

Helping in Haiti

Teddy bears deliver immediate comfort; long-term help planned

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A small team of psychologists and translators from Naples departed for Haiti recently in a six-seat airplane stuffed as near possible to the rafters with teddy bears. They delivered the symbols of affection and security to about 200 children at an orphanage just outside earthquake-ravaged Port-au-Prince.

"I don't know how we'll get them all on the plane, but if we have to sit on them, we will," Mary Bellofatto, a therapist, and former clinical director at The Willough addiction center in Naples, said before the trip. Somehow, they managed.

The goals of their five-day mission are both short- and long-term: First, to immediately empower the children at the orphanage and bring joy to their lives, as they will need it facing extreme hardship. And second: Upon their return to Naples, the group plans to establish a system of ongoing help for Haiti by circulating high school and college students from the United States back into the impoverished country. The students will use their varied talents and knowledge to empower more young Haitians.

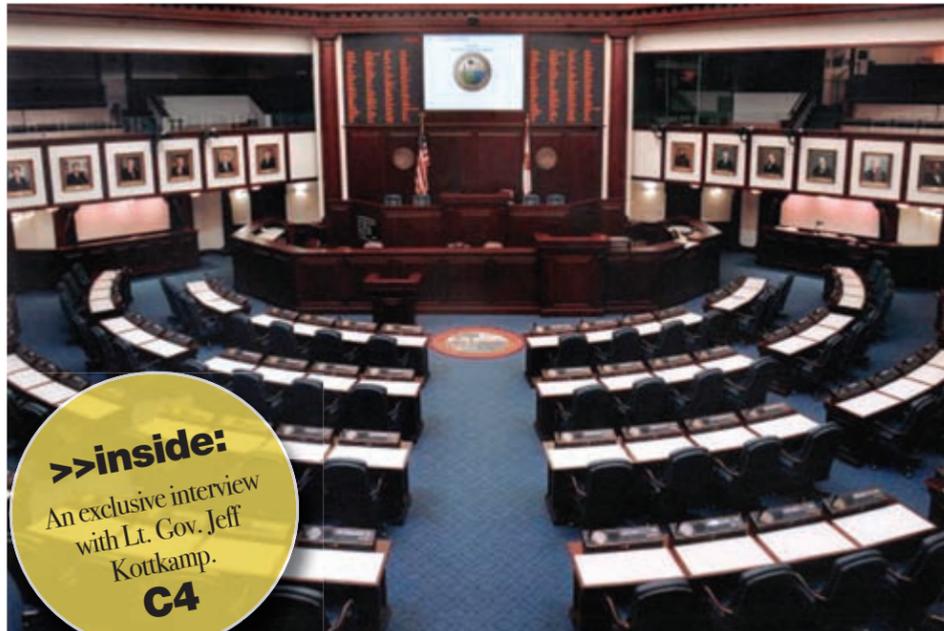
Some reports indicate it could take decades for Haiti to recover from the January earthquake — if it can recover. But the two women leading the mission, Maria Luisa "Lulu" Carter and Ms. Bellofatto, believe that children there — or people anywhere — have it within them to persevere under

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Mary Bellofatto, left, and Lulu Carter with their arms full of teddy bears bound for Haiti.



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— Sen. Garrett Richter



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IN SESSION

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It's a guarantee, according to the three state senators and seven representatives from Southwest Florida: No new taxes. No new fees. But no dessert courses this year, either, after the state budget is balanced and a slimmed-down resources entree is served up to citizens.

The 10 politicians comprise Southwest Florida's entire legislative delegation of officials elected to state government. They represent Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties — three of the 67 — with some spillover responsibilities east of those coastal counties, where roughly a million of the state's nearly 20 million residents now live.

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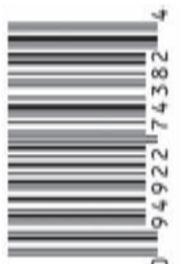
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COMMENTARY

Political animals



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Few things disappoint me as much as a politician who hasn't gone to the dogs.

The fact is, politicians need all the friends they can get, and dogs fit that bill. They don't really flatter — they're not sycophants, exactly. Instead, they tell it like it is, offering true friendship.

