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Michael Jackson with Bubbles in 1984

Jackson's chimp living the good life in SWFL

Pop icon said goodbye when Bubbles got too big

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Bubbles, the chimpanzee who was Michael Jackson's constant companion for years, has been living at the Center for Great Apes, a sanctuary for chimpanzees and orangutans in Wauchula, since 2005.

The 26-year-old chimp was born at a biomedical research facility in Austin, Texas, in 1983. While still an infant, he was purchased for Mr. Jackson by animal trainer Bob Dunn, center officials said.

Bubbles reportedly lived with the pop star at his Neverland compound, sat in on the recording of the "Bad" album and accompanied Mr. Jackson on the "Bad" world tour in 1988.

The singer's relationship with Bubbles was mocked in the press, however, and became the first in a series of bizarre, eccentric behaviors that followed the pop icon the rest of his career.

When Bubbles grew too large, he was removed to Mr. Dunn's California compound. In 2005, Mr. Dunn retired from the business of working chimpanzees and orangutans and sent all his apes, including Bubbles, to the Center for Great Apes. Wauchula is about 100 miles northeast of Naples.

Mr. Jackson never visited Bubbles in Florida, center officials said. There is also a question of whether Mr. Jackson's estate will provide funds for Bubbles' care.

Today, the Center for Great Apes houses 42 chimpanzees and orangutans on 120 rural acres. They roam the property through an aboveground

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OUR YOUNG WORKFORCE

COMPETES FOR LIMITED, AND AT TIMES, VOLUNTEER JOBS



"Things have gotten really competitive. I've never had a hard time finding a summer job before, but this year it's been impossible."

— Michael Serge, 16

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NOT LONG AGO, FINDING a job was a fairly simple matter for teens interested in earning some extra spending money over the summer. The whole enterprise typically took place the week after school let out, and required little more than a trip to the mall or a couple of local restaurants. After filling out a few applications, a kid could pretty much count on being employed by the following weekend.

Few things are that simple for anyone in today's job market, but especially for teens.

For one thing, competition for the limited

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COMMENTARY

Death be not proud



Here's some news you may not have considered urgently enough, lately: One day soon you'll die.

Me too, which is why I bring it up. The question is, what are we going to do about it? And I have an idea, good for any who still breathe. But let me get to that later. I doubt it will surprise you.

Meanwhile, among the public deaths that occurred last week in the United States, I was struck not so much by a sense of loss as by a sense of sadness at lives squandered. Not wasted, necessarily, but squandered.

I don't know how to judge a death like Michael Jackson's, for example. I know little about his life and less about his music, except that some people appreciate it and I don't. But it's music. It's a note and a float in the American parade, a contribution, and I revere that in itself.

Once, he was a spectacular athlete — he could dance like a dream.

On the other hand, judging by the pictures I saw of him in recent decades, I suspect he'd become a man lost in despair. His face continually reshaped itself, his nostrils rising and expanding until his nose nearly disappeared above them. He looked like an exotic and nervous grazing animal from a

distant grassland imported to a zoo frequented only by paparazzi. That makes me sad.

And I imagine the Texas beauty Farrah Fawcett was pretty sad, too, or at least pretty frustrated. I borrowed that phrase from a news report somewhere: "The Texas Beauty." I like saying it because it's impersonal and glorious. You can toss it out like a rich guy with a stable of horses and Derby pretensions: "That Texas Beauty can really run."

Horses are only horseflesh and beauties are only beautyflesh, I guess.

But as their looks begin to vanish and the beautiful fortress begins to crumble under the assault of time and human experience and disease and all of it, people who have anchored themselves to their bodies and their appearances, like she did in Hollywood, can't be happy.

The public deaths, though, didn't affect me nearly as much as the recent private deaths of people I didn't know, or knew only slightly. Inevitably, they reminded me of people I did know, who died in former days.

All of us — well, maybe not a few among us who are young — have these stories, and can tell them.

A friend's roommate through four tough years at the nation's premier service academy died of a heart condition at 54 last week, just out of the blue — he'd forged a spectacular career in the Navy, and left two children and an adoring wife, I learned.

And a man whom I'd come to know in

recent months, a longtime friend of my wife's, died too, violently. He was 70.

Only days earlier, he'd given my younger sons several robust palladiums he'd grown himself and potted for them — that was with one arm, since he was saddled permanently to a wheelchair after a debilitating stroke had rendered him almost paralyzed.

My oldest son had begun going to his apartment to read to him each week from the biographical novel the man had in progress (he typed with one arm and one finger, of course, because he never gave up; he was a former Marine).

He took in people in trouble, and one of them, a whacko, murdered him in his Lee County apartment (he was a former Marine, too, authorities said).

All of this managed to fire up my own remembrance of things past (to borrow from Proust), unwanted though it sometimes may be: young friends who died when I was young, family members who died too young themselves, the rest of it.

Mortality sitting there ready to pop you on any given day, which is news to no one.

That's the reason I admire so much those who salute the reaper by throttling up a joie de vivre every single day, and carrying on.

Both the friend who lost his roommate — for him, the equivalent of losing a brother, which had literally happened to him in the past — and a friend of the murdered man who gave him years of attentive care as unselfishly as a saint, can do that. That's instructive to me, however difficult it is for them.

It's also a beautiful and loving trib-

ute to the lost — one that defies death in the spirit of the English poet John Donne: "Death be not proud, though some have called thee mighty and dreadful, for thou art not so."

Which brings me back to the question: What are we going to do about our mortality?

Not too long ago, I wandered over to the home of Burdie Baker, my spiritual advisor.

Burdie was standing by his truck in the driveway, where he'd just flattened a mass of beer and pop cans to run down to the recycling center.

He'd been fishing, too, and usually that makes him happy. What made him less than happy, though, was his required appearance at a funeral, where a huge outpouring of affection would occur for a man who'd been uncelebrated in life.

"I don't want none of this, myself," Burdie said. "All these flowers and nice words and hoop-de-da — don't give me that. If you're going to do something, do it while I'm alive. Do it while I'm standing here. You want to give me flowers? Well pick 'em and come on over. I can smell 'em and see 'em now. I won't be smelling any flowers later. You want to say something nice about me? Come on over here and say it. I won't mind hearing it. Won't do me any good later."

I was so startled, I pulled out my ever-present back-pocket notebook, and wrote down those comments.

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OPINION

What would Daniels do?

BY RICH LOWRY

In a new Gallup Poll asking who is the national leader of the Republican Party, Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels didn't even rate an asterisk. That's unsurprising. The governor of the country's 16th most populous state won't normally garner much national attention, especially when he's an unassuming, old-school budget cutter.

It's also a shame, because more than any other Republican officeholder, Daniels points the way ahead for his bedraggled party. He's a Reaganite who's not trapped in 1980s nostalgia; he's a fiscal conservative who believes not just in limiting government, but in reforming it to address people's everyday concerns; he's a politician of principle who refuses to sell his program in off-puttingly partisan or ideological terms.

As they grapple with President Barack Obama, Republicans at the national level could do worse than ask themselves: What would Daniels do?

At a recent forum in Washington sponsored by the Bradley Foundation and Hudson Institute, Daniels noted that Ralph Waldo Emerson said every polity tends

to have a party of memory and a party of hope. "We must be, as we have been in our better days, our more successful days, a party of hope," he said.

When Daniels took office, Indiana had an \$800 million deficit. He turned it into a \$1.3 billion surplus (although it will be eaten into in the current downturn). Since 2005, he's saved roughly \$450 million in the state's budget and reduced the state's rate of spending growth from 5.9 percent to 2.8 percent. "I tell you with certainty," Daniels told his Washington audience, "concern about the debt and deficit has not gone out of style."

"Mitch the Knife," as he was nicknamed when he headed George W. Bush's Office of Management and Budget, has matched his fiscal probity with the restless innovation of a devoted policy entrepreneur. He leased the state's faltering toll road to a European operator for nearly \$4 billion. He created health savings accounts for Indiana's poor. He deregulated telecommunications. And he attracted business to the state, with Indiana winning more foreign investment than any other state during the past two years.

A populist outcry against the toll-road

deal dragged Daniels' approval rating down to 37 percent at one point, and his tenure seemed a warning against putting a tightfisted technocrat in elected office. But opinion turned. He won re-election by 18 points last year.

Daniels counsels national Republicans to adopt a "no, but" approach. As he told an interviewer from National Journal, on cap-and-trade he'd say: "No, let's not double the tax on poor people in the vain hope of moving the world's thermometer. Here's a way to conserve energy and protect the environment that doesn't impoverish the nation." On health care, he'd say, "Sure, let's get people covered with health insurance, but here's a much better way."

His success has stoked speculation about a possible 2012 presidential run. Daniels has made Shermanesque disavowals of national ambitions, and expressed confidence that new national leaders will soon emerge. When they do, they should heed the lesson and message of Mitch Daniels, an exemplar of a winning conservatism. ■

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

GUEST OPINION

Iran's government uses a crisis



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Special to Florida Weekly

One of the catchphrases that's come out of this current era is "Never let a crisis go to waste," a sentiment that's been voiced by various members of the Obama administration in reference to the world economic crisis. As a governing philosophy, it's more than a little Machiavellian; the sorts of thing that you'd imagine officials might think to themselves but not say out loud. With that in mind, one wonders if this is exactly what Iran's leaders are saying to themselves, in the very different context of that country's post election crisis.

By choosing to violently suppress popular opposition to the official election results, the hard-liners in Iran's theocracy have started down a road that will likely see them consolidate power at the expense of relatively reform-minded politicians. Removing the velvet glove of Iran-style "democracy" to expose the iron fist beneath may not be the most sustainable governing strategy over the long haul, but Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei may reckon that it's the best way to preserve what he and President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad see as their

nation's national-security interests in the short term.

First and foremost among these, one can guess, would be Iran's nuclear program. Iran has continually insisted that its nuclear program is intended for peaceful purposes of power generation, but, as reported by The Associated Press, Mohamed ElBaradei, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, said last week that Iran has for more than a year turned away IAEA requests for information and inspections "to exclude the possibility of military dimensions to Iran's nuclear program."

If one assumes that Iran is, in fact, trying to develop nuclear weapons, then President Barack Obama's marked change in approach from that of President George W. Bush — emphasizing diplomacy over confrontation — could well have posed a problem for maintaining this program in the face of international pressure. When the de facto leader of the free world is calling your nation part of an "axis of evil," it's relatively easy to resist nuclear talks on principle; when he's asking for talks on grounds of "mutual respect," it presumably gets harder to come up with reasons that don't give every appearance of trying to hide something from the international community.

Then along come the election protests, which provide a new "reason" for Iran to avoid the negotiating table. From the Ira-

nian leadership's point of view, blaming internal protests and unrest on the covert actions of foreign governments — such as the United States and Great Britain — serves two purposes: to discredit the protesters, and to provide a new, if flimsy, excuse for refusing to negotiate with powers that are "trying to overthrow," as Tehran claims, "Iran's government."

Given Obama's determination to only comment on anti-protester violence while avoiding choosing sides (at least publicly) on the election itself, Britain, in particular, has found itself the target of the Iranian government's most vehement accusations of foreign meddling. This week, Iran expelled two British diplomats, which led Britain to respond in kind. Significantly, Britain, a former colonial ruler of Iran, is a key figure in the six-party Iranian nuclear talks.

As recently as three days after the disputed election, the U.S. again urged Iran to return to these talks. Now, after nearly two weeks of violent oppression, such an invitation no longer seems tenable. With the strategy of diplomatic engagement breaking down on all sides, Iran under Khamenei and Ahmadinejad would appear to be heading into increasing isolation from the international community. And for leaders who give every appearance of wanting to be left alone to develop a nuclear arsenal, that might suit them just fine. ■

MOMENTS IN TIME

► On **July 2, 1937**, the Lockheed aircraft carrying American aviator Amelia Earhart and navigator Frederick Noonan is reported missing near Howland Island in the Pacific. The pair was attempting to fly around the world, and no trace of them has ever been found.

► On **July 3, 1908**, writer Mary Frances Kennedy Fisher is born in Albion, Mich. She was a highly productive writer, producing nine books on food, including "How to Cook a Wolf" (1942).

► On **July 4, 1826**, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, the second and third presidents of the United States, die on the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. Both men had been central in the drafting of the historic document.

► On **July 5, 1865**, in the East End of London, revivalist preacher William Booth and his wife Catherine establish the Christian Mission, later known as the Salvation Army. Soup kitchens were

the first in a long line of various projects designed to provide physical and spiritual assistance to the destitute.

► On **July 6, 1942**, in Nazi-occupied Holland, 13-year-old Jewish diarist Anne Frank and her family are forced to take refuge in a secret sealed-off area of an Amsterdam warehouse, where they hide for two years. "The Diary of Anne Frank" has served as a literary testament to the 6 million Jews, including Anne herself, who were silenced in the Holocaust. ■

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15 MINUTES

Career military man praises, encourages today's young troops

BY PAMELA V. KROL
Special to Florida Weekly

One could say that Lt. Gen. Devol Brett was born in to a life of military service — literally.

The son of Lt. Gen. George H. Brett, the first chief of the Air Corps, and the grandson of C.A. Devol, an Army major general, the future Lt. Gen. Devol Brett was born at Letterman Military Hospital Presidio of San Francisco in 1922, while his father was on active military duty.

"I never wanted to do anything else with my life. The military is the only career I ever considered," says Brett, a resident of Bentley Village who will turn 86 on Aug. 1.

Brett proudly attends Junior ROTC ceremonies at area high schools, presenting medals and encouraging young people who are considering military careers. He also participated in the recent awards ceremony and banquet honoring outstanding JROTC cadets from eight high schools in Collier County. "They are all truly marvelous young people," he says. "Our country has much to be proud of."

Brett was assigned to the 86th Fighter Wing in Germany shortly after World War II and flew in the early stages of the Berlin Airlift. His next assignment was a tour in Korea, where he logged more than 100 combat missions in a P-51 fighter plane. The lieutenant general flew missions in the 1958 Lebanon crisis, served as vice commander of the 12th Tactical Fighter Wing, and flew 100-plus

combat missions in Vietnam before his F-4 fighter plane was shot down over North Vietnam.

"Thankfully, I was rescued," he says, adding that his military training is what saved him. "I had no time to be terrified while the plane was going down. I had to remain in control of the plane."

Brett and Capt. Myron Smith, the young radar operator also on board, both ejected over water. Brett was in the water for several hours before a helicopter crew found and rescued him. Sadly, Smith did not survive. "His name is now on the Vietnam War Memorial Wall in Washington," says Brett.

The experience had an important impact on him. Following his release from active duty in 1980, after more than 35 years of service, Brett joined the Institute for Defense Analyses to aid the military in developing advanced systems for personnel recovery and combat search and rescue. "Our nation does an exceptional job of locating and recovering missing servicemen and women," he says. "We are far more successful in this regard than any other country in the world."

While a first lieutenant stationed in Austria, he met and married his first wife, Mimi, in 1947. She came back with him to the U.S. and earned her American citizenship. The couple had two children: a son, George Howard, and a daughter, Karla.

Considering the legacy of military service in the Brett family, it's not surpris-



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Lt. Gen. Devol Brett

ing that George joined the Army right after high school. "George wanted to go into Vietnam, but it was right at the time that I had been shot down, and my wife evoked the Sole Survivors Act (preventing family members from going in to active combat at the same time)," Brett explains. Karla's daughter, Sarah Scott Brett, is a lieutenant in the Air Force and studying to be a doctor at Tulane Medical School.

"The military is a wonderful career with outstanding opportunities for young people who are motivated and self-disciplined," says Brett, who adds that his son received his bachelor's degree from Florida State University, as well as his

master's from the University of Georgia, on the GI bill following his military service.

Brett holds a bachelor's degree from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and a master's degree from George Washington University. He is also a graduate of the USAF Air Tactical School, of Great Britain's Royal Air Force Staff College and of the U.S. National War College.

In addition to flying aircraft for his country, the lieutenant general had a variety of important domestic assignments in the Air Force, including two tours in the Pentagon — one in the office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the second in the office of the Secretary of Defense.

In 2005, following Mimi's death in 1999, Brett married Lou Longino, an Army brat who was the widow of a longtime friend of Brett's. "Tom (Longino) and I became childhood friends when our fathers were stationed in Panama, and continued our friendship later at West Point," Brett says. Along with his children and grandchildren, he and Lou share the joy of her two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Brett says he is extremely proud of today's servicemen and women in Iran, Iraq and Afghanistan. "We have to bear in mind that many of them have served repeated tours," he says. "They're doing a wonderful job under extremely difficult circumstances. I believe that our service personnel are among the most diligent and dedicated young people in the country." ■

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WORKFORCE

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number of available hourly jobs is fierce — largely because it's not just teens who are applying for them. Adults and even seniors are going after positions that were once exclusively the bastion of young people. And, thanks once again to today's economic climate; many kids have never needed employment more.

"Things have gotten really competitive," says Michael Serge, a 16-year-old home-schooled student who lives in Vanderbilt Beach. "I've never had a hard time finding a summer job before, but this year it's been impossible."

Michael was living in Tallahassee last summer, and easily found work as a ticket taker at the local movie theatre. He has applied to several mall retailers this year, but to no avail. "My father has been paying me to help him with chores around the house, but it's not the same as having a job," he says, adding that he's still watching the classifieds to try to find more formal work.

Older workers present competition

Renee Ward, a former corporate recruiter and the founder of www.Teens4Hire.org, one of the largest job-focused Web sites especially for teenagers, says finding work this summer has been a particularly tough for teens, largely because hourly positions that have traditionally been "teen" jobs are now going to "folks who have been laid off from their regular jobs, have depleted their 401Ks or need additional money to pay for prescriptions or medical expenses."

In its "Special Report: Children of the Recession," CBS reported teen unemployment today is at its lowest rate since World War II. The same report revealed that 45 percent of U.S. teens held jobs during the summer of 2000. That number dropped to 33 percent last year, and is expected to drop sharply for 2009.

Sadly, many young job seekers this summer need income not to finance trips to the mall, but to help the family stay afloat.

Last summer, 16-year-old Francisco Rivera of Golden Gate contributed money for groceries and utilities and paid several of his father's medical bills (the family has no health insurance) with money he earned working at a restaurant that has since closed.

So far this summer, Francisco is unemployed. "I've applied to seven or eight places, but I haven't heard back from any of them yet," he says.

Because he's younger than 18, he's not eligible to work in a restaurant that holds a liquor license. Mall retailers, too, have age requirements, mainly because federal laws limit the number of hours younger teens can work per week. Hollister, for example, requires employees to be at least 17. The California-based clothing store Forever 21 requires all of its employees to be a minimum of 18 years of age, in compliance with California law.

Francisco is also limited by the fact that he must be able to walk or ride a bike to work because his family shares one car. "So far, I've been mowing lawns and doing handyman-type jobs, but it's not steady, and I'm not really making very much money," he says.

Another big contributing factor to the slump in teen employment is the downturn in the retail sector of the economy, according to Andrew Sim, director of Northeast University's Center for Labor Market Studies. "Retail stores have long been a traditional venue for teen summer employment," Mr. Sim says. "It's hard to imagine that the slowdown of this sector won't have a significant impact on the teen job outlook."

One bright spot is that many municipalities across the country are aware of the current atmosphere and are taking steps to try to improve things.

The city of Fort Myers launched a special program to provide summer jobs for area youth. The Step Up To Work initiative created 20 jobs within different de-



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Summer interns take a break for a photo in front of The von Liebig Art Center.



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Intern Kelsey Schirard at The von Liebig Art Center.



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Intern Mallory West, center, helps campers Ryan Talano, left, and Cole Mazrah, right.

partments of the city for teens 14 and older. The selected applicants started work on June 9 and will be on the job for a total of 10 weeks, assisting the city's camp counselors, answering phones and the like.

The Fort Myers program was the idea of Michelle Faulkner, staffing manager for the city's Human Resources Department. During a four-day hiring period in late May, nearly 100 teens applied for the 20 positions, she reports.

In addition to local programs, the recently signed 2009 Stimulus Act provides \$12 billion for youth activities, along with creation of millions of jobs for workers 24 years of age and younger. To learn about local jobs for people ages 14-24, visit www.careeronestop.org or visit the Career One Stop office at 215 Airport Pulling Road, 436-4301.

No pay, but worth it

For teens who can afford to be without income, several career builder Web sites suggest that this just might be the perfect summer to consider volunteer work or professional internships for academic credit. "These types of experiences build character, compassion and work ethic and ultimately improve hire-ability later on," says Mr. Sim, who adds that volunteer work and internships allow teens to "try out" careers that they might want to consider in the future.

A number of organizations in Naples offer volunteer opportunities for students to earn their required high school community service hours.

At The von Liebig Art Center in downtown Naples, teen interns 14 and older log 40 hours a week for two-week sessions. Interviews for openings take place in the early spring, and the staff makes its selections in April. Registrar Sheri Chase says student interns assist teachers with classroom activities and help younger campers with their art projects. "The teens are a big help to our staff, and they get a lot of valuable experience," says Chase. She adds the center has 66 interns this summer — a full roster, but no more than usual.

"The kids seem to love their experience here," Ms. Chase says, adding many come

back year after year, or stay on long after the two required weeks because they are having such a great time. "They develop close friendships. It's a wonderful bonding experience."

Christina Miller, an art major and recent graduate of the University of Central Florida, in interning at The von Liebig for the first time this summer. She approached the center in hopes of displaying her artwork; now, as one of the older volunteer interns, she's helping organize the younger teens involved in the summer program. "I love working with the kids," she says.

The Conservancy of Southwest Florida is another option for teen volunteers. JoAnn Johansen, manager of volunteer services for the organization, says teens 16 and older help out at the Conservancy year round.

"We probably have about 500 volunteers in total," Ms. Johansen says. "Of those, roughly 20 percent are teens." They work in a variety of areas, including the Conservancy's wildlife clinic, its Nature Center and its camp and community outreach programs. Teen volunteers receive community service hour credits for the time that they spend at the Conservancy. "A lot of them return every year, even after they head off for college," Ms. Johansen says.

While most experts concur that finding employment might not be easy for teens this summer, they stress that it is not impossible, and they offer the following suggestions for young people hoping to improve their chances.

On her www.teens4hire.org site, Ms. Ward advises teens to apply in person, dressed neatly and professionally. "Employers are looking for help that they can count on to be responsible and reliable and to understand the overall needs of their business," she says. "Try to demonstrate these qualities, as well as a strong work ethic, a positive attitude and a willingness to learn new things." Her site also recommends looking for work in places that are likely to see an increase in business over the summer, such as swimming pools, recreational, theme and amusement parks, kids' camps, movie theaters and similar venues.

Success stories

Despite the overall summer job doldrums, some Naples teens are faring well.

Andrew Fenstermaker landed two jobs to help him raise cash during his last summer before heading off to college. Andrew,

Helpful Web sites

www.Teens4Hire.org
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Top 10 qualities employers seek in teen applicants

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7. Trustworthiness
8. Self-motivation
9. Willingness to learn
10. Reliable

Developing and demonstrating the following "soft" skills will also help in the job hunt:

1. Organization — The ability to manage time efficiently and maintain an orderly work area
2. Problem solving — The ability to identify, analyze and solve problems that may arise
3. Teamwork — The ability to work with others and for the good of the employer

Source: www.teens4hire.org

whose family resides in Naples but who attended prep school in New Hampshire, is working on the golf course maintenance crew at the Country Club of Naples and is also driving a tram at Moorings Park until he heads off to Franklin Pierce University in New Hampshire in late August.

"I believe I was very lucky," Andrew says about his jobs. "I know there are plenty of kids who are having a really hard time this year." He works early mornings at the golf course and then from 4-7 p.m. at Moorings Park each weekday afternoon. While a basketball scholarship will pay for his tuition at university, he says, "I'm going to need money for books, supplies, and extras, so I'm putting a lot away."

Austin Jennings, a rising senior at Seacrest Country Day School, is returning to the same summer job he's had for the last four years, at a fish-processing plant in Harbor Springs, Mich. His parents were friends with the original owners of the plant, and Austin returns every summer to secure his place.

Several of his friends in Naples are having a difficult time finding summer jobs this year, Austin says. "The economy has been so bad. I think most businesses are doing their best to save money wherever they can."

Think outside the (job) box

Several of the experts remind teens that the ultimate goal of summer work is to make money, and that finding a job is not the only way to accomplish that.

