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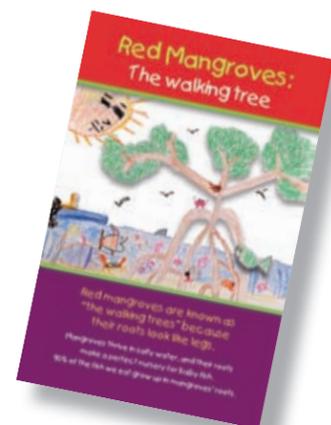
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BY EVAN WILLIAMS

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AT A SMALL CHINESE TAKEOUT PLACE IN SOUTHWEST Florida, a busy but pleasant woman named Su Pan hoists an order of General Tso's chicken onto the counter and counts the change. In keeping with what Florida Weekly learned at many of the Chinese restaurants we explored last week in Naples, Fort Myers and Port Charlotte, Ms. Pan says Gen. Tso's chicken is the most popular dish her restaurant serves. Gen. Tso, a 19th century Hunanese military man, probably would be surprised that

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Above: Sandy, Jessica, Elton and Michael Huang at Szechuan Chinese Restaurant. Inset: a portrait of General Tso, by Piassetsky.

200 volunteers needed to assemble meals for hungry

BY KELLY MERRITT

Special to Florida Weekly

Few things strike a chord in people's hearts like thinking of a child going hungry. But in America, thousands of children and families go hungry every day.

In Collier County, organizations like Grace Place for Children and Families and Rotary Feeds, a Naples Rotary Club project, are doing everything they can to feed families.

The two groups are preparing for their second annual partnership in Kids Against Hunger, a project that will result in thousands of ready-to-prepare meals for hungry families in Collier County.

The effort begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, at Grace Place in Golden Gate city. Two hundred volunteers are needed to work two shifts, packaging 56,000 balanced, nutritious casserole meals that will be distributed to food pantries, charitable agencies and even school children.

In assembly-line fashion, teams of eight to 10 people will set up around long tables to measure and fill individual bags with rice, beans, soy protein powder, vitamins and flavorings. Then the bags will be sealed and boxes packed for delivery. All that's required to prepare each meal is boiling water.

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Young and old alike pitched in to package meals at Grace Place last year. Organizers hope for the same this year.

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What do the numbers really mean?



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— the highest since 1975, when Tricky Dick Nixon was president and we left Vietnam from a Saigon rooftop.

Maybe this is a harbinger of things soon to come. Maybe we'll leave Iraq from a Baghdad rooftop, or pull out of Afghanistan from a Kabul rooftop (if it's flat and a rooftop, it's good enough for government work, I always say).

In Collier, between a brace of merry Septembers (2008 to 2009), 8,700 jobs were lost, which put the job-loss rate at an unnerving 7.3 percent, or two-tenths of a percentage point behind Lee's, which was 7.5 percent. Those muscular figures give Lee and Collier the distinction of ranking No. 1 and 2 among Florida's 67 counties for the rate of jobs lost.

So we're leaders here in the Sunshine State. Whosoever shall disapprove, so shall he go to New York, which is 1,100 miles from the county building in Naples, or Chicago, which is 1,135 miles from the county building, or even to Atlanta, which is a mere 550 miles. And there shall he look for something better.

What does all this really mean? It means that almost 20,000 people in the county's workforce of roughly 150,000 are without work.

But what does that mean?

First let me say it does not necessarily mean we have to worry. After all, maybe most of these people don't really want to work. Probably they're independently wealthy. In that case, they're out of work because they already

worked (even if only at spending their inheritances or their corporate bonuses). And like any sane human being, especially a rich one, they'd prefer to sit around eating pastries and drinking cappuccinos to live, rather than working to live.

What's wrong with that theory? The number of banks certainly supports it. All those people must be hoarding their money in Collier's 92 banks, since no person sane enough to drink cappuccino and eat pastry instead of work, would put his money or hers in the stock market or some real estate investment scheme, right?

As an aside, let me point out that Lee County's unemployment rate was announced at 13.9 percent, which happens to be — through no coincidence, I'm sure — exactly the same as that of Las Vegas. Lee County is thus suitable as a place to go for any Collier residents or visitors who wish to gamble on real estate investment schemes or craps tables or the slots, but who do not wish to travel more than 2,000 mile to Las Vegas to do it. Many have in the past, and most of them are now unemployed in North Dakota, or living as ex-pats in Sudan.

Anyway, while the rich are sitting around pretending to be part of the great unwashed and unemployed (although I prefer to think of them as employed by leisure) — and driving up the numbers — some people are actually working in Collier County. In the public schools, for example,

there are roughly 2,200 teachers, and some of them are actually teaching. Are they teaching our children how to sip cappuccinos and eat pastry? I certainly hope so.

Not only that, but in the private sector, Naples Community Hospital employs about 3,000 people to take care of those who have had too much pastry; Publix employs some 2,200 people for those who want something besides pastry; and Wal-Mart employs more than 1,500, for those who have to work in the schools, or at Publix, and prefer to shop inexpensively.

Meanwhile, Fifth Third Bank alone, one of the 92, employed 733 people, which was only 10 fewer than the Marriott, with 743 people. In the case of the hotel chain, all of them are there to help visitors who have come to spend a few nights and learn how we rich folks do it.

There are still some of us — not me, if I can help it, but some others — who prefer to do it for ourselves (I prefer servants, or in extremis, children), which is why Home Depot has to employ more than 500 people.

So where do all these numbers leave us? They leave us standing on the corner of Statistics Avenue and Conjecture Street, where numbers always leave us standing.

The new numbers are out, and they don't look good. But what they mean — what this recession means, and what your life means in or out of the workforce — is only up to you.

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OPINION

Obama deserves the Nobel Prize

BY RICH LOWRY

President Barack Obama deserved the Nobel Peace Prize. That's an indictment, not a compliment. Rather than living up to the honor, it should be Obama's mission to show he's thoroughly unworthy of it.

The Nobel Peace Prize comes in three flavors. It is sometimes awarded to statesmen for accomplishments. Think Theodore Roosevelt brokering peace between Russia and Japan after their 1905 war, or Woodrow Wilson personally negotiating the Treaty of Versailles. It is awarded to human-rights activists resisting repressive regimes. Dissidents Shirin Ebadi (Iran) and Aung San Suu Kyi (Burma) exemplify this standard. Lastly, it is given to "citizens of the world" who seek to throttle American power.

Even Obama's supporters concede he doesn't belong in the first category of diplomatic giants (yet). And even by the self-pitying standards of Michelle Obama, Barack Obama isn't a victim of persecution. That leaves the third category, putting him in league with such highly politicized recent recipients of

the prize as Kofi Annan, Jimmy Carter and Mohamed ElBaradei. He should recoil from this woeful company.

Annan won jointly with the U.N. in 2001. The organization was reeling from episodes of deadly fecklessness in Bosnia and Rwanda, where it established a peace of the grave for Bosnia's Muslims and for hundreds of thousands of Tutsis. But so what? The prize had a transparently political point: to bolster the U.N. so President George W. Bush would feel constrained by it when responding to the Sept. 11 attacks.

Carter? Yes, he has the Camp David Accords and decades of good works. But when he won in 2002, his main appeal was as a scourge of Bush the warmonger. ElBaradei and his International Atomic Energy Agency jointly won the prize in 2005 on similar grounds.

For the five Norwegian parliamentarians who make up the Nobel Committee, Obama is a godsend. They look at him and see a version of themselves — a self-consciously sophisticated internationalist appalled by America for much of this decade and committed to constraining its power in a net of international organizations. Except Obama happens to be

the president of the United States. This is a near miracle, and one the committee couldn't ignore.

Given this context, Obama should be insulted, not "humbled," by the prize. If the Nobel Committee is right about Obama, he will force Israel into an unsustainable peace, or throw it overboard; he will reach an accommodation with a nuclear Iran; he will let Afghanistan slide back into chaos (perhaps with the cover of a notional deal with the Taliban); and he will give China and Russia a veto over all significant American international actions in the U.N. Security Council. On the domestic front, he will bring a European-style welfare state to U.S. shores, and watch as the dominance of the dollar fades, another artifact of an era of post-World War II American pre-eminence that he implicitly declares over.

This is the promise the Nobel Committee sees in Obama, and why — if he is to succeed as an American president as opposed to a crowd-pleasing citizen of the world — he must prove it wrong. ■

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

GUEST OPINION

Time to take the long view



danRATHER

Special to Florida Weekly

News comes fast and furious, bringing new issues and concerns daily or even hourly. Political debates rage at home, troubling headlines come in from overseas — it's easy to get caught up in all of it, especially if the news is one's stock in trade. And in a democracy, of course, it's important for all of us to remain informed about and involved in developments in domestic and international events. But sometimes it's also important to take a longer view.

"One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth forever," is what the Good Book says. In truth, a great deal of what we obsess over today won't much be remembered or matter in a few decades, much less a hundred years or two. The damage we are doing to this Earth, however, does have the potential to reach far into the future and greatly alter the lives of those generations to cometh. That's your grandchildren and mine, folks, and their kids after them. Nevertheless, we hear precious little in the news these

days about the environment — except for global climate change, about which we're doing precious little.

One story that did seem to make an impression this past summer concerned a section of the Pacific Ocean — a patch now twice the size of Texas — that is a concentrated, toxic stew of plastics. Plastics that, if the mere fact of this doesn't concern you, are entering the food chain on which we, humans, sit atop. There was a week or so of concern and even outrage about this, and people still bring it up from time to time. But it's yet to become a rallying cry for change in how we treat the oceans from which life arose and which sustain us still.

These would be the same oceans that, according to National Geographic, have been producing large blobs of disease-carrying mucus: "marine mucilage" — clusters of dead and living organic matter that attract bacteria and viruses and have been popping up in the Mediterranean and Adriatic seas. They are harmful to humans and fish and have been increasing exponentially in recent years.

These would be the same oceans that, according to report after report, modern fishing techniques have cleaned out to the point where all — all! — the world's fisheries are in danger of collapse by mid-century. The same oceans where

larger species such as tuna and swordfish consumed so much mercury that to eat them with regularity is to openly court mercury poisoning.

Surely, you may be thinking, the world's governments must be doing *something* about all this. Well, they have. In 2003, for example, 123 national signatories to the U.N. Convention on Biological Diversity pledged to "achieve, by 2010, a significant reduction of the current rate of biodiversity loss at the local, national and regional levels, as a contribution to poverty alleviation and to the benefit of all life on Earth." This week, leading biodiversity experts meeting in South Africa concluded that the parties to this convention will fall far short of the goals to which they committed.

What is the price of inaction? According to these same experts, rates of extinction that statistics show are dramatically worse than even the most dire predictions of a few years ago.

We are gradually destroying the only home we know, which is another way of saying that we're gradually destroying ourselves. The signs have become unmistakable, but our governments and our other institutions, built to respond to short-term needs to the practical exclusion of all others, are doing little to nothing. The needs of the present are always pressing, but it may be time to start thinking and acting long term, before it's too late to act at all. ■

MOMENTS IN TIME

► On **Oct. 22, 1797**, the first parachute jump of note is made by Andre-Jacques Garnerin from a hydrogen balloon 3,200 feet above Paris. As he failed to include an air vent at the top of the prototype, Garnerin oscillated wildly in his descent, and he landed shaken but unhurt.

► On **Oct. 23, 1989**, 23 people die in a series of explosions sparked by an ethylene leak at the Phillips Petroleum Company factory in Pasadena, Texas.

A subsequent investigation found that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) had not done a comprehensive inspection of the plant since 1975.

► On **Oct. 24, 1861**, workers of the Western Union Telegraph Company link the nation's eastern and western telegraph networks, completing the first transcontinental line. The obstacles to building the line were huge.

Among other things, Sioux warriors had cut a completed part of the line and took a long section of wire for making bracelets.

► On **Oct. 25, 1944**, during the Battle of the Leyte Gulf, the Japanese deploy kamikaze ("divine wind") suicide bombers against American warships for the first time. More than 1,321 Japanese aircraft crash-dived their planes into Allied warships during the war. ■

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So, what if the difficulty of decorating could be eliminated and the challenge could be reduced to the simplicity of a child painting by numbers? What if decorating your entire room or home could be ac-

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15 MINUTES

Dad's poker playing thrilled his young daughter

BY SUSAN BROWN
Special to Florida Weekly

His easy southern drawl might lull some into thinking the man is low-key; but when it comes to life, Mark Cole is all-in. This Texas-born Naples resident embraced the "everything-is-bigger" motto of his birthplace and then ran with it.

From his first job selling lawn and garden equipment at Montgomery Ward in Riverdale, Texas, to building an empire in the modular housing industry, Mr. Cole does things big.

He's smart, charming and skilled with numbers. Add to the mix his resources and keen ability for reading people and you've got the makings for a world champion poker player. Indeed, Mr. Cole upped the ante when he went from entrepreneur to professional gambler — practically overnight.

In his early 20s, he enjoyed success playing high-stakes poker in his home state. "Used to be when you told people you were a poker player, it was pretty shameful," he says.

Directing his attention to his family and his business, he cashed in his chips for years of more traditional pursuits. But television, the Internet and hole-card cameras later transformed poker into a vanity sport, and in 2003, Mr. Cole's young daughter, Jessica, caught poker fever.

A numbers whiz with a passion for cards, Jessica started watching the World Poker Tour on television. Not long after, father and daughter started tuning in

together. Jessica quickly learned the names of all the poker pros; Annie Duke was her favorite.

Mr. Cole set up a play money account online for Jessica as "jesseduke," while he played for real green on a pay site. After observing her father's online successes, Jessica told him, "You're better than those guys, Dad. You should play on TV."

And so began his quest.

In 2004, Mr. Cole bought a seat at the World Series of Poker, where he placed 11th. ESPN only televised games involving players who ranked ninth and higher, but Mr. Cole was undeterred. He embarked on a fulltime gambling career. His persistence paid off in spades. In 2005, he made his WSOP television debut when he advanced to The Final Table and placed fifth in the tournament; by 2006, he ranked 28th in the world.

Mr. Cole says his greatest personal reward came with earning his seat at The Final Table and making it onto television in 2005. He only wishes Jessica had lived to see it happen.

Diagnosed with brain cancer at age 5, she died in December 2004 after an arduous, seven-year battle; she was only 13.

"Jessica had absolutely the most positive outlook of anyone you ever met," Mr. Cole says. She never complained; once when his wife told Mr. Cole that Jessica suffered an especially difficult day, Jessica said, "Mom's crazy; I had a great day," he says.

Jessica loved hearing about her dad's poker adventures. When he started playing in 2004, he'd call his daughter and put



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Mark Cole and his daughter Jessica

other players on the phone with her. "She knew them all," he says.

In addition to her favorite poker personalities, Jessica adored Robin Williams. "She loved 'Mrs. Doubtfire'; she watched it a thousand times," Mr. says. She also wanted to meet Mr. Williams, and The

Make a Wish Foundation endeavored to make her dream a reality.

Mr. Williams invited Jessica to California to visit a filming project, but when he learned she was too sick to travel, he chartered a jet at his own expense and spent the day with Jessica at her home in Greensboro, N.C. The pair played Secret Seven and watched the Carolina Panthers battle the Denver Broncos.

Mr. Cole chuckles as he recounts the afternoon. While Jessica's occasional short-term memory loss didn't impair her ability to beat Mr. Williams at cards, when he excused himself to use the restroom, she turned to her father and asked, "Dad, who is that guy I'm playing cards with?"

As for Mr. Cole, nowadays his card playing is purely recreational. The Coles maintain residences in Texas and North Carolina, but Naples has been home for them since 2005. Mr. Cole says when he's away, he craves the lazy winter days he spends here. No wonder; despite retiring in October 2004, he recently returned to the modular home business, and he owns a tree farm, golf course and thriving barbecue business in Texas.

He and his wife, Marsha, married 24 years, established the Jessica Cole Foundation to provide help and support for terminally ill children and their families.

Mr. Cole still finds time for an occasional online game of Texas Hold'em using his daughter's moniker. Best beware if you encounter player "jesseduke" because even better than an ace, the man behind the mouse holds an angel up his sleeve. ■

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his name is attached to the dish that caters to Western tastes, fried and spicy-sweet with a rich sauce.

It certainly doesn't represent the sophistication of China's vast culinary landscape, which unfortunately is absent on most menus in the United States. But it does represent the innovation of Chinese immigrants, whose first takeout restaurants, called "chow chows," sprung up in California in the 1860s.

While working on the Central Pacific Railroad, some of those immigrants opened eateries. Lacking access to fresh seafood, herbs and other ingredients they relied on back home, they prepared meals with what they could find and afford. They tried to maintain a semblance of authenticity while at the same time catering to the tastes of white railroad workers.

Since then, the popularity of Chinese-American food has endured like any bold American culinary invention, including Coca-Cola, hamburgers and apple pie. While dishes like Gen. Tso's chicken, chop suey, chow mien, Happy Family or sweet-and-sour pork might be Chinese in theory, they're actually as American as Ms. Pan's family: three generations connected to China by varying degrees, who all take their part in seven-day work weeks at the restaurant.

Her mother and father, two brothers and husband all work at the restaurant. Her 5-year-old son, Hanson, does his homework there after school. Her 4-year-old daughter, Summer, is staying with her grandparents at the semi-rural village in China where Ms. Pan, 31, grew up. Next year, when Summer is old enough to start school here, she will rejoin her parents and brother.

The Pan family, who run Chinese Kitchen on Metro Parkway and Winkler Avenue in Fort Myers, are among many Chinese immigrants who came to America all at once or little by little. Many started in New York City's Chinatown and followed relatives to places like Southwest Florida. Their experiences include a variety of challenges, including reconciling Chinese and American cultures and language.

The American experience

Michael Huang, originally from Taiwan, came here to pursue "The American Dream," he says. He and Sandy Huang grew up in China and have owned Szechuan Chinese Restaurant in Naples, with a full dining room and bar, for 20 years.

Their children, 22-year-old Jessica and 24-year-old Elton ("Like the singer," his sister explained) grew up in Naples. He played on the high-school football team and is pursuing a career as an X-ray technician; she's a luminous literary talent, interested in poet-



Above: Fu Pan, Dayton Pan, Wen Fang Zhen, Zi Biin Pan, Li Zhen Fang, Hanson Tang, Yan Tang, and Su Pan at China Kitchen in Fort Myers.

ry and dark Russian novels. They bear scant traces of their parent's accents.

"On the one hand, he was able to come here and be a lot more prosperous," Jessica Huang says about her father. "He could send money home to his mother and also provide for our family. On the other hand, he misses home. His culture is still very much Chinese." (See excerpts from Jessica Huang's essay about her father below).

Elton grew up working at his parents' restaurant after school. "I would always come here right after football practice," he said. "I started bussing tables, then worked the cashier and did deliveries. I kind of did everything."

At Jeff's Gourmet Chinese Takeout & Delivery in South Fort Myers, many people are surprised to find a white woman from Superior, Wis., owner Barbara Lau, taking their order. Her husband, Jeff, home last week with a back injury, was born and raised in Hong Kong.

"A lot of times I say, 'I'm his wife, I'm the owner,' and they just look at me like 'Really?'"

Ms. Lau, 55, says. "They're surprised. But Jeff has a following." In the funny-grumpy way longtime couples talk about each other, she adds, "He has a personality people love. I don't get it, but they do."

The Laus met when they worked together at a Chinese restaurant in Duluth, Minn. They followed her husband's sisters to Fort Myers 13 years ago and have four children, including three boys. One girl, 19-year-old Melissa, also works at the restaurant. The family celebrates holidays Mr. Lau grew up with, like the Chinese New Year.

"A couple weeks ago was Moon Day," Ms. Lau says. "It's once a year on a different day. It came about as har-

"It's really the second generation to benefit from the hard work of the first generation."

— Cynthia Lee, curator for the Museum of Chinese in America in New York City



COURTESY PHOTO
Yanyan Chen, Leo Lu, Yufu Lu and Wanwei Lu at China Wok in Port Charlotte.

vest day, because the moon is low and bright over there, and over here."

Ms. Lau has no problem communicating in English, because it's her native language. But Yufu Lu, who runs China Wok in Port Charlotte, speaks his native language, Fujianese, exclusively. His 25-year-old son, Leo Lu, translates for his father.

Yufu Lu started out working at restaurants in New York City's Chinatown in the 1980s, when the Chinese-

American style of cuisine that originated with mid-19th century railroad workers boomed, giving rise to Chinese takeouts, buffets and sit-down restaurants all over the country. Following relatives who moved to Orlando, Mr.

Lu moved to Southwest Florida in the 1990s and opened China Wok in 2001.

"We found out this place is better," he says. "This place is quieter (than New York City)."

The Lu's restaurant is in the humblest of locations, much like Ms. Pan's: a small suite in a strip mall. It's the kind of hole-in-the-wall where so many Chinese takeout places operate. Besides capitalizing on Southwest

Florida's seemingly unabated hunger for Chinese cuisine, the restaurants give their proprietors means to support children who are discovering a different American experience than their parents knew, one they hope has even greater promise.

"It's really the second generation to benefit from the hard work of the first generation," says Cynthia Lee, the curator for Museum of Chinese in America in New York City.

Ms. Lee organized a 2005 exhibit at MOCA called "Have You Eaten Yet?" about Chinese immigrants and their families who played their parts in restaurants. The show expressed "the phenomenon of Chinese restaurants," Ms. Lee says, "how they were able to adapt to different cultural environments, what great entrepreneurs the first ones were and continued to be; how the restaurateurs tried to introduce something that seemed so exotic to mainstream American palates and how they tried to strike a balance."

A popular place to eat

With three times as many Chinese restaurants as McDonalds nationwide, according to Chinese Restaurant News, they are ubiquitous enough to be taken for granted.

Critics regularly dismiss the food as unauthentic (whatever that means) and unhealthy (so what?). According to the founders of Zagat restaurant survey in a 2007 *New York Times* editorial, the state of Chinese cuisine in America is "abysmal."

Yet, the America you know wouldn't be the same without Chinese-American fast food. What would people working late at the office do without the comforting thought of fried rice, crispy duck or sweet-and-sour pork beckoning from a menu in the desk drawer? And the pleasures of Chinese takeout, packaged in oyster pails and Styrofoam boxes with clever, complimentary little cookies, is a comfort in the worst of times.

Even on the week after the Twin Towers fell in Manhattan, for example, people labored to bring Chinese takeout to a "shaken populace." It was the subject of this paragraph in Jay McInerney's latest novel, "The Good Life":

To Luke, it seemed nothing short of miraculous that you could still pick up the phone and conjure up moo shu pork, shrimp toast, and fried dumplings, that men from Shaolin and Shanghai were fanning out on mountain bikes through the streets and avenues above Canal, bearing the sacraments of a New York Sunday night in plastic bags slung over their handlebars. This much of the metropolitan idea, at least, was intact. Smoking a cigarette under the awning of his building as the doormen politely ignored him, he counted five of them racing their bicycles across Seventy-seventh Street, ministering to the shaken populace at the end of this apocalyptic week. ■

largest collection of menus

>> **Harvey Spiller**, a Brooklyn-born "meat and potatoes" eater, became a connoisseur of Chinese food after moving to Manhattan in 1981. He also started collecting menus from Chinese restaurants. The collection, which he estimates at near 10,000 menus, from more than 100 nations, ranging in age from the 19th century to today, earned him a spot in the Guinness Book of World Records for "largest menu collection." Much of it appeared in MOCA's 2005 exhibit, "Have you eaten yet?"

He has also written articles for Chinese Restaurant News and collects many other items, like watches. Some of his stories about Chinese restaurant owners are available in a book called

"Gastropolis: Food and New York City," published by Columbia University Press in 2009. (For more information on Mr. Spiller, check out his Web site, www.inspectorcollector.com.)

Although for many years he loved Gen. Tso's chicken, his tastes now run toward Dim Sum. It's difficult to find in Southwest Florida. Of dishes like Gen. Tso's, he says, "I still eat it. I'm almost over it. Gen. Tso's is crispy, greasy, fried, delicious. I went on a (Gen. Tso's) kick for years."

Asking Mr. Spiller which menu is his favorite was like asking him to choose between his children.

"In a collection with many gorgeous and beautifully designed and luxurious suede and leather

and wood menus, I love them all," he said. "So if you're going to ask me my favorite, I'd say the one from Ho Hum. It's a plain black and white, 4 inches by 11 inches, and it's the most boring menu in my collection. When you have a collection of a lot of things, sometimes the simplest ones sing the loudest."

His collection all began in the summer of 1981, at his new apartment in Manhattan, with "a strange noise at the door."

"I thought I was being robbed," Mr. Spiller said. "So I poked around the corner and I saw something under the doorjamb and there was a menu. It was interesting because it had typographical mistakes

that were amusing. It was interesting because it had foods I didn't know. It was interesting because it was free."

That was the year, Mr. Spiller discovered, that a woman who owned a Chinese restaurant in his neighborhood began distributing menus to drum up business.

"Her staff was sitting around," he said. "I don't know what they were doing, picking their nails, chewing sunflower seeds. So she got them on their bikes, had them slip a menu under every door. It became, for a while, the most successful Chinese restaurant on the Upper West Side. So without knowing it, I stumbled into a phenomenon."

Vivid memories of childhood summers in Taiwan

From an essay by Jessica Huang about her father, Michael Huang, owner of Szechuan Chinese Restaurant in Naples, and his family in Taiwan.:

“When Baba (father) was my age, he served tables at a restaurant in the Grand Hotel in Taipei, Taiwan.

On each of our summer vacations to Taiwan, we drive past the hotel on our way to Goo Goo’s home in Keeloung.

He always points out the great big red palace sitting atop Yuanshan Mountain and tells us stories of how he used to see Madame Chiang Kai-shek and about the secret passageways she would use to travel around the Dragon Palace. Baba would give a good portion of his salary from his job, which paid less than 680 NT a month, roughly \$20, to Ama, his mother, and put the rest toward a bicycle.

“Baba moved the family to Naples after buying Szechuan Chinese Restaurant with two partners who later left to run their own businesses.

For the first three years, Baba hardly saw any customers.

During the years before elementary school, I barely remember seeing Baba at all except for when Mama would take us to work with her. When Baba would come back home it would be past 10 p.m., but he still gave me horse rides for a nickel.

After hearing my pleas, he would play Chao Libo Chao Libo with me by sweeping his finger tips like a broom across my palm as he sang in a staccato rhythm, Chao Libo Chao Libo, chi chi chi, picked up tempo, Chi Libo Chi Libo, and squealed, ni ni ni ni, which resulted every time in a gleeful fit of laughter as he quickly pinched the skin on the underside of my outstretched forearms.



Sandy, Jessica, Michael and Elton Huang at Szechuan Chinese Restaurant.

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“Baba would bring our family back to Taiwan every few years, starting when I was a baby.

“My first memories of these visits begin when I was around 8 years old. We stayed in Keelung at Goo Goo’s apartment, which was up several flights of stairs.

“Goo Goo was my father’s sister.

“She, Baba, and their mother looked like spitting images of each other.

“They all had the same full cheeks and noses, which looked like pumpkins every time they laughed, ‘he he he he.’ I spent most of these early visits at Goo Goo’s with traveler’s sickness and jet lag, and opted to stay in and watch ‘Lion King’ over and over again during the daytime. We washed ourselves by pouring plastic pots of water out of the bathtub, over

our heads, and onto the green cubed tile with a drain in the center. Something felt unclean about this process and I would finish up as quickly as possible.

“By nightfall, I would feel life restored in me. Goo Goo and her husband, Goo Chung’s relatives would gather for big seafood dinners. On those humid, summer nights, we sat around circular tables stocked with platters full of garlic-coated steamed crabs. They spun around on Lazy Susan turntables, and their cracked and emptied shells piled higher as the night wore on. Baba would save me the best pieces.

“He carefully cracked the crab claws open, held the tender, flakey meat by the one remaining claw and dipped it in warm butter before slipping it onto my plate. I ravenously consumed the food and picked

into the shells with my little finger nails to get at every last morsel.

Neither my brother nor I would eat the greenish brains and orangish egg sacs. My Baba would eat those delicacies for us.

The same went for the whitened eyeballs of steamed fish. He would use his chopsticks to show us the hard white beads that remained after sucking away the meaty bits.

“The neighboring streets were alive with street market food vendors and children’s games.

“Some tables were stocked with bushels of lichees and dragon eye fruits. Others with fresh-caught fish and octopus lying atop plastic bins of ice. At the cooked food stands, wooden sticks held everything from dried squid to candied cherry tomatoes. Cho dofu filled the air with a sulfurous odor, and wet, black sesame-filled balls of translucent rice dough begged to burst inside my mouth. Makeshift carnival games cost a coin. My brother and I fished for our prizes in small buckets of water teeming with small colorful fish. The trick was that the nets were made of rice paper that dissolved from the water and would break from the weight of the fish.

“Baba, Mama, brother and I slept together in one bed with a portable fan humming in the background.

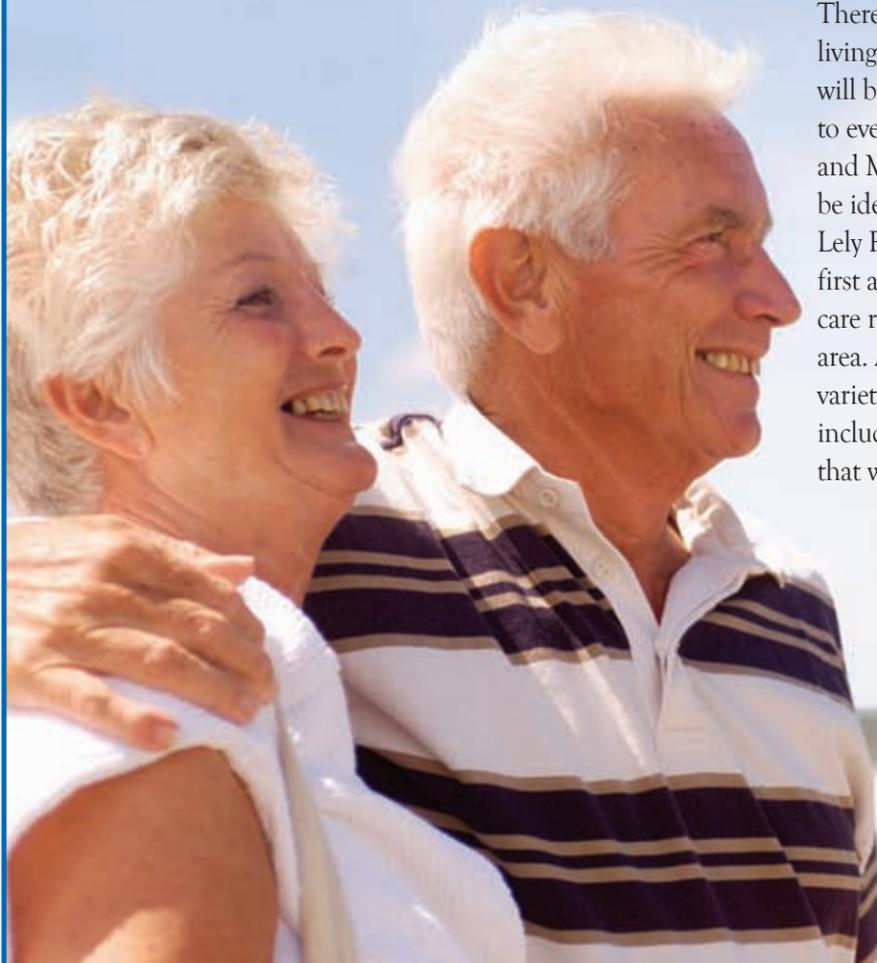
“Baba would snore, Mama would toss and turn until she found the perfect sleeping position, brother would be fast asleep, and I would be counting sheep in Mandarin.

“Goo Goo died not too long ago of a heart attack.

