very often. Beer and wine served.

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

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

There's nothing puny about the small plates that emerge from the kitchen at IM Tapas. Each looks like a work of art and possesses big, fresh flavors that reveal the passionate dedication to this classic Spanish cuisine of its creators, chefs Isabel Polo Pozo and Mary Shipman. A polished staff and stylish dining room add to the warmth and conviviality of meal at this little off-the-beaten-path gem. Highlights from a recent meal included fresh anchovies in garlic, chorizo in cider, wild bonito with pomegranate seeds and pomegranate foam, duck breast with figs and port wine reduction, bacalao-stuffed peppers and a plate of stellar artisanal cheeses. While not situated on one of the city's popular dining areas, it could easily hold its own among them. It's easy to find and there's plenty of parking. Beer and wine.

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

Naples Tomato, 14700 Tamiami Trail, Naples; 598-9800

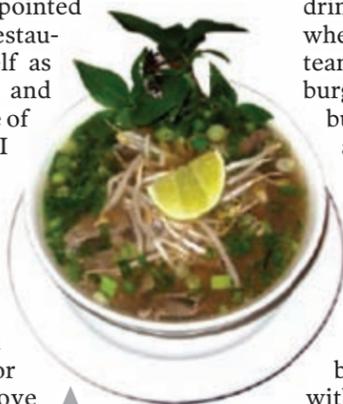
A vast wine selection and a menu of American Neapolitan cuisine make this a justifiably popular establishment. I particularly like that the management buys its tomatoes from local farms and the kitchen makes its own pasta. The Real Deal Crab Cake appetizer is one of the best I've had south of Baltimore and is worthy of its name. A pane cotta — escarole, white beans, bread and Parmesan cheese — was another great starter. The pasta sampler was a winner, with raviolini in

Bolognese sauce, lasagna and shrimp and vegetables over angel-hair pasta. Only the bland rainbow trout disappointed. For dessert, I can heartily recommend the Chocoholic, a warm chocolate cake with chocolate sauce and ice cream. Full bar.

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

Noodle Saigon, 13500 Tamiami Trail North, Naples; 598-9400

This well-appointed but modest restaurant touts itself as "the freshest and healthiest taste of Vietnam" and I fully concur. The menu has lots of photos and descriptions, making ordering easy even for novices. For those who love pho that's not fiery hot, Noodle Saigon allows you to control the heat by adding the hot sauce yourself. Other noteworthy dishes include shrimp-filled summer rolls, a vegetarian salad (tastes far better than it sounds), a pan-fried crepe and rice noodles with seafood. All were wonderful, but it's the pho, a soup that's a meal in itself, that was the star of the meal.



Noodle Saigon's pho is everything this Vietnamese staple should be. Full of tender meat and noodles in an aromatic broth, topped with fresh herbs and lime, it's a satisfying meal.

Those who live within a 5-mile radius of the restaurant can have the full menu delivered to their doors. Beer and wine served.

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

Tavern on the Bay, 489 Bayfront Place; 530-2225

It's a sports bar but one that offers a more diverse selection of food and drink than one might expect in a place where people gather to cheer on their teams via satellite TV. Revel in wings, burgers, nachos and such if you want, but there are also wok dishes, salads and full-scale entrees, some even of a heart-healthy nature. Thai Bangkok wings were crisp, sweet and spicy, while an ahi tuna appetizer was lightly seared with a peppery-herbed exterior accompanied by pickled ginger, wasabi and soy vinaigrette. A mushroom Swiss burger was well executed, served with delicious house-made potato chips and a fried shrimp platter with fries was bountiful and tasty with the exception of some room temperature slaw. Service was above average throughout the meal, from the host to the server and expeditors.

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

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★★★★★ Superb	★★ Fair
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FLORIDA WEEKLY CUISINE

Hospitality is great, but dishes need spice at Passage to India



Indian cuisine is one of the world's great comfort foods. Its palette of fragrant spices titillates the taste buds and soothes the soul.

Over more than a decade, I've found solace and delight in the food served at Passage to India in Bonita Springs. During more than a dozen meals, I reveled in the lush dishes that resulted from the harmonious blending of ingredients such as yogurt, garlic and onions with cinnamon, cardamom, cayenne and coriander, turmeric, nutmeg, nuts and dried fruits.

But something was amiss during my latest meal. Those aromatic combinations seemed muted, pastel in flavor rather than of the bright acrylic intensity I'd expected.