"There are plenty of ways that kids can hone their entrepreneurial skills and in some cases earn even more money than they would at the hourly minimum wage," Ms. Ward says. Teens and even tweens can babysit, dog walk, run errands for elderly neighbors, tutor younger children, mow and weed lawns, help clean out closets and garages and a variety of other tasks that people are willing to pay for.

Of course, not all teens are looking for jobs this summer.

Naples High School 2009 graduate Bradley Canada is happy to be taking the summer off before starting classes at Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., in the fall. "I guess I see this as my last summer to spend with my high school friends, our last chance to be free," he says.

If freedom is an option, this is probably a good summer to take it. ■



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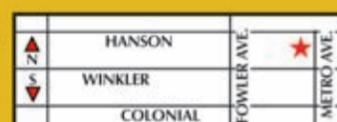


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The strangest things can imbue us with a concrete sense of place

BY LOIS BOLIN

Special to Florida Weekly

“Our sense of place is what orients us and provides context for our lives, from birth. We are all a part of the places we live within, and when those places are destroyed, a part of us dies with them.”

— Melissa Holbrook in “The Place You Love is Gone”

The paradox of progress is hard to swallow when the place we love has to change.

Wallace Stegner, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author who influenced presidents from John F. Kennedy to Bill Clinton, understood sense of place from the perspective that something will have gone out of us as a people if we ever let the remaining wilderness be destroyed.

Mr. Stegner believed sense of place comes from making a living from “it,” suffering from “its” catastrophes, valuing “it” for the abiding investment of hard labor that you, your parents and grandparents and your all-but-unknown ancestors have put into “it.”

One’s sense of Naples, as it relates to providing a context for our lives, depends upon when “it” became your home — not a tax shelter, but your home. Of course, this goes for wherever one calls home.

Here today, gone tomorrow, back again

A few years ago, I had a phone call from a Naples-born friend, Denyse Smith Mesnick. A longtime supporter of local history, she

asked for my help in saving the city’s last remaining concrete street marker — all 400 pounds of it.

Ms. Mesnick had received a tip that the city was concerned about the Third Street South/Third Avenue South marker and had plans to remove it.

The simple white marker had originally been installed at the corner in response to a need for “change.” When the postman back then said his route was getting too big to not have some kind of street marker with numbers, the residents of Naples agreed. Up until this time, the mail carrier knew the houses along his route by the colors and tile designs on the individual roofs.

The Chamber of Commerce decided it would donate the markers and made a plan to install 136 of them around the town. That was in 1948; it took four years before any of the \$2-apiece markers were put in their proper places.

Over the course of many years, the street markers gradually disappeared, most likely tossed in the trash as part of demolitions and re-dos. The post at Third and Third stood firmly in place, however, watching over the home of Ms. Mesnick’s family friends, Preston and Margaret Tuttle (who City Historian Doris Reynolds says was the first girl to graduate from Naples High and the first woman to work for Florida Power and Light).

When Margaret passed away in 2005 at the age of 95, the house was sold. With demolition crews on their way, George Archibald, the city’s traffic engineer, saved the day by saving the marker and storing it for safekeeping. Once freshly painted, it was returned to its rightful spot, now distinguished with a marker of its own declaring: “Naples Land-

mark Street Marker circa 1948. Former site of the home of Preston and Margaret Tuttle 1945-2005.”

Not the only one

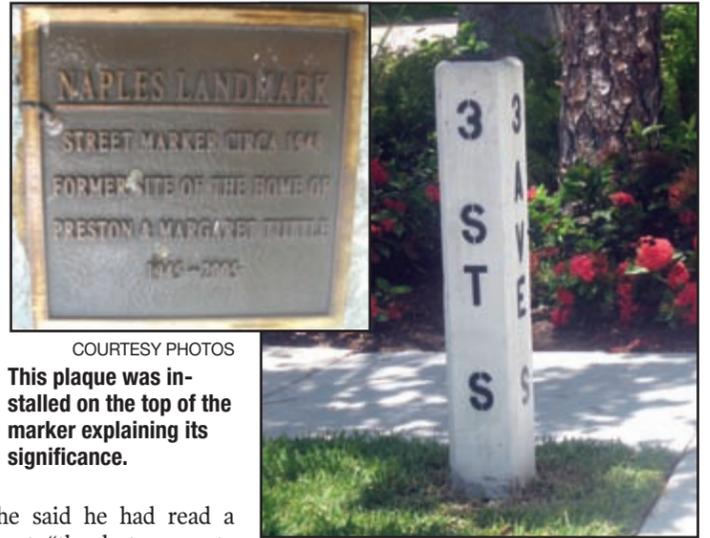
Not long ago, Chester Keene, a former Collier County deputy, brought a box of his “sense-of-place” memorabilia to the Naples Backyard History Mini-Museum. As we got to talking, he said he had read a newspaper story about “the last concrete street marker” and wouldn’t want to hurt Ms. Mesnick’s feelings by letting it be known that that the Third and Third marker wasn’t the only one left. It seemed Mr. Keene had one in his backyard that he had saved from being tossed in as filler for a concrete patio years before. In his box of treasures was a Polaroid photo to prove the existence of the post.

When Mr. Keene offered his piece of local history to the mini-museum, we were absolutely delighted. All we had to do was figure out how to get 400 pounds of cement picked up, washed, painted and propped into a permanent position.

“It’s too bad my great uncle’s not alive,” Mr. Keene reflected. “He’d probably carry it for \$10.”

“Who was your great uncle?” I had to ask. “‘Acrefoot’ Johnson,” he replied.

“Oh, my gosh!” I smiled as a warm sense



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This plaque was installed on the top of the marker explaining its significance.

The marker was placed at the corner Third Street South and Third Avenue South in 1952.

of satisfaction flooded me because I knew “Acrefoot” — or at least I knew of him and his legacy — and that made me feel even more connected to this wonderful place I call home. Who would ever think talking about 400 pounds of concrete could do that?

So who was “Acrefoot” Johnson? His story is coming to a memory near you — next week. ■

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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Historical society adds Hachmeister photos and materials to its archives

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The Naples Historical Society has added photos and materials of John Hachmeister to its extensive archival collection. Ruth Ann Burnett, great niece of Mr. Hackmeister, loaned original photographs, documents and materials for NHS to scan and utilize for the benefit of the organization and its mission.



Mr. Hachmeister in 1918.

John "Jack" — or affectionately, "Hack" — Hachmeister (1870-1940) was a memorable and remarkable early Naples resident who was tenacious at making his own mark in life. According to Earl Baum's book, "Early Naples and Collier County," "Hack" started working at age 14 in St. Louis, "...at the Horse Racing Fair, clerking in a shoe store, working days for a folding chair company, and at night, punching holes in leather washers for five cents a quart."



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After some time, he was gainfully

employed as a secretary or general manager of six racetracks, including Churchill Downs. He had a masterful talent in designing racing grounds to make them more beautiful and functional. It was Mr. Hachmeister's contribution to Naples' streetscapes that resulted in two blocks of Broad Avenue having two lanes with greenery in the center. He lived in Naples from 1912 until his passing.

To see the NHS archives and/or to purchase Dr. Baum's book (\$3.18) that captures the characters of early Naples, visit historic Palm Cottage at 137 12th Avenue South. The NHS receives no government funding and relies on membership dues and donations to survive. Palm Cottage and The Norris Gardens are open Tuesday through Saturday from 1-4 p.m. \$8 per person is the requested donation. For more information, visit www.NaplesHistoricalSociety.org or call 261-8164. ■

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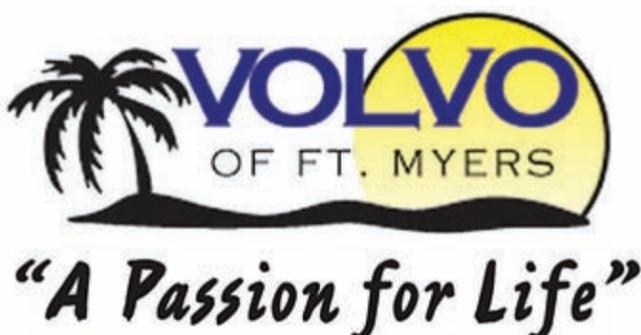
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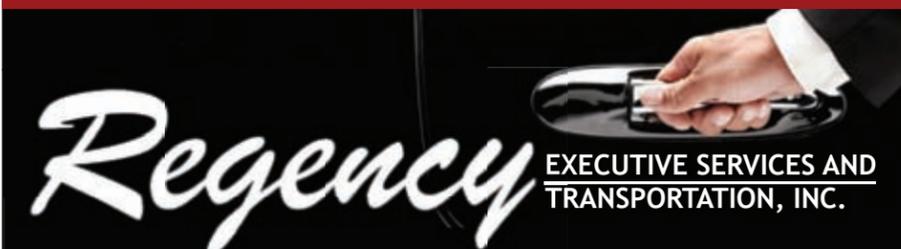
Collier County boasts more than 100 offshore artificial reefs. That number has increased by one with the deposit of 430 tons of concrete culverts, junction boxes and other acceptable secondary

concrete materials 30 feet below the Gulf of Mexico surface 4.5 miles off Doctors Pass.

The load dropped Thursday, June 25, at latitude 26.10.260/longitude 81.54.060 was the first of two that will comprise the county's newest reef. The second, a load of about 520 tons, was set to make a splash on Monday, June 29, but high winds and seas forced its cancellation. A new date had not been set as of press time.

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Another load makes a splash.

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marine life, but will also be an exciting diving site for recreationists," said Pamela Keyes, a Collier County CZM environmental specialist.

The concept of artificial reefs is not a new one; over the past several decades, objects such as bath tubs, refrigerators, tires and anything else that could provide structure were dumped on the sea bottom to attract fish and other marine life.

Environmental and public safety concerns now dictate that artificial reef materials must be heavy, stable, durable

and non-polluting materials. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection allows clean concrete or rock, clean steel boat hulls, other clean, heavy gauge steel products with a thickness of quarter-inch or greater and prefabricated structures that are a mixture of clean concrete and heavy gauge steel to be used as artificial reefs in state waters. This eliminates fiberglass hulls, cars, tires, refrigerators and many of the other previously used materials as possible reef candidates.

Collier County's newest artificial reef, the first of 2009, was made possible with a \$60,000 grant from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. The money paid for concrete transport by Gulfshore Site Development and barge costs for McCulley Marine.

CZM and Collier County Parks and Recreation recently launched an interactive map at www.colliergov.net/coastal-zonemanagement showing the latitude and longitude of Collier County's reefs as well as public beaches and boat ramps. ■

■ Dive into reef clean-up ■

>>The Collier County Coastal Zone Management Department and University of Florida Sea Grant Extension Service hold quarterly cleanups of artificial reefs. Certified divers who are over the age of 18 and who have logged 10 dives in the past year are eligible to volunteer for a cleanup dive. For more information, call Camden Smith at 252-5326.



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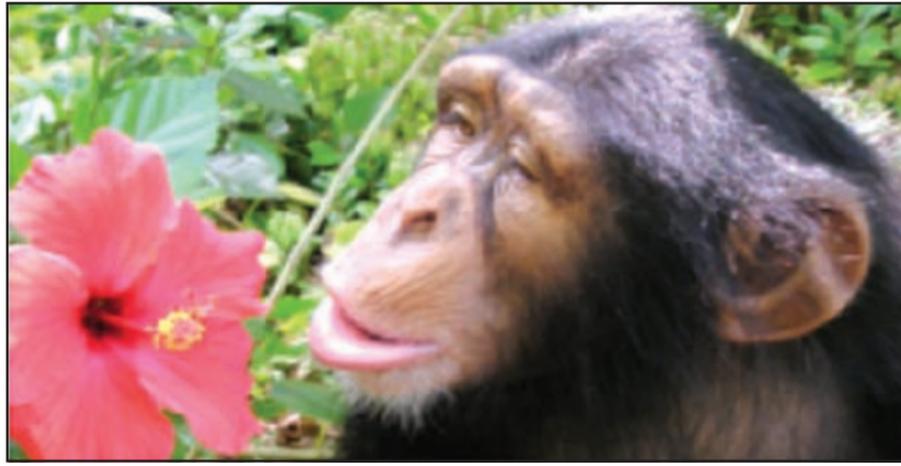
tunnel system that links roomy enclosures.

Most of the apes, primates without tails, came to the 15-year-old sanctuary with stories that are as rich as Bubbles'. There's Sammy, who played the title role in "Dunston Checks In," a 1996 film starring Jason Alexander and Faye Dunaway. The Career Builder chimps and Trunk Monkey stars also call the center home, along with apes from circus acts, roadside zoos and private homes.

There's even a chimp with disabilities. Knuckles, now 8 years old, was born with cerebral palsy and came to the Wauchula sanctuary after being deemed not useable in the entertainment business.

Most of the primates come to the Center for Great Apes with social problems caused by being too "humanized" or swiped too early from their mothers. Others are the product of misguided owners who thought it would be fun to have a pet chimp, not figuring they would eventually grow up.

Such is the plight of most of the primates at the Center For Great Apes. And at the center of these apes' lives is Patti Ragan, the director and founder of the sanctuary. Petite and soft-spoken, Ms. Ragan is as



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Knuckles, 11, arrived at the center nine years ago from an entertainment compound in California.

much a giant to her 40 primate charges as they are to her. With a wide grin, she rattles off the names and personalities of each of the apes.

Ms. Ragan has the blessing and continual support of world-renowned primatologist Jane Goodall. And she has a dedicated staff of about 16 and a devoted corps of volunteers, including Sue DuPre, who plays a recorder and blows bubbles for the apes, and her 80-year-old father, Miller Ekas. The North Fort Myers man is a gentle soul who coos to the apes as he fixes things around the sanctuary.

"I just love the animals," Mr. Ekas told

Florida Weekly in November. "They all have a sense of humor."

Ms. Ragan has her life savings and her heart invested in helping apes that would have no other place to go but biomedical labs, where they would be subjected to research, or roadside shows. She gives them what she calls dignified retirement and lives.

Despite the fact that it costs \$600,000 a year — \$15,000 per ape — Ms. Ragan pushes on, working to secure money for the sanctuary.

Though her main goal is to provide a permanent home to ape rescues and retir-

Center for Great Apes

- >>The center is on 120 acres in Wauchula, about 100 miles northeast of Naples.
- >>The sanctuary cares for 14 orangutans and 28 chimpanzees.
- >>The outside habitats are three stories tall (about 35 feet) and all 12 enclosures are connected to each other, as well as to the vet clinic, by a tunnel/chute system that is more than 4,000 feet long.
- >> As a private nonprofit sanctuary, the Center for Great Apes' priority is maintaining a safe haven and peaceful habitat for the apes. Therefore, the sanctuary is not open to the public as an attraction.
- >>For more information or to make a donation, go to www.centerforgreatapes.org.

ees, she also hopes to make society aware of the need to not support apes in the entertainment business or as pets.

As young apes, they might look cute and funny in shows and movies and even in your living room, but they grow up to weigh more than 200 pounds.

Aside from the need for homes for displaced apes, many of the world's primates are being lost to corrupt governments and loss of habitats, Ms. Ragan says, adding, "We're all on this planet together." ■

This week's Trivia challenge:
Answer: A religious sacrament, an organism harboring a parasite, and Alex Trebec. What is the question? See next week for the answer.

Last week's Trivia Q&A: The White House and Graceland. What are the two most visited homes in the USA?



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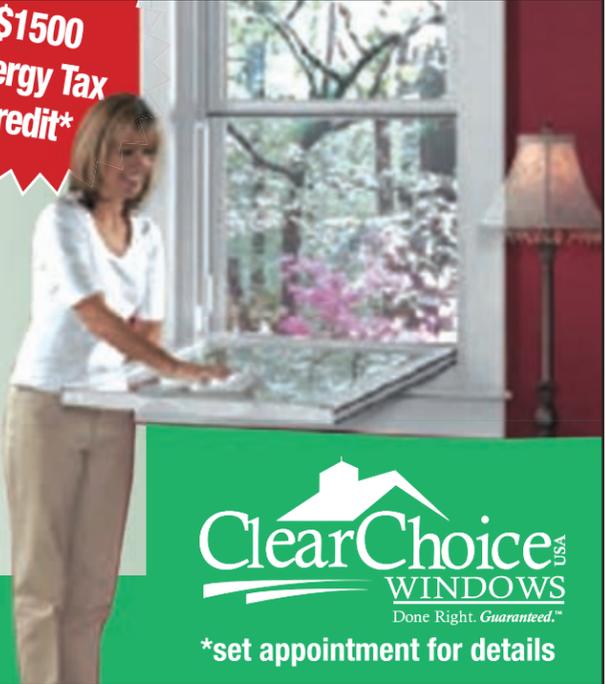
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Shelter's need for volunteers doesn't have an off-season

Like every nonprofit organization in Southwest Florida, the Shelter for Abused Women & Children depends on the generosity of volunteers to help meet the many and various needs of its day-to-day operations. Those needs don't go away in the summer, although many volunteers do.

Lissette Santos, the Shelter's volunteer coordinator, says many opportunities exist for those who have time on their hands this summer. Among the positions to be filled and their duties are:

- **Thriving Thrifters:** Pricing, organizing and sorting merchandise for resale at The Shelter's two resale stores, Options Thrift Shoppe and Another Option Thrift Shoppe

- **Customer Service Specialists:** Greeting shoppers and donors at Options and Another Option, assisting with donor paperwork

- **Administrative and Special Projects:** Assisting the administrative staff with daily operations and projects in the Naples administrative office

- **"Hola Immokalee!"** Answering phones, helping with other office duties and assisting with child care in the Shelter's Immokalee office

- **"The New You" Committee:** Professional hairdressers, chiropractors and massage therapists donating their services to help Shelter clients find their "new you"

- **Kiddie Care Club:** Assisting with child care duties while adults participate in support groups, seminars, etc.

- **Pick-up/Delivery Volunteers:** Picking up and delivering donations to the Shelter's thrift stores and to the Immokalee office

- **Hotline Counselors:** Answering the 24-hour crisis line to provide support, peer empowerment and resources to individuals in crisis (requires specialized training)

To learn more about volunteer opportunities with The Shelter for Abused Women & Children, call 775-3862, ext. 235, or visit www.naplesshelter.org. ■

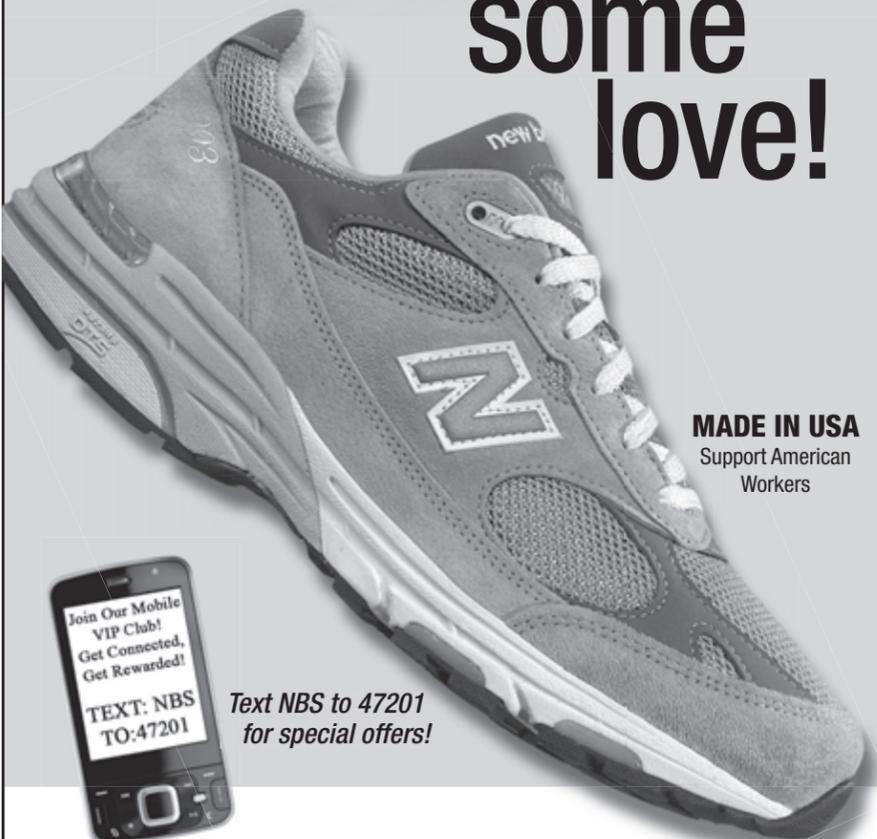
Naples Botanical Garden wants to cultivate new volunteers

The Naples Botanical Garden is seeking people who enjoy learning and sharing their knowledge with the public to volunteer when the renovated and expanded Garden opens. Training will be provided so that volunteers are well versed in a particular area of the Garden: The Vicky C. and David Byron Smith Family Children's Garden, the Brazilian Garden, the Kathleen and Scott Kapnick Caribbean Garden or the Preserve. The four gardens are under construction and will be completed in time for the grand opening celebration

in November.

This summer and fall, the staff at the Garden is holding informational sessions for current and prospective volunteers to learn more about opportunities the new Garden will offer. Those who decide to sign up for duty will receive further training. Sessions take place from 10 a.m. to noon, with the next ones scheduled for Tuesday, July 14, and Thursday, July 23, at the Garden. For more information or to register for one of the free sessions, call Sally Richardson at 643-7275, ext. 28. ■

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HEALTHY LIVING

Goodbye to meat

More fruit, healthy protein likely to boost energy, quality of life

BY JAMIE GUMBRECHT

Special To Florida Weekly

As gardens get greener, farmers markets overflow with produce and our cravings for light, summer foods intensify, there's that temptation to do the unthinkable: turn that dinner salad into a meal, then a habit. Go all the way — go vegetarian.

Dietitian Trulie Ankerberg of Decatur, Ga., suggests that people who are considering a diet change start by bulking up on fruits, and especially nutrient-dense vegetables, gradually adding those while reducing the amount of meat.

"There's not enough time in the day, not enough room in their stomachs to get it all in," Ms. Ankerberg said. "You have to increase your goal as you go."

But many vegetarians who cut out meat find they still have an unhealthy diet packed with dairy products and fried foods; pizza, french fries and chocolate cake can be vegetarian, after all. Going with a vegan meal plan — one that eliminates animal products entirely

— may be where some find the health benefits they're looking for, Ms. Ankerberg said.

Zacoor Israel, an assistant manager at Soul Vegetarian #2, a vegan restaurant in Atlanta, said he became a vegan in 1996, when he weighed close to 200 pounds. Heart disease, diabetes and strokes run in his family and he decided to make a change.

Within three months, he was down to 165 pounds and had more energy. His diet became a lifestyle.

"I became more socially conscious," he said. "When you get meat out of your ears, you start hearing things in another kind of way."

Ms. Ankerberg said a vegan diet won't work for everybody, but learning to fill the table with fresh foods and meat alternatives can help diversify dinner-time while improving the entire family's health.

"You don't have to corner yourself into a label," she said. "You can find your happy medium and do what you can. ■"



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Lemon Dream Pie With Blueberry Glaze features silken tofu and lemon juice and zest in the filling and fresh or frozen blueberries sweetened with apple juice for the topping.

SUBSTITUTIONS

A vegan diet can be less about cutting foods out and more about adding ingredients in. Here are some substitutions:

- **Milk:** Try a nondairy product such as soy, rice or almond milk. As long as they're not too sweet, they're interchangeable.

- **Eggs:** Depending on the recipe, tofu, applesauce or an egg substitute, such as Ener-G can usually perform the same duties.

- **Butter and lard:** Try a non-hydro-

genated substitute such as an Earth Balance vegan product.

- **Mayonnaise:** On salads and sandwiches, Vegemise is a brilliant substitute for the egg-and-oil mixture.

- **Meat:** It's often the toughest thing for people to give up, but vegans and vegetarians can get plenty of nondairy protein from tofu, tempeh, seitan and even meat substitutes designed to look and taste like sausage, chicken and hot dogs. ■

GLOSSARY

Consider this a public-service announcement: A vegetarian diet is a choice. Some do it for health or ethical reasons. Plenty will admit that they're just picky eaters, or got started because they wanted to impress someone. If you put pepperoni on your pizza, the vegetarian police won't come get you. But if you need a name for your diet, or want to understand all the terms people throw around to describe how they eat, here's a quick look:

- **Vegetarian:** General term for someone who doesn't eat meat.