“My father didn’t make it back to Taiwan for the funeral. He went to work as usual and did not laugh or smile for a long time.” ■

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UNDERCOVER HISTORIAN

Learning about Mr. Watson: the stuff of which legends are made

BY LOIS BOLIN

Special to Florida Weekly

I figure the moon must be in the seventh house as Jupiter aligns with Mars, because opportunities to explore Southern culture, my roots and local history keep rising up. Could there be a connection between my visit back home to the Carolinas (South, to be exact; we only believe in one), followed by a memory-lane trip to Chokoloskee and a visit to Bartstown, Ky., via Louisville, the home of Walter Haldeman, one of our town's founding fathers?

I wrestle with these coincidents, knowing there are no accidents, therefore some universal meaning, some truth or lesson, must be lurking somewhere. Right? (I quietly suspect it's a thought process that comes when a not-so-welcomed birthday is rapidly approaching, but prefer to assume it is something grander.)

One afternoon, while I was deep in my Southern existential abyss, a woman walked into the Naples Backyard History Mini Museum to ask why I had not written about the most famous "Chokoloskeeian" of all: Edgar J. Watson, the legendary outlaw made famous by Peter Matthiessen, author of what was to be called "The Watson Trilogy" but came to be called "Shadow Country."

Using this interruption as my inspiration ('cause it just had to be another sign), I set out to learn more about this notorious outlaw and sugar cane farmer, and what heritage lessons his journey might hold for me.

Mr. Watson was born Nov. 11, 1853 or Nov. 7, 1855 — take your pick — near my Mama's birth town of Edgefield, S.C. (Could he have been kin? We do share the same "birth sign.") In the years that he lived in the Florida counties of Columbia, Monroe and Lee, it was rumored that he killed a lot of folks — and I mean a lot (I share his compulsive obsession for over-achieving).

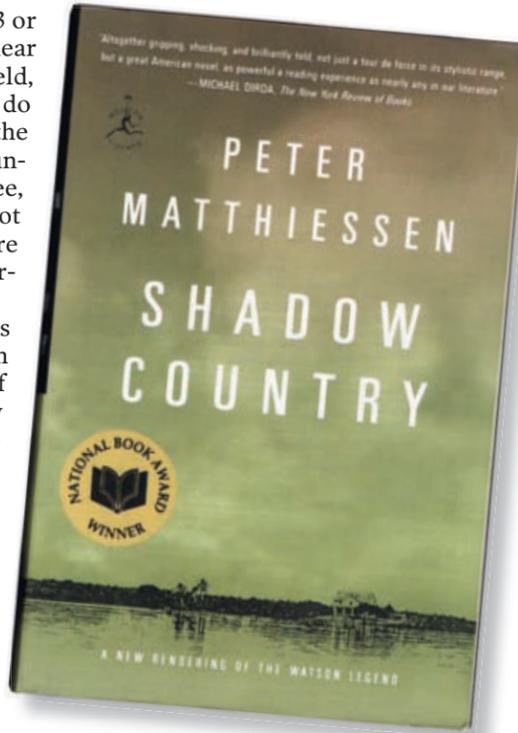
While my kin killed with kindness ("Here, eat some more"), Mr. Watson killed with a gun, no small amount of finesse and a shroud of invisibility (or perhaps, in his mind, invincibility). Two of his alleged killings in particular captured the imagination of folklore lovers: that of the notorious Western outlaw Belle Starr and that of the hired hands who came from his sugar cane fields to pick up their wages.

Although no one was ever convicted of the crime of ambushing Miss Starr, it was right around the time of her death that Mr. Watson changed his middle name, perhaps to fool the law. (I changed by name, too, in 1986 —but not for the same reason.)

Mr. Watson came to the Ten Thousand Islands, the land of promise for outlaws and misunderstood folks, in the 1880s, purchasing land at Chatham Bend River to raise vegetables and sugar cane (not the only kind of cane he raised).

There are various accounts of his doings at Chatham Bend.

Ted Smallwood recounted that Mr. Watson never did him any harm, and



With Mr. Watson's death, a Southwest Florida legend was born. From my reading, I gathered that this legend, who was neither a natural-born killer nor a man with a criminal mentality, was simply a man programmed for revenge (after all, he's a Scorpio and Scots-Irish who grew to manhood during the Civil War) and was destined to avenge his father's lost destiny by participating in the potential of prosperity this last frontier in America offered.

Mr. Matthiessen thought his book "Shadow Country" could be a metaphor on the tragic history of unbridled enterprise through the eyes of backcountry folks who had no say in the economics of their times.

I think the book, and the story of Mr. Watson, holds a message for every reader. For me, it was an insight to better understand the kind of backwoods folks who had only grit and rage to see them through incredibly hard times — a grit and rage often masked by moments of "bitter eloquence and darkly funny tones" while in the pursuit of a happiness that was yet to be defined. ■

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

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In assembly-line fashion, volunteers measure ingredients then fill and seal plastic bags.

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Everyone — children, youth and adults of all ages — is welcome to pitch in to fill and seal plastic storage bags and pack boxes. No heavy lifting is required.

Each person who works is asked to donate \$30 to help cover the cost of bulk food and materials. “We won’t turn anyone away that wants to help,” says Rev. Stephanie Campbell of Grace Place.

Kids Against Hunger is a nationwide program through which various organizations purchase the supplies and mobilize the manpower to assemble an astounding number of meals in a single session. Steve Popper and the Naples Rotary Club started organizing Kids Against Hunger events locally a couple years ago. As a partner host on Oct. 31, Grace Place will provide the site, handle publicity, recruit volunteers and pay for some of the bulk food.

Local Rotarians, through a Rotary Feeds grant, help purchase bulk food supplies and provide all the equipment for measuring, packaging and sealing the bulk food product. Individual donations also help pay for the food.

The food cost is such that no one agency or volunteer organization can absorb the total budget alone. According to Rev. Campbell, that’s one of the things that make this event so special: bringing the members of the community together to benefit the community as a whole.

“It’s about getting the whole community involved in feeding our neighbors,” she says. Last year, about 80 people worked each shift, one from 9 to 11 a.m. and another from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The project is also “an incredibly good stewardship opportunity, because nutrition is a major problem for lower-income people,” Rev. Campbell adds.

Statistics show lower-income people exist on a diet of mostly non-nutritious foods because they’re less expensive than healthy food choices.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service defines “food security” as having consistent

access to enough food for an active, healthy life. It’s estimated that 35.5 million Americans, including 1 million children, are “food insecure,” according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The USDA also says emergency food assistance plays a crucial role in the survival of low-income families.

The meals packaged at Grace Place will be distributed through the Harry Chapin Food Bank and Collier Harvest to all the agencies in Collier County that provide food assistance to families in need.

A list of food pantries can be found at www.CollierHomelessCoalition.org.

Grace Place is a nonprofit, faith-based organization and neighborhood center that provides programs for at-risk children and families living in poverty in Golden Gate city. The area was identified by a Naples Children and Education Foundation study on child well being as most in need of assistance in all of Collier County outside Immokalee.

Grace Place educational programs teach children and families basic educational and life skills essential to their survival and success.

Programs are free with a focus on academic excellence and social competency among numerous other forms of enrichment.

For more information or to volunteer for the Kids Against Hunger event, call 455-2707 or visit www.GracePlaceNaples.org. ■

hunger numbers

>> An estimated 35.5 million Americans are “food insecure,” meaning they do not have access to enough nutritious food for a healthy lifestyle.

>> More than 9 million children are estimated to be served by the Feeding America Network, 2 million of whom are 5 years old or younger.

>> Hungry children represent nearly 13 percent of the youth population under age 18 in America and more than 72 percent of all children in poverty worldwide.

>> 1.59 million households with senior citizens have been reported as food insecure.

Sources: USDA/ERS, Household Food Security in the United States, Hunger in America

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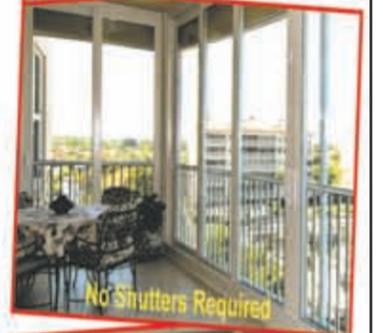
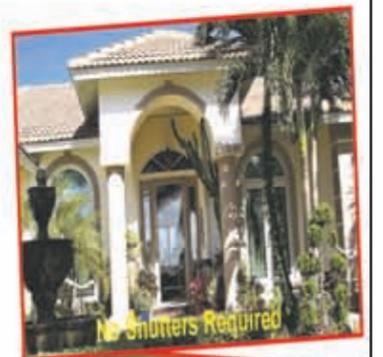
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With Thanksgiving quickly approaching, Youth Haven is seeking support of its annual effort to provide essentials for holiday meals to the more than 1,600 children and family members served through the Youth Haven's residential emergency shelter and outreach programs.

“Requests for assistance are already pouring in. Many are having a difficult time providing one day's worth of food for their children, let alone enough for a nutritious Thanksgiving celebration,” says Youth Haven CEO Ron McSwiney.

The agency is collecting non-perishable food donations as well as gift cards to food stores and other monetary donations to purchase dinner items that will be distributed in advance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Due to refrigeration limitations, perishable items cannot be accepted. Suggested donations include:

- **Canned foods** such as green beans, mixed vegetables, carrots, corn, candied yams, fruit cocktail, fruit, cranberry sauce, jarred gravy, cream of mushroom/cream of celery soup, ham, condensed and evaporated milk
- **Pantry items** such as beans, rice, raw potatoes (regular and sweet), gravy mix, pasta, pasta sauce, stuffing mix, boxed mashed potatoes, biscuit mix, French-fried onions, cooking oil, salt and pepper
- **Sweet treats** including pumpkin-pie filling, spices, flour, sugar, powdered sugar, cinnamon, pudding mix, Jell-O



mix, marshmallows, pie crust mix and cookie/brownie/cake mixes

• **Gift cards** to help purchase turkeys

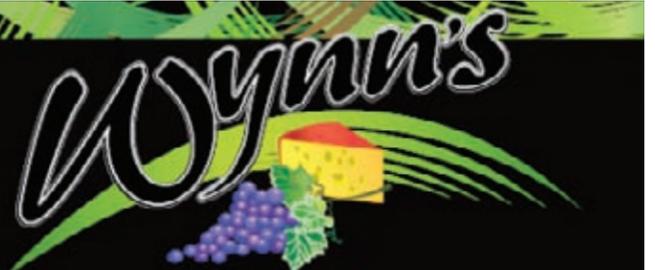
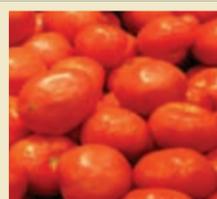
Donations can be dropped off at Youth Haven's Family Support Services Office,

273 Airport Road South, in the Commerce Center at the corner of Radio and Airport roads between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday until Nov. 20.

“Each year I am amazed at the spirit and enthusiasm exhibited by our community as we come together to assist those in need, giving each of our families the opportunity to sit down and share in this special moment of thanks with their children,” Mr. McSwiney says. “I am confident this year will be no exception.”

If you would like to donate food or gift cards, or set up a food drive to help Youth Haven's children and families, call Jamie Gregor at 687-5153 or e-mail jamie.gregor@youthhaven.net.

Youth Haven is Collier County's only emergency shelter for abused, abandoned and neglected children as well as a provider of home-based parenting education and other programs that divert children from the foster care system and keep families together. On-site behavioral counseling is provided to all children in residence and to children and families in the community on an outpatient basis. Youth Haven has been in continuous operation since 1972. To learn more, call 774-2904 or visit www.youthhaven.net. ■



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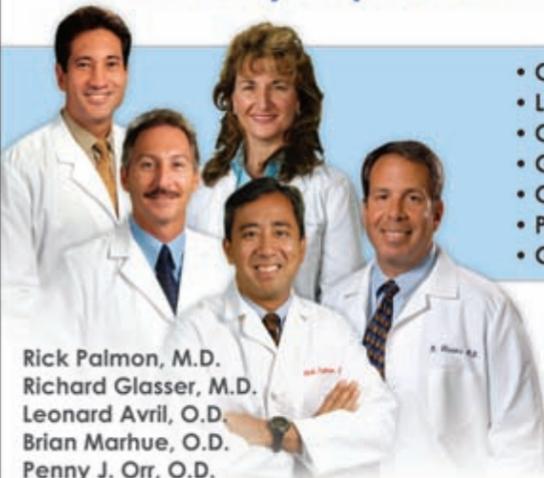
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“Florida’s Indigenous People” and includes a mysterious fired clay “adorno,” or human figurine that was found locally.

No other artifact of this kind has ever been unearthed in the Collier County area. Its presence could indicate some cultural exchange between the Calusa in Southwest Florida and the native societies of the islands to the south.

Fired clay figurines are occasionally found in association with pre-Columbian cultural material from the islands of Hispaniola and Cuba. The 2½-inch-tall seated effigy is missing its head, one arm and both feet. A deep cavity in the back served some unknown purpose.

The enigmatic object will be at the museum as part of the “Florida’s Indigenous People” exhibit through Jan. 15, 2010.

The exhibit outlines the various native cultures in Florida prior to the arrival of Europeans in 1513.

Other items on display include Calusa pottery fragments, shell tools, stone projectile points and reproductions of weapons and fishing technology. The exhibit presents the sophisticated Calusa fishing culture in contrast to the neighboring agricultural Mississippian societies to the north. None of these indigenous peoples survived past the 19th century, and except for a few shell mounds, there are few signs of their existence.

The Collier County Museum is in the Collier County Government Complex on U.S. 41/Tamiami Trail East at Airport-Pulling Road. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 252-8476. ■



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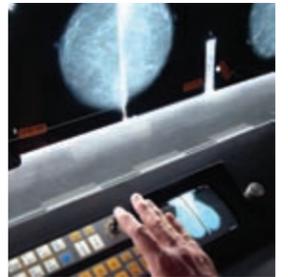
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League of Women Voters 'goes green'

The League of Women Voters of Collier County invites its members and the public to "Going Green in Collier: An Update" from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29, at the Hilton Naples.

Speakers are Jennifer Languell, president of the Florida Green Building Coalition and owner of Trifecta Construction Solutions; Nicholas Penniman VI, past chairman of the board for The Conservancy of Southwest Florida; and Clark Hill, a member of the Collier County Tourist Development Council and general manager of the Hilton Naples, a certified green hotel.

Mr. Hill will welcome guests and dis-

cuss green lodging certification process. Mr. Penniman will describe renovations under way at The Conservancy's 21-acre campus and how the project will serve as a model for sustainable design and an educational tool in the green building movement. Ms. Languell will explain the work of the FGBC to promote sustainable building practices and develop certification programs for residential, public and commercial buildings.

The program is free. For more information about the nonpartisan League of Women Voters of Collier County, call 263-4656 or visit www.lwvcolliercounty.org. ■

Architecture lectures continue

The American Institute of Architects FlaSW Chapter's 2009 Alfred W. French III Lectures in Architecture continues Friday, Oct. 23, at the International Design Center in Estero. Kirsten R. Murray, AIA, of Olson Sundberg Kundig Allen Architects, Seattle, Wash., will be the guest speaker.

The series concludes Friday, Nov. 6, with Raymond Jungles, FASLA, of Raymond Jun-

gles Landscape Architect, Miami. Mr. Jungles designed the Brazilian Garden in the soon-to-reopen Naples Botanical Garden.

Each program begins with a reception at 6 p.m. followed by the lecture at 7 p.m. General admission is \$25; \$10 for students. For reservations, call 263-3898 or e-mail pamm@andreaclarkbrownarchitects.com. ■

NPR, PBS staff to discuss 'Public Media in Transition'

The Naples Press Club presents "Public Media in Transition at 1 p.m., Friday, Oct. 30, at the Naples News Media building, 1100 Immokalee Road.

Panelists will be Rick Johnson, general manager of WGPU Public Media; Amy Tardif, WGPU-FM station manager and program director; and Luis Hernandez, WGPU-FM reporter and host of "Gulf Coast Live." Jim McLaughlin, host of

"Connect!" on WGPU-TV, will moderate. Admission is free, and the public is welcome.

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Take Stock students give back by making holiday ornaments

BY PAMELA V. KROL
Special to Florida Weekly

Bright students and dazzling ornaments came together at the Naples Grande one evening last week thanks to the Education Foundation of Collier County and its Take Stock In Children program. The students, along with their adult Take Stock mentors, worked under the direction of jewelry designer and Naples resident Amanda Jaron to assemble and package crystal chandelier-inspired holiday ornaments. Ms. Jaron designed and donated the ornaments, which will in turn be sold to raise money for Take Stock In Children.

A key objective of the evening was to illustrate to the students the importance of giving back to the community, which is a major theme of the Take Stock initiative.

"We want the kids to understand that the community has supported them, and that they in turn should do what they can to support the community," said Linda Morton, Take Stock program director. "By putting their effort into making the ornaments, the students are directly taking part in earning money to support their program."

The decorations will be sold at area restaurants, including M's Waterfront Grille in Venetian Village and Fleming's Prime Steakhouse on Tamiami Trail North, throughout the holiday season.

Also as part of the evening, speakers from several local charities provided information about their specific organizations and offered the Take Stock students the chance to volunteer. "This is a win/win opportunity for the kids as well as the charities," said Ingrid Perry, executive director of Collier Harvest, a hunger relief agency. "We get great volunteers to help serve the needy in our community, and the kids

gain experience as well as community service credits for school, in some cases."

Take Stock In Children is a statewide initiative supported in Collier County by the Education Foundation. The program works in partnership with local schools, businesses and agencies to help deserving kids from low-income families achieve academic and personal success through scholarships and mentor support.

Students in grades seven and above are selected for the program by a team of community volunteers from the education, business and nonprofit sectors. Those who are chosen must sign a contract promising to remain drug- and crime-free, to maintain good grades and to exhibit good behavior in and out of school, in exchange for mentoring and advocacy services and scholarship opportunities.

Each Take Stock child is assigned a volunteer mentor who meets with them at school once a week, providing academic and personal assistance and advice.

Patricia Hernandez, a freshman at Baron Collier High School, and her mentor, Sandra Buxton, have been together since Patricia was in seventh grade and plan to stay together through Patricia's graduation. "We talk about everything, from school projects to friends," Patricia said. "I see mentor-



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Marylee Valvano shows Fred Goldin and Joshua Wexelbaum how to assemble the ornaments.



Take Stock student Kiarra Curry puts a finished ornament in a gift box.

ing as a scared responsibility," Ms. Buxton said, adding she's glad for the chance to be a positive influence in Patricia's life.

Jason Luthringer, a Naples High School freshman, also appreciates the time he spends with his mentor, Burt Eisenberg. "My mentor encourages me to get good grades and to focus on school. He's also a great person for me to talk to about friends and things at home," Jason said. Mr. Eisenberg was encouraged to become a Take Stock mentor by his brother and sister-in-law, who also participate in the program. "I enjoy spending time with Jason a great deal, and I'm happy for the chance to give back to the community, now that my own kids are grown," he said.

During the evening at the Naples Grande, each of the kids and their mentors assembled and packaged five ornaments, which will sell for \$20 each.

"Buying an ornament is money well-



Mentor Burt Eisenberg and Take Stock student Jason Luthringer.

spent," said Ms. Morton. "Take Stock invests in some of Collier's hardest-working and most deserving kids. They represent a bright future of our community." ■

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Pharmacy misfills

BY ALISON YOUNG
Special To Florida Weekly

It never occurred to Gwen Dalley that there was anything wrong with the prescription antibiotic pills she picked up at a Loganville, Ga., pharmacy. But within a day of taking them, while driving her usual school bus route, she was so overcome with dizziness that she had to pull over and radio for a substitute driver.

As Ms. Dalley continued to take the pills, her symptoms got worse. She was nauseated, started having headaches and her vision blurred. She was briefly hospitalized, but doctors couldn't figure out what was wrong.

Eventually she noticed that some of the pills in the pharmacy bottle were larger than others. It turned out most of them were not the antibiotic her doctor had prescribed, but an antidepressant with significant side effects, according to a complaint Ms. Dalley filed in January with the Georgia Board of Pharmacy.

Every year hundreds of consumers complain to various state regulators about mistakes made at local pharmacies. Patients have received double, quadruple, even 10 times their prescribed dosages. They've been sent home with the wrong drugs: One patient was given the risky blood thinner warfarin instead of a diabetes medication. Another was given diet pills instead of blood pressure pills. Still another was dispensed an Alzheimer's treatment instead of sleeping pills, according to pharmacy board disciplinary records.

Officials at several major pharmacy chains — including CVS, Rite Aid, Kmart and Kroger — issued statements saying that safety is their top priority and that they all have systems to ensure prescription accuracy.

Yet mistakes still happen.

Nobody knows exactly how many because only a fraction are reported to regulators; most are handled privately by the pharmacies.

Some studies indicate that about 3 percent of the prescriptions dispensed by pharmacies have potentially harmful errors. The patient may be given the wrong drug, the wrong dosage or the wrong directions.

"That's pretty big numbers overall," said Michael Cohen, a pharmacist and president of the Institute for Safe Medication Practices, noting the billions of prescriptions Americans get filled each year. "You should be concerned enough to look at your medication, talk to the pharmacist and know what can go wrong in the pharmacy."

Allie Fennell learned this lesson the hard way.

Ms. Fennell, 34, had taken a generic version of the popular allergy drug Allegra for years without problems. Then in May 2008 she picked up a refill from a CVS pharmacy in Atlanta that instead contained a psychiatric drug called nefazodone, according to a complaint she filed with the pharmacy board.

"I kept taking them every day and my allergies were getting worse," Ms. Fennell said. On top of that, she began feeling like her brain was in a fog and she became nauseated. She eventually noticed a description of the pills on the label didn't match the pills in the bottle.

Ms. Dalley, the school bus driver, said she's still outraged about being given the wrong drug by a CVS pharmacy in 2007. "What if I'd been driving down the road with 50 kids and passed out?" she asked.

CVS officials declined to comment on the incidents. Trent Speckhals, an attorney who represented Ms. Dalley and Ms. Fennell, said both women settled their cases confidentially.

Pharmacy regulators said they can't confirm or deny whether the women's complaints were ever received. Under Georgia law, the complaint process, as in most states, is mostly kept secret.

Only if the pharmacy board votes to publicly reprimand the pharmacist or pharmacy are any details available for review.

But many reprimands are delivered privately as letters of concern. The public is not allowed to see these. Board officials were unable to say how many of these private warning letters have been issued.

When pharmacy mistakes happen, fatigue and overwork are the main factors, said Rick Allen, deputy director of the Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency, which serves as the board's investigative arm.

Mr. Allen said his agency receives five to 10 complaints a month about misfilled prescriptions. Most of the complaints are valid, he said.

The pressure on retail pharmacists to crank out prescriptions can be intense, he said, with some overseeing hundreds of prescriptions a day.

"Most of the time they're overworked. They let their technician do too much of the work and they're not checking what the technician did," Mr. Allen said.

Technicians' training may be minimal, Allen said, which is why a licensed pharmacist is required to review each prescription being dispensed. Georgia pharmacists are only allowed to supervise the prescription-filling work of three technicians.

From 2004 through 2007, regulators found CVS pharmacies across the state making

mistakes and often having too many technicians and not enough pharmacists, records show. In September 2007 the pharmacy board required CVS to pay a \$75,000 fine.

CVS, which has 300 stores in Georgia, has the No. 1 market share of total drug store sales in the Atlanta area.

CVS/pharmacy spokesman Mike DeAngelis, in an e-mail, said: "We recognize that any process involving people is not immune from the possibility of error or accidental deviation from procedural controls," noting that if an error occurs, the pharmacy works to learn what happened and what can be done to prevent it from happening again.

Regulators can only investigate the mistakes that are reported, and few are. Most consumers complain directly to the pharmacy, which usually handles the matter privately, Mr. Allen said.

"What we get is really a trickle of what's happening," he said. "Most stores do not report their misfills to us. . . . It would be good if they were reported. If we've got a pharmacist with a problem, we need to know about it."

But Mr. Allen admits that a flood of complaints could drown his shrinking staff of investigators.

Still, he said, "If a patient has been injured we try to get on to that and put everything else aside." ■



Keep your children safe this Halloween

When it's time for goblins and ghouls to haunt the area, some simple tips can help keep your kids safe. "It sounds basic, but make sure your child can actually see well in their Halloween costume or mask," says Michele King, director of the child advocacy program for The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. "It's better for young children to wear a decorative hat or face paint instead of a mask or other costume that totally covers their face and might limit their vision."

Another important safety tip is to check the length of the costume. "Trick-or-treaters are often excited and moving quickly," Ms. King says. "You want to be sure that their costume doesn't trip them up."

Costumes should be flame-resistant, and reflective tape can be added to increase visibility.

A flashlight with fresh batteries is another key component for a safe night of trick-or-treating. Kids should know their address and parent's cellular and home phone numbers, and emergency identification information can be attached to their Halloween costumes or on bracelets.

Neighbors who will welcome trick-or-treaters can encourage a safe evening by having well-lit yards, walkways and front entries. "Be sure to remove toys, lawn decorations or other items that kids might trip over," Ms. King says. "And keep any pets in a secure place."

From pumpkin carving to community events, safety is also important in the days leading up to Halloween. "Some of the new pumpkin-carving kits have tools that don't look dangerous but can actually be quite sharp," Ms. King says. "It's better for younger kids to draw the design on with a marker and let their parents do the carving."

Parents should also light any jack-o-lantern candles. "Many times kids also attend Halloween-related festivities at church, school or other community locations," Ms. King says. "Parents should think about safety for these events as well as neighborhood trick-or-treating."

Children — and even adults — love this spooky holiday. However, make sure that you and your family members take the proper precautions for a safe and healthy Halloween. ■



Corn syrup 'not guilty'

High fructose corn syrup should be acquitted. It's not to blame for America's obesity any more than sugar or honey, proclaims the latest campaign launched recently on behalf of the often-maligned sweetener.

"A sugar is a sugar," the TV and print ads state. Pictured are a "lineup" that includes people costumed as an ear of corn, a sugar cube and a bear-shaped honey bottle.

The message: They're all the same, including number of calories.

The million-dollar ad blitz is designed to put an end to "blatant inaccuracies" surrounding high fructose corn syrup, said Justin Wilson, senior research analyst for the Center for Consumer Freedom.

"The bottom line is consumers will be the ones who ultimately get scammed. They will pay more and give themselves this illegitimate distraction from what causes obesity. Most Americans get the point that eating too much sweet food will make them fat," he said.

Honey does differ, according to Bruce Wolk, marketing director at the National Honey Board in Firestone, Colo. "It's a combination of glucose, fructose, maltose, a little bit of sucrose and a whole array of trace ingredients," he said.

"My curiosity is why big powerful high fructose corn syrup is going after a sweetener that accounts for only 1.5 percent of consumption," Mr. Wolk added. "If it helps our market share, we are all for it."

"While it is true that high fructose corn syrup is not nutritionally different from other sugars, most Americans are still consuming way too much of them," said Jeff Cronin of the Center for the Science in the Public Interest. ■



Free legal clinic will explain the need for living wills, health care surrogates

The Collier County Women's Bar Association, in partnership with Legal Aid Service of Collier County and the Neighborhood Health Clinic, will explain living wills and health care surrogates from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, at Legal Aid Service of Collier County, 4125 Tamiami Trail E. in the Liberty Plaza.

Attendees will receive counseling from volunteer attorneys and will be able to complete living will and health care sur-

rogate documents.

Representatives from Baby Basics, a volunteer program that distributes diapers to working poor in Collier County, will have information available, and dinner will be provided.

The evening is made possible through a grant provided by the Florida Bar Foundation. RSVP to Ana de la Cruz at Legal Aid Service of Collier County, 298-8143. ■

Community leaders join council to advise Friendship Health Center

Dr. Edward Banaszak, medical director of the newly renamed Friendship Health Center, has announced the formation of a Partnership Council to help advance the FHC. The nonprofit clinic provides low-income Collier County residents aged 50 and older with health and dental services using volunteer professionals. More than 2,000 people annually benefit from care provided by retired physicians, dentists, nurses and support staff.

Michael Reagen, president and CEO of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce and the Leadership Collier Foundation, is chairman of the Partnership Council. Vice chair is Wayne Mullican, a trustee of the NCH Health Care System. Other council members are: Geoffrey Moebius, CEO, Physicians Regional Medical Center; Erin McCleod, COO, Senior Friendship Centers; Kevin Cooper, J.D., counsel, NCH; Thomas Buckley, Naples Day Surgery; Dr. Carl Sheusi, associate medical director, FHC; Denise McNulty, R.N., president, Florida Nurses Association;

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The new council will provide assistance and guidance on various issues, including the possibility of relocating the clinic in the next two years to a proposed senior center sponsored by the Community Foundation next to the East Naples Library.

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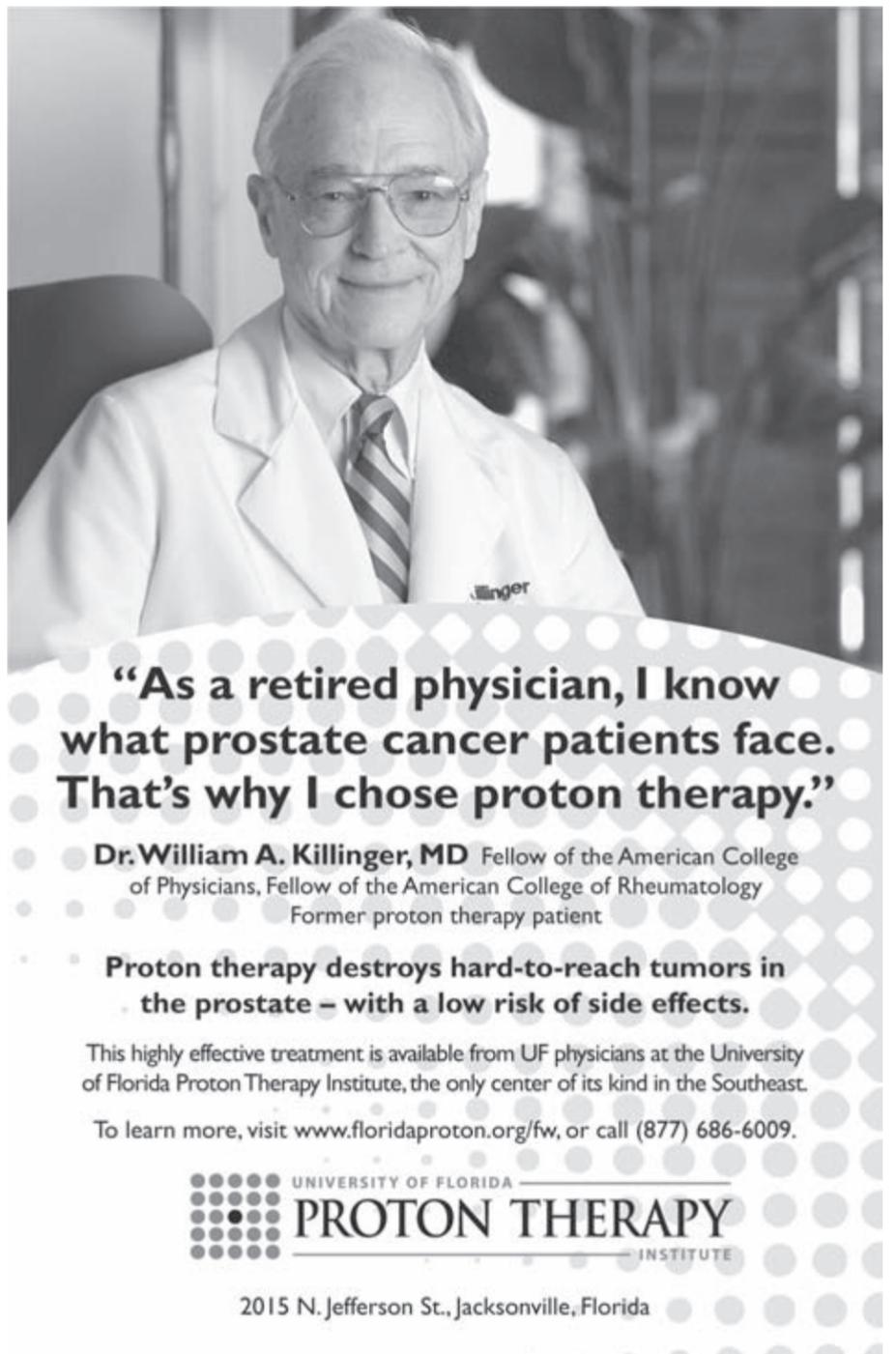
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Local kids make their mark at the new Garden

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

When Naples Botanical Garden opens to the public next month, its Children's Garden will use images created by local students to help explain some of its key elements.