So when a politician or his aides fail to acknowledge the vast and endlessly supportive canine constituency that exists in each political district, I question his judgment.

"If you need a friend in Washington," Harry Truman once remarked, "get a dog."

That's true in Tallahassee, as well. Nevertheless, many members of the Southwest Florida delegation who represent us in state government (there are 10) have no dogs. Which probably means they have no real friends.

I find that appalling.

Democratic Sen. Dave Aronberg, for example, a contender to become the state's chief pit bull as attorney general, has no pets whatsoever, unlike his opponent for the office, Lt. Gov. Jeff Kottkamp.

Mr. Kottkamp's "mostly yellow Labs," as he describes them, may or may not approve of his political ambitions, but they're sticking by him anyway.

To Sen. Aronberg's credit, he did once remark, "What's more American than lov-

ing your pet dog (or) protecting puppies? I mean, that's what this is about."

Exactly. That's what this is about. So I wish Sen. Aronberg would hurry up and get a dog.

Is this a partisan problem? Nope. On the other end of the political scale from Sen. Aronberg, and possibly on the other end of the solar system, stands Republican Sen. Mike Bennett. Sen. Bennett doesn't have a dog either, according to his staff. Pitiful.

But Rep. Trudi Williams does — she has two of them, Hailey and Diesel.

After Rep. Williams spent seven tiresome hours behind the wheel driving home from Tallahassee last week, she climbed stiffly out of the car and walked into her home, where two events immediately occurred.

First, a reporter called her on her cellular telephone. Moments later her dog, Diesel, threw up all over her lap while she was talking.

I call that a friend. Imagine what Diesel would do if a paparazzo, instead of a mere reporter, showed up? Things could get ugly, indeed, for the media.

Former President Bill Clinton's dog, a chocolate Lab named Buddy, may well have trained Diesel, since both are members of that elite corps of canines — the few, the proud, the peeing — tasked with the almost unimaginable mission of befriendng politicians.

In fact, I have it on the qt from a friend of mine, a Scottish terrier named Dexter, that Rep. Williams's dog secretly adores President Clinton's dog, but can't publicly admit it because it could damage her career.

Right off the bat, about a month after Buddy got into the White House with the Clintons, he seized the moment.

In front of photographers, Buddy marched proudly to the center of the room and defecated on the carpet. Then he marched proudly out.

Political pundits still argue over whether Buddy's message was meant for members of the media or for the president himself. In any case, it was eloquent.

Fortunately for both Diesel and Buddy, Rep. Williams and President Clinton have a sense of humor when it comes to canines, unlike President Ronald Reagan.

After Mr. Reagan's Bouvier des Flandres, a dog named Lucky, dragged him across the White House lawn like a marionette — right past iron maiden Margaret Thatcher, the visiting British prime minister — his luck ran out. Lucky found himself sent straight to (not hell, he didn't get off that easy) California.

Which goes to show that Mr. Reagan had a better sense of humor than Thomas Jefferson, the nation's third president. Mr. Jefferson apparently owned a bulldog, a sheepdog and a mockingbird named Dick.

But when another dog once attacked Mr. Jefferson's sheep, he had that dog hung, no doubt sending it straight to (not California) hell.

Clearly, humor was in short supply in the 19th century. When one of Abe Lincoln's beloved dogs, Fido, once put his muddy paws up on a drunk while taking a walk in Washington, the man whipped out a knife and stabbed him to death.

Maybe that's why state representatives Grady, Hudson and Roberson don't have any dogs — maybe they think it's just too hazardous to be a political canine.

Sen. Garrett Richter may feel the same way. He did have a dog once, for almost 14 years, but right about the time Sen. Richter

announced he was going into politics, the dog died. Was that act a last and loving message from a faithful friend, perhaps?

Of course. Dogs don't do anything that they don't mean, especially political dogs. Take Teddy Roosevelt's pit bull terrier, Pete.

While the president was hosting the French ambassador at a high-level White House function one day, Pete marched over and ripped the man's French trousers right off his French bottom, nearly creating an international scandal. Even from the distance of a century, I want to take a moment and say: "Thank You, Pete, Good Dog! Rest in Peace."

