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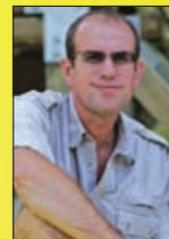
## PUTTING THE SQUEEZE ON SNAKES

BY ROGER WILLIAMS  
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**D**AVID TETZLAFF IS A BOW HUNTER. He spends a lot of time way down south and east in the Big Cypress, watching, tracking, tracing and wondering.

Arnie Sarlo is a cattleman. He spends a lot of time way up north in Charlotte and Lee counties on the big Babcock Ranch, watching, tracking, tracing and wondering.

Neither man (and none of Mr. Sarlo's cowhands) has ever seen so much as a single Burmese python in the wild, they say. That fact doesn't make Mr. Tetzlaff or Mr. Sarlo deniers of the proposition that tens of thousands of



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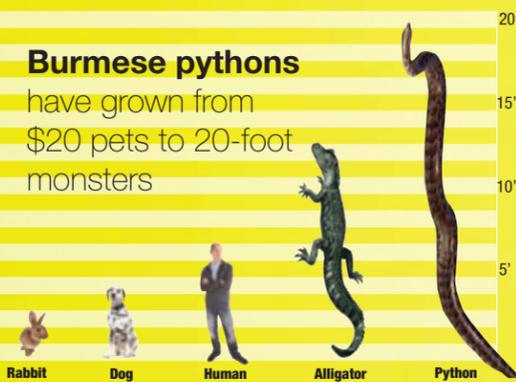
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Experts go after the growing and elusive python population

Above, the Burmese python, subject of intense media coverage and hunters' wrath

### Burmese pythons

have grown from \$20 pets to 20-foot monsters



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## Nonprofits hope back-to-school supply drives make the grade

BY ELIZABETH KELLAR  
Special to Florida Weekly

Pencil and paper are back-to-school basics, but for some Collier County students, these essentials can seem like extravagances. In response, local organizations and businesses are holding school supply donation drives, although the sluggish economy seems to be influencing the success of some collection efforts.

"We've had very little response

this year as compared to last year," Deanna Cleary, events coordinator for the Collier County Chapter of the American Red Cross, reports. "I think people just don't have the money to spend, unfortunately." Supplies collected by the local Red Cross benefit homeless students enrolled in Collier County Public Schools.

Dee Whinnery, executive director of student services for CCPS, estimates more

than 800 homeless students will be served at the start of the 2009-2010 school year.

"I want people to understand any donation, no matter how small it is, is greatly appreciated," she says.

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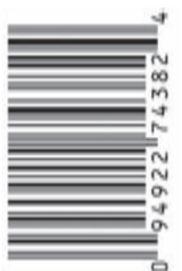
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# COMMENTARY

## Travels in Storyland



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Next time you drive east of Naples to State Road 29 near Immokalee, then north to LaBelle way out in Hendry County for some fried green tomatoes at the diner and some local honey from the Curtis family store and the best barbecue on the peninsula (the old man roadside on Highway 27 South), or some real Mexican food from the hole-in-the-wall Spanish eateries with their velvet Jesuses and Tecate beer, consider this:

Capt. Francis A. Hendry might easily have been dispatched by a Seminole Indian once, if not for a dog.

Which means you'd have none of that.

If you pull a cornerstone out from under a house, after all, will the house stand? If you take the Hendry out of Hendry, the Collier out of Collier and the Lee out of Lee, whatchu got?

You don't have squat.

Instead, you have huge shopping malls and roadside vistas ablaze with flowering exotics and golf courses that soak up water like black holes soak up light.

You also have a region that's more comfortable and a lot easier to understand because it's so much less substantial — less sinewy, less muscular, less complex and much less storied.

Unlike my wife, I happen to like the smell of shopping malls and the clipped

green discipline of fairways. I like the way people look in these places — clean and opulent — and the sense of plenty and safety and greed and good cheer. I like the suspension I feel from a world of concerns and responsibilities.

All that would be enough in life, perhaps — that and a little loving — except for this simple problem: I like a good story even more. The kind you won't find at the mall.

A couple of weeks ago, for example, two teenage boys embarked on a momentous bicycle journey along Captain Hendry Drive, a mile or so west of downtown LaBelle, where there are no malls.

As you might know, Capt. Hendry named LaBelle for his daughters, Laura and Belle. A 19th century pioneer and cattleman (he once owned 50,000 head and more than 100,000 acres), he's the namesake not only of a county, but of the road on the west end of LaBelle.

So down his road these boys pedaled at about 7 p.m., according to a scrupulously detailed news report by Patty Brant of The Caloosa Belle.

Suddenly and seemingly out of nowhere, a ferocious beast attacked the boys, fully intending to kill them.

The critter probably weighed only about 10 pounds — that's the typical weight of a mature red fox, the most common of foxes native to Florida — but it meant business.

Fortunately for the boys, a woman named Debbi Nicholls drove past just as the rabid fox sank its teeth into the older boy's leg. Here's what she did, as catalogued by Ms. Brant from a sheriff's report:

A. Ms. Nicholls called 911.

B. She stopped the car and ushered the boys inside, effectively rescuing them.

C. She then reversed directions and counter-attacked, charging the fox in her car.

D. Finally, Ms. Nicholls forced the creature to beat a retreat to the treeline, where she kept it pinned down until two Hendry County deputies arrived, the cavalry come to the rescue.

Capt. Hendry himself, who commanded the 131 soldiers of Company A, Florida Special Cavalry, Confederate States of America during the Civil War, would have appreciated all that, don't you think? He might even have tried to enlist Ms. Nicholls in the cavalry. I certainly would have.

But the contemporary cavalry did not consist of a bunch of sure shots like Capt. Hendry and his hard-riding "cow cavalry."

When the deputies spotted the fox foaming at the mouth, "Deputy Preece retrieved his department shotgun to approach the animal while Deputy Kirk covered him with his handgun," Ms. Brant reports, using that delicious and increasingly arcane word, retrieved. Not grabbed, not picked up, not seized — he retrieved a shotgun.

Here's what happened next:

The fox charged, and Deputy Kirk opened fire with his pistol, shooting the fox in the right rear thigh.

Then the fox attacked its own tail. But when Deputy Preece raised his shotgun, the fox charged him. Deputy Preece opened up with the big gun, firing not once but twice, and missing.

Deputy Kirk fired again with his pistol. But this time he, too, missed the fox.

The fox reached Deputy Preece and

assaulted the deputy's upper right thigh (right thighs apparently being the target of choice both for rabid foxes and gun-totin' deputies).

While Deputy Preece tried to kick the fox away, Deputy Kirk, obviously not satisfied with his own weapon, grabbed Deputy Preece's shotgun. The fox gave up on thighs and attacked Deputy Preece's lower right pant leg. Deputy Preece kicked the fox back and got away from him.

Then Deputy Kirk, using Deputy Preece's shotgun, fired not once, not twice, but three times, probably expending the remaining ammunition.

Finally, the fox was dead, leaving in its wake the following: one boy in need of rabies treatment, one injured deputy suffering from a torn eardrum caused by the percussion of fired weapons, and one almost disbelieving story lover.

As for Capt. Hendry's dog, the sine qua non?

Well, once upon a time when Francis was a young man engaged at Fort Meade during the last Seminole War, in the late 1850s, he stepped outside the gates of the Fort, unarmed. A Native American reconnoitering nearby took aim but decided not to open fire. The man had seen a dog — Capt. Hendry's dog, as it happened — and backed off.

Years later, when the Indian came up and introduced himself, he told the captain he'd have shot him, if not for the dog. And why? Because he knew that if the fort had dogs, they could track the Indian back to his camp, where the women and children were.

"We've been partial to dogs ever since," Capt. Hendry's great grandson, Fort Myers lawyer Hank Hendry, told me.

And I've always been partial to stories. ■

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# OPINION

## Wanted: A modest Obama

BY RICH LOWRY

By all accounts, Barack Obama's father, the Kenyan student studying in America, was cocksure and impressed with his own talents. The arrogance gene must be dominant. Obama clearly has it.

And that, more than any other factor, is driving his summertime swoon. Hubris made him reach for too much, too soon; brazenly overpromise about the effects of his program; overestimate his control of events; think the golden touch of his brilliant team could solve intractable problems; and believe his words could trump reality.

The Obama team is fiddling with his health-care talking points. But the verbiage is beside the point. What Obama needs is a little modesty. It's easy to imagine an alternative history of a more cautious Obama administration that wouldn't have stoked a voter backlash in all of six months.

It would have begun with the recognition that he won office sounding like a tax-cutting moderate devoted to paying for "every dime" of his program, against a terrible candidate in the middle of a recession

blamed on the incumbent Republican president. Even Howard Dean might have won in these circumstances.

As a start, he could have taken steps to address the financial crisis — basically continuing the Bush program, as he has — and pursued a genuinely bipartisan stimulus. A smaller stimulus would have split Republicans and given Obama bipartisan cover.

He could have followed up the stimulus with incremental health reforms — say, new insurance regulation and subsidies for the uninsured — in a continuation of the salami-slice approach to health care that has been so successful for Democrats. Again, he'd have gotten substantial Republican support. At the six-month mark, he'd have a few important, if not sweeping, legislative accomplishments; he'd have avoided all of the liabilities of his stimulus and health-care proposal; and he would have split the Republican Party. He'd own the center.

That's what might have been. The real, overreaching Obama is sinking of his own weight. On health care, he has neutralized many of the industry groups that rallied

against HillaryCare and benefited from positive network news coverage. But pluralities in most polls still oppose his grandiose plan. The more he talks about it, the more the plan and his job-approval rating — down to 52 percent in Gallup — sink.

Obama has single-handedly brought Republicans back on fiscal issues. In the new NBC/Wall Street Journal poll, Republicans now are more trusted than Democrats to deal with taxes, the deficit and spending. Republicans haven't led on the deficit in that poll for more than a decade. Just 48 percent now trust Obama to keep his word, according to the NBC/WSJ poll.

People are still fond of Obama and want him to succeed. In a Pew survey, 74 percent say they like him. Independents disapprove of his performance on the economy and the deficit, but are still optimistic about him in the long run. Despite all the excesses of the past six months, they haven't given up on Obama. He can reconnect with them, and the rest of the public, with some modesty. If he can't muster it for real, he should at least pretend. ■

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

## GUEST OPINION

### When citizens become pawns



There was good news for the journalistic community and for the country as a whole last week when Laura Ling and Euna Lee, two reporters for Current TV (founded by former Vice President Al Gore), gained their freedom via Bill Clinton's sit-down with North Korean dictator Kim Jong Il. Happiness over their safe return, though, does not mitigate the continuing threat to individual lives and national policies posed by the strategy of waging cold war by kidnapping.

The case of Ling and Lee, along with those of American-Iranian journalist Roxana Saberi, freed in May after four months' imprisonment in Iran, and of three American hikers recently seized by Iran near its border with Iraq-Kurdistan in July, can make it seem as if we are witnessing the advent of a new geopolitical tactic. But this practice is hardly novel. North Korea has, through the years, been a prime offender. Recall, too, Saddam Hussein's seizure of hundreds of American, British and European citizens for use as "human shields" on the eve of the 1990-91 Gulf War. Or, in the most infamous of these episodes, the taking hostage

of 53 U.S. embassy workers during the 1979 Iranian Revolution.

Though not new, the practice of taking another country's citizens — particularly Americans and other Westerners — does appear to be something that so-called rogue states are resorting to more frequently. And journalists are often the target.

One obvious reason for this is that reporters will often go where tourists will not, and tend to be conspicuous to the regimes controlling the places they travel. Another is in the nature of journalism itself — countries accustomed to keeping a tight control on their domestic news media often do not take kindly to Western press accounts. This seems to be the prime reason behind the capture of Newsweek reporter and Canadian-Iranian citizen Maziar Bahari, who was arrested while covering Iran's postelection protests and remains imprisoned in Iran. Finally, there is the unfortunate history of nations giving their spies journalistic cover, which can make it all too easy to level charges of espionage against legitimate reporters.

Whoever the target of such actions, there is undeniable poignancy in ordinary people finding themselves used as pawns in a geopolitical chess match. And in this reality lies the effectiveness of this ploy. In a variation of Josef Stalin's cynical observation that "One death is a tragedy; a million is a statistic," the plight of one or two persons

often gains headlines and sympathy, where the plight of many can elicit apathy. Part of this lies in the sense that, while certain situations may seem beyond help or control, something can be done to save a solitary life.

It is this dynamic that gives the tactic its effectiveness. It is akin to the asymmetrical warfare used by terrorists and guerrilla forces, one in which the most sophisticated diplomatic plans can be confounded by crude means. And it presents a profound dilemma to the foreign-policy architects of free nations, where basic humanist impulses — along with democratic revulsion at the deprivation of a fellow citizen's liberty — can create profound pressure to negotiate against national interests.

In the case of North Korea, it is hard to quantify exactly what Kim Jong Il gained from his meeting and photo-op with President Clinton. The U.S. government was not brought to heel, nor has it apparently deviated from its strategy in nuclear negotiations with that nation. What the ailing North Korean dictator, his appointed successor and outlaw nations around the world likely did gain, though, was an increased understanding that, by taking another nation's citizens, they can open up diplomatic channels that might otherwise be closed. It's an unfortunate reality, for which there is no ready defense, in an increasingly dangerous world. ■

## MOMENTS IN TIME

► On **Aug. 13, 1942**, Walt Disney's classic film "Bambi" premieres at Radio City Music Hall in New York City. The company had released its first feature-length animated film, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," in 1937.

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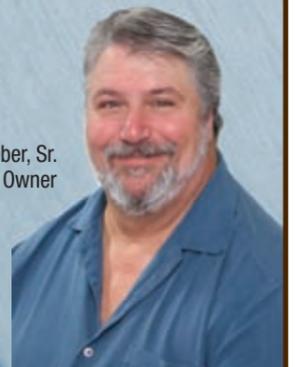
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## 15 MINUTES

## Artist, instructor David Hammel gives and receives joy through his work

BY PAMELA V. KROL  
Special to Florida Weekly

Nothing could be more natural than David Lee Hammel's love for portraying the tropical beauty of the Southwest Florida landscape. As the great, great, great, great grandson of William Wiggins, the fisherman for whom Wiggins Pass is named, he believes the area is in his blood.

"This is home," the fifth-generation Floridian says.

A graduate of the Ringling College of Art and Design in Sarasota, Mr. Hammel creates fine art works in pottery, wood, stone, glass and metal. He also makes twig furniture and paints in a variety of mediums. "Each concept lends itself to expression in a different medium," he explains. "I enjoy having the flexibility to work in a variety of styles and with a large range of materials."

He also has taught art for more than 20 years, working with students from first grade through high school through classes at The von Liebig Art Center as well as with underserved and at-risk teens.

Big Cypress Wilderness Institute, a juvenile detention and rehabilitation center on the Big Cypress National Preserve, hired him to help the kids there create a mural depicting the Everglades. "They took tremendous satisfaction in their work," Mr. Hammel says about the team effort. "It provided them with a sense of accomplishment and an opportunity for positive recognition that is important for the development of self.

"We painted a watering hole, where animals come together and share, to symbolize tolerance of each other and cooperation," he adds. "It was very meaningful for me as well as for the kids."

Mr. Hammel is also an Artist in Residence and the area's regional coordinator for the Florida chapter of Very Special Arts, an international organization that since 1974 has enabled people with disabilities to learn through, participate in and enjoy the arts. As a VSA instructor, he works with children and adults who have physical, mental or emotional disabilities to help them create and enjoy art. As the regional coordinator for VSA, he also ensures that local arts facilities have adequate provisions for individuals with disabilities. "The Phil's provisions are terrific, by the way," he says about the Philharmonic Center for the Arts.

As an artist, Mr. Hammel has received an impressive level of recognition from international collectors, including Smithsonian Institution philanthropist Olga Hirshhorn and wildlife expert Jack Hanna.

And because he works in so many different mediums, you can never be sure where you might encounter one of his pieces. "The largest piece I've done is probably the 'Pipe-o-saurus,' a gigantic brontosaurus constructed of concrete pipes and displayed on the lawn of the Imaginarium kids' museum in Fort Myers. Creating that one was a lot of fun," he says. "It's very whimsical and colorful, and I had a lot of creative freedom."

Freedom of creative expression is

very important to the artist. "A lot of the commercial work I do is very happy and light," he says, "but I also feel a certain obligation to do some insightful work that presents some of my more serious observations of life as well." He has tackled this in a pottery series titled "The Human Condition," which he says was inspired by the news.

"One piece, designed to symbolize world hunger, is a bowl with no bottom. Another, 'The Art of War' shows men in battle. There's also a piece in the series titled 'Addiction Bottle.'"

When asked if he has a dark side, he laughs and says, "The world has a dark side. I just watch and relate what I observe."

Despite his work as a cultivated artist, his deep Florida roots are not lost on Mr. Hammel, who has also done a fair amount of alligator hunting in various parts of the state. "It was kind of a hobby," he says, adding he often went hunting with his



COURTESY PHOTOS

Two sides of David Hammel: alligator hunter and artist

uncle as a kid — and always with the necessary permits. "It was something we really enjoyed. It's quite challenging to kill an alligator because they have to be caught and roped while they are still alive."

Mr. Hammel lives in Fort Myers with his wife Sarah Davis, a professor of environmental studies at Florida Gulf Coast University. His work is represented at several galleries, including the Blue Mangrove on Marco Island, the Dennison-Moran Gallery on Fifth Avenue South in Naples and Wild Child and daas galleries in Fort Myers. ■

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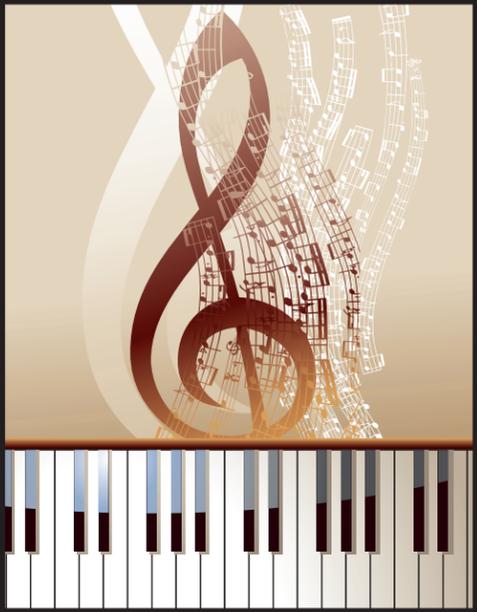
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# SNAKES

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the big snakes may inhabit the Everglades and be spreading beyond them. Instead, experience has made each skeptical of the hullabaloo, or the estimates in numbers, or even the concept of python spreading en masse.

"I believe there are pockets of habitat that Burmese pythons occupy," explained Mr. Tetzlaff, executive director of the Naples Zoo. "But I don't believe it's widespread."

Others, including state and federal politicians, wildlife biologists, and officials of such organizations as The Nature Conservancy, do indeed fear that pythons have spread across the Everglades and will ultimately invade geographies far beyond, if they aren't stopped or contained now.

"Everglades National Park, Big Cypress National Preserve, and the Water Conservation Areas represent the core areas of the python infestation," according to a July 16 press release from the U.S. Secretary of the Interior, Ken Salazar, who went on to describe snake-stopping strategies.

The announcement was one of only several events that muscled into the news last month, adding luster to Mr. Salazar's concerns. Among the others:

■ Florida's U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson proposed organized python hunts on federal land (Everglades National Park is now about 1.5 million acres, so there's a lot of federal land for pythons and hunters to get acquainted). He is also pushing to ban python imports to the United States.

■ State officials licensed a few hunters, about 10, to capture and kill pythons on state lands. One, Shawn Heflick, found a 9-foot python on a boardwalk an hour after a press conference in Broward County on the eastern edge of the Everglades to announce the hunt, but hasn't found a single snake since then, after skittering around the 'glades from island to island, says Mr. Tetzlaff, a friend of Mr. Heflick's.

■ An escaped in-house python killed a small girl in her bed in Oxford, and two more escaped pythons rambled around Lakeland worrying residents before they were killed.

■ And last week, a 17-foot, 207-pound Burmese python had the misfortune to appear on the grounds of a veterinary hospital in Okeechobee, where the chief doctor killed it with a .22. That animal may have come out of the wild since it carried no microchip, which has been required by state law in all such snakes since 2007 (pet stores can sell the young pythons at a foot or two in length for prices ranging from about \$20 to \$50, but now those creatures must be microchipped).

## How many are out there?

Although federal and state officials have traditionally cited figures ranging from 5,000 to 30,000 as rough estimates of python numbers in the Everglades, in recent weeks the number tripping off the lips of Sen. Nelson, and other officials, was 100,000. Their precise origin in the wild here is unknown. Theories suggest that pet owners overwhelmed by the huge growth and eating needs of pythons released them, or they escaped from pet stores, or they escaped from owners or sellers during Hurricane Andrew in 1991, and moved into the Everglades.

Interior Sec. Salazar has promised not only to find funding to deal with the python problem, but to develop such technologies as pheromone-scented baits to attract them, or drone aircraft with python-spotting thermal imaging, an ironic return-serve to the python, which operates with finely tuned biological



Shawn Heflick, second from right, stands with fellow hunters and the first python captured in a new state eradication program.

COURTESY PHOTO

## A python hunter speaks out

Shawn Heflick, one of about 10 professional hunters newly licensed by the state of Florida to kill pythons with firearms or other means on public lands, and a python expert, recently answered a few questions of curiosity for *Florida Weekly*.

**FW:** Is the python problem in the Everglades overblown in your opinion? Are they out there in the numbers some say — about 30,000?

**Mr. Heflick:** This is a guess based on an extrapolation of numbers taken from a high concentration area known as the frog pond, which is an agricultural area with high numbers of rodents (food) and thus "high" numbers of younger pythons as well. Skip Snow (a federal wildlife biologist based in Everglades National Park) took this number and extrapolated it to the rest of the 95 million acres of the greater everglades to come up with these numbers. It is an "educated guess" at BEST!

heat sensors to locate prey.

And all of this in a recession, no less.

Meanwhile, Mr. Tetzlaff of the Naples Zoo, a man who has spent some intimate time with pythons — including a memorable few minutes in which a 14-footer tried to kill him — spotted about 40 whitetail deer during a nine-hour sojourn in the Big Cypress last week. But no pythons, although he admitted they're hard to see in the woods and they might emerge at night.

And Mr. Sarlo, vice president and general manager (that is, top hand) of the 73,000-acre Babcock Ranch, also thought about exotic species that can threaten the status quo, last week — but not pythons. Instead, he was marveling at the tough, adaptive ability of coyotes to inhabit a range and survive by fine-tuning their behaviors. Some of them — those on the southern part of the Babcock Ranch, for example — will try to eat his calves. But those on the northern reaches of the ranch won't. And they can travel a lot farther than the python, with its 1.5-mile per-day range, and its need for warmer climates.

"We don't want any exotics on our land," Mr. Sarlo said — pythons, coyotes or plant species. "If you get one or two, it can escalate into something of a real problem. So we shoot coyotes, if we see them. We don't want them stalking our deer and turkey and quail, either. One the main problems is, they'll stalk the wildlife."