David Webb, education manager at the Garden, says no one really knew what to expect when they asked third through fifth graders at Avalon Elementary School to depict mangrove trees, Calusa mounds, Florida paleontology and strangler fig trees. After all, most of the students hadn't even heard of these things.

Armed with photographs and typical descriptions of the four topics, Mr. Webb

went into the classrooms to explain the assignments. He then gave the students 20 minutes to draw. The result? "Impressive stuff," he says.

Some kids were inclined to literal translation of his descriptions, and insisted on labeling everything in their drawings — even the shadows. Other kids let their imaginations roam — one included a bird with a comics-like word balloon saying "My Babies!" as she flew toward the strangler fig tree.

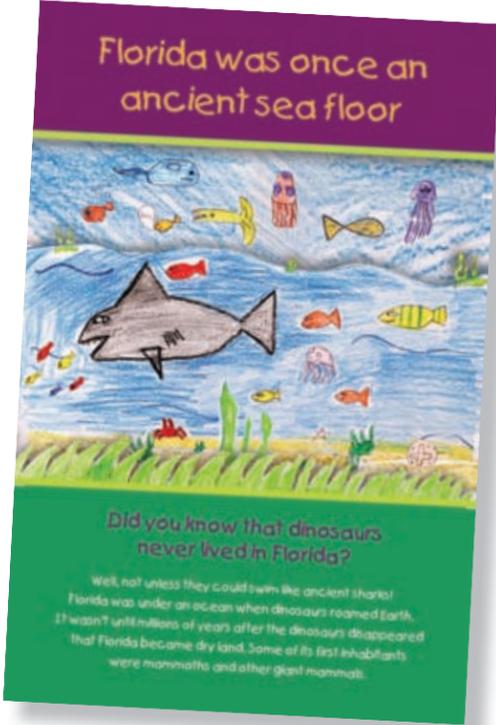
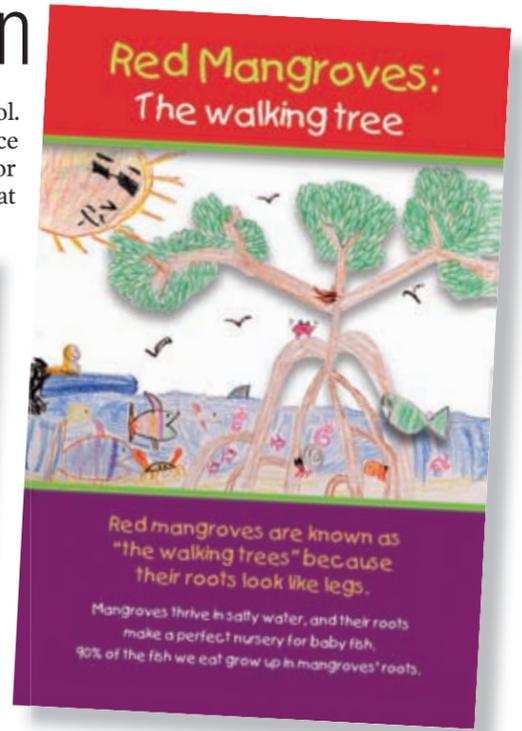
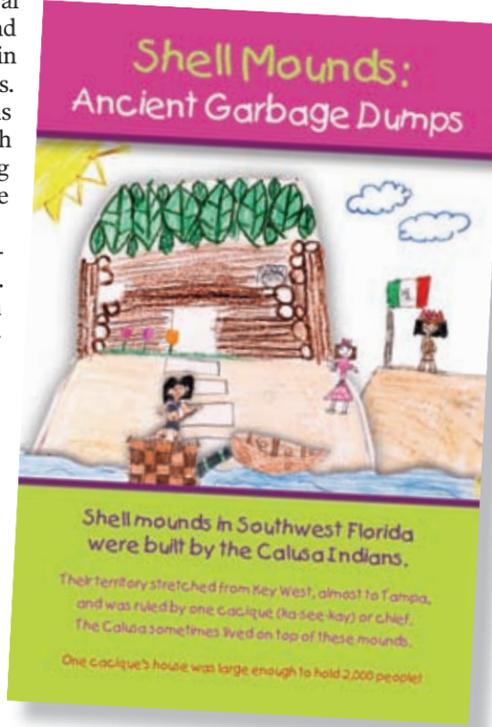
And still others showed an astonishing knowledge of the subjects. One fourth-grader, fresh from a visit from Rookery Bay, incorporated an entire mangrove ecosystem — snails, plants, little fish, big fish — into her elaborate drawing.

Mr. Webb turned over a half dozen drawings and simple captions for each topic to graphic designer Sherri Morrison, who compiled everything into four signs. Finally, they created a thank-you sign, naming all those who participated and displaying their art. They were:

Anna Castillo, Marcus Acosta, Luis Nicacio, Rosio Garcia, Katie Peterson, Lorayne Martinez, Oscar Sanchez, Malachi Crater, Evelin Hernandez, Yvonne Quiroz, Jane Townsend, Deanna Lampasona, Misa-el Compean, Jasmine Lopez, Nancy Ayala and Lizzy Mount.

The signage program builds on an existing Garden educational effort with Avalon Elementary — the Global Garden, which allowed students to plant,

grow and tend to a garden at school. Because Avalon is within walking distance to the Garden, and classes are eligible for free admission, Mr. Webb anticipates that



contributed to the opening of a great new community resource."

Designed by what the *Miami Herald* dubbed a "dream team" of internationally renowned landscape architects, the Garden will feature tropical gardens representing cultures and landscapes found between the 26th Latitude north (the latitude of Naples) and the 26th Latitude south.

The public debut on Saturday, Nov. 14, will showcase three major gardens: the Vicky C. and David Byron Smith Children's Garden, the Brazilian Garden and the Kathleen and Scott Kapnick Caribbean Garden — as well as the Mary and Stephen B. Smith River of Grass and the Pfeffer-Beach Family Butterfly House.

For more information, call 643-7275 or visit www.naplesgarden.org. ■

the connection between the school and the Garden will continue to strengthen.

There's no doubt that the experience of every child who visits the Children's Garden at the new Naples Botanical Garden will be enhanced by this special signage. But Mr. Webb can hardly wait to welcome those whose drawings appear there. "They're leaving a legacy," he says, "and they'll enjoy it even more when they come back in five years and see how they



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NEWS BRIEFS

Twist and shout at rock 'n' roll sock hop

Twist and shout the night away to music by Emma Lee and The Del Prados as part of an evening of old-fashioned fun to benefit The Sunshine Kids from 6-11 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Dress in '50s and '60s style and take part in the costume, hula-hoop and dance contests.

The \$50-per-person event includes two drinks and dinner catered by The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Call 659-3375 or 659-4200 for tickets. ■

Dress up your dog and Strut Your Mutt

Strut Your Mutt, a Halloween costume contest for canines to benefit Humane Society Naples, takes place at Germain BMW in North Naples from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24. Prizes will be awarded to the winners and runners-up in these categories: Best Homemade Costume, Most Original, Scariest, Funniest, Best Dog/Owner Lookalikes and Best Group (two or more pets). Entry fee is \$10; the first 75 to register will take home a goody bag.

Pet-related vendors and



Humane Society adoptable dogs will also be on hand. A limited number of sessions before and after the contest will be available for a portrait by Pet Photography by Julene; call 784-7022 to book an appointment. For more information about the event, call 643-1880 or visit www.collierhumanesoc.org. ■

Nonprofits on the march to make a difference

Nonprofit organizations from throughout Collier County will distribute information at the first-ever March to Make a Difference from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at Mercato. Henceforth, the event will be held annually on the fourth Saturday of October, in conjunction with the ideals set forth by Paul Newman to create a national day of serving others. The local organizer is www.iWannaHelp.net, an online network for nonprofits and those who want to get involved for the betterment of the Southwest Florida community. For more information, visit www.iWannaHelp.net. ■

NABOR seeks donations for The Salvation Army

The Naples Area Board of Realtors is collecting clothing, blankets, pantry and household items, school supplies, books and toys to benefit The Salvation Army. Drop off new or gently used items at the Salvation Army truck in the NABOR parking lot at 1455 Pine Ridge Road from 8 a.m. to noon Thursday, Oct. 29. Arrangements can be made for pickup of larger items. Mention the NABOR collection drive when calling The Salvation Army at 775-9447 to schedule a pickup. ■

Tight-rope walker tops fall festival

Jugglers, clowns, carnival games, a bounce house and Tino Wallenda (of the world-famous Flying Wallendas) on the tight rope will be part of the fun at First Assembly Ministries' fall festival beginning at 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25, at the church at 3805 The Lord's Way. Call 774-1165 for more information. ■

Community School kids take to the fashion runway

Students from Community School of Naples are organizing a fashion show in cooperation with the boutiques of Waterside Shops. The show to benefit Community School's financial aid program takes place from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, in the pavilion at the shopping center.

Wine and hors d'oeuvres are included in the \$100-per-person cost of admission; for \$150, guests can enjoy a preshow champagne reception. For tickets or more information, call Community School at 597-7575, ext. 211, or Waterside Shops at 598-1605. ■

Join Drug-Free Collier annual candlelight vigil

Join Drug-Free Collier and the Collier County Sheriff's Office for the third annual NOPE National Candlelight Vigil in remembrance of those lost to drugs and alcohol, and in support of those suffering addiction, at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29, on the steps of the Collier County Courthouse. Families and friends who have experienced a loss due to substance abuse can submit their story and memorial photos to the NOPE task force for

presentation at the vigil by calling Maribel DeArmas at 377-4994 or e-mailing mdearmas@drugfreecollier.org. ■

New farmers market sprouts for the season

The Market in the Park, sponsored by A Growing Connection of Southwest Florida and the Collier County Parks and Recreation Scholarship Fund, kicks off the season Friday, Oct. 30, at North Collier Regional Park with tricks and treats, family games and music by Frontline Bluegrass. Following the opening celebration, Market in the Park will sell fresh produce and vegetables, baked breads, cheeses, jams and much more from 3-7 p.m. every Friday through April 2010.

The Growing Connection is an international outreach program operated by the United Nations to teach children about horticulture and health and to provide them and their families with healthy food. For more information, call 252-4060 or 252-4024. ■

Gulfshore Playhouse plans golf tournament

Gulfshore Playhouse is teeing up for its 2009 Charity Golf Classic. The festivities begin Sunday, Nov. 8, with a cocktail reception at Naples Tomato. This event is not restricted to tournament participants; anyone wishing to support Gulfshore Playhouse can attend for \$50 per person.

Tournament play begins with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9, at The Colony Golf and Bay Club in Bonita Springs. The afternoon concludes with an awards ceremony and a buffet.

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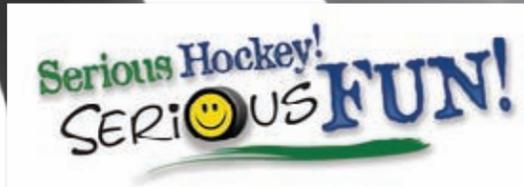
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PET TALES

Pet costumes offer good time for most

BY GINA SPADAFORI
Universal Press Syndicate

Q: What do you think about the ridiculous habit of putting Halloween costumes on pets? What are you pet freaks thinking? — J.G., via e-mail

A: I guess we're not in the dark about how you feel about dressing up pets. Here at the Pet Connection, we realize that putting costumes on pets is fun for people, so if it brings a smile to someone's face, why not?

For those who actually do like pets and are thinking about the holiday, here are some Halloween safety tips:

• **Costumes:** If you buy ready-made, make sure the costume is comfortable and nonrestrictive, and doesn't involve anything that could be hazardous, such as dye or paint. Same goes for anything you make yourself: Be sure it isn't going to cause a problem for your pet, and monitor pets while they're wearing costumes.

• **Injuries:** With the increase in activity, cats and dogs get nervous or excited, and



some will take off if they can. That means an increase in animals being hit by cars. Other animals may also be a cause of injury: All those costumed young visitors can trigger territorial instincts or fear-responses in some dogs, who may then become a bite risk. Keep pets confined inside, away from the action, in a crate or behind a closed door.

• **Food problems:** Candy is a problem more for dogs than for cats, because cats are generally picky about what they eat. Not so for most dogs, who'll wolf down candy — wrappers and all — if given the opportunity. Keep candy bowls and trick-or-trick bags out of reach of those animals who may be tempted to help themselves. ■

Is your pet ready to be on the bed?

In many homes, the "pets on the bed" debate is long over — and the pets won. Proof can be found in the marketplace, where accessories abound to help pets get onto the bed — and keep the bedding cleaner.

The trend isn't for everyone, however. Letting pets sleep in the bed has been suggested as one of many reasons why people have problems getting a good night's sleep. If you have insomnia, you might consider getting your pet his own comfy bed and keeping yours for yourself. If you have allergies, or your pet has behavior problems, a no-pet bedroom is also recommended.

Otherwise, why not share?

I've always kept an eye out for sales on relatively inexpensive, washable cotton quilts to throw over the top of the bedding. I also



More people than ever before find room on their beds for their dogs and cats.

use rubber-backed fuzzy bath mats on top of the quilts when older pets get leaky.

For high beds and older pets, there's even an easier way up: A number of manufacturers make pet-sized sets of steps to help aging or small animals get onto the bed or couch. Pet retailers have a wide selection to match your budget and decor. ■

Pets of the Week



>>**Black Pearl** is a 2-year-old spayed female Labrador mix who weighs about 25 pounds. She has never met a stranger.



>>**Nacho** is a 3-year-old neutered Chihuahua who weighs about 9 pounds, making him as portable as he is adorable.



>>**Scruffy** is an 8-month-old neutered terrier mix. He's a happy little guy who weighs about 20 pounds.



>>**Wizard** is a 5-month-old domestic short-haired kitten who loves to cuddle. He has three brothers who are just like him.

To adopt a pet

This week's pets are from Brooke's Legacy Animal Rescue, where animals are housed in foster homes until permanent homes are found. Volunteers and adoptable animals are at Petco on Naples Boulevard from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Saturday. E-mail brookeslegacy@gmail.com, call 434-7480 or visit www.brookeslegacyanimalrescue.com.

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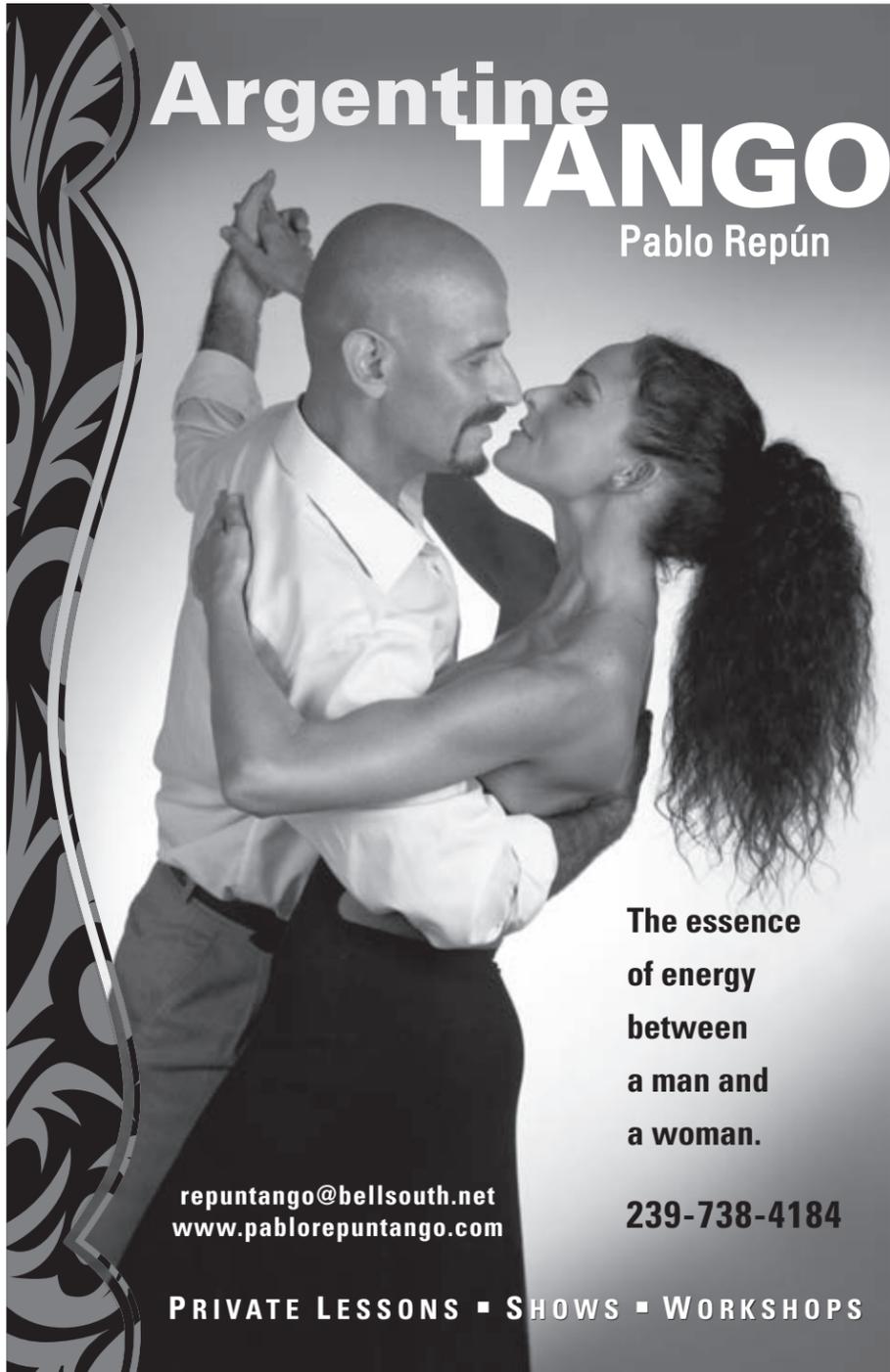
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A Chinese proverb gesticulates in my mind: "When a finger points to the moon, the imbecile looks at the finger." So, what's the point?

The moon visions seem endless. ("Look: Up in the sky. It's a bird. It's a plane. It's...") We see an old man's face, or a frog or moose or buffalo or dragon. The Chinese see a rabbit pounding medicine, while the Korean or Japanese rabbit makes rice cakes. Another rabbit dances with abandon. There is also a cook bent over a fire amidst three stones. Or we can see a well-coifed lady with sparkling pendant. There is a flipped yin/yang symbol, the Talmud's Jacob, and for the Shia Muslims there is inscribed the name of Muhammad's son-in-law. More humbly profane, there is a young boy gathering wood with his little dog.

Before the Apollo 11 moon landing, Houston asked the crew to look for Chang-o, a beautiful Chinese girl banished there 4,000 years ago for stealing the pill of immortality from her husband. With her is yet another rabbit, this one standing on his hind legs in the shade of a cinnamon tree.

Einstein pointed like this: "I like to

think that the moon is there even if I am not looking at it." What's his point? What is there?

Dark mare, the moon sea, in contrast with surrounding lighter moon area provide occasion for pareidolia, a psychological phenomenon in which the vague and random are perceived as significant. A pirate knows the essence of human cognition as an uncontainable, completely passionate press toward the pointed creation of meaning.

Perhaps rational perspective would call this a Type I error, a false positive, a case of excessive, extravagant sensitivity. George Bernard Shaw said: "I don't know if there are men on the moon, but if there are they must be using the earth as their lunatic asylum." Is there a difference between the custodians and the custodialized? In Lewis Carroll's Wonderland "we are all mad."

Who has seen the emperor's new clothes, and who has sewn them?

On Oct. 9, the Lunar Crater Observation and Sensing Satellite Mission blasted, faster than a speeding bullet, a hole in the moon. The two-ton kinetic weapon created a five mile wide crater. The expected outpoured plume of debris was to be analyzed for the presence of water.

Article IV of the United Nations Outer Space Treaty, a general assembly resolution, calls for all space activities to be exclusively peaceful. There is to be no testing of weapons, no military bases, and no military maneuvers. There are those who say that the two-ton something that was launched was not a bomb, but was an artificial meteor launched in the interest of all humankind. Others

wonder if this was an act of war on hidden life forms already on the moon. Others say it is the intended basis of a future imperialistic claim. Why else would a scientist look for water in a plume that never happened, water that would only have immediately evaporated under these explosion conditions? ("Everyone is a moon, and has a dark side which he never shows to anybody." So said Mark Twain.)

Buddha said: "Three things cannot be long hidden: the sun, the moon, and the truth."

Pilate asked Jesus: "What is truth?" Perhaps my coming pointed response will discredit me. But if it does, I have no one to blame but myself. For I never heeded my own mother's advice not to sleep in the light of the full moon.

Truth be told, being discredited will only please me and fill me with ecstasy. I look with George Carlin for "... nights when the wolves are silent and only the moon howls."

For me, Luna is not merely a rock. She is a goddess seen beyond the pointed finger. I worship her and I make love to her as she changes behind her diaphanous veils. I love her hiding; I love her in her generous revelation.

And today I look up with a heart bro-



ken and pounding in knowing that I had no power to hold her over and against the onslaught by testosterone driven innocents who want to understand flies in pulling off their wings and to conquer flowers by pulling off their petals. And I am ashamed: They, too, are pirates.

And I, with her, have yet another hole to fill pointedly with love's chrism.

Got the point? Please. ■

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

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Above: Aircraft on the tarmac during a busy spring weekend last year. Below: The general aviation terminal is getting a facelift and expansion.

WEEK at-a-glance



The Coconut Classic

Tommy Bahama golf tourney was a good time for all. **B8** ▶



The head of Hodges

Dr. Terry McMahan explains the university’s explosive growth. **B2** ▶



It’s all good

Quail West charts sales, releases home sites starting in the \$300,000s. **B9** ▶

The sky’s the limit

Naples airport is far from retiring as it turns 65

BY GEORGE RAAB
Special to Florida Weekly



The Naples Municipal Airport is celebrating its 65th year. Rated by Aviation International News in 2007 as the 25th busiest general aviation operator in the world, the 1-mile-square airfield had its start during World War II. Over the past two years, airport management has made the best of a global economic slowdown by orchestrating a \$23 million facelift at bargain prices.

Prior to public service, the Naples Airdrome was built in 1942 to serve as a training base for Air Corps gunners, bomber crews and fighter pilots. After the war, the city and the county jointly operated the airport until the county sold its interest to the city in 1958.

Another anniversary is coming up: the Naples Airport Authority was created in December 1969 by state legislation. Operating as an independent entity, the authority leases its land from the city.

The NMA is in an interesting position these days. Its ranking (by passenger count) as the smallest commercial service airport in Florida is most likely accurate; since the end of 2008, no commercial planes have flown into the airfield identified as APF. In the face of adversity — 9/11, two historic stock market crashes and Hurricane Wilma among them — management has turned rolling with the

punches into an art form.

The economy has taken a toll on small airports around the country, says Ted Soliday, NMA executive director. Mr. Soliday is in a good position to know about such thing; he’s chairman of the Airports Council International, North America’s Small Airports Committee.

“There are 100 airports nationwide right now that are without air carrier service that had air carrier service in the past year,” he says. “It’s significant. We’re all trying to lure commercial airlines, and it’s a real buyer’s market for them. Right now we’re offering free rent. No landing fees. The only thing that they’d have to pay for is fuel.”

Mr. Soliday advises against holding one’s breath for a commercial airline coming to NMA this year.

“Eventually, yes,” he says. “We’ve got so much to offer, but it’s pretty clear that the airlines are having as much trouble as everybody else, and very few are expanding at this particular time.”

SEE MUNICIPAL, B5 ▶

Shamrock Bank poised to become Florida Shores-Gulfcoast

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Florida Shores Bancorp last week signed an agreement to acquire controlling interest in Shamrock Bank of Florida — its second transaction in two weeks as it continues to grow its Florida market presence.

Shamrock Bank, which was founded in 2007, has two locations and brings \$70 million in assets to Florida Shores, a bank holding company that operates full-service commercial banks under the names of Florida Shores-Southwest



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and Florida Shores-Southeast. Once approved, Shamrock will operate under the name of Florida Shores-Gulfcoast.

The transaction is subject to regulatory and shareholder approval and is expected to close in the first quarter of 2010. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

Donald York, president of Shamrock

Bank, will join Florida Shores-Gulfcoast as vice chairman of its board. Paul Roney will continue to serve as chairman of the board, Susanne Bartlett as chief financial officer and Robert Carney Jr. as senior vice president. Robert Vice will continue as president of Florida Shores Bank, Fort Myers.

“We view Naples and Fort Myers as key to our success and so are pleased to find such a strong partner as Shamrock Bank to introduce us to this important

market,” said Ben Smith, founder and chairman.

“Under the leadership of Don York and Colleen Kvetko, who will serve as president, CEO and founding director of Florida Shores-Gulfcoast, we will become a major community banking resource for Southwest Florida businesses with expanded banking products, services and greater access to financial solutions for local companies,” he added.



SEE BANK, B7 ▶

BUSINESS PROFILE

As attorney turned Hodges U. president, Terry McMahan makes the grade

BY BILL CORNWELL
Special to Florida Weekly

Terry McMahan, president of Hodges University, has a problem, but the dilemma he faces is the sort that all educators relish: enrollment is skyrocketing.

"To be honest, (the sharp jump in enrollment) caught us all by surprise," Dr. McMahan says. "We knew with the economy going south that we would add students, but we did not anticipate we would add this many this fast. The numbers are really astounding."

Astounding is an apt description, for the enrollment at the university, which came into being two decades ago, now approaches 2,700 students — an increase of more than 23 percent over the previous year.

"For the first time in our history, we had to end enrollment a week early with some programs," Dr. McMahan says.

The dramatic increase in enrollment comes at a cost. At the Fort Myers campus, for example, there weren't enough parking spaces available for students, and classroom space is at a premium at both the Naples and Fort Myers campuses. The use of adjunct faculty also has been increased to meet demand.

"The growth presents challenges," the president concedes, although he adds that the university has been able to adjust to the demands of the increased enrollment.

As the economy worsens, many workers seek to change careers, which means they also search for advanced training and new, marketable skills. Moreover, many students realize that a college degree can give them a competitive edge in a down economy.

"When the economy gets this bad, people are laid off or they suffer declines in compensation," Dr. McMahan says. "One of the things they can do to help themselves is to go back to school."

Hodges is also seeing an increase in military veterans signing up for classes. The university Hodges participates in the Yellow Ribbon Program, an enhancement of the GI Bill that provides tuition and other financial aid to veterans. Dr. McMahan estimates that there are about 120 veterans currently enrolled at Hodges.

The upsurge in enrollment is reflected most dramatically, however, in areas that train students for jobs in sectors that have proved to be resilient in the recession.

"Allied Health is an area where we are especially strong," he says, noting that employment opportunities in the health-care field have remained relatively strong during the economic slump.

As Hodges grows, Dr. McMahan says its administration and faculty are seeking new ways to be a resource for Southwest Florida. This direction is reflected in the rapid growth of the English as a Second Language Program and the Hispanic Institute, which examines trends and changes in that community.



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Terry McMahan

The institute is currently preparing a 200-page report on the Hispanic community in Collier and Lee counties. Dr. McMahan says the report, which will include baseline demographic data and compare that data to similar information for Florida and the United States as a whole, will be made available to local government in both counties "as a tool for policy makers to deal with changes in the Hispanic community."

In addition to the report, the institute intends to undertake research projects that also will be presented to local governments.

Dr. McMahan says when he assumed control of the school in 1991, he had little idea that it would flourish as it has. Hodges University originally opened in 1990 under the name of International College. It was renamed in 2007 to reflect a \$12 million donation from Earl and Thelma Hodges, a Naples couple who amassed wealth in the funeral home business.

"There were about 300 students when I began," says Dr. McMahan, who served on the board of trustees before he was named president. "The school was not accredited, and we didn't have a clue as to what would be accomplished. Accreditation, of course, was the key to our growth."

Hodges earned accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in 1999. Today, it offers 12 associate degrees, 11 bachelor's degrees, eight graduate degrees and 17 online degrees.

Despite his standing as a trustee, Dr. McMahan seemed an unlikely candidate for the job of president. His background was in the practice of law.

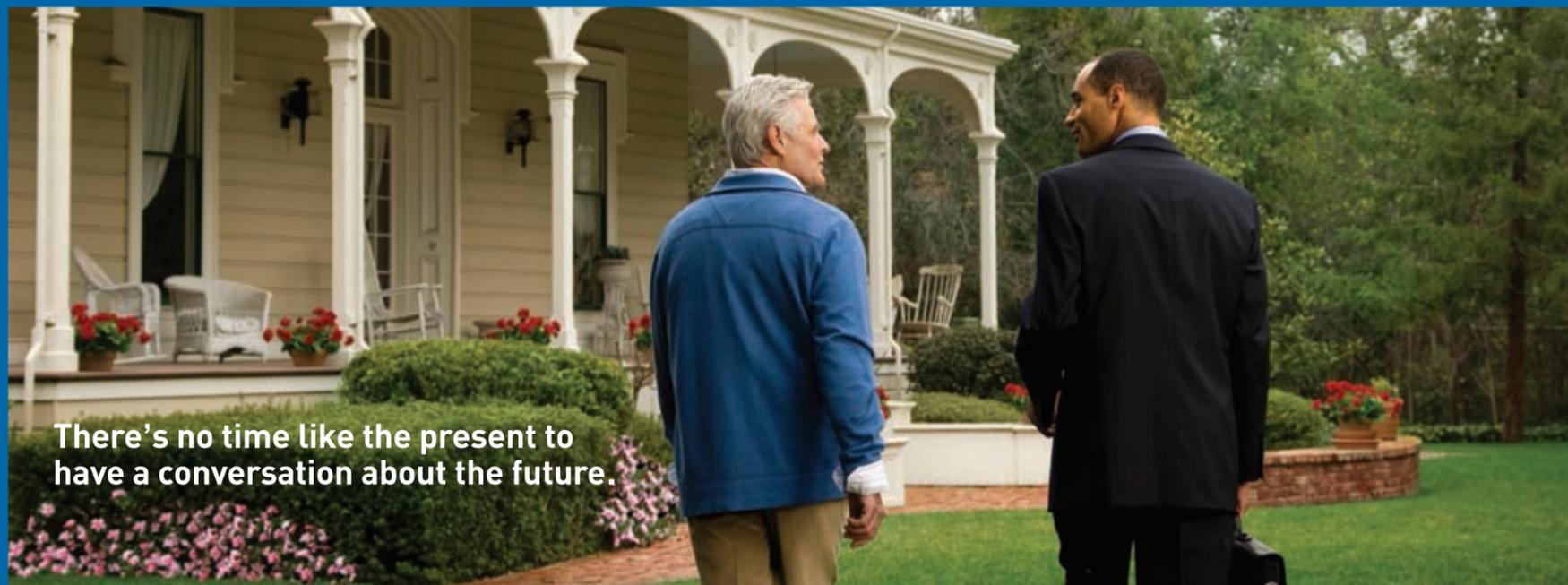
A native of Boca Raton, he received his law degree from the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala. He was a litigator in private practice, and immediately prior to becoming president at Hodges, he worked as in-house counsel for the Zimmer Corp.

He retains his law license and remains an active member of the Florida Bar, but at the age of 59, he does not foresee a return to the legal arena. Still, he says the skills he acquired and used in the legal profession — negotiation, administration and the like — have proved invaluable to him as a university president.

"I thoroughly enjoyed legal work, but I do not intend to return to it," he says. "I want (Hodges) to be the last stop for me. I want to remain here."

Looking back over the nearly two decades that he has been at Hodges, he says gaining accreditation and helping the school grow have been satisfying achievements. But his greatest satisfaction comes each year when graduation day rolls around.