- **Lacto-vegetarian:** Vegetarian

who does not eat eggs, but does eat dairy products.

- **Ovo-vegetarian:** Vegetarian who does not eat meat or dairy products, but does eat eggs.

- **Vegan:** Vegetarian who does not eat meat, eggs, dairy products or other animal products. Many avoid using animal-tested items and products such as fur and leather.

- **Pescatarian:** People who don't eat meat, other than fish.

- **Flexitarian:** People who eat mostly vegetarian diets, but occasionally eat meat. ■

Debunking some exercise and diet misconceptions

BY MARJIE GILLIAM

Special To Florida Weekly

Just as one diet and exercise myth is laid to rest, it seems another one is ready to take its place. Some of the most common misconceptions include:

Myth: Gaining body fat is inevitable as we age.

Reality: Although our metabolism slows as much as 5 percent per decade after age 40, much of this is due to insufficient amounts of exercise, which leads to loss of muscle and bone over time. The less muscle and bone tissue we have, the fewer calories (energy) we need. At this point, we rarely adjust calories downward to compensate for this loss.

To compound matters, the more we sit, the more we tend to eat. This double whammy of less energy expended and more energy eaten results in the inevitable increase in body fat, especially around the waistline. Excess abdominal fat predisposes people to higher incidences of type 2 diabetes, blood pressure, cholesterol and cardiovascular disease.

To rev up the metabolism again, it is important to do resistance training on a regular basis, to restimulate bone and muscle growth, at minimum, two to three times a week. Choose exercises that work all of the major muscle groups, which include the legs, back, chest, shoulder, biceps and triceps.

Increasing your strength lessens your risk of injuries, makes everyday tasks easier to manage, and goes a long way toward maintaining a healthy weight.

Myth: Drinking ice water will help you lose weight.

Reality: Our bodies strive to maintain a temperature of about 98.6 degrees F. The burning of body fat, one of our primary energy sources, generates heat and is part of this process. Lowering the temperature of the body through external conditions such as going out into the cold when not properly dressed, swimming in cold water, or drinking ice water does create an increase in metabolism; however, this increase is rarely enough to create significant fat loss.

Drinking a half-gallon of ice water a day, for example, can help burn an additional 70 calories. Both shivering and sweating burn calories, although this, too, is usually not enough to produce significant weight loss for most people.

Myth: When you stop exercising, muscle turns into fat.

Reality: It is physiologically impossible for muscle to change into fat or vice versa because they are two different types of tissue. Calories eaten begin to feed fat cells if they aren't needed to fuel the muscles, resulting in changes to body composition.

The keys to maintaining a higher ratio of muscle to fat is related to everyday diet



and the consistency and intensity of physical activity. Some ways to create exercise intensity are to try a new activity, increase weight loads, sets, reps or speed of movement.

Working out at the gym is a great way to stay healthy, lean and toned, but any activity burns calories, and so for long-term suc-

cess, find things that you enjoy, which will keep you motivated.

As for diet, the majority of meals don't include nearly enough fruits and vegetables and whole grains. These foods contain necessary nutrients and fiber, so take a good look at your food choices to see where improvement can be made. ■

Health-care workers exploring social media

Hospitals are all tweeted up about the possibility of using social media in health care.

More than 75 people attended a recent day-long summit on social media that was sponsored by the Texas Hospital Association. Association spokesman Amanda Engler said social media is a new world for many health-care providers, and this was one way to help them explore tweets, blogs, instant messaging and other tools.

For Austin's St. David's HealthCare system, it was a chance to build on the ideas the hospital has already put in place. St. David's already has a Twitter account, along with a network of niche blogs, including one for expecting parents. St. David's officials said they hope to expand their social-networking reach to build community, both for patients and health-care providers.

"There's just tremendous opportunity

in social media for health care," said Christin Cross, St. David's corporate director of communication.

"Health care is the perfect application for social media," Ms. Cross said. "Patients are always looking for resources."

The seminars also gave hospital employees tools to navigate the tricky legal situations that come along with reaching out to patients and communities via social media, because of privacy laws that specifically address health care.

Ms. Cross said that its important for hospitals to have strict policies for social media to protect patient privacy, while still achieving technology's goals.

Participants also had a chance to interact with each other and to share their experiences entering the social-tech world.

"Our idea was to sort of harness what others have already learned," Ms. Engler said. ■

Huggie Bears gets a facelift from Junior League

Huggie Bears Early Childhood Learning Center recently received more than \$3,500 worth of equipment and educational supplies along with a fresh coat of paint and new bookshelves and window treatments from the Junior League of Fort Myers.

More than 40 Junior League members participated in the three-

Volunteers assemble bookcases and shelves at Huggie Bears Early Childhood Learning Center.

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day project at the center in Naples, which is owned and managed by Children's Home Society of Florida, Southwest Division. Sherwin Williams donated the paint, and league members secured donations of books, desks, computers,

developmental toys and games from the community.

Huggie Bears Early Childhood Learning Center serves 60-70 children in preschool and after-school programs. Children's Home Society of Florida, Southwest Division, a private nonprofit organization, serves more than 5,000 children and families in Southwest Florida each year through a full spectrum of prevention and intervention programs. Services include foster care, adoption, child development, emergency shelters, residential group homes, independent and transitional living for teens, parent education, counseling, mentoring and treatment for developmentally disabled children and adults. ■

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The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida is benefiting from an unusual source: a "Cocktail with a Conscience" at the Dock at Crayton Cove.

Each time a Dock patron orders a Bay Berry Bliss, the restaurant donates \$1 to the hospital. "We're happy to help The Children's Hospital, and this is a fun way to do it," says Dock founder Vin DePasquale. More than two dozen were sold on the night of the Bay Berry Bliss debut.

"Naming rights" for the philanthropic libation were auctioned off last spring at Rockabye Collier, the first major fundraiser held in Collier County for the hospital. Joseph and Caroline Mar-

tino and Tony and Dolly Roberts were the high bidders, each contributing \$1,500 to the hospital in exchange for naming the cocktail that's a concoction of vodka, Chambord and pineapple juice.

The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida is on the main campus of HealthPark Medical Center in South Fort Myers. "Most people don't realize that about 40 percent of the hospital's patients come from Collier County," says Steve Wheeler, development director in Collier County for the hospital that is part of the Lee Memorial Health System. It is the only facility of its kind between Tampa and Miami. ■

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Conservancy releases young bobcat back into the wild

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A bobcat kitten that weighed 3 pounds when it arrived at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic six months ago was released to the wild near Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge on Friday, June 26. Conser-



Still in its carrier...

vancy staff estimated the bobcat weighed about 20 pounds when it was set free.

The bobcat was admitted to the clinic on New Year's Day, the first arrival of 2009, after it was found wandering on a side street with a littermate near Pine Ridge and Airport Pulling roads. "This was not normal behavior for bobcats," said Joanna Fitzgerald Vaught, Conservancy Wildlife Clinic director, adding it was most likely that the kittens had been orphaned.

The bobcat kitten had no injuries upon its arrival, but was kept at the clinic since it would not have been able to sustain itself in the wild. Conservancy workers were unable to catch the littermate.

While the bobcat was at the Conservancy, staff avoided all direct contact with it, as they did not want it to get acclimated to humans. "Even though the bobcat kitten was tiny, it was very afraid of humans and we wanted to keep it that way," Ms. Fitzgerald Vaught said. Limiting its interaction with humans was vital to its eventual release.

The bobcat was initially monitored in a 12-foot-by-12-foot recovery enclosure but was moved to an area more than three times that size. Inside the enclosure were things from its natural habitat. "We included stumps, logs, palm fronds and lots of other native vegetation in its recovery area to duplicate its natural habitat as closely as possible," Ms. Fitzgerald Vaught said.

Teaching the bobcat to hunt was also imperative to a successful release back into the wild. First, the bobcat was never fed from a bowl. Its food was thrown into the enclosure and hidden in cereal boxes, paper towel tubes and other containers so it had to work to find the food. As time went on, live prey of mice and rats were added to its diet so it would learn hunting skills.

Clinic intern Mary Haberstich, a graduate of Iowa State University, worked closely with Big Cat Rescue in Tampa to understand the bobcat's natural needs. She provided the bobcat with behavior-

enrichment exercises such as presenting new food items and novel objects and smells to stimulate the animal to investigate and explore its surroundings.

Bobcats can stay with their mothers for up to a year. When it was released last week, Conservancy staff estimated, the clinic's bobcat guest was about nine months old.

Even on release day, human contact with the bobcat was minimal. Conservancy staff waited for the bobcat to wander into the pet carrier that was already in its enclosure and rigged with a wire that could be manually tripped to close it from outside. Once the bobcat was inside the carrier, staff covered the carrier with a blanket to avoid additional stress to the animal and loaded it onto a Conservancy van for the trip to private property near Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge.

At the release site, the blanket was removed and the carrier door opened. The bobcat did not come out right away. After about a minute, a staff member tapped on the top of the carrier and the bobcat came out immediately, zigzagging its way quickly into the surrounding bushes.

"This is what it is all about," Ms. Fitzgerald Vaught said. "We've cared for the bobcat, and now she gets to go back into the wild." ■



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OUTDOORS

AT COLLIER-SEMINOLE STATE PARK

Do bugs really have the ultimate secret to survival?

BY LEE BELANGER
Special to Florida Weekly

"Insects will outlive the human race!" I can still hear my zoology professor telling us that so many years ago. At the time, I was quite put out. How could small insects beat us at the survival game?

Now, after many attacks by biting ants, stinging bees and more, I am inclined to agree with the wise professor. Insects seem to have the upper hand.

Take ants for example. They never let go, even in death.

Watch an ant drag a grasshopper or even a pebble (the load can easily be 60 times the ant's body weight, the equivalent of a 200-pound man dragging 6 tons). If the ant is killed during the process, its head remains clamped to its load.

Froghoppers, also known as spittlebugs, take a more cowardly approach. They hide. But we have to give them credit for creating their own hiding place on grasses and plant stems throughout the United States. This defenseless, soft-bodied insect secretes a liquid from its abdomen and, using its rear legs, whips the liquid into tiny bubbles that completely cover its entire quarter-inch-long body.

The next time you walk through tall grass, look for a bubble mass that resembles beaten egg whites. If you take a twig and part the bubbles, you'll likely find the insect inside.

Adult insects have an exoskeleton (outer skeleton) just like their relatives the lobster and crab. Most adult insects have six

legs. Many people are surprised to learn that butterflies and moths are also insects.

The monarch butterfly uses one of the most sensible defenses in the animal kingdom: It tastes bad to those that would prey upon it, such as birds. The monarch secretes an acid that birds dislike, so they leave monarchs alone. The monarch lays its eggs on milkweed (which the larval caterpillar eats). Not only does the acid from the milkweed taste bad, it's poisonous to many birds. So birds stay away from the monarch's eggs, too.

My children's school in Connecticut petitioned the state legislature to declare the praying mantis the state insect. The kids learned enough about this amazing, beneficial insect to select it for special recognition. The Greeks believed the praying mantis had supernatural powers. Although this seems unlikely, the mantis is the tiger of insects. It eats mosquitoes, flies, caterpillars and many other insects. Exceptional eyesight and the ability to rotate its head allow the mantis to easily spot prey. It uses its long, spiny forelegs to snatch and devour other insects. A South American species even attacks small lizards, frogs and birds.

The mantis is a ferocious fighter. If con-



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The praying mantis, a survivor and the state insect of Connecticut.

fined, it can turn cannibalistic. During mating, females often bite off the male's head. Even in death, the male's abdomen can continue to mate (a fun fact that's caused a chuckle in many a biology class).

We all know something about bees. Most are social insects, working together for the good of the whole hive. Like many insects, they are not built to withstand cold weather. But they can survive cold temperatures by cooperating. During cold weather, bees gather into a ball in the hive. The bees in the center of the ball move continually, generating heat. These ingenious insects constantly change places so all keep warm.

And then there's the infamous mosquito. This insect has had more than 150 million years to sharpen its survival skills. They coexisted with the dinosaurs — and look who survived.

Mosquitoes have excellent eyesight. They can hone in on small amounts of carbon dioxide exhaled by mammals, and can even detect sweat a mile away.

The longer I live and the more I encounter a variety of insects, the more I am convinced my college professor was right all along. Insects will win in the end. What do you think? ■

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

Take a hike or grab a paddle (and bring bug spray)

Although guided canoe tours and hikes have ended for the summer, there's much to discover on your own at Collier-Seminole State Park:

>>Rent a canoe - Paddle down the Blackwater River through a mangrove forest toward the Gulf of Mexico. Enjoy birding, fishing (salt water license required) or just a relaxing paddle in this outdoor wonderland. Rentals available from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily.

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The park also offers picnicking, birding, fishing, camping, a boat ramp and a chance to see the historic "walking dredge" that was used to build the Tamiami Trail.

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PET TALES

Celebrating the dog

BY CHRISTIE KEITH
Universal Press Syndicate

The list of ways dogs have helped humans throughout history is almost endless.

They've guarded livestock, herded sheep, driven cattle and protected human dwellings from castles to condos. Dogs assist people with disabilities, sniff out illegal drugs and find food from birds to truffles. From detecting heart attacks and seizures before they happen to dragging drowning people to safety, it's hard to imagine any form of technology that could surpass the uncountable number of ways in which dogs lend us a helping paw.

In selectively breeding dogs for the skills that helped them help us, human beings have changed the dog both inside and out. Today, there are hundreds of dog breeds so different from each other in type that it's hard to believe they're members of the same species — and yet, each of these dogs' forms grew out of a specific function.

"If people hadn't changed the dog to do certain tasks, he'd look very much like the dingo," said Heather Russell-Revesz, co-author of the "World Atlas of Dog Breeds" (TFH, \$100). "Whether it was making a dog shorter-legged or faster, so he could catch a specific kind of prey, or making him tiny enough to sit on your lap, human intervention has brought an incredible diversity of type to the dog."

Not all the changes were about function. For example, when it became clear how easily the dog's physical appearance could be changed by human breeding choices, dog breeders in Victorian England became

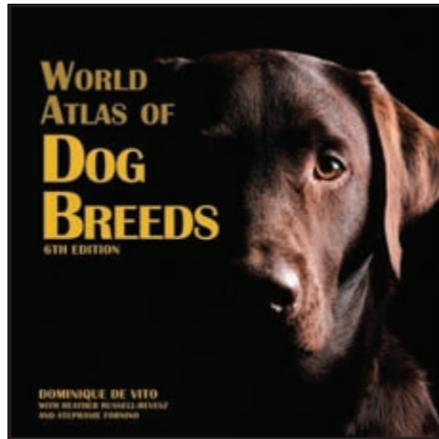
interested in seeing just how extreme those changes could be.

"Look at the bulldog," said Ms. Russell-Revesz. "He's about as different from a 'natural breed' like the dingo as a dog can be. His face is flat; his legs are short and bowed. Another example is the field spaniel. The Victorians took a functional hunting dog and started breeding him smaller and smaller, until his legs were so short he could hardly walk, let alone hunt. He very nearly became extinct, until fanciers in the 1930s began to select for a less extreme dog."

Basics such as breathing and walking aside, even dogs originally developed to help humans in hunting, farm chores or family protection are increasingly out of a job in modern times. World War II threatened the existence of many dog breeds, because it was impossible to continue breeding or even feeding dogs during the war, and afterward, because human lifestyles changed profoundly in the post-war era.

"Many dog breeds were wiped out, and others were on the brink of extinction," Ms. Russell-Revesz said. "Their traditional work was largely obsolete, and it was only the extraordinary dedication of a few individuals that preserved the amazing legacy of traditional dog breeds."

Of course, not all canine work is obsolete. Dogs today are being bred for many of their traditional tasks, as well as new ones. And some dogs, once rendered unemployed by new technology, are being rehired. "When snowmobiles were introduced, the Greenland dog was out of favor as a reindeer herder," she said. "But it turns out that rein-



The ultimate coffee-table book for dog lovers, the "World Atlas of Dog Breeds" covers hundreds of breeds.

deer don't respond well to being herded by snowmobiles. It turns out the dogs are more useful than the machines — and more environmentally friendly."

A greyhound's long legs and great lung capacity or the insatiable urge to dig shared by the terriers may be a case of form following function. But there are 420 different breeds in the World Atlas, and the authors acknowledge they didn't list every breed. And yet it includes 30 French scent hounds, from the familiar basset hound to the now-extinct levesque. Does any nation need 30 different types of scent hounds?

But then, of course, the French celebrate the regional differences in their cheese and wine, so why not the ones in their dogs?

Ms. Russell-Revesz laughed. "Depending on the prey, the terrain and the climate, they may have needed different-length legs or more or less coat. But the truth is that each region took great pride in its local hounds and wanted to have their own." ■

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>>Winston is a 2-month-old gray and black standard schnauzer mix who will require puppy training. He's a bit shy, but he's very sweet and loves to play.



>>Boots is an 8-week-old tiger kitten who's full of fun and just loves to play with all of his toys. He also loves other cats and plays well with them.



>>Runner is a 3-year-old Rottweiler mix who loves to chase a ball and is also great on a leash. He's very sweet and will make a great addition to any family.

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MUSINGS

Fly in the ointment



Have pirates ever been children? I think not. I am convinced that curious memories of little songs in my head are merely transpersonal linkages into the collective unconscious, a storehouse out of which I regularly steal.

Lately a couple of tunes have been buzzing about there. I find an old woman who swallowed a fly. I don't know why. But I can imagine. And that quickly I am swallowing, too, and swallowed. I have a weird molasses sweetness filling the organs of taste on my feet. The four thousand light sensors in my eyes revel.

Am I not pretty? Am I not pretty impressive? Otherworldly chants of "shoo, shoo" surround me, filling me with ecstasy. I, fly, into them so iridescent. But, no, these are nightmarish winds, striking storms filled with hate and derision.

Wait. I do not see myself as fourth plague. I am not mythic agent of death and decay. I am not Beelzebub or madness or disease. I have mixed my life with the life of homo sapiens from the very beginnings. I have been with you on the hunt, through your discovery of fire and farming, into your urban settlements. I have dined on your leavings. I have loved you well.

When I saw my first PETA Katcha I thought it was some sort of New Age dildo. I thought I was being invited into a pyramid of love and Dionysian ritual. After all, you know that the average span of my sexual embrace is a firm 80 minutes. When I saw your films, made and remade, starring us, together, mixed body parts and genetics, I felt I belonged. I felt loved.

And I sang out, with a voice so clear and and crystalline: "Shoo, Shoo: It don't bother me. I belong to somebody. I feel, I feel, I feel like a morning star..."

But when the camera pans down (want to film that?), I feel like a mourning star.

Then I see that in Madame Tussaud's central London wax museum the figure of the new agent of change, the Supreme Leader of the Free Human World, holds a swatter. Will you allow this to go on? Must I remain crushed? Is my only utility being a fish hook in drag? Must I vanish, flying from the scene?

No, I fly in the face of derision. I fly in the teeth of injustice. I fly high, no aerophobia in my winged body.

For I am cool and sexy. You have even named your zippers after me. I am pretty fly, for a diptera guy.

Look at my roots.

I come from segmented maggot, headless, legless, eyeless. From this humble beginning I radically metamorphose. I am transformer. I go trans, beyond, the form, the essential nature of a thing that is not merely its substantive stuff. I am

this traveling beyond, into the essential beauty that is form. I go; I go beyond; I go beyond the beyond.

Therefore I belong in your ointment, in your salves, in your unguents. I deserve to be part of royal and religious anointings. Let me live in your perfumed oils, in milk, in water, in butters, all poured on in extravagance, wastefully.

Let me be for all of you a ubiquitous reminder of your own beauty. Let me be taken into mind, held, a brilliant, extreme, flagrant example of endless swarthy possibility. Let me be a living Baudelaire poem, giving voice to the poignancy of holes and carrion flowers, the wilderness, the sour, the unexpected and uncontrolled. Let me help you love the dead and the damaged, the orphan idea, the ones left behind.

I point behind and beyond the distressing disguise of your impoverished judgment. I set you free for all time.

Let me be new, the changing buzz, one with that toward which anointing points. I desire to be this sign of the entering of the divine. I desire to be sign of your healing, your hope, your generativity unabated. I desire to be perceived as sensate presence of your yet merely nascent inner heart. I desire to waken your best part. Where I appear, may there be a knowing of the vastness of your ever transforming possibility.

May there be no exclusion, no conclusion, ever intrusion and profusion, no



illusion of less.

May I offer this version of vision in the little beatings of my buzzings. May I cheer you, bring you joy even in the midst of the insufferable. May maggots be as lovely as marble deities. May death be door to liberation. May the dregs of the dregs bring you euphoria untellable.

And I feel, I feel, I feel mourning and morning, mixed up with you. It's all good. Come, come and fly with me. ■

— 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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A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES BUSINESS INDUSTRY

“This results in an increased need for geriatric care management and home care for individuals with chronic health conditions.” — Mike Brennan, executive director for SeniorBridge



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A home health nurse can help make sure medications are in order.

Growing need for care at home drives SeniorBridge acquisitions

BY CLAY CONE
Special to Florida Weekly

Advances in medical technology and therapy are enabling people with multiple health problems to live longer lives, increasing the need for comprehensive care management.

“Families are left to cope with a relative’s growing dependency in the midst of their own busy lives, which leads to emotional and physical stress for the whole family,” says Mike Brennan, executive director for SeniorBridge. “This results in an increased need for geriatric care management and home care for individuals with chronic health

conditions.”

With offices in Naples, Marco Island and Fort Myers, SeniorBridge is one of the pioneers in providing geriatric care management and home care for individuals with chronic health conditions. The company was founded in 2000 out of the growing need for care at home.

SeniorBridge addresses the total well-being of clients and their families through a program that includes assessment, planning, service coordination,



BRENNAN

advocacy and direct care by a multi-disciplinary team led by a geriatric care manager.

A geriatric care manager is someone typically educated in the fields of social work, psychology, nursing or gerontology, and trained in the issues related to aging, Linda Cramer, professional development specialist for SeniorBridge, explains. “Just as you may go to a lawyer to prepare your will or an accountant for your taxes, geriatric care managers are trained to assess your medical, environmental and social circumstances. They also have broad knowledge of the local resources available to help you,”

SEE SENIORS, B5 ►

WEEK at-a-glance



AZN ribbon-cutting

Chamber welcomes Asian eatery to The Mercato, and other business happenings. B7 & 8 ►



Building Goodwill

Former hospital CEO knows just what the nonprofit needs. B2



On the Move

See who’s going where and doing what. B4

Bullish Tom Moran says start rebuilding retirement savings

Planning for your later years is certainly a risky venture filled with more questions than answers.

But today’s concerns are more than just how much to save and in what investment vehicles. The question is more about how to rebuild those savings that have been lost during this recession



MORAN

and volatile stock market.

With very few, if any, financial advisors willing to speak up and put themselves on the line during this critical time, Tom Moran, founding member and managing director of the Moran Asset Management Group in Naples, is sharing his expert opinion with not only his clients

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but the community at large.

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short-term and long-term concerns, including interest rates and inflation. He also sheds light on what sectors tend to do best coming out of a recession, advises on how to rebuild your net worth, and investigates whether or not this is truly a recovery or simply a short-term bull market in a long-term bear market.

Naples resident Art Knight, a five-year client of Mr. Moran’s, attended the June 24 seminar to get a mid-year update. “Tom’s a very good tea leaf

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BUSINESS PROFILE

A hospital CEO starts a second career leading Goodwill

BY EVAN WILLIAMS
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Tom Feurig has succeeded prodigiously since taking the pilot seat of Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida Inc. six years ago. He nearly doubled the yearly budget from \$11 to \$20 million, more than quadrupled the number of people the organization serves, and snagged Goodwill International's prestigious annual accolade for the best CEO.

"That (success) has come from the efforts of a ton of people," said Mr. Feurig, quickly darting out of the spotlight. "It's also because the demand had grown for our services — that's a reflection of the economy and people's needs."

It's also a reflection of plain old good business practices.

Mr. Feurig has strongly encouraged his staff of 450, including workers at 24 retail stores in the five-county area, to compete with discount, for-profit chains like Target or Wal-Mart, by focusing on customer service. In fact, 85 percent of the company's profits come from its retail operation (and the rest from federal and state funds and grants).