There were other great dogs and other great politicians — FDR had a Scottish terrier who bit a senator; LBJ's mongrel, Yuki, peed on the Shah of Iran; and JFK's dogs always greeted his helicopter on the White House lawn.

But I'm nominating none of those politicians for *Florida Weekly's* special Political Animals award, announced here for the first time.

Nor will I give the award to Rep. Nick Thompson, who has two dogs, two horses and a cat, which I applaud heartily.

Instead, this singular new honor goes to Rep. Paige Kreegel, of Punta Gorda.

Rep. Kreegel, a medical doctor, doesn't even own a dog, but he has rabbits, goats, cows, and a bull who gets the job done.

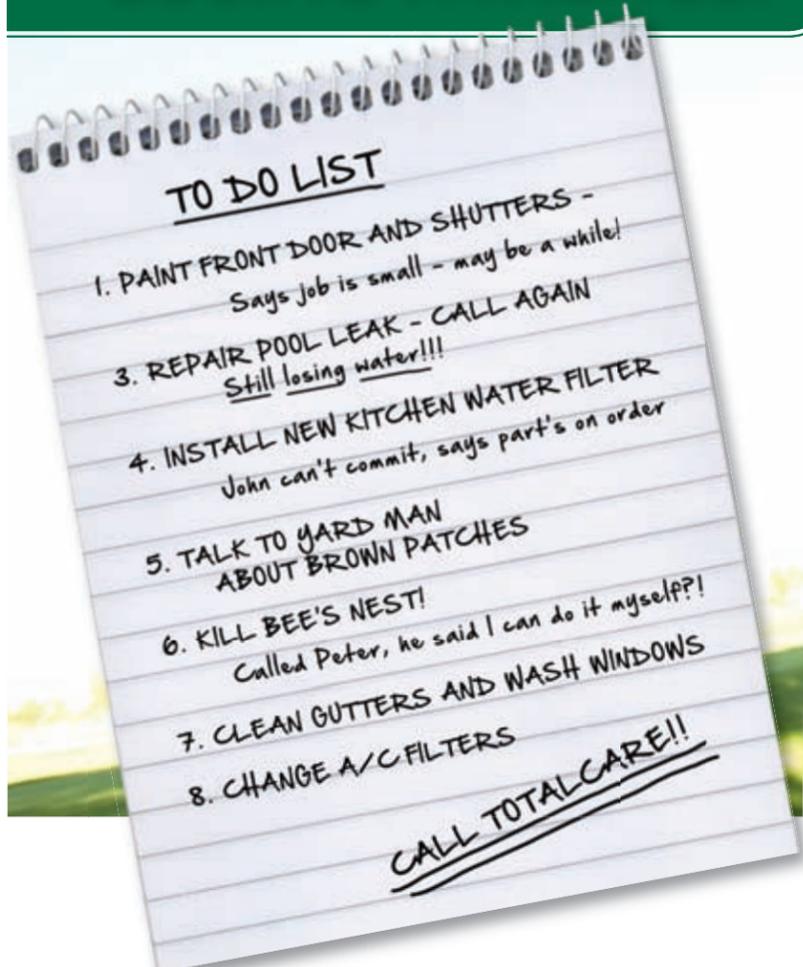
"We had a bull before that wasn't getting the job done," he told me. "So I went to this guy, and I said, 'We don't have any pregnant cows and that's a problem.'"

"The guy said, 'Well, I've got a bull guaranteed to get the job done.'"

"I said, 'How can he be guaranteed?'"

"'Because his name's Bill Clinton,' he said. And now, anything that can be pregnant, is." ■