"Seeing the students walk across the stage and receive their diplomas — well, there honestly is nothing else like that," he says. "It's a wonderful feeling to see them complete what they set out to do." ■



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But not so with financial advisors. They are generally not offering insured products — at least not solely — and they frequently are disposed, more inclined, economically motivated to get you to take interest in their particular products or services. Of course, there are duties to you but their perspective of what is best

for you is tainted by what they can sell to you. This is the nature of the beast. It is not intended to be disparaging to the profession; it is just realistic to look at its limitations.

Besides being at least somewhat partial to their product offerings or investment advice, advisors can also have another limitation: trying to be an expert in an enormously wide arena of financial products and services. What is out there is mind-boggling. You think there are too many choices for a mortgage? Well, there are thousands of stocks and thousands of mutual funds and gazillions of insurance quotes. Even if you are a financial expert, the array of choices is dizzying.

How do you choose whose plan and or which products are right for you? And what else might you consider besides that?

In a world of specialization, it is good to use a couple of specialists exactly for the thing in which they specialize. It would not be normal to expect an insurance agent to specialize in equities but it could be that their broker dealer arm has such a specialist. If you get a referral to a stock picker at a brokerage firm, it might not be best to have the same person choose your mutual funds. If someone wants to do everything for you, you need to be sure that they have the background to really give good counsel in everything — different from being able to sell everything.

There is no harm in visiting with various specialists and finding out what they do and how they do it. There is no harm in

ignorance. There is harm in not asking questions and admitting that you simply do not understand something.

Yes, to interview a variety of advisors would be time consuming. But let's compare it to the time spent looking for a car. I seem to find that people will spend far, far more time searching car lots for the best car and price than they will spend visiting with various investment professionals. A car may cost \$25,000, \$50,000, and even \$100,000. But the portfolios and asset bases owned by the person behind the wheel is often many multiples of the cost of the car and actually far more important that the car selection.

Talk to your banker, your life insurance agent, your broker, your money manager, your lawyer.... to start. Get other referrals. You can check their credentials. And you can start slowly with them and if they do well, you can do more with them. Never do anything if you are uncomfortable. If you have three advisors, you have a good chance of getting a good perspective on your performance and your choices.

A few other ideas: Try to keep things simple. Many little things force lots of



little accountings and little decisions. It is better to see the forest than all little trees. Assume the worst for high-risk investments and poor performance for low risk investments and see if you can live with it and if you can't, then don't do it. Understand that high risk means exactly that. People used to think high risk meant high volatility but surely they could make their money back. Not so. And, stay out of trouble. Many times the potential incremental gains are just not worth the risk.

There are probably more "beware's," but the laundry list is full for now. ■

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Yoga apparel store opens in The Village

lululemon athletica introduces its yoga-inspired athletic apparel to The Village on Venetian Bay with a new retail showroom in the center's north plaza. The showroom will partner with yoga studios and fitness clubs around Naples to offer complimentary classes and health-related seminars. The showroom is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, and from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday. Complimentary yoga/fitness classes are held at 9 a.m. Saturday.

lululemon athletica has more than 100 locations across the United States, Canada and Australia. Call lululemon athletica at The Village on Venetian Bay at 213-0506 or visit www.lululemon.com ■

Golf superstore coming soon

The first PGA TOUR Superstore in Florida will open soon on U.S. 41 across from Coastland Center Mall in Naples. A lease

agreement has been signed and an opening date will be announced in the near future. PGA TOUR Superstores offer a vast selection of golf equipment, golf apparel and golf-themed home furnishings, along with golf instruction by professionals, swing simulators and analysis, club fittings and practice greens. For more information, visit www.pgatoursuperstore.com. ■

See what's in store at Spectacles in Mercato

Spectacles has opened in Mercato. The store focuses on "redefining your view" by providing eye exams and personalized customer service in a swanky showroom setting with Italian stone flooring and displays of more than 2,000 designer eyeglass



from Chanel, Prada, Lafont, Tiffany, Silhouette, Alain Mikli and many. The owner is Tipton Leman, who also owns Naples Optical and Naples Optical Too. For more information, call 435-9521. ■

21 new members join chamber

The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce welcomes the following new members who joined in September: Ardent Manor; Artichoke and Company Inc.; Collier County Dental Association; Collins & Dupont Interior Design; Discount Prescription Services; Especially for Women; European Wax Center; The Farrell, Prindle & Montalbano Group of Oppenheimer & Co.

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Professional organizer goes online

Marla Ottenstein has gone online with her new company Web site www.ProfessionalOrganizerFlorida.com. Ms. Ottenstein's services range from organizing and decluttering closets, garages and offices to inventorying clients' personal belongings, coordinating and managing entire household moves and helping people gently downsize or transition into alternative housing venues.

In response to the current real estate market, Ms. Ottenstein has developed a page on the Web site called "Home Sales Preparation," which is specifically tailored toward Realtors and homeowners.

A member of the National Association of Professional Organizers, Ms. Ottenstein also has written a "Helpful Hints" section including tips and suggestions ranging from how to prevent mold infiltration in closets to how to organize and maintain an orderly wardrobe. Other sections include how to improve productivity in a home or work office environment and how to pack for a long or short trip,

For more information, call 597-6277 or visit www.ProfessionalOrganizerFlorida.com. The site was designed and constructed by Total Concept Inc., of Fort Myers. ■

Sassy Cakes cooks up Fido-friendly treats

Sassy Cakes makes specialty cupcakes from scratch to bring a smile to your face. Now the Naples bakery has cooked up something to make your dog smile, too: Pupcakes.

"We're always looking at new ways to bring smiles to people's faces, and for many of them, their dogs are another reason to smile," says Bayah Harrison, co-owner of Sassy Cakes Inc.

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Naples Airport Authority's largest moneymaker is fuel, which it sells to general aviation operators and to rental car businesses operating at the airport. It also rents up to 400 hangers for private planes and has a wash facility for rental cars.

The airport leases space to several aviation training facilities. Two runways, a control tower and ideal weather most of the year make it a perfect location for flight training.

Economic downturn saves \$

Management budgets for ongoing capital improvement and had been saving for a \$30 million airfield pavement overhaul when the economy tanked. The downturn actually worked in its favor, allowing for more to be done at a lower cost and in less time than normal circumstances would have allowed.

Ervin Dehn, director of airport development, likens the business of improving an airport during normal times to changing a tire on a car while it's traveling at 40 miles an hour. Although the halt of commercial traffic is never great news, the situation aided the speed of the extensive rehab, enabling the temporary reshuffling of some general aviation activity and airport operations to the commercial side of the airport.

And when the project went out to bid, Mr. Dehn adds, "People were hungry. Contractors wanted work. Some of the bids came back at a third or half of what we'd estimated." The down side of the story, however, is that the airport's fulltime staff has declined from 84 to 60 along with the economic downturn.

Stimulus grant helps

Airports receive the bulk of capital improvement funds from taxes paid by airport users for tickets, fuel, imports and the like, which goes into a national airport tax fund. Capital projects are matched three ways. When the Federal Aviation Administration agrees to pay 95 percent of a project, the state will provide 2.5 percent and the airport will come up with the balance. If the feds agree to 75 percent, the match is 12.5 percent to 12.5 percent.

At the Naples airport, \$1 million of the extensive project — the funds to repave three taxiways — came from an economic stimulus grant. A sign denoting the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is posted out front, on Airport-Pulling Road.



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An aerial view of Naples Municipal Airport

"We had money in the bank and a project ready when that stimulus bill came up," Mr. Soliday says. "They asked if we had a shovel ready, and, boy, did we have a shovel ready."

All taxiways have been repaved. Rental hangers have been built. Entry landscaping has been enhanced.

The general aviation operations ramp, which was installed in 1942 and receives more wear and tear than any other part of the airport, is being replaced. The concrete is actually being torn up, crushed up and recycled as the base course for a new apron.

And the general aviation terminal is in the midst of a total makeover, with 50 feet being added to the length of the building, and high-impact glass, a high-SEER air conditioning system and Bahama shutters being installed to increase energy efficiency. The dated reception area is being expanded and transformed with paint, window treatments, carpeting and new flooring.

"Our airport is a front door to this community," Mr. Dehn notes. "The entire airport has a public presence. It's important that we have a beautiful facility."

General aviation — the privately owned and independently scheduled airplanes and flight schools — generates the majority of aircraft activity at the airport. Of the more than 130,000 aircraft operations at NMA in 2008, 98.5 percent were attributed to general aviation. Activity during season is often greater than at Fort Myers' Page Field Airport and the Southwest Florida International Airport combined.

Keeping neighbors happy

"The economic impact of an airport on a community like this is absolutely staggering," says Mr. Dehn, whose career in airport design was spent primarily working from Baltimore as a consultant to airports around the country. His dream to work as a small-airport engineer came true when he arrived in Naples five years so.

"I'm proud of what we've been able to do here," he says.

Operating in the center of Naples, the airport has received its share of bad publicity over the years, however.

In the late 1980s and early 1990s, two resort-style hotels, The Registry (now Naples Grande) and The Ritz-Carlton, Naples, were ramping up their operations as the area grew in prestige as a destination for vacations and corporate retreats.

William Bush lived directly below a flight path in Aqualane Shores, an upscale address, and was on the board of his neighborhood association. "We were massively affected by the noise," he says.

"The hotels started having big conventions and the CEOs would come down on their private jets. Many were the original Stage 1 jets from the 1960s."

The airport immediately moved to ban Stage 1 jets. When it tried to ban jets with Stage 2 engines, it ran into problems with the FAA. Legal battles reached the federal appellate court in Washington, D.C., and the NMA, dubbed by its management as "The Best Little Airport in the Country," won. To this day, it remains the only airport in the United States banning jets under 75,000 pounds with Stage 1 and Stage 2 engines.

Mr. Bush has moved to Naples Bath & Tennis Club, where he's happy to be away from flight patterns that would bring any jets over his community. His former neighbor Jack Pickett still lives under the flight path in Aqualane Shores.

"It's like night and day from what it used to be," Mr. Pickett reports. "From the standpoint of the roaring we used to hear, it's excellent. Back then, you'd be sitting in your house and you couldn't talk when those planes were coming over. It was awful. Stage 2 engines were almost as noisy as Stage 1, and at first the airport didn't want to lose that business."

Noise abatement procedures are posted around the airport, on the airport's Web site, www.flynaples.com, are broadcast from its tower and filter throughout the airline community. Boeing Company, for instance, devotes a portion of its Web site's Airport Noise Regulation section to Naples Municipal Airport. The airport employs a voluntary curfew and strongly advises that planes not fly into or out of the airport between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.

"People are still writing into the paper to complain about planes that fly too low and make noise, but if they'd been here before, they'd think they were in paradise now," says Mr. Pickett. "Airport personnel are doing the best they can without getting in trouble with the federal government again." ■

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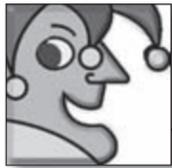
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When I was a junior at the Air Force Academy, I made about \$300 a month. My brother, also a cadet, was a math major. After visiting the local greyhound racing track, we figured that if we could box five dogs (out of eight in the race), eliminating three that would not finish in the top three, we could make a lot of money. We figured if we could win the first race or two that we'd be home free. I could not attend the day he went, so I gave him my monthly pay and off he went. Not only did we not win every race, I had zero dollars left over when he returned. We did manage to win 12 of 15 races, but the pots were too small to cover our bet (\$240 per race to box five dogs). Nowadays I stick to good mutual funds and strong stocks and bonds, and shy away from racetracks.

— W.H., online

The Fool Responds: That's smart, because the odds are in your favor when you invest in solid stocks, bonds and funds over the long haul. ■



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

Last week's trivia answer

I was founded in 1910 by a Nebraska teenager who moved to Kansas City, Mo., with two shoeboxes full of postcards. I produced my first Valentine in 1913, and today I crank out 18,000 new and redesigned greeting cards and related products per year. My cards come in 30 languages and are sold in 100 nations. Since 1951, my dramatic television series has won more than 75 Emmy awards. I have nearly 15,000 employees worldwide. My brands include Crayola and Silly Putty. I rake in more than \$4 billion annually, and I'm privately held. Who am I? ■

(Answer: Hallmark)



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Remember Shakespeare? Remember "As You Like It"? In Elizabethan days, Fools were the only people who could get away with telling the truth to the King or Queen. The Motley Fool tells the truth about investing, and hopes you'll laugh all the way to the bank.

Ask the Fool

Patience a Good Trait for Investors

Q Why should I invest in stocks if all my stock picks go down with the market? If I expect another big market drop, shouldn't I get out?

— Jack, online

A You should invest in stocks only if you understand and accept that their value will fluctuate over time, sometimes swooning or surging sharply.

Over the long haul, if you've bought stocks at undervalued prices, they should approach or exceed their intrinsic value. But that can take time, and patience is a key trait of most successful investors. The intrinsic value of healthy, growing companies will also rise over time.

Think twice about exiting the market in anticipation of a drop, as no one knows exactly when the market will plunge or soar. You don't want to be sitting on the sidelines for months or years, missing out on gains.

That said, if you feel sure that any holding is very overvalued, selling is often the smart thing to do.

Q I am a novice at investing, and I recently experienced something I don't understand. I placed a buy order for a stock before the market opened. The stock had closed at \$102 the previous day, so I bid roughly that. But it opened at \$105 and kept rising. What's the deal? How can a stock open at more than its closing price?

— S.K., online

A Demand can build up for a stock overnight, due to a positive news report or other factors. This will have buyers willing to pay more for it and sellers thus selling it for more.

At any given moment, a stock's price reflects the last price at which someone was willing to buy it and someone was willing to sell it.

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

Name That Company

Not long after the Wright brothers took flight in 1903, my founder turned a shipyard into an airplane factory. Today I'm the world's top aerospace company, making commercial jetliners, military aircraft, rotorcraft, electronic and defense systems, missiles, satellites, launch vehicles, and fancy information and communication systems. I also serve NASA, operating the Space Shuttle and International Space Station. In my



past, I've made furniture, boats, subway cars and wind turbines. I merged with McDonnell Douglas in 1997. I moved my headquarters from Seattle to Chicago in 2001, and I rake in more than \$60 billion annually. Who am I? ■

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

The Motley Fool Take

Don't Discount Oracle

Some investors are abandoning database software giant Oracle (Nasdaq: ORCL), following what looks like a sobering fiscal-first-quarter earnings report. That's probably a big mistake.

OK, Oracle's \$5.1 billion in revenue was a little shy of Wall Street's projected \$5.2 billion. And new license revenue declined 17 percent year over year. Mix in increasing competition from SAP, Microsoft and IBM, and a stink-eyed European Commission, which isn't yet ready to release Sun Microsystems into Larry Ellison's hands, and it's tough to know exactly where Oracle's short-term growth will come from.

And yet, even with all that, Oracle

produced more than \$3.6 billion in free cash flow (FCF) during the quarter, and \$8.5 billion over the trailing 12 months. Oracle's stock trades for just under 13 times FCF, below its recent cash flow growth rates. (Its trailing cash flow has grown 14 percent over the past year, for reference.)

It's true that Oracle doesn't appear very discounted at these levels, but buying it invests you in one of technology's most durable businesses, led by an experienced management team that's buying a key catalyst — Sun Microsystems' hardware and software business — at a fair price.

Oracle stock may not be cheap, but it sure seems to be as good a long-term value as you'll find in the tech sector. ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

► **WNOCC Women's Networking of Collier County** holds its expo from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, at the Collier Athletic Club. Sponsors are iwannahelp.net, Ironstone Bank, Jafra Cosmetics and Collier Athletic Club. Admission is \$5. Call 404-3521 or visit www.wnoc.org.

► **"Re-engineering Your Business Model,"** 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, Oct. 24, at the chamber, 2390 Tamiami Trail N. Register at www.scorenaples.org or call 430-0081.

► **"Don't Run Out of Money: Understanding Business Cash Flow,"** a seminar presented by Tom Spinelli of Spinelli Consulting LLC, takes place from 8-10 a.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 27, at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. Cost is \$5 for chamber members, \$25 for others. Register at www.napleschamber.org/events.

► **"Women, Wine and Estate Planning"** is a free workshop hosted by Merrill Lynch from 4:30-6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28, at the Merrill Lynch office in Mercato. Guest speaker will be Susan Nesbet-Sikuta of Cohen & Grisby P.C. Call 649-2976 to RSVP.

► **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.

► **Business Network International** holds its weekly meeting at 7:15 a.m. Thursdays at St. Katherine Greek Ortho-

dox Church, 7100 Airport-Pulling Road N., North Naples. For more information and to make a reservation, call 354-3224.

► **The Collier County Women's Bar Association** meets at noon on the fourth Wednesday of the month (next meeting Oct. 28) at Northern Trust, 4001 Tamiami Trail N.

► **The Bridgers Groups at Merrill Lynch** will present "Moving Forward Through Volatile Times" at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29, at Shula's Steakhouse in the Hilton Naples. The presentation will be by Jay Bridgers, vice president and senior financial advisor, and Dale Kirk, financial advisor. Call 649-2915 to RSVP.

► **The Jewish Business Network of Southwest Florida** meets for breakfast and

business on the second Friday of the month (next meeting Nov. 13) from 7:30-9 a.m. in the conference room at Robb & Stucky, 13170 Cleveland Ave., Fort Myers. To RSVP and for more information, call 433-7708 or e-mail yourjbn@chabadswf.org.

► **The Naples Area Professional League of Executive Services, N.A.P.L.E.S.,** holds its annual Business Reception from 5-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, at The Club at Naples Bay Resort. Key-note speaker Lewis Schiff will discuss "Five Trends for the Future: Why the Working Wealthy are the Window into the Next Consumer Economy." His presentation will be from 5:45-6:45 p.m. Cost is \$70 per person. For more information or to order tickets, call Tim Tillapaugh at 825-7711 or e-mail timtillapaugh@gmail.com. Tickets are also available at www.naplesgroup.net. ■

First National, Panther Community bank OK merger

First National Bank of the Gulf Coast, a proposed new bank in Naples, and Panther Community Bank in Lehigh Acres, have announced that shareholders of both banks have approved their previously announced merger, effective Monday, Oct. 26.

With headquarters in Naples, the resulting bank will be named First National Bank of the Gulf Coast, with headquarters in Naples and gross capital of more than \$44 million. The bank

has received conditional final approval from the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency as well as preliminary approval from the FDIC.

The main office is at 3560 Kraft Road, just off Pine Ridge Road; a second, full-service banking office is at 811 Anchor Rode Drive in The Moorings. The bank on Lehigh Acres will remain at 50 Joel Blvd.,

The combined bank will have approximately 65 employees led by Gary Tice

as chairman and CEO; Garrett Richter, president; C.C. Coghill, senior executive vice president and chief credit officer; and Robert Reichert, senior executive vice president and chief administrative officer.

Members of the Panther Community Bank executive team, including will continue in key roles with the bank.

For more information, call 348-8000 or visit www.fnbofbc.com. ■

BANK

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Two weeks ago, Florida Shores signed an agreement to acquire two branches of Florida Capital Bank, adding locations in Boca Raton and For Lauderdale to its growing footprint.

Once approved, Shamrock customers who use the 895 Fifth Avenue South

location in Naples and 102 North Copeland Avenue locaoitn in Everglades City will be served by Florida Shores Bank.

Florida Shores Bank will provide expanded services designed to support the success of local businesses and speed Southwest Florida's economic recovery.

In addition to a full range of comprehensive banking products and services, Florida Shores has programs designed to meet specialized client needs, such as the Complete Lockbox Association Ser-

vices System. This condominium/homeowner association program provides state-of-the-art lockbox processing with coupons, automatic debits, late notices and payment notices as well as loans for capital needs and lines of credit.

Established in 2006, Florida Shores Bank is a full-service, community-based commercial bank with locations in Pompano Beach, Venice, Englewood, Fort Myers, Naples, Boca Raton and Ft. Lauderdale. For more information, visit www.floridashoresbank.com. ■

BUSINESS BRIEFS

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detects smoke, motorized roll-down shutters automatically open. Mangeney Controls Inc. has also developed the Detector2, which monitors garages for carbon monoxide and automatically opens the garage door when the deadly gas is detected. For more information, call (800) 691-3122. ■

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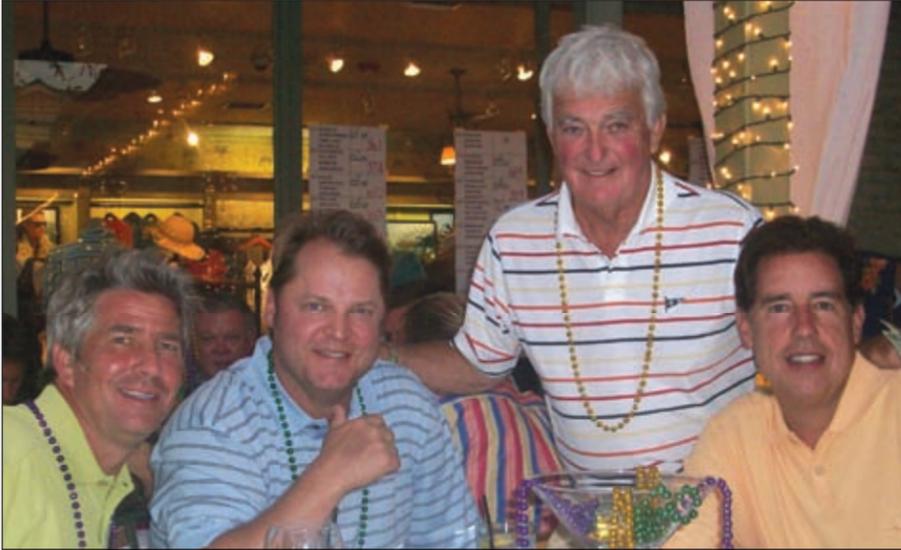


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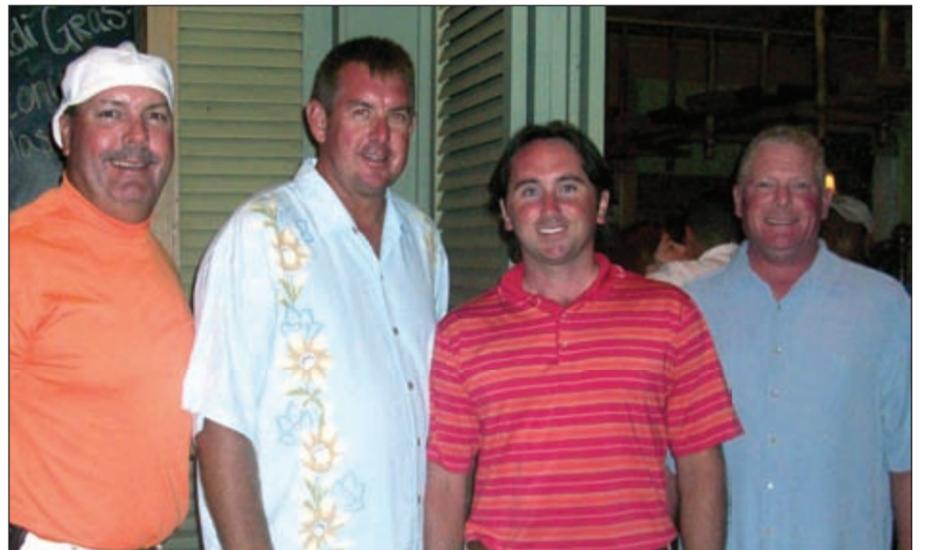
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REAL ESTATE

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A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES REAL ESTATE INDUSTRY

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Lastest NABOR report shows sales steadily increasing

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The newest report from the Naples Area Board of Realtors indicates summer was a strong selling period. NABOR tracks home listings and sales within Collier County (excluding Marco Island).

In the third quarter of 2009, the Naples area housing market continues to show steady increases in both pending and closed sales. Pending sales increased to 2,570 contracts in the third quarter, compared to 1,314 contracts in the third quarter of 2008.

"We're seeing an overall increase of pending sales in all geographic areas," says Mike Hughes, vice president of Downing-Frye Realty. "Showings continue to remain strong, as buyers take advantage of the unique opportunities in today's market."

Available inventory decreased 14 percent in the third quarter of 2009 to 9,209 compared to 10,658 in the third quarter of 2008.

The third-quarter report provides annual comparisons of single-family home and condo sales (via the SunshineMLS), price ranges and geographic segmentation and includes an overall market summary. The statistics are available online in chart format along with the following analysis:

- **Overall pending sales** under \$300,000 saw a 126 percent increase, with 1,917 contracts in the third quarter of 2009 compared to 849 in the third quarter of 2008.

- **Single-family homes sales** increased 87 percent, with 1,488 sales compared to 795 in the third quarter of 2008.

- **The overall median closed price** decreased 30 percent to \$176,000, down from \$250,000 in the third quarter of 2008. In any given period the median could vary greatly if there is an anomaly, a single sale that is significantly higher or lower than other properties in the area.

NABOR's September report shows overall condo pending and closed sales increased in all geographic areas.

"Condo sales continue a steady climb, as pending sales increased 159 percent with 350 contracts in September 2009 compared to 135 contracts in September 2008. Closed sales also saw a double-digit increase in September, as sales rose 60 percent compared to the same month last year," according to Jo Carter, president of Jo Cater & Associates.

September marks the sixth consecutive month of an increase in pending sales in the \$500,000 to \$1 million category.

The median closed price for properties excluding the under \$300,000 section of the market decreased only 6 percent to \$525,000 in September 2009 from \$557,000 in September 2008. The September report contains the following analysis:

- **Overall pending home sales** saw a 107 percent increase with 848 contracts in September 2009 compared to 410 contracts in September 2008. Properties under \$300,000 saw a 142 percent increase in pending sales with 645 contracts in September 2009 compared to 266 contracts in September 2008.

To view the entire September and third quarter report, go to www.Naplesarea.com. ■

Quail West luxuriates in third-quarter sales

Three furnished models included in 13 closings



The Casa Majestic is by McGarvey Custom Homes

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SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Quail West reports \$22 million in sales of furnished model homes, resale homes and home sites during the first three quarters of 2009, with 70 percent of the sales taking place during the past 12 weeks. The 13 transactions include the sale of furnished models by Imperial Homes of Southwest Florida, London Bay Homes and McGarvey Custom Homes. The three models ranged in size from 6,471 square feet to 8,347 total square feet; selling prices ranged from \$2.2 million to \$4.8 million.

"The accelerated sales pace at Quail West during the traditionally slow months of July, August and September indicates that the Naples luxury real estate market is rebounding and buyers are ready to take advantage of exceptional values in well-established luxury communities," says Cheryl Deering, vice president of sales and marketing for the 1,180-acre master-planned community in North Naples. Ms. Deering believes Quail West is particularly appealing in today's

economy because of all of the community's amenities, including the clubhouse, two golf courses, spa and tennis facility, are owned debt-free.

"Quail West has long been known for its sophisticated country club lifestyle, tranquility

elegance and tremendous amenities," says Karen Sweatlock, broker/associate with John R. Wood Realtors. "When you take that foundation and add the resources and reputation of the principals of Quail West Development Company, who purchased the community in April, you have

SEE QUAIL WEST, B11 ►



▲ Outdoor living room, The Ashley

◀ Outdoor dining and summer kitchen, The Ashley

Free seminars cover design tips and trends

The Robb & Stucky showroom in Naples invites the public to free seminars about design tips and trends. Coming up:

- **11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, "Jewelry for the Home"** - Design consultant Bob Jones will discuss how accessories and accent pieces can revitalize your home.

- **11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 29, "Material World"** - From slip covers to accent pillows, design consultant Harriet Mitchell will discuss how fabric can enhance your space and how colors, trims, textures and patterns work together to achieve a unique style.

- **11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, "Unique Holiday Giving"** - 'Tis the season for holiday shopping, and Robb & Stucky offers imaginative gift-giving ideas for family, friends, colleagues in the office, business associates and everyone on



your holiday shopping list.

- **11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, "Entertaining at Home: Professional Tips for Festiva Tabletops"** - From themed tabletops to simply elegant settings, enjoy a guided tour of table décor by Robb & Stucky's design professionals. Be inspired to dine in style and learn how you can incorporate expert tips to "wow" the guests at your next gathering.

- **2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, "Bring in the New, and Keep the Old"** - Making room for new furniture? Don't put antiques and family heirlooms away just yet. Let Robb & Stucky design consultant Todd Stevenson tell you how to mix and match antiques with new furniture to create beauty and design in your home.

The Naples showroom is at 2777 Tamiami Trail N. For more information, call 261-3969, ext. 7000. ■

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Wegman Design Group receives awards for design excellence



SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Wegman Design Group won two Design Excellence Awards from the American Society of Interior Design Florida South Chapter. Lori Wegman, ASID, IIDA, and her design team received Hospitality Design of the Year for LeParc Phase II and Health Care Design of the Year for the Moorings Park clubhouse renovation.

The LeParc project included a remodel of 8,500 square feet of common space at the oceanfront condominium. The

project involved creating more space for the game room, social room and fitness rooms, adding larger restrooms and renovating the outdoor terrace/grill. This work was done in collaboration with contractor Kraft Construction and architect Dalas Disney.

At Moorings Park, a Continuing Care Retirement Community, the clubhouse remodel included renovating the grand lobby, library and connecting hallways and improving the executive offices. Wegman Design Group's concept included upgrading both the aesthetic and functional aspects of the space.

Wegman Design Group has more than 25 years in interior design, project management and construction projects locally, nationally and internationally. The company's designs can be found nationally in health care centers, high-rise building common areas, libraries, restaurants and banks.

Call 596-8551 or visit www.WegmanDesignGroup.com for more information. ■

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Clockwise from left: The clubhouse at Moorings Park. The lobby at LeParc oceanfront condominium. Lori Wegman



Estate, executive home sites released for sale in Quail West

Quail West Development Company has released for sale 54 home sites in Quail West. Ranging from 1/2 to 1 acre, the lots offer expansive golf, lake and nature preserve views and are priced from the \$300,000s.

"The home sites in this initial release offer an unbeatable value for individuals interested in building a custom home in one of the finest country club communities in Naples," says Cheryl Deering, vice president of sales and marketing.

Ms. Deering notes that the initial release includes 180-foot-wide estate home sites and 95-foot executive home sites. "We've spent the past few months listening to our customers and Realtors, and their input has led us to offer various sized home sites," she says, adding the new product gives additional buyers an opportunity to experience the grandeur of the Quail West lifestyle. The home sites in this release overlook lakes and the rolling fairways of two Arthur Hills signature golf courses.



The Quail West clubhouse

COURTESY PHOTO

Individuals purchasing home sites in Quail West will choose from one of the community's participating builders: Florida Lifestyle Homes of Fort Myers, Fox Custom Builders, Imperial Homes of Southwest Florida, London Bay Homes, McGarvey Custom Homes, Robert D'Angelo Custom Homes and The Newport Companies.

For more information, all 592-1010 or visit www.QuailWest.com. ■

QUAIL WEST

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a purchasing opportunity that clients can feel very good about," she adds.

Individuals interested in touring the seven furnished models available for sale are encouraged to visit the sales center at the entrance to the community. The models, built by Imperial Homes of Southwest Florida, London Bay Homes, McGarvey Custom Homes and The Newport Companies, range in size from 5,478 square feet to 9,292 total square feet and come com-



Kitchen and family room, The Ashley

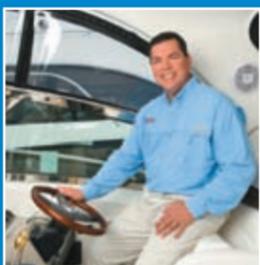
plete with state-of-the-art features.

At the heart of the community is the elegant 70,000-square-foot clubhouse with both casual and fine dining facilities, a ballroom, wine grotto, full-service spa and beauty salon, pro shops, fitness center, card room and eight red-clay tennis courts and a junior Olympic-sized solarium pool.

Quail West is east of I-75, one mile south of Bonita Beach Road. For more information, call 592-1010 or visit www.QuailWest.com. ■



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► **Barbara McLaughlin** was the top sales associate for September at Vineyards. A Naples resident since 1998, Ms. McLaughlin has 31 years of real estate experience in markets from Connecticut to Coral Springs, Fla.