Looking back, Mr. Feurig is clearly the right man for the job. But that wasn't always so obvious. When he applied for his first Goodwill job as CEO of the much smaller Traverse City, Mich., location, two years before coming to Florida, his resume gave way to concerns at the interview. Mr. Feurig's entire career up until then had been running "mega-sized, \$350 million (per year not-for-profit hospitals.)"

"They thought I'd be unable to transfer a lot of the skills at that size," Mr. Feurig said. "Sometimes what you find is the challenges have some common threads."

Mr. Feurig, 58, said he always has been a health care man. And there was never any doubting that career path.

As a teenager, he took a close look at his father's job — he was a physician who ran the health center at Michigan State University — and decided he too wanted to manage a health care system (but not become a medical doctor).

"I knew in high school I wanted to be in the not-for-profit health care field," said Mr. Feurig. "I got to see both the business side of health care and the physician side."

His first job was cutting the grass at Michigan State University. But after graduating from there, he switched to the University of Michigan for a master's degree in health care management. A 30-year career in that field followed. It took him to hospitals in Detroit, Milwaukee and finally Little Rock, where he became CEO of a Catholic health care organization (Mr. Feurig is also Catholic), re-examining best business practices in a way that reflects the work he has done for Goodwill.

Mr. Feurig doesn't cite specific problems with hospitals he managed as his reason for leaving the field; but instead, a growing disillusionment with where the health care business was heading in general — that it was more focused on profit than health care — and a feeling that 30 years at the job was enough.

"I decided it was time to look at a different professional direction," he said.



Tom Feurig

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"I wanted to be involved in something more than making a product or selling a product."

He went to his second home in Traverse City, a few hundred miles north of where he grew up in East Lansing, to get away from work and think things over.

"I was reading the Sunday paper and saw that the local Goodwill was in trouble, lacking direction and looking for a CEO," he said.

Building on a few years of experience in Traverse City, he came to Southwest Florida, where social service needs continue to grow. He's opening a new retail store in LaBelle, and an office in Clewiston to serve an espe-

cially downtrodden community there.

If he were to take a detailed look at the regional Goodwill's growth in the future, Mr. Feurig said, "I'd guess that over the next two or three years, we'd foresee the need to grow services at least by half. I think demand will be that great."

Goodwill in Southwest Florida supports an array of social services that help people who are blocked from employment or being independent — for example, a pregnant teenager, a person with Down syndrome or a wheelchair-bound adult — to find jobs through career development services, housing at one of 11 complexes or transportation through the Four Wheels for Work program. Goodwill also runs the L.I.F.E. Academy, a vocational high school, where Mr. Feurig attended a recent graduation that symbolized to him what Goodwill stands for.

"To see the parents; to see the four graduates — and they are individuals who have special needs — was dramatic as far as crystallizing what this is all about," he said. "Because they're going to be more independent in their lives than before they came to our school."

When he leaves work at night, Mr. Feurig drives home to Matlacha, a small island community in northwest Lee County that people often describe as "artsy." Mr. Feurig describes it as "kind of like going back to the days of Mary Poppins, riding her bike at night," because he finds the community has some of that story's quaint charm. He is also moved by the beauty of nature there.

"Can I be corny again?" he asks. "Just seeing a dolphin come up through the water is kind of a kick." ■



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ON THE MOVE

Chambers of Commerce



ALLBRITTEN

Dr. Jeffrey Allbritten, president of the Edison State College Collier Campus, has joined the Greater Naples Chamber Board of Directors. A former president of the Florida Association of Community Colleges, Dr. Allbritten also serves on the board of the Economic Development Council of Collier County.

The Leadership Collier Foundation announces the following new members of its board of directors: **Martha Bibby**, Bibby Enterprises LLC; **Brad Boaz**, Barron Collier Companies; **James DeLony**, Collier County Public Utilities; **Liesa Priddy**, Cohen & Grigsby, PC; **Susan Takacs**, Physicians Regional Healthcare System; **Rich Yovanovich**, Coleman, Yovanovich & Koester, P.A. In addition, **Jan Kantor** of Success Systems, a current board member, has become a board officer, serving as vice-chair of alumni.

Health Care



RAMBOSK

Carolyn Rambosk, a licensed mental health counselor, has been named program coordinator for Employee Assistance Services of Southwest Florida. She will provide local businesses with confidential employee counseling and early identification of personal issues that may be affecting the employee's job performance. She also will provide critical incident stress debriefing services, drug-free workplace programming and management and staff training on a variety of topics. Prior to joining Employee Assistance Services, Ms. Rambosk was in private practice, counseling individuals and couples at Naples Counseling Associates. She also provided individual and crisis counseling at the Shelter for Abused Women & Children.



WAFAPoor

Dr. Hussein Wafapoor has been made a partner at the Retina Health Center and the Macular Degeneration Research Center. He completed his first residency in Argentina and a second ophthalmology residency at the University of Mississippi medical center in Jackson, where he served as assistant professor in the vitreoretinal service for more than five years. Dr. Wafapoor is board certified and has won awards including the Samuel B. Johnson Teacher of the Year Award in 2002 and the 2006 American Academy of Ophthalmology Achievement Award.

Steve Weinman and **Dr. Jerry Williamson** of Immokalee-based CHS Healthcare will be guest speakers at the Community Health Centers Alliance statewide conference in St. Petersburg, Fla. Mr. Weinman is executive vice president and chief operations officer of CHS Healthcare; Dr. Williamson is the organization's chief medical officer.



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Information Technology



MORGENSTERN

Adam Morgenstern, senior network engineer at Information Technology Network Inc., announces the firm has been retained by Naples-based Qorval Inc. to manage its information technology infrastructure.

Real Estate Development



GILKEY

Dennis Gilkey, CEO of Gilkey Organization, was a featured speaker at two recent workshops about Low-Impact Development, an approach to community design, construction and maintenance that minimizes adverse impacts of development. Held in Lake City, Fla., and Spring Hill, Fla., the workshops were presented by the University of Florida IFAS Extension Service for government officials and staff, developers, builders, real estate professionals and water resource protection advocates.

Insurance



WHEELER

Wilson Wheeler, a certified insurance counselor, has retired from Oswald Trippe and Company. Mr. Wheeler has been with personal insurance division of OTC since 1997 and most recently was the interim manager of the agency's Naples office.

Sales



MARTINEZ

Felix Martinez was the top sales person in May at John Marazzi Nissan. Mr. Martinez has been in auto sales for 10 years. Originally from the Chicago, he now lives in Lehigh Acres.

Shawna Fitzpatrick is the new Lee County sales representative for the contracting division of Naples-based Elias Brothers Group, a provider of waterproofing and restoration services throughout Southwest Florida. Ms. Fitzpatrick's responsibilities include assisting property management companies and property owners, project evaluations and proposal submittals.

Nonprofit Organizations

Roger Brown and **Gayle Nelson** have joined the board of directors for the PACE Center for Girls Inc., in Immokalee. Mr. Brown retired as president of Polaris Marketing Services and is past president of the Universal Unitarian Congregation of Naples and past president and co-founder of the Naples chapter of Americans United for Separation of Church & State. He is also a member of Greater Naples Leadership. Ms. Nelson is vice president, administration for Naples-based Qorval Inc., a business advisory firm providing management services across a broad array of industries. ■

Students prove they mean business at Junior Achievement CEO Academy



Junior Achievement CEO Academy Class of 2009

COURTESY PHOTO

BY MAX KALM
Special to Florida Weekly

For a week in June, 21 high school students from Collier and Lee counties attend Junior Achievement CEO Academy at Florida Gulf Coast University's Lutgert College of Business. Their mentors/instructors included 15 business and academia leaders and five Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame laureates.

The students were split into five groups and had four days to work with the business leaders to develop a business plan and prepare a Power Point presentation for the final program on Friday, June 19.

Ultimately, the laureates would chose the best business plan.

I was fortunate to watch and listen to the competition. Of course, kudos must also go

to the business experts who coached them, but for these students to come up with fabulous ideas and develop complete business plans in such short time was absolutely remarkable. All of us in the audience agreed it would take us four days just to come up with an idea, and even then it would probably not be as good as what these students presented.

The winning team came up with the idea for an electronic bracelet that theme parks could rent to parents to put on their children. Only park staff members could remove the bracelet once it had been placed on a child's wrist. Parents would get a card that they could insert into any of a series of monitoring stations throughout the park to see exactly where their kids were at the moment. The park would charge \$15 for each bracelet rented.

The business plan involved selling the idea to theme parks, which would then set up the monitoring stations and a central scanning tower that would capture the electronic information. If a child were to leave the park without returning the bracelet or if an abduction would occur and the child was forcibly removed from the park, sensors at all exits would immediately sound an alarm.

The students' plan included complete financials and logistics for accomplishing the proposal. During questioning by the panel, they did a great job answering to questions and countering challenges.

If you're worried about the future of this country, a demonstration such as the one we witnessed can help you set aside any such fears.

Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida needs volunteers from the business world as well as financial support to expand its programs in our local schools.

For those of you familiar with what Junior Achievement accomplishes, please tell your friends. For those not familiar with this wonderful organization, please contact Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida at 225-2590 or visit www.jaswfl.org. ■

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Resale shop expands to include women, junior, maternity items

The Twinkle Exchange, with resale clothing and accessories for women, juniors and maternity, has opened as a new department in Twinkle Twinkle Little Store, the baby and children's resale boutique in North Naples. Owners Cheryl Courson and Brooke Chatham welcome customers who have gently used items to exchange for payment or in-store credit toward the purchase of anything

in the store. Unlike consignment, with resale the customer does not have to wait until things sell in order to be paid.

The Twinkle Exchange and Twinkle Twinkle Little Store are at 4910 Tamiami Trail N., in the Tanglewood Plaza with Outback Steakhouse Restaurant, one block south of Pine Ridge Road. Call 262-5904 or visit www.TwinkleTwinkleLittleStoreOfNaples.com. ■

Marco-based IT firm expands to Miami area

Marco Island-based technology services company VSM.net has expanded to the east coast of Florida. This is the first step in the company's plan to extend its high-touch information technology services to businesses across the state and broaden its established Marco-based operations.

The Aventura satellite office provides businesses in the Miami area with access to VSM.net's IT professionals. "The market conditions and the needs of our clients in this market have allowed us to

secure an office and continue our growth plans on schedule," says Michael Junkroski, founding partner of VSM.net.

Founded in 1995, VSM.net is the largest Apple consultancy firm in South Florida, and has professionals that are also certified in Windows and Linux networks. Plus, the firm is uniquely familiar with hybrid networks and can customize a network that allows a variety of office systems to work together.

For more information, visit www.vsm.net or call 642-0304. ■

TIB Financial Corp. makes the grade

Naples-based TIB Financial Corp., holding company for TIB Bank, The Bank of Venice and Naples Capital Advisors Inc., is featured as one of Florida's Top 150 Public Companies in the June 2009 Florida Trend Magazine. Ranked by revenue, TIB Financial Corp. was number 117.

The growth-oriented financial services company has approximately \$1.9 billion in total assets and 28 full-service banking offices throughout the Florida Keys, Homestead, Naples, Bonita Springs, Fort

Myers, Cape Coral, Nokomis and Venice. TIB Financial Corp. is also the parent company of Naples Capital Advisors, Inc., a registered investment advisor with approximately \$95 million of assets under advisement.

The company's stock is traded on The Nasdaq Stock Market under the symbol TIBB. Copies of recent news releases, SEC filings, price quotes, stock charts and other valuable information may be found on TIB's investor relations site at www.tibfinancialcorp.com. ■

Chamber CIVIC program hosts Swedish visitors

The Council for International Visitors in Collier, a program of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, welcomed Goran and Tuula Kessel from Sweden on Tuesday, June 23. The Kessels' visit was sponsored by the U.S. Embassy in Stockholm. Mrs. Kessel serves as chief of the Witness Protection Department for the Stockholm Police Department's Southern District; Mr. Kessel is head of the Communications Department, Operational Staff, Police Authority in the Province of Södermanland.

CIVIC put together a program for the Kessels that focused on crisis management systems and witness protection programs. In the morning the Kes-

sels met with Joseph Frazier and Sandy Betts at the Collier County Emergency Operations Center and toured the new facility. The visitors continued their day and met with Orly Stols at North Naples Fire Control and Rescue, Lt. George Welch of the Collier County Sheriff's Office and Rick Jessup of the U.S. Marshal's Office.

Over the past three years, the CIVIC program has received visitors from Russia, Ecuador and Macedonia in addition to hosting the European Consular Corps in Florida. For more information, contact Stefanie Cuthbertson, director of the CIVIC organization, at 298-7926 or scuthbertson@napleschamber.org. ■

Businesses invited to apply for 2009 Blue Chip awards

The 15th annual Southwest Florida Blue Chip Community Business Award coordinated and sponsored by Oswald Trippe and Company recognizes small businesses that have overcome adversity to achieve success.

Collier, Lee and Charlotte county for-profit businesses that have been in operation for at least three years and employ five to 400 people are eligible for the award. Applications must be submitted no later than Monday, Sept. 14.

The 2009 luncheon ceremony will take place Thursday, Nov. 5, at Harborside Event Center in Fort Myers. The keynote

speaker will be Todd Huston, amputee, mountain climber and world record-holding disabled athlete.

"We are honored to have sponsored the Blue Chip Award program for 15 years," says Gary Trippe, chairman and CEO of Oswald Trippe and Company. "We believe it is vital to recognize small businesses in our communities who have overcome adversity and are willing to share their successes as lessons for all of us."

To request an application or for more information, call Stacey Mercado at 433-7189. ■

SENIORS

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says Ms. Cramer, who is president-elect of the board of directors for the Florida Geriatric Care Managers Association. A care management program is especially beneficial for patients with complex problems, including chronic medical illnesses such as congestive heart failure and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and memory disorders such as Alzheimer's disease, as well as for those who require close oversight and management of care.

There's no place like home

Long-term care has emerged as a pressing need as the oldest Baby Boomers turned 60 in 2006. It is estimated that one in five Americans over age 50 will need long-term care at some point in their lives — as will nearly 70 percent of those who turned age 65 in 2006.

"Eldercare has become a growing concern for federal and state governments as well as individuals, eldercare providers and employers," says Mr. Brennan, adding the need for long-term care is likely to amplify in the years to come.

The biggest demand is going to be for in-home care, as home is often where the elderly feel most comfortable receiving long-term care. A recent AARP survey of Americans over the age of 50 found that 89 percent wanted to stay in their homes as long as possible. More than 80 percent of those who need long-term care currently live in their homes or communities. The home also is considered to be a safer environment for the elderly.

As the home becomes the preferred choice in which to age and receive care, new program models are needed to provide the extensive clinical support that Medicare was never historically intended to offer, Ms. Cramer says. Complex care management of patients in the home setting must become more widely available throughout the United States.

That's where organizations like SeniorBridge come in. The company provides comprehensive care from branch offices in 26 locations in Florida, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Maryland, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Illinois and Texas. The company also provides care nationwide through the SeniorBridge Care Management Network.

SeniorBridge has expanded locally with the recent acquisitions of Parent Care

in Naples, 1st Choice Home Health Care in Marco Island and Naples Health Care Specialists. It also has an office in Fort Myers and will soon open one in the Port Charlotte area.

"These partnerships have provided SeniorBridge with a wealth of knowledgeable and experienced professional care managers in the local community," Mr. Brennan says. "We look forward to further expanding our ability to support clients with complex care needs."

Comprehensive coordination

The company's interdisciplinary approach to comprehensive care includes a team lead by a registered nurse and a master's level social worker. A central task of the team is to assure that those with chronic health conditions are helped across the various points of transition — from primary care, to hospital, to rehabilitation and home.

Among the services are coordination of in-home clinical care, support services and care giving; oversight and training of caregivers; coordination of care with physicians; disease management and monitoring; communication with family members and other professional providers; and quality assurance that care plans are

executed and outcomes are monitored frequently. The team also educates patients, families and caregivers about chronic disease and health maintenance and provides assistance with navigating the health care system or with transitioning patients to a new environment.

Benefits of this care management program include better overall physical health and improved quality of life for patients with fewer emergency room visits and hospitalizations. Research points to the decreased risk of emergency room visits and hospital admissions in high-risk, elderly patients who received these types of services.

Without the type of care provided by companies like SeniorBridge, people with chronic conditions would be placed in nursing homes, dementia units or other types of long-term care institutions. SeniorBridge provides the needed care outside of such institutions, thereby enabling people to live safely in the comfort of their own homes or communities.

"I believe very strongly that the future of chronic healthcare will be to provide care outside institutions," says Dr. Eric Rackow, president and CEO of SeniorBridge. "Our goal is to ensure the very best quality of life for each of our patients." ■

POWERPOINTS

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reader. A very sharp guy and a good economist," Mr. Knight said, noting that

he's comfortable with his portfolio at the moment and is not running out to buy more stocks, even though Mr. Moran has a more bullish stand on the economy.

Also working with Mr. Moran for nearly five years, Jim Lustenader of Bonita Springs said the overall vibe at the June seminar was optimistic but the "elephant

in the room was unemployment. Businesses are very active based on their balance sheets. The real test is going to be next season's earnings numbers that companies report."

The advice Mr. Moran imparted to the group was that all signs indicate the recession is ending. "I believe we are

through the worst of it," he said. "Now is the time to focus on rebuilding retirement savings."

The next "Meet the Portfolio Manager" will be held on Wednesday, July 22, at Moran Asset Management Group's office at 5801 Pelican Bay Blvd. To register, call 254-2200. ■



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A dividend yield that seems too good to be true usually is, because it's probably due to the stock having plunged in price, with few investors believing in it. If an

industry comes under attack — as happens in cyclical industries and during economic crises — there may not be any earnings to distribute, leading to dividend cuts or suspensions. Automakers and banks are good recent examples of that.

Companies with checkered histories of dividend payments aren't the strongest candidates for investment — especially in a bear market, when external factors may strain their resources. Fortunately, many companies sport long dividend histories, demonstrating their reliability. McDonald's, for example, has paid a dividend each year since 1937.

A company's payout ratio — calculated by dividing annual dividends by net income — can help you determine whether it can afford to continue paying its dividend. A high ratio suggests the company is returning most of its earnings to shareholders, with little left over for other uses.

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My Dumbest Investment

Hoping Someone Learns

I have four kids, all close in age, and huge expected college expenses. I saw that coming and saved like crazy. I built a diversified, aggressive portfolio. Didn't go on ski trips or fancy vacations, didn't get cars for the kids. But ... I also didn't move a single centavo to safer investments when it got close to college time. Oh, I knew you Fools said I needed to do that, but I needed more money to reach my goal. I'd figured I needed about \$280,000 to get the kids through an eight-year span, and I'd accumulated about \$225,000. But over the last 18 months, I lost close to \$135,000. And I need it now. All sad tales need a moral, and I've got two: (1) Bears make money, bulls make money, and pigs get slaughtered. (2) When you're a few years away from needing your money, shift it into safer investments! There you go. That's my big dumb move. I hope someone reads it and learns.

— S.J., online

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(Answer: Yamaha)



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Ask the Fool

Look Out, Orville!

Q Is it a good time to invest in airlines?

— B.B., Sacramento, Calif.

A Some have suggested it's never a good time. Superinvestor Warren Buffett, for example, has said that "if a farsighted capitalist had been present at Kitty Hawk, he would have done his successors a huge favor by shooting Orville down."

The airline industry has to deal with challenges such as volatile fuel costs, fare wars, expensive equipment, union negotiations, complicated scheduling logistics and costly empty seats. Southwest Airlines has been a rare success in the industry — but even its 10-year average annual stock return is negative.

Q Might a company that rakes in a lot of money still be a bad investment?

— K.S., Fort Wayne, Ind.

A It's possible. Remember — the money a company takes in (its revenue, or sales) is its top line. Before you get to its bottom line of profits, you have to take out expenses, such as salaries, supplies and taxes. It's critical to know how much (if anything) the company keeps as profit, and whether important numbers, such as sales and profits, are increasing.

Las Vegas Sands' sales, for example, have risen from \$2.2 billion in 2006 to \$4.4 billion in 2008, while its net income has fallen into negative territory. That's worrisome, but ailing companies can be good investments sometimes — if they turn themselves around. Study their financial reports, to determine whether they're gaining or losing market share, how strong their competitive advantages are, how much faith you have in their management, and whether their futures seem bright. Look for red flags such as major legal problems or investigations into accounting. Or just skip them and focus instead on profitable firms.

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Name That Company

Founded in 1807, I once published Washington Irving, Edgar Allan Poe and Herman Melville. I'm no Johnny-come-lately. More successful than a hapless coyote, I publish scientific, technical, medical, professional and scholarly journals, encyclopedias, books and more. I've published the works of more than 350 Nobel laureates. My brands include *For Dummies*, *Frommer's*, *Betty Crocker*, *Pillsbury*, *CliffsNotes*, *Webster's New World*, *J.K. Lasser*, *Jossey-Bass*,



Pfeiffer and *Sybox*. Subjects I cover include business, technology, architecture, culinary arts, psychology, education, travel, health, religion, consumer reference and pets. Based in New Jersey, I rake in more than \$1.6 billion annually. Who am I? ■

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

The Motley Fool Take

Windows 7 Ready to Launch

Microsoft (Nasdaq: MSFT) plans to replace the Vista operating system with Windows 7 in October. In its initial release, Vista was a resource hog and less reliable than Windows XP. As Windows 7 steps into the fray, Microsoft is facing entirely new challenges, such as strong competitors and the rise of the netbook system that places new demands on the operating system.

Laptops are getting smaller and less impressive, while smartphones only get more powerful. The convergence of those two trends is putting new operating systems from Microsoft competitors on netbooks. And now even mobile service providers such as AT&T and Verizon are

selling netbooks.

Nonetheless, Microsoft looks prepared for these challenges. Windows 7 was designed with the red-hot netbook market in mind, so it's a fair fight. And both corporate and retail customers may jump at the chance to get out of the XP-versus-Vista dilemma when October comes. Unless 7 turns out to be another disaster — which is unlikely — it looks like Microsoft is going to ring up a lot of fresh operating-system sales this fall. And isn't that what the company is all about, anyway?

It's back to the basics for Microsoft, and that may make investors like both the company and the stock again. (Microsoft is a Motley Fool Inside Value recommendation.) ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

► **The Naples Small Business Networking Group** will meet for dinner and networking at 6:30 p.m. Monday, July 6, at Noodles Cafe and Sushi Bar, 1585 Pine Ridge Road. RSVP to Becky Brooks at naplessmallbiz@yahoo.com by 1 p.m. July 6. Visit the group's Web site at <http://finance.groups.yahoo.com/group/naplessmallbiz/>.

► **American Advertising Federation-Southwest Florida** will hold its "Red, White and Yahoo!" mixer from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, July 8, at Angelina's Ristorante in Bonita Springs. Tom Hayes, AAF Eastern Region chair, will induct the 2009-2010 AAF-SWFL board of directors. Greg Weichert of Intergraphic will be awarded the organization's Silver Medal. Admission is \$20 for members, \$30 for guests and \$15 for

students. For more information, call 489-0073 or visit www.adfedswfl.com.

► **The CBIA Remodelers Council Roundtable** begins at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 9, at CBIA headquarters, 4779 Enterprise Ave. Cost is \$15 for council members and \$20 for CBIA members. For more information, call 463-6100 or visit www.cbiana.net.

► **How to Start a Business on the Web**, a free workshop sponsored by SCORE Naples and the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 11, at chamber headquarters. Guest speaker will be Donald Horton, owner of Scigolf.com. The workshop is free, but advance registration is requested and can be completed at www.napleschamber.org/events.

► **WNOCC Womens Networking of Collier County** meets at 11:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of the month (next meeting July 14) at the Collier Athletic Club. For more information, call Nancy Dalaskey at 280-3803.

► **Lee-Collier Networkers** meets for lunch once a month in Bonita Springs and also in Naples. The Bonita Springs meeting is at 11:15 a.m. on the second Thursday (next meeting July 9) at the Elks Lodge on Coconut Road; \$21 at the door (cash only), \$16 in advance. The Naples meeting is at 11:15 a.m. on the fourth Friday (next meeting July 24) at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club; \$30 at the door or \$25 in advance. www.leecolliernet.com.