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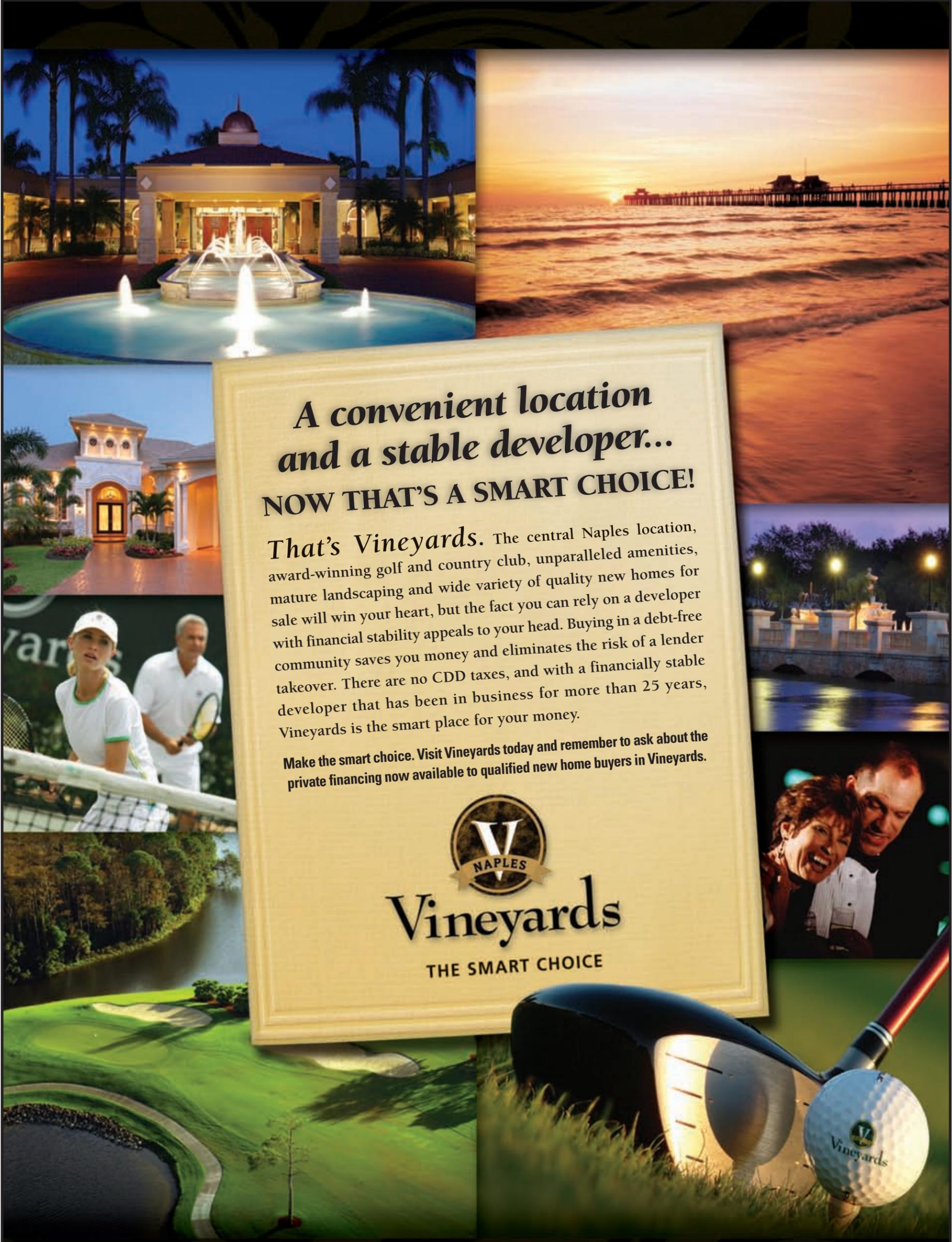
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GUEST OPINION**Why all eligible students should have access to college**

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"A nation that expects to be both free and ignorant expects what never was, and never will be."

— Thomas Jefferson



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In 1847, Townsend Harris founded New York City College, this nation's first tuition-free institution of higher education. Mr. Harris realized that America's prosperity depended on an educated workforce. Yet 160 years later, Southwest Florida's high school graduates still struggle to attain a college education.

When questioned about reasons for ending their formal education at an early age, students report a common set of reasons:

- A belief that higher education is too expensive.
- Poor standardized test scores.
- Difficulty navigating the entrance application and financial aid applications.

It has been proven that all people can succeed and excel in college if only given a chance. In a report titled "Responding to the Crisis in College Opportunity," the National Council for Public Policy and Higher Education suggests that the nation should "provide a space for every eligible student to enroll in higher education."