MCLAUGHLIN

► **Carl Senica** has joined the sales team at Weichert, Realtors On The Gulf. Mr. Senica specializes in residential sales and rentals as well as relocation, serving clients in Collier and Lee

counties. He is a member of the Naples Area Board of Realtors and the National Association of Realtors. He is also a real estate appraiser and licensed mortgage broker and a member of the Florida Association of Mortgage Brokers. An eight-year resident of Naples, he holds an associate's degree in business administration and is pursuing a bachelor's degree from the University of Phoenix.



SENICA

► **Linda Willette** has joined the Bonita Springs office of Downing-Frye Realty Inc. as a sales associate. Ms. Willette has almost 12 years of real estate experience and specializes in waterfront properties in Naples, Bonita Springs, Estero and Fort Myers. She also has experience in selling commercial and medical buildings. Prior to her career in real estate, she was a weight-training and fitness instructor and helped manage her husband's home-building business, Willette Construction. Originally from Chicago, Ill., she has resided in Florida since 1977 and belongs to the Florida and National Association of Realtors and the Bonita and Estero Area Association of Realtors. ■

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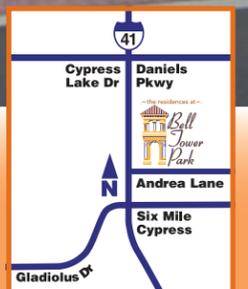
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The 300-page book is filled with family favorites, scrumptious finds and even original recipes from the chefs of the Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center. The bulk of the first-edition compilation will be in stores on Nov. 1. A special edition of pink-bound books, printed in a limited quantity, is already available.

The Robb & Stucky Cookbook will retail for \$14.99 in Robb & Stucky showrooms nationwide. All proceeds from the sale of each cookbook will be donated directly to the American Cancer Society.

"We had a fantastic response from our associates for this project. From Boca Raton to Las Vegas, Dallas to Sarasota, the Robb & Stucky staff was overjoyed to share their favorite dishes for this important cause," said Clive Lubner, CEO of Robb & Stucky. "The result is a stunning keepsake book that offers a variety of delicious recipes to share with family and friends this holiday season — with all of the proceeds going directly to the American Cancer Society."

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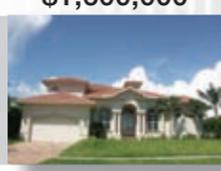
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Vanderbilt Beach, 9653 Gulfshore Dr, #901 - Beachfront penthouse w/southern exposure. Expansive views of the Gulf, bay & city from wrap around balcony. Upgraded kitchen & baths. Garage parking. 3/3 (C5428) Dustin Beard, 289-2650 **\$1,595,000**



Colliers Reserve, 12640 Colliers Reserve Dr - 1st class lake front setting in Colliers Reserve. 2 story home w dramatic screened lanai featuring raised pavilion and lagoon pool. 3+Den/3.5 (H4317) Lisa Richardson 250-8008 **\$1,325,000**



Golden Gate Est, 6155 Standing Oaks Ln - Fantastic location, beautiful estate home that has it all. Plenty of room for entertaining within the main house & pool area, plus two attached guest homes. 6 or More/5 (H4337) Mary Kay Hart, 821-5500 **\$1,300,000**



Livingston Woods, 6510 Sable Ridge Ln - 2.73 acres, 2 story home w/3 car garage, pool, family room w/FP plus upstairs media room. Commercial pole barn w/1750 SF of storage/work area. 4+Den/3.5 (H3865) Lisa Richardson 250-8008 **\$1,199,000**



Naples Lakes Country Club, 5107 Castlerock Way - Exquisite estate home enhanced w/ numerous valuable upgrades. CC membership included. 3 car side entry garage is ideal for your own golf cart. 3+Den/3.5 (H2883) Annemarie Giannini, 289-1820 **\$895,000**



Vineyards, 6664 Glen Arbor Way - Sophisticated elegance describes this estate home in this economically solid country club community. All the quality features you'd expect in a luxury home. 4+Den/3.5 (H4282) Bobbie Dusek, 659-6132 **\$895,000**



Moorings, 1947 Crayton Rd - Renovated pool home w/lge family rm. Granite counters, stainless appls, new tile floors, spacious. Over 4000 T Sq Ft. 3/2 (H3039) Margaret Hutchison, 272-7000, Audrey Carmony, 272-4462 **\$849,000**



Imperial Shores, 4865 Regal Dr - A Boaters Dream & priced to sell. Unique Key West style home w/ boat dock, lift & seawall. Super southern views of canal & bay to Gulf. Bi-level lanai. 3 bdrm. 3/2 (H4238) Margaret Hutchison, 272-7000, Audrey Carmony, 272-4462 **\$799,900**



Banyan Woods, 4980 Rustic Oaks Cir - Modified Catalina floor plan allows more open area in kitchen and family room. Home has an upgraded allergy free A/C system w/air purifier. 3+Den/3 (H4031) Mary Kay Hart, 821-5500 **\$699,000**



Golden Gate Estates, 521 18 Ave NW - This beautiful home is a paradise waiting for its new owners. The perfect home to entertain your family and friends. 4+Den/2.5 (H4276) Mary Kay Hart, 821-5500 **\$675,000**



Cape Coral, 1018 Se 23rd Pl - Eclectically-decorated surrounded by beautiful shade trees & set on (4) lots. Nearly 250 ft. of canal frontage, dock 1+ boats. Dock w/ lift & concrete seawall. 4/2.5 (H4419) Edmund Silva, 691-7176 **\$650,000**



Banyan Woods, 4911 Rustic Oaks Cir - Delightful pool home w/long lake view & open fl. plan. Upgrades include granite countertops, tumbled marble details, SS appl., Calif. closets & more. 3+Den/2.5 (H4386) Linda C. Loomis, P.A., 451-0769 **\$645,000**



Longshore Lake, 10819 Fieldfair Dr - N Naples gated community. Quality & upgrades throughout. Kit. & 3 baths feature granite, high-end fixtures and designer tile. Home surrounds tropical pool/spa. 4/3 (H4467) Lisa Richardson 250-8008 **\$639,000**



Cedar Creek, 9230 Cedar Creek Dr - Your own paradise in this popular comm. Custom built w/many upgrades. Pool, spa, citrus trees, boat dock & pvt. tiki hut overlooking Spring Creek. Gulf Access. 4/3 (H4465) Jim Scartz, 877-9726, Carl Rao, 949-3932 **\$599,900**



Vineyards, 567 Avellino Isles Cir, #101 - Lowest priced first floor Michaelangelo model unit on the market. Private location in gated community with lake views and resort-style amenities. 3/3.5 (C5772) Ryan Nordyke, 776-9390 **\$599,000**



Old Naples, 1222 Gordon Dr, #3 - Outstanding renovation in convenient location between The Pier & Third Street. High end appointments normally found in multi million dollar properties. Turnkey. 2/2 (C5000) Merry Coolidge, 450-4924 **\$575,000**



Worthington, 13111 Bridgeford Ave - One of the largest homes here! Best view of lake & course too! Tons of upgrades, hurricane shutters everywhere. Pool & Spa Terrific! Inc. golf. 3+Den/2.5 (H4455) Sharon Hammond-Turnblad 851-6918 **\$549,900**



Worthington, 13871 Tonbridge Ct - This popular Arthur Rutenberg Monterey floor plan features a formal living room, dining room and a casual FR with wet bar perfect for entertaining. 3+Den/3 (H3150) Diane Rudd, 405-1862 **\$549,000**



Moorings, 2100 Gulf Shore Blvd N - Port au Villa. 6 offerings. Beach & Bay, Boat Docks. 1200 SF. Furnished, pool on the bay, fish off docks & walk across the st. to the beach. All steps from your door. 2/2 (C5125) Carmony-Hutchison Team, 272-7000 **\$349,000 to \$549,000**



Moorings, 222 Harbour Dr, #302 - Unending SW views from glassed in lanai w/breathtaking sunsets! Many upgrades, remodeled kitchen & baths. 3rd floor end unit. 2 boat slips included in price. 2/2 (C4987) Karen Champion, 450-3676 **\$525,000**



Vanderbilt Beach, 21 Bluebill Ave, #306 - End unit, wraparound balconies, views from both master suites! Furnished & ready to enjoy or rent. Five minutes to beach. 2/2 (C5865) Cynthia Miles, 273-3449, Darren Miles, 287-7372 **\$495,000**



Lely Resort, 8645 Champions Pt, #1103 - Hardly lived in Carriage home on the Mustang Course at Lely Resort. Enjoy 2nd floor stellar views- Private elevator. Granite counters & more. 3/3 (C5301) Cynthia Miles, 273-3449, Darren Miles, 287-7372 **\$479,000**



Moorings, 2880 Gulf Shore Blvd N, #209 - Bayside beach retreat! Updated open floor plan, glassed in lanai, 1554 T.A. carport, new windows & plumbing. Lovely bayside pool or stroll Moorings Beach. 2/2 (C5890) Lisa M. Richardson 250-8008 **\$474,000**



Lely Resort, 8144 Saratoga Dr, #2101 - Desirable lake view from open island kitchen. Move-in condition. Players Club optional. Handsomely decorated. 2+Den/2 (C5923) Jill Pyszkowski, 659-6333, Host - Robin Hill 776-0733 **\$369,000**



Golden Gate Estates, 6030 Sea Grass Ln - Opportunity to own 3/2 home and 2/1 guest home west of Santa Barbara. Great location, pool, fireplace, fruit trees, storage shed and more. Very nice property! 3/2 (H4111) Mary Kay Hart, 821-5500 **\$350,000**



Lely Resort, 6753 Bent Grass Dr - Foreclosed courtyard home w/spa. 3rd bed & bath in cabana making great space for office or guest suite. Excellent condition. 3/3 (H4141) Cynthia Miles, 273-3449, Darren Miles, 287-7372 **\$349,000**



Stonebridge, 1655 Winding Oaks Way, #101 - Bundled golf membership included, view of 15th green. 1st floor end unit. Upgraded kitchen. Club amenities include tennis, fitness center, clubhouse, & pool. 2+Den/2 (C5871) Cynthia Miles, 273-3449, Darren Miles, 287-7372 **\$349,000**



Pelican Bay, 5815 Glencove Dr, #1201 - Glencove. On tram to beach. Split bedroom Cambridge model, most sought after. Furnished, lanai glassed and screen, 1606 T.SF 2/2 (C4999) Margaret Hutchison, 272-7000, Audrey Carmony, 272-4462 **\$329,000**



Glen Eagle, 224 Glen Eagle Cir - Golf community minutes to 5th, 3rd & beaches. Open floor plan w/2124 SF, granite kitchen, diag tile, coffer ceilings, water softener, pool/spa. 2+Den/2 (H4019) Jim Scartz, 877-9726, Douglas Smith, 682-0414 **\$319,900**



Worthington, 13190 Southampton Dr - The best of the best! Wonderfully upgraded with sought after southern lake exposure. Long fairway views. Heated pool, lovely furnishings, tile & more. 3/2 (V1133) Diane Rudd, 405-1862 **\$300,000**



Golden Gate Estates, 27th Ave Ne - Well-maintained home on landscaped 2.73 acres. Long brick driveway, fireplace, playground. House is wind rated for up to 110 mph w/ reinforced block. 3/2 (H4341) Annemarie M. Giannini, 289-1820 **\$279,000**



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Vineyards, 180 Via Perignon - Pristine Condo in Tra Vigne. From the moment you walk through the front door this feels like home. This 1st floor condo has been meticulously cared for by its owners. 3+Den/2.5 (C5910) Ryan Nordyke, 776-9390 **\$249,000**



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Quiet country living on a 1.25 acre site, yet near shops. Newer, spacious 3BR+den home. Family room, heated pool. \$485,000
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WYNDEMERE - GOLF COTTAGES ▲
Cozy cottage with 2BRs+ den, 2BAs, & 2-car garage. Views of golf course. Membership is required for all residences.
\$350,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126



SHADOW WOOD PRESERVE - SANDALWOOD ▲
Beautifully appointed 1st floor luxury carriage home. Magnificent golf course & lake views, 2-car attached garage.
\$336,500 | Harriet Harner | 273-5443

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Custom built 4 bedroom, 4 bath home, open floor plan and outdoor pool area with a summer kitchen for entertaining.
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Fabulous signature Kingon built 4BR+den, 3.5BA home. Great golf & lake views, resort-style pool/spa, 3-car garage.
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THE COLONY - FLORENCIA ▲
The newest luxury high-rise in The Colony. "Thru-view" design, impeccable turnkey 3BR/3BA. Superb resort amenities.
\$649,000 | Jill Kushner | 239-948-4000

BAYCREST 25344 Galashiels Circle ▲
Expansive 2BR+den/3rdBR villa beautifully updated in 2009. Golf views, friendly neighborhood. \$399,000 | Stephanie/John Coburn/Pam Umscheid | 948-4000

CONDOMINIUMS/VILLAS

THE COLONY - MERANO 23750 Merano Court #201 ▲
Western lake to golf views. Beautiful 3 BR+den with 2-car garage. Private Golf Club membership available. \$499,999 | Stephanie/John Coburn/Pam Umscheid | 948-4000

BAYCREST 25270 Galashiels Circle ▲
Spacious split-plan 2BR+den, 2BA villa, fabulous golf course view & western exposure. Beach access and much more! \$399,000 | Daniel Peggart | 272-8026

SOUTHBRIDGE 3470 Ballybridge Circle #102 ▲
White glove clean! Private & quiet location. Fantastic, 2BR +den home. Glass-enclosed lanai. New granite counters. \$299,900 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210

BAY CEDAR 25260 Bay Cedar Drive ▲
Cul-de-sac homesite - no neighbor to one side. Spacious single-family home. Pool, spa, 3 bedrooms + den, 3 baths. \$468,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210

CONDOMINIUMS/VILLAS

LAKEMONT COVE 24752 Lakemont Cove Lane #201 ▲
Lovely 3BR/2BA w/Southern exposure; 2nd floor residence overlooks lake. Master offers lanai access & jetted tub. \$289,000 | Jack Despart | 273-7931

SANDPIPER GREENS 25161 Sandpiper Greens Court #103 ▲
One owner, immaculately maintained 3 BR/2 BA home. Lake & golf course view. Walk to the Club with many amenities. \$285,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210

THE POINTE 3491 Pointe Creek Court #204 ▲
Preserve views, furnished 3 BR condominium. Many recreational & social amenities. Private memberships available. \$197,500 | Jack Despart | 273-7931

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THE COLONY - TUSCANY ISLE 24040 Tuscan Court ▲
Build your dream home on this scenic choice lot. Southern exposure, spectacular Bay Club overlooking the Gulf. \$925,000 | Mary Catherine/Larry White | 594-9494

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BAY WOODS ▲
Spectacular, London Bay built 4 bedroom plus den on an elevated, expansive lot with an estate-like approach **\$3,795,000** | Gary L. Jaarda/Jeff Jaarda | 248-7474



BAY WOODS ▲
Exquisitely detailed 4 bedroom plus den, 4.5 bath home with 3-car garage. Private view of lake and nature preserve. **\$3,395,000** | Carol Wood | 822-3709



SPRING RIDGE ▲
Gorgeous 4 bedroom plus den Harwick home. Marble floors and wine cellar. Credit towards golf membership included. **\$2,999,000** | Connie Lummis | 289-3543



BAY WOODS ▲
Spectacular and sleek 3 bedroom plus den, 3.5 bath home built by Snell Construction. Two A/C 2-car garages! **\$2,995,000** | Gary L. Jaarda/Jeff Jaarda | 248-7474



ROOKERY LAKE ▲
Tropical paradise. Lake & golf views, 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 3-car garage, den, great room plan, pool and spa. **\$2,500,000** | Billie Jans/Chris Mier | 948-4000



SPRING RIDGE ▲
Beautiful golf course home with 4BRs + den, 4BAs, faux tray ceilings and double crown moulding. Heated pool/spa. **\$2,100,000** | Harriet Harnar | 273-5443



HIDDEN RIVER ▲
Lake view, pristine 4 BR/4.5 BA, 3-car garage, expansive lanai & pool area. Many quality upgrades throughout. **\$1,325,000** | Cathy/George Lieberman | 777-2441



COCONUT ISLE ▲
Fabulous 3BR + den villa. Many upgrades; Hardwood floors, newly painted interiors & salt water pool filter system. **\$1,295,000** | Connie Lummis | 289-3543



IBIS COVE ▲
On a cul-de-sac, this lake front home provides wonderful views. Spacious lanai featuring heated pool and spa. **\$1,175,000** | Carol Wood | 822-3709



VISTAS #2203 ▲
Views over the Gulf of Mexico, bay and Bay Island golf course. Screened balcony and open terraces off bedrooms. **\$1,175,000** | Pamela Heron | 273-4785



BERMUDA COVE ▲
Turnkey with timeless, beautiful furnishings. Hardwood floors, granite counters, plantation shutters. Lanai & pool. **\$995,000** | Connie Lummis | 289-3543



OPEN SUN. 1-4
BERMUDA COVE ▲
26187 Isle Way - Great villa offers 3BRs, plantation shutters, wood floors, crown moulding and tropical pool/spa. **\$925,000** | Cathy/George Lieberman | 777-2441



BAYVIEW I #1103 ▲
Fabulous views of Bay/Gulf from this open FP with neutral colors, wood toned kitchen & Corian tops. **\$825,000** | Cathy/George Lieberman | 777-2441



THE HAMPTONS #202 ▲
Exotic tropical landscaping, spotless former model. Elevator, 3BRs, 3BAs, media room, Romeo & Juliet balcony, pool. **\$635,000** | Cathy/Jim McCormick | 850-4278



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ESPERIA & TAVIRA ▲
26951 Country Club Drive (Sales Center) Breathtaking views over Bay Island Golf Course, Estero Bay & the Gulf. An idyllic community devoted to golf, parks, marina & more! New construction from the \$600s! Please call 800-311-3622



OPEN SUN. 1-4
BAY HARBOR ▲
27134 Shell Ridge Circle - Preserve views. Two bedroom plus den villa. Granite countertops, wood flooring. Lanai with spa. **\$599,900** | Cathy/George Lieberman | 777-2441



THE HAMPTONS #202 ▲
Electric hurricane shutters, diagonal tile in all main areas, and extensive use of crown moulding. Three BRs + den. **\$599,000** | Doug Davlin | 272-5060



ARBOR STRAND ▲
Great room floor plan with large kitchen and extended lanai. Two bedrooms, large den, spa on lanai. Preserve view. **\$595,000** | Carol Wood | 822-3709



HAMMOCK ISLE #101 ▲
Private golf course views from this 2 bedroom + den, 3 bath. Two-car attached garage. Turnkey furnished. **\$559,000** | Cathy/George Lieberman | 777-2441



TUCKAWEYE ▲
Completely renovated villa home. Cathedral ceilings, private pool, plantation shutters, and new "green" A/C. **\$535,000** | Judy Stead | 273-3438



WATERFORD #202 ▲
Second floor, 3BR with soaring ceilings, remodeled bathrooms, tiled lanai, and a 2-car garage. View of lake/golf. **\$525,000** | Cathy/George Lieberman | 777-2441



ENCLAVE ▲
Three bedroom villa overlooks fairway. Over 3,000 total SF and large 2nd floor master suite. Amazing amenities. **\$449,000** | Pamela Heron | 273-4785



THE HAMPTONS #101 ▲
Lake & golf course setting. Glassed-enclosed lanai, mouldings, wood floor, plantation shutters & 18" diagonal tile. **\$449,900** | Carol Johnson/Michael Lickley | 564-1282



ENCLAVE ▲
Highly Motivated Owner! Turnkey furnished 4BR pool villa, charming cottage decor. Fresh paint, remodeled kitchen. **\$449,000** | Mary Catherine/Larry White | 594-9494



NEW LISTING
WEDGEWOOD #401 ▲
Panoramic lake and golf views! Spacious 3BR/3BA with neutral decor & high ceilings. **\$440,000** | Carol Wood | 822-3709



LAKE VILLAS OF WEDGEWOOD I #201 ▲
Recently refurbished 3 bedroom with new tile in the living areas, new tile counters in kitchen & new refrigerator. **\$389,000** | Cathy/George Lieberman | 777-2441



HARBOR LANDING #201 ▲
Bright, sunny residence is immaculate! Two bedroom plus large media room residence, 18" tile. Preserve view. **\$385,000** | Carol Wood | 822-3709



CROSSINGS #11 ▲
AWESOME lake view! Turnkey furnished 2BR/2.5BA + den, 2-car garage home. Oversized lanai, has never been rented. **\$349,000** | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210



GREENBRIAR #206 ▲
Long golf and lake views! Bright end 2BR+den home. Energy friendly, safe from storms. Community pool, spa, tennis. **\$325,000** | Carol Wood | 822-3709



BAY POINTE #101 ▲
Well-kept 3 BR with 2-car garage across from neighborhood pool/fitness center. Private preserve view. **\$299,000** | Teresa Rucker | 281-2376



ESPERIA SOUTH
#1202 - Incredible views of golf course, Bay and Gulf. Quality finishes of Mocha Bomania 24" x 24" Travertine flooring. **\$1,199,000** | Teresa Rucker | 281-2376



#1602 - Sunset views. This 3 bedroom offers exquisite finishes of natural wood cabinets and granite tops in the kitchen. **\$1,099,995** | Brian Nelson | 572-2903
#1801 - Expanded SW corner luxury home with glass-enclosed lanai. Resort-style amenities. Lagoon style pool/spa. **\$975,000** | Cathy/Jim McCormick | 850-4278
#2001 - The rarest find, with 2 lanais, westward over the bejeweled sunsets. Exquisite granite, marbles and natural woods. **\$995,000** | Brian Nelson | 572-2903
#1204 - Over \$135,000 in smart upgrades. Added 3rd bedroom/den and a 3rd full bath. Eat-in island kitchen. Furnished. **\$985,000** | Carol Johnson/Michael Lickley | 564-1282
#2405 - Breathtaking views of the Gulf, Bay & golf from this high-rise residence with expanded floor plan & many upgrades. **\$895,000** | Connie Lummis | 289-3543
#704 - Spectacular views of the Gulf, Bay & Bay Island Golf Course. Handsome cabinetry in kitchen & baths. Two-car garage. **\$889,000** | Cathy/George Lieberman | 777-2441
#1605 - Views of the Gulf, Bay & golf from this corner residence with neutral backgrounds and upgraded appliances. **\$799,000** | Harriet Harnar/Cathy/Jim McCormick | 273-5443



ESTANCIA
#1701-SW facing, corner 3BR/3BA offers the best of views from Gulf to golf. Immaculately maintained. Fabulous amenities. **\$1,175,000** | NEW LISTING | Carol Johnson/Michael Lickley | 564-1282



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#401 - View of 2 fairways & Estero Bay Three BR+den and 4,470+ total SF, coffered ceilings. Luxury amenities. **\$1,825,000** | Cathy/Jim McCormick | 850-4278



#1701 - Panoramic views. Custom residence with 3BRs, den. Fireplace, 10' ceilings & granite counters. **\$1,799,000** | Judy Stead | 273-3438
#1803 - Spectacular views, cherry & marble floors, crown mouldings, granite counters. Three BR+den. **\$1,665,000** | OPEN SUN. 1-4 | Carol Johnson/Michael Lickley | 564-1282
#502 - Luxurious living, views of Bay & Gulf! Mediterranean style 3BR+den, 3,166 A/C SF. **\$1,595,000** | OPEN SUN. 1-4 | Carol Johnson/Michael Lickley | 564-1282
#1601 - Incredible price! Luxurious & well-appointed. Sunset/sunrise views from 4 terraces. **\$1,575,000** | Harriet Harnar | 273-5443



AZURE
#2403 - Extraordinary and limitless views over Estero Bay and the Gulf. Over 4,860 total SF, three bedrooms, three baths. **\$2,095,000** | Brian Nelson | 572-2903



#1802 - Panoramic views of the Gulf, Bay and the Bay Island golf. This floor plan offers 3 BR den and 4 baths. **\$1,995,000** | Harriet Harnar | 273-5443
#303 - Views of Estero Bay & the 9th fairway from this 3BR, 3BA with wraparound terraces, exquisite granite, crown moulding. **\$1,495,000** | Cathy/Jim McCormick | 850-4278
#CH204 - Spacious 3BR+den, 2nd level exceptionally designed carriage home. Park views. Luxurious amenities! **\$1,250,000** | Carol Johnson/Michael Lickley | 564-1282



#1102 - Superior contemporary interior design features, 3BRs + media/den with lighting & sound control. Sunset views. **\$1,395,000** | Carol Johnson/Michael Lickley | 564-1282
#1802 - Magnificent 3 BR, 3 BA finished with marble, granite, & hardwood floors. Views of Bay/Gulf. Furnishings negotiable. **\$1,375,000** | Tom McCarthy | 243-5520
#2101 - Spectacular sunrise-sunset views. Light backgrounds and marble flooring; floor-to-ceiling windows. **\$1,349,000** | Carol Johnson/Michael Lickley | 564-1282
#1101 - Magnificent views of bay, Gulf, and the Bay Island Golf Course. Marble floors; furnished. Floor-to-ceiling windows. **\$1,330,000** | Harriet Harnar | 273-5443
#1404 - Truly, a one-of-a-kind residence with an open and very social floor plan, wet bar, and a huge den/family room. **\$1,299,000** | Carol Johnson/Michael Lickley | 564-1282
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Single Family Homes

CREKESIDE 3310 Oak Hammock Court
Custom-built home with tile floors, crown mouldings and cathedral ceilings. Pool/spa, 3-car garage. Open and airy. **\$897,000** | Harriet Harnar | 273-5443

Condominiums/Villas

COCONUT ISLE 26400 Brick Lane
Expansive lake and golf course views. Three bedrooms plus den, 3 full baths. Marble flooring & granite countertops. **\$1,650,000** | Gary L. Jaarda/Brian Nelson | 248-7474

LOST LAKE 27124 Lost Lake Lane
Spectacular lake to preserve views! Bright 3 bedroom villa with upgrades. Private courtyard, heated pool/spa. **\$795,000** | Cathy/George Lieberman | 777-2441

EAGLES NEST 25961 Nesting Court #201
Spacious 3BR, 3BA plus den and bonus room condominium overlooks lake, golf course & preserve beyond. **\$649,900** | Carol Wood | 822-3709

HAMMOCK ISLE 26001 Hammock Isle Court #202
Beautifully updated designer interiors, 3BRs + media room, crown mouldings, built-in cabinets and golf course view. **\$649,000** | Connie Lummis | 289-3543

Condominiums/Villas

ARBOR STRAND 27408 Arbor Strand Drive
Charming cottage-like villa with 3 bedrooms or 2 bedrooms plus den, 2.5 baths and family room. Private pool & spa. **\$599,000** | Cathy/George Lieberman | 777-2441

TUCKAWEYE 2911 Greenflower Court
Charming villa with heated pool, three bedrooms, two baths, great room plan & vaulted ceilings. Turnkey furnished. **\$575,000** | Harriet Harnar | 273-5443

BAYVIEW I 4811 Island Pond Court #503 **OPEN SUN. 1-4**
Gulf and Bay views! Leaded glass front door, 10' ceilings, 3 BR, 3BA, plantation shutters and electric storm shutters. **\$574,000** | Carol Johnson/Michael Lickley | 564-1282

EGRETS LANDING 26690 Egrets Drive #202
Private elevator to 2nd floor living. Immaculate condition. Electric hurricane shutters, built-in bar & media room. **\$545,000** | Connie Lummis | 289-3543

HAMMOCK ISLE 26011 Hammock Isle Court #102
Expansive golf course and cypress views. Glassed-in lanai, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, and 18" tile on the diagonal. **\$499,000** | Gary L. Jaarda/Jeff Jaarda | 248-7474

OPEN SUN. 1-4 WATERFORD 3310 Glen Cairn Court #201
Large lanai overlooking lake & golf. Spacious with 3BRs/3BAs, over 2,400 SF AC & 2-car garage. Furnishings negotiable. **\$399,900** | Bet Dewey | 564-5673

Condominiums/Villas

BAY POINTE 26951 Montego Pointe Court #202
Furnished turnkey, 3BRs, 2BAs, volume ceilings, tile on the diagonal, tiled lanai for comfortable year-round use. **\$395,000** | Cathy/George Lieberman | 777-2441

CROSSINGS 3260 Crossings Court #13
Long lake views. Furnished 2 BR+den, 30 ft. wide screened lanai, 2-car garage. Walk to fitness center & clubhouse. **\$385,000** | Cathy/George Lieberman | 777-2441

BAY POINTE 26974 Montego Pointe Court #101
Desirable southwest exposure & preserve views. Screened & glass-enclosed lanai, tiled living areas & 2-car garage. **\$359,000** | Suzanne Ring | 821-7550

WATERFORD 3331 Glen Cairn Court #204
Fantastic views of golf, lake & marsh from this remodeled 2nd floor residence with glassed-in lanai. 3 BRs, 3 BAs. **\$350,000** | Gary L. Jaarda/Jeff Jaarda | 248-7474

GREENBRIAR 4130 Bayhead Drive #204
Beautifully updated 2 BR/2 BA plus den condominium. Dramatic golf course and long marsh views, turnkey furnished. **\$295,000** | Cathy/George Lieberman | 777-2441

HARBOR LAKES 27031 Lake Harbor Court #102
Turnkey furnished, and recently painted from top to bottom! Two bedroom, 2 bath home with 1-car garage. Lake view. **\$265,000** | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210



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2 • VILLAGE WALK - East of Livingston on Vanderbilt Beach Road. • Priced from \$300,000. • Illustrated Properties Real Estate • Call 239-596-2520 • Mon. - Fri. 10-4 and Sat. - Sun. 10-3

3 • PELICAN LANDING - CREEKSIDE CROSSING • 25272 Pelican Creek Circle #201 • \$319,000 • Premier Properties • Pam Umscheid 691-3541

4 • PARK SHORE AREA - PARK WEST VILLAS • 4702 West Blvd. • \$319,000 • Premier Properties • Jeri Richey 269-2203

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7 • LEMURIA • 7172 Lemuria Circle #1801 • From the Mid \$400s. • Premier Properties • Tom Gasbarro 404-4883. • Mon. - Fri. 10-4 and Sat. - Sun. 1-4

8 • THE COLONY AT PELICAN LANDING - MERANO • 23750 Merano Court #201 • \$499,999 • Premier Properties • John Coburn 825-3464

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9 • TREVISO BAY • 9004 Tamiami Trail East • Priced from \$500s • Premier Properties • Call 239-643-1414 • Mon. - Sat. 9-5 and Sun. 11-5

10 • THE CROSSINGS - MILL RUN • 7073 Mill Run Circle • \$548,900 • Premier Properties • Dave/Ann Renner 784-5552

11 • BONITA BAY - BAYVIEW I • 4811 Island Pond Court #503 • Premier Properties • \$574,000 • Carol Johnson 564-1282

12 • VINEYARDS - VALLEY OAK • 217 Monterey Drive • \$589,000 • Premier Properties • Isabelle Edwards 564-4080

13 • BONITA BAY - BAY HARBOR • 27134 Shell Ridge Circle • \$599,900 • Premier Properties • Cathy/George Lieberman 777-2441

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14 • BONITA BAY - ESPERIA & TAVIRA • 26951 Country Club Drive • New construction priced from the \$600s. • Premier Properties • Call 800-311-3622. • Mon. - Sat:10-5 & Sun. 12 - 5

15 • WILSHIRE LAKES • 8191 Wilshire Lakes Blvd. • \$699,000 • Premier Properties • Bernie Garabed 571-2466

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16 • MOORINGS - ADMIRALTY POINT II • 2400 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. #PH-4 • \$799,000 • Premier Properties • Trey Wilson 595-4444. • 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

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17 • BONITA BAY - BERMUDA COVE • 26187 Isle Way • \$925,000 • Premier Properties • Cathy/George Lieberman 777-2441

18 • PELICAN BAY - ST. RAPHAEL • 7117 Pelican Bay Blvd. #207 • \$995,000 • Premier