That problem — stalking the wildlife — has been the biggest worry about pythons for active scientists such as

**FW:** How do you hunt them, how do you find them?

**Mr. Heflick:** We currently go out on foot, airboats, trucks and hunt areas where we think the rodent/rabbit populations are high in order to find them. At this point there is no science to it, which is why we are gathering data from every python capture — sex, GPS location, length, weight, stomach content.

**FW:** How much of a threat are they to people?

**Mr. Heflick:** They are not a public safety issue. They don't hunt people or chase people, so it isn't an issue at all. If someone sees one they simply have to leave it alone to be safe.

**FW:** And a final flip question: Have you ever eaten python, and if so, what's it taste like?

**Mr. Heflick:** Not yet, but as many people as are asking, I might have to try it. ■

Skip Snow, a federal wildlife biologist stationed in Everglades National Park. He's discovered by necropsy that Burmese pythons, which can grow to more than 18 feet and weigh significantly upwards of 200 pounds, enjoy a widely varied menu that includes almost any breathing creature, including endangered Florida natives.

"Native cotton mice, native cotton rats, rabbits, squirrels, possums, even a bobcat (and) deer," Mr. Snow told *The New York Times*. They've also eaten "everything from a house wren up through wading birds and water birds, pipe-billed grebes, coots, egrets, limpkins and at least one big alligator."

None of that surprises David Piper, owner of Everglades Wonder Gardens in Bonita Springs, or Scott Gregory, resource naturalist at the Calusa Nature Center in Fort Myers.

"The devastating effect of the python is probably on the bird populations, young nesting birds," Mr. Piper has postulated to *Florida Weekly*.

"The climate here is a lot like that in Burma," added Mr. Gregory. "We have plenty of things for them to eat, like raccoons, 'possums, skunks and even alligators. In South America you see those reticulated pythons eating caimans — alligators — every day."

## The skeptics speak

While that may be true, survival for pythons — even in an environment where no natural python predators have evolved — is not a given, says Chris McQuade, owner of Gulf Coast Reptiles

and another skeptic of the big-number population projections.

"They lay their eggs once a year, and the typical clutch is between 30 or 40, but it can be much lower or it can go as high as 70," he explained in a 2007 conversation with *Florida Weekly*.

"But survivability can be very low. In Southeast Asia, one in 50 might survive. For the occasional 'gator or deer a big one might eat (here in Florida), there's a balance. The babies are food items for lots and lots of animals: turtles, raccoons, 'possums, hawks, eagles, other snakes, even big bass.

"So the concern is extremely overdone. I think there are natural boundaries that would keep them from spreading further, and I think nature and other predators will balance them out."

Perhaps the sharpest critics of the call-to-arms against pythons are a husband and wife from Texas who sell the snakes and write in their defense from a business called Vida Preciosa International.

In an online essay appearing last month, David and Tracy Barker had this to say about the problem: "To date the Burmese python has not caused harm to humans, environment or agriculture."

They added this, questioning the veracity of Skip Snow and a now-famous photo of a dead python and alligator that appeared to be trying to eat each other, taken in the Everglades four years ago.

"It seems a curious coincidence that one of the persons who will benefit the most from federal funding to fight the python problem would be the one passenger in the helicopter flying over the enormity of the Everglades National Park that just happened to pass right over this very bizarre scene. Dr. Skip Snow, the National Park Service biologist stationed in the Everglades and the on-site biologist most involved with Burmese pythons, and pilot Mike Barron happened to notice the carcasses as they flew over the swamp. After making this absolutely extraordinary discovery, they flew back to base and retrieved a National Geographic photographer who was apparently just waiting around until someone could find him something to shoot. They returned and took the photos that shook the Internet. Never before have pictures of two dead rotting animals been so popular online."

## Voices of reason and comedy

Mr. Tetzlaff, at the Naples Zoo, certainly won't go so far as to say pythons don't harm people or the environment, or question Skip Snow.

"Every time a python takes out a possum or a raccoon, it's taking food from a bobcat or a cougar," he explains. "And they'll eat anything."

Or try to. "I've been wrapped up by the big guy, and it's not a pleasant experience," Mr. Tetzlaff says. "They can exert 80 pounds of pressure per square inch and hold it for more than 10 minutes, and if a big one gets you in a coil like that, it's all over."

When he was showing a 14-foot python to Zoo supporters, it locked onto him with a mouth of backward slanting teeth that number as many as 140, he recalls. A creature's natural instinct is to pull away from that bite — which the snake uses to anchor the prey until it can coil around it and apply enough pressure to stop the heart — and that only sets the teeth more deeply.

Mr. Tetzlaff managed to pry the snake's jaws apart and then uncoil its grip on his legs.

"You can't underestimate them," he concludes. "Pythons have heat pits, like pit vipers or rattle snakes, and they can pick up temperature changes to within tenths of a degree. If he's hungry and you walk by, and he senses heat, he might have a go at you. He can kill you, even if he can't eat you."



PHOTO COURTESY EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK  
**This 13-foot burmese python bit off a bit more than he could chew. He and the alligator were both found dead in 2005 after the python ate the 6-foot gator.**

In the end, "this is a multi-facted issue — you can't pop an umbrella over the whole thing," Mr. Tetzlaff suggests. "Although I'm one who thinks government spends too much time in our lives, on this issue I think there needs to be some regulation. I do think we need to restrict the larger constrictors. The average person has no need of one in a house."

"If the state really wants to get rid of these pythons, hunting season is coming up, from September to January," Mr. Tetzlaff points out. "You've got thousands of guys in the woods. You don't need to be a rocket scientist. Much as I like snakes, if I'm out there and I see a python, I'm going to put an arrow in its head."

And Jon Stewart, host of Comedy Central's "The Daily Show," is going to put an arrow in the alarmists.

After Alison Higgins appeared on a Fox television news broadcast in Miami talking about the problem, Mr. Stewart couldn't resist doing a spot about pythons and people, characterizing the whole thing as "hissssssteria."

Ms. Higgins, the Florida Keys conservation manager for The Nature Conservancy, devised a program to stop pythons from spreading in the Keys (eight have been found there, so far). Here's what she told Fox Television reporter Orlando Salinas last spring. (Mr. Salinas called his news report, "A whole lot of snakein' goin' on.")

"A lady found one eating a dove off her bird feeder. We've found reptiles, we've found amphibians, we've found every single mammal except the Florida panther (in the bellies of pythons). They've eaten a full-sized deer. They could pretty much survive in one-third of the U.S., including all the way up the coast to you guys (Fox News) in D.C., and up to San Francisco. It's a nationwide issue."

And here's how Mr. Stewart responded, complete with eloquently farcical facial expressions.

"A NATION WIDE issue... Yes...  
 "WAIT! How are the snakes going to get from D.C. to San Francisco? (Here, he played a short segment from the 2006 movie, "Snakes on a Plane," in which snakes start crawling all over the passengers of an airliner, while a character played by Samuel L. Jackson jumps to his feet, says he's tired of "these m\*#!\*ing snakes on this m\*#!\*ing plane," and decides to do something about it.)

"So, this is how it ends," Mr. Stewart concluded. "I had my money on accidental nuclear annihilation, with a little hedge bet on global pandemic. But for those of you who had humanity devoured by escaped Florida pet store snakes... Kudos."

"By the way, thanks, Florida, for starting almost every sh\*\*\*y thing in the world, ever." (To see this segment, go to <http://blog.nature.org/2009/03/nature-conservancy-on-the-daily-show>.) ■



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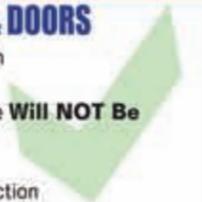


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# UNDERCOVER HISTORIAN

## Hats off to 'Make Naples a Better Place to Live'

BY LOIS BOLIN  
Special to Florida Weekly

Naples City Clerk Tara Norman called me not long ago with some wonderful news. She had discovered a cache of information about The Naples Plan. "No wonder we could never find anything about it," she told me. "It's held under its original name: 'The Make Naples a Better Place to Live Plan.'"

Deep in the city archives, Ms. Norman had uncovered a packet of research containing a newspaper article dated July 25, 1948. In the article, James Clendinen, state editor for *The Tampa Tribune*, wrote about a unique community effort that showed American ingenuity at its best. His article started like this:

"This story is about how the west coast town of Naples, 160 miles south of Tampa, pulled \$250,000 in town improvements out of a hat."

The hat Mr. Clendinen referred to was not a magician's hat, but an "ordinary old lid like the ones that were passed around to take up a collection for the beer and barbecue at the office party." He went on to say the only thing this innovative plan needed was "preferably a 10-gallon hat" and a number of "high-bracket" property owners with enough community interest to part with a wad of folding money when the hat was passed.

Luckily, the town of Naples had both.

Ms. Norman uncovered additional details about "The Make Naples a Better Place to Live Plan" in the form of official minutes from a city meeting. Naples Town Clerk Elsie Lehman noted on Jan. 9, 1948

(at 8 p.m.), at a meeting called by Mayor Roy Smith, that the IRS had approved this unprecedented "pass-the-hat-plan" under IRS Code Section 28 as a contribution to a political subdivision. And in Florida at that time, 100 percent of political contributions were tax-deductible.

The plan, approved by a Who's Who list of old-timers, outlined several original projects, including mosquito abatement; the construction of four jetties; dredging sand; street paving from Gordon Pass to Gordon Drive to the Post Office to the Myrin Property, "First Street and the Street to the Pier," Eight Street and Tenth Avenue; and my favorite: parks and playgrounds. (Who was Myrin? We'll let you know.)

With parks and playgrounds listed as the No. 1 priority on the plan, it seemed the town's leaders understood their community's most precious resource was not necessarily its beaches.

With their "hat" in their hands, the plan commenced.

Many citizens played important roles, but three in particular — Henry Watkins, William McCabe and Donald Greek — were responsible for donating 10 acres that would become Cambier Park, the city's first park, as well as acreage for the city's second park several years later.

Rex Lehman, City Council member and the town clerk's husband, was selected to chair the Parks Committee, with L. A. Orick as co-chair. They worked with the town engineer, William Cambier (for whom the park is named), to gather estimates for the first public park. When it was dedicated on July 5, 1948, Cam-

bier Park had cost the city a grand total of \$27,150.

### Variations with a purpose

In 1950, Henry Watkins began the development of Coquina Sands and needed a variance to change the subdivision codes for all east-west streets to end at the Gulf of Mexico. He donated 10 acres for a park in exchange for the variance.

Lester Norris, an avid supporter of the "Make Naples a Better to Live to Live Plan," donated a pavilion for the park as well as grills and picnic tables. His private scrapbook (which can be viewed at the Naples Backyard History Mini-Museum) has news articles about the city's second park and how it got its name. It seems the City Council wanted the new park named after Mr. Norris, but he refused the offer and instead submitted the name of the beloved and creative city manager, Fred Lowdermilk (who in 20 years of service also served as city engineer).

When Mr. Lowdermilk accepted the honor, he talked of Mr. Cambier as one whose values and love for the community he had sought to emulate.

Lowdermilk Park has a natural wetlands area, which is partially salt and brackish, and an underground connection to the Gulf of Mexico that's known as Lake Bertha after Mr. Lowdermilk's wife. If you look carefully on the street side of the park, you can see a railing that Mr.



Cambier Park dedication, 1949

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Lowdermilk saved from the old Gordon River Bridge, which was undergoing renovations when the park was being built.

Mr. Lowdermilk had been lured to Naples from the Edison Home in Fort Myers. He came as the city engineer with the promise that he could also be in charge of the city nursery. He was known for many things, but perhaps best (certainly to old-timers) for putting alligators in the sewer drains to clean them out when the town had no resources or equipment to do the job.

I think Mr. Clendinen of *The Tribune* would have loved Mr. Lowdermilk's "hat trick" that definitely made Naples a better place to live back then. ■

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

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STARKEY

Adria Starkey serves as president of The Naples Trust Company. She has more than 25 years of experience in financial services and was formerly the regional president of Wachovia Bank and managing director of Wealth Management at First Union. She has been involved in the Collier County community for more than 20 years, with organizations including The Shelter for Abused Women and Children and the Naples Children and Education Foundation.



BOTTHOF

Richard "Dick" Botthof, vice chairman of The Sanibel-Captiva Trust Company, joins Ms. Starkey at The Naples Trust Company and will be instrumental in market development efforts. He has 35 years of experience in banking and is the former regional president of First Union for Southwest Florida. He was also organizer, director, president and CEO of Commerce National Bank, which was sold to First Union/Wachovia in 1987. Mr. Botthof's community involvement has included the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce and the Philharmonic Center for the Arts.

Mr. Botthof says that while The Naples Trust Company may be new to the community, its parent company based on Sanibel Island provides a platform and service model that has been extremely successful and will serve the Naples area well. The company has a family office orientation and encourages its clients to be active partners in all decisions relating to their assets and investments.

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The nomination deadline has been extended for "Makeovers in Paradise," a project of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce that will award three local people complete style makeovers. Nominees must be someone from the business community who has been downsized or laid off from his or her job.

Nominations — 250 words or less, and a photograph — must be e-mailed to sarah@napleschamber.org by the end of the day Monday, Aug. 17.

After having a number of clients come to him seeking an updated look for their re-entry to the job market, Erick Carter of Tory's Total Hair Care pitched "Makeovers in Paradise" to the chamber as a way to help job-hunters who might not be able to afford a full-blown salon visit.

The three makeover winners will receive a total hair transformation by Mr. Carter, makeup tips from Nancy Joseph and manicure/pedicure from the staff at Tory's Total Hair Care. Cosmetic dentist Dr. Richard Garcia will provide teeth-whitening for each winner, and the style and image consultant from Waterside Shops will advise the winners on wardrobe tips and assist each one in choosing an outfit for a job interview.

The "big reveal" will happen during a party Thursday evening, Sept. 24, at The Bay House.

For more information, contact Brenda O'Connor at The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce by e-mailing Brenda@napleschamber.org. ■

## 'Neighborhood Fashion Show' will benefit clinic

The Youth Leadership Collier Class of 2009 presents "The Neighborhood Fashion Show," an evening to benefit the Neighborhood Health Clinic, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, at Sugden Community Theatre.

The clinic provides health care "for those who choose work over welfare."

YLC members, all rising high school seniors, have secured sponsors, models and more than 15 local vendors for the fashion show that will put a variety of styles for all ages in the spotlight. Hors d'oeuvres and dessert will be served, and a raffle and silent auction will be held during intermission.

Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$15 for ages 6-18 and free for children 5 and

younger. Tickets can be purchased at the box office on the night of the show or in advance at www.napleschamber.org/events.

Members of the YLC Class of 2009 are: Blanca Abney, Victoria Barner, Lucy-Marie Bruns, Catherine Calyore, Jaime Ceron, Alison Chauvette, Chelsea DeRose, Nasha Etienne, Adelene Exceus, Carolyn Flewelling, Franklyn Francois, Kevin Havemeier, Dillon Hazel, Emily Lamb, Olivia LeClair, Pedro Lora, Andrew McIntosh, Andrew Nelson, Anabel Ocanas, Tomy Olivarez, Tyler Paine, Cally Parks, Gabriella Passidomo, Cindy Rivas, Jorgia Stone, Kristin Tenreiro, Nicholas Thorstenson, Katrina Varela, Johnathan Wimberly and Sarah Zion. ■

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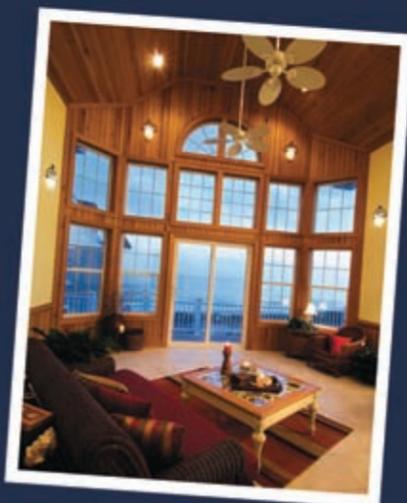
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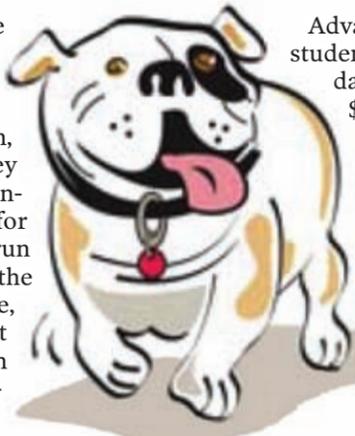
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Advance registration is \$15 for students and \$20 for adults; race-day registration is \$20 and \$25. Sign up online at [www.bulldogdash.com](http://www.bulldogdash.com).

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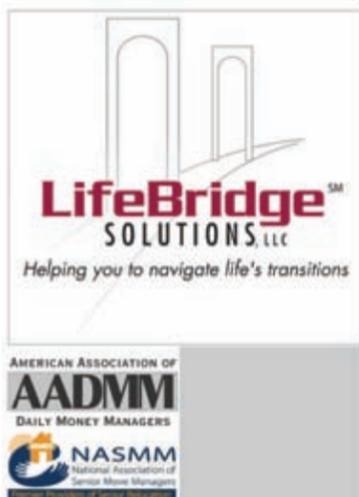
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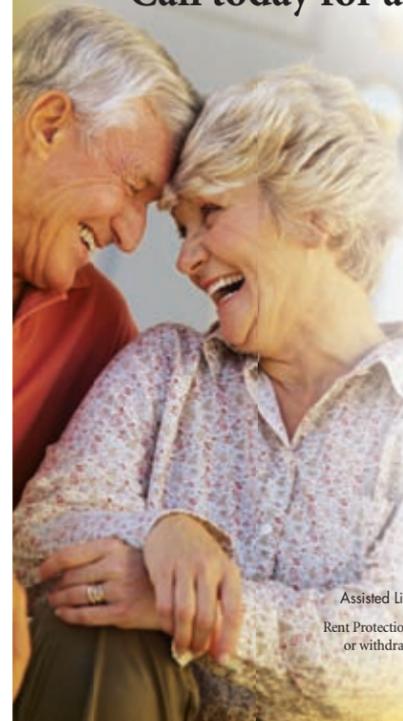
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Registration is under way for the Conservancy of Southwest Florida 2009 Red-Snook Catch and Release Charity Tournament scheduled for Oct. 2-4. Thomas Wagor, community bank president with M Bank, is chairman of the tournament; Roland Martin, legendary angler and television host of the "Fishing with Roland Martin Show," returns as host.

Certified by the International Game Fish Association, the tournament is open to teams, individuals and junior anglers under age 16.

The competition benefits the Conservancy's study of juvenile game fish living within the mangrove tidal creeks and salt marshes of the Ten Thousand Islands. Biologists' goal is to learn more



about how to conserve and restore juvenile game fish habitat. Last year's Red-Snook tourney netted more than \$60,000 for the cause.

The tournament will begin with a kickoff party and auction at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, at LaPlaya Beach and Golf Resort. Saturday and Sunday mornings, Oct. 3-4, anglers will launch from Naples,

Goodland and Chokoloskee. An awards ceremony will be held Sunday evening Northern Trust in Naples.

Registration is limited to the first 60 teams. The event is sponsored by M Bank, Comcast, Florida Weekly, Outback, Amerivest Realty, Heatherwood Construction, LaPlaya Beach and Golf Resort, Northern Trust, The Johnson Meland Group of Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, Calusa Island Marina, Renfroe Jackson, Naples Yacht Club and Whole Foods. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available.

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## 951 Boat Ramp will close while parking spaces added

The Collier County Coastal Zone Management and Parks and Recreation departments will temporarily close the 951 Boat Ramp access to finalize the expansion of boat trailer and other parking for the popular boat launch site.

The closure will begin Monday, Aug. 17, and will last an estimated three

weeks, including weekends.

The existing launch location has just 19 trailer spots, too few to accommodate the number of boaters using the ramp. The new plan calls for 88 parking spaces, including handicap parking, which will significantly reduce the need for boaters to park along the side of 951 after launching their boats. ■

## Scouts plan Beach-o-ree at state park

Boy Scouts of America are planning a Beach-o-ree for area scouts and other kids from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park. Everyone is invited to enjoy water sports, ultimate Frisbee, volleyball,

fishing, canoeing, paddle boarding and more.

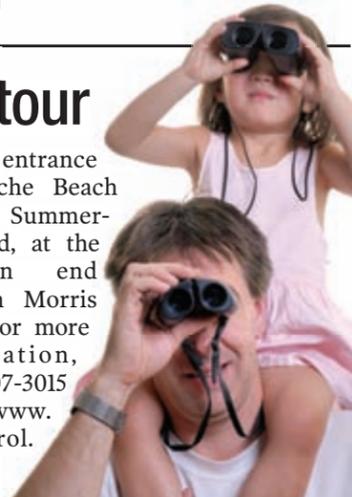
The Beach-o-ree fun is free, although park admission fees apply. For more information, call Rick Holloway at 821-8277. ■

## Bunche Beach birding tour

Lee County Parks and Recreation plans a guided birding adventure at Bunche Beach near Sanibel Island from 8-10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 22. The beach is an excellent spot for sighting both migrant and resident wading and shorebirds working the mudflats at low tide.

Bring binoculars, sun protection, shoes that can get wet, a bottle of drinking water, your curiosity and love of nature. The tour is free, and registration is not necessary.

The entrance to Bunche Beach is off Summerlin Road, at the southern end of John Morris Road. For more information, call 707-3015 or visit [www.birdpatrol.org](http://www.birdpatrol.org). ■



# SUPPLIES

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shoppers can purchase pre-packaged, pre-priced bags of supplies. Allan Crockett, general manager of the Publix at Naples Plaza, says response has been positive, with approximately \$3,000 of supplies purchased and donated in 10 days.

Theresa Miller, senior director of resource development for the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County, says the organization has seen a "huge increase" in the need for such supplies. Later this month, the club will hold its annual school supply giveaway; about 2,000 children are expected, Ms. Miller says, as compared to 1,500 who lined up for binders, pencils, markers, spiral notebooks and paper last year.

Collier County Public Schools students return to classes Monday, Aug. 24. A list of recommended school supply donation items is available at [www.colliercountyredcross.org](http://www.colliercountyredcross.org). Here are some organizations and locations for donations:

- Youth Haven, Collier County's emergency children's shelter, is accepting donations at the following sites: Youth Haven's East Naples Campus, 5867 Whitaker Road, Naples; Youth Haven's Family Support Services Office, 273 Airport Road South, Naples; and Advanced Dentistry of Naples/Dr. Thomas Hale, 9180 Galleria Ct. #100, Naples.

- Fifth Third Bank, in partnership with The Education Foundation of Collier County and other area educational organizations, is accepting donations at all of its Collier County locations beginning Friday, Aug. 14. Gift cards to office



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- The Shelter for Abused Women & Children of Collier County is accepting donations at Options Thrift Shoppe, 968 2nd Ave. N. Naples; and Another Option 5248 Golden Gate Parkway, Naples.

- The Collier County Chapter of the American Red Cross is accepting donations at the following sites: Chapter headquarters, 2610 Northbrooke Plaza Drive, Naples; both Marco Office Supply locations, 220 Industrial Boulevard, Naples, and 571 Bald Eagle Drive, Marco Island; and The Gap at Coastland Center Mall and Waterside Shops.