The restaurant is a quiet and peaceful place. Its dining room holds about a dozen tables but feels bigger owing to arched mirrors mounted on opposite walls. Indian tapestries and scenes adorn the walls and colorful tablecloths add a lively note. The worn carpet and faded walls, however, detract from those decorative flourishes.

When it comes to hospitality, however, nothing has changed. The staff greets newcomers warmly, and diners are well attended to throughout the meal. On this night, when about half the tables were occupied, food arrived in relatively short order, although not so rapidly that we felt rushed.

The restaurant offers a respectable selection of wines and beer, but I chose chai tea instead and was rewarded with a steaming pot of the fragrant elixir. Chai is traditionally a blend of tea, spices, milk and sugar. This version came unsweetened, but there was plenty of sugar at the table so I added my own. Nonetheless, while it had the requisite aroma, the concoction was bland, possessing neither a strong flavor of tea nor of the cinnamon, cardamom and other spices with which it is normally brewed.

A platter of fried appetizers included chicken pakura, vegetable pakura, onion

bhaji and vegetable samosas. The chicken was soggy while the vegetable version, which held a slice of potato, was bland. The onion bhaji, essentially clusters of fried onions, was crunchy and good on its own, further enlivened by a combination of spicy mint chutney and sweet tamarind sauce, which were served on the side along with hot tomato chutney. The best of the bunch were the samosas, little turnovers made of chickpea flour stuffed with potatoes and peas. Crisp outside, creamy within, they were delicious with the trio of sauces.

The entrée menu is extensive here, although it's essentially about a dozen preparations to which you add your favorite protein: chicken, lamb, shrimp, scallops and, in some cases, beef or fish.

Curry, korma, malae, makni, dansak, biryani, madras and vindaloo are the primary sauces and vary in seasonings and heat, with biryani at the mild end of the scale and madras and vindaloo at the other extreme. That said, almost any of the dishes can be ordered mild, medium or hot. If you aren't certain how hot you want it, the management willingly supplies extra seasoning you can add yourself. It's mainly cayenne pepper so a little adds a lot of kick.

For newcomers, tandoori — chicken, shrimp or fish — is a safe bet as the poultry or seafood is marinated in a mild yogurt sauce then roasted in a clay oven known as a tandoor.

Vegetarians have at least 12 entrees to choose from, along with meatless soups and appetizers.

We ordered chicken mahkni, shrimp korma and vegetable malae along with nan, a pita-like bread baked in the tandoor.

Having dined at many Indian restaurants, I've learned that mild, medium and hot are relative terms and vary wildly. We chose the mild preparation and accepted our server's offer of extra spice on the side.

Even when ordered mild, most Indian food has sufficient seasoning to give it vibrant flavor. Too intense a burn can obscure the delicate bouquet of spices. On this occasion, however, the kitchen proved too cautious, with two of the three dishes seriously under seasoned.

The chicken mahkni contained boneless chicken that had been marinated in yogurt



Gulab jamon is a traditional Indian dessert of spongy balls of dough in a sweet syrup.

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and a trace of spices then cooked in a mild tomato sauce. Adding some of the cayenne mixture, mango chutney or the spicy tomato-onion chutney helped. I used the same tactic with the vegetable malae, a mélange of vegetables in a creamy coconut sauce. It wasn't simply that these dishes were mildly seasoned: They lacked the complex layers of flavor that are the trademark of good Indian fare.

The best dish was the shrimp korma, with large shrimp and a more lively sauce containing garlic, onion, tomatoes, ginger, spices and bell pepper.

We liked the chewy, buttery nan bread, the mango chutney and the raita, a yogurt-based sauce studded with cucumber that's traditionally used to balance spicy dishes.

For dessert, we shared an order of gulab jamon, spongy balls of dough served in a honeyed sauce, often with a touch of rose water. These were tasty and light, making for a good ending to the meal.

It may be that Passage to India has cut back on its seasonings to appeal to a clientele that demands a milder approach. If so, that's a shame. Well-seasoned need not mean fiery hot. With a cuisine that's all about the spices, less is never more. ■

If you go

Passage to India
4365 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs; (495-2333)

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

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★★★★ Superb
★★★ Noteworthy
★★ Good
★ Fair
★ Poor

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* **Thursday, June 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Total Wine & More:** A wine-tasting class will feature eight famed wines from the Rhone Valley; \$25; Carillon Place, 5048 Airport Pulling Road; 649-4979. Reservations required.