► **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-swf.org. ■

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Michelangelo Homes introduces new designs at Miromar Lakes

▶ The Newport Beach has two stories and is the largest of the four designs offered by Michelangelo Homes in Costa Amalfi.



▶ The Monterey is one of two single-story plans in Costa Amalfi.



SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Michelangelo Homes, one of two builders in Costa Amalfi at Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club, has introduced four new Beach Cottage house plans. The newest neighborhood at Miromar Lakes, Costa Amalfi has 16 home sites and a pri-

ivate lakefront beach. Views to the southwest are across 250-acre Lake Como, which adjoins 450-acre Lake Maggiore.

All four Michelangelo Homes plans include a great room, dining nook, kitchen with an island bar, a covered outdoor living space and a two-car garage. A pool and spa package, cypress lanai ceilings

and an outdoor fireplace and outdoor kitchen are optional for each residence.

The San Clemente is a one-story plan with 1,860 air-conditioned square feet, which includes two bedrooms, 2½ baths and an office.

SEE MIROMAR, B11 ▶

Gridley Medical Building construction completed

Sunderland Associates LLC announces the completion of the Gridley Medical Building at 12250 South Tamiami Trail. General contractor on the project was DeAngelis Diamond Inc.

Four practices, whose physicians are part of the ownership group, have signed leases to be in the 34,000-square-foot building, and construction of their interior spaces is under way. They are: Collier Neurologic Specialists; Kevin Lam, DPM; Florida Pain Center; and Douglas Orthopedic and Spine Rehabilitation Center. Negotiations are continuing with an MRI center.

The building is named after John and Melissa Gridley, who were long-time Naples physicians. ■

▶ The Gridley Medical Building is across from the main entrance to Lely Golf Resort and Country Club.



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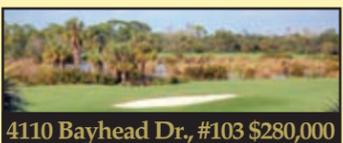
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The Monterey, which is also a one-story home, includes 2,091 air-conditioned square feet. It includes three bedrooms, three full bathrooms plus a powder room and a study.

The Santa Barbara is a two-story plan that encompasses 2,621 air-conditioned square feet with four bedrooms, four bathrooms, his and her walk-in closets in the master bathroom, a sun terrace on the second floor, a loft and a second story walk-in storage closet.

The Newport Beach, the largest of the floor plans, has 3,284 air-conditioned square feet with four bedrooms (each featuring walk-in closets) and four bathrooms. It also boasts a large foyer leading into a grand hall, a study, an upstairs loft with a balcony and a covered terrace accessible from both second-story bedrooms.

Each home in Costa Amalfi has a "New California" exterior design with a custom wood front entry door and impact windows and doors. Granite countertops, custom cabinetry and energy-efficient appliance packages are included, as are green features such as Icynene insulation for "conditioned air" attics and air filtration systems.

Residences by Michelangelo Homes in Costa Amalfi start from the low \$800,000s. Boat slips are available with access to more than 700 acres of contiguous aquamarine freshwater lakes.

Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club is a project of Miromar Development Corp. The community's sales center is outside of the gated entrance off Ben Hill Griffin Parkway north of Corkscrew Road. For more information, call 425-2340 or visit www.MiromarLakes.com. ■

Middlebrooke at Ave Maria town home sales announced

The rate of contracted sales has reached 90 percent of the homes released for marketing at Middlebrooke at Ave Maria. Pulte Homes is the developer/builder of the neighborhood of town homes. Jill Hoffman, the vice president of sales and marketing for the South Florida division of Pulte Homes, said 46 homes have been released to date. When completed, Middlebrooke at Ave Maria will consist of 326

residences in 42 two-story buildings. Two floor plans are available: the 1,395-square-foot Barkley with three-bedrooms and 2½-baths, and the 1,163-square-foot Arden with two bedrooms and 2½ baths. Prices start in the low \$100,000s, and sales are limited to buyers meeting certain maximum income qualifications. For more information, call the Ave Maria sales and information center at 304-7600. ■

Owner/broker Bermerman opens real estate office

Owner/broker A.J. Bermerman has opened AJB Realty & Property Management. A fourth-generation Neapolitan, Mr. Bermerman has previously worked in commercial and residential real estate with Gates D'Alessandro & Woodyard Realtors

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Condominiums/Villas

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

CASCADA 9042 Cascada Way #102
Panoramic golf/water views! Three bedroom plus study with coffered ceilings and expanded kitchen. **\$689,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983**

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

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

VARENNA 9242 Tesoro Lane #201
Outstanding residence with private elevator, over 3,000 SF AC, 3 bedrooms plus den, and spacious lanai. Furnished. **\$499,000 | Darlene Roddy | 404-0685**

DEER CROSSING 3990 Deer Crossing #201
Lake and golf views. This 3 bedroom plus den is very private with large lanai and 2-car garage. Turnkey furnished. **\$495,000 | ML Meade/Natalie Kirstein | 293-4851**

CARDINAL COVE 4586 Cardinal Cove Lane
Quiet and private lake view. Beautifully decorated popular "Silverthorne" plan. Corner 2 bedroom plus den. **\$350,000 | ML Meade/Natalie Kirstein | 293-4851**

DEER CROSSING 3990 Deer Crossing Court #101
Beautiful lake view and golf course view. Immaculate 3 bedroom coach home, 2-car garage. Beautiful decor. **\$349,000 | ML Meade/Natalie Kirstein | 293-4851**

HAMMOCK BAY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

SERANO 1065 Borghese Lane #PH-2106
Penthouse with breathtaking views in 3 directions, 3 bedrooms, and over 2,500 total SF. Wraparound lanai. **\$799,000 | Carolyn Weinand | 269-5678**

TWIN EAGLES

11665 Bald Eagle Way
Over 1.5 acres of improvable land and brilliant sunsets over 4 fairways. Clubhouse, tennis courts, and golf course. **\$399,000 | Cheryl Mease | 691-8104**



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TIBURON - ESCADA ▲
Three master suites, 2 guest rooms, each with bath. Gym, home theater, elevator, and golf views. *A Christie's Great Estates Property.*
\$5,600,000 | Julie Rembos | 595-1809



ESTATES AT BAY COLONY GOLF CLUB ▲
Southwest views of fairway and lake from this 2-story custom home with 4 bedrooms plus den. Swim-up pool bar and outdoor kitchen.
\$3,495,000 | Marlene Abbott-Barber/Leah D. Ritchey | 594-9494



QUAIL CREEK ▲
Over 8,000 SF, all four bedrooms are master suites. Spectacular pool with spa, waterfall and slide. Fantastic sights.
\$2,450,000 | Julie Rembos | 595-1809



VINEYARDS - TERRACINA ▲
Custom estate on 1.5 lots. Double fairway views. Five bedrooms en suite, home theater, billiard room, wine cellar.
\$2,399,000 | Julie Rembos | 595-1809



KENSINGTON ▲
Expansive views over golf course. Large pool, lanai, three bedroom, 3.5 bath, den. Guard-gated entry, golf equity membership.
\$1,475,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



VINEYARDS ▲
Lakefront views, a 1,500 SF covered lanai with heated pool/spa and kitchen. Southeast exposure. Seller will consider trade.
\$1,299,000 | Ted Dudley | 860-2498



VINEYARDS - TERRACINA ▲
Wonderful estate home with 4 bedrooms, den, 4.5 baths and golf course views from screened lanai with heated pool/spa, 3-car garage.
\$1,200,000 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231



TIBURON - VENTANA ▲
#PH502 - Furnished penthouse southwest views of preserve and golf course, 3 bedrooms, den, wraparound balcony, wood and tile floors.
\$1,175,000 | Kathryn Tou/Beverly Dale | 261-6161



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



KENSINGTON - KENSINGTON GARDENS ▲
Custom-designed estate home has wonderful golf course view. Plan flows to pool. Custom kitchen, granite counters.
\$925,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731



WYNDEMERE - VILLAGES ▲
Beautiful home with gorgeous tile floors, crown mouldings, and coffered ceilings. Fabulous lake and golf course view.
\$895,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126



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



KENSINGTON - KENSINGTON PARK ▲
Villa offers great room with gas fireplace, formal dining, three bedrooms and den. Renovated master bath with marble.
\$840,000 | Mary Morris | 784-8599



TIBURON - CASTILLO IV ▲
#103 - Gorgeous preserve views and many upgrades. Faux finishes, granite counters. Hand-scraped hickory flooring.
\$774,900 | Julie Rembos | 595-1809



OLDE CYPRESS - STRADA BELLA ▲
Beautiful home with southern exposure. Three bedrooms plus den, three baths, and 3-car garage. Turnkey furnished.
\$750,000 | Ray Couret | 293-5899



AUDUBON COUNTRY CLUB ▲
Cheerful 4 bedroom villa with heated pool, spa, summer kitchen, golf course and lake views. Diagonal tile. Jacuzzi tub.
\$749,000 | Mitch/Sandi Williams | 370-8879



OLDE CYPRESS - SANTA ROSA ▲
Long lake and golf course view from this 4 bedroom, 4.5 bath. TROPICALLY LANDSCAPED POOL AREA. Tasteful furnishings.
\$725,000 | Ray Couret | 293-5899



OLDE CYPRESS ▲
Impeccably maintained 3 bedroom plus den Ruttenberg home with 2,738 SF A/C, and a 3-car garage.
\$699,000 | Sandra McCarthy-Meeks | 287-7921



VINEYARDS - ARBOR GLEN ▲
Private lake views by the heated pool with large paved lanai. Four bedrooms and oversized family room.
\$695,000 | Mara/Michael Muller | 272-6170



VINEYARDS - VALLEY OAK ▲
Custom built executive home. Volume ceilings, gourmet kitchen, heated pool and hot tub, four bedrooms, four baths, and 3-car garage.
\$629,000 | Isabelle Edwards | 564-4080



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Gorgeous lake and golf course views. Large living room, family room with fireplace. Membership required.
\$595,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126



OLDE CYPRESS ▲
Upgraded 3 bedroom plus den, 2.5 bath Ruttenberg home. Brick paved pool/spa, preserve views. Wood-burning fireplace.
\$579,900 | Sandra McCarthy-Meeks | 287-7921



WYNDEMERE - GOLF COTTAGES ▲
Great views of the golf course. Two-story home offers two master bedrooms with 3rd bedroom used as a den.
\$575,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126



IMPERIAL GOLF ESTATES ▲
Tranquil lakefront setting with southern exposure. Fantastic design with volume ceilings and spacious lanai.
\$575,000 | Pat Callis | 250-0562



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



STONEBRIDGE - MIDDLEBURG ▲
#203 - Golf course view! Upgrades galore. 3 bedrooms, 20" diagonal tile, glassed-in lanai, granite counters. Bundled golf.
\$545,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126



WYNDEMERE - PRESERVE ▲
Long lake/golf course views. Attached 3 bedroom plus family room villa, heated pool. Original owner. Membership required.
\$525,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126



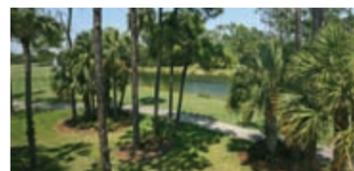
STONEBRIDGE - BRAEBURN ▲
#202 - Rare 2nd floor Braeburn, turnkey furnished. Southern views over lake and golf course. Golf membership included.
\$499,000 | Vickie Larscheid | 250-5041



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



STONEBRIDGE - BRAEBURN ▲
#202 - Turnkey furnished 3 bedroom with preserve views. Bundled golf, clubhouse, Har-Tru tennis, pool, spa, and 3 miles to beach.
\$449,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



STONEBRIDGE - WILLOW BEND ▲
A two bedroom condominium with golf course and lake view. Offered furnished. Eastern exposure on the lanai.
\$375,000 | Otto Becker/Keith Alexander | 261-6161

STONEBRIDGE

SHOREHAM VILLAS 1795 Leamington Lane
Sunset views over fairway and lake. Peaceful villa with a double garage and 10 foot ceilings. Golf membership included.
\$360,000 | Vickie Larscheid | 250-5041

CARRINGTON 2395 Harmony Lane
Full golf membership included! Two bedroom condominium with views of the green and fairway. Turnkey furnished!
\$274,900 | Pat Duggan | 216-1980

KENSINGTON

HAMLET 3300 Hamlet Drive #4
Southern exposure lake/golf views from this Arthur Ruttenberg coach home. Mint condition 2 bedroom plus den.
\$397,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552

WYNDEMERE

GOLF COTTAGES 16 Golf Cottage Drive
Charming 2 bedroom plus den on cul-de-sac and overlooks golf course. Updated flooring, 2-car garage. Membership required.
\$350,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126

WATER OAKS 32 Water Oaks Way
Charming two-story villa views golf course and meandering stream. Furnished, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths and loft. Immaculate.
\$325,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126

COMMONS 200 Wyndemere Way #303
Furnished 3 bedroom with large tiled lanai overlooks golf/lake. New furniture in living/dining room. Membership required.
\$290,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126

COURTSIDE COMMONS 607 Courtside Drive
Contemporary and dramatic! All new cabinetry, stainless steel appliances, slate floors on lanai. Membership required.
\$285,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126

WYNDEMERE

COURTSIDE COMMONS 301 Courtside Drive
Exquisitely appointed garden condominium. Furnished. Glassed-in lanai, split floor plan. Membership required.
\$260,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126

COURTSIDE COMMONS 609 Courtside Drive
Wonderfully updated 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Social membership required. Fitness center, tennis, and golf memberships available.
\$219,000 | Ann Marie Shimmer | 825-9020

COMMONS 100 Wyndemere Way #102
Furnished 2 bedroom with glass-enclosed lanai, golf and lake views. New carpet, new A/C handler. Membership required.
\$200,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126

QUAIL WEST

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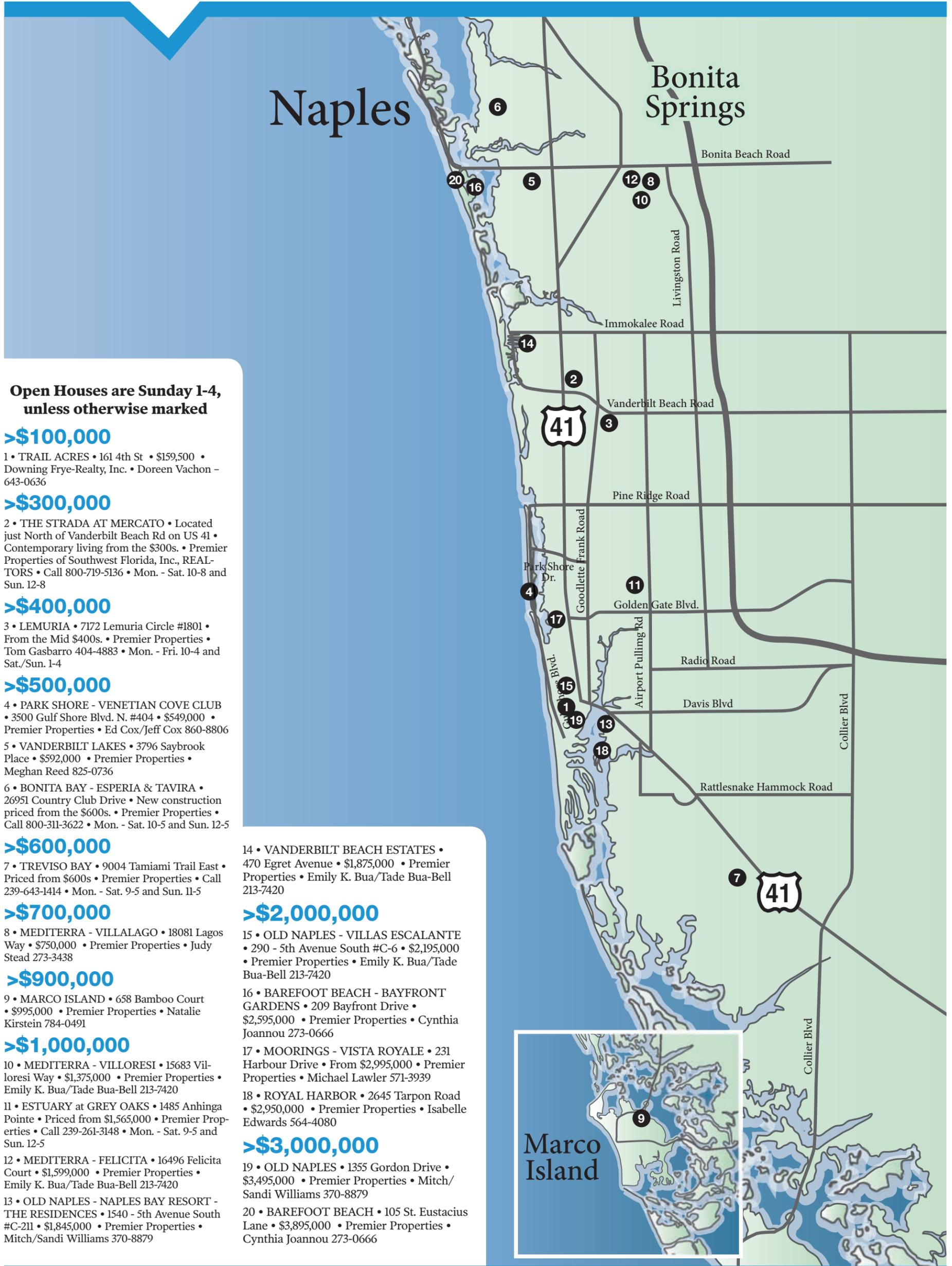
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9 • MARCO ISLAND • 658 Bamboo Court • \$995,000 • Premier Properties • Natalie Kirstein 784-0491

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10 • MEDITERRA - VILLORESI • 15683 Villaresi Way • \$1,375,000 • Premier Properties • Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell 213-7420

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BENVENUTO ▲
Spectacular Kurtz-built home. Mouldings, built-ins, niches, woodwork and superior finishes. Coffee bar, large wine cellar, and fireplaces! Views of the south golf course. Large estate lot. Fruit trees.
\$6,295,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



PADOVA ▲
This magnificent estate home is both elegant and comfortable. Flowing floor plan, outside kitchen and living room with a fireplace all are complemented by the peaceful lake and preserve view.
\$4,950,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



PADOVA ▲
Unsurpassed quality in this BCB built, "Greenhouse certified" home. An extraordinary custom home featuring 9,171 total SF and panoramic golf views. Generator, putting green and five-zoned A/C.
\$4,485,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



IL TREBBIO ▲
From the moment you enter this 4 bedroom plus den home, savor luxurious attention to detail. Expansive open floor plan leads to a tantalizing outdoor living area.
\$3,750,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



PADOVA ▲
Comfortable elegance in this 4 bedroom plus den, 4.5 bath estate home. Volume ceilings with coffer and tray detail, marble flooring, guest suite with private balcony, and grand master suite with lake views. Pool/spa.
\$3,499,999 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



OPEN SUN. 1-4
RAVELLO ▲
14915 Celle Way - Mediterranean style residence with 4 bedrooms plus study, 5.5 baths. Covered loggia with summer kitchen and fireplace. A private attached cabana guest suite, custom library/study. A Christie's Great Estates Property.
\$3,499,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



PADOVA ▲
Gracious 4 bedroom plus den home with 7,015 total SF. Furnished, and detailed by archways, niches, stone detail, marble floor and barrel vaulted ceiling. Summer kitchen, pool, spa and stone fireplace.
\$3,485,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



VERONA ▲
Beautiful 4 bedroom custom-built McGarvey home overlooks preserve. Family room, den/study, fireplace, volume ceilings, electric screens/shutters. Entertain outdoors with kitchen, fireplace and pool.
\$3,195,000 | Dru Martinovich | 564-1266



OPEN SUN. 1-4
IL TREBBIO ▲
16041 Trebbio Way - Custom 4 bedroom plus den home. Stone flooring, rich millwork, columns, fireplaces and custom finishes. Outside lanai, summer kitchen and fireplace overlooking pool/spa. A Christie's Great Estates Property.
\$3,175,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



MARCELLO ▲
Custom-built 4 bedroom plus den, 4.5 bath with exquisite kitchen cabinetry and Viking appliances. All bedrooms are oversized with large bathrooms for each guest suite. Beautiful lanai with summer kitchen.
\$2,997,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



OPEN SUN. 1-4
IL TREBBIO ▲
16024 Trebbio Way - Tuscan-style designer Avignon model, four bedrooms, stone flooring, loft and stone fireplace. Outside lanai features a fireplace, summer kitchen and fabulous pool/spa overlooking the golf course. Furnished.
\$2,995,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



VERONA ▲
Stunning 4 bedroom, den, 4.5 bath home enjoys private and protected preserve views. Faux finishes, tray and coffer ceilings, mouldings, polished and chisel edged marble. Private pool, luxurious master suite.
\$2,995,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



IL TREBBIO ▲
Magnificent BCB-built estate home on a 3/4 acre golf-view lot. Hurricane glass, Jerusalem stone and granite accents a spacious 4 bedroom plus den floor plan. Owner will consider all reasonable offers.
\$2,500,000 | Thomas Gasbarro | 404-4883



CELLINI ▲
Custom-built home with numerous high-end finishes. Stone and hardwood flooring, media room and large guest suites. Lanai with cypress ceilings, fireplace, summer kitchen, tropical lagoon pool/spa.
\$2,395,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



PADOVA ▲
Better than new! Exquisite interior backgrounds, four bedrooms plus den with pristine and peaceful views of the lake and preserve! Pool, spa, outdoor kitchen area, orchid garden and pond area!
\$2,190,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



AMARONE ▲
Located in a small enclave of 12 homes, this 4 bedroom plus den has gorgeous natural light and a beautiful view across the lake to preserve. Completely custom-designed by an interior designer.
\$1,850,000 | Dru Martinovich | 564-1266



BELLEZZA ▲
Subtle sophistication. Highly impressive, ideally situated villa. Carefully chosen colors and fabrics, state-of-the-art appliances and electronics. Immaculate, sun-splashed retreat. Furnished.
\$1,800,000 | Thomas Gasbarro | 404-4883



BELLEZZA ▲
Capri II plan overlooking 13th fairway displays all the charms. Premium oversized site, expanded pool, spa and outdoor entertainment area. Interior design by Collins & Dupont Interiors. Fully furnished.
\$1,749,000 | Dru Martinovich | 564-1266



MILAN ▲
Custom built three bedroom plus den, 3 and one-half bath villa with an expanded floor plan. A chef's kitchen with breakfast bar and work island. Tropical screened outdoor living area and loggia.
\$1,649,900 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



OPEN SUN. 1-4
FELICITA ▲
16496 Felicità Court - Furnished lakefront home with southern exposure. Floor-to-ceiling sliders in the great room open to fabulous pool and spa, outdoor kitchen, seating and eating area.
\$1,599,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



MILAN ▲
Panoramic views of the fairways from this stunning 3 bedroom plus den, 4.5 bath with 5,036 total SF. Expansive screened outdoor living with rock waterfall, pool, spillover spa and summer kitchen.
\$1,497,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



OPEN SUN. 1-4
VILLORESI ▲
15683 Villoresti Way - Glistening lake views from this three bedroom, 3.5 bath villa residence with golf course views beyond. Stone columns, fountain, Brazilian cherry flooring, arched passageways, gourmet kitchen, granite counters.
\$1,375,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



OPEN SUN. 1-4
VILLORESI ▲
15628 Villoresti Way - This Mediterranean-style three bedroom, 3.5 bath villa with an expanded floor plan is open to glistening lake and outdoor spaces. Decorator finished, state-of-the-art kitchen, courtyard pool and spa.
\$1,225,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



VILLORESI ▲
Beautiful finishes complement this villa home. Tropical setting with screened pool, summer kitchen and outdoor bar. Three bedrooms, 3 baths and over 2,400 SF of living area. Golf, tennis, members only beach club.
\$1,095,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



VILLORESI ▲
Views excite beyond open salt water pool and spa with water streamers! Gourmet kitchen, professional decor, integrated sound system, complete home generator and A/C garage. Private beach club.
\$995,000 | Mitch/Sandi Williams | 370-8879



BRENDISI #201 ▲
#201 - Beautifully furnished former model with spectacular golf course views. Upgrades include granite counters, stainless appliances, large tile on the diagonal, faux finishing, and custom light fixtures.
\$825,000 | Jane Darling | 290-3112



PORTA VECCHIO I ▲
#201 - Dramatic lake and golf course views. Quiet enclave inspired by an Italian seaside village. Grand entrance foyer, elevator and exquisite finishes enhance this beautifully appointed residence. Furnished.
\$799,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



PORTA VECCHIO ▲
#201 - Southwest views over the 12th fairway and green of North Course to preserve. Professional decor in light, muted tones. Furnished. Private elevator, granite counters, bookcases in den, stainless appliances.
\$775,000 | Dru Martinovich | 564-1266



OPEN SUN. 1-4
VILLALAGO ▲
18081 Lagos Way - One of the lowest priced villas in Mediterra. Three bedroom with a 3-car side entry garage and gated courtyard entry. Upgrades include new appliances and granite counters. Outdoor kitchen, pool/spa.
\$750,000 | Judy Stead | 273-3438



OPEN SUN. 1-4
MONTEROSSO II ▲
15513 Monterosso Lane #102 - Views of glistening lake. Open plan, tile flooring and a vibrant color palette. Gourmet kitchen, granite countertops, integrated white cabinetry, and eating nook. Spacious master has lake views.
\$729,900 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



VERONA ▲
Privacy plus serenity is afforded on this lot, which overlooks a lake and a natural preserve. Mediterra is a classic Mediterranean style community with 2 golf courses and much more.
\$695,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



BRENDISI ▲
#4102 - Clean lines throughout this 3 bedroom plus den, 3 bath low-rise residence with views of lake and preserve. Custom built shutters and crown moulding are some of the features offered in this great residence.
\$619,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



CALABRIA ▲
#102 - Beautifully appointed three bedroom, den and three bath furnished coach home. Gourmet kitchen with granite countertops, raised panel cabinets, and stainless appliances. Lake views from tiled, screened lanai.
\$599,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



MARCELLO ▲
Build the home of your dreams in this beautiful neighborhood. This lot features preserve and lake views. Mediterra offers 2 golf courses, a Mediterranean clubhouse and a beach club with 200 ft. of shoreline.
\$595,000 | Angie White | 821-6722



CALABRIA ▲
#101 - Beautifully appointed coach! Three bedrooms, den, a gourmet kitchen with granite countertops, raised panel cabinets and stainless GE profile appliances. Expansive lake views from tiled, screened lanai.
\$539,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



IL TREBBIO ▲
This estate size homesite is ideally located at the end of a cul-de-sac with golf course views. 156'x200' x 125' x 252'. Mediterranean-style community with 2 Tom Fazio championship golf courses and a 25,000 SF clubhouse.
\$499,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420

GOLFING - MEDITERRA



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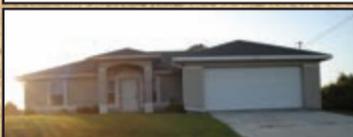
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READY TO GO RIGHT NOW

BY NANCY STETSON
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The video for John Legend's music video, "Green Light" has a deceptively mellow opening. He's at a party, sitting at the piano, playing his hit song "Ordinary People." But people are milling around, talking, not paying him much attention.