- The Boys & Girls Club of Collier County, in partnership with Publix Supermarkets and Comcast Cable, is accepting donations at its main campus, 7500 Davis Blvd., as well as at all area Publix stores. Pre-packaged donation bags can also be purchased through Publix. ■

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# PET TALES

## Feline migration

How do you move a cat? With planning and patience

BY DR. MARTY BECKER & GINA SPADAFORI  
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Cats like places more than they like people, right?

Wrong. Your cat would rather be with you, no matter where you move to. But if you handle the days before and after moving day improperly, you're at a real risk of losing your cat. That's why it's important to take some time to do it right.

Cats are highly territorial and will seek out familiar places when stressed, which is why they attempt to return to their old homes. While you'll never manage a stress-free move for either you or your cat, you can make the best of the situation by keeping your pet secure before, during and after the move, and then by allowing your pet to gradually adapt to his new surroundings.

The best way to move your cat is to confine him to a "safe room" before and after the move, and to transport him from one house to another in a secure carrier. The ideal safe room is a spare bedroom or bathroom where your cat isn't going to be disturbed, and where he can be outfitted with food and water, a litter box, a scratching post and toys.

Don't feel bad about confining your pet. He'll be more relaxed in a small space where he won't be subjected to the stress of seeing people tromping around his house with the family belongings. Confining your cat also prevents him from slipping outside, which is a danger at both the old and new home. A frightened cat may be hard to locate on the day of the move if you don't make sure he's somewhere you can put your hands on him.

When you get to your new home, leave the carrier, with its door removed, in the safe room. Close the door to the room and leave him be while you unpack. Coaxing him out of the carrier with treats and praise is fine, but let him choose when and how much of the safe room he wants to explore. Never drag him out — you'll upset your cat, and you might get scratched or bitten.

A couple of days after you've unpacked and things have settled down, open the door to the safe room so your cat can explore the rest of the house. Even if you plan to let him outside, keep him in for a couple of weeks. He needs to stay inside to start forming a bond with his new surroundings. Better still, make the most of the opportunity offered by a move and convert your pet to indoor-only status.



Cats don't like to move, but they'd rather go with you than be left behind.

Your new neighbors will appreciate it, and your cat will live a longer, safer life.

It's relatively easy to manage a conversion to indoor cat in a new home. He'd carry on like crazy in your old home if locked in, but in new surroundings he'll accept the change with little fuss. Part of the reason cats don't like to convert to indoor-only is because they've marked the outside as part of their territory and have a natural desire to revisit and remark it. A newly moved cat will learn to accept the territory he has been offered, and if the outdoors isn't part of it, he won't miss it as much.

Above all, don't rush your cat through a move. Confinement during the transition is also good for avoiding behavior problems that might pop up with the stress of moving. By limiting your cat's options to the litter box and scratching post in his small safe room, he will quickly redevelop the good habits he had in your old home. ■

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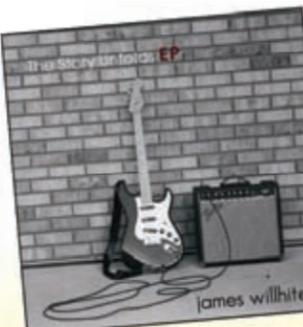
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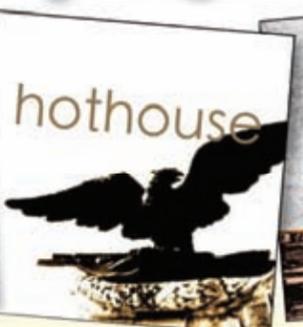
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# MUSINGS

## Sola fide



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But reality is stranger than legend. It is a reality that the unemployment rate in Somalia hovers around 50 percent. The people live in extreme poverty. Extreme poverty means that basic survival needs are not met. Jeffrey Sachs describes it this way: The people "are chronically hungry, unable to access health care, lack the amenities of safe drinking water and sanitation, cannot afford education for... the children, and... lack rudimentary shelter... and basic articles of clothing." More than 20,000 people die every day as a result of extreme poverty. This people from whom the pirates emerge are the poorest of the poor.

Yes, there must be a war on such terror. The word terror comes from a Greek

root that means "tremble." What sometimes causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble? I have been told to avoid caffeine, to get some sleep. But my pirate wisdom tells me the opposite. My pirate heart tells me that the cure is in waking.

I wake to find that there is no American embassy in Somalia. There is no American diplomatic presence. Don't go there, we are warned. If you do, we cannot help you. This is a no man's land. Here we are at the edge of an inexplicable universe. It is our collective blindness to this world that is the true terror.

And this blindness is no less blind to all the little terrified worlds somnolent within our American dream.

There are ignored but peripherally visible worlds at all economic levels defined by their inhabitants as fiscally poor. Even in America, the richest nation on earth. Poverty is relative to expectation. And expectation is of mind, not matter. Our poverty is poverty, even if it is not extreme poverty.

A greater blindness is in the piss-poor, dirt-poor poor farms of our communal loss. We are blind to our vacant isolation, to our vapid alienation. We are so often lost to each other.

But the direst, gravest, deepest blindness is our blindness to ourselves. Our denial runs deep. Its depth, even as it seems to be refuge, is prison. It is our delusional misapprehension of our own heart's desire that is our greatest poverty.

"Poor" has two Latin roots. One means "little." From one point of view, when we are poverty stricken, when we cross the poverty line, we have little. We see ourselves as deprived.



But if we are little, if we are "poor in spirit," we are completely full with less. If we are little enough, if we cross the line out of definition into infinite possibility, our emptiness is limitless treasure.

From this place, the meaning of the second Latin root becomes clear. This second root means "to give birth to." What might be born?

It is in our recognition and experience of our own poverty that we develop compassion for the poverty of others. The poverty of others is no longer defensively strange and distant. It is so comprehensible, as close as our breath.

And there is birthing of perhaps even more import. This poor self, bottomlessly empty, is like Mary Poppins' magic bag. From out of this inner poor state, amazing in its emptiness, we can draw out, magically, whatever it is for which the here/now

longs. We can be container, both ready and flexible, to hold water or wine. We can be reed empty for vibration. We can be nest holding the next emergent life.

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Air Berlin flies non-stop between Southwest Florida International Airport and Germany.

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## Air Berlin – Flying direct

BY GEORGE RAAB  
Special to Florida Weekly

Happy birthday, Air Berlin! Fifteen years into an experiment of sorts, a direct intercontinental flight to Southwest Florida International Airport, what started out as a curious match between Germany's second-largest airline and a medium-hub airport is a success. Floridian and European travelers love its spacious planes — 8330 Airbus flight craft seating 300 and one of the youngest fleets in the industry — and traffic is up from the same period in 2008, 10.33 percent for the six months ended June 30. During a time when nationwide travel is forecast to be down by 8 percent, international even more, the increase is good news.

It was 1993 when Bob Ball, Lee Coun-

ty Port Authority's executive director, came to town. His first assignment was to recruit international air service. While executive director of Jacksonville International Airport, he'd begun the groundwork to convince LTU International Airlines (taken over by Air Berlin in 2008) to fly to the northern Florida airport. While that arrangement never came to fruition, he'd become acquainted with LTU's key executives.

After transferring to Fort Myers, Mr. Ball realized that the area contained a German population of more than 65,000, and that a high percentage of Lee and Collier residents trace their roots to Germany. A 2000 U.S. census report revealed that German is the top-reported ancestry in Lee County at 19 percent; Charlotte County, 21 percent and Collier



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Air Berlin flies the latest Airbus jets from Southwest Florida International Airport.

County, 16 percent. While the official count of Germans registering with the consulate is still in the 65,000 range, the unofficial count is 250,000, according to Norma Henning, an immigration

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## WEEK at-a-glance



### What'll it be?

Celebrity bartender night at Shula's, and more business and fun. **B7 & 8** ►



### One cool CEO

Theo Etzel is in control at Conditioned Air. **B2** ►



### Inside the Corsica

New high-rise model opens in Bella Vista at Vineyards. **B9** ►

## Successful networking events involve thinking outside the box

Networking events run the gamut in Southwest Florida. There are breakfast, lunch and dinner functions at area restaurants, happy hours at local bars, and invitation-only events at businesses and individual homes. Whether you know how to work the crowd or are a bit timid, each situation creates opportunities to make new acquaintances, friends and clients.

Yet, most are simply meet-and-greets where you walk into a crowded room, grab a cocktail and find some people to chat up for an hour. Others mix it up a bit by having a speaker present a topic of

interest to all.

Cat Foster, though, the founder of BNN Times (Business Networking) and managing director of eWomenNetwork's Naples-Fort Myers chapter, organizes networking events that are both fun and beneficial for growing your business. She also helps promote networking events that other groups sponsor.

Ms. Foster's Friday After Five events feature what she calls Networking Bingo.

### POWER POINTS

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"It's not your typical happy hour," she says. "We play bingo in an effort to meet new people." She insists it's great for those who are shy, new to networking, or

who don't know how to network.

Fridays After Five are open to all business owners and professionals. You don't have to be a member of BNN Times to attend. A \$5 contribution gets you appetizers, bingo and the possibility

of winning one of the many prizes available. The locale for Fridays After Five varies each week between Fort Myers, Bonita Springs, Estero and Naples. You can check out the full calendar of events at [www.BNNTimes.com](http://www.BNNTimes.com).

Bingo is also a big hit at Vergina on Fifth Avenue South during the networking function sponsored by Networking United Naples from 5:30-7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of every month. Ms. Foster helps organize the event and says nearly 300 people came to the first one.

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# BUSINESS PROFILE

## All's cool at work and play for Theo Etzel of Conditioned Air

BY ALYSIA SHIVERS  
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Theo Etzel is one of those rare Florida natives. Born and raised in Miami, he came to Naples in 1995 to take the helm at Conditioned Air. Within a short span of time, this president and CEO transformed the reputable \$2.5 million, 27-member company into what today is the largest air-conditioning contracting and service firm in the area, boasting more than \$17 million in sales and close to 130 employees.

"I didn't have any air-conditioning experience, but I had business and people experience," he says.

Up until that point, the Stetson University grad had helped grow the Days Inn corporation as its vice president of development, owned and operated several Ben & Jerry's ice cream stores, and worked for Habitat for Humanity acquiring land and managing zoning for a startup chapter. All that took place while he was living in Georgia.

Mr. Etzel was lured back to his home state, this time to the west coast, by investors who had just purchased Conditioned Air, a Naples company founded in 1962.

"Naples was a little sleeper of a town than it is now," he says, noting that his new role called for him to grow the company while upholding its longstanding reputation.

To do that, he diversified Conditioned Air's product mix. What was once primarily residential work now includes



Conditioned Air headquarters on Mercantile Avenue

light commercial as well as high-end, custom design-build projects and new construction. Because of this, the company has been able to withstand the changing economic landscape.

"What I try to bring to the business is a forward-looking analysis using trends and predictors to determine what we need to prepare for," he explains.

Under Mr. Etzel's leadership, Conditioned Air has also gone through a physical transformation. The company relocated to a new site just a few blocks away from its former spot, recycling a 20,000-square-foot metal building into a functioning workspace and exhibit. "We call it living in our lab," he says.

The interior design of the building reflects the industrial work Conditioned Air does, with exposed joists, trusses, columns and beams as well as several exposed and accessible high-efficiency air-conditioning systems. "It is a working showroom," Mr. Etzel says, adding



Theo Etzel COURTESY PHOTOS

more affordable and more mainstream as years go by," he says.

Conditioned Air was one of the first, if not the first, companies to install solar here, and while Collier County officials were receptive to the idea, they were new to the process, especially the permitting involved. It required a lot of face time with county leaders and the establishment of protocol for when others follow suit.

While Conditioned Air is very conscious of its green efforts — recycling refrigerants, separating metal and carefully dispatching its fleet — it does not over-emphasize its efforts. "The driving motivator is not to say, 'Hey we saved 1,400 trees today,'" Mr. Etzel says. "It just makes good economic sense, good common sense, as stewards of the earth. That's really what we are all about."

He also believes in giving back, which is why Conditioned Air is a big supporter of Grace Place, the Collier County Education Foundation and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. His core values of treating others with kindness and respect and being honest are something he tries to maintain at home and in the workplace and impart to others.

And when he's not at work, he and his wife of 29 years travel to exotic locales where they can combine Mr. Etzel's love of cooking with wonderful sights.

"I'm a closet chef," he laughs, adding he also enjoys golf and just staying up with the business. "I look at business as a game. You have to play every day." ■





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# MONEY & INVESTING

## Dividend growth and inflation

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What debate? The debate in every money manager's mind. The debate in most boardrooms. The debate at the coffee shops in rural towns with small manufacturing businesses. The debate at your kitchen table. The debate within my own mind. Best articulated, will the U.S. continue to experience deflationary pressures or will the aggressive increases in the money supply by the Federal Reserve Board intended to cure economic ills ultimately result in inflation?

And why do these disparate groups desperately care so much? Because it makes a huge difference how investment portfolios are constructed (at least for most), how large companies are financed and how small businesses will handle increases in material prices. And these are just a few examples to show the importance of the issue.

For those of us who lived through the inflation of the 1970s, we thought there could be nothing worse than inflation... until we experienced the asset deflation of 2008 and 2009. Inflation woes were, "How do we pay for it?" but not "Why do I buy if prices are continuing to fall or if there is little chance of price appreciation in the next several years?"

Most asset classes have seen a hair-

cut in value of 40 percent in the past 18 months. The list is long: real estate, equities, some fixed income, grains, some metals, oil and gas. In an economy that depends on consumer spending (70 percent of Gross Domestic Product is retail consumption) and consumer investment, the economy suffers from a consumer who either has no cash to spend or lacks the confidence to spend the cash they have or has stopped tapping the credit keg and has shifted spending to paying off debt. Not only has net worth plummeted, there is no confidence in when or how it can be restored. Broadly divided, there is the consumer who sits on large hoards of cash and is content to do nothing until something is clear and the consumer, who still reeling from the pillage, sits on scant cash held for emergencies.

To be sure, deflation is on Ben Bernanke's mind — maybe on his mind 24/7. Also known as Helicopter Ben, the chairman of the Federal Reserve has stated, in sum and substance, that he preferred inflation to deflation and, so much so, that he would throw money out of helicopters to prevent deflation. Little did he know when he made this statement years ago, that he would actually be the Fed chairman and in the unenviable position of pondering where to throw the next amount of money. So far, no helicopter has been spotted but I am sure many Southwest Florida residents would like to see dollars falling from the sky — preferably large bills.

So why, in this environment where

spending is greatly curtailed, is inflation perceived as a threat? To some it is inconceivable that the Fed's massive increase in the money supply will not result in inflation. In any typical economic environment the Fed's largesse would have already resulted in high inflation. But these are not normal times and there is no hint of inflation as of this writing because the "velocity" of money (the speed with which money is used) has fallen off a cliff.

Every business school student knows the following formula quite well:  $MV=PQ$ . Money supply (M) times velocity (V) equals price (P) times quantity (Q). The PQ is also known as our Gross Domestic Product. In normal times, an increase in money supply causes an increase in prices — inflation. (Quantity is assumed to be fixed in the short term and an increase in price does not result in greater quantities, at least immediately.) Money is not being circulated or spent. It is sitting; sitting in banks. Banks are sitting on bailout funds. It is not clear what will spark consumer confidence to get them to resume buying and investing, what will force the banks to lend, and what gets velocity of money to increase.

But from my neck of the woods, or should I say from Naples' beaches, the insidious problem of inflation is much more desirable than deflation. The fixed



income holder takes it on the chin in inflationary times but the desire to consume and invest in assets resumes, if only for the fear that tomorrow all will cost more. Certainly, inflation is difficult to control within a growing economy. A growing economy? At this juncture, as long as there is a growing economy, such problems might receive a warm welcome.

So, whether you're making decisions in a boardroom, at a coffee shop or at your kitchen table, you will most probably be projecting future price inflation or deflation and charting a course based on your conclusions. ■

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## Awards

**John McDonough**, chairman of the CHS Healthcare Foundation and a graduate of Notre Dame University class of 1958, has received the school's Edward Frederick Sorin C.S.C. Award, which is presented annually to an alumnus who represents the values of Notre Dame University in his or her service to the community. Mr. McDonough has had a lifelong passion for charity work and has been involved with Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and the Neighborhood Health Clinic. He established the Life Without Limitations Foundation.

## Banking & Finance

**Shari Johnson** has been promoted to assistant vice president and branch manager at SunTrust's new Coconut Point office in Estero. Ms. Johnson will be responsible for business development and day-to-day operations in the Estero market. She brings 20 years of banking experience to her new role and has an extensive background in retail branch management, business banking, treasury management and sales management. She is also involved with Habitat for Humanity and The Harry Chapin Food Bank.

## Board Appointments



SAUNDERS

**Burt Saunders**, former state senator and an attorney of counsel with Gray Robinson law firm, has been appointed to the board of the Leadership Collier Foundation and will serve as the vice chair of leadership development. The 30-member board sets policy for Leadership Collier, the Leadership Institute, GAIN, Leadership Alumni, Youth Leadership Collier, the Campaign for Leadership and special seminar programs. As a member of the Florida Senate for 10 years, Mr. Saunders focused his legislative efforts primarily in the areas of economic development and diversification, healthcare regulation, alternative energy policy and environmental preservation. His affiliations and community involvement include the Southwest Florida Council Boy Scouts of America, Harris Bank of Naples, Collier County Junior Deputy League, The Florida Bar Association, The Neighborhood Health Clinic, Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, The von Liebig Art Center, the Disabled Police Officers Association and Big Cypress Wilderness Institute.

**Chris Vernon** has been appointed by Florida Secretary of State Kurt Browning to serve a four-year term as a member of the board of trustees for Edison State College. Mr. Vernon is a founding member of the Naples law firm Vernon • Healy. He focuses his practice on the litigation and arbitration of business and financial disputes, with an emphasis on securities and investment fraud. He represents investors throughout the United States.

**Cheryl Lampard**, founder of Style Matters International, has been invited to join the Talbots Advisory Council. Members of the council include fashion and image industry experts who share their views with the company on its merchandise, catalogs, promotions and other types of marketing.

## Education

**Johanna Myers** has joined the faculty of Royal Palm Academy, a private Catholic



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## Health Care



EATON

**Dr. Alexander Eaton** of Retina Health Center and the Macular Degeneration Research Center has been reappointed as consulting associate for the Department of Ophthalmology at the Duke Eye Center at the Duke University School of Medicine. Dr. Eaton has served on the Duke faculty since 1999. The Duke Eye Center specializes in research and treatment of blinding eye diseases. He established Retina Health Center in 2002 and has been practicing ophthalmology in Collier and Lee counties for more than 15 years.

**Dr. Frank Lehninger** has joined Youth Haven as a consulting psychiatrist at the organization's Children and Families Behavioral Health Center. Aside from his private practice, Dr. Lehninger is the attending psychiatrist for the Florida Assertive Community Treatment Program and is consulting psychiatrist for Collier County Public Schools.



ORNSTEIN

**Dr. David Ornstein**, a fellowship-trained urologic oncologist, has opened Advanced Urology and Robotic Surgery in the Lutgert Cancer Center at Naples Community Hospital in North Naples. The practice specializes in the diagnosis, evaluation and treatment of urologic cancers and benign prostate diseases. Dr. Ornstein completed his residency in urology at Washington University in St. Louis and an additional two-year fellowship in urologic oncology and laparoscopic surgery at The National Cancer Institute. He has been practicing urologic oncology for nine years and has successfully completed more than 500 robotic surgical procedures for prostate, bladder and kidney cancer. Dr. Ornstein was assistant professor of urology and chief of the division of Urologic Oncology at the University of California, Irvine. He held a concurrent appointment as medical director of Robotic Surgery and Urologic Oncology at the Todd Cancer Institute, Long Beach

Memorial Medical Center in Long Beach, Cali. He has authored more than 65 peer review publications and 10 book chapters on urologic oncology and robotic surgery. Dr. Ornstein is a member of the Collier County Medical Society and is on the medical staffs of Naples Community Hospital and Physician's Regional Medical Center.

## Nonprofit Organizations



JORDAN

**Christina Jordan** has been hired as special projects manager for PACE Center for Girls in Immokalee. Ms. Jordan has helped organize efforts for Pulte Homes, The Bonita Bay Group and Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Before moving to Southwest Florida, she worked for one of the nation's largest litigation support firms supporting mock trial events all over the United States. She will help PACE plan and execute fundraising events, communications and public relations. She attends Hodges University and is working toward a degree in business administration with a focus on digital design. The PACE Center for Girls provides girls and young women with an opportunity for a better future through education, counseling, training and advocacy.

## Design & Construction

**Cheryl Oldershaw** of Palm Bay Kitchen and Bath has earned certification as an Associate Kitchen and Bath Designer from the National Kitchen and Bath Association.



CAMPBELL

**April Campbell**, ASID, interior designer for Robb & Stucky Interiors, has been listed among Florida International Magazine's Design Visionaries, an annual showcase of design professionals. Ms. Campbell was selected for her role in developing and executing innovative interior design plans for her residential and commercial clients around the country.

**Deborah K. Hershey-Carder** has been named office operations manager for the contracting division of Elias Brothers Group. A graduate of Bowling Green State University, Ms. Hershey-Carder has more than 25 years of executive management experience in finance and accounting, human resources and information technology. She is responsible for all sales team support, including pre-qualifications, proposal preparation, contract review and sales related tracking. ■

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Air Berlin took over the former LTU International Airlines in 2008.

## BERLIN

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attorney and the honorary consul to the Federal Republic of Germany.

Mr. Ball took part in a trade junket to Europe shortly after starting work, at a time when European desire for travel to the Sunshine State had just suffered a major set back. In April 1993, a German tourist in a rental car had been shot and killed in the vicinity of the Miami International Airport. The unfortunate victim was the eighth foreign tourist, the fourth German tourist, killed in Florida in robberies or attempted robberies in less than 12 months. As Ball touched down on German soil, *Der Spiegel*, one of the country's largest news magazines, was running a story along with a graphic of Florida in the shape of a Luger pistol and the headline "Terror in Paradise." *Bild*, the country's largest newspaper, ran a similar story entitled, "Florida Again! German Tourist Hunted, Shot." Another paper, *Die Welt* ran with the headline, "Death in a Rental Car: Fourth German this year Killed in Florida."

Back at home, Florida launched a massive crackdown on crime while beefing up tourism efforts, but the bad news put a damper on Mr. Ball's mission. There were no warm welcomes from tour guides serving the state or representatives from most major airlines.

"The sentiment was so bad, and people were just amazed that I was calling on them," he recalled.

His luck turned on his last call, which was with the managing director of LTU International, who he'd worked with while in Jacksonville.

"I asked him to consider our large German population, the fact that we're a major European destination and that the area is safe," he said. "Our region experiences a strong outbound demand with personal business travel and people that return home to visit family and so it's not simply a vacation destination. I'd known this man for a long time, and convinced him to experiment."

There was no doubt that Southwest Florida offered a calmer, more peaceful sanctuary than the international city of Miami. Air service is extremely competitive industry, but the risk of flying a direct, intercontinental air service into an unproven mid-sized airport was outweighed by the positives that a vacation destination in a rapidly growing region offered.

The experiment started out with a tag flight from Düsseldorf to Miami and on to Fort Myers before eventually morphing into a direct flight. Along the way Düsseldorf rebuilt its airport terminal, and the modern facility — an Air Berlin hub with more than 35 partner airlines connecting to non-stop markets in 16

countries — makes the popular flight even more attractive.