Properties • Jean Tarkenton 595-0544

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19 • VANDERBILT BEACH - VANDERBILT GULFSIDE • 10951 Gulfshore Drive #1403 • \$1,259,000 • Premier Properties • Pat Callis 250-0562

20 • GREY OAKS - ESTUARY - MARSH WREN • 1553 Marsh Wren Lane • \$1,550,000 • Premier Properties • Daniel Guenther 357-8121

21 • THE BROOKS - SHADOW WOOD - WILLOW WALK • 9160 Willow Walk • \$1,580,000 • Premier Properties • Kevin Smith 641-2942

22 • BONITA BAY - HORIZONS • 4731 Bonita Bay Blvd. #502 • \$1,595,000 • Premier Properties • Carol Johnson 564-1282

23 • ESTUARY at GREY OAKS • 1485 Anhinga Pointe • Priced from \$1,795,000 • Premier Properties • Call 239-261-3148 • Mon. - Sat. 9-5 and Sun. 12-5

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

25 • OLD NAPLES • 408 Central Avenue • \$1,995,000 • Premier Properties • Steve Smiley 298-4327

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26 • MOORINGS • 614 Bowline Drive • \$2,199,000 • Premier Properties • Angela R. Allen 825-8494

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28 • OLD NAPLES • 1355 Gordon Drive • \$3,495,000 • Premier Properties • Marty & Debbi McDermott 564-4231

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30 • PARK SHORE • 310 Turtle Hatch Road • \$4,995,000 • Premier Properties • Michael Lawler 571-3939

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31 • PORT ROYAL • 2550 Lantern Lane • \$5,950,000 • Premier Properties • Celine Van Arsdale 404-9917

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32 • PORT ROYAL • 3243 Gin Lane • \$8,900,000 • Premier Properties • Tom McCarthy 243-5520



HIDEAWAY BEACH ▲
Spacious beachfront estate home built in 2003 with 4 BRs, 4 full & 3 half-baths & 9,200 SF. Exceptional views of Gulf.
\$10,800,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133



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Premier beachfront home with guest suite. Luxurious appointments throughout this 6BR with 8,100 A/C SF. Furnished.
\$8,900,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133



MADEIRA #PH201 ▲
Beachfront 4 BR + den with 7,414 total SF. Beachfront 4 BR + den with 7,414 total SF. Rookery Ambassador Membership included. 75' boat slip lease included.
\$6,950,000 | Chris Adams | 404-5130



HIDEAWAY BEACH ▲
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HIDEAWAY BEACH ▲
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CAPE MARCO - VERACRUZ #1105 ▲
Decorator finished! Inlaid tile design in the foyer, fireplace accents, & crown moulding. Spectacular beach views. **\$1,750,000**
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Views of the Gulf from this furnished 3 bedroom, 3 bath with wood floors, 9' ceilings, and double door entry.
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HIDEAWAY BEACH - ROYAL MARCO POINT I #PHL ▲
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Beautiful views from this large 3 bedroom, 3 bath residence on the beach. Great parking and storage space.
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SANDCASTLE I #205 ▲
Beautiful, southern views of Marco's beach. Nicely furnished 2 bedroom with 1,313 total SF. Numerous amenities.
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CAPE MARCO - BELIZE ▲
#1205 - Spectacular! Custom woodwork, fireplace, 3BR+den & 4,000 total SF. Views of 10,000 Islands & beach. Furnished.
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#2107 - Stunning 3BR with 3,844 + A/C SF. Furnished. Views of the Gulf. Beach access.
\$2,298,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133
#1803 - Spectacular 10,000 islands & Gulf views! Many amenities, 3BR with Venetian plaster and faux painting. **\$1,699,000 | Darlene Roddy | 404-0685**
#403 - Captivating Gulf & 10,000 Islands views from your expanded lanai. Furnished 3BR with 3,320+ total SF. **\$1,490,000 | Roe Tamagni | 398-1222**
#PH2102 - This penthouse has stunning views with 4 bedrooms, library & 4,765+ SF. Decorator finished. **\$3,250,000 | Natalie Kirstein/ML Meade | 784-0491**
#2105 - Beautiful dream home in the sky. 3,600+ SF of living area, 11'4" high ceilings, 3 bedrooms. **\$2,075,000 | Chris Adams | 404-4766**

Single Family Homes

1572 Shores Court
Breathtaking panorama, 691 ft. of direct access-protected water frontage, 6 bedroom suites, boat lifts. Furnished. **\$9,900,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133**

1341 Caxambas Court
Slocum-Christian, waterfront home with 243 ft. of direct access water frontage. Great docking facility. Furnished. **\$9,500,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133**

899 Caxambas Drive
Backing up to natural shoreline along Barfield Bay with direct access. Slocum and Christian built 4 BR, 4,308 total SF. **\$3,650,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133**

1051 Barfield Drive South
Magnificent Caxambas Pass views! Four BR with approx. 80' of dock, 16,000 lb. lift & direct deep water Gulf access. **\$3,395,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133**

NEW LISTING OPEN SUN. 1-4 512 Antilles Court
This spacious tip lot custom 2-story home has over 230 ft. on the water, nearly 6,000 sq. ft. A/C, 4BRs, 5.5BAs. **\$3,299,000 | Roe Tamagni | 398-1222**

HIDEAWAY BEACH 616 Waterside Drive
Views of Gulf, skyline & beach. Custom 3-story Eastwood-built home with 3,000+ SF, elevator & rooftop sundeck. **\$1,999,999 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133**

660 Century Court
Incredible tip lot home with views of Smokehouse Bay; 169 feet of water frontage with 15,000 lb. boat lift & dock. **\$1,699,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133**

350 Meadowlark Court
Three bedroom+ study, 3 bath home. Great room design, 13' tray ceiling, crown moulding. Pool/spa & summer kitchen. **\$1,550,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983**

HIDEAWAY BEACH 854 West Hideaway Circle
Custom home has private loft-style masters quarters with study and balcony. Spa, negative-edge water. Elevator. **\$1,495,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133**

1193 Winterberry Lane
Leaseback opportunity. New model home. Infinity-edge pool, direct water access dock. To be completed late Fall 2009.
\$1,480,000 | Natalie Kirstein/ML Meade | 784-0491

720 South Barfield Drive
Beautiful inland home on an oversized homesite. Great floor plan, hurricane shutters plus an open lanai with pool/spa. **\$1,450,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133**

HIDEAWAY BEACH 871 Sea Dune Lane
Bright, exquisite home boasts a built-in pool and spa. Pickled red cedar ceilings, fireplace, 2nd floor loft. **\$1,260,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133**

1820 Travida Terrace
A mansion on the hill with 5 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, elevator, faux finishes and approx. 5,400 A/C SF. Lavish pool/spa. **\$1,250,000 | Dave Flowers | 404-0493**

1261 Laurel Court
Direct access & beautiful views! New home by Marco River with great room plan, 3 BRs, den, 3 BAs & Viking appliances. **\$1,195,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983**

633 Crescent Street
Incredible custom 3BR/3BA pool home. Direct Gulf access, 70' dock, 30' boat slip & lift. Many special features. **\$1,175,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133**

1124 Whiteheart Court
Great open floor plan with 4 bedrooms, 4 baths. Outdoor kitchen, Jenn-Air grill, screened pool. Dock with lift. **\$925,000 | Darlene Roddy | 404-0685**

450 Joy Circle
Furnished 3 bedroom on a huge lot (210 ft. deep) with 166 ft. of waterfront with SW exposure. Dock, lift and new seawall. **\$849,000 | Michelle Thomas | 860-7176**

REDUCED 499 Adirondack Court
Panoramic views of Marco and 169' of waterfront with Gulf access. Beamed ceilings and fireplace. **NOW \$799,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133**

Single Family Homes

243 Seahorse Court
Gorgeous 3 BR home, beautifully landscaped tip lot. Wide waterway views, 40 ft. dock, 14,000+ lift, new A/C 2009. **\$795,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133**

OPEN SUN. 1-4 1160 Ludlam Court
Well-maintained 3 BR/2 BA home. Direct access to Pass & Gulf. Updated kitchen, dock with lift for 12,000 lb. boat. **\$795,000 | Darlene Roddy | 404-0685**

1084 Whiteheart Court
Wide water views! Showcase interior, 3BR home, pool, spa, summer kitchen. New docking facility, quick Gulf access. **\$779,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133**

150 June Court
Beautiful 4BR waterfront home built within 2 miles of Resident's Beach. Just under 2,300 A/C SF. Lanai with pool. **\$699,500 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133**

165 Kirkwood Street
Over 3,600 SF living area, two-story, 6 BR/3 BA pool home. Large 2nd floor playroom. Corner lot, circular drive. **\$699,000 | Chris Adams | 404-5130**

355 Marquesas Court
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GOODLAND HEIGHTS 323 Pettit Drive
Near restaurants & parks. This 2BR +den home is on two lots with wide waterway views! Adjacent properties for sale. **\$500,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133**

601 Somerset Court
Tigertail Beach area home includes spacious living area, updated kitchen and tropical lanai/pool. Turnkey furnished. **\$490,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983**

GOODLAND HEIGHTS 315 Pettit Drive
Charming, updated efficiency with direct access, adjacent properties for sale that could all be packaged together. **\$400,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133**

1504 Biscayne Way
Great family home with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and pool. Oversize yard with spacious lanai, and screened heated pool. **\$299,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133**

Condominiums/Villas

MADEIRA 350 S. Collier Blvd. #PH-202
Beachfront penthouse with 6,500+ SF of living area. Gulf, beach & island vistas from 2,140 SF of multiple terraces. **\$749,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983**

CAPE MARCO - VERACRUZ 940 S. Collier Blvd. #1902
Beachfront, luxury 4 BR/4 BA condominium. Great beach & Gulf views. Over 3,800 A/C sq. ft. Guard-gated entry. **\$2,450,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133**

CAPE MARCO - VERACRUZ 940 S. Collier Blvd. #801
Eighth floor 4BR/4.5BA estate condominium offers the finest in beachfront living. Great views! Five star amenities. **\$2,300,000 | Richard Marquardt | 642-2222**

HIDEAWAY BEACH - ROYAL MARCO POINT II
4000 Royal Marco Way #526
Beautifully upgraded front residence with panoramic views of beach/Gulf. Shows like a model! Decorator furnished. **\$1,880,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133**

CAPE MARCO - COZUMEL 960 Cape Marco Drive #1901
On the 19th floor, top-of-the-world views from this 3BR/3BA. Luxury beachfront, gated community, resort amenities. **\$1,800,000 | Natalie Kirstein | 784-0491**

MADEIRA 350 S. Collier Blvd. #606
Views of the Gulf from the beachside balcony and living areas of this professionally decorated 2,974 SF residence. **\$1,695,000 | Chris Adams | 404-5130**

CAPE MARCO - COZUMEL 980 Cape Marco Drive #1906
Absolutely stunning beachfront residence. Spacious 3BR beautifully furnished. Marble flooring & crown mouldings. **\$1,450,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133**

HIDEAWAY BEACH - ROYAL MARCO POINT I
2000 Royal Marco Way #PH-E
Penthouse with Gulf view and private elevator. Vaulted living and dining areas, plus glass-enclosed lanai. **\$1,087,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133**

Condominiums/Villas

DUCHESS 220 S. Collier Blvd. #305
Just remodeled! Marble flooring, stainless appliances! South facing 3BR with 2,450 A/C SF. Beach views & 3 balconies. **\$995,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133**

THE ESPLANADE I 720 N. Collier Blvd. #204
Magnificent Smokehouse Bay views await you in this waterfront condominium. Crown mouldings, new tile throughout. **\$839,000 | Darlene Roddy | 404-0685**

THE ESPLANADE I 720 N. Collier Blvd. #303
Gorgeous bay views from balcony. Tommy Bahama motif. Esplanade offers 77-foot slip marina, restaurants, shops, spa. **\$800,000 | Darlene Roddy | 404-0685**

PRINCE 176 S. Collier Blvd. #903
Views along the beach and Gulf to Cape Marco! Decorator furnished 2 bedroom, 2 bath with spacious balcony. **\$735,000 | Dave Flowers | 404-0493**

MARCO BEACH OCEAN RESORT 480 S. Collier Blvd. #501
Private courtyard, updated corner two bedroom, two bath condominium. Professionally decorated, marble flooring. **\$720,000 | Roe Tamagni | 398-1222**

SANDCASTLE II 720 S. Collier Blvd. #106
Tasteful beachfront condominium with Gulf views! Redesigned kitchen, new flooring, new tile and wraparound balcony. **\$649,500 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133**

HIDEAWAY BEACH - THE HABITAT 816 Hideaway Circle East #232
Top floor 3BR penthouse with Southern exposure and golf views. Spacious lanai and covered parking. Furnished. **\$595,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133**

THE ESPLANADE III 760 N. Collier Blvd. #205
Views of Smokehouse Bay. Two BR bayside residence. Granite countertops, built-ins & 2 balconies. Offered furnished. **\$640,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133**

SOUTH SEAS TOWER IV 440 Seaview Court #601
Gulf sunsets & panoramic views of Tigertail Beach. Turnkey furnished 2 bedroom, 2 bath with new A/C & updated kitchen. **\$539,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983**

CAMELOT 961 Collier Court #305
Remodeled, turnkey furnished 3 bedroom retreat. Two large terraces. Rooftop garden, bayside pool, walk to beach. **\$519,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983**

SOUTH SEAS EAST 601 Seaview Court #C608
Gulf, Bay and Skyline views! Furnished 6th floor two bedroom, two bath corner residence. Boat docks for lease. **\$429,000 | Roe Tamagni | 398-1222**

ADMIRALTY HOUSE 140 Seaview Court #106
Very cute, clean, updated ground floor 2 BR, 2 BA. Partial Gulf view. Walk out your door to beach. Tennis and pool. **\$399,000 | Dave Flowers | 404-0493**

BAYSIDE CLUB 838 Elkcam Circle #205
Enjoy magnificent Smokehouse Bay views from this pristine 2 bedroom condominium. Offered turnkey furnished. **\$375,000 | Elizabeth Summers | 269-4230**

SANDS OF MARCO 133 S. Collier Blvd. #C-206
Enjoy Gulf sunsets from this 2 BR/2 BA island retreat. Turnkey furnished. Large pool/spa, cabana & 2 tennis courts. **\$358,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983**

SANDS OF MARCO 129 S. Collier Blvd. #B-404
Within steps of Resident's Beach. Beach views from patio and master bedroom. Freshly painted 2 bedroom, 2 bath. **\$317,000 | Natalie Kirstein/ML Meade | 784-0491**

SUNSET HOUSE NORTH 240 Seaview Court #601
A great value - furnished one bedroom beachfront getaway. Lovely pool area, tropical grounds, low-density building. **\$249,900 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983**

SEABREEZE SOUTH 190 N. Collier Blvd. #Maria House
Updated first floor corner residence features tile throughout, crown moulding in main areas, and newer appliances. **\$229,000 | Roe Tamagni | 398-1222**

ISLAND VILLAGE 542 Tallwood Street #7
Beautifully renovated 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhouse. New tile, wood flooring, windows and complete kitchen makeover. **\$210,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983**

MARCO SHORES - TROPIC SCHOONER 1518 Mainsail Drive #4
Tropical retreat in a great location. Two bedroom residence with scenic lake views from lanai. Offered furnished. **\$154,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983**

SEABREEZE SOUTH 190 N. Collier Blvd. #Regina 2
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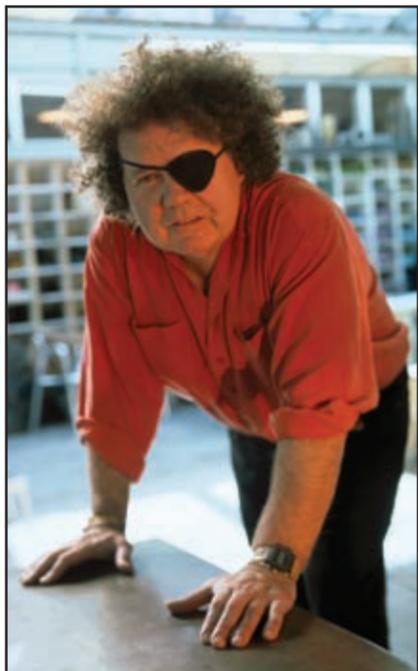
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Glass artist Dale Chihuly is coming to the Naples Museum of Art.

Splendor in glass

Dale Chihuly will return as part of museum's 10th anniversary season

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The Naples Museum of Art announces that renowned glass artist Dale Chihuly will speak at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, 2010, in Hayes Hall at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. Mr. Chihuly will highlight some of his most notable exhibitions from around the world and discuss the work that appears in "Chihuly: Recent Work," the exhibition that will be on display at the Naples museum Jan. 23-April 25.

Mr. Chihuly is one of the most important artists in the contemporary art glass movement. When the Naples Museum of Art opened in 2000, the exhibition "Reflections of Chihuly" helped to christen the event. His works return for the NMA's 10th anniversary season.

"Chihuly: Recent Work" is organized by the Naples Museum of Art in cooperation with Chihuly Studio. The Chihuly lecture and exhibition are generously underwritten by the Harris Private Bank and the Friends of Art at the Naples Museum of Art. Admission to the lecture will be \$30 per person.

Each year Mr. Chihuly interprets one or more of his series into a work of glass art known as his "Studio Editions." Each unique piece in the edition is hand blown by the artist's team of master craftsmen to his specifications. Mr. Chihuly signs each Studio Edition. His 2009 Studio Edition Glass Collection is available for purchase in the Museum Store at the Naples Museum of Art.

For more information or for tickets to Mr. Chihuly's lecture, call 597-1900 or visit www.thephil.org. ■



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WEEK at-a-glance



Key to the Cure

Bosom Buddies and Saks Fifth Avenue know what it takes, plus more events around town. **C27, 28 & 29 ►**



Obey the rules

Film critic Dan Hudak says "Law Abiding Citizen" is well worth the bucks. **C14 ►**



Shakespeare here

The Naples Players prepare to open a lusty comedy, "Much Ado About Nothing." **C20 ►**



Have a seat

Terry Kovel explains where skeleton chairs came from. **C24 ►**

SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

Inspired by Jerry Springer



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Back in the day, when I was young enough that I can blame my bad taste on my youth, I was a fan of “The Jerry Springer Show.” This was before the same-sex love fests and fist fights that are now the staple of daytime talk show TV. Back when I watched Jerry Springer, an adulterous affair was still big news, and even though audience members chanted “Jerry, Jerry” every time a fight loomed, guests rarely made contact (let alone threw chairs). The best part of every show was Jerry’s final thought, when Mr. Springer stepped out of his role as purveyor of daytime sleaze and spoke with the wisdom and candor that once got him elected mayor of Cincinnati. During his final thought, Mr. Springer would distill the meaning of the show, projecting the small-time grievance of a single family onto the universal plane. I always walked away gratified, content in Mr. Springer’s breakdown of the world and savoring his signature sign-off: “Until next time,

take care of yourselves, and each other.”

Until recently, I assumed the show had been shuffled off the airwaves, passing into the talk show oblivion where “Donahue” and “Montel” now reside. But I was lucky enough to catch the tail end of an episode during a recent sick day at home and I was struck by this line from the (still gratifying) final thought: “We all get treated exactly the way we allow ourselves to be.”

Afterward, I flipped to “The Steve Wilkos Show,” where a younger, balder, badder version of Mr. Springer counseled a 16-year-old girl about the dangers of her abusive boyfriend. The young woman spoke about how the boyfriend choked her and Mr. Wilkos did his part in calling the boyfriend trash. “You don’t deserve to sit in my chair,”

Mr. Wilkos said to the man. He kicked the chair away while the audience cheered. And I thought, “But why is she putting up with this in the first place?”

There’s an analogy that says people are like lottery tickets. Sometimes we get the \$1 winning ticket and sometimes we get the \$10,000 winning ticket, but we can never turn a \$1 ticket into a \$10,000 ticket. I wonder, then, why we spend so much time trying? Asking someone to change, begging someone to change, and taking someone on daytime talk shows to change — they all amount to the same thing: Nothing. Rather than investing our energy in making bad partners palatable, we would be better served choosing

“Asking someone to change, begging someone to change, and taking someone on daytime talk shows to change — they all amount to the same thing: Nothing...”

good partners from the get-go.

And I would take it a step farther. We need to take responsibility for how we’re treated by the ones we’re with. After all, it takes two to traffic in poor behavior: one to dish it out and one to take it. To tell the truth, most of us have taken more than we should at one time or another. Perhaps we could all use a stint on “The Jerry Springer” show. I’ll bring the boxing gloves. ■



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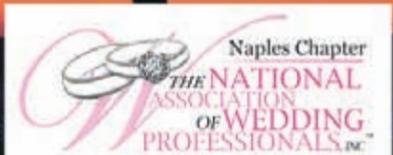
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CARDS

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3,000 greeting-card publishers in the United States alone, from small shops to major companies.

But you don't have to shop for great greeting cards. You can make them yourself, courtesy of a class offered by the Naples Art Association at The von Liebig Art Center just in time for the holidays.

In "The Art of Personal Greeting Cards," students will learn how to create one-of-a-kind cards using handmade paper, illustrations, wire, paint, botanicals — whatever they would like to use.

"All you need to take the class is a desire to create a unique greeting card," says instructor and artist/illustrator Jane Mjolsness.

"There's really no skill level necessary to enjoy this class," she adds. "And if you're trying to make something unique on a low budget, this is a great opportunity. The class is also for people who just want to do something creative, give a greeting card to someone and say, 'I made this!' People love that — it's cool," she says.

Ms. Mjolsness has worked with such high power clients as Visa, American Airlines, AT&T and American Express. The Naples resident led her first greeting card class for kids in the the ArtsCool program at The von Liebig three summers ago.

She creates groupings of cards based on difficulty and then helps her students recreate them in their own way, encouraging them to branch out create something above and beyond her sample.

Homemade greeting cards can be as wide open or as condensed as people want them to be. Ms. Mjolsness will have examples for people to reference or they can use her design as a springboard. There are two Mac laptops at the art center, so if students have photos or scans of artwork they've done, Ms. Mjolsness can help them incorporate it into their cards.

The parents of several children in her summer art school program have said they want to do what their kids did. And why not? A pad of drawing paper, scissors and glue is sometimes all a student needs to create their own perfect greeting card.

The class is largely about creating art from things you already have around the house — construction and computer paper, gift bags and things that can be recycled and cut into shapes for a collage, for example.

More complicated designs might include three-dimensional things with springs coming out of the top supporting a sign that displays a message.

Happily sharing knowledge

Students in Ms. Mjolsness' class benefit from her many years as a professional illustrator.

"As a commercial illustrator and graphic designer, I've made my own cards as promotional mailings for years," she says, adding she integrates her knowledge of fine art and Photo-

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Ms. Mjolsness makes cards using handmade paper and an array of things plucked from household drawers or recycle bins.

shop in the class and is happy to teach a few Photoshop skills to those who want to learn.

The von Liebig Art Center offers a variety of one- to five-day workshops led by Master Artists and other experts, who often travel around the country sharing their techniques and getting to know their students. Many have traveled the world in pursuit of their art.

Ms. Mjolsness is no exception. She has a bachelor's degree in art and studied in Florence, Italy, during her senior year. "I draw inspiration from Chagall, Gauguin, Klee, Matisse and Picasso. If I could, I'd turn back the time and live in Paris in the 1920s."

A form of art therapy

Creating greeting cards is fun at any age. Ms. Mjolsness' mother is 80 years old and just got involved in card making. The artist also works with young students who are trying to decide on a career path in the arts.

"It's really cool for my mom to be creative later in life," she says.

One of her goals is to help students who are frustrated find some creativity.

She once tutored a student in art for six months who wound up going to col-

lege for illustration. "I love success stories like his, especially when a parents says to me, 'He couldn't have done this without your input.'"

"When I have students who show a real desire to learn, I talk to their parents about providing an environment of creativity and learning. I tell them to just draw and let them go."

To many students in the workshop, making greeting cards is like art therapy. And the nice thing about it is the card becomes a gift. In fact, nearly 100 percent of Americans in the aforementioned greeting card study said receiving greeting cards makes them feel important to someone else. ■

if you go

>> **What:** "The Art of Personal Greeting Cards" workshop

>> **Where:** The von Liebig Art Center

>> **When:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 9-10

>> **Cost:** \$120 for members of the Naples Art Association; \$150 for others

>> **Information:** 262-6517 or www.NaplesArt.org.

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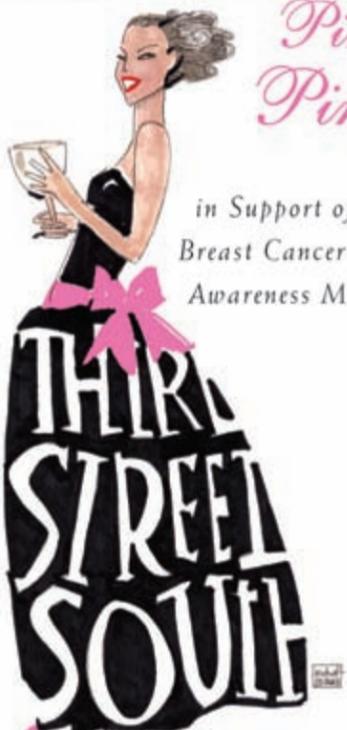
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Here's what the United Arts Council of Collier County suggests you work into your plans for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 23, 24 and 25. It's a good idea to call ahead or check online for open hours and specific times:

■ **Naples City Improv** - Friday evening at The Norris Center. 213-3058.

■ **Naples Artcrafters Fine Art & Craft Show** - Saturday in Cambier Park. 352-3036 or www.naplesartcrafters.com.

■ **Free Family Day** - Saturday at the Naples Museum of Art. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

■ **Free Film** - "Imagine That" starring Eddie Murphy begins around dusk Saturday outdoors at Cambier Park. 213-3058.

■ **Naples Philharmonic Orchestra** - Free outdoor concert in Cambier Park on Sunday afternoon. See story on page C19. 213-3058.

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.

■ **Bayside Seafood Grill & Bar** - 6-9:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday: Lynn Carol on the piano and vocals. In the Venetian Village. 649-5552.

■ **Brio Tuscan Grille** - 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday: The Nevada Wilkens Trio. At Waterside Shops. 593-5319.

■ **Capri, A Taste of Italy** - Thursday: Jebry's Jazz Jam; Friday: Manhattan Connection; Saturday: Bill Jollie; Monday: Bob Zottola and The Expandable Jazz Band; Tuesday: karaoke with Steve Roberts. In Riverchase Plaza, 11140 Tamiami Trail. 594-3500.

■ **Fred's Diner** - 7 p.m. Wednesday: Singer-Songwriter Night hosted by Tim McGeary. 2700 Immokalee

Road. 431-7928.

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

■ **Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club** - Thursday and Monday: Guitarist Kevin Ribbel; Friday and Tuesday: Guitarist JoRey Ortiz. Saturday and Wednesday: Guitarist Barefoot Gino. All from 6-9 p.m. at the Sunset Beach Bar. Sunday: Mixed Nuts poolside from 6-9 p.m. 851 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. 659-4309.

■ **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.

■ **The Pickled Parrot** - 5-9 p.m. Thursday: Nevada Smith; 5-10 p.m. Friday: Steve Hill; 5-9 p.m. Saturday: Maxi Courtney. On the boardwalk at 1100 Sixth Avenue South. 435-7900.

■ **South Street City Oven and Grill** - Thursday: Monkey Mitchell; Friday: Maxi Courtney at 5:30 p.m. and Justin Raymond at 9:30 p.m.; Saturday: The Hype; Sunday: Reggae with Spread the Dub; Monday: Meagan Rose; Tuesday: Karaoke; Wednesday: Maxi Courtney. 1410 Pine Ridge Road. 435-9333.

This week's theater

■ **Lend Me A Tenor** - The Naples Players presents Ken Ludwig's Tony Award-winning farce, "Lend Me A Tenor," through Nov. 7 at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

■ **Much Ado** - The Naples Players perform "Much Ado About Nothing" Oct. 28-Nov. 21 in Blackburn Hall at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

■ **Doctor Faustus** - The FGCU Black Box Theatre performs "Doctor Faustus" Oct. 28-Nov. 8. 590-7268 or www.theatrelab.fgcu.edu.

■ **Lovely Night** - The Herb Strauss Schoolhouse Theater on Sanibel Island presents "Lovely Night!," a tribute to the music of Oscar Hammerstein III, through Nov. 7. 472-6862 or www.the-schoolhousetheater.com.

■ **Time and Ina Meyerhoff** - Theatre Conspiracy in Fort Myers presents "Time and Ina Meyerhoff," a romantic comedy by Alan Brody, at 8 p.m. Oct. 22-24. 936-3239 or www.theatreconspiracy.org.

■ **Dirty Rotten Scoundrels** - Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre in Fort Myers presents the Broadway hit through Nov. 14. 278-4422 or www.BroadwayPalm.com.

Thursday, Oct. 22

■ **Hats Off** - It's time for the designer hats trunk show at Marissa Collections beginning at 10 a.m. The incredible chapeaux will remain in the store through

Saturday. 1167 Third Street South. RSVP to 687-1148.

■ **Fall Concert** - The Florida Gulf Coast University Bower School of Music welcomes the University Choir and Chamber Singers at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. 590-1266.

■ **Urban Expressionism** - A reception for "Purvis Young: Urban Expressionism" starts at 5 p.m. at the FGCU Art Gallery. The exhibition runs through Nov. 20. 590-7199.

■ **Oktoberfest in The Village** - The Village on Venetian Bay celebrates Oktoberfest complete with live music, dancing and pumpkin painting for the kids from 5-9 p.m. 263-6979.

■ **Celtic Thunder** - Five male singers perform solo and ensemble numbers at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. 481-4849.

■ **Quizzo Night** - Test your trivia knowledge from 8-10 p.m. at Mulligan's Sports Grille. 2041 Ninth St. 261-1001.

■ **Stand-Up comedy** - The Off The Hook Comedy Club presents Tom Segura. 599 Collier Blvd., Marco Island. 389-6900.

Friday, Oct. 23

■ **Casting Call** - Learn the basics of cast netting from a ranger at Delnor-Wiggins State Park. The free session begins at 9:30 a.m. 597-6196.

■ **Free Art Lecture** - The Naples Art Association at The von Liebig Art Center presents Daniel Stetson, executive director and chief curator of the Polk Museum, at 2 p.m. at The Norris Center. 262-6517.

■ **Buckingham Blues** - The World Famous Buckingham Blues Bar east of Fort Myers presents TC and The Troublemakers from 9 p.m. to midnight. \$5 at the gate; no coolers, no pets. 693-7111 or www.buckinghambar.com.

■ **Pet Event** - Petco at Gulf Coast Town Center holds a pet Halloween costume contest from 7-9 p.m. 267-0783.

Saturday, Oct. 24

■ **Ave Maria Oktoberfest** - Polka music, crafts, pumpkins, face painting, a bounce house and more fun for the family will fill the town center at Ave Maria all day long. Free admission and parking.

■ **Swamp Buggy Parade** - The 59th annual parade begins at 10 a.m. just south of Coastland Mall and continues south along U.S. 41 into downtown Naples. (230) 774-2701.

■ **Chess anyone?** - The Southwest Florida Chess Club invites players of all ages and abilities to gather at Books-A-Million at Mercato from 1:30-5 p.m. 898-0458 or e-mail swflchess@yahoo.com.

■ **Block Party** - A community Harvest Block Party takes place from 4-6:30 p.m. at Moorings Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Drive.

■ **Edison Pops** - The seventh annual Edison POPS @ Sunset Concert, starring the Commodores, takes place outdoors at Edison State College in Fort Myers. 481-4849.

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place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Mound House, 289 Connecticut St., Fort Myers Beach. Free. 823-6335 or www.calusab-luewaypaddingfestival.com.

■ **Free Music** - Gulf Coast Town Center presents Wildfire beginning at 8 p.m. under the stars in Market Place. 267-0783 or gulfcoasttowncenter.com.