Just 25 seconds into the video, he stands up and violently slams down the cover.

Andre 3000 of OutKast, who's been standing by the piano, slaps his watch and declares, "Well, time to go!"

But then John Legend starts singing "Green Light" in that gorgeous falsetto of his, and the room comes alive with people dancing, grooving, flirting.

SEE LEGEND, C4 ►

>>inside:
John Legend appears at the Mann Hall Wednesday, July 8.
C4

Six-time Grammy Award-winner John Legend.

WEEK at-a-glance



Another opening

See who thoroughly enjoyed the first performance of "Thoroughly Modern Millie." **C20** ►



Fun on the Fourth

From a morning run to daytime parades and fireworks after dark, there's lots to do in honor of Independence Day. **C19** ►



More than meets the eye

"Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen" is bigger, louder and longer than the 2007 original. **C12** ►

La Nouba: There's nothing like Cirque du Soleil

Neon-infused show plays at Disney World Resort

BY DAN HUDAK
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Pale imitators aside, there's literally nothing else like a Cirque du Soleil production. Regular live theater doesn't even begin to compare. There's the circus, but that doesn't feature the same energetic delirium as most Cirque shows. There's also the Blue Man Group, which excels in pantomime but lacks the daring feats of

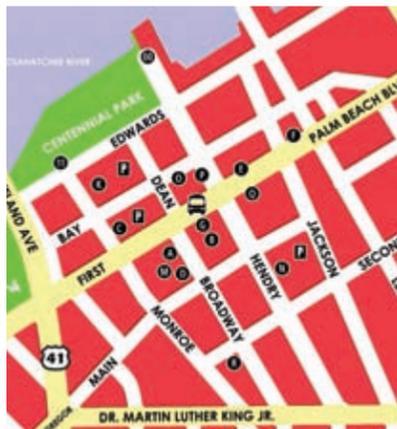


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grandeur that make Cirque productions so impressive. In Cirque's "La Nouba," at the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, the neon-infused, awesome stimuli of Cirque du Soleil is on bold display. And it does not disappoint.

Unlike traditional theater, there's no narrative or plot structure in "La Nouba"; this was done intentionally to allow the audience's imagination to take over. Rather, the 90-minute show is a series of jaw-dropping acts that are dangerous, daring,

SEE CIRQUE, C16 ►



Make it a Fort Myers Friday

ArtWalk is worth the trip, with galleries galore open late in the historic downtown River District. **C18** ►

SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

Hubris, in Spanish



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Hubris is one of those sophomore English terms we can't escape. It pops up all the time in literature, from Homer to Shakespeare, and in sports and politics, where the mightiest set themselves up for the greatest falls (How was that trip to Argentina, Gov. Sanford?). In recent times, even Wall Street has gotten in on the action, practically defining the term for our modern era.

In ancient Greece, where the idea originated, hubris set the tone for many a Greek tragedy. Check out Oedipus and his father-killing, mother-marrying downfall. "Pride breeds the tyrant violent pride," laments the Chorus in Sophocles' "Oedipus the King." "Gorging, crammed to bursting with all that is overripe and rich with ruin." Or look at poor Icarus, whose wax-and-feather wings could not sustain his flight so close to the sun.

For the audience, there is a sort of sweet retribution to these endings, as if the prideful protagonist finally got his due. The problem with hubris is that it's easy to spot in others and hard as hell to identify in ourselves.

As I recently learned.

Earlier in the year, I spent four weeks in Central America, ostensibly to learn Spanish but really to travel and eat cheap tortillas. I met a lot of people during my stay, and I'm now Facebook friends with a host of international hipsters. Some I remember — the young couple from New York there to score their first taste of hard drugs — and some I don't — the man with the Spanish name who sent me a message in Swedish. When one of these forgotten friends posts a message on my Facebook account, I respond with a nice reply (What can I say? I'm hard-wired for politeness).

So, when I uploaded pictures from a summer trip to Italy and received several comments in Spanish, I had to write back. "Que linda foto," wrote one Facebook friend, "What a pretty picture." "Gracias!!" I replied, the two exclamation points for emphasis and because that's the extent of my Spanish.

For another picture, this one of me petting a stray cat in Rome, the same friend wrote, "Que gatito tan lindo, no?" ("What a pretty — something") This is where the hubris comes in. My Spanish isn't great, but I was confident I could figure out the new vocab. I know that "gato" means "cat" and the "-ito" ending means "little," so I assumed "gatito" must mean "little cat" (and assuming makes an

ass out of you and — wait a minute). I wrote back, in Spanish, "Yes, I love Italian cats." To which my "friend" replied, "Actually, I wasn't talking about the cat."

Not talking about the cat? Then what was this "gatito" business? At which point I Googled "gatito" — which I should have done in the first place. The Naughty by Nature rap song O.P.P. says it best. "The last P . . . well . . . that's not that simple. It's sorta like another way to call a cat a kitten. It's five little letters that are missin' here." Those five letters? Starts with



"I wrote back, in Spanish, 'Yes, I love Italian cats.' To which my 'friend' replied, 'Actually, I wasn't talking about the cat...'"

P, ends with Y. I should have known better, but my pride got the best of me. And that's how you spell "hubris" in Spanish. ■

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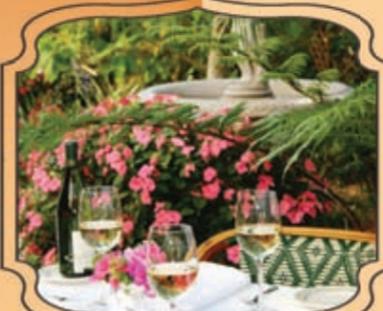
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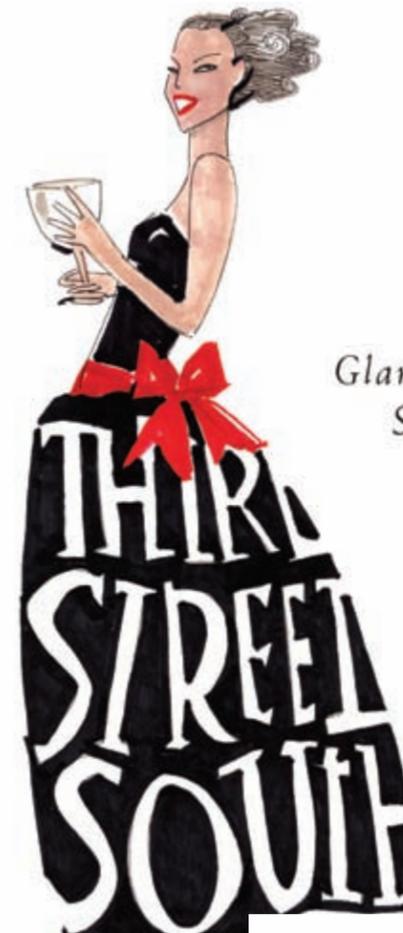


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LEGEND

From page 1

It's a party. It's a celebration.

And it's an accurate reflection of how the song has exploded on the scene, putting Mr. Legend — already a six-time Grammy Award-winner — into another musical stratosphere.

"This is my first big club hit," Mr. Legend says. "It's actually the biggest hit of my career, to this point. It's something different and it's something fresh for me, but I feel that when you see it in my show, it all fits together."

Mr. Legend, who kicked off his tour in Michigan on June 27, plays the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall July 8. Opening acts are India.Arie and Mr. Legend's brother, Vaughn Anthony. India.Arie's latest album, "Testimony: Vol. 2, Love & Politics," debuted at No. 3 on Billboard charts.

More than just piano

Is he making a statement by slamming a cover down on the piano?

"It's a visual way of kind of shaking things up a bit," he says, "because I knew the song was so different from 'Ordinary People,' which was my biggest hit before 'Green Light.' And since I was known so much for that, we thought that we would play with that image and slam the piano (cover) down. But no, I have not rejected the piano, and you will certainly hear it at my show."

The song is the first single from his latest album, "Evolver." The CD has a different feel to it than his two previous studio albums, "Get Lifted" and "Once Again."

It contains a few piano-driven songs, but "we tried some different things, and the songs were feeling good the way they were," he says. "I don't feel the piano has to be on every song. It's just another instrument, at the end of the day. You're just trying to create the right colors for the right song, make it sound the way you want it to sound. And sometimes it's appropriate, and sometimes it's not."

He's touring with three vocalists, three horn players, and a four-piece rhythm section. And yes, a piano.

"I'm excited about the tour; I think it's going to be my best tour yet," he says. "I think the band is better than ever. I'm more confident and comfortable than ever as a performer. It's going to be real soulful and energetic and it's going to be a lot of fun for me."

The title, "Evolver," not only refers to him as an individual but to the CD's different sound. "I'm continuing to grow and experiment as an artist, and every album is a process of discovery in a way, a process of growth. And that's where the title comes from."

When released, "Evolver" debuted as the No. 4 album in the Billboard Top 200 Album chart. It's No. 1 on three charts: America's R&B Album chart, the Album Retailer chart and the Digital Albums chart. "Green Light" hit the Top 5 on Urban Mainstream Radio and was in the Rhythmic Top 40 radio chart.

A self-fulfilling prophecy

Born John Stephens, he was nicknamed Legend by a friend, the spoken word poet J Ivy. The name stuck with his circle of friends and co-creators, so he used it as a stage name.

It's becoming a self-fulfilling prophecy.

"Well, sometimes you have to speak things into existence and then go out and make them happen," Mr. Legend says. "So I'm in the process of going out to make it happen."

He was named one of Time magazine's 100 people of 2009. Quincy Jones, who authored the magazine's piece, wrote, "At this point in his career, he reminds me of a young Donny Hathaway, and I have no doubt that as he continues to grow, he will become as artistically and socially significant as Marvin Gaye,

Curtis Mayfield and Stevie Wonder. He is a genius, and we've only seen the tip of the iceberg."

Before he released his own debut album in 2004, Legend had sung on hits for others, including Jay-Z and Alicia Keys. He played piano for Lauryn Hill on "Everything is Everything."

When he released his own "Get Lifted," he was nominated for eight Grammys. He won three, including "Best R&B Album" and "Best New Artist."

He continues to make good on his initial musical promise.

Songwriting is a deliberate activity for him, he says.

"I do have ideas that just come to me randomly, but usually, when I write a song, it's because I've chosen at that moment that I'm going to set aside some time to write some music," he says. "It's a discipline. It's a process. I think all great songwriters and prolific songwriters are so because they've developed a pattern and a process of doing it, and they discipline themselves to sit down and do it at certain times. It's not just a fleeting moment of inspiration, it's a choice to write."

And collaborating with others is again a choice, he says. "We decide to come together and sit together and we say, 'Let's go in and write a song.' And that collaboration, if you work at it and have an open spirit and a constructive mentality going into it, then you can usually come out with something good."

A lifetime of singing

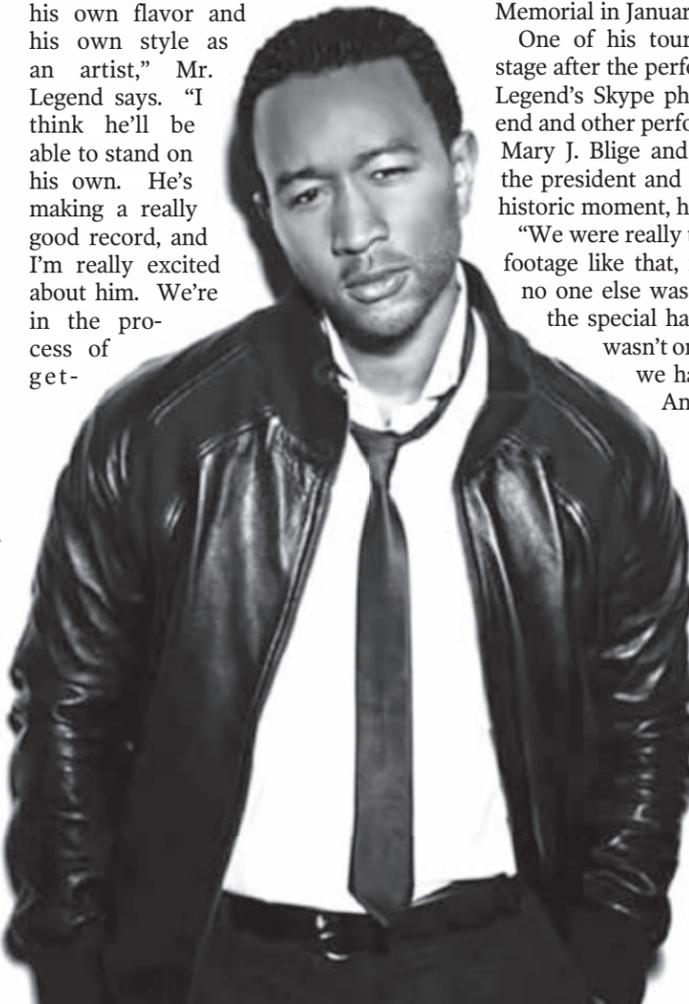
Though he's collaborated with many and sung duets with many, including, on the most recent album, Andre 3000, Brandy, Estelle and Kanye West, there are still those he'd like to work with: Beyonce, Amy Whitehouse, Fiest and Lil Wayne, just to name a few.

He's started his own label, HomeSchool Records. His first artist was British singer and rapper Estelle, who released "Shine." (Mr. Legend shows up in a cameo in her music video, "American Boy," which features Kanye West.)

"I believed that she deserved to be heard," Mr. Legend says. "And as a fan, she represented an artist that I wanted to hear more of. I felt like I could help her become successful."

The next artist on his label will be his younger brother, R&B singer Vaughn Anthony, who's one of the opening acts on the tour.

"We have a similar voice, and in some ways, he reminds you of me, but he has his own flavor and his own style as an artist," Mr. Legend says. "I think he'll be able to stand on his own. He's making a really good record, and I'm really excited about him. We're in the process of get-



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ting a distribution deal hammered out for him."

Most of the album's recorded, he says, and some singles are ready, waiting for the deal to be finalized. According to Billboard magazine, the first single will be "In Your Shoes," which Mr. Legend co-wrote and can already be seen on YouTube.

Mr. Legend was playing piano at age 4, and at 7 began performing with his church choir. You can hear the gospel influences in his music, especially on his debut album, "Get Lifted," but also an old school R&B groove.

"I listened to gospel, and listened to classic R&B, like Motown, sounds of Philadelphia, Al Green and even old artists like Nat King Cole and Frank Sinatra, people like that, the kind of classic so-called crooners of the era, when that was popular music," he says. That's what gave him his classic sensibility.

"I think some kids just have an old soul, and I probably have that. It probably was what drew me to that kind of music," he says.

It wasn't exactly what everyone else was listening to in the mid-80s, but he didn't catch flack for it while growing up.

"I wasn't teased when I was a kid, even though I was a little nerdier than most kids," he says. "But I think my singing always was my saving grace, it made me cooler."

He considered himself a nerd because he was a straight-A student and skipped a couple grades.

"I was a bit nerdy. And I don't say that in a bad way, I think it was a good thing... I was saying before in an interview that it's kind of a good time for black nerds, these days," he says, referring to President Obama.

He laughs.

"We haven't always been in vogue, and I think it's a good time for us right now!"

Mr. Legend not only performed at the Democratic National Convention but at the Inaugural Celebration at the Lincoln Memorial in January.

One of his tour managers hopped on stage after the performance, and, using Mr. Legend's Skype phone, captured Mr. Legend and other performers such as Beyonce, Mary J. Blige and James Taylor meeting the president and First Family. It was an historic moment, he says.

"We were really the only people that had footage like that, from on stage, because no one else was that close. It was after the special had already ended, and it wasn't on television any more, so we had really special access. And it was pretty cool.

"All of it was pretty incredible. It was like: we're a part of history. And particularly that day. Because so many great artists were there, and we were all star-struck about the president. I had met him a few times before, but it was exciting to be there at that moment."

Sage advice

This May, Mr. Legend, who graduated from the University of Pennsylvania 10 years ago, gave the commencement speech.

John Legend on Michael Jackson

Like the rest of the world, John Legend was stunned to learn of Michael Jackson's untimely death.

"It just came out of nowhere, in a number of ways," he says. "You could tell his health was deteriorating, but you didn't expect at any point that he was going to die at this young of an age. He was getting ready for the comeback tour. It's really sad."

Mr. Legend had written a song for him, slated for Mr. Jackson's upcoming album.

"We had gotten together a couple of times. I hadn't actually worked with him yet," Mr. Legend says. "We had talked about doing it, but we had never gotten to work together. And I don't even think the album was a focus for him at this point, because he was focused on putting the show together."

"I don't know if they completely shelved it or what they decided to do with the recording project, but it's a moot point, I guess, now. I don't know how much he had recorded." ■

"I wanted to say something to the students at Penn to try to really focus their mind on what it meant to be a real leader, and to make a real difference in the world, and be a force for good in the world," Mr. Legend says. "And I wanted to focus on the idea of truth, and what it means to speak the truth and what it means to seek the truth, and tying that to being soulful. That's really what the speech was all about, and I think it was effective and hit home for a lot of them. And hopefully it will inspire them to live a good life."

As part of his speech, Mr. Legend talks about the lies told to the American people about the Iraq War, about weapons of mass-destruction and about credit-default swaps.

"There isn't a single answer," he said to them. "But there is always the truth. Now, I don't assume that the truth is commonly found. Like its bedfellows of democracy and justice, I believe it is quite rare to find. It is born through process. It is gained through questioning. It is found in listening. It's about accepting that complex problems require complicated solutions."

He also talked to them about soul, saying it's not limited to a specific genre of music, that Fiona Apple, the Beatles, Bruce Springsteen, Lil Wayne, and Frank Sinatra can all be soulful.

"Soul is about authenticity," he told them. "Soul is about finding things in your life that are real and pure, the things that you know are at your core, the things you were put on this earth to do, the moments when sound and silence come together."

"I think we're all in pursuit of that," he says. "It's not something you accomplish, it's something you pursue. And so when I was thinking about, what do I want to say to these kids? I was thinking about it for a while, leading up to it, and I was excited, because this was my alma mater... this is my first big high-profile speech at a prestigious university, and I wanted to say something that was really something that would hopefully really minister to the kids. And that's what I thought of, the idea of truth, and pursuing it, and speaking it."

"(In my songs) I try to approach the subjects I talk about with a sense of candor and openness and vulnerability. And I want the music to feel true, always. Not contrived, but something that makes sense, that feels right." ■

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■ **Thoroughly Modern Millie** - The Naples Players' summer musical is on stage at Sugden Community Theatre through July 25. See review on page C8. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

■ **Kids Boredom Buster Film** - Friday at Headquarters Library. 593-0870 or www.colliergov.net.

■ **Living Waters: Aquatic Preserves of Florida** - Friday. An exhibit at Rookery Bay. 417-6310 or www.rookerybay.org

■ **National Art Encounter** - Friday. An exhibit presented by the Naples Art Association at The von Liebig Art Center. 262-6517 or www.naplesart.org.

■ **July 4th Parade and Fireworks** - Saturday. See details on page C19.

■ **Muffy Clark Gill: Batiks** - Aquatic Preserves of Florida exhibit at Rookery Bay. 417-6310

This week's live bands

■ **Bayshore Coffee Company** - Heather Brooks and Mike Rogers, \$5 cover; Friday: The Fleas, 7-10 p.m., \$5 cover; Saturday: The WholeTones, 8-11 p.m., \$5 cover; Monday: Singer-songwriter night hosted by Jen Zen 7 p.m. to closing; Wednesday: Open mic night hosted by Matt and Jason, 7 p.m. to closing. 2727 Bayshore Drive. 775-5676 or 287-2035.

■ **Fred's Diner** - Wednesday: Singer/Songwriter Night hosted by Tim McGearly and sponsored by Robert George Productions from 7-10 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.

■ **Jack's Bait Shack** - Thursday: Soapy Tuna; Friday and Saturday: Love Funnel; Monday: Overthrowing Amy; Tuesday: Geek Skwad; Wednesday: Love Funnel. 975 Imperial Golf Course Blvd. 594-3460 or www.jacksbaitshack.com.

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

■ **Olio** - Reggae from 3-7 p.m. Sunday and jazz from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday. 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 or 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 or www.seasaltnaples.com.

■ **Six Degrees Exhibitions** - An evening of comedy with Naples City Improv and music by recording artist Moony Mann, Friday, July 3. 1100 Sixth Street South. 331-2678.

■ **Kevin's Piano Lounge at Stoney's Steakhouse** - Thursday and Friday: Robert Williamson from 7-11 p.m.; Saturday: Wendy & Co., 7-11 p.m.; Sunday: Robert Williamson, 4-7 p.m. Bayfront Place. 435-9353 or www.stoneysteakhouse.com.

This week's theater

■ **Mulan Jr** - Broadway Palm Children's Theatre in Fort Myers presents "Mulan Jr." July 2, 3, 10, 12, 17, 18, 24, 26, 30, 31 and Aug. 2. Travel back to the legendary, storytelling days of ancient China with this action-packed stage adaptation of Disney's "Mulan." 278-4422 or www.BroadwayPalm.com.

■ **Peter Pan** - Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre presents the high-flying adventure

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Thursday, July 2

■ **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, July 3

■ **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.

■ **Free Music at Mercato** - Enjoy the funky blues and jazz sounds of MudBone and Mark Fogel from 5-8 p.m. as The Mercato kicks off its First-Friday Summer Concert Series. 403-2204.