In the past year, while domestic tourism has seen declines, European tourism to Southwest Florida is up, one reason being a strong focus on the ground. Both Lee and Collier counties have marketing personnel on staff in Germany and the U.K. In Collier County, 187,790 guests visited from Europe in 2008, an increase of 32.8 percent over the previous year.

Norma Henning is a regular passenger. An American citizen who represents Germany as an affiliate of the Consulate General in Miami, she appreciates the contribution of the airport's only direct intercontinental air service.

"It's very convenient," she explained. "It's an important link for our German-American relations and I think a very important part of our culture in Southwest Florida. We're lucky to have this kind of connection."

Klaus Kohl, a long-standing member and former president of the German American Social Club of Cape Coral, agrees. "As far as being able to hop a plane in the morning and wake up in Germany, it's a marvelous thing," he said. "Germans invest here and it helps our economy."

The appeal of the area is natural, and eco-tourism is a strong draw.

"Germany is surrounded by land," he reasoned. "They come here for the sunshine and the water."

Mr. Kohl notes that events such as the Oktoberfest in Cape Coral on the last two weekends in October, which has drawn crowds of over 40,000 in recent years, attract Europeans.

"G.I.s and anyone who's been to Germany will come here for our events, because they can relax and enjoy the bands and dancing," he said. "Europeans are coming because it's easy to get here and much easier to get around than Munich."

Manuela Schinagl co-owns House of Mozart on Marco Island. The restaurant serves a continental menu and has drawn a European following because of beloved dishes like schnitzel and goulash. Ms. Schinagl, an Austrian, is a regular passenger, preferring to catch the connecting flight to Vienna.

"Europeans come to our restaurant for the traditional dishes, and they all fly over on Air Berlin," she reported. "People are comfortable on the planes and they save so much time with the connections."

Fort Myers resident Doretta Bree loves to travel.

"For anyone in Fort Myers who would otherwise have to go through Miami, Orlando, Atlanta or Newark, flying directly to Germany's as good a way as any to catch a connecting flight," she reasoned. "But in addition to that, Air Berlin's food, service and airplanes are top-notch. It really is a blessing." ■



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So don't just save to help the overall economy. Take seriously your need to save more and invest more for yourself, and to aim for solid returns. If the economists are right, you'll help the economy, too.

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## My Dumbest Investment

### Shocked and Stunned

My tale of stupidity is from my purchase of stock in Taser, the maker of electronic protection and control devices. My wife told me about the company, and I liked its uniqueness. I bought \$2,000 worth of shares at \$13, followed by another \$2,000 at \$17. I watched it rise to a little over \$20. Then word came out that airline pilots could carry guns in the cockpit. Well, I sold, making a few bucks and feeling like a genius as the stock dropped to \$5 per share. Then it rose to \$150 — and kept surging! I calculated that if I had just left well enough alone, I would have made more than \$100,000 from a \$4,000 investment. The moral of the story: If you really like and believe in a stock, leave it alone and maybe buy more on the dips. On occasion, you might take some profits.

— M.S., online

**The Fool Responds:** Your investment would actually be underwater now, as Taser shares have struggled recently. Still, many are bullish on its future. ■



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(Answer: Oracle)



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### 401(k) Benefits

**Q** Are 401(k) plans good things? — K.G., Salinas, Calif.

**A** For most people they are. Your employer plunks the portion of your salary that you specify into the plan, in the form of pre-tax income. So if you earn \$40,000 per year and can sock \$6,000 away into your 401(k), you'll have only \$34,000 in taxable income to report. Your taxes will be lower, and you'll have some pre-tax dollars invested for the future. All pre-tax contributions grow untaxed until you withdraw them in retirement, as you must generally do beginning at age 70 1/2. Then they're taxed at your ordinary income rate. Money in a 401(k) can usually be invested in a variety of things. We recommend broad-market stock index funds, such as ones based on the S&P 500 — if your plan doesn't offer one, ask your administrator to add it.

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**Q** What does it mean when I see that McDonald's is rated with four stars (out of five) at your CAPS site?

— H.C., Keene, N.H.

**A** A stock's CAPS rating reflects its potential to outperform the S&P 500 as decided by the CAPS community of tens of thousands of investors. With five-star stocks, for example, most CAPS participants think that they'll outperform the S&P 500 in the future. One-star stocks are deemed most likely to underperform it by most CAPS members. Highest-ranked members have more influence on a stock's CAPS rating than others.

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than four new restaurants daily outside the U.S., making me the world's largest retail developer. In 2002, I changed my name from Tricon Global Restaurants. My ticker symbol is tasty. Who am I? ■

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## The Motley Fool Take

### A Gr-r-reat Stock?

For risk-shy investors who are ducking into the pantry section of consumer staples, cereal king Kellogg is a natural idea. But food producers don't guarantee a safe investment; meat mavens Smithfield and Tyson have both posted negative average operating cash flow growth over the past five years.

Still, with many consumers financially pinched and drawn to cereal as a cheap and easy meal, Kellogg's status as the world's leading cereal maker looks like a decoder ring for profits. Rival General Mills recently noted, "Industry growth in 2009 was the best we've seen in 14 years," adding that there's room for more growth, as cereal is still consumed at only a third of breakfasts.

Kellogg's supermarket clout notwithstanding, the company does lag peers in certain areas. Sales growth in the Asia/Pacific region appears to be several percentage points behind that of General Mills. In addition, shareholders in H.J. Heinz (a Motley Fool Income Investor recommendation) have benefitted from a faster-growing dividend in the past five years. Other competitors include Ralcorp, which owns the Post cereal portfolio. And a more immediate threat may come from private-label brands, which are growing briskly.

Right now, General Mills looks more attractive, thanks to its diversity in major food categories and its slightly higher dividend yield. But don't count Kellogg out in the future. ■

# BUSINESS MEETINGS

► "Start, Buy or Franchise a Business," a free workshop sponsored by **SCORE Naples** and the **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce**, takes place from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, at chamber headquarters, 2390 Tamiami Trail N. Presenters are Clay Cox of Kitchens by Clay; David Zimmermann of the Royal Scoop; and Rick Bisio of FranChoice Consulting, who wrote "The Educated Franchisee." Networking begins at 9 a.m. Register online at [www.napleschamber.org](http://www.napleschamber.org)

► **The Collier Building Industry Association** holds its Reverse Trade Show for members only from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, at NABOR headquarters, 1455 Pine Ridge Road. Numerous builders, designers and architects will be on hand with information about their services. Admission is \$20 per person and includes dinner by Café

Figaro and a cash bar. RSVP by Monday, Aug. 17, by calling 436-6100.

► The next **Wake Up Naples** sponsored by the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce begins at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, at the Hilton Naples with guest speaker Nancy Payton of Friends of the Florida Panther. Admission is \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door and future members (limit two events for future members), and \$45 for non-members. Register online at [www.napleschamber.org](http://www.napleschamber.org).

► **The Chamber Alliance of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** presents "Census 2010: What You and Your Organization Need to Know" from 11:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Aug. 19, at chamber headquarters. Presenter will be Marcela Rice from the Southwest Florida Census

Office. Admission is \$10. Register online at [www.napleschamber.org](http://www.napleschamber.org).

► The **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce's Trade Show 2009** takes place from 3-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, at Edison State College-Collier Campus, 7007 Lely Cultural Blvd. More than 130 chamber members will have information about their services, and more than 1,100 people are expected to attend. Admission is \$10.

► **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 Aug. 13) 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 Aug. 21) at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club;

\$30 at the door or \$25 in advance. [www.leecolliernet.com](http://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](http://www.naplesgroup.net).

► **The Collier County Women's Bar Association** holds its next luncheon meeting beginning at noon Wednesday, Aug. 26, in the community room at Northern Trust, 4001 Tamiami Trail N.

► **WNOCC Women's Networking of Collier County** meets at 11:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of the month (next meeting Sept. 8) at the Collier Athletic Club. For more information, call Nancy Dalaskey at 280-3803. ■

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# REAL ESTATE

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## Corsica is newest luxury model at Vineyards

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Premier Builders, the exclusive home-builder for Vineyards Development Corp., has completed construction of the Corsica model, a two-bedroom plus study, two-bath luxury condominium home in Bella Vista, which is the third of five mid-rise towers in Vista Pointe at Vineyards.

The model encompasses 1,772 square feet of air-conditioned living area; including the balcony and terrace, the residence totals 1,940 square feet. The Corsica has a spacious kitchen with a dining nook and breakfast bar, a great room, a master suite with his-and-hers walk-in closets and a spacious master bath, and a view of Vineyards' two 18-hole golf courses and lakes.

The furnished Corsica model in Bella Vista starts at a base price of \$794,200.

A gated community within Vineyards, Vista Pointe is adjacent to Vineyards Country Club and features covered porticos, secured-access lobbies and a community clubhouse with a resort-style pool. Each new home comes with a social membership to Vineyards Country Club.

Vineyards is a 1,375-acre gated residential community. In addition to two golf courses, amenities include 12 Har-Tru tennis courts, a 70,000-square-foot clubhouse, and single-family and multifamily homes priced from the high \$500,000s to more than \$4 million.

The Vineyards Corporate Center, which houses its sales offices, is at 75 Vineyards Blvd., east of I-75 off Pine Ridge Road.

For more information, call 353-1920 or visit [www.VineyardsNaples.com](http://www.VineyardsNaples.com).

Full golf memberships to Vineyards Country Club are available for a limited time. For more information, call 353-1500. ■



The great room in the Corsica has golf-course and lake views.

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The kitchen also has a dining nook.



The master suite has two walk-in closets.

## REAL ESTATE NEWSMAKERS

**Barbara Teaford** was the sales leader for the month of June and Ruth Bethem was the listing leader in the Naples office of Downing-Frye Realty Inc. In the Bonita Springs office, Jay Berube was the June sales leader and Susan Belline was listing leader.



LEE

**Robert Lee** has joined Lennar as a new home consultant at The Vistas at Heritage Bay, a town home community off Immokalee Road. Mr. Lee attended the University of Florida and earned his degree in finance from

Florida Gulf Coast University. He has five years of experience in residential real estate sales in Southwest Florida.

**Maria Marcial** has been promoted to sales manager at Belle Lago, a Toll Brothers community of single-family villas and estate homes in Estero. Ms. Marcial has more than 10 years of real estate sales experience and joined Toll Brothers in 2006. She has twice been named the company's sales associate of the year in the Florida West Division and shared top honors in Toll Brothers' 2009 national sales contest in her division. She is a member of the Naples Area Board of Realtors as well as the Florida and National associations of Realtors.



CAPOLINO

**Kelly Capolino** of Coldwell Banker Real Estate in Naples recently attended the Superstar Sales Retreat sponsored by The Mike Ferry Organization. More than 3,000 real estate agents from the United States, Canada and Australia attended conference in Las Vegas, Nev. Ms. Capolino is among the top 2.6 percent of all Coldwell Banker associates worldwide. She is involved with the American Red Cross, the American Cancer Society, Love Our Children and the Suzanne Perry Wellness Benefit Fund. ■

## Solve your design dilemmas at Robb & Stucky seminars

Designers at Robb & Stucky Interiors present a variety of complimentary seminars every Thursday. Here's what's coming up next at the Naples showroom, 2777 Tamiami Trail N. All seminars begin at 11 a.m. unless otherwise noted. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling 261-3969, ext. 7000.

■ **Thursday, Aug. 13: "What Every Guy Wants: A Man Cave"** Just because it's his domain doesn't mean it should stick out like a sore thumb. Design consultant Merrlis Weed will discuss how



to make his room "flow" with the rest of your décor while still providing a masculine atmosphere.

■ **Thursday, Aug. 20 at 2 p.m.: "Stump the Designer"** Bring your design dilemmas to this interactive presentation and a panel of Robb & Stucky experts will provide solutions.

■ **Thursday, Aug. 27: "Window Dressing"** Design consultant Jim Shaffer welcomes Robb & Stucky drapery workroom manager and national spokesperson for Window Coverings Magazine Joan Willis for a presentation about how window treatments can frame a stunning view or enhance the mood of a room. ■

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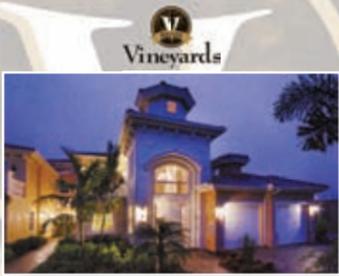
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**Whole-house remodels get turned into serial projects**

Residential remodels are no longer those once-in-a-lifetime projects that keep homeowners dreaming years on end before they ever pick up a hammer. Instead, many homeowners opt to do a series of remodels as their schedules, budgets and lifestyles evolve over time, according to the National Association of the Remodeling Industry.

Serial remodels, or phased remodeling projects, can go over several months and even years. For example, homeowners might opt to start slow with a remodel to a powder room or closet and then tackle a larger project, such as the kitchen, master bath or home addition.

"Most people don't think of their house as 10 projects they want to do and prioritize them," says Matt Lederer, president of Mahogany Builders in Chicago. "It's not a one-time shot: People choose projects they can afford and will influence resale."

Phasing a remodeling project has a number of benefits, Mr. Lederer says. For homeowners who can't fund the entire project upfront, breaking elements of a major home remodel into stages can help extend costs over time and buy homeowners more time to save or find funding. Embarking on a series of smaller projects also keeps homeowners less stressed.

"Everyone has what I call a 'construction tolerance,'" he says. "Some people get excited about the remodel, but a few weeks into it they get tired of people showing up at their house at 7 a.m." ■

*The National Association of the Remodeling Industry has more than 8,200 member companies nationwide. For tips on remodeling using green techniques and materials, visit NARI's green Web site, [www.greenremodeling.org](http://www.greenremodeling.org).*

**RECENT TRANSACTIONS**

■ **Christine Taylor Associates LLC** has leased 9,274 square feet of distribution and warehouse space from Wilson Lighting of Naples Inc., at 1485 Railhead Blvd. Christine Gonnering Martin of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction.

■ **Naples Falafel LLC** has leased 1,000 square feet of retail space from PRY of Naples LLC at 2075 Pine Ridge Road. Paige Eber of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction.

■ **Naples Fire Protection Inc.** has leased 1,873 square feet at 25270 Bernwood Drive, Suite 1, Bonita Springs, from Bay's Mere Company LLC. Charles Jans and Mary Pepin Kazor with Grubb & Ellis|st

Commercial brokered the transaction.

■ **M & M Concrete Inc.** of Pennsylvania has leased 1,500 square feet at 28731 South Cargo Court in Bonita Springs from Collier District LLC. Doris Taylor of CB Richard Ellis, Fort Myers/Naples brokered the transaction.

■ **Regions Bank** has renewed its lease for 5,762 square feet at 1100 Fifth Avenue South from 1100 Building, LLC. Regions Bank has also retained 1,200 square feet of space in the adjacent drive-through facility at 590 11th Street South from Dockside 590 LLC. Scott Dunnuck, Dan O'Berski and Scott Willenbrock of CB Richard Ellis Fort Myers/Naples brokered the transactions. ■

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## Naples developments make magazine's list of nation's best master-planned communities

Two Naples communities, Verona Walk and Lely Resort and Country Club, have been named to Where to Retire magazine's list of America's 100 Best Master-Planned Communities.

Divosta Homes' Verona Walk features homes set along miles of lakefront with Venetian-style bridges. Its lakefront town center features a state-of-the-art fitness center, a library, game and billiards rooms, an arts and crafts room, and more. Outdoors, the community boasts a resort-style pool, and tennis, bocce ball and basketball courts.

Stock Development's Lely Resort spans 3,000 acres and includes three championship golf courses, plus social and recreational amenities.

Where to Retire editors evaluated several hundred communities across the nation. Those chosen for the "100 Best" vary in cost, location and the range of lifestyle amenities. The selection contains communities in 29

states, including places beyond the traditional retirement havens. Less than half of the developments — 41 — are active-adult communities, where residents must meet minimum age requirements. The other 59 developments are open to residents of all ages.

"Master-planned developments offer the types of amenities that contribute to interesting, active and fulfilling lifestyles," says Where to Retire publisher Karen Northridge. "Secure, well-maintained and with amenities like clubhouses, fitness centers and social clubs as well as golf and tennis, our '100 Best' give retirees much more than a house."

The selection shows a continuing trend toward active retirement, with communities that have walking and biking trails, golf courses and amenity complexes enhanced with state-of-the-art gyms, spas, classrooms for yoga and Pilates and learning centers to

explore subjects from art history to wine appreciation.

Developments also are getting greener — setting aside acreage for preserves and parks and more commonly offering energy-saving features in homes.

Many on the list have security in the form of an entry gate or other types of access control. Several of the "100 Best" also offer unique amenities such as equestrian facilities, dog parks, Internet cafes and community libraries.

The July/August issue marks the sixth biennial honor roll of "America's 100 Best Master-Planned Communities" compiled by Where to Retire. The magazine, launched in 1992, is published six times each year. Every issue profiles top retirement towns, both undiscovered and well-known, and master-planned communities that cater to retirees.

For more information, visit [www.WhereToRetire.com](http://www.WhereToRetire.com). ■

## POWERPOINTS

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A typical crowd, she adds, is about 70.

"It is so successful," she says about bingo as a networking tool. "It makes it easier to meet new people because it's fun."

Speaking of fun, last month the Naples Area Professional League of Executive Services (N.A.P.L.E.S.) hosted a networking event on the Naples Princess. Those onboard the 110-foot yacht were treated to a sunset cruise while enjoying complimentary hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar and the company of fellow business professionals from

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— Cat Foster, founder of BNN Times

all local networking groups.

In addition to having fun, client relationships are being formed at these various networking sessions.

Ms. Foster says a mortgage broker recently informed her he's working on a jumbo loan for someone he met at a networking event, and a commercial insurance agent told her he got a new account and didn't even play bingo the first time there. "I've been getting a lot of

feedback. They're making connections," she says.

The idea behind these unusual networking events is to make sure everyone is mingling and mixing and not in a corner talking to one person. For example, at eWomenNetwork, women gather for lunch at tables of about eight where they are each given one minute to present an "infomercial" on themselves. As each course comes, they switch tables. The first luncheon with Ms. Foster in her new role as managing director of the network will be held the last Wednesday of September at a location yet to be determined. Visit [BNNTimes.com](http://BNNTimes.com) for more details.

"Events like these think outside of the box," she says. ■



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**PINE RIDGE ▲**  
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**VILLAGES OF MONTEREY ▲**  
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**VILLAGES OF MONTEREY ▲**  
7698 Santa Margherita Way - Stately, immaculate lake front 5 BR/3.5 BA home. Heated pool/spa, 3-car garage. Family community, many amenities. \$1,149,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



**PINE RIDGE ▲**  
Tropical paradise! Great room concept 4BR pool home. Fenced in back yard, 1.3 acres, guest house, 5+ car garage. \$999,999 | Dina L. Moon/Esther Van Lare | 659-0099



**THE DUNES - CAYMAN ▲**  
#PH-7 - Inviting 3BR, 3BA has stunning Gulf & Bay vistas. Custom kitchen, wraparound lanai with electric shutters. \$999,000 | Pat Callis | 250-0562



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#807 - Breathtaking Panoramic Views! Model perfect turnkey furnished 3BR/3BA condominium. Resort lifestyle near beach. \$995,000 | Susan Barton | 860-1412



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



**THE DUNES - CAYMAN ▲**  
#601 - Spectacular views the moment you enter this beautiful 3 bedroom, 3 bath corner residence. Wraparound lanai. \$699,000 | Connie Lummis | 289-3543



**THE DUNES - CAYMAN ▲**  
#802 - Forever views of Turkey Bay/Gulf all the way to Sanibel. This fully furnished residence is absolutely immaculate. \$695,000 | Barbi/Steve Lowe | 216-1973



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



**WILSHIRE LAKES ▲**  
Nature preserve views. Completely renovated 4BR home w/bonus room & study. Heated pool & spa. Guard-gated entry. \$650,000 Patrick O'Connor/Bernie Garabed | 659-0099



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



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



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



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



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Picture perfect 3 BR + den pool home. Clubhouse, fitness room, lap pool, 3 Har-Tru tennis courts, 3 miles to beach. \$579,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



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



**VILLAGES OF MONTEREY ▲**  
Charming and beautifully renovated four bedroom home. Gorgeous cherry kitchen w/new hardwood floors. Many updates. \$549,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



**COVE TOWERS - NEVIS ▲**  
#302 - Nearly 2,700 SF with granite, stainless appliances, Siematic cabinetry and bamboo flooring. Double-gated community. \$549,000 | Trey Wilson | 595-4444



**COVE TOWERS - ARUBA ▲**  
#303 - A 3BR/2BA Bahama decor condominium! Club membership included, resort amenities. Pet friendly, boat dock available. \$549,000 | Marsha L. Moore | 398-4559



**THE CROSSINGS - MILL RUN ▲**  
Beautifully maintained true 4 bedroom pool home on private lot w/updated granite and stainless kitchen. Covered lanai. \$548,900 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



**THE CROSSINGS - MILL RUN ▲**  
7114 Mill Run Circle - Lake & preserve view! New cherry & granite kitchen, soaring ceilings, large lanai, heated pool. Great amenities. \$524,900 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



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Like-new Rutenberg home. Bamboo & porcelain floors, oversized lanai, pool, family room, bonus room, 2-car garage. \$498,500 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



**NORTH NAPLES - GLEN EDEN ▲**  
Single-family villa home never lived-in. Neutral décor, 3BRs, 2BAs, tropical pool and spa. Private gated neighborhood. \$440,000 | Connie Lummis | 289-3543



**LEMURIA ▲** 7172 Lemuria Circle - New luxury community of 3 or 4 bedrooms, 3 bath condominiums with open floor plans, high ceilings and attached 2-car garages. Prices from the mid \$400s. Thomas Gasbarro | 404-4883



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**NORTH NAPLES**

**EDEN ON THE BAY 321 Steelforth Court**  
A great price for a 4BR/3BA pool home west of U.S. 41! Immaculately maintained, electric storm shutters, near beach. \$520,000 | Roya Nouhi | 290-9111

**TARPON COVE**

**BIMINI 938 Carrick Bend Circle #101**  
First floor 3BR, 2BA has western view of large lake w/fountains. Membership to the Tarpon Cove Club included. \$360,000 | Carol Loder | 860-4326

**BIMINI 913 Carrick Bend Circle #102**  
This 3 bedroom, 2 bath coach home views a lovely preserve area. Comes with a membership to the Club at Tarpon Cove. \$297,000 | Carol Loder | 860-4326

**BARBADOS 817 Carrick Bend Circle #102**  
Decorated and freshly painted. Two master suites, and den/3rd bedroom. Motivated sellers. Furnished. \$265,000 | Marsha L. Moore | 398-4559

**WILSHIRE LAKES**

**6063 Shallows Way**  
Single-family living w/pool and worry-free villa lifestyle. Solid Brazilian cherry wood flooring. Close to it all. \$349,000 | Kevin Rathburn | 269-4575

**5030 Fairhaven Lane**  
Nearly new, built in 2004, lake front well-maintained 3BR+den, granite/stainless kitchen, wood and tile floors. \$295,000 | Patrick O'Connor | 293-9411