Sunday, Oct. 25

■ **Foreign Film** - See and discuss "The Barbarian Invasion" from 1-4:30 p.m. with the Renaissance Academy of FGCU at the Naples Center of FGCU, 1010 Fifth Avenue South. Film moderator is Dr. Donald Pomerantz. 434-4737.

■ **Free Concert** - The Bonita Springs Concert Band performs a free concert at Riverside Park on Old 41 at 2 p.m. Bring chairs and refreshments. 498-4985.

Monday, Oct. 26

■ **Beachcombing** - Spend the morning beachcombing and shelling with a guide at Barefoot Beach. Meet at 10 a.m. at the Learning Center at Barefoot Beach Preserve off Bonita Beach Road. The program is free, but there is an entrance fee into the park for those who do not have a Collier County park permit.

■ **It's All Small Stuff** - Don't sweat it, just have fun at Trivia Night beginning at 7:30 p.m. at The Pub at Mercato. 594-9400.

Tuesday, Oct. 27

■ **Story Time** - Moms and tots are invited to enjoy a story and fun activities with Miss Jessica and Miss Felicia at 10 a.m. Barnes & Noble at Waterside Shops. 598-5205.

■ **One-Woman Show** - Janina Birtolo presents "Ghosts of the Desert: The Story of Gertrude Bell," sponsored by Friends of the Marco Island Library, at 2 p.m. at the library. Free, but reservations required. 394-3272.

■ **Shakespeare's Sonnets** - A free program about Shakespeare's Sonnets, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, begins at 6 p.m. at the Naples

Headquarters Library, 2385 Orange Blossom Drive. 593-0334.

■ **Bet on Laughing** - Seminole Casino Immokalee kicks off a series of shows at the Bonkerz Comedy Club with Carmen Vallone and special guest John Charles at 7:30 p.m. (800) 218-0007 or www.seminoleimmokaleecasino.com.

■ **Team Trivia** - Bring your smartest buddies for Team Trivia Night beginning at 9 p.m. at Boston Garden, 2396 Immokalee Road. 596-2337.

Upcoming events

■ **Studio Walk** - The Art League of Bonita Springs has its Studio Walk with musical entertainment at The Promenade at Bonita Bay from 6-9 p.m. Oct. 29. 495-8989.

■ **Faculty Recital** - The FGCU Bower School of Music presents a faculty artist recital with soprano Jeanie Darnell at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 29 in the Student Union Ballroom. 590-7851.

■ **Comedian** - Arnez J. performs Oct. 29-Nov. 1 at the Off the Hook Comedy Club on Marco Island. 389-6900.

■ **Boeing-Boeing** - Florida Repertory Theatre in downtown Fort Myers presents "Boeing-Boeing" Oct. 30-Nov. 21, with previews Oct. 27-29. 332-4488.

■ **Skate Night** - Germain Arena hosts Halloween Skate Night from 9-11 p.m. Oct. 30. Free admission and skate rental for all children in costumes. 948-7825, ext. 1306.

■ **Memorabilia** - A sports card, comic book and memorabilia show is set for regular mall hours at Coastland Center Oct. 30-31 and Nov. 1. Free admission. 641-6604.

■ **Open House** - The Southwest Florida Dressage Association is having an open house from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 31 at Da Vinci Farms in Buckingham. The public is invited to learn more about the club and the beautiful sport of dressage. Activities include booths, riding demonstrations, a costume contest and games for kids. 693-0385 or hascarl@aol.com.

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Borrow some laughs before 'Lend Me a Tenor'



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Watching a comedy and realizing that you're not laughing — and neither is anyone else — falls into its own special category of "sad."

I unfortunately experienced that recently at the Sugden Community Theatre at the opening of "Lend Me a Tenor."

It seemingly had all the ingredients of a farce. The actors were running around the stage like crazy. Doors slammed. Misunderstandings escalated. Women appeared in lingerie.

But I laughed very rarely during Act I — maybe a couple chuckles. Act II was slightly better.

Not a good sign for a comedy.

In fact, the farce wasn't really funny until after the play ended.

Before the actors took their official bows, they rushed out and, over the course of a minute or minute and a half, re-enacted the entire play all over again, at breakneck speed.

At which point my theater companion turned to me and said, "Now that was funny. That was the best thing about the whole play. Why wasn't the rest of it like that?"

Good question.

It's been gnawing at me ever since.

When something's funny, we generally don't stop to analyze why. We're in the moment and we just laugh. It hits us in the gut and our response is instantaneous.

And I was dying to laugh during "Lend Me a Tenor." In fact, I was eager to. But it wasn't happening.

In his program notes, director Charles Kolmann (making his directorial debut with The Naples Players) devotes an entire paragraph quoting

various critics' praise of the Broadway production. It says that *The New York Times* considered it "one of the two great farces by a living writer" and *Time Out* called it "a furiously paced comedy with more than a touch of the Marx Brothers."

Mr. Kolmann himself says that the farce "was an instant hit that was tremendously well received by critics all over the country... and ultimately around the world."

But what I saw on stage opening night coaxed some chuckles and tit-

The farce revolves around Tito (Jim Corsica), an Italian tenor who comes to Cleveland to perform at a venue's 10th anniversary celebration. He likes to drink and he's a notorious womanizer. He shows up late, arguing with his wife, Maria (Ann Stickford), much to the dismay of the organizers. Saunders tells Max to babysit Tito, to keep him out of trouble.

Of course, as is the nature of farces, Tito and Max get into trouble. And then more trouble. And then even more trouble.

a sexy leading man.

Then, at another point in the farce, Tito and Max are supposed to be mistaken for each other. Yet the two vary widely in height and weight.

I also have to say, seeing a man in blackface on stage makes me feel uncomfortable. (I know the character's supposed to be portraying Othello in an opera, but still.)

"Lend Me a Tenor" is a clever backstage look at show business. Anyone who's worked in the industry can tell stories about prima donnas, about



COURTESY PHOTO

The Naples Players' production of "Lend Me a Tenor" features Jim Corsica, left, as a world famous opera singer, and Robert Armstrong as a singer with aspirations.

ters from the audience, but no belly laughs and guffaws.

"Lend Me a Tenor" opens with a young woman, Maggie (Rachel Duschl) pretending to sing an opera. She's lip-syncing to a recording of a man singing. The contrast of the delicate girl and the booming male voice should've made us laugh, because it's supposed to seem as if that deep voice is coming from her. But it didn't. We just knew she was pretending.

Robert Armstrong, as Max, a milquetoast young man, is one of the show's stronger performers. He appears anxious and nervous, and as the underdog, soon has the audience on his side.

Michael Hennessey, as Saunders, his boss, seems to have only one volume: loud. It's as though he felt that loud equals funny. It's difficult to build any drama or tension if everything is shouted at the same loud level.

Other characters add to the complications. There's a pesky bellhop (Les Prebble) who wants the opera star's photograph. An infatuated Maggie also wants his autograph. Tito's costar, Diana (Julie Arensman) wants his professional help and isn't above throwing herself at him to obtain it. And Julia (Carole Fenstermacher) wants him to appear before the opera guild. All the women are in his thrall.

Ms. Arensman doesn't have much stage time, but makes the most of the time she does. Likewise for Ms. Fenstermacher, who made me laugh with the way she shimmied and answered the phone with a sexy "Hello."

But the few funny moments in the farce were overwhelmed by all the ones that weren't.

Mr. Corsica's character is supposed to be tremendously sexy, someone who makes all the women swoon. Yet he seems more a character actor than

performers not showing up, showing up late, getting drunk, being rude and grandstanding on- and off-stage.

And likewise, performers can tell stories about crazy fans who will do anything for an autograph, a photo, a step up in the business... or more.

Ken Ludwig's play looks at both sides. But this production is sadly lacking.

There are lots of slamming doors in Matt Flynn's solid two-room set, but not nearly enough laughs. ■

If you go

>>What: "Lend Me a Tenor"

>>When: through Nov. 7

>>Where: The Sugden Community Theatre

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NHN is a newly formed partnership between Mercato and iWannaHelp.net, a nonprofit networking site for philanthropic efforts. Their shared vision is to identify and then raise awareness and funds for those in need. Each month at Mercato's First Friday event, fund-raising efforts focus on one individual selected by a committee of NHN and iWannaHelp.net volunteers.

Nearly 1,000 people at Mercato First Friday on Oct. 2 learned about NHN and its first recipient, Suzanne Perry, a longtime Naples resident who is in treatment for an aggressive form of breast cancer and has no health insurance. Raffle tickets were sold for chances to win items donated by Mercato merchants, and North Naples firefighters contributed 50 percent of the sales of their calendar to help offset Ms. Perry's estimated \$100,000 in medical expenses.

Rosalia Podolak, president and founder of iWannaHelp.net, was most pleased with the generous spirit and participation of Mercato merchants, The Lutgert Companies and everyone in attendance at the first First Friday at which NHN had a presence. The evening raised \$3,600 for Ms. Perry. She accepted a check from Ms. Podolak and iWannaHelp.net at the organization's community meeting at Books-A-Million at Mercato on Oct. 14.

"I am truly grateful, honored and privileged to have been chosen as a person in the community to be helped," Ms. Perry said.



Rosalia Podolak, left, presents a check to October First Friday recipient Suzanne Perry.

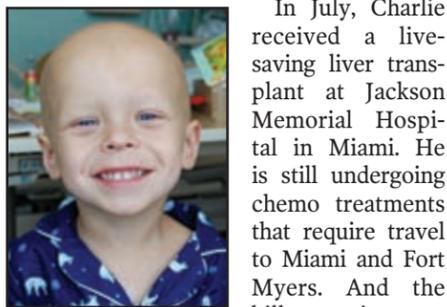
The next neighbor in need

In only a matter of days, 3-year-old Charlie Mootispaw's health went from a typical childhood fever and tiredness to a diagnosis of liver cancer. Charlie, the next NHN recipient, will be introduced to the community at Mercato First Friday on Nov. 6.



When he was diagnosed, the news was devastating to his mother, Amy Hiltz — but it did not come as a total surprise. Shortly after Charlie was born, Ms. Hiltz learned she had a genetic condition called familial adenomatous polyposis, a disease that predisposes adults and children to certain forms of cancer.

After his initial trips to the hospital, visits with specialists and chemotherapy, Charlie responded well to the treatments. It wouldn't last, however, and tumors initially found in his liver spread to his lungs, prompting moving him up the transplant list in a race against time.



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Charlie Mootispaw is the recipient for Neighbors Helping Neighbors at the Nov. 6 First Friday at Mercato.

In July, Charlie received a life-saving liver transplant at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami. He is still undergoing chemo treatments that require travel to Miami and Fort Myers. And the bills continue to mount. NHN and Charlie's friends hope to raise \$30,000 toward the cost of the organ transplant, which will likely exceed \$500,000.

The family is working with the Children's Organ Transplant Association, a national charity dedicated to organizing and guiding communities in raising funds for transplant candidates. COTA's priority is to assure that no child is denied a transplant or excluded from a transplant waiting list due to lack of funds; 100 percent of all funds raised are used for patients' transplant-related expenses.

How you can help

The iWannaHelp.net networking site is designed to streamline philanthropic efforts and provide an Internet-based home for nonprofits, businesses and the public. The site has information on local charitable events, and allows interested parties the opportunity to get involved and give back. Registration is free, and members can make tax-deductible donations online, offer in-kind services, set up sponsorships or nominate persons in need of assistance from NHN.

In its first year of operation, iWannaHelp.net is making a difference in the Southwest Florida community, with more than 35 nonprofit members and 1,500 contacts.

Anyone who is registered on the site can submit a nomination on iWannaHelp.net for a neighbor in need. To learn more visit, www.iWannahelp.net. ■

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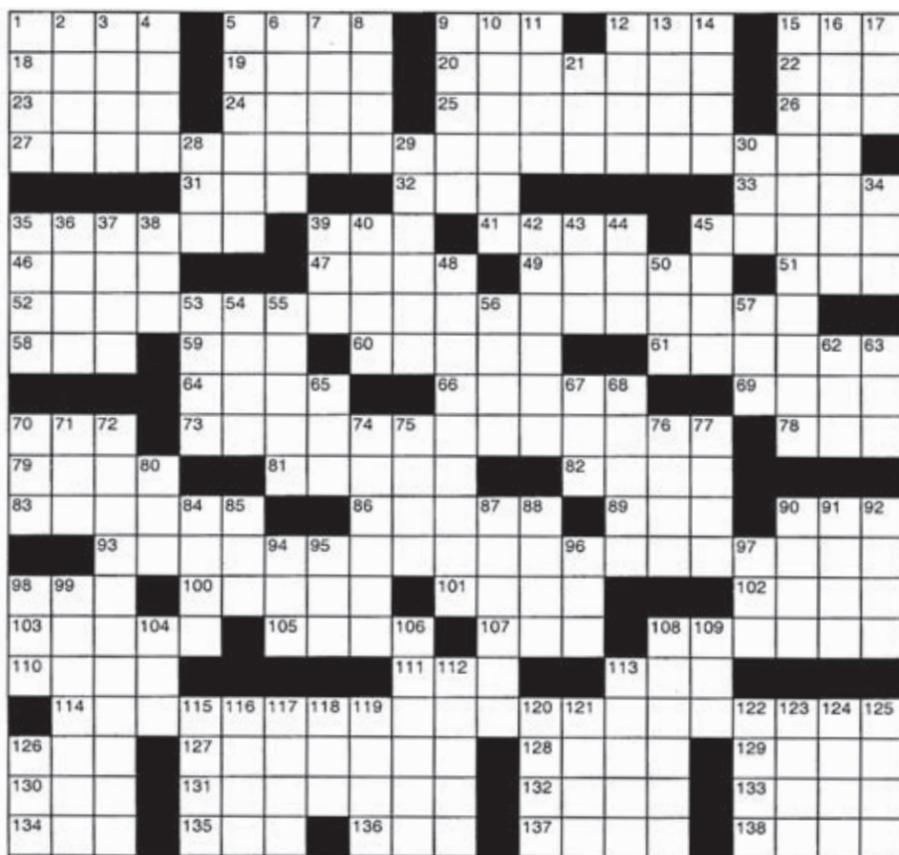
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 - 18 Concept
 - 19 An Everly brother
 - 20 Shape
 - 22 Chou En-tse
 - 23 "The King and I" setting
 - 24 Bakery display
 - 25 Supermodel Warren
 - 26 Pantry pest
 - 27 Camper's comment
 - 31 Munch on a mango
 - 32 Born
 - 33 Tyrant
 - 35 She got an A in literature
 - 39 Slap on
 - 41 Seafood selection
 - 45 81 Across' river
 - 46 — breve
 - 47 Vientiane's nation
 - 49 German
 - 51 Transmit electronically
 - 52 Camper's comment
 - 58 Serling or Steiger
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 - 60 "There — atheists in the fox-holes"
 - 61 Way up
 - 64 "Man bites dog," e.g.
 - 66 "You can — horse to . . ."
 - 69 Hardware item
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 - 73 Camper's comment
 - 78 "— whiz!"
 - 79 Baby bovine
 - 81 Joan of Arc site
 - 82 Perry's creator
 - 83 Beethoven symphony
 - 86 Delibes opera
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 - 93 Camper's comment
 - 98 Honest name
 - 100 Lucifer
 - 101 Learning method
 - 102 Welt's
 - 103 Remora's host
 - 105 Musical symbol
 - 107 Word form for "equal"
 - 108 Amontillado, e.g.
 - 110 Table d'—
 - 111 — Cruces, NM
 - 113 Cry of satisfaction
 - 114 Camper's comment
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 - 127 Esteemed
 - 128 Geraint's lady
 - 129 Praise passionately
 - 130 Caravan-sary
 - 131 Venezuelan river
 - 132 "Heavens to Betsy!"
 - 133 Congregational comeback
 - 134 Order
 - 135 Clerical abbr.
 - 136 — diem
 - 137 Say it isn't so
 - 138 Ebb
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 - 2 Touch up the text
 - 3 Disaccus-tom
 - 4 Dayton
 - 5 Enter the picture
 - 6 Haberdash-ery buy
 - 7 Row
 - 8 "Casa-blanca" character
 - 9 Tantrum
 - 10 Western bands
 - 11 Against
 - 12 Ms. Falana
 - 13 "To Sir with Love" singer
 - 14 Pull
 - 15 Taxon-omist's job
 - 16 "Evil Ways" group
 - 17 illuminated
 - 21 Word with take or hang
 - 28 Center of gravity?
 - 29 Like some pools
 - 30 Colorado native
 - 34 Smith or Stout
 - 35 Salon concern
 - 36 Admiral Zumwalt
 - 37 Coasted
 - 38 Highland-er's hat
 - 39 Ginger —
 - 40 "Star Trek" android
 - 42 Dayton
 - 43 Aspin or Baxter
 - 44 — trip
 - 45 Open an envelope
 - 48 Cave man?
 - 50 Pulver's rank: abbr.
 - 53 Paul of "Scarface"
 - 54 Second-hand
 - 55 "It's — Never" ("60 smash)
 - 56 Lollapalooza
 - 57 Large tub
 - 62 Regret
 - 63 Sault — Marie, MI
 - 65 — -Cat
 - 67 Casino cube
 - 68 Lofty spaces
 - 70 Parker of football
 - 71 Saloon
 - 72 Nearby
 - 74 Louisiana university
 - 75 Tolerate
 - 76 "— Want for Christmas" ("50 tune)
 - 77 Require
 - 80 Fiver
 - 84 Barrel
 - 85 Alias initials
 - 87 Certain Communist
 - 88 Newts
 - 90 Way over
 - 91 Engine sound
 - 92 Discern
 - 94 Catchall abbr.
 - 95 Marchiano or Mineo
 - 96 Rock's —
 - 97 Be obligate
 - 98 Hibachi residue
 - 99 "— Junction" ("56 film)
 - 104 Actor Stephen
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 - 109 Producer Prince
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 - 118 Negative prefix
 - 119 Parachute invasion
 - 120 Take into account
 - 122 Tie
 - 123 Dalai —
 - 124 Kitchen appliance
 - 125 Passed-on item
 - 126 Pinafore

SEE ANSWERS, C9

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HOROSCOPES

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** A holiday plan might need to be revised to accommodate an unexpected complication. Come up with an alternative arrangement as soon as possible to avoid more problems down the line.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Don't accept halfway explanations for a situation that requires full disclosure. The more you know now, the better able you will be to handle any complications that might arise.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** The cooperation you relied upon might not be easy to get. Maybe there's an information gap. See if everyone understands the situation. If not, be sure to offer a full explanation.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Problems caused by that recent workplace distraction should soon be easing, allowing you to resume working at a less frantic pace. That personal matter also begins to ease up.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Changing your mind about a job decision isn't easy for the usually committed Aquarian. But once you check it out, you'll find facts you didn't know before. And facts don't lie.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Your unique way of sizing up a situation gives you an edge in resolving that upsetting workplace problem. Stay on your current course regardless of any attempts to distract you.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April**

19) Lots of choices could make it difficult to select what is best for your needs. Avoid snap judgments. Take the time to check them all out to find the one that really meets your goals.

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** You could once again experience pressure from others who would like to see you move in another direction. But heed your Bovine instincts to stay on your own path.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Taking charge of a project that seems to be about to stall or collapse altogether could be a challenge. But once everyone knows what you expect of him or her, things should go smoothly.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Avoid the pressures of the upcoming holiday period by setting a time right now to discuss how to divide up the responsibility of helping a loved one come through a difficult period.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** It's not too early for all you Leonas and Leos to start making long-distance travel plans. The sooner you stop procrastinating and start deciding where, when and how you're going, the better.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Someone you've known for years might disappoint you, or even make you feel you've been betrayed. But check the facts carefully before you make charges that could backfire on you.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You are emotionally attuned to what's going on around you, and you easily pick up on people's needs.

By Linda Thistle

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LIFE LONG LEARNING

Book discussion series begins with 'Story of Edgar Sawtelle'

Elaine Newton, professor emeritus of humanities at York University in Toronto, begins the 20th season of her wildly popular Critic's Choice book discussions as part of the Lifelong Learning program at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 14.



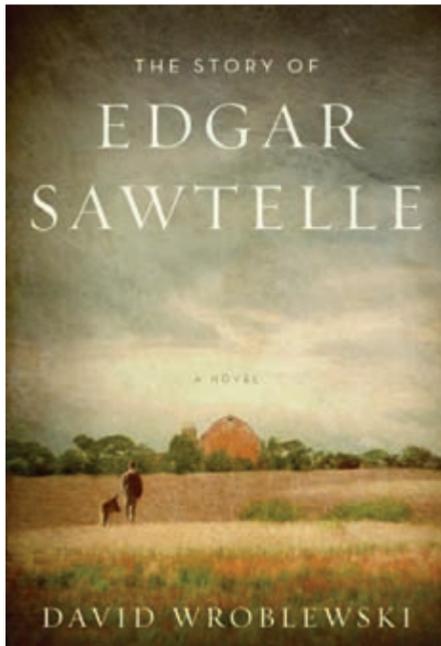
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Ms. Newton has chosen "The Story of Edgar Sawtelle" by David Wroblewski as the first book of the season. It tells the story of a young mute boy who helps his family raise a very special breed of dogs. After his father's Hamlet-like death, the boy flees with his dogs into the Northern Wisconsin woods.

Tickets to "The Story of Edgar Sawtelle" are \$30. Tickets for the entire Critic's Choice series are \$180.

The series includes additional Saturday morning events as follows: "The White Tiger" by Aravind Adiga, Dec. 12; "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows Jan. 9; "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett, Feb. 6; "Little Bee" by Chris Cleave, March 6; and "Cutting for Stone" by Abraham Verghese, April 10.

Anyone who subscribes to the series is entitled to a complimentary ticket for a



special audience appreciation lecture on March 20. The book for this event will be chosen by patrons this fall.

The Phil's Lifelong Learning program presents more than 120 adult education classes each season featuring world-renowned teachers and experts in music, dance, art history, painting, opera, photography and more.

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Ticketes are \$79.

Lectures will examine the opera as theater

Joe Leonardo, professor emeritus, Temple University Theater Department, presents "Don Giovanni," the first lecture in the series "The Opera as Theater," which explores all of the operas to be presented at the Phil this season, at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, in the Toni Stabile Building just south of the Philharmonic Center for the Arts.

The lecture, part of the Phil's Lifelong Learning program, will focus on the development of the libretto — its inspiration, sources and dramatic structure, as well as the opera "Don Giovanni" in relation to Mozart's other operatic works and noteworthy contemporary productions of "Don Giovanni."

Mozart Festival Opera and the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra will perform "Don Giovanni" on Friday, Nov. 20 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$36. The Opera as Theater series includes additional lectures

as follows: "La Traviata" on Jan. 19, "Rigoletto" on Feb. 16, and "Die Fledermaus" on March 16.



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Crossroads #2, Esphyr Slobodkina

Curator will discuss abstract artist Esphyr Slobodkina

Sandra Kraskin, director of the Sidney Mishkin Gallery at Baruch College and curator of the Esphyr Slobodkina exhibition currently on display at the Patty and Jay Baker Naples Museum of Art, presents the illustrated lecture "Esphyr Slobodkina: Rediscovering a Pioneer of American Abstraction" at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, in the Daniels Pavilion at the Phil.

A groundbreaking abstract artist, Ms. Slobodkina (1908-2002) was a Russian émigré who became one of the most innovative of the early abstract painters (her work is part of the Naples Museum of Art's permanent collection).

She is also widely known as a best-selling author and illustrator of children's books

The cost for the lecture is \$25 for adults and \$20 for Naples Museum of Art and Friends of Art members.

Coffee with the curator at the art museum

Join Michael Culver, director and chief curator of the Patty and Jay Baker Naples Museum of Art, for Coffee with the Curator on select Saturday mornings this season.

Let Mr. Culver be your guide through the exciting exhibitions marking the museum's 10th-anniversary season. Afterward, adjourn to the Dome for coffee and conversation, during which you may ask questions and chat with Dr. Culver.

Coffee with the Curator will begin at 10 a.m. on the following Saturdays: Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, Feb. 13, March 13, April 10, May 8 and June 12. The discussions are free with your admission to the Naples Museum of Art.



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Big Drum Small World jazzes up Hayes Hall

Big Drum Small World, a live multimedia, globally themed jazz concert, takes place at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17, as part of the Phil's Lifelong Learning arts education program.

This immersive concert program features all-new commissions by prominent jazz composers hailing from countries as diverse as West Africa, Israel, Cuba, Iraq, Puerto Rico, India, Spain, Brazil, China and the United States. Each unique composition will reflect elements of both the American jazz tradition and the indigenous music of each composer's country of origin. The program will also feature compelling short video interludes to introduce the audience to each of the project's composers in an intimate, mini-documentary style.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for students. ■

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Amish mantle and miracle invention help home heat bills hit rock bottom

Miracle heaters being given away free with orders for real Amish fireplace mantles to announce the invention that helps slash heat bills, but Amish craftsmen under strain of early Christmas rush force household limit of 2

Save money: only uses about 9¢ electric an hour; so turn down your thermostat and never be cold again

By MARK WOODS
Universal Media Syndicate

(UMS) Everyone hates high heat bills. But we're all sick and tired of simply turning down the thermostat and then being cold.

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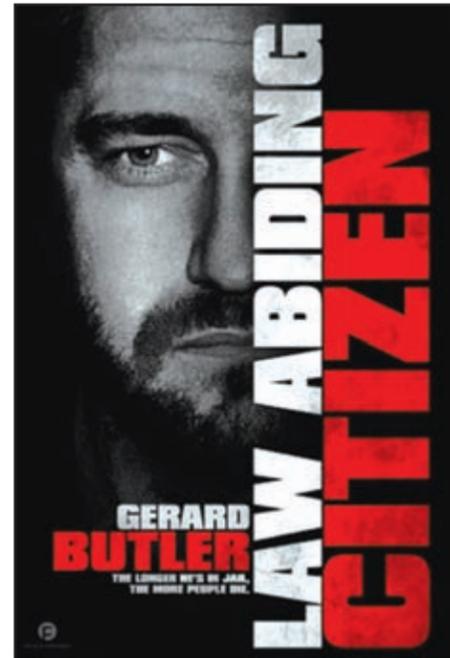
Truth, justice and the American way are under fire in "Law Abiding Citizen," which takes an unflattering look at the legal system while never forgetting its place as ridiculous Hollywood entertainment. The story is fresh and interesting, and the moral and ethical issues raised are good food for thought, but an excess of plot holes and explosions unseat all attempted seriousness.

Clyde Shelton (Gerard Butler) has a right to be angry. His wife and daughter were murdered by two home invaders, and due to some inadmissible evidence District Attorney Nick Rice (Jamie Foxx) is only able to have one of them sentenced to death. The other, Clarence Darby (Christian Stolte), gets to go free after five years in prison.

Ten years pass. Darby is out. Clyde is still angry, and wants to teach the system a lesson. After kidnapping and torturing Darby, Clyde is arrested. Here's where things get interesting: From prison he's still killing those involved in Darby going free — with everyone from the judge (Annie Corley) to Nick and his co-workers (Bruce McGill and Leslie Bibb) at risk. It's kind of like "Death Wish," only with an actual plan. And if you're thinking Clyde has someone on the outside working with him, you're wrong. So how is he doing it? With a lot of advanced planning, and with a lot of things conveniently (and unfathomably) happening exactly as he envisioned.

An ethical question is nonetheless raised: Is Clyde's conduct OK? Yes it's revenge for his family, but murdering everyone involved in his pain hardly seems justified. And yet audiences are cheering for Clyde, one murder after another, even when it's people who don't deserve it. Even when it's people who were doing their jobs as they're supposed to be done, which is the same way they've served the legal system for years.

The message from director F. Gary Gray and writer Kurt Wimmer is, of



course, that the system is flawed and needs to be changed. But Clyde goes to such extremes it's hard to take anything seriously, especially when his actions are truly uncalled for, such as frightening Nick's young daughter and blowing up innocent people.

A message movie in the guise of a Hollywood thriller is more common than you may think, as all movies reflect society. But "Law Abiding Citizen" offers quite the paradox: It wants to condemn the legal system, but it also embraces violence and murder — two things the legal system also condemns — while making its point, which is that both sides need to change if we're to live in a just world. ■

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Did you know?

>> "The basic idea was that a man who had been betrayed by the system decided to teach the system a lesson — from inside jail," said producer Lucas Foster. "We want to believe that when someone is arrested and they're put into the system, that's more or less the end of it. In our movie, it's just the beginning."

CAPSULES

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Whiteout ★★

(Kate Beckinsale, Gabriel Macht, Tom Skerritt) A U.S. Marshal (Beckinsale) in the South Pole investigates a murder connected to missing canisters from a Russian plane. There's a nice opening action sequence and a completely unnecessary scene in which Ms. Beckinsale strips to her underwear, both of which should make the target demo of teenage males very happy. Too bad the story is a predictable mess, and never interesting enough to get us to care. Rated R.

Extract ★★

(Jason Bateman, Mila Kunis, Ben Affleck) The owner (Bateman) of a food extract company takes advice from his bartender friend (Affleck) while scheming to sleep with the hot new temp (Kunis).

There's a lot of heavy emotional baggage in writer/director Mike Judge's film, and those expecting a factory-set follow-up to Mr. Judge's "Office Space" are going to be disappointed by the inconsistent humor. Rated R.

The Marc Pease Experience ★

(Jason Schwartzman, Ben Stiller, Anna Kendrick) Eight years after high school, loser limo driver Marc Pease (Schwartzman) still lives in the past by dating a teenager (Kendrick) and wanting his old drama teacher (Stiller) to produce a demo for his acapella group. This terrible, sullen and humorless movie has no real structure, and the lack of laughter validates my theory that neither Mr. Schwartzman nor Mr. Stiller is funny. And why does Mr. Schwartzman look like Lord Farquaad from "Shrek"? Rated PG-13. ■



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'Immokalee U.S.A.' documentary will be screened at film festival

The Naples International Film Festival announces the showing of "Immokalee U.S.A.," a documentary about the daily experiences of the tens of thousands of migrant farmworkers who plant and harvest the food that America consumes. The film has won for Best Documentary at the Charlotte (N.C.) and Somewhat North of Boston film festivals, and earned Best Director honors for George Koszulinski at Docufest Atlanta.

As part of NIFF, "Immokalee U.S.A." will be screened Sunday, Nov. 8, at the new Silverspot Cinema in Mercato.

The presenting sponsor is Immokalee Housing and Family Services, an organization that provides safe and affordable rental housing and support services to Immokalee's farmworkers and other low-income families.

"We are proud to be part of the NIFF's inaugural event and are thrilled to have our residents and staff featured in 'Immokalee U.S.A.,'" says Sheryl Soukup, executive director at IHFS. "Director Georg Koszulinski highlights the experiences that justify the mission of IHFS."

Here's what others have had to say:

• **The Maine International Film Festival:** "In an aesthetically pure documentary in the vérité tradition, Koszulinski allows the audience a more immersive, emotional experience than

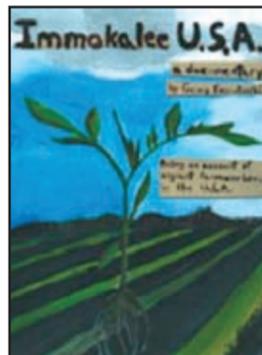
most documentaries on the subject... 'What is our collective role in this chain of servitude?', the film seems to ask us, providing an opening for self-reflection rather than didactic sermonizing."

• **The National Media Museum/Bradford Film Festival, UK:** "The moving plight of Latino migrant workers in a typical southern Florida town is chronicled with intelligence, sensitivity and restraint in this low-key but accessibly engaging, powerfully provocative social-economic documentary from one of the state's (and indeed the States') most promising non-

fiction filmmakers. Very seldom have the "fruits" of labour seemed so hard-won and, on reflection, so very bitter."

Between screenings, NIFF audiences will be able to visit "The Field of Dreams," the grassy area in front of the Silverspot Cinema, where NIFF volunteers will present performances and interactive activities to accompany the various films being shown at the festival.