■ **More Free Music** - Rock out to the tunes of Riverside Blues beginning at 8 p.m. under the stars in Market Plaza at Gulf Coast Town Center. Picnics, lawn chairs and blankets are welcome; no alcohol is permitted. 267-0783 or gulfcoasttowncenter.com.

■ **Art Walk** - Galleries and shops in downtown Fort Myers welcome browsers from 6-10 p.m. See story on page C18. www.fortmyersartwalk.com.

■ **Free One-Act Play** - "Variations on the Death of Trotsky" is performed at 7 and 8:30 p.m. at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in downtown Fort Myers.

Saturday, July 4

■ **Third Street South Farmers Market** - 7:30-11:30 a.m. in the parking lot behind Tommy Bahamas. Nearly 50 vendors sell locally produced vegetables and fruits, jams, baked goods and seafood.

■ **Dixieland Jazz** - The Naples Jazzmas-

ters Dixieland Band performs at 2 p.m. in The Norris Center, 755 Eighth Avenue South. \$15, singles; \$25, couples. 649-4323.

Sunday, July 5

■ **Clockwork Orange Auditions** - Twenty cast members are needed for this controversial and gripping piece by Anthony Burgess. Auditions are from 9 a.m. to noon at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in downtown Fort Myers. The play that examines social ethics will open Sept. 9. E-mail annette@fl-arts.org.

Monday, July 6

■ **More Auditions** - Try out for a spot in the cast of "A Clockwork Orange," which will open Sept. 9 at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in Fort Myers. Auditions take place from 5-8 p.m. at the center. E-mail annette@fl-arts.org.

Tuesday, July 7

■ **Book It** - Write your own story in two days with help from the folks at My Angels Attic, who will then send it off for printing and binding. Cost is \$40 for both days, July 7-8. Call to reserve your spot, 597-4437. 1585 Pine Ridge Road.

■ **Stuart Little** - Watch the story of the bold little mouse under the stars in Market Plaza at Gulf Coast Town Center. The free show begins around 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 8

■ **History Lesson** - The Naples Historical Society conducts guided tours of Palm Cottage from 1-4 p.m. Wednesday and again Saturday. Requested donation: \$8/adults, \$5/children 12 and under; NHS members are free. 261-8164 or www.napleshistoricalociety.org.

■ **A Pair of Nuts** - Capt. Brien's Off the Hook Comedy Club on Marco Island presents Yamil Piedra and Johnny Trabanco at 9:30 p.m. July 8-9. Admission is \$15. 599 S. Collier Blvd. 389-6900.

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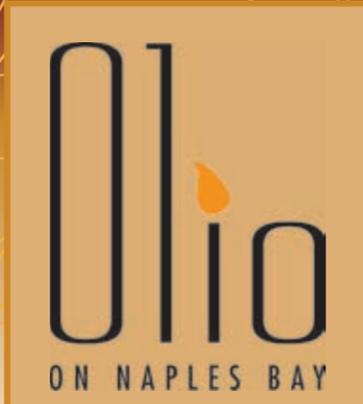
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ARTS COMMENTARY

'Thoroughly Modern Millie' is thoroughly marvelous

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Like any young woman, Millie Dillmount considers herself "thoroughly modern." She moves from small-town Kansas to New York City, undergoes a makeover and decides she's going to marry for money.

She isn't in the city long before she lands a job as stenographer for Trevor Graydon.

But even though he's a rich bachelor, Mr. Graydon unfortunately isn't as "modern" as Millie. He's rather old-fashioned, in fact. He wants to marry for love.

Imagine that.

"Thoroughly Modern Millie" may be set in the roaring '20s, but it's as current as today's reality shows.

Only a lot more fun.

Or, as Millie would say, it's so worthwhile.

The Naples Players' annual summer musical always seems like a gift to year-rounders, as if the troupe is saying, "We know the snow-birds have gone home and you're still here enduring a hot, sweltering summer: Here's something to make you glad you stay."

"Thoroughly Modern Millie" plays at the Sugden Community Theatre through July 25.

It's been an uneven past season for the Players, but they definitely have a hit on their hands with "Millie." The musical's set in a world full of bobs, fringe, the Charleston and speakeasys. What's not to like?

You can tell, from the very beginning, that director Dallas Dunnagan has guided this musical with her expertise. Everything is top-notch. And when the ensemble joins Millie onstage for the second number, "Thoroughly Modern Millie," you think to yourself: "This is going to be fun!"

Whitney Winfield's Millie is winsome and headstrong, a thoroughly likeable character. She possesses, to use an old-fashioned term, plenty of moxie. She knows what she wants, and she's going to go out and get it.

Early in the show, when she's just arrived in New York City, she meets Jimmy Smith (John McKerrow). He falls in love with her, but fights it.

Unfortunately, the two actors don't have much chemistry on stage. I would've liked to have seen more sparks, even

though the characters are trying to fight their feelings.

Though Mr. McKerrow's character has a certain earnest, boyish charm, at times, especially in the beginning, he comes across as a gangster rather than a New Yorker. He seems as if he'd be more comfortable in "Guys and Dolls." It's as if he's still trying to find his character.

Paul Graffy plays Mr. Graydon, Millie's object of affection, as pompous and a little stuffy. While dictating a letter to Millie, he sings at an incredible breakneck pace "The Speed Test," which is a Gilbert and Sullivan tune with new lyrics. And later, in Act II, in "Ah! Sweet Mystery of Life/I'm Falling in Love With Someone," he literally flutters about the stage as he declares his love.

It's wonderfully over-the-top, comic-book corny.

In fact, the entire show is.

And that's what makes it so much fun.

This show is not meant to be taken seriously. After all, the plot includes white slavery, hidden identities and a hotel elevator that works if you tap dance in it.

Millie finds shelter at the Hotel Priscilla, a place where young girls wanting to become actresses stay. The establishment is run by Mrs. Meers (Ellen Cooper), who makes the most of society's tendency to ignore minorities. A has-been actor, Mrs. Meers is frustrated by being overlooked and so turns her "invisibility" into an advantage.

Ms. Cooper is terrific in this role, sashaying about, bossing around Ching Ho (Vinnie Santiago) and Bun Foo (Joseph Yazvac) and even singing "Mammy" in Chinese.

Rachel Ewy plays Miss Dorothy Brown, another aspiring young actress, whom Millie befriends. Ms. Ewy portrays the innocent young woman without being sickeningly sweet, and shows off her considerable voice in a duet with Mr. Graffy.

And Mary Anne McAvoy McKerrow portrays Muzzy, a filthy rich nightclub singer who has a diva's sense of grandeur. It's a lush, luxurious role, and Ms. McKerrow makes the most of it.

Special mention must be made of Beverly Canell, (Millie's dour boss, Miss Flannery.) She seems to be The Naples Players' reliable go-to person for perpetually unhappy characters, and it's easy to see why; no one can glower like Ms. Cannell, who acts as if lives on a diet of lemons.

The solos in this production are strong, and the ensemble numbers equally so. When the entire cast is on stage, singing and dancing, it's riveting.



COURTESY PHOTO

"Thoroughly Modern Millie" plays at the Sugden Community Theatre through July 25.

Actors in musicals usually fall in one of two categories: movers or dancers. Choreographer Dawn Lebrecht Fornara has taken a group of movers and transformed them into dancers, whether they're doing a drunken Charleston in a speakeasy or tap dancing en masse. That is an admirable accomplishment, especially in community theater.

The orchestra, led by musical director Charles Fornara, is great, but at times overpowers the singers. The sound balance needs to be fixed, with either more amplification for some of the singers or an orchestra that plays softer.

Costume designer Dot Auchmoody obviously had fun dressing this musical. At times, the main characters are in color, while the ensemble is dressed in black and white. The only misstep is Mrs. Meers' Chinese gown, which seems too big and too long for her; the proportions don't seem right. But that's a quibble. Carol Smith was in charge of the musical's many wigs, turning 21st century women into roaring '20s girls with bobbed hair.

Matt Flynn's minimal sets are impres-

sionistic more than realistic, though I couldn't help wondering why a skyscraper's ledge was painted in an odd splotchy green color. (And on opening night, the crew seemed to have difficulty getting some of the sets in place quickly, particularly the drops.)

"Thoroughly Modern Millie" is non-stop fun from beginning to end. Especially outstanding are "Forget About the Boy" with tap dancing stenographers and "The Nutty Cracker Suite," set in a speakeasy, and the hilarious police lineup that follows.

Millie comes to New York to conquer the big city; in doing so, she'll also conquer your heart. ■

If you go

- >>What: "Thoroughly Modern Millie"
- >>When: through July 25
- >>Where: The Sugden Community Theatre, 701 5th Avenue South, Naples
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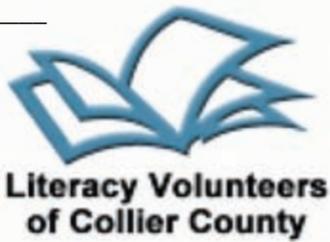
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GIVING

Proven fundraisers are back on the calendar for next year

BY ELAINE MAYRIDES
Special to Florida Weekly



Nonprofits are taking a second — and sometimes third — look at how they can raise money without raising the ire of supporters in a time of economic downturn. In many places, champagne and caviar fundraisers are out, and charities are reusing centerpieces and slashing their printing costs.

Facing less financial support from donors as well as less revenue from fundraisers, the board of directors and management at Literacy Volunteers of Collier County have had to take unpalatable measures in the past few months just to keep the doors open at 281 Airport Road South in Naples.

Toward the end of last year, we reduced the size of the LVCC offices by more than half. Then we made the decision to close one day a week.

Finally, much to our dismay, we started to charge tutors and students a small, one-time fee to participate in LVCC's unique programs.

Now we are wrestling with ways to attract more support. We need more tutors and more money. Clearly, we are not high on the priority list for donations. We aren't about saving lives. We're not warm and fuzzy like animal charities, nor are we the sort of nonprofit that's an active part of the society scene.

But with tougher economic times for everyone, we're seeing an increase in the number of people turning to us for help in learning the English language. Our students realize the importance of speaking English if they want to find a job, and so we have more would-be learners waiting to be assigned to an individual tutor or a small class.

LVCC is continuing to stage events that have proven to be financially successful for us, however.

"Dancing with the Stars," our most important fundraiser, and our annual Literacy Luncheon are both on the calendar for next season.

We hope you will put "Dancing with the Stars" on your dance card for Friday, Nov. 13, at the Naples Hilton. Nine brave and enthusiastic people already are hard at work learning a ballroom dance of their choice to perform. Brenda O'Connor of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce and her husband, Patrick O'Connor of Premier Properties, will compete as a couple, as will Tom Williams, author of the recently published "Lost and Found Adventure," and Vicki Williams of the Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce. Individuals who will be paired on the dance floor with professional instructors from the Fred

Astaire Dance Studio in Naples are Marilyn Janss, owner, Cleopatra's Barge; Mayela Rosales of Azteca America; Larry Aguilar of Fifth Third Bank; Dr. Kelly Anderson of Eye Centers of Florida; and Kathleen Bove, director of surgical services in the Neuro-Spine Unit of Physicians Regional Medical Center.

Hosts for the evening will be Nancy Alvarez of NBC-2 News and Carlos Zapata of D'Latinos al Dia.

Judges are Tony Marino, CEO of Marino Transportation Group, meteorologist John Patrick of NBC-2, and Lyn Wallander, a professional dance judge and owners of Designs by Lyn, a dance costume shop in Fort Myers.

Volunteer opportunities

In addition to tutors who work with our clients, LVCC has many opportunities for volunteers with various schedules, interests and skills. For example:

- Do you enjoy office work? We always need help with typing, copying, mailings, filing, answering telephones, taking messages, etc.
- Interested in fundraising and/or marketing? We welcome your help with writing grants, working on our annual appeal, developing brochures and newsletters.
- Do you have artistic skills? We need graphic artists to help with our newsletters, brochures and Web site.
- Do you have computer skills and like to work with people? Volunteers oversee our ELLIS (English Language and Learning Instruction System) computer lab, a self-paced program for learning English.
- Interested in organizing our library? We'd love your help keeping our library resource materials organized and up-to-date.

Whether you want to become a volunteer tutor or give your time and talent in some other capacity, write us a check for a donation or buy a ticket to our of our fundraisers, we would love to hear from you. When you support literacy, everybody wins. ■

Elaine Mayrides is the executive director of Literacy Volunteers of Collier County. Since 1984, LVCC has provided free and confidential one-to-one tutoring to adults who want to improve their English reading, writing and speaking skills to participate more fully in the daily tasks of life such as family, employment, school and community. LVCC is an accredited affiliate of Pro-Literacy America. For more information about helping promote literacy in Collier County, call Ms. Mayrides at 262-4448.

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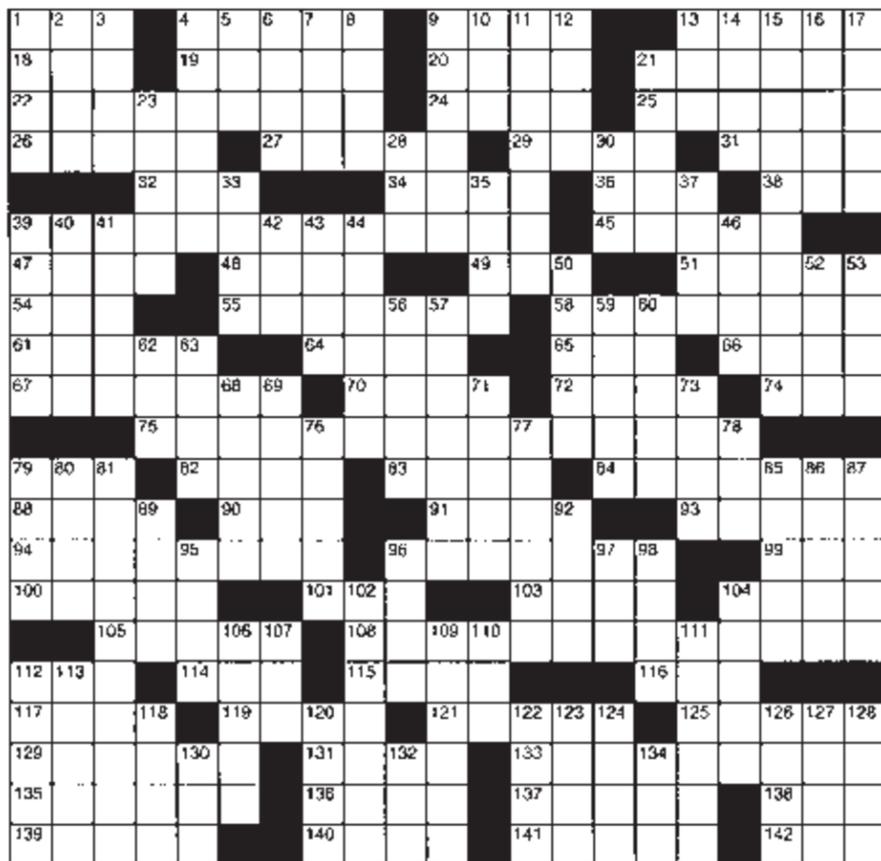
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 - 47 Fragg's falow
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 - 103 — Shuffle ("77 song)
 - 104 Seaweed product
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 - 108 Rodent's Olympic motto?
 - 112 Broad st.
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 - 115 Aric'a
 - 116 "— Night" ('58 hit)
 - 117 Apt rhyme for squirm
 - 119 "L—, c'est moi"
 - 121 Matches
 - 125 Inception
 - 128 Cartoonist
 - 131 Writer
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HOROSCOPES

■ CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

Restoring a sagging professional relationship takes a lot of effort. By all means, state your position. But also make sure you pay close attention to the other person's point of view.

■ LEO (July 23 to August 22)

A hot prospect intrigues the Big Cat, who is always on the prowl for a promising investment. But be careful that this "promise" has a chance of being kept. Check it out more carefully.

■ VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)

A friend could use some of your compassion and concern. If he or she doesn't ask for help, be sure you step up and make the first move. Also, check out a new career possibility.

■ LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)

You might have difficulty getting your opinions heard because of all the noise being made by the other side. But hang in there. Others should line up with you once they learn the facts.

■ SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)

Offering to help a colleague is commendable. But before you commit your time and effort, check to see if that person's situation is all that he or she has led you to believe it is.

■ SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)

You should soon be seeing positive results from your recent efforts on behalf of a family member. On another matter, check that you have all the facts regarding a job assignment.

■ CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)

Your aspects favor closer family relationships this

week. Take time for visits, whether in person, by phone, by mail or in cyberspace. Let them know how important they are to you.

■ AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)

A missed opportunity isn't always a negative. Maybe your instincts are telling you not to rush into something you "thought" was worthwhile. Make time for family this weekend.

■ PISCES (February 19 to March 20)

Your sense of humor helps you get through a tricky situation. But some stick-in-the-muds might not be so willing to make the changes that you and others agree are necessary.

■ ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

Your Aries leadership qualities can help bring order out of all that confusion, whether it's on the job or in the home. But be careful to guide, not goad, others into following you.

■ TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

Applying a more personal view to a job-linked issue could help provide better insight into those persistent problems. Use your keen Taurean logic to cut through the double-talk.

■ GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

Taking some time off could be the best way to get through that seemingly endless round of demands. You'll return refreshed and ready to tackle things from a new perspective.

■ BORN THIS WEEK:

You have a gift for making everyone you know — or even just met — feel important and welcome in your life.

By Linda Thistle

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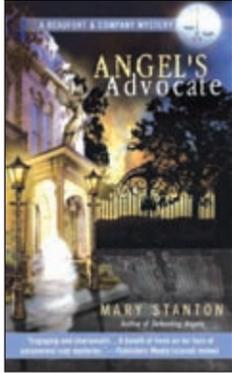
BEACH READING

‘Angel’s Advocate’

By Mary Stanton (Berkeley-Prime Crime imprint, \$7.99)

REVIEWED BY PRUDY TAYLOR BOARD
Special to Florida Weekly

West Palm Beach author Mary Stanton has done it again. “Angel’s Advocate,” her second in the Beaufort & Company series, is as charming and intriguing as the first, “Defending Angel,” released last year. Brianna “Bree” Winston-Beaufort, an up-and-coming young lawyer and recent grad from Duke University, is the protagonist.



“Angel’s Advocate” is also a paranormal cozy (no sex, no gore) and features the same quirky characters, including Lavinia, her charmingly southern landlady who talks of her “Littlies” upstairs, and Bree’s wealthy but eccentric family, especially her sister Antonia, who works in the Savannah Repertory Theater.

The premise of the book is that a gorgeous young woman lawyer is recruited to serve as defender not of mortals, but immortals. In other words, if you’re a ghost or a phantom who was murdered or unjustly accused of a crime before you died, Bree will take your case. In this book, she represents the recently deceased drug-store magnate Probert Chandler. Probert reportedly died in an automobile accident, but as he indignantly informs Bree, “I didn’t die in the car.” She is charged

not only with representing him before the court of the Celestial Court, but also with identifying and bringing to justice his killer.

Bree may, from time to time, represent the living because, as her secretary Ron Parchese explains, “... the living are the pre-dead, so to speak.” To which her Russian paralegal, Petru Lucheta, quotes Sir Thomas Moore, who describes the dead as “shadows of the living.” Then Petru adds, “Although, of course, Sir Thomas was not thinking of the need to pay the electric bill.”

Her second client is sure to be familiar to South Floridians. Remember the juvenile from Boca who robbed a Girl Scout of her cookie money? In “Angel’s Advocate,” Bree is hired to represent the young juvenile who is a Georgia peach of a villain. Bree does this at the insistence of her socially well-connected Aunt Cissy, who’s a good friend of the juvenile’s mother (they play bridge together).

Savannah, with its traditions and engraved-in-steel social structure, provides a relevant backdrop to the story as does the location of Bree’s office. A charming 19th century house located on the back streets of Savannah’s historic landmark district, her office is also next to an old and neglected all-murderers’ cemetery.

Ms. Stanton’s latest is a delightful book, enjoyable from page one. ■

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LATEST FILMS

'Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen'

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Is it worth \$10? Yes

"Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen" is bigger, louder and longer than the 2007 original, but it's not necessarily better. It's not that the action doesn't kick ass (it certainly does), it's that the story doesn't hold together very well and a bit of the novelty has worn off. That said, the movie is an absolute blast to watch.

To be sure, there's not much brain here. The story, written by Roberto Orci, Alex Kurtzman (both of whom worked on this summer's "Star Trek") and Ehren Kruger, is a jumbled mass of plot ideas loosely thrown together in a vain attempt to give meaning to robot fighting. Soldiers Lennox (Josh Duhamel) and Epps (Tyrese Gibson) now lead a government project called NEST, an alliance with Optimus Prime (voice of Peter Cullen) and the Autobots to keep the world safe from the Decepticons.

Lovebirds Sam (LaBeouf) and Mikaela (Megan Fox) are bracing for Sam's departure to college when a small cube takes hold of his mind and makes him see unusual ancient symbols. It turns out Sam is the key to the return of Megatron's (voice of Hugo Weaving) master, The Fallen (voice of Tony Todd). On the run, Sam seeks help from Agent Simmons, played by John Turturro with a manic intensity that's one of the best parts of the movie.

But I'm ahead of myself. By this point we've met Sam's roommate (Ramon Rodriguez), Megatron has been resurrected, Sam has escaped from a gorgeous Decepticon (Isabel Lucas), numerous new Autobots and Decepticons have been introduced, Sam's parents (Kevin Dunn and Julie White) have embar-

rassed themselves, and Mikaela has reasserted her extreme hotness.

There's so much going on in director Michael Bay's film that the story has the attention span of a 5 year-old kid on a sugar rush. But the action is spectacular. It may be the equivalent of watching a computer-generated cartoon, but the attention to detail (note the tires spinning immediately after Optimus transforms) and sound editing are very impressive, as is the rendering of the various transformers and the impact when they do battle.

The reason this movie warrants three

stars and a recommendation, whereas a movie like "Terminator: Salvation" was criticized for having too much action and not enough story, is that we actually care about Sam and Mikaela. Their relationship is the heart of the movie, and because Mr. LaBeouf and Mr. Fox make the characters so likeable, Mr. Bay is able to stimulate

some emotions that are not part of the adrenaline-rush appeal. It may not be much, but it's something. This, combined with the coolest action scenes you can imagine, allows the movie to be at least a marginal success. ■

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Did you know?

>>> **In the movie** From the original voice cast of the "Transformers" (1984) animated series, only Peter Cullen (Optimus Prime) and Charles Adler (Starscream) took part in the first film. For the sequel, Frank Welker also reprised his role as the voice(s) of Soundwave and Devastator. Welker has also voiced Megatron in numerous "Transformers" video games.

CAPSULES

REVIEWED BY DAN HUDAK
www.hudakonhollywood.com

'The Proposal' ★★

(Sandra Bullock, Ryan Reynolds, Betty White) A bitchy Canadian book editor (Bullock) needs to marry her lowly assistant (Reynolds) in order to not be deported. There are a few laughs, but this is mostly an unfunny embarrassment for the two beautiful and talented leads. Rated PG-13.

'Food, Inc.' ★★

(Eric Schlosser, Michael Pollan, Barbara Kowalcyk) This documentary explores the nasty inner workings of the business of the food industry, with enough cruelty-to-animals and horrible toxins/chemicals material to make you never want to eat again. There are a few heavy-handed segments (a food activist's son dying from E. Coli is sad, yes, but a bit overplayed), but the end result is a compelling work that gets you thinking. Rated PG.

'The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3' ★★

(Denzel Washington, John Travolta, John Turturro) A New York City dispatcher (Washington) talks to the hijacker (Travolta) of a subway train who's demanding \$10 million. If the city doesn't pay, hostages will die. Director Tony Scott's ("Man on Fire") trademark kinetic energy is here, but the story is too unfocused and Travolta's villain is a total bust. Rated R.