**PINE RIDGE**

**EMERALD WOODS 81 Emerald Woods Drive #M-3**  
Turnkey furnished-near the beach! New kitchen with 42" wood cabinets, new appliances, neutral tile throughout. \$123,000 | Dina L. Moon | 370-1252

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

**WIGGINS BAY**

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

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

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

**PELICAN ISLE YACHT CLUB**

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**\$3,800,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731**



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



**VANDERBILT BEACH - GULFSHORES ▲**  
#211 - Beach! Beach! Beach! Gorgeous Gulf views! Direct beachfront living, 2BR/2BA, boatslip available for separate purchase.  
**\$865,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731**



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



**VANDERBILT BEACH - PHOENICIAN SANDS ▲**  
#201 - Small intimate complex right on the sand. Furnished 2nd floor, 2 bedroom with over 2,052 total SF. Newly decorated.  
**\$849,900 | Teri Purvis | 597-2993**



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



**VANDERBILT BEACH - REGATTA II ▲**  
#1102 - Gulf, Bay and city views from this 3 bedroom, 3 bath turnkey furnished residence. Community clubhouse, pool, spa.  
**\$799,000 | Leah D. Ritchey/Ray Couret | 293-5899**



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



**NEW LISTING**  
**VANDERBILT BEACH - REGATTA II ▲**  
#705 - A beautiful 3 bedroom, 3 bath residence with gorgeous water view, light and bright. Beach closeby, great amenities.  
**\$795,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731**



**VANDERBILT BEACH - SAUSALITO OF NAPLES ▲**  
#1 - Over \$70K in upgrades, 3-story townhouse across from beach & on the bay. High-impact glass, four balconies, boat slip.  
**\$749,000 | Gayle Fawkes | 250-6051**



**VANDERBILT BEACH - REGATTA III ▲**  
#303 - A beautiful 3BR/2BA condominium. Magnificent amenities, excellent rental history. Walk to beach. Nicely furnished.  
**\$599,999 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731**



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



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



**VANDERBILT BEACH - VANDERBILT SURF COLONY II ▲**  
#205 - Panoramic bay views and gorgeous sunsets from every room. Open kitchen, wraparound lanai. Freshly painted.  
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**VANDERBILT BEACH AREA - BEACHWALK HOMES ▲**  
Lovely updated Florida home. Totally caged pool and lanai area, newly updated kitchen. Walk to the beach.  
**\$490,000 | Carol Loder | 860-4326**



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



**VANDERBILT BEACH AREA - PAVILION CLUB ▲**  
#201 - Turnkey furnished corner residence. Hurricane shutters, perg floors & built-in grill on the lanai of this 2BR+den.  
**\$399,000 | Carolyn Weinand | 269-5678**



**VANDERBILT BEACH AREA - BEACHWALK HOMES ▲**  
Three bedroom, 2 bath home with 2-car garage is within walking distance to beach, dining, & shopping. Sold as-is.  
**\$375,000 | Carol Loder | 860-4326**



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



**VANDERBILT BEACH AREA - BEACHWALK VILLAS ▲**  
One-of-a-kind 2 bedroom, 2 bath villa owned and designed by an interior decorator. Overlooks a peaceful lake.  
**\$399,000 | Carol Loder | 860-4326**

## BONITA SPRINGS

### Single Family Homes

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

**VANDERBILT LAKES 3796 Saybrook Place**  
Beautifully remodeled 3 bedroom with lake views! Stainless appliances, fireplace, heated pool, serene setting. **\$592,000 | Meghan C. Reed | 825-0736**

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

### Condominiums/Villas

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

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

**HIGHLAND WOODS - ST. ANDREWS VERANDAS 26891 Clarkston Dr. #8104**  
Bundled golf community w/golf & lake views. Two-screened lanais. Tasteful décor, granite countertops, newer carpet. **\$249,000 | Teri Purvis | 597-2993**

### Lots

**KINLEYLAND 27771 Kings Key**  
This waterfront homesite, 75' X 100', provides the perfect setting for your dream home. Bay views & Gulf access. **\$749,000 | Dan O'Dea | 250-2429**

**BRENDAN COVE 9124 Brendan River Court**  
Magnificent homesite located on the Imperial River. Southwest exposure, surrounded by beautiful homes. Direct Gulf access. **\$749,000 | Dan O'Dea | 250-2429**

## VANDERBILT BEACH

### Condominiums/Villas

**LA SCALA 9700 Gulfshore Drive #203**  
Beautiful wide water views! Beautifully updated 3 bedroom with over 1,750+ total SF. Boat dock with lift included. **\$847,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731**

### Lots/Boat Slips

**REGATTA Flagship Drive BS #23**  
Rarely available 40 ft. boat slip with Gulf access. May only be purchased by a Regatta owner. **\$99,000 | Leah D. Ritchey/Ray Couret | 293-5899**

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

## VASARI COUNTRY CLUB

**ALTESSA 28610 Altessa Way #102**  
Spacious 2 bedroom + den is meticulously maintained. Cherry cabinetry, tile on the diagonal, upgraded appliances. **\$449,900 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420**

**ALTESSA 28590 Altessa Way #101**  
Model perfect, "WOW" southern exposure golf course view! Barely lived in 2BR+den, 2BA in a "bundled" golfing community. **\$419,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210**

**TOSCANA I 12220 Toscana Way #101**  
Tastefully finished home overlooks lush green and lake. Two bedroom + den corner residence. Bundled golf community. **\$299,999 | Susan DeShong | 253-3434**

**TRIESTE II 11111 Corsia Trieste Way #201**  
Two bedroom plus den corner residence. Fabulous views out every window and privacy galore! Diagonal tile, moulding. **\$285,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210**

## VANDERBILT BEACH ESTATES

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

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

## VANDERBILT BEACH AREA

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

## BONITA SPRINGS

**BONITA FARMS 27025 Belle Rio Drive**  
Corner lot at end of waterway with Gulf access or boat to the backwaters for fishing. Your dream homesite. **\$359,000 | Dan O'Dea | 250-2429**

**BONITA FARMS 27191 Esther Drive**  
The serene riverfront site is the perfect setting for your home to be built. View of river and Gulf access. **\$299,000 | Mark/Laura Maran | 777-3301**

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**VILLA D'ESTE 14017 Lavante Court**  
Attention golfers! Rarely lived-in, 3 BR, den, 3 BA; upgrades galore! Granite counters. Pool/spa views golf & lake. **\$590,000 | Bernie Garabed | 571-2466**

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Spectacular 3 BR + den pool home overlooking a lake/golf. Great room floor plan w/crown moulding and tray ceilings. **\$439,000 | Wendy Hayes | 777-3960**



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# Florida Weekly's Open Houses

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

**>\$100,000**  
**1 • TRAIL ACRES** • 161 4th St • \$159,500 • Downing Frye • Doreen Vachon - 239-643-0636

**>\$200,000**  
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**>\$500,000**  
**7 • THE CROSSINGS - MILL RUN** • 7114 Mill Run Circle • \$524,900 • Premier Properties • Dave/Ann Renner 784-5552  
**8 • PARK SHORE - PARK SHORE LANDINGS** • 355 Park Shore Drive #134 • \$549,000 • Premier Properties • Larry Roorda 860-2534  
**9 • PARK SHORE - VENETIAN COVE CLUB** • 3500 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. #404 • \$549,000 • Premier Properties • Ed Cox/Jeff Cox 860-8806

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**11 • TREVISO BAY** • 9004 Tamiami Trail East • Priced from \$600s • Premier Properties • Call 239-643-1414 • Mon. - Sat. 9-5 and Sun. 11-5  
**12 • PELICAN BAY - INTERLACHEN** • 6732 Pelican Bay Blvd. • \$699,500 • Premier Properties • Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell 213-7420

**>\$800,000**  
**13 • VILLAS PIENZA** • 4852 W. Boulevard Court, Unit 107 • \$895,000 • Prudential Florida Realty • Michelle DeNomme 239.404.7787  
**14 • SEAGATE** • 5133 Seahorse Avenue • \$899,000 • Premier Properties • Lodge McKee 434-2424

**>\$900,000**  
**15 • COQUINA SANDS** • 1170 Oleander Drive • \$988,500 • Premier Properties • Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell 213-7420  
**16 • PELICAN BAY - ST. RAPHAEL** • 7117 Pelican Bay Blvd. #207 • \$995,000 • Premier Properties • Jean Tarkenton 595-0544  
**17 • OLD NAPLES - SPELLBINDER VILLAS - OLD NAPLES VILLA** • 1070 - 5th Street South • \$999,000 • Premier Properties • Marty & Debbi McDermott 564-4231  
**18 • MOORINGS - SHORES OF NAPLES** • 2401 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. #61 • \$999,900 • Premier Properties • Marty & Debbi McDermott 564-4231

**>\$1,000,000**  
**19 • VILLAGES OF MONTEREY** • 7698 Santa Margherita Way • \$1,149,000 • Premier Properties • Dave/Ann Renner 784-5552  
**20 • MEDITERRA - VILLORESI** • 15628 Villoresi Way • \$1,225,000 • Premier Properties • Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell 213-7420  
**21 • GREY OAKS - ESTUARY** • 1369 Noble Heron Way • \$1,495,000 • Premier Properties • Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell 213-7420  
**22 • MEDITERRA - MILAN** • 15429 Milan Way • \$1,649,900 • Premier Properties • Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell 213-7420  
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**27 • OLD NAPLES - SANDY CAY** • 305 - 3rd Street South • \$2,545,000 • Premier Properties • Lodge McKee 434-2424  
**28 • MEDITERRA - IL TREBBIO** • 16024 Trebbio Way • \$2,995,000 • Premier Properties • Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell 213-7420

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**29 • OLD NAPLES** • 1355 Gordon Drive • \$3,495,000 • Premier Properties • Marty & Debbi McDermott 564-4231  
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**34 • PORT ROYAL** • 963 Galleon Drive • \$9,900,000 • Premier Properties • Jerry Wachowicz 777-0741



**PELICAN BAY - MONTENERO ▲**  
#PH-2002 - Privacy & spectacular views make this 9,715 SF gorgeous penthouse a paradise in the sky. Exceptional extras. **\$6,795,000 | Ellen Eggland | 571-7192**



**PELICAN BAY - CAP FERRAT ▲**  
#PH-11 - Extraordinary Penthouse! World Class Views! Elegant & quality interiors, expansive terraces encompassing 6,800 SF. **\$5,990,000 | Barbi/Steve Lowe | 216-1973**



**PELICAN BAY - POINTE VERDE ▲**  
This custom designed estate home features volume ceilings, 4 bedroom suites, a home theatre & library. Pool & spa. **\$3,995,000 | Barbi/Steve Lowe | 216-1973**



**PELICAN BAY - MONTENERO ▲**  
#1403 - Unobstructed Gulf views! Luxurious 3BR/3.5BA, family room, grand salon and two guest suites. World-class amenities. **\$2,895,000 | Cynthia Joannou | 273-0666**



**PELICAN BAY - GEORGETOWN ▲**  
Borelli-built, French Provincial 2-story manor home. 5 BR with elevator, media room & library. Turnkey furnished. **\$2,895,000 | Jane Darling | 290-3112**



**PELICAN BAY - CAP FERRAT ▲**  
#1001 - Southwest corner residence, panoramic Gulf and bay views. Den, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, high-end finishes, pool, secured entry. **\$2,800,000 | Ellen Eggland | 571-7192**



**PELICAN BAY - BARRINGTON ▲**  
Spectacular lake views! Large screened lanai with pool & outdoor kitchen. Master suite wing plus 3 other bedrooms. **\$2,395,000 | Mary Halpin/Jamey Halpin | 269-3005**



**PELICAN BAY - ISLE VERDE ▲**  
This villa is absolutely stunning and offers 4,000+ SF under air. Over \$300,000 in recent improvements. **\$2,195,000 | Jane Darling | 290-3112**



**PELICAN BAY - ST. RAPHAEL ▲**  
#1504 - Stunning views from this gorgeous 15th floor, 4 bedrooms plus a den, 4 baths and 3,100 SF under air residence. **\$2,095,000 | Jane Darling | 290-3112**



**PELICAN BAY - BARRINGTON ▲**  
Overlooking lake and golf; 3,946 A/C SF, 3BRs plus den. Gourmet kitchen, Australian cypress floors; 3-car garage. **\$2,050,000 | Jane Darling | 290-3112**



**PELICAN BAY - BARRINGTON ▲**  
Pristine 4 BR+den/5.5BA pool home on golf course. Tram to beach, golf/social memberships, fitness center, tennis. **\$2,000,000 | Sharon Kiptky | 777-3899**



**PELICAN BAY - MONTENERO ▲**  
#508 - Warm beachfront home with western exposure, 3,400 SF A/C, & private elevator. Panoramic views of Gulf/preserve. **\$1,975,000 | Judy Perry/Penny/Bob Lyle/Linda Perry | 261-6161**



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



**PELICAN BAY - PELICAN BAY WOODS ▲**  
Breathtaking golf vistas! Unique plan with 3 BRs, den and 3 BAs. Bamboo floors, new gourmet kitchen. Pool/lanai. **\$1,750,000 | Jane Darling | 290-3112**



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



**PELICAN BAY - COCOBAY ▲**  
Lakefront courtyard villa with guest cabana. Three bedroom plus den. Private pool/spa. Many recent improvements. **\$1,700,000 | Cathy Owen | 269-3118**



**PELICAN MARSH - TERRABELLA ▲**  
Curved cherry staircase, formal living, dining & family rooms. Pool, spa, overlooks lagoon. Completely furnished. **\$1,595,000 | Rod Soars | 290-2448**



**PELICAN BAY - OAKMONT ▲**  
One house from the lake. Cathedral ceilings, French doors, 4 bedrooms and 3 full baths. Large heated pool. **\$1,350,000 | Sharon Kiptky | 777-3899**



**PELICAN BAY - ST. LAURENT ▲**  
#1104 - Expansive Gulf, city & golf views! Newly renovated, corner 3 bedroom. Southern exposure and two terraces. **\$1,340,000 | Phyllis O'Donnell/Patrick O'Donnell | 269-6161**



**PELICAN MARSH - MUIRFIELD ▲**  
Magnificent custom-built home. Two home theaters, wine cellar, wood floors, granite counters. Pool, waterfall spa. **\$1,299,000 | Allison Kalb | 564-0714**



**PELICAN MARSH - TERRABELLA ▲**  
Contemporary villa w/European-style finishes. Three bedroom, upgraded cabinetry, guest cabana & courtyard pool/spa. **\$1,285,000 | Rod Soars | 290-2448**



**PELICAN MARSH - GABLES ▲**  
Four bedrooms, 4 BAs, 3-car garage, pool, lake view. Granite counters, fireplace, tray ceilings, 2 new A/C systems. **\$1,199,000 | Ray Couret | 293-5899**



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



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



**PELICAN BAY - TIERRA MAR ▲**  
Rare lakefront 3 BR villa sits on oversized Tierra Mar lot w/southern exposure. Vaulted ceilings & lots of glass. **\$1,150,000 | Linda Piatt | 269-2322**



**PELICAN BAY - VILLA LANTANA ▲**  
Totally updated 3 BR, 2.5 BA pool home in a small, lovely complex. Two bedrooms on 2nd floor with enclosed porch. **\$1,100,000 | Carol Loder | 860-4326**



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



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



**PELICAN BAY - LAS BRISAS ▲**  
Gorgeous 3 bedroom villa with 2,600 SF under air, prime southwest exposure, a private pool, and remodeled kitchen. **\$1,050,000 | Jane Darling | 290-3112**



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



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



**PELICAN BAY - INTERLACHEN ▲**  
6732 Pelican Bay Blvd. - Spacious floor plan with 3BRs and 2-car garage. Wonderful lake/pool views. Beach access, pool, tennis. **\$699,500 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420**



**PELICAN BAY - ST. NICOLE ▲**  
#603 - Very nice recently updated 2BR/2BA condominium with outstanding Gulf/Bay views! Wonderful amenities, private beach. **\$595,000 | Fred Alter | 269-4123**



**PELICAN MARSH - VENTURA ▲**  
Expansive great room & kitchen. "Spinnaker" floor plan, 3 BR plus loft/den, lanai with pool. Attached 2-car garage. **\$545,000 | Pat Duggan | 216-1980**



**PELICAN BAY - ST. NICOLE ▲**  
#203 - An outstanding 2BR/2BA furnished condominium with a terrific view of the mangrove preserve. Private beach access. **\$499,000 | Fred Alter | 269-4123**

## PELICAN BAY

Condominiums/Villas

**CORONADO 7225 Pelican Bay Blvd. #1104**  
Gulf views from every room. Stainless appliances, new A/C unit, granite countertops, tray ceilings. **\$997,000 | Linda Perry/Judy Perry/Penny/Bob Lyle | 261-6161**

**L'AMBIANCE 2000 L'Ambiance Circle #201**  
Sensational view! Tropical aqua-scape view enhances the open spaciousness of this coach home. Incredible amenities. **\$995,000 | Ellen Eggland | 571-7192**

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

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

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

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

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

**ST. RAPHAEL 7117 Pelican Bay Blvd. #14**  
Elegant garden residence, private pool and luxuries of condominium living. Two bedrooms, great room, marble floors. **\$745,000 | Cynthia Joannou | 273-0666**

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

**CHATEAUMERE 6040 Pelican Bay Blvd. #301**  
Fabulously updated 3 bedroom, 3 bath corner residence with wraparound lanai. Move in and enjoy! **\$649,777 | Esther Van Lare | 404-3045**

## PELICAN BAY

Condominiums/Villas

**INTERLACHEN 6760 Pelican Bay Blvd. #333**  
Lovely 3BR/2BA condominium is all about location & space. Tram to beach facilities. Beautiful golf course views! **\$599,000 | Carol Loder | 860-4326**

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

**LUGANO 5880 Via Lugano #301**  
Fantastic views over golf/lakes! Lovely 3 BR/2 BA condominium (1BR currently used as a den/TV room). Beach tram. **\$575,000 | Carol Loder | 860-4326**

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

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

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

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

**AVALON 8375 Excalibur Circle #8**  
Wonderful lake views! Open corner 2 bedroom plus den with cathedral ceilings & split bedrooms. One-car garage. **\$465,000 | Pat Biernat | 269-6264**

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

## PELICAN BAY

Condominiums/Villas

**CHATEAUMERE 6060 Pelican Bay Blvd. #201**  
Beautifully renovated! Spectacular lake/golf views. Enclosed lanai with sliding glass doors. Clubhouse furnished. **\$425,000 | Julie Rembos/Linda Ohler | 595-1809**

**AVALON 8400 Excalibur Circle #C4**  
Second floor 2BR/2BA coach home w/1,335 sq. ft. A/C. Next to Community Center, beach tram. Priced to sell! Furnished. **\$399,000 | Phillip Mareschal | 269-6033**

## PELICAN MARSH

Condominiums/Villas

**OSPREY POINTE 9041 Whimbrel Watch Lane #101**  
Quiet location overlooking golf course. Southern exposure, 2BR+den/2.5BA, many upgrades. Clubhouse with pool & spa. **\$499,000 | Janet Rathbun | 860-0012**

**CLERMONT 1575 Clermont Drive #202**  
Three bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, and a 2nd floor location. Lake views and palm tree-lined sunsets. Tastefully updated. **\$399,000 | Pam Hartman | 312-415-4058**

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

**ARIELLE 2240 Arielle Drive #1805**  
Steps to pool, 2nd floor 3BR/2BA carriage home with 1,844 sq. ft. A/C. Lake view, gated golfing & tennis community. **\$324,900 | Ray Couret | 293-5899**

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

Lots

**AUGUSTA 2546 Augusta Drive**  
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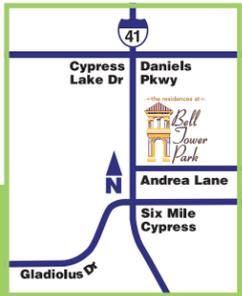
**(R) 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor DEVONSHIRE** 2,315 sq. ft.  
3 bedrooms | 2.5 baths | Media room & 2-car garage  
**\$229,000**



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WEEK OF AUGUST 13-19, 2009

A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE

T H E V O N L I E B I G ' S



BY ROBIN DEMATTIA  
Special to Florida Weekly

**W**e live in a beautiful and amazing ecosystem here in Southwest Florida, but we don't always take the time to appreciate it. And, because the Everglades is so vast, it is difficult for people to explore and understand. Now, two exhibitions at The von Liebig Art Center make it easy to see the flora and fauna of our beautiful state. A reception at the center from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, celebrates both shows:

- **“Joel B. McEachern: Conversations with the Light”** features Mount Dora photographer Joel McEachern's jewel-toned color photographs of Florida's nature and wildlife, for which he received the Founder's Prize from the America The Beautiful Fund in Washington, D.C.

- **“Kathy Spalding: The Rookery Bay Continuum”** features Naples artist Kathy Spalding's monumental bronze sculptures, paintings and prints depicting Florida's diverse and abundant wildlife.

SEE DOUBLE FEATURE, C4 ►



COURTESY PHOTO

Top: Joel B. McEachern's *Heron's Nest*, 1991, photograph. Above, Kathy Spalding's *Roseate spoonbills*, watercolor on paper. Mr. McEachern and Ms. Spalding are featured at The von Liebig through Sept. 12.

## WEEK at-a-glance



### Strong vibes

“Color Vibrations” juried show opens on Marco Island. **C14** ►



### First Thursday at the Village

A full day at Venetian Bay, and more fun stuff. **C20 & 21** ►



### Totally satisfying

Film critic Dan Hudak advises don't go hungry to “Julie & Julia.” **C11** ►

## Teens' Sonny & Cher tribute goes out to sea for charity

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Just weeks after their local debut, young teens Erica Wagner and Nate Huffman are keeping the beat going by taking their “Tribute to Sonny & Cher” show out to sea for charity. The 13-year-old impersonators will be the star attraction aboard the Naples Princess when it sets sail at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22.

The \$100-per-person evening includes dinner, the show and sunset over the Gulf of Mexico. It will benefit the Naples-based animal rescue organization Friends of Gummi.

Erica and Nate will entertain with their renditions of Sonny & Cher hits from the '60s and '70s — songs such as

“I've Got You, Babe,” “Gypsies, Tramps and Thieves” and “Dark Lady,” which made the charts decades before the teen entertainers were born.

Taking cues from tapes of “The Sonny & Cher Comedy Hour,” which aired on CBS from 1971-74, Erica aims her zingers at Nate and he lobs his back as they spar in between, and sometimes during, numbers.

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Erica Wagner and Nate Huffman spar onstage in true Sonny and Cher style.



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# SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

## A repository of bad information



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I have this friend Antonio, a smart, funny guy who works in finance and cracks me up with stories about growing up along the Texas-Mexico border. Antonio and I waded through college in the northeast together, complaining about the bitter winters and hostile locals. When he started dating a girl from his hometown, it felt like a natural fit, the kind fast-tracked for marriage. After college, they moved in together, and Antonio and I spoke less frequently. When we did talk, though, all he wanted to do was bitch about his girl.

"Man," he hissed into the phone once, "she's got me shopping with her again. She's in the dressing room now." Another time, he called to complain about the rocky living situation, about how tense things were while she was looking for a job. From my end, it felt like a slow build-up to relationship ruin. Months later, I was shocked when I heard they tied the knot.