The NIFF opens with a gala evening Thursday, Nov. 5, at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts and continues through Sunday, Nov. 8, with screenings at Silverspot Cinema, The Norris Center and The von Liebig Art Center. For a complete schedule of films ticket information and the opportunity to view trailers, visit www.naplesfilmfest.com. ■



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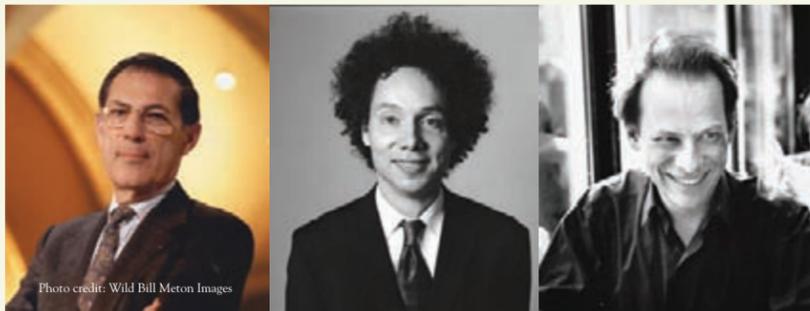
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► **SUNDAY, OCT. 25, 8 P.M.**
Nature Cloud: Challenge of the Stallions

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Herbert Hoover: Landslide

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Cambier Park is at 755 Eighth Ave. S. Bring blankets or lawn chairs for seating.

• 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29 at the Phil: Renowned British pianist Howard Shelley returns to join the orchestra in "Shelley Plays Gershwin." Maestro Jorge Mester will lead the orchestra.

Mr. Shelley will perform Gershwin's sparkling Piano Concerto in F, the composer's most "classical" work, which combines European sensibilities with the rhythmic excitement of American jazz and show music. Also on the program will be Rachmaninoff's popular "Symphonic Dances."

Mr. Shelley, a favorite among audiences at the Phil, was ranked one of the top 10 pianists in the world earlier this year by Classic FM magazine. Calling him a "wizard of stylish conviction," the magazine noted that he "has the rare knack of bringing to the music of every composer he plays an utterly convincing stylistic distinction, whether it be Mozart, Clementi or Rachmaninoff."

Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$29 for students.

• 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts: World-renowned Irish tenor Ronan Tynan will join the Philharmonic Orchestra for the season's kick-off beginning with a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception. Maestro Jorge Mester will conduct.

Tickets are \$129.

• 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 12-14, at the Phil:

The orchestra's Classical Series opens with Tchaikovsky's Fifth, under the baton of Maestro Jorge Mester. The Conductor's Prelude begins one hour

before each concert. In addition to Tchaikovsky's Fifth, the program will feature Haydn's Sinfonia concertante and Debussy's "Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun."

Tickets are \$64 for adults and \$25 for students. The Philharmonic Center for the Arts is at 5833 Pelican Bay Blvd.

• 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, at the Phil: Musicians from the Philharmonic Youth Orchestra play by themselves and members of the professional orchestra in the first Major/Minor concert of the season. Youth Orchestra Concerto Competition winners will be featured. Christopher Confessore will conduct.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students.

• 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, at the Phil: Bridging the gap between rock 'n' roll and classical music, the orchestra performs "The Music of Led Zeppelin" along with a full rock band led by acclaimed Robert Plant sound-alike Randy Jackson (lead singer of the rock band Zebra) and guest conductor Brent Havens. This note-for-note recreation of Led Zeppelin's soaring rock

sounds features more than 15 songs, including "Stairway to Heaven," "Heartbreaker," "Immigrant Song," "Kashmir" and "Black Dog."

Tickets are \$55 for adults and \$33 for students.

• 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, at the Phil: Led by New York City Opera Conductor Joe Mechavich, the orchestra joins Mozart Festival Opera to present Mozart's "Don Giovanni." Considered by many the greatest of all operas, "Don Giovanni" is based on the escapades of Don Juan of Seville, the seductive, devious and dangerous rake who lived in the 1600s. Performed in Italian with English supertitles.

Tickets are \$75. ■

—The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra is sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Arts Council, and the National Endowment for the Arts. The Philharmonic Center for the Arts is at 1900 Pelican Bay Blvd. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 597-1900 or visit www.thephil.org.

Young musicians invited to audition for orchestra

Motivated orchestral musicians who are in middle or high school are invited to audition for the Philharmonic Youth Orchestra on Friday, Nov. 13. Trombone, horn, tuba, string bass and viola players are especially needed to

round out the orchestra, which performs alone and with the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra.

Under the direction of Charles Gottschalk, the Philharmonic Youth Orchestra rehearses weekly on

Sunday afternoons.

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Audition excerpts and other audition requirements may be found

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Shakespeare comes to town via The Naples Players

The Tobye Studio at the Sugden Community Theatre (fondly known as "the black box") is being transformed by The Naples Players into a Shakespearian set for the lusty comedy "Much Ado About Nothing," which opens Wednesday, Oct. 28, and runs through Nov. 21.

The cast and crew will have a talk back with the opening-night audience after the show.

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ago," says Dallas Dunnagan, the company's artistic director. "Shakespeare is an experience that all actors should have."

Directed by Annette Trossbach and starring John McKerrow as Benedict and Laura Needle as Beatrice, the show takes place in modern-day Messina, Italy, and features many "updates" that emphasize the timeless and ever-entertaining words of Shakespeare. Jess Weiss' set design and Dot Auchmoody's costumes add to the effect.

"While we have set the show in modern times, we have preserved the language as written by William Shakespeare in the late 1500s," Ms. Trossbach says.

The sexes battle briskly in the age-

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- >> **What:** "Much Ado About Nothing"
- >> **Where:** The Tobye Studio at the Sugden Community Theatre
- >> **When:** Oct. 28-Nov. 21, 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays
- >> **Tickets:** \$20 for adults, \$10 for ages 18 and younger
- >> **Info:** 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org

less comedy. Love, hate, jealousy and friendship carry the day as sharp-tongued Beatrice, confirmed bachelor Benedict and a host of other lovers and clowns steer their way through dastardly plot turns.

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The Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens invites children and families to enjoy Boo at the Zoo beginning at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24. Trick-or-treating will go on throughout the zoo all afternoon. Alligator feeding is at 3:30 p.m., followed by leopards carving pumpkins at 4 p.m. and black bears doing the same at 5 p.m. A kids' costume contest will take place at 6 p.m., after which the Red River hogs will stomp and chomp pumpkins. With one child in costume, the whole family enjoys 50 percent off regular admission prices. The zoo is at 1590 Goodlette-Frank Road. Call 262-5409 or visit www.napleszoo.org.

'Pajama Jam' planned in the park

Max Hasse Community Park is the place to be for a Preschool Halloween Pajama Jam complete with pizza and Halloween crafts for ages 4-6 from 6-8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23. Admission is \$10 per child. Call 348-7500.

Book frightful fun at the library

The Collier Public Library System has fall and Halloween activities for kids of all ages at various branches. All programs are free, but registration is required unless otherwise noted.

• **South Regional Library**, 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 26: Costume parade, crafts and child-friendly holiday fun for ages 18 months to 5 years. Call 252-7542

• **Headquarters Regional Library**, 2385 Orange Blossom Drive, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 26: Costume parade, crafts and child-friendly holiday fun for ages 18 months to 5 years. Call 593-0870

• **Immokalee Branch Library**, 417 N. First Immokalee St., 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29: Build your very own mask to celebrate Halloween, plus fun and games. Registration not required. For more information, call 657-2882.

For more information about all Collier library activities and programs, visit www.colliergov.net/library.

St. Monica's has Pumpkin Fest

St. Monica's Episcopal Church holds a Pumpkin Fest from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, complete with magic shows, face painting, pony rides and a bake sale. The church is at 7070 Immokalee Road. Admission is free. Call 591-4550.



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Each evening will begin with an up-close and personal visit from a live animal shrouded in mystery and lore: the barn owl. Uncover its secrets for nighttime survival and learn why its chilling call is used in scary movies and even how it got the nickname the "ghost owl." Then take a guided tour through the Conservancy Nature Center and end the evening around a virtual campfire listening to ghost stories and folk tales from long ago.

Cost is \$12 per person for Conservancy members and \$15 for others. Space is limited. Call 262-0304, ext. 266, to reserve your spot at one of the "Bump in the Night" adventure.

The Conservancy Nature Center is closed to the public through Oct. 31 for renovations and will be open only to pre-registered Bump in the Night guests.

Find 'Spooktacular' fun on Marco Island

Dress the kids in their costumes and head to Mackle Park for the Marco Island Parks and Recreation annual Halloween Spooktacular Bash from 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24. The youngsters can collect treats and enjoy spooky activities including science experiments by Super Science and Amazing Art, Halloween crafts, games, face painting, balloon animals and the chance to paint a pumpkin or buy one to bring home.

At 4:30 pm, Marco's own Squad 25 Magic Cheerleaders will perform, and at 5:30 p.m., the Spooktacular Bash Children's Costume Contest will take place, with prizes for most creative costume and scariest costume in various



age groups.

Admission is free. Call Mackle Park at 642-0575 or visit www.cityofmarcoisland.com.

Party with Elmo at Dinosaur Playground

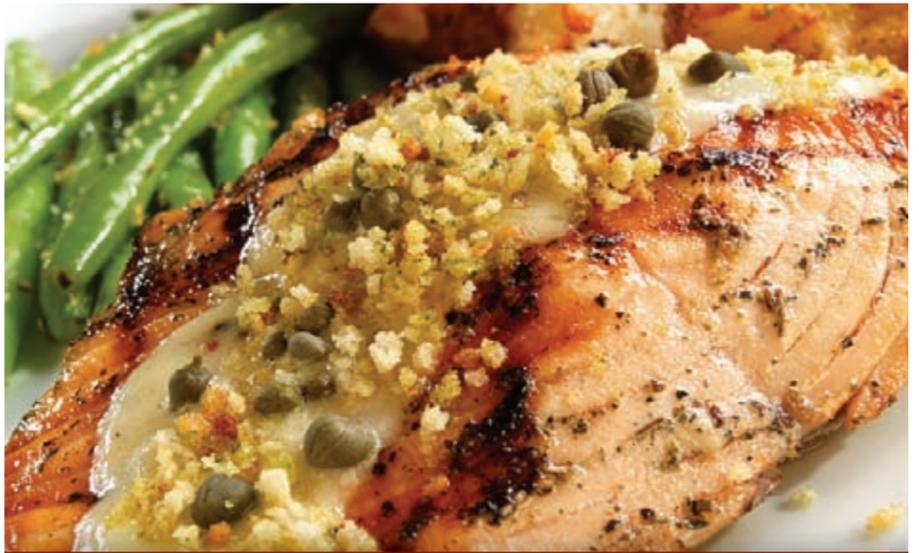
The Dinosaur Playground hosts its annual Halloween party and costume contest featuring crafts and a raffle, trick-or-treat in the plaza and lots more fun. Elmo will present prizes for first, second and third place in scariest, funniest, cutest and most original costumes. The fun takes place indoors at 4910 Tamiami Trail N. (next to Out-back) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31. Call 430-7529 or visit www.dinoplayground.com.

Marketplace plans big-time fun

Big Cypress Marketplace invites everyone to its big Halloween celebration from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31. Bring the kids for pony rides, a petting zoo, indoor trick-or-treating, arts and crafts and holiday-themed food. There will be a costume parade with prizes for the best children's costume and the best dog costume. The marketplace is 20 minutes from downtown Naples on U.S. 41 East/Tamiami Trail. Call 262-3210 or 774-1690, or visit www.BigCypressMarketplace.com.

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Q: Recently I bought a pair of old cowboy spurs. They are very rusty and the leather is dried out. Should I condition the leather and use rust remover on them or will it hurt the value?

A: It won't lower the value if you do a careful job of restoring them. To remove rust from the spurs, use a commercial rust remover. If the leather is very dry, it should not be washed. Just apply a commercial leather dressing. A second coat may be applied after the first coat is dry. After it is thoroughly dry, buff it with a soft cloth. Leather that has not deteriorated can be washed in soap and warm water. Dry the leather overnight, away from sunlight and heat sources. When the leather is thoroughly dry, apply leather dressing. Leather that crumbles to red powder has "red rot," which is caused by absorption of sulfur dioxide. Red rot is a "terminal illness."

Skeletons are invited guests at our celebration of Halloween, the Mexican holiday called "Day of the Dead" and a few other ghoulish events. A chair shaped like a skeleton, with boney arms, ribs, feet and skull, is one of the largest skeleton pieces a collector can find, and it's a mystifying piece of antique furniture. Vincent Price, a well-known actor in horror films, owned a whole set of skeleton chairs. At least four variations of the large, scary chairs have been sold in recent years. A few were painted white, one was dark mahogany and one was a rocking chair. The most famous is a Russian chair that has an inscription that solved part of the mystery of why these chairs were made. The inscription indicated the chair was a gift from "Masonic Lodge, 1838," so at least one of the chairs related to a Masonic ritual. That chair sold in London in 1980 for \$36,300, sold again in 1992 for about half that, then sold in 2009 for \$3,198 at Jackson's Auctions in Cedar Falls, Iowa. A popular modern "skeleton chair" is an aluminum chair by Michael Aram. It has a ribcage back, no arms or skull, a pelvis seat and three legs that look like bones. Price: \$450. If you want your own skeleton chair to frighten guests on Halloween, you can buy an inexpensive chair slipcover that's printed with a skeleton to cover the back, arms, seat and legs with appropriate bones.

Q: I have a pitcher marked "Jugtown Pottery." Is it collectible?

A: Jugtown Pottery was founded by Juliana and Jacques Busbee in 1915, but the term "Jugtown pottery" also is used to refer to handmade pottery made by North Carolina families as far back as the 1750s. The Busbees built a shop in Jugtown, N.C., in 1921, and hired Ben Owen as a potter in 1923. The pottery closed in 1959 but reopened in 1960. It is still operating near Seagrove, N.C.

Q: I have a Holt-Howard candleholder that's a figure of a girl in a yellow dress. I would like to know something about it.

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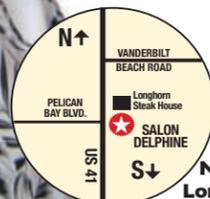
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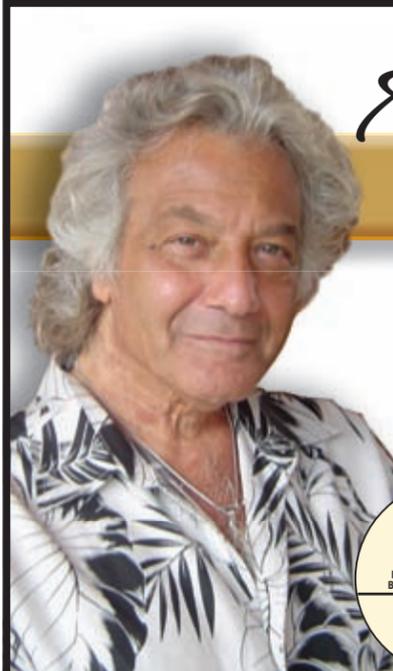
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Q: I am trying to find some information about an opalescent glass reamer embossed with these words: "Blue Goose Fruit, for most juice and finest flavor, Fry heat resisting glass, 1967." There are embossed images of geese on the reamer, too.

A: The H.C. Fry Glass Co. of Rochester, Pa. (25 miles northwest of Pittsburgh), made your reamer between 1924 and 1933, the year the company closed after 32 years in business. The "1967" on the reamer is its mold number. Your reamer is well-known among collectors. It was a Pet Milk premium that promoted a summer drink made by combining ice, condensed milk and fresh orange or lemon juice. Blue Goose Growers was a group of citrus packinghouses in California, Florida and Arizona. Dole acquired Blue Goose in 1984. Your reamer is made of heat-resistant oven glass developed by Henry Fry in the early 1920s. Fry Glass Co. called its opalescent color "pearl."

A rocking chair shaped like a skeleton is bound to be noticed, especially around Halloween. This 20th-century example brought \$3,198 at Jackson's Auctioneers in Cedar Falls, Iowa, this past June.



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Q: I have several 78 rpm Columbia and RCA records I bought when I was stationed in Japan from 1949 to 1951. The songs were popular among GIs, but they're in Japanese. Are the records worth anything to anybody? Where could I donate them?

A: How interesting that GIs listened to American recordings of songs in Japanese. We would like to know if the songs were Japanese songs or American songs sung in Japanese. In any case, the market for your records is small, even in Japan, now that it's been 60 years since the war and occupation. But there are many historical museums both here and in Japan, some dedicated solely to World War II. You might try contacting those museums to see if they're interested in your records. ■

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>> Elements Therapeutic Massage in Collection at Vanderbilt will donate \$5 to FORCE, Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered, for every massage given. Call 514-2211.

>> The Spa at Naples Bay Resort: Treat yourself to a massage and the spa will donate \$5 to Komen Southwest Florida. Call 530-5113.

THURSDAY, OCT. 22

>> "A Pink Afternoon" at Panache: Panache Resort at The Village on Venetian

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>> "Mammos and Manicures": A girls' night out for breast health at Physicians Regional-Collier Boulevard. Schedule a mammogram between 5 and 8 p.m. and enjoy some complimentary pampering while you're there. Space is limited. Call 354-6373.

THURSDAY, OCT. 29

>> "Paintings for Pink": An exhibit opening at Gardner Colby Gallery in Naples. Call 403-7787.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

The Shelter for Abused Women & Children observes National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October.

- **Healing Arts and the Clothesline Project, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday, through Oct. 31** — Visit Options Thrift Shoppe, 968 Second Avenue North. Purchase art, jewelry and collectibles donated to support the Shelter's programs and services. See the T-shirts hand-crafted by family violence victims and concerned community members.
- **Children's March on Main, Monday, Oct. 26, on Main Street in Immokalee** — The Shelter's Immokalee Outreach Office holds a children's fair beginning at 3 p.m. followed by a police-escorted Children's March on Main Street at 6 p.m. For more information, call 657-5700.
- **Chico's Shop to Save, Wednesday, Oct. 28**, shop Chico's at Venetian Village and enjoy knowing 10 percent of each sale will benefit The Shelter.

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- 4. Margaret Homan, Jill Wheeler and Heather Donlan
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- 6. Jim and Joann Tolano



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Celebrity Bartender Night at Sea Salt with Mayor Bill Barnett

- 7. Lois Bolin, Gary Price and Lavern Gaynor
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Kick-off for the 23rd annual North Naples Clay Court Championship
A party at the Naples Community Tennis Center



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PAST REPASTS

► **Bay House**, 799 Walkerbilt Road; 591-3837

Nestled right along the edge of the mangrove-lined Cocohatchee, the dining room seems a throwback to the late '80s when it was built with an old boathouse ambience. Bay House is a rare establishment in which the caliber of the food matches that of the water view. Highlights from a recent dinner included crawfish cakes with Georgia peaches' sautéed scallops with poached shrimp, beet risotto and horseradish beurre monte; sockeye salmon with tarragon red wine sauce and cinnamon-dusted churros with fleur de sel caramel and cayenne fudge sauces. Service was exemplary, as was the wine list. Full bar.

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

► **David Wong's Pan Asian & Sushi**, 25301 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 992-5600

David Wong's is a welcome addition to dining in Bonita Springs. From its subtle gold and maroon dining room to the knowledgeable and accommodating wait staff to the menu that affords diners a well-executed taste of several Asian cuisines, it's a delightful choice for lunch or dinner. The Thai-style papaya salad with peanuts, long beans and a chili lime dressing was a resplendent starter, along with a sampler platter of flavorful but not sweet coconut shrimp, savory chicken satay and tender Vietnamese shrimp ravioli. The crispy duck was, indeed, crisp

yet still moist within, served with sautéed bok choy and three sauces. The ahi tuna two ways showcased the fish sushi style and as lightly seared fillets with stir-fried veggies and citrus sauce. Tempura cheesecake—yes, that's fried cheesecake—with vanilla ice cream was a decadent and delicious finale. Beer and wine served.

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

► **Escargot 41**, 4339 Tamiami Trail North, Naples; 793-5000

Naples is blessed with several excellent French restaurants, but Escargot 41 is one of the best. Never mind that it's tucked into the corner of the nondescript Park Shore Shopping Center. Step inside and it's as if you've traveled to a well-to-do Parisian bistro with food and service to match. Chef Patrick Fevrier is a master of French cuisine, while his wife, Jackie, is a gracious hostess. Choose from several escargot dishes (I liked Peter's Fricassee 41). The salmon cured in sea salt, coated in coffee and smoked, is superb. The lobster bisque was classic and rich. Yellowtail snapper in lemon butter and caper sauce was a nightly special, that was worthy of the designation. No cloyingly sweet duck here. Fevrier's version is rubbed in garlic salt, roasted until the skin is just lightly crisp and the flesh still moist, then finished with a savory plum port wine sauce. For dessert, an ethereal raspberry soufflé was worth every calorie. Beer and wine served.

(The wine list is exceptional even for a much larger establishment.)

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

► **Noodles Italian Café and Sushi Bar**, Mission Square Plaza, 1585 Pine Ridge Road; 592-0050

Pasta and sushi just doesn't seem a natural combination to me, but Noodles makes it work, offering upscale Italian fare, first-class sushi and a handful of low-carb options served by an able staff in a swanky club setting. Items from both East and West were excellent, including a nightly special of grilled shrimp and the whimsically named Paisano roll (fried snapper, scallions and cucumber topped with smoked salmon, avocado, sesame and sweet sauce). The lamb shanks were tender and delicious, served with natural juices enhanced by a bit of wine, garlic, rosemary, bay leaves and celery over house-made fettuccine. The cioppino featured a fresh mix of seafood also served over pasta. For dessert, one wedge of light, creamy Key lime pie was plenty for two. Full bar.

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

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

Chef Fabrizio Aielli was the darling of the Washington, D.C. political elite before he and his wife, Ingrid, decided to head south. And so was born Sea

Salt. No expense has been spared in the chic, modern décor, the voluminous wine list or the painstakingly prepared food. Curry coconut black mussels and a salad of red and gold beets with mache and pecan-crusted goat cheese were excellent starters. Entrees of limoncello-marinated salmon with green lentil mustard sauce, as well as the wild halibut and veal osso buco ravioli were outstanding. Desserts include house-made gelato and a sushi-style menu of Norman Love chocolates. The pistachio gelato with tomato marmalade was rich and velvety, the tiny almond linzer torte three bites of bliss. Our pair of servers were true professionals, adding polish to an excellent meal. Full bar.

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



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FLORIDA WEEKLY CUISINE

At his American bistro, chef pays homage to cuisines of the nation



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Above: Chef/owner Keith Casey's regional approach is expressed visually through the mural of the United States painted on the wall of the dining room. Below: Plump diver scallops are accompanied by roasted mushroom gnocchi and a Maine lobster and corn chowder sauce.

If he hadn't introduced himself as the chef, I'd never have suspected that Keith Casey was the creative force behind the well-executed food at KC's American Bistro.

As thin as a racing greyhound, Mr. Casey seems an unlikely conjurer of shamelessly sensual dishes such as blue cheese-stuffed Medjool dates and smoked-pepper-and-molasses-lacquered duck. Perhaps he keeps a portrait of himself hidden away somewhere on which, in Dorian Gray-like fashion, his well-rounded chef self is taking up ever more canvas.

His dearth of girth notwithstanding, the man can cook. Formerly a chef at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, he shed the corporate culinary scene to open his own place, a cozy little spot several doors down from Bha Bha! Persian Bistro.

Setting out on one's own can be dicey in the best of times. Mr. Casey defied the odds and opened in June, the start of the slowest season of the year in the worst economic slump this region has experienced in decades. Despite a sluggish summer, he managed to maintain high quality by limiting the menu

to about 10 appetizers and 10 entrees. Now that fall has arrived and business is picking up, he's expanding the selections.

A clue to Mr. Casey's concept is the illustrated map of the United States that covers a large expanse of one mustard-colored wall. Various regions bear images particular to them. There are pineapples near Hawaii, for example, bison and corn in the Midwest and the Statue of Liberty's head extending up from New York.

That regionality is what Mr. Casey features in his food, paying tribute to each geographic zone's foods and styles on his

menu. Each dish is labeled to provide a clue to its origins.

That he's a graduate of the prestigious Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y., is evident in the soulful sauces that grace each dish. That he's worked at some upscale restaurants — including those of Larry Forgione and Roy Yamaguchi — reveals itself in the quality of the ingredients and artistry of the dishes.

Most of the selections on the wine list are available by the glass, something you don't see often in restaurants of this size.

We enjoyed a glass of Crios de Susana Balbo malbec, an Argentinean red with lots of black cherry and raspberry and a subtle cedar finish, and a crisp Napa sauvignon blanc from Robert Pecota. Warm crusty bread came next, with mounds of plain butter and a rosemary and black pepper butter that was so good we never touched the plain version.

Appetizers hailed from the Southeast and Pacific: Gulf shrimp fritters with mango chutney and a West Indies curry sauce (\$9), and roasted Medjool dates with Humboldt fog blue cheese and dry cured ham with balsamic syrup (\$8). Both dishes were excellent. The shrimp

was chopped enough to create fritters but not so much that it lost its texture. Fried into crisp, golden patties and served on skewers like lollipops, the fritters benefitted from both the mild curry, with its creamy coconut milk base, and the tangy-sweet chutney.

The dates dish made it clear why Medjools are prized above all other varieties and why Moroccan royalty once reserved them for their own pleasure. The velvety blue cheese stuffing was mild, with the ham adding a salty, chewy layer and the balsamic syrup lending a hint of sweetness.

Representing the Midwest, the rosemary-scented lamb chops (\$27) were perfectly cooked, with a layer of finishing salt adding crunch to the subtle rosemary notes. The goat-cheese laced mashed potatoes provided a creamy balance, and the rich red zinfandel jus completed the dish in much the same way a tenor rounds out the harmony of a barbershop quartet. Roasted fennel and asparagus were good accompaniments.

We hit just one off note when my companion's scallops (\$24) arrived. He'd told the server prior to ordering that he ate no meat, but some bacon had managed to stow away in the sauce amidst the Maine lobster and sweet corn chowder. The server apologized, said he'd misunderstood and quickly hustled the dish back to the kitchen. He reappeared in a matter of minutes with a bacon-free version. The scallops (a Northeastern dish) were plump and juicy, pairing well with the little roasted mushroom gnocchi and colorful lobster and corn sauce.

Dinner ended with a delicate pumpkin

and mascarpone cheesecake (\$7). The pumpkin and spice flavors were muted beneath a creamy whipped cream layer and surrounded by drizzles of caramel sauce and crème anglaise.

The chef stopped by each table to introduce himself and find out how his customers liked the food. He also said he'll be adding some comfort dishes to the lineup and plans to open for lunch soon as well.

Service at our table and those around us was consistently good. Although there was a glitch when it came to the one entrée, the true measure of service isn't perfection but how well the staff responds when something goes wrong. In this case, the server and the kitchen took care of the problem quickly and efficiently.

I love to see chefs — even thin ones — who are passionate about what they do venture out on their own. Intimate chef-driven spots such as KC's American Bistro afford diners an opportunity to experience good food and personal service in a way that large corporate ventures simply can't match. ■



If you go

KC's American Bistro
Pavilion Shopping Center,
885 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 566-2371

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

>> **Hours:** 5-10 p.m. Monday through Saturday
>> **Reservations:** Accepted
>> **Credit cards:** Discover, MasterCard and Visa accepted.
>> **Price range:** Appetizers, \$6.50-\$12; entrees, \$19-\$28
>> **Beverages:** Beer and wine served.
>> **Seating:** Conventional tables and chairs and at the counter
>> **Specialties of the house:** heirloom tomato gazpacho, roasted Medjool dates, Gulf shrimp fritters, smoked-pepper-and-molasses-lacquered duck, rosemary-scented lamb chops, blackened Gulf red snapper, grilled Angus N.Y. strip
>> **Volume:** Low to moderate
>> **Parking:** Free lot

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

diningCALENDAR

- **Thursday, Oct. 22, 4-7 p.m.,** Whole Foods: Get into the spirit of Oktoberfest with a tasting of beers; free, Mercato, 9101 Strada Place; 552-5100.
- **Thursday, Oct. 22, 5-9 p.m.,** Village on Venetian Bay: Celebrate Oktoberfest with German-style food sold by Artichoke & Company, free German beer sampling, music and pumpkin painting for the kids; Park Shore Drive and Gulf Shore Boulevard; 263-6979.
- **Thursday, Oct. 22, 6-7:30 p.m.,** The Wine Merchant: Sample a variety of Italian wines at this free tasting; 12820 Tamiami Trail; 592-000.
- **Thursday, Oct. 22, 7 p.m.,** Sea Salt: Chef/owner Fabrizio Aielli prepares a four-course dinner with wine

- pairings from the Benziger Family Winery; \$100, 1186 Third St. South; 434-7258. Reservations required.
- **Friday, Oct. 23, 5:30-7 p.m.,** Tony's Off Third: Sample the products of Michael Mondavi's Folio Fine Wine Partners, unique boutique wines from around the world; \$15 (includes \$10 coupon for dinner that night at Ridgway Grill), 13800 Third St. South; 262-7999.
- **Friday, Oct. 23, 6 p.m.** Whole Foods: Discover how easy it is to simmer up a delicious and comforting soup or stew; \$5, Mercato, 9101 Strada Place; 552-5100.
- **Friday, Oct. 23, 7 p.m.,** Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center: Chef Martin Murphy whips up a three-

- course meal for date night; \$70, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; (866) 206-3840.
- **Saturday, Oct. 24 and 31, 7:30-11:30 a.m.,** Third Street South: The weekly farmer's market features local farmers, artisans, chefs and fishmongers selling a variety of goods; Third Street South and Gordon Drive; 434-6533.
- **Saturday, Oct. 24, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.,** The Good Life of Naples: Meet author Bobbie Thompson and taste some of her recipes as she signs her book, "Bobbie's Best Desserts"; free, 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 514-4663.
- **Saturday, Oct. 24, noon,** Alexander's Restaurant: Chef Alexander Bernard leads a class on cooking with

- mushrooms, featuring truffles, porcini, chanterelle, morel and hen of the woods varieties; \$45, 4077 Tamiami Trail N.; 262-4999
 - **Monday, Oct. 26, 6 p.m.,** Whole Foods: Fleming's Steakhouse Chef John Cruz creates a surf-and-turf menu and pairs it with wine; \$10, Mercato, 9101 Strada Place; 552-5100. Reservations requested.
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GULF ACCESS
\$149,999
This charming home is located in the boating community of Henderson Creek Park, which has direct access to the Gulf. Ask for 802NA9024291.



GREAT LOCATION
\$141,900
Short sale. Close to shopping, restaurants, beaches and more Ask for 802SS943090.



GOLDEN GATE ESTATES
\$140,000
No need to look further if you are a first time buyer, a retiree looking for a smaller home, this is the one for you. Ask for 802NA9028804.



OVER LOOKING THE 17TH TEE
\$120,000
Spacious 2 Bed 2 Bath on the Golf Course - oversized Lanai - many upgrades. New AC / Hurricane Shutters Must See Ask for 802NA9033527.



GOLDEN GATE ESTATES
\$120,000
2.50 Acres. This house is in good condition, has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, two car garage. Tile floors, under truss lanai fruit trees. Ask for 802NA8033623.



GOLDEN GATE ESTATES
\$119,000
Great Price. Potential Short Sale, spacious 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, 2 car garage, tile throughout, vaulted ceilings. 2,020 sq under air Ask for 802NA8046224.



GOLDEN GATE ESTATES
\$115,000
On 2.34 acres. Foreclosure Available- Not too close, not too far! This 3 bed 2 bath home offers a 2 car attached garage Ask for 802NA9031983.



DON'T MISS OUT
\$109,900
In having a beautifully decorated unit in Cypress Woods Golf + Country club, overseeing a panoramic lake! Ask for 802CC946180.



GREAT BUY
\$99,000
In Golden Gate Estates. This cozy 3 bed 2 bath is a great opportunity for a first time home buyer or investor. Call and make an offer. Ask for 802NA9023648.



BEST NAPLES CONDO LIVING
\$89,900
1BR/1BA 2nd floor condo. Naples finest luxury condo is finally affordable. Ask for 802SS933844.