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Friday, June 19, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Bamboo Café: Well-behaved pooches and their humans are invited to an opening reception for an exhibit of original William Wegman photos. Proceeds from cocktail sales will benefit local animal rescue efforts. Juicy Crittore canine beauty products will also be available. There's a special \$22.50 prix fixe dinner in addition to the regular summer menu; 755 12th Ave. South; 643-6177.

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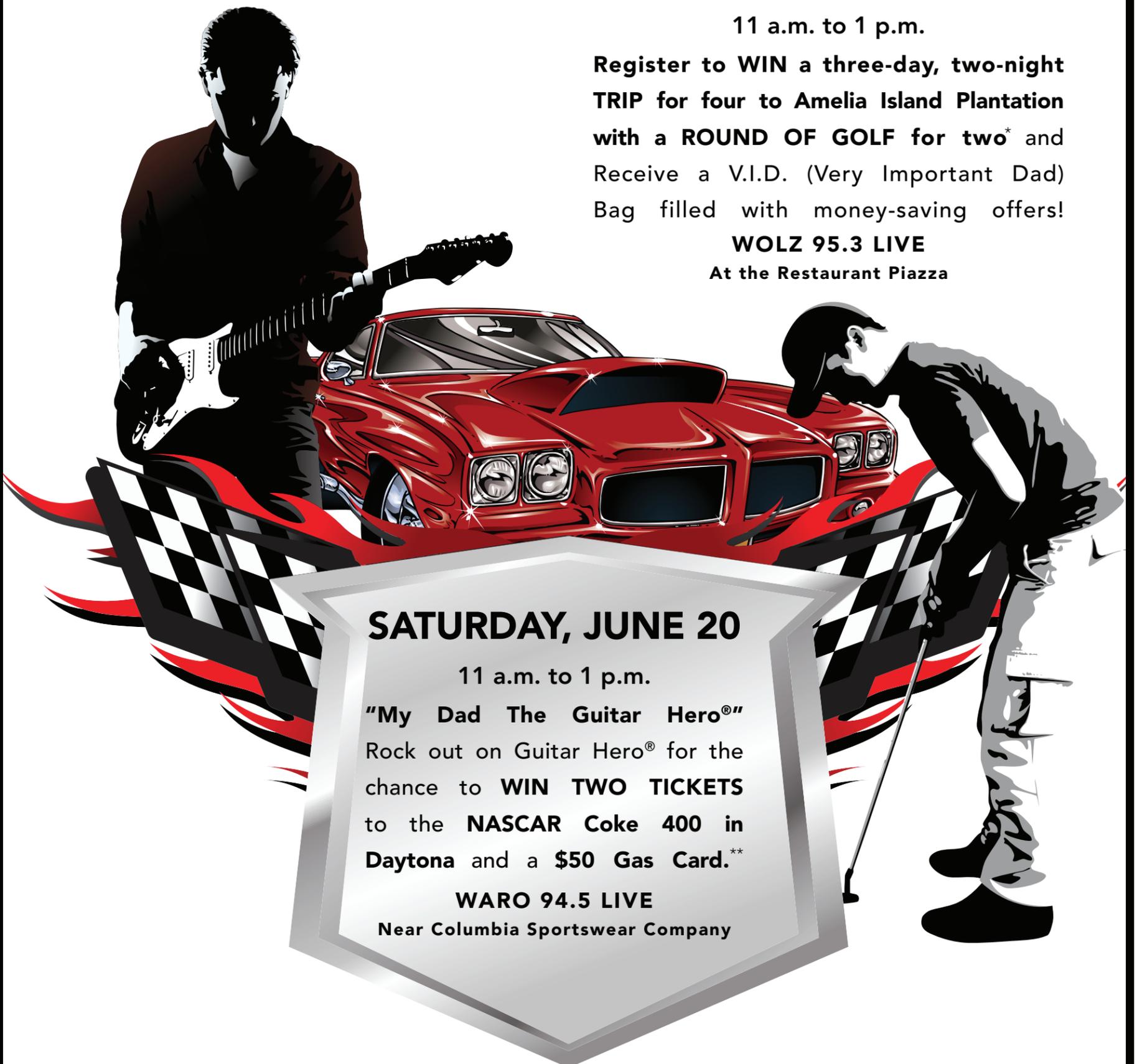
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