But maybe I shouldn't have been. After all, when friends get together, what do we love to do more than swap horror stories? We talk about other friends and their hard times, people from high school — who got divorced and who got

fat — and our own relationship disasters. When we're not serious about anyone, we grumble about our recent dating mistakes, and when we're in the thick of it, we criticize the person we're with.

For instance, a girlfriend is going through a rough breakup and — damn you, faulty timing — I've started a great one. During a recent dinner outing, I listened to her list of ills about the ex and searched in vain for some damning thing to say about my new paramour. Ultimately, I kept quiet. No one wants to hear a glowing report of new love when they're in the midst of their own heartache. Anyway, it's the kvetching that's so much fun.

Which is perhaps the problem. A friend recently passed on this bit of wisdom from her mother. "When you decide you're serious about someone," her mother said, "don't tell me the day-to-day complaints. I want to like my son-in-law, not think he's a jerk. When you need to confide the real problems, I'll be here. But that leaving the toilet seat up nonsense? Save it for your girl friends."

She's right, and I'd take it a step farther. Save it for one friend. It's funny how we complain to our pals, then we're shocked when they give our girlfriend or boyfriend the cold shoulder. What

we need to do is choose one friend as our emotional dumping ground, with the understanding that the information doesn't leave the two of you. That way, we can air out our relationship complaints — all that forgot to take out the trash business — without polluting our entire circle of friends.

In Antonio's case, I have to wonder, now, if I wasn't his repository of bad information. Maybe he was passing all his irritating stories along to me, and saving the rest — the good ones — for his buddies. That way, they could be honest when they congratulated him on his marriage, and I'd be the only one waiting for the divorce. ■

"...a girlfriend is going through a rough breakup and — damn you, faulty timing — I've started a great one..."



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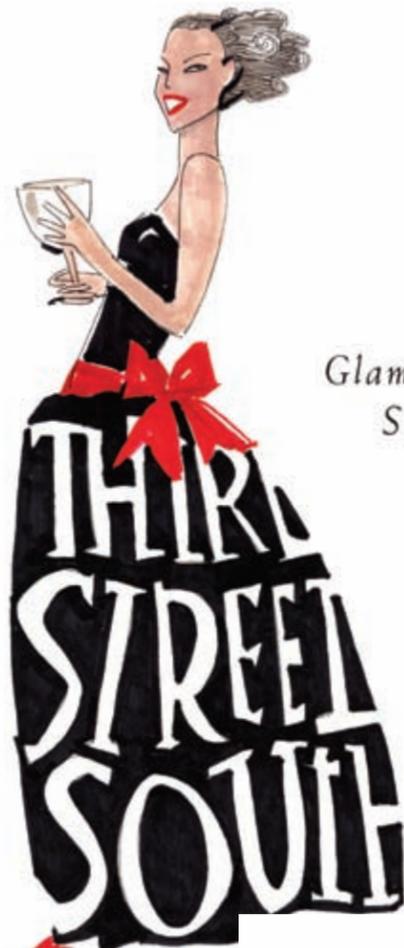
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## DOUBLE FEATURE

From page 1

# First light brings beauty into focus

BY ROBIN DEMATTIA

Special to Florida Weekly

If you enjoy looking at sparkling gems in jewelry cases, you'll love "Joel B. McEachern: Conversations with the Light."

A third-generation Florida native who was born along the salty edge of the Miami River, Mr. McEachern combines his love of landscape photography and gardening to create jewel-like photographs. He captures Florida's nature and wildlife only in the early morning hours and during specific temperatures, when the atmosphere and light provide just the right sparkle. He does not use any filters to achieve the rich colors in his photographs of birds, plants, water, the sky at sunrise and other hidden Florida images.

"I found the simple grace of the Florida landscape with my lens," he explains. "I have deep roots in my native state, the loss of its blue-eyed springs, cypress groves and open places painfully noted. Just as the disappearance of the Hudson River Valley not so long ago gave rise to Cole, Church, Bierstadt and other 'luminist' painters, Florida's vanishing lands have given rise to new visual voices like mine."

While this is Mr. McEachern's first exhibition in Southwest Florida, his "first light" images have been widely published, exhibited and collected. He was awarded the Founder's Prize by the America The Beautiful Fund in Washington, D.C. His work was featured in [www.Terrain.org](http://www.Terrain.org), an online journal of the built and natural environment, and on [www.FloridasEden.org](http://www.FloridasEden.org), an eco-arts cooperative in Gainesville.

Sponsored fiscally by the New York Foundation For The Arts, he is currently completing work on his first essay and exhibition book project entitled

## JOEL B. MCEACHERN



"Picturing Grace, Florida at First Light," for which new project and operating support was additionally received from the Anderson-Rogers Foundation of New York City.

Mr. McEachern's exhibition at The von Liebig Art Center is sponsored by the local Martin Foundation Inc., and will be on view through Saturday, Sept. 12.

Top left clockwise: *Ghost Oaks*, 1994, *Lone Dancer with Moon*, 1988, *Fire Light*, 2005.

# Painter, sculptor captures details

The highlight of "Kathy Spalding: The Rookery Bay Continuum" is a 120-foot-long, delicately rendered watercolor painting entitled "Rookery Bay Continuum." The landscape cross section consists of 30 individual watercolor paintings.

Beginning in the sky above the Gulf of Mexico at Keewaydin Island, the viewer then moves uninterrupted across bays, estuaries and mangrove forests before entering the Everglades lowlands and high pine flat woods. Visitors are invited to move in close and enjoy the intricate details of Ms. Spalding's elusive and wild creatures.

The show at The von Liebig is the first public viewing of the original watercolor paintings Ms. Spalding created for the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center. Reproductions of the paintings are on permanent display in the learning center and in the Florida State Capitol Building in Tallahassee.

Also on display as part of the exhibit at The von Liebig are several of Ms. Spalding's life-sized bronze animal sculptures.

Ms. Spalding is one of the most notable international sculptors of true-to-life bronzes in the country. She is one of the few artists who has mastered and refined the lost wax process that has been used for hundreds of years to create bronze sculptures.

The lost wax process involves making a wax model, investing it in a mold of plaster or other hard drying material and then melting the wax out of the mold to form a cavity into which the bronze can be cast. Ms. Spalding has developed a technique working directly in wax, which affords her the ability to create fine detail in larger than life-size compositions.

As a child, Ms. Spalding studied at Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. Her formal education began with drawing and etching at Pratt Institute in New York. She studied drawing and lithography at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., engraving and bronze casting at the University of Iowa and engraving at the acclaimed Atelier Garrigues in France.

## KATHY SPALDING



As a wildlife artist, Ms. Spalding has pursued independent studies and worked in such distant places as the Amazon and Rio Negro, Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Chile, the Falkland Islands, Antarctica, Tasmania, New Zealand, Australia and Western Europe.

"Kathy Spalding: the Rookery Bay Continuum" is sponsored by Physicians Regional Medical Center. It will remain on display at The von Liebig through Saturday, Sept. 12. ■

Top clockwise: *Belted kingfisher*, *Brown pelican*, *Redfish*



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# WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

## Best bets for the weekend



### United Arts Council of Collier County

Here's what the United Arts Council of Collier County suggests you work into your plans for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 14-16 (call ahead for open hours and specific show times):

■ **Friends and Family of the Estuary** – Exhibit features the artistic work of staff, volunteers, friends and family members of Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve. 417-6310 or [www.rookerybay.org](http://www.rookerybay.org).

■ **Dixieland Jazz** – The Naples Jazz Masters perform at 2 p.m. Saturday at The Norris Center. 213-3049.

■ **JoAnn Sanborn Show** – Ms. Sanborn is the featured artist this summer at the Blue Mangrove Gallery on Marco Island. 393-2405.

■ **Everglades Tribute** – See the works of Dick Jay on display at the Naples Backyard History Mini-Museum. 594-2978.

■ **Fashion Forward** – Youth Leadership Collier has organized the Neighborhood Fashion Show to benefit the Neighborhood Health Clinic. Saturday evening at the Sugden Community Theatre (see story page A13).

## This week's live bands

■ **The Bay House** – 6-9 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday: Jazz with Stu Shelton and Patricia Dean. 799 Walkerbilt Road, 591-3837.

■ **Bricktop's at Waterside Shops** – 5-8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday: Frank Smith on guitar. 5555 Tamiami Trail N. 596-9112.

■ **Capri, A Taste of Italy** – 6 p.m. Thursday: Jebry's Jazz Jam; 6:30 p.m. Saturday: Billie Jollie; 6 p.m. Monday: Bob Zottola and The Expandable Jazz Band. 11140 Tamiami Trail N. 938-1342 or [www.capriofnaples.com](http://www.capriofnaples.com).

■ **Carla's** – Sunday night jazz jam with Carla Valenti and friends. 2225 Davis Blvd., 774-2275.

■ **Naples Flatbread & Wine Bar** – 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday: Blues and jazz with Rick Howard, Dave Tregether, John Lamb and Bob Zottola; 8-11 p.m. Saturday: "Acousticlectic Music for the Easily Amused" featuring Beck; 6:30-9 p.m. Sunday: Bob Zottola and The Expandable Jazz Band. 6436 Naples Blvd., 598-9463.

■ **Paddy Murphy's** – Thursday: Justin; Friday: Barefoot Geno; Saturday and Tuesday: Michael "Maxi" Courtney; Monday: Patrick. 10 p.m. to closing. 457 Fifth Avenue South, 649-5140.

■ **Ridgway Bar and Grill** – 7-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday, live entertainment under the stars. 1300 Third Street South, 262-5500.

■ **South Street City Oven and Grill** – 9:30 p.m. Thursday: Acoustic rock with Brandon Anthony; 5:30 p.m. Friday: Maxi Courtney; 9:30 p.m. Friday: Summer concert series with John D.; 9:30 p.m. Saturday: Pub Mustard; 9:30 p.m. Sunday: Reggae with No Way Jose!; 7-11 p.m. Monday: Meagan Rose at the piano; 9 p.m. Tuesday: Karaoke; 9 p.m. Wednesday: Maxi Courtney. 1410 Pine Ridge Road, 435-9333.

## This week's theater

■ **Married Alive** – Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre in Fort Myers presents "Married Alive" Aug. 13-Sept. 26. Wedding bells are ringing in this funny and touching new musical that takes a peek at two married couples, one newlywed and one... more experienced. 278-4422 or [www.broadwaypalm.com](http://www.broadwaypalm.com).

■ **A Killer Act** – The Murder Mystery Dinner Train in Fort Myers opens "A Killer Act" on Friday, Aug. 14. The comical production whisks passengers back to the Golden Age of railroads in the late 1940s to witness the trials and tribulations of four USO-style performers as they compete to become the next big act for the burgeoning Miami lounge club scene. 275-8487 or [www.semgulf.com](http://www.semgulf.com).

■ **Where the Girls Are** – Sanibel Island's Schoolhouse Theater presents the high-energy musical review "Where the Girls Are" through Aug. 15. 472-6862 or [www.theschoolhousetheater.com](http://www.theschoolhousetheater.com).

■ **Much Ado Auditions** – Auditions for The Naples Players' fall production of "Much Ado About Nothing" take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, at Sugden Community Theatre. No appointment necessary. 434-7340, ext. 10 for more information.

## Thursday, Aug. 13

■ **Indie films** – Be a film critic, catch an indie film and hob-knob with judges for the Naples International Film Festival beginning at 7 p.m. at Six Degrees Exhibitions. Suggested donation, \$2. 1100 Sixth Ave. [www.naplesfilmfest.com](http://www.naplesfilmfest.com).

■ **Just for Laughs** – Comedienne Kathy Griffin returns to the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall in Fort Myers with a brand new show. 481-4849 or online at [www.bbmannpah.com](http://www.bbmannpah.com).

■ **More Laughs** – Bill Bellamy performs tonight through Monday at the Off the Hook Comedy Club on Marco Island. 599 S. Collier Blvd., 389-6900.

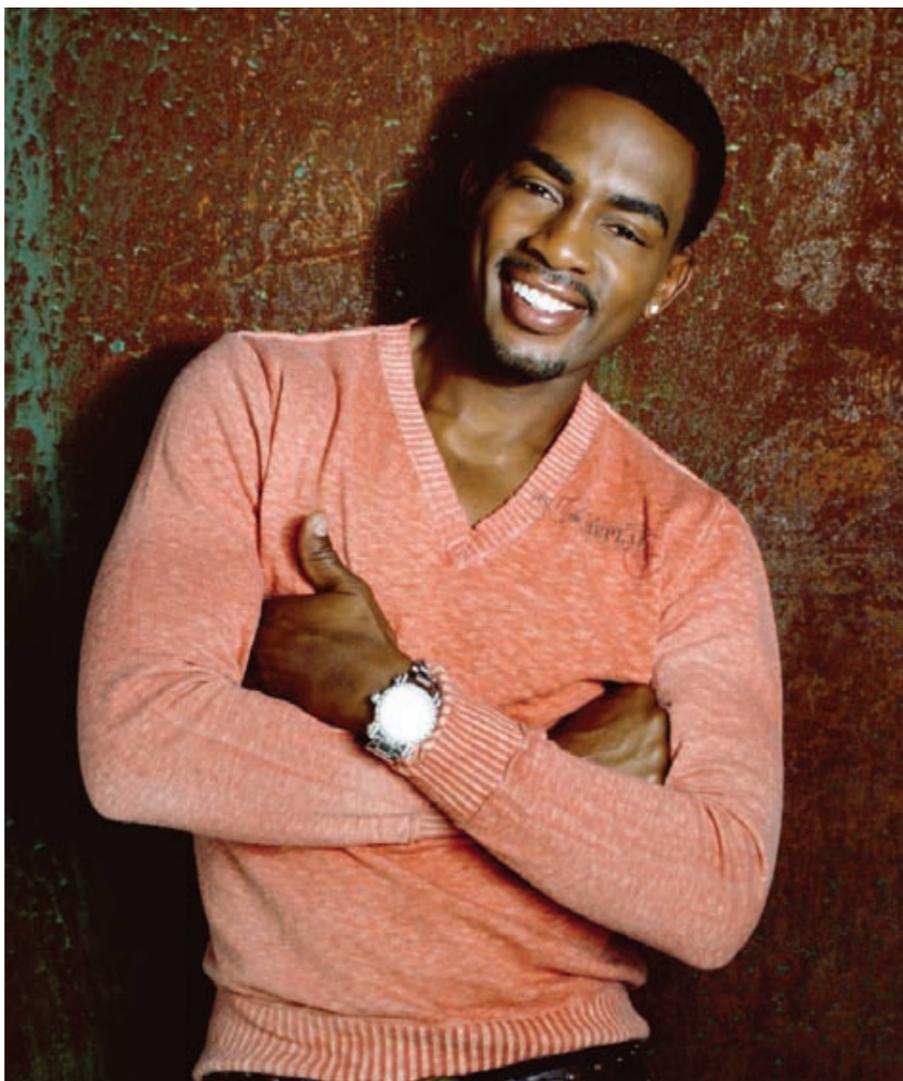
■ **Evening on Fifth** – Music and more along Fifth Avenue South from 7-10 p.m. 435-3742.

## Friday, Aug. 14

■ **Kids Free Friday** – Kids 12 and under enter the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center free with one paying adult. Activities include touch tank explorations, story time, coastal crafts, nature films and more. Opens at 10 a.m. 300 Tower Road. 417-6310.

■ **Parents Night Out** – Drop the kids off at King Richards Family Fun Park and let them enjoy dinner, games, rides and a movie while you have a night on the town. \$25 per child. 598-2042 or e-mail [krfunaprkh@yahoo.com](mailto:krfunaprkh@yahoo.com).

■ **Improvise** – Naples City Improv performs at 8 p.m. at The Norris Center. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. 755 Eighth Avenue. 213-3049 or [www.naplescitiy-improv.com](http://www.naplescitiy-improv.com).



Bill Bellamy, host of NBC's "Last Comic Standing" for two years, brings his hilarious, in-your-face perspective on dating, politics and the overall state of America to Capt. Brien's Off the Hook Comedy Club on Marco Island Thursday through Sunday, Aug. 13-16. Show times are 9:30 p.m. Thursday and Sunday, and 8 and 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Admission is \$20 per person. For reservations, call 389-6900 or visit [www.offthehookcomedy.com](http://www.offthehookcomedy.com).

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## WHAT TO DO

### Saturday, Aug. 15

■ **Ha! Ha! Ha!** – Join the Naples Laughter Club from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Lowdermilk Park. Free. 821-1073 or e-mail [napleslaughterclub@yahoo.com](mailto:napleslaughterclub@yahoo.com).

■ **Made in Florida** – The Collier County Museums presents a free showing of movies shot in Florida. This week, beginning at 1 p.m. it's "Where The Boys Are" (1960), filmed in Fort Lauderdale and Daytona Beach and starring Connie Francis and George Hamilton. 3301 Tamiami Trail E., in the Collier County Government Center. 252-8476 or [www.colliermuseums.org](http://www.colliermuseums.org).

■ **Back-to-School at Miromar** – Miromar Outlets hosts a back-to-school event from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. near Playland. 948-3766 or [www.MiromarOutlets.com](http://www.MiromarOutlets.com).

### Sunday, Aug. 16

■ **Fancy That** – A Fancy Nancy Tea Party begins at 2 p.m. at Learning Express. Fancy Nancy fans are invited to dress up (or choose from the trunks full of clothes and accessories available) and stroll the runway, sip some tea and do a craft. \$7 per child. Reservations required. 2460 Vanderbilt Road. 594-2525.

### Monday, Aug. 17

■ **Trivia Night** – Test your knowledge of the small stuff beginning at 7:30 p.m. at The Pub at Mercato. 594-9400.

■ **Sunset Cruise** – Enjoy a two-hour cruise along Rookery Bay aboard the Conservancy of Southwest Florida's Good Fortune. \$25 for Conservancy adult members and \$12 for member children ages 3-12. Non-member cost is \$30 for adults and \$15 for children. Reservations required. 403-4236 or [www.conservancy.org](http://www.conservancy.org).

### Tuesday, Aug. 18

■ **Story Time** – Moms and tots are invited to story time beginning at 10 a.m. at Barnes and Noble in Waterside Shops. 598-5205.

■ **Raku & You** – The Art League of Bonita Springs hosts an evening of glazing and firing accompanied by a casual barbecue dinner from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Everyone gets a clay piece to glaze, fire and take home. 495-8989 or [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org).

■ **Team Trivia** – It's team trivia night beginning at 9 p.m. at Boston Beer Garden. 2396 Immokalee Road. 596-2337.

■ **Cinema Under the Stars** – It's free family movie night at Gulf Coast Town Center. "Flushed Away" will begin around sunset. 267-0783 or [www.gulfcoasttowncenter.com](http://www.gulfcoasttowncenter.com).

■ **Artist Reception** – McCormick & Schmick's in Mercato invites the public to a reception for artist Tara O'Neill, whose oil paintings celebrate Florida's villages, sea life and abundant flora and fauna. Reception is from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The exhibit is on display in the restaurant's private dining room through Aug. 31. 591-2299.

### Wednesday, Aug. 19

■ **Good Vibrations** – "Color Vibration," a juried show of works by members of the Marco Island Art League, opens with a reception from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Marco Island Center for the Arts, 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221.

■ **Hard Rock** – Judas Priest and Whitesnake take over the stage at 7 p.m. at Germain Arena. 334-3309.



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## ARTS COMMENTARY

# 'The Taking (and retaking) of Pelham 1 2 3'



Hollywood was green before green was cool, because Hollywood loves to recycle movies.

So we have remakes of classics ("3:10 to Yuma," the upcoming "Harvey") as well as American versions of foreign films. (Because you know how Americans hate to watch a movie in a foreign language, even if that language is British.)

One of this year's remakes is "The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3." Released in 1974, the original movie tells the story of how a gang hijacks a subway car and holds the passengers hostage.

They demand the city of New York give them \$1 million in an hour's time. (Nothing to sneeze at — pardon the expression, if you've seen the movie — but a million doesn't go as far now as it did back then.) If the city doesn't provide the ransom on time, they'll kill one hostage for every minute the money is late.

As an experiment, I decided to watch the two movies back-to-back on consecutive evenings and compare. The thriller, which began life as a novel (by Morton Freedgood writing as John Godey) was also made into a TV movie 11 years ago. (I haven't seen it. The fact that they filmed in Toronto and tried to pass it off as New York City is enough to deter me from watching.)

I remember, as a kid, how the novel was so popular when it came out in 1973. It was a bestseller. And New Yorkers especially gobbled it up. It was surreal to see people reading it on the subway: a book about a train being hijacked. I'm sure the rocking of the train and the screech of brakes on the rails added to the experience.

I can't remember if I saw the movie in a theater or saw it later on when it came out on television.

It starred a hapless Walter Matthau, a young Jerry Stiller, and Robert Shaw as the lead bad guy.

What sticks out in my memory is the way the original movie ended. I won't give it away, but it's a classic ending in a "Some Like It Hot" kind of way.

So re-watching the original lost some of its thrill, because I knew exactly how it was going to end, though I couldn't remember how they got there.

People hijacked planes; it seemed a little silly to hijack a subway car. But I guess that was part of the appeal: these

guys are parked underground in a tunnel. The cops know exactly where they are. Even if they get the ransom money, how will they escape?

Watching the original was like stepping through a time warp, a hiccup in time taking me back 35 years.

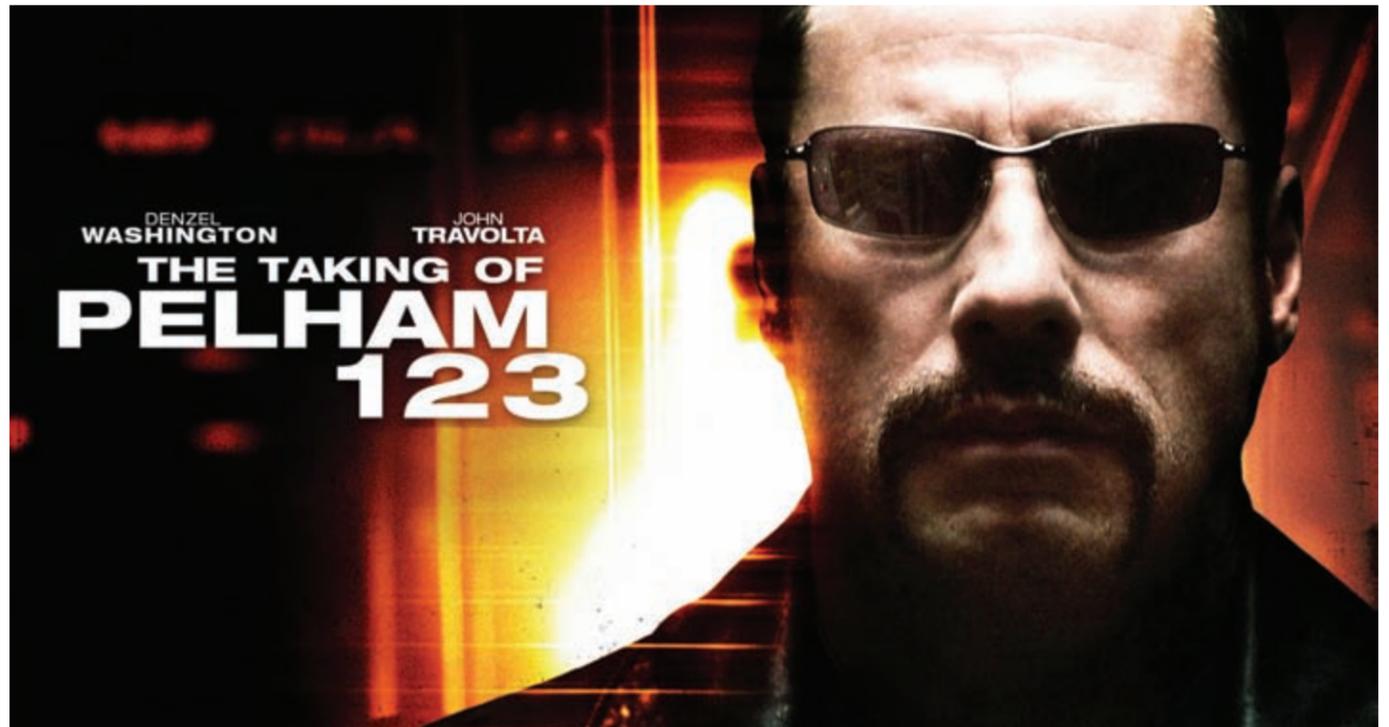
It opens with some street scenes of the city: the clunky taxis, the box-like buses, the light blue police cars.