'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. ■



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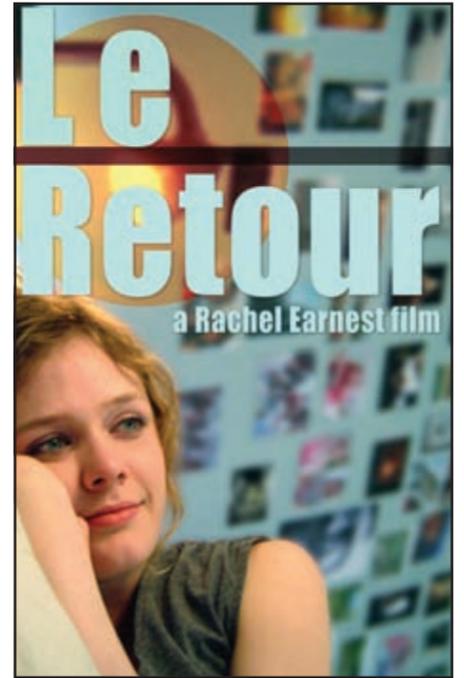
- "Le Retour" by Rachel Earnest, an intelligent and emotional film that captures the bittersweet feeling of leaving an exotic place and returning to the more mundane familiar world of home. The story follows a young woman as she returns to California after spending a year living and studying in Cannes, France. "Le Retour" has won nine festival awards and official selections.

- "The Last Page" by Kevin Acevedo. Winner of the Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival 2008, this delightful short is about an author who's suffering from writer's block. Trying to collect his thoughts, he takes a walk and is catapulted into a series of bizarre events that prove his panicked condition is no joke.

This week's Monday Indie Matinee is sponsored by the Lawrence and Kristina Dodge College of Film and Media Arts at Chapman University, Orange, Calif. Additional indie films being considered for the Naples International Film Festival coming up in November are screened every Thursday beginning at 7 p.m.

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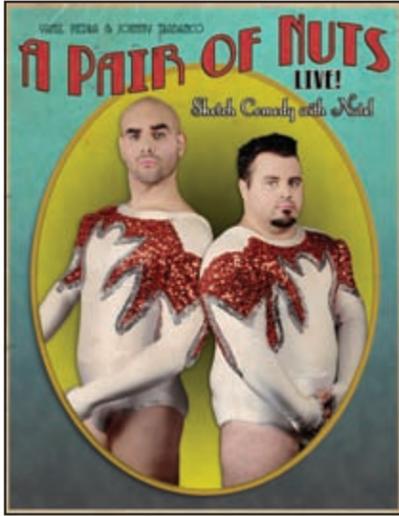
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Off the Hook lures 'A Pair of Nuts'

The South Florida YouTube sensations that brought you "The Law Offices of Facmee & Diaz" and "Chonga Chat" are coming to Capt. Brien's Off the Hook Comedy Club on Marco Island.

Yamil Piedra and his little friend Johnny Trabanco, "A Pair of Nuts," present a multimedia comedy spectacle featuring loosely improvised sketches with short videos sprinkled in between.

The Nuts' style of comedy has been likened to a modern-day Abbott and Costello or Laurel and Hardy, a throwback to the old school comedy duos with a hip, edge flair. Mr. Piedra was born in Cuba and has been featured on "Last Comic Standing" and "Boston Legal." Mr. Trabanco was born in Miami to Cuban parents and has been doing comedy since 1998. The pair's fan base extends



from South America to Europe, and their work has been featured on BET, NBC, FOX, MegaTV and MySpace. They are to be featured in an upcoming episode of Discovery Channel's "Pitchmen."

Most recently the pair created and starred in an online sketch comedy series called "The Nut-house." This coming fall they will also star in "El Vacilon," a Spanish sketch comedy show from MegaFilms.

See "A Pair of Nuts" live at Capt. Brien's Off the Hook Comedy Club, 599 S. Collier Blvd., on Marco Island, beginning at 9:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, July 8-9. Admission is \$15 per person, and you must be 18 or older. For more information, call 389-6900 or visit www.offthehookcomedy.com. ■

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And that's just the beginning. The Chinese yo-yo girls, called "Diabolos," are the highlight of the first half of the show. Each of the four girls holds two sticks linked by a string, and on the string is a wooden spool that they flip in the air, toss to one another, and ultimately try to outdo one another with incredibly impressive maneuvers.

Rokardy's chair-balancing act — which includes balancing on top of six chairs, two books, and a baby carriage atop a table — is nothing if not incredible, as are the flying trapeze artists who glide through the air 53 feet above the stage. Hold your breath when all four artists swing in tandem, and seemingly come within inches of one another.

None of this, however, prepares you for the timing and choreography of the finale, a trampoline act with such athletic and acrobatic grace it rivals the aesthetic joy of ballet. The segment includes both a floorshow and trampoline artists bouncing off of and into the façade of a building, and doing so in perfect precision.

The set design includes four platforms that ascend from the floor as needed, and a black, circular stage that allows every

Info

Cirque du Soleil's "La Nouba" is playing at the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, 1478 North Buena Vista Drive in Downtown Disney. Performances are Tuesday through Saturday at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. There are no performances on Sundays and Mondays. Tickets range from \$43 - \$117 (not including service charges), and there are no bad seats in the house. For more information, go to cirquedusoleil.com/lanouba or call (407) 939-7600.

seat in the house a good point of view. The costume design is equally impressive, with each character in bright, often form-fitting attire that suits his/her particular talent. What's more, many of the 67 artists apply their own makeup, which can take anywhere from 20 to 90 minutes.

If there's a problem with the show, it's that at any given time there are as many as four different acts on stage drawing our attention, with superfluous clowns, ballet dancers, etc., making it virtually impossible to take everything in. The show also falls into the trap of blinding the audience with bright light on numerous occasions, something I always find baffling. But these are nitpicky gripes for what is otherwise a thoroughly entertaining production, one that is in many ways the epitome of what the 25th anniversary (which this year celebrates) of Cirque du Soleil should encompass. It'll keep kids of all ages mesmerized, and if it's your first Cirque show it will literally be unlike anything you've seen before. ■

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Germain Arena's Breakaway Sports Pub is having a dinner-and-cirque special for \$67 per person that includes a seat in the restaurant with a great view of show, one entree and one non-alcoholic beverage. The offer is available for the 7:30 p.m. performances July 8-11, the 1 p.m. show July 11 and the 5 p.m. show July 12.

Single tickets to "Saltimbanco" range from \$35-\$90 for per person for adults and from \$28-\$72 for children and can be purchased online at www.cirquedusoleil.com or by calling at 334-3309. Discounts are available for groups of 20 or more. ■



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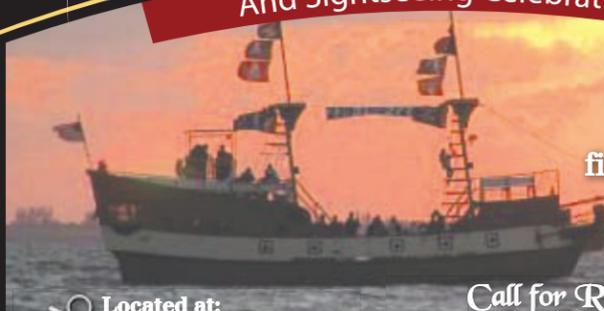
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Art Walk showcases artists, music and play on July 3



The next monthly Art Walk of 2009 will be Friday, July 3, in the Downtown Fort Myers River District. Highlights of this month's Art Walk include new art exhibitions, a one-act play and performances by students from The Young Artists Awards Program.

July marks the 10th monthly Art Walk. The event was started by a group of

art galleries and enthusiasts in October of 2008. Held the first Friday of every month from 6 to 10 p.m., Art Walk features local and national artwork in the downtown art galleries of the Fort Myers River District. The evening culminates with an after party at 10 p.m. on Bay Street.

Participants in the monthly Art Walk include the Alliance for the Arts, Art League of Fort Myers, Arts for ACT Gallery and Boutique, ArtFest Fort Myers, Art of the Olympians, The Burroughs Home, The Butterfly Estates, daas Gallery, Enjewel, H2, Hotel Indigo, HOWL Gallery, Inspire!, The Oasis Luxury Condos, Potomac Bead Co., Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center, Space 39, Spirits of Bacchus and The Veranda Restaurant.

Highlights of the July 3 Art Walk include:

- **Art League of Fort Myers:** Summer Time fine arts show.
- **Arts for ACT Gallery:** Opening reception for exhibits featuring artists Chip Hoffman and the Paperboys, 15-year old photographer Joe Sabella, and the whimsical art of Terry Gardiner. A student singer from the Young Artists Awards Program will perform.
- **The Burroughs Home:** Exhibit featuring Richalene Kelsay's traditional watercolors and oils. Music will be provided by a Young Artists Awards Program performer.
- **daas Gallery:** Opening of an exhibit called "The Surreal Window: A Collection of Visionary Works," featuring artists Sarah Edwardson, Willow, Piper Rudich, Annie Culbertson and Danielle Branchaud.
- **HOWL Gallery:** "True Until Death," contemporary and 1960's era concert posters. Features signed work by some of rock's best poster artists, including Bob Masse, Aesthetic Apparatus, Bridey Bowen, Gary Grimshaw, Leia Bell and others.

• **Space 39:** Temporarily closed for remodeling.
 • **Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center:** A free, one-act play called "Variations on the Death of Trotsky," starting at 7 and 8:30 p.m.

Also that evening is the weekly Friday Night Live in the Patio de Leon. Memphis 56 will perform from 6 to 9 p.m. Many restaurants and other businesses will be open and offering various specials before and after Art Walk. Art Walk buttons will be available at the galleries that night. A free shuttle service, with stops planned near the art venues, and free parking at the Harborside Event Center will be available for Art Walk patrons. A map of Art Walk, transportation, and parking will be available at participating galleries. For more information, visit www.fortmyersartwalk.com.



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• Celebrate on the water aboard the **Naples Princess**. 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 into the Gulf of Mexico to view the fireworks up and down the beach. 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. The fun begins at 6 p.m. and will include live entertainment and pie-baking and hot-dog-eating competitions, plus a waterslide, dunking game, potato sack races and relay races. For more information, call 949-6262 or visit www.cityofbonitasprings.org.

• 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. ■

• Moe's annual **Firecracker 5k Run** sets off from the site of the old Pippin's restaurant on Tamiami Trail North at 7 a.m. Saturday, July 4. After the race, participants are welcome to meet at the Naples Beach Hotel for a group swim. Day-of registration for \$15 begins at 6 a.m. Advance registration is \$7 for members of Gulf Cost Runners and \$10 for non-members and can be completed online at www.gcrunners.org. Race packets will be available for pick-up from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday July 2-3, at Naples on the Run in Gateway Center, 2116 Tamiami Trail N.

• The city of Naples' **Fourth of July Parade** steps out along Broad Avenue at 10 a.m. and follows a route 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.

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Also on the day's menu will be musical performances by a trio of great acts: Frank Torino with his "Spend the Day with the Stars" show, tenor Maurice La Monaco, and the band Modulation with rock, groove and dance music.

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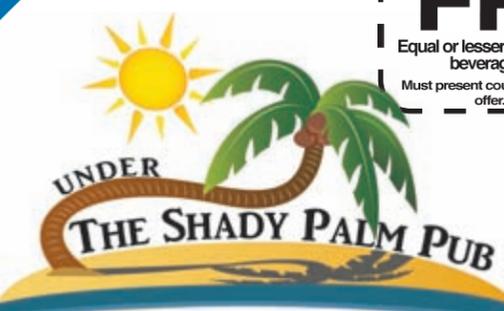
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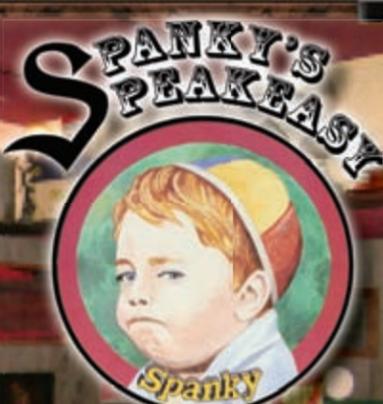
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Here are some capsule summaries of previously reviewed restaurants:

A Table Apart, 4295 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs; 221-8540

The décor's not fancy but it is warm and inviting with light jazz and soft lights creating an oasis for dining well. The menu showcases chef/owner Jeffrey Acol's imaginative style. That features surprising innovations, such as fried calamari coated with nam pla (fermented fish sauce) served with Thai dressing, and fries gussied up with herbs, Parmesan cheese and white truffle oil. The chilled summer soup tasted of the ripe oven-roasted tomatoes from which it was made, enhanced with a bit of wasabi and cucumber ribbons. Organic salmon prepared two ways — lightly blackened and topped with citrus salmon ceviche — with a yuzu beurre blanc and blazing purple microgreens was downright exciting. Mr. Acol lightens up a ribeye by replacing potatoes with a refreshing Mediterranean cucumber salad. There's no skimping on dessert here. Both the elegant chocolate mousse and fresh brownie with ice cream were worth every calorie. Wine and beer served.

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

AZN, Mercato, 9118 Strada Place, Naples; 593-8818

This chic Pan-Asian establishment does a fine job of delivering the best of Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Thai, Indian and Vietnamese fare as well as intriguing cocktails, sake and a well-chosen wine list. Both the Shanghai spring roll and a dumpling combination (two each of shrimp, vegetable and pork) were beautifully plated. The spring roll was crisp, with great texture and enhanced with a side of mango vinaigrette. Wanchai walnut shrimp wasn't as colorful as other dishes, but the fried shrimp bathed in lemon aioli and topped with honey-coated walnuts lacked nothing in the flavor department. Crispy duck is the restaurant's take on Peking duck and was quite crisp, as advertised. A creative signature dessert, a Fuji apple dipped in chocolate, caramel and nuts, then sliced, managed to taste healthy and refreshing as well as rich and decadent.

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

Saffron, 2059 Pine Ridge Road; 331-3319

Saffron is a little tough to find tucked into a shopping center obscured by a gas station, but it's well worth the effort. The hospitable owners are friendly and helpful so even novices will find something they'll enjoy. With

the help of several friends, I sampled several dishes and found them all well prepared, combining fresh ingredients and that heady mix of seasonings that makes Indian food so addictive. Spinach dip with house-made cheese spread on fresh naan was a delicious beginning. A sampler plate containing samosas, pakoras and kabobs served with mint chutney won praise from all as well. Salmon cooked in a tandoori oven was moist and well seasoned. Rogan josh, a classic lamb curry, paired well with Bombay dal, a savory cumin-scented lentil, onion and tomato dish. From the dozen or so breads, we sampled keema naan, which was stuffed with ground lamb; kabuli naan, which contained cashews and raisins; and paneer kulcha, filled with house-made cheese, coriander and onion. All were tender, warm and delicious. Mango kulfi, a frozen blend of mango puree, cream and sweetened condensed milk, proved a great ending to a delicious and economical meal. Beer and wine served.

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

Sea Salt, 1186 Third St. South; 434-7258

Chef Fabrizio Aielli was the darling of the Washington, D.C. political elite before he and his wife, Ingrid, decided they should

head south and enjoy success and a gentler climate. And so was born Sea Salt, this season's in spot. No expense has been spared in the chic, modern décor, the voluminous wine list or the painstakingly prepared food. Curry coconut black mussels and a salad of red and gold beets with mache and pecan-crusted goat cheese were excellent starters, although those with a taste for carpaccio, raw oysters or meats and cheeses will find suitable options as well. The menu changes regularly so some dishes aren't going to be available but the limoncello-marinated salmon with green lentil mustard sauce, as well as the wild halibut and veal osso buco ravioli were outstanding. Desserts include house-made gelato and a sushi-style menu of Norman Love chocolates. The pistachio gelato with tomato marmalade was rich and velvety, the tiny almond linzer torte three bites of bliss. Our pair of servers were true professionals, adding polish to an excellent meal. Full bar.

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

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After a meal at Two Brothers Baci, I am filled with regret. I regret that I didn't discover Two Brothers when it was in Bonita Springs. I regret failing to frequent Sal's Pizza in Cape Coral when Sal Lanzieri was making the pies.

But more than anything, I regret not being a member of the Lanzieri family. Had I been fortunate enough to have been related, I feel certain I'd have been invited to festive Christmases in Brooklyn when Aunt Roberta whipped up her magical rice balls and the kids ate them right off the pan in the kitchen. And I'd likely have had occasion to cozy up to a bigger-than-my-head portion of Grandma Ene's lasagna or Mama Lanzieri's meatballs at yet another family feed.

Alas, one cannot spend one's life wishing for what is not possible. However, I take comfort in knowing that I can eat like family at Two Brothers Baci, the restaurant brothers Bob and Sal Lanzieri have opened in North Naples where Baci used to be. What they've created is a down-to-earth Italian restaurant, where the staff treats everyone like family and the marinara is so good you'll be tempted to drink it.

There are dozens of Italian joints in Southwest Florida, so many, in fact, that I could probably review one a week and never exhaust the supply. And, in the dozen

years during which I've reviewed restaurant in this region, I have more than enough fingers to count the truly great ones. Two Brothers ranks high on that list.

We arrived on a fairly busy Friday night without a reservation. A smiling hostess greeted us and ushered us to a comfortable booth. Our server showed up within two minutes to tell us the specials and take a drink order.

From a list offering 16 wines by the glass, I sampled the Frescobaldi Remole Super Tuscan while my companion enjoyed a glass of L'Oca Ciuca Chianti Reserva.

A breadbasket arrived first, containing slices of Italian bread and little pizza dough knots. The sliced bread was a shade less than fresh, but the knots, bathed in garlic butter, were warm and chewy and wonderful.

To the uninitiated, rice balls may not sound terribly appetizing. Called arancini in Italian, they are true Sicilian treats. Aunt Roberta's are the best I've ever had. Rice, Reggiano and Pecorino cheeses are bound together with a bit of egg then dipped in bread crumbs and fried. The cheese melts, giving them a fabulously creamy center, which contrasts with the crisp exterior, all of which gets dipped in the aforementioned marinara sauce.

(The chunky marinara is worth a visit alone. It has a vivid tomato flavor, not a trace of bitterness, nor is it too sweet, and it's seasoned so harmoniously that no one herb stands out from the pack.)

We also sampled the Asiago fried olives, which were miniature balls of chopped olives and Asiago cheese that were breaded, fried and served with ranch dressing. These were tasty, too, with their salty-creamy middle and crunchy coating, but finished second behind the rice balls.

Salads, which come

with all entrees, were fresh and cold.

As you might expect, the entrees were bountiful and delicious. The lasagna had chunks of seasoned meatballs amidst the pasta, ricotta, cheese and sauce — just the way the Lanzieris' mother used to make it. And the clams with red sauce came with fresh clams still in their shells along with lots of chopped ones in that great sauce — enhanced by an extra measure of garlic — over a mighty mound of linguine.

Although they don't make their own desserts, the Lanzieris don't skimp here, either. They offer a dazzling tray of goodies created by well-known Naples pastry chef Paw Mikkelsen and staff. A classic fruit tart — topped with fresh berries and kiwi over a layer of cream and perfect pastry — was just the sweet note we needed after a dinner filled with garlic, tomatoes and cheese. We also tried a wedge of ricotta cheesecake made by a friend of the family that was thick, rich and lemony. Most of that went home along with a big piece of lasagna and was still delicious the following day.

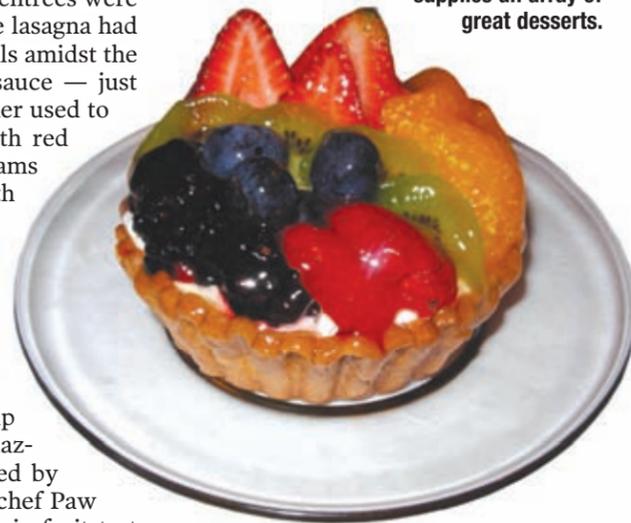
It's not just the food to which the Lanzieri brothers pay close attention. Each table has a fresh, fragrant rose on it. There's live music every night and they've moved out some tables to form a small dance floor.

The entire staff appears to have a vested interest in the happiness of customers. At some point during dinner, the hostess, Sal Lanzieri (his brother was off that night), our server and the bartender all made points of checking to see how dinner was and if we needed anything else. They did the same thing at every table in the room.

Two Brothers has only been open a couple of months and it's not visible from U.S. 41. You have to turn onto Imperial Golf Course Boulevard to find it. I'd be willing to wager that lovers of unpretentious, fresh Italian food will soon be flocking there.

I'll definitely be among them. I'm hoping that maybe they'll adopt me. ■

▼ Mikkelsen's Pastry Shop supplies an array of great desserts.



Arancini (rice balls) are a Lanzieri family tradition created by the brothers' Aunt Roberta.

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==== If you go ✓

Two Brothers Baci
975 Imperial Golf Course Blvd. Naples; 597-4800

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

>>**Hours:** 5-8 p.m. Sunday, 5-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 5-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday

>>**Reservations:** Accepted

>>**Credit cards:** Major cards accepted

>>**Price range:** Appetizers, \$4.90-\$11.90; entrees, \$15.90-\$24.90

>>**Beverages:** Full bar

>>**Seating:** Booths, conventional tables and chairs, high tops and at the bar

>>**Specialties of the house:** Aunt Roberta's rice balls, stuffed oven-roasted pepper, eggplant rollatine, Grandma Ene's lasagna, petto di pollo pepperoncino (chicken breast with hot roasted Italian peppers, olives, tomatoes, capers and garlic), zuppa de pesce, manicotti

>>**Volume:** Moderate

>>**Parking:** Free lot

>>**Website:** www.twobrothersbaci.com

>>**Etc.:** Live music every night and a \$14.95 prix fixe dinner from 5 to 6:30 nightly

★★★★★ **Superb**
★★★★ **Noteworthy**
★★★ **Good**
★★ **Fair**
★ **Poor**

diningCALENDAR

* **Thursday, July 2, 5:30 p.m., Bamboo Café:** Patriotic pups and their humans are invited to Bamboo Café to celebrate military working dogs and to benefit Project KITT (K9s Involved in Targeting Terrorists) with a \$22.50 three-course, prix fixe meal and \$5 cocktails plus prizes for the most patriotically costumed dog; 755 12th Ave. South, 643-6177.

* **Friday, July 3, 5-8 p.m., Mercato Shops:** Start the holiday weekend off with a block party in the courtyard in front of AZN, The Pub and Piola, with live music, outdoor barbecue, red, white and blue martinis and more (bring lawn chairs, beach towels, etc.); 99118 Strada Place; 593-8818.

South; 643-6177. Reservations recommended.

ter: Enjoy a four-course tasting menu paired with wines from Austin's Wine Cellar; \$75, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 390-2222.

* **Thursday, July 2, 6-8 p.m., The Good Life:** Tastes of Spain cooking class (hands-on participation welcome but optional) with Shelly Connors preparing grouper with orange sauce, shrimp and garlic sauce and chorizo-stuffed mushrooms; \$50; 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 514-4663.

* **Friday, July 3, 7-9 p.m., Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center:** Robb & Stucky and Austin's Wine Cellar team up for a four-course tasting menu paired with wines; \$75, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 390-2222.

* **Saturday, July 11, 7:30-11:30 a.m., Third Street South:** The Third Street South Farmers Market features local farmers, artisans, chefs and fishmongers selling a variety of goods; Third Street South and Gordon Drive; 434-6533.

* **Wednesday, July 15, 5-6:30 p.m., Roy's Bonita Springs:** Roy's wine club holds its monthly get-together, featuring a variety of wines and the restaurant's fusion cuisine; \$15 for members, \$30 non-members; Promenade at Bonita Bay, Bonita Springs; 498-7697.

* **Saturday, July 11, 10 a.m., Ridgeway Bar & Grill:** Chef/owner Tony Ridgeway offers a class in preparing skillet-roasted mussels, clams marinere, pan-seared shrimp, snapper with herbs and cream and grouper with a tomato reduction; \$25; Third Street and 13 Ave. South; 262-5500. Reservations required.

* **Saturday, July 18, 7:30-11:30 a.m., Third Street South:** The Third Street South Farmers Market features local farmers, artisans, chefs and fishmongers selling a variety of goods; Third Street South and Gordon Drive; 434-6533. ■

* **Saturday, July 11, 7-9 p.m., Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Cen-**

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