The original movie also reflects the social milieu of the time, the bold baby steps made by women and people of color. Up until recently, many places of business had been predominantly white male; now they had to adjust to a workplace that included women and people of color in roles that weren't purely secretarial or subservient.

For example, when there's mention of

Denzel Washington, who's renamed Walter, in honor of Mr. Matthau. Mr. Washington plays the character with more depth and nuance. And, here is a man of color in the position — not because he's risen that high but because he was even higher up the chain of command but demoted for possibly taking a bribe, and is pending investigation.

The new version plays with the script a



The four men who hold up the train look like disgruntled accountants, all dressed in hats, raincoats, moustaches, and the oversized eyeglasses that were the style at the time. It's all a part of their disguise, as all four look alike, bland and forgettable. They call each other by color: Mr. Gray, Mr. Blue, Mr. Green, Mr. Brown.

Watching the movie, I found the background more interesting than the action. (Then again, I watch "The French Connection" just to see New York City of the '70s — and to catch a glimpse of my old high school in the background when the famous car/train chase scene begins.)

I loved seeing the '70s styles, the straight long hair parted in the middle for women, guys with sideburns, their suit lapels so wide you think they're going to start flapping like wings and fly away.

There are a few other anachronisms: telephone booths, rotary phones, gum machines in the subway stations, and soda machines. And about mid-movie, in an outdoor scene, you can see the newly built World Trade Center towers in the background.

an undercover cop on the hijacked train, Mr. Matthau's character reminds another that it could be a woman, not a man. Yet Mr. Matthau's character himself is surprised when he meets Inspector Daniels of the police, a man he's been talking with on the phone. Inspector Daniels is African-American, and he hadn't expected that.

And one of the transit workers sputters, at one point, "Oh come on. If I've got to watch my language because they let a few broads in, I'm going to quit. How the hell can you run a goddamn railroad without swearing?"

There is humor and camaraderie and grit in the original, though it may seem quaint or dated by today's standards. The mayor bears a good resemblance to former N.Y. mayor Ed Koch, though the filmmakers give him a wife (a smart-mouthed Doris Roberts.)

The remake gives us James Gandolfini as mayor, a somewhat larger-than-life Rudy Giuliani, complete with marital problems.

Mr. Matthau's character is replaced by

little, changing it here, updating it there.

Now we have laptops and earbuds. The transit control room is completely computerized and digitalized. And instead of men visiting from Tokyo to see how the New York City Transit Authority is run, transit personnel from N.Y. go to Japan to bid on purchasing *their* railroad cars.

The new movie is more complex, more of a thriller. John Travolta really sinks his teeth into the role of an over-the-top bad guy who hijacks the train. And he demands \$10 million, not \$1 million.

Every character seems to have more depth.

Director Tony Scott keeps the film moving at a good clip, but also gives his audience some wonderful shots of New York City, including various scenes of the subway below- and above-ground.

It now costs much more than 35 cents to ride the subway, and a great deal more to get into the movies.

But watching both films back-to-back was entertaining, and pretty cheap, especially when you consider that one of the rides was back in time. ■

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## GIVING

### 'Images of Hope' exhibit and book will benefit Immokalee Initiative

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The Immokalee Initiative of the Community Foundation of Collier County is pleased to announce the inaugural exhibit, "Images of Hope: Immokalee, Looking Forward, Looking Back." The exhibit will be featured Dec. 1-Feb. 7, 2010, in the Drackett and Kohan Galleries of the Philharmonic Center for the Arts and will also be available as a hardcover book by the same name.

Creating the images for this project is international award-winning photographer Brynn Bruijn, a Naples resident who has spent a lifetime capturing the human experience, erasing the differences between cultures with her lens and revealing the commonality of the human experience.

Phil Beuth, a Naples resident and Guadalupe Center board member and the retired president of CapCities/ABC's "Good Morning America," became so interested in the project that he volunteered to write the text to accompany Ms. Bruijn's images in the 175-page book.

The book will be available to purchase during and after the exhibit.

"Images of Hope: Immokalee" was launched with the support of many donors who believe Immokalee is a vital thread in the fabric that is Collier County. All net proceeds from the book sales and the exhibit will support the Community Foundation's Immokalee Initiative, which provides grants, customized training and collaboration build-



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The Immokalee Initiative funds violin lessons for children in the community. This photograph by Brynn Bruijn is included in the "Images of Hope" exhibit and book.

ing for 30 nonprofit organizations serving Immokalee residents.

Immokalee is an agricultural community of 28,000 people in one of the poorest areas in the state. The foundation believes that building capacity of nonprofits will strengthen this community and help to recognize and fulfill the potential of its residents.

Please join us in bringing attention to the programs that make a difference in the lives of the families that live in Immokalee.

All donors who contribute \$250 or more to the Images of Hope Fund by Sept. 1 will be acknowledged in the book as a supporter of this program and will be invited to the exhibit's opening reception on Dec. 1 at the Phil. ■

*With assets of more than \$51 million, the Community Foundation of Collier County manages more than 400 funds established by charitable individuals and organizations. Investment earnings on these funds are used to address community needs. Since 1985, the foundation and its fundholders have granted \$30 million back to our community. For more information about the foundation and about "Images of Hope: Immokalee, Looking Forward, Looking Back," call 649-5000 or visit www.cfcollier.org.*

### Bikes, cell phones will find a home at the Shelter

The Shelter for Abused Women & Children is seeking new and gently used bicycles for women residing in our emergency shelter. Victims and survivors of domestic violence living on-site use the bikes to run errands and get to and from work until they can afford to secure cars.

Bicycle donations can be dropped off between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday at Options Thrift Shoppe, 968 Second Avenue North.

The Shelter also collects new and used cell phones, which can provide 24-hour access to emergency services and help victims of abuse escape to find safety.

Collection boxes throughout the com-

munity provide a convenient means for recycling cell phones and chargers. The majority of phones recycled are charged and given to adults and children who are in danger. The Shelter also works with partners that recycle collected phones and in return make cash contributions to the nonprofit organization.

Cell phones and their charging components can be dropped off at Options Thrift Shoppe and at Another Option Thrift Shoppe, 5248 Golden Gate Parkway, as well as at more than 25 locations from Marco Island to Bonita Springs.

For more information, call 775-3862 or visit www.naplesshelter.org. ■

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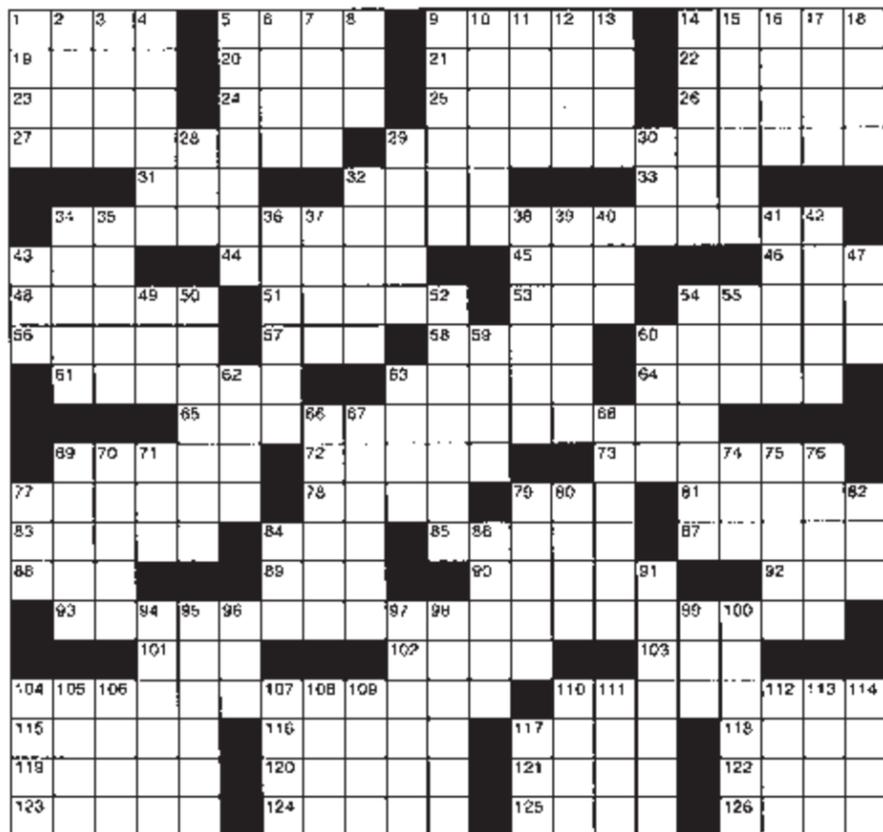
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## GOURMET DISMAY



- ACROSS**
- 1 Had kittens?
  - 5 Frolic
  - 9 Elsie's appendage
  - 14 Galter
  - 19 Come unglued
  - 20 Spread in a tub
  - 21 Sib's kid
  - 22 Send the money
  - 23 Tel —
  - 24 Salmy
  - 25 Build a barrier
  - 26 Where Athenians assembled
  - 27 Combative
  - 29 Speaker of remark at
  - 34 Across
  - 31 Steth or anger
  - 32 Bone-dry
  - 33 Lubricate
  - 34 Start of remark
  - 43 Dogpatch's Daisy —
  - 44 Inventor Howe
  - 45 — Grande
  - 46 Chop
  - 48 Bronte's "— Grey"
  - 51 More atof
  - 53 Medino male
  - 54 Emulate Arachno
  - 56 Summarize
  - 57 Flocker Morrison
  - 58 "Gracious me!"
  - 60 Actress Wendy
  - 61 Dignified calm
  - 63 Writer Bret
  - 64 Church instrument
  - 65 Part 2 of remark
  - 69 With 29 Down, "Touchod by an Angel" star
  - 72 Leases
  - 73 Gives in to gravity
  - 77 Not as messy
  - 78 Bk. loan
  - 79 53 Across' mate
  - 81 Rock's — Trick
  - 83 Like Yale's walls
  - 84 — degree
  - 85 Day or Duke
  - 87 Yaphet of "Homicide"
  - 88 Saucepan
  - 89 Actress MacGraw
  - 90 Get the soap off
  - 92 "Sea Hunt" shocker
  - 93 Part 3 of remark
  - 101 — G. Carroll
  - 102 Mrs. Charlie Chaplin
  - 103 Ferris-wheel unit
  - 104 End of remark
  - 110 Texas town
  - 115 Tycoon
  - 116 Time on the throne
  - 117 Word with pad or powder
  - 118 Equipment
  - 119 Disinegrate
  - 120 Football's Herber
  - 121 Frank or Francis
  - 122 Peruvian Indian
  - 123 Gardening tool
  - 124 Elbowed
  - 125 Dandelion, for one
  - 126 Playwright Coward
- DOWN**
- 1 Scary
  - 2 Sitarist Shankar
  - 3 Demonic
  - 4 Concoct
  - 5 Bookstore section
  - 6 Kan or Lena
  - 7 Dissolve
  - 8 Seal school
  - 9 Open Old Glory
  - 10 Fuel choice
  - 11 Lions' lairs
  - 12 "Behold!" to Brutus
  - 13 Virginia —
  - 14 Mideastern tongue
  - 15 Word form for "great"
  - 16 Run — (lose control)
  - 17 Father
  - 18 Show-stopper
  - 28 Pewler base
  - 29 See 69 Across
  - 30 Card game
  - 32 "Garmen" selling
  - 34 Bet
  - 35 Ergo
  - 36 Master Twist
  - 37 Isinglass
  - 38 Thiss and thaat
  - 39 Hightalutin' headgear
  - 40 "— Dooley" ('58 hit)
  - 41 Actress Maureen
  - 42 Sorbo or Spacey
  - 43 Deface
  - 47 Elfin
  - 49 "The Bel's" monogram
  - 50 Bad
  - 52 Showed one's feelings
  - 54 Sorcerer
  - 55 Unit of work
  - 59 Univ. tests
  - 60 Pagle's papa
  - 62 Practice boxing
  - 63 — up (detained)
  - 65 Imitation gold
  - 67 Feature base
  - 68 Crusader kingdom
  - 69 St. Andrews clod
  - 70 Writer Wharton
  - 71 Recline
  - 74 "Now I've got you!"
  - 75 Lorre or Lely
  - 76 Gorged
  - 77 Hint
  - 79 Slezak or Eleniak
  - 80 Jeroboam contents
  - 82 Office seeker, for short
  - 84 Eastam "Way"
  - 86 Primate
  - 91 Flew the coop
  - 94 Refer (to)
  - 95 Bank employee
  - 96 Court
  - 97 — bag
  - 98 Lamented
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  - 100 Starting point
  - 104 Hoskins in "Hook"
  - 105 Puzzle part
  - 106 Like kids at Christmas
  - 107 Certain sandwich
  - 108 Architect
  - 109 Hughes' milieu
  - 110 Top-notch
  - 111 Lion's pride
  - 112 Jocular
  - 113 Jay
  - 113 Teddy trim
  - 114 Evangelist Roberts
  - 117 Observed

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## HOROSCOPES

### LEO (July 23 to August 22)

Be careful not to be a copycat when dealing with someone who uses unfair or even unkind methods to reach a goal. As always, do the right thing the right way, and you'll win in the end.

### VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)

An offer could have many good things attached to it that are not apparent at first glance, including a chance to move into another career area. You might want to check out its possibilities.

### LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)

With responsibilities surging both in the workplace and in the home, it's important to prioritize how you deal with them. Be patient. Pressures will begin to ease starting early next week.

### SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)

A positive reaction to a suggestion could indicate that you're on track for getting your message to the right people. Devote the weekend to catching up with the special people in your life.

### SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)

A new attitude from those in charge could make things difficult for you unless you can accept the changes without feeling as if you're being pressured into doing so.

### CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)

Family matters once again dominate much of the week. But don't neglect your workplace duties while you deal with them. An offer to help could come from a surprising source.

### AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)

A difficult workplace

situation begins to ease, but there are still matters that need to be dealt with before it's fully resolved. There's also a more positive turn in domestic relationships.

### PISCES (February 19 to March 20)

Don't let yourself be rushed into making a decision about an intriguing financial arrangement. Asking questions and checking it out now could pay off in a big way later on.

### ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

Despite your Aries penchant for wanting to tackle a problem head-on, you might want to take a little more time to see how a current situation develops. It could surprise you.

### TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

Taking on the role of peacemaker in a disruptive environment is a challenge. But you can do it. Just continue to have the same faith in yourself that so many others have in you.

### GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

Although your work schedule keeps you busy, you should make time to start preparing for that important upcoming family event you'll want to celebrate in a special way.

### CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

Home is where the Moon Child wants to be early in the week. But by week's end, a chance to travel raises her or his excitement level, and that of the lucky person who gets to go along.

### BORN THIS WEEK:

Your sense of curiosity keeps you You might have a tendency to be more than a bit judgmental, but others understand it comes from a warm, loving heart.

By Linda Thistle

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# LATEST FILMS

## 'Julie & Julia'

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Cooking 524 recipes in 365 days is difficult by any standard. But Julie Powell (Amy Adams), an overworked and emotionally drained aspiring writer, isn't looking for easy. She's looking for meaning in her life and she thinks cooking through Julia Child's "Mastering the Art of French Cooking" is the way to find it.

Smartly, Ms. Powell's tumultuous journey through lobster thermidor and beef bourguignon is only one-half of "Julie & Julia"; the other half tells the story of how Ms. Child (Meryl Streep) came to create the recipes, which is an equally compelling tale of hardship and heartache.

For Ms. Child, the year is 1949 and she and her husband (Stanley Tucci) have just moved to Paris, where he works at the U.S. embassy. Unsure of what to do with herself, she enrolls in the famous Cordon Bleu cooking school and then decides to write a cookbook with friends Simone Beck (Linda Emond) and Louise Bertholle (Helen Carey). The result, the aforementioned "Mastering the Art of French Cooking," made Ms. Child a star.

Ms. Powell's situation is drastically different and remarkably similar. She also has a wonderfully encouraging husband (Chris Messina), and at least one of her friends (Mary Lynn Rajsakub, "24") supports her decision to write a blog about her yearlong exploits. But the year is 2002, and while her peers are enjoying successful careers, her job is to answer phone calls for an insurance company charged with helping the families of 9/11 victims.

The screenplay was adapted by director Nora Ephron ("Sleepless in Seattle") from two memoirs: "Julie & Julia" by Ms. Powell and "My Life in France" by Ms. Child with Alex Prud'homme. Telling the stories of two women separated by 50-plus years is tricky, but Ms. Ephron balances them nicely, keeping each woman at roughly the same point in her career path throughout. Sure it's a gimmick, but it works because it humanizes the iconic Ms. Child and puts her on the same level as Ms. Powell.

Although Ms. Streep is superb in the



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showier (and more difficult) role, it's Ms. Adams' Powell who is the heart of the movie. Ms. Adams' cuteness (in spite of the bad haircut) makes Ms. Powell a sympathetic figure, and Ms. Adams plays naïve innocence better than any actress working today. As Ms. Child's difficulties also mount, and Ms. Streep keeps us mesmerized with Ms. Child's 6-foot, 2-inch frame and high-pitched voice, we realize that not only are Ms. Child and Ms. Powell kindred spirits, but so are Ms. Streep and Ms. Adams in their ability to bring vulnerability and determination to each woman's life.

Given the shortage of movies made by women and about women, "Julie & Julia" is a success that deserves to be seen. Just don't go hungry, because the food — often made with an excess of butter — looks delicious. ■

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Did you know?

>>Nora Ephron cast Ms. Streep after running into the actress at a Shakespeare in the Park performance. Ms. Streep asked what Ms. Ephron was working on, she told her about the project. Ms. Streep immediately said "Bon Appétit!" in her best Julia Child voice. Before it even began, the casting search was over.

## CAPSULES

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### Soul Power ★★

(James Brown, B.B. King, Muhammad Ali) This uneven documentary follows events surrounding the Soul Music Festival in Zaire in 1974, which went on in spite of the cancellation of the George Foreman/Muhammad Ali boxing match it was supposed to accompany. The technical issues surrounding the concert are a bit mundane, and the film only faintly captures the spirit of the era it chronicles. Worse, those wanting to see more of the concert will likely feel short changed. Still, anything that ends with James Brown doing an energetic rendition of "Say It Loud - I'm Black And I'm Proud" can't be all bad. Rated PG-13.

### Funny People ★★1/2

(Adam Sandler, Seth Rogen, Eric Bana) A famous comedian (Sandler) with a terminal illness hires an aspiring comic (Rogen) as his assistant in the third film from writer/director/producer Judd Apatow ("Knocked Up"). There are jokes throughout, but the first 90 minutes is so dour and serious that it's hard for the comedy to shine through. The latter half of the 140-minute movie — thanks in part to inspired turns from Leslie Mann and Bana — is refreshing and fun, but never fully escapes the serious tone. Rated R.

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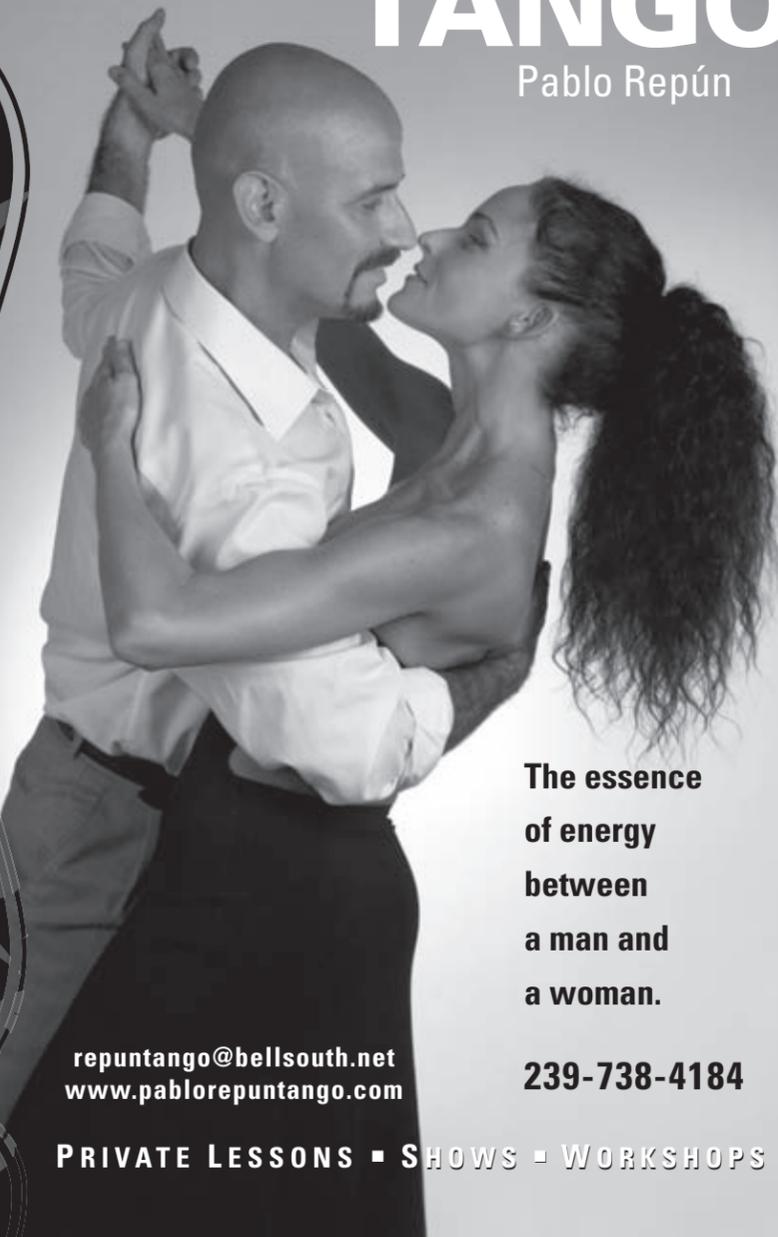
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Entries are due by Thursday, Sept. 10, and can be submitted in two categories:

- A theme idea for the 10th anniversary of the Edison & Ford Winter Estates Foundation gala in November 2010. Artists should submit a design suitable for use on invitations, programs and other anniversary gala materials.

- A graphic illustration to be used on promotional products and apparel sold for fundraising purposes at events and on the foundation's Web site.

Amateurs and professionals who are at least 18 years old, as well as printing companies and other local businesses, are eligible. Entry fee is \$35 per entry.

All entries will be posted on the foundation's Web site and the winner in each category will be selected by popular vote online by individuals who register as a Friend of the Edison & Ford Winter Estates Foundation at [www.edisonfordfoundation.org](http://www.edisonfordfoundation.org).

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The Call for Artists is out from the Naples Art Association for its 2009-2010 festivals. For more information about any of the following, contact NAA Festival Director Marianne Megela by calling 262-6517, ext. 103, or e-mailing festivals@naplesart.org.

- **The Naples Renaissance Fall Art Festival**, Nov. 28-29, Thanksgiving Weekend, along 10th Street South near the Naples Depot — This is an invitational festival for 145 national, regional and local artists who will sell their original watercolors,

- paintings, drawings, photography, sculpture, ceramics, glass, jewelry and more.
- **The 31st annual Naples National Art Festival**, Feb. 20-21, 2010, along Eighth Street South and in Cambier Park — Three hundred of the nation's top artists are juried into this show to display and sell ceramics, fiber/leather, furniture, glass, graphics/printmaking, jewelry, metal, mixed media 2D, mixed media 3D, painting, photography, sculpture and wood.

Artists are invited to apply online at [www.juriedartservices.com](http://www.juriedartservices.com) or to download an application from [www.naplesart.org](http://www.naplesart.org). The down-

loaded applications deadline is Sept. 1, 2009. The poster contest deadline is Sept. 7, and the online application deadline is Oct. 1.

View the Call for Artists video on YouTube titled "31st Annual Naples National Art Festival A Call To Artists."

- **Mercato Fine Arts Festival**, March 6-7, 2010, at Mercato, U.S. 41 and Vanderbilt Beach Road in North Naples — This brand new juried show will feature works in all media by 125 artists from across the country. Deadline for entries is Nov. 1.

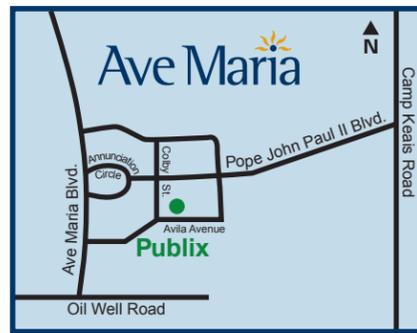
- **The 22nd annual Downtown Naples Festival of the Arts**, March 27-28, 2010, along Fifth Avenue South — This prestigious festival was previously coordinated by Howard Alan Events and is now hosted by the NAA in conjunction with the Downtown Naples Association. The juried festival features 250 fine artists. Artists and festival guests alike enjoy the set-up along the street, which provides easy access for parking and other resources. Artists can apply online at [www.juriedartservices.com](http://www.juriedartservices.com) or download an application from [www.naplesart.org](http://www.naplesart.org). Deadline for entries is Dec. 1. ■



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"Color Vibrations," a juried multi-media fine art exhibit of 41 works by members of the Marco Island Art League, opens with a reception from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, in the Lauritzen/Rush Galleries at the Marco Island Center for the Arts.

The intention of the exhibit was for the artists to explore the use of color; to be bold and daring; to let the color be the expression or tell the story rather than the subject matter.

The show was juried and judged by Megan Kissinger, who awarded first place to "Play a Little Music," an oil painting by Betty Newman.

"I thought this piece most aptly fit the theme of the show," Ms. Kissinger says about the joyful street performer who was photographed in Italy by one of the artist's friends. "It was boldly accomplished with great color and good composition. It also told the best story through the festive, abundant color."

Second place went to "Meant to Amuse," a computer-manipulated photograph in which artist Carol Kinkaid "... created a playful composition that made the viewer's eyes dance as the highly saturated colors fought for dominance," Ms. Kissinger



Play a Little Music, oil, Betty Newman; Double Color Wheel, photography, Joel Gewirtz



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says. The third place winner, JoAnn Sanborn's "Summer Sunset" acrylic painting, "... teaches us that color doesn't have to be intensely bright to be bold and tell a story," the juror says, adding the painting's "mysterious and brooding feel could not be accomplished with bright daylight colors."

"Color Vibrations" will be on display at the Marco Island Center for the Arts, 1010 Winterberry Drive, through Sept. 30. Regular hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 394-4221 or visit [www.marcoislandart.com](http://www.marcoislandart.com). ■

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The new Garden also includes a 90-acre nature sanctuary with seven ecosystems that are home to a wide variety of wildlife. The Collier Enterprises South Wetlands features the James and Linda White Birding Tower, where birds have been enjoying the restored marsh, and the Smith Upland Preserve, home to more than 55 endangered gopher tortoises.

Grand opening festivities at the Garden will include:

- **Tuesday, Nov. 10: The very first look at the completed Garden** — A late afternoon into early evening stroll through each of the new gardens, with entertainment provided by The Living Garden and cocktails and dinner under a grand tent, where food stations will offer treats originating from the cultures of the

three new gardens. Tickets are \$250 per person; table packages are available.

- **Wednesday, Nov. 11: Hats in the Garden** — The Garden's signature annual luncheon will honor Oscar de la Renta as he presents his 2010 Spring collection. Retail partner Marissa Collections will also feature the jewelry designs of Irene Neuwirth. Tickets begin at \$500; tables of 10 begin at \$7,500.

- **Friday, Nov. 13: Royal Palm Society brunch and member preview** — Garden members will be able to preview the new spaces before the public grand opening. Visitors will enjoy Caribbean and Brazilian musicians and more. Complimentary for Royal Palm Society members.

- **Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 14-15: Public grand opening** — The official ribbon cutting will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, followed by activities and entertainment both days for the entire family. Admission is \$9.95 for adults, \$4.95 for children ages 4-14, children 3 and under are free.

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This year's celebrity auctioneer, Jesse Metcalfe

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Advance tickets are \$125 each; admission Saturday night will be \$150. For ticket information, go to [www.actabuse.com](http://www.actabuse.com). For details about special room rates at the Hyatt for event guests, call 444-1234 and mention Arts for ACT.

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Fabulous shoes, handbags and jewelry go hand in hand with shopping for a good cause — the foundation's Take Stock in Children scholarship and mentoring program — every year at "If the Shoe Fits." A raffle and silent auction are part of the fun, as are

hors d'oeuvres, wine and the signature "Shoetini" cocktail.

Guests also have the opportunity to congratulate the newest recipient of the foundation's annual Glass Slipper Award, a woman celebrated for her dedication and service to public education in Collier County.

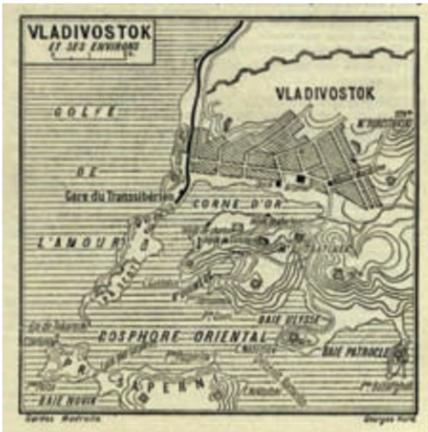
As it has since 2003, Naples Illustrated continues to be the presenting sponsor of "If the Shoe Fits," with support this year from *Florida Weekly*.

Tickets are \$75 per person. Call the Education Foundation of Collier County at 643-4755 to make your reservation. ■

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Tickets are \$500 per person, \$1,200 per VIP guest or \$5,000 per table of 10. For more information and to

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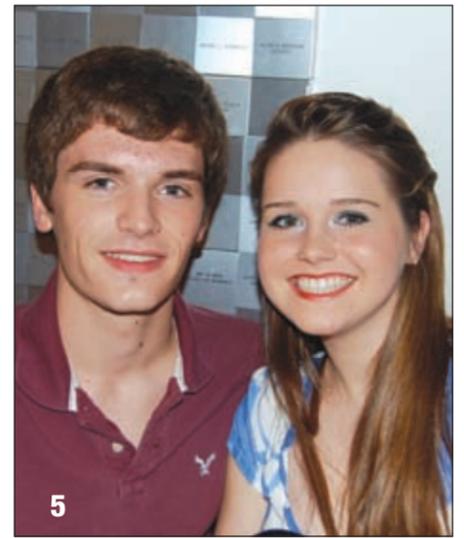
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# PAST REPASTS

Here are some capsule summaries of previous reviews:

» **Angelina's**, 24041 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 390-3187

This gorgeous remake of the old Sanibel Steakhouse is a knockout, especially the glass-enclosed tower with spiral staircase that shelters Angelina's stellar wine collection. The Italian food of Chef Nick Costanzo is vibrant and imaginative. A ceviche trio — tuna, scallops and grouper with shaved fennel, grapefruit-radish salsa and yellow pepper relish — was as much a work of art as an appetizer. The house-made papardelle Capri (pasta with tomatoes, buffalo mozzarella, basil and Sorrento lemon olive oil) made an outstanding second course, followed by savory grilled lamb chops marinated in lemon and mint accompanied by arancini and yellowfin tuna al griglia with cannellini and lobster ragout. Warm zeppoli with a trio of dipping sauces makes a fine finish as do the \$3 desserts, which included mascarpone cheesecake with lemon curd and crème de menthe and chocolate panna cotta. Our server could have used some polish but those at other tables appeared to be doing better. Full bar.

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

**Noodle Saigon offers rice noodles with seafood.**

» **Noodle Saigon**, 13500 Tamiami Trail North, Naples; 598-9400

This well-appointed but modest restaurant touts itself as "the freshest and healthiest taste of Vietnam" and I fully concur. The menu has lots of photos and descriptions, making ordering easy even for novices. For those who love pho that's not fiery hot, Noodle Saigon allows you to control the heat by adding the hot sauce yourself. Other noteworthy dishes include shrimp-filled summer rolls, a vegetarian salad (tastes far better than it sounds), a pan-fried crepe and rice noodles with seafood. All were wonderful, but it's the pho, a soup that's a meal in itself, that was the star of the meal. Those who live within a 5-mile radius of the restaurant can have the full menu delivered to their doors. Beer and wine served.

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

» **Pelagos Café**, 4951 Tamiami Trail N., Naples; 263-2996

The management calls what's served here "Mediterranean soul food" and that's an excellent description.

Primarily Greek, the menu also offers a smattering of other dishes from the region. Portions are large and most dishes are ample for two. I can recommend the fried calamari with its cinnamon-scented marinara, and a vegetable plate that contained roasted peppers, grilled artichoke hearts, beet salad and the best dolmades (stuffed grape leaves) I've had outside of Greece. The avgolemono soup, Greek salad and gyro platter were spot on. Also delicious was a simply grilled mahi fillet topped with asparagus, artichokes, olives and cherry tomatoes. For dessert, one large wedge of baklava more than satisfied two of us. A bonus at Pelagos is its moderate prices. Odds are you'll have enough leftovers for another meal. Beer and wine served.

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

» **Tavern on the Bay**, 489 Bayfront Place; 530-2225

It's a sports bar but one that offers a more diverse selection of food and drink than you might expect in a place where people gather to cheer on their teams via satellite TV. Revel in wings, burgers, nachos and such if you want, but there are also wok dishes, salads and full-scale entrees, some even of a heart-healthy nature. Thai Bangkok wings were crisp, sweet and spicy, while an ahi tuna appetizer was lightly seared with a peppery-herbed exterior accompanied by pickled ginger, wasabi and soy vinaigrette. A mushroom Swiss burger was well executed, served with delicious house-made potato chips and a fried shrimp platter with fries was bountiful and tasty with

the exception of some room temperature slaw. Service was above average throughout the meal, from the host to the server and expeditors. Full bar.

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

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

There are plenty of Italian restaurants in these parts, but I haven't been to one that comes close to matching the great food and down-to-earth charm of Two Brothers. There's not a member of the staff that doesn't do their utmost to make customers feel welcome, especially the eponymous brothers, Bob and Sal Lanzieri. Live music gives patrons a reason to get up and dance. And then there's the food. The marinara alone is worth a visit — vibrant and perfectly balanced, it's good enough to drink, but paired with Aunt Roberta's crisp and creamy arancini (rice balls), fried olives and Asiago cheese or clams, it enlivens everything it touches. Sal Lanzieri's chewy pizza knots are addictive. Portions are huge and most of the recipes come from the Lanzieri's extended Italian-American family. I loved the lasagna, just like Mama Lanzieri used to make. Don't miss this one. Full bar.

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



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# FLORIDA WEEKLY CUISINE

## Diverse Peruvian cuisine comes alive at Inca's Kitchen



Refer to Mexican, Italian, Chinese or French food and most Americans can readily recite the staples of these familiar cuisines.

But Peruvian? Not so much. Bone up on this flavorful South American cuisine at Inca's Kitchen, where the menu showcases the country's impressive culinary palette, melding its own traditions with the influences of immigrants from Italy, Spain, France, Britain and Japan.

Unlike its meat-centric continental brethren, Argentina and Brazil, Peru's food abounds in seafood as well as vegetables and exotic fruits. All are deftly handled at Inca's Kitchen, which is owned and operated by Raphael Rottiers and Alfredo Ruiz.

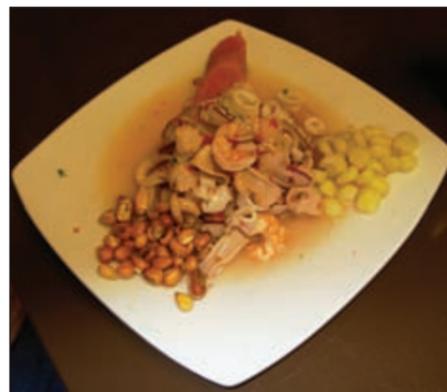
Mr. Rottiers is a veteran of the corporate food and beverage world, having climbed the ranks of the former Sonesta hotel chain to head food and beverage operations at its Key Biscayne property. It is our good fortune that family ties brought him to Naples.

He and Mr. Ruiz have created a lovely, unpretentious establishment that gleams with tile floors, pale yellow walls and accent walls of brick with inset art of colorful chickens (fitting for a restaurant in which rotisserie and other chicken dishes rank among the specialties).

In a small strip center on Collier Boulevard, Inca's Kitchen comes as a surprise in an area better known for its taquerias.

"Are you sure this is a good idea?" my meat-averse husband asked dubiously as we headed along Collier Boulevard toward Inca's. His protestations ceased almost as soon as we walked in the door and turned to enthusiastic participation as our accommodating young server, Claudio, set down a bowl of roasted corn kernels and three colorful pepper sauces for dipping. With our dining companion, we dipped and crunched while considering all the options on the menu.

We decided to start with ceviche (\$11.95), Inca's dua tiradito (\$12.95) and conchitas a la Parmesana (\$9.95). The plate of ceviche was generous and perfectly prepared. Although technically raw, the seafood cures in a lime juice



marinade then is tossed with peppers, onions, salt and pepper. There were shrimp, rounds of calamari and pieces of fish, all fresh and complemented by the marinade. Servings of corn, one mound roasted, the other cooked and served cold, added color and texture.

Tiradito is a Peruvian version of sashimi, with thin slices of raw fish marinated lightly and served with two pepper sauces, a yellow one with aji peppers and a light red one featuring rocoto peppers. This, too, was a fresh and well-crafted dish.

I tried the conchita — scallops on a half shell baked with Parmesan cheese and sprinkled with lime juice. The scallops were large and moist, blanketed in savory cheese, with just a hint of lime. It's a great choice for those who prefer cooked fare.

Seeing our obvious enthusiasm for the food, Mr. Rottiers brought us a sample of another appetizer — lomo a la Huancaína (\$9.95), slices of beef tenderloin topped with red onions and a creamy queso blanco sauce. The velvety sauce mingled with well-seasoned meat, the crunchy onions and the tang of the citrus-based

**Inca's wari fish is seared on a griddle then baked with seasonings and served with grilled vegetables with a corn, mango and cilantro mignonette. A Peruvian classic, ceviche, features a mix of seafood marinated in lime juice and spices.**

marinade. It was easy to see why he was so proud of this dish.

Next, we tucked into entrees of golden jalea (\$16.95), Inca's wari fish (\$15.95) and aji de gallina (\$11.95).

Claudio had warned us that the golden jalea was a large dish, but we were still surprised by the mountain of fried seafood he set before us. Two or three people could share this mix of shrimp, calamari and fish fried to a golden brown and served with crisp logs of yucca and a side of yellow pepper criolla salsa. I'd recommend ordering nothing else if you try this Peruvian version of fish and chips.

The aji de gallina is a shredded pepper chicken dish served at virtually all festive occasions in Peru, Mr. Rottiers told us. It had big chunks of potato, shredded chicken, yellow peppers, a smattering of olives and hardboiled egg on top. It was very mild, especially when compared to the other highly seasoned dishes on our table.

The Inca's wari fish was the unanimous favorite. A large fillet of white fish had been seared on a griddle then seasoned and baked. It was incredibly moist and the seasonings had seeped into the flesh. Flavorful on its own, it came with a terrific sauce of mango salsa, corn and cilantro.

For dessert, we sampled a classic cookie — alfajor con dulce de leche (\$5.75) — along with Inca's pie de Manzana



**Inca's Kitchen**  
11985 Collier Blvd.,  
Naples; 352-3200

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

**>>Hours:** 11:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Sunday  
**>>Reservations:** Accepted  
**>>Credit cards:** Major cards accepted.  
**>>Price range:** Appetizers, \$7.95-\$12.95; entrees, \$10.95-\$16.95; children's menu, \$7.25-\$8.25  
**>>Beverages:** Beer and wine served.  
**>>Seating:** Booths plus conventional tables and chairs  
**>>Specialties of the house:** Ceviche, luno a la Huancaína, fried calamari, cilantro beef stew with white beans, rotisserie chicken, shredded pepper chicken, Inca's wari fish  
**>>Volume:** Moderate  
**>>Parking:** Free lot

★★★★★ **Superb**  
★★★★ **Noteworthy**  
★★★ **Good**  
★★ **Fair**  
★ **Poor**

(\$5.95) and picarones (\$5.75). The first is a cornstarch-based cookie with dulce de leche sandwiched between two wafers. The cookies were a little dry for my taste, but the lucama ice cream that accompanied them was wondrous. The lucama, also known as eggfruit, blends flavors of maple, caramel and sweet potato. The pie de Manzana was a great rendition of apple crumble topped with cherimoya ice cream. This fruit, also known as custard apple, seems to mix the tropical flavors of banana, strawberries and pineapple. The picarones were four light doughnuts made of sweet potato flour and bathed in a cane sauce infused with anise and cinnamon.

We finished with pisco sours. Popular in Peru, pisco is a brandy made of grapes. The pisco sour combines the brandy with lemon juice, egg whites and sugar, creating a delicate sweet and sour drink.

Inca's Kitchen is one of those rare restaurants to which I long to return almost before I've left. Beyond the well-executed menu, the passion of the owners flavors the food and the experience. Although it's a bit off the customary restaurant path, it's well worth the trip. ■

### diningCALENDAR

■ **Thursday, Aug. 13, 6 p.m.,** Whole Foods: Join Whole Foods and Sur La Table to learn how to make ice cream, sorbets and gelatos; free, 9101 Strada Place; 552-5100.

■ **Saturday, Aug. 15, 10 a.m.,** Ridgway Bar & Grill: Chef/owner Tony Ridgway leads a class with an egg theme. Learn how to make Anglaise, custard, Hollandaise, Béarnaise, proper poaching, how to make omelets and bake chocolate tarts; \$20; Third Street and 13th Avenue South; 262-5500. Reservations required.

■ **Saturday, Aug. 15, 3-5 p.m.,** Naples Tomato: Learn how to make mozzarella cheese while sampling cheese and wine; \$35, 14700 Tamiami Trail N.; 598-9800. Reservations required.

■ **Monday, Aug. 17, 6 p.m.,** Whole Foods: Real Seafood Company Chef Brent Courson will prepare a speedy four-course meal; \$10, 9101 Strada Place; 552-5100.

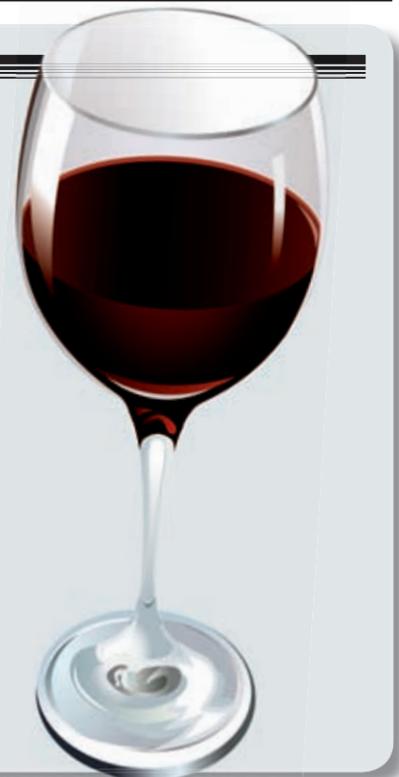
■ **Wednesday, Aug. 19, 5-6:30 p.m.,** Roy's, Bonita Springs: Gather with fellow wine lovers to sample a variety of wines as well as some of Roy's signature appetizers; \$40 (includes wine), 475 Bayfront Place, 261-1416; or 26831 South Bay Drive, Bonita Springs, 498-7697.

■ **Wednesday, Aug. 19, 6-7 p.m.,** Sea Salt: Discover the wines of Italy at a complimentary wine tasting and receive 50 percent off any wine featured in the tasting when purchased that evening with dinner; free, 1186 Third Street South; 434-7258.

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■ **Saturday, Aug. 29, 10 a.m.,** Ridgway Bar & Grill: Chef/owner Tony Ridgway leads a class on soups, during which students will learn how to make 30-minute New England clam chowder and crab and corn chowder; \$20; Third Street and 13th Avenue South; 262-5500. Reservations required. ■

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802NA37262 \$130,000



**Golden Gate Estates 3/2/2 2.50 Acres**

This house is in good condition, has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, two car garage. Tile floors, under truss lanai fruit trees.

802NA33623 \$120,000



**Golden Gate Estates Great Price**

Potential Short Sale, spacious 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, 2 car garage, tile throughout, vaulted ceilings. ~2,020 sq under air

802NA46224 \$119,000



**2/2 End Unit Condo Great Location**

Furnished - very convenient location - close to shopping/ Vacant-good size lanai. Exterior newer paint and roof. Must see

802NA45829 \$119,000



**Huge fenced back yard**

Foreclosure. 3/2 fenced home large living area and huge back yard.

802NA10011 \$94,900



**Golden Gate Estates**

Foreclosure- Light and bright 3 bed 2 bath concrete block home available. Here is your chance to own a quality home

802NA22647 \$79,900



**Large Spacious Home - Short Sale**

What a view! 4/2/2 with long lake view, a little TLC makes this a great deal.-

802NA45562 \$73,900



**Short Sale Priced to Sell**

Nice 3/2/2 in Cape Coral - eat in kitchen nice yard and priced for sell today !

802NA24760 \$50,000



**Foreclosure Priced Right**

Cute 3 bed 2 bath home situated on a cleared, gated and fenced .50 acre lot. Recently remodeled with tile floors.

802NA46206 \$40,000