Yet "financial barriers prevent 48 percent of college-qualified, low-income high school graduates from attending a four-year college within two years of graduation," according to a study compiled by the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance for Congress. For middle-

income families, 43 percent are unable to attend a four-year college.

The report concluded that "the nation will have to increase the enrollment and degree completion rates of low-and-moderate income students or bring in highly skilled foreign workers to meet the demand," adding that "the vibrancy of our democracy and our knowledge-based economy is dependent upon ensuring access to college for these students."

Florida ranks close to the bottom for number of baccalaureate degrees granted each year, limiting our ability to produce enough nurses, teachers, managers, accountants, scientists, etc. necessary to serve our workforce needs.

According to the most recent statistics available, 78,685 first-time-in college Florida students applied for admission to universities. Of these, 44,931 or 57 percent were admitted, and 26,504, or about half, actually enrolled. What happened to the other 52,181 who planned to attend college?

Florida's Bright Futures Scholarship provides funding for only students achieving the very top grades in high school. For the majority of students, Bright Futures simply is not an option. For those who are also financially burdened, college can seem out of reach, the expectation of failure may become deeply ingrained. With inadequate shelter, health care and encouragement, many children flounder in elementary school, and drop out by the ninth or 10th grade. Soon they lose all hope of achieving a better life.

In 1993, I felt compelled to break this cycle for all those who yearn for a College education in Southwest Florida. I founded a scholarship program for Edison State

College students called HOPE, which stands for "Help One Person Excel." With the assistance of community and civic leaders, the College has raised more than \$500,000 for this program, and this year we received a grant from United Way to expand our effectiveness.

To date, the HOPE Scholar program has graduated more than 1,000 students, several of whom have gone on to earn baccalaureate degrees. Those who wish to apply are eligible for a HOPE Advanced scholarship at Florida Gulf Coast University, which provides funding not only for coursework but for student housing and books for any Edison State College HOPE graduate. Many students have taken advantage of this opportunity, and 150 are currently enrolled in the Edison HOPE program across the College's five-county district.

In light of today's economy, more innovation is needed. We need to give these young students support for today and bright hope for tomorrow. They need both academic assistance and encouragement. Most importantly they need to know a college education is within reach.

At Edison State College, we work to break down the barriers to education and provide the educational pathway ALL students seek. In the words of Thomas Jefferson, "If we're going to have a successful democratic society, we have to have a well educated and healthy citizenry."

To address these issues, Edison State College has developed a plan for an innovative and comprehensive Edison Education System that proposes to develop a pre-kindergarten through university model of a seamless education pathway. More information about the plan will be made available soon. ■

Obama's impossible dream

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Special to Florida Weekly

Enough already. President Obama's admirable quest for bipartisanship is a voice crying in the wilderness.

Oh yes, he has another chance at bat when he hosts a summit meeting Thursday, Feb. 25, at Blair House, the president's guest house across the street from the White House.

He has invited the leaders of both parties to the televised meeting designed to "jump start" the discussion about health-care reform.

Mr. Obama said he does not want the talks to devolve into political theater. "I want a substantive discussion," he said.

The summit follows his televised sparring with House Republicans at their retreat in Baltimore last month. Many Democrats believe the president succeeded for the first time in months in making his case to the public.

If they play true to form, the Republicans

will continue to buck every proposal with a Democratic tag on it. Since Mr. Obama took office, the not-so loyal opposition has said "no" to every Democratic legislative initiative. They walk in lock step.

Apparently, Republicans think they have the Democrats on the run because of the election of Republican Sen. Scott Brown to fill the seat held by the late Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts. It's easy to overstate the significance of Sen. Brown's victory if one ignores the historical trend that the party in power almost always loses seats in midterm elections.

As shown by recent polls, there is no question Mr. Obama has lost some popular ground because he has been making tough decisions — the difference he has found between campaigning and governing.

Some critics have contended that it was a mistake for the president to emphasize health reform instead of jobs creation, in view of the nearly 10 percent unemployment rate. Mr. Obama now has made jobs the main focus of the administration.

At the same time, Americans are having a hard time defining the president's politics. He has caved on many issues in pursuit of his goal of pleasing all factions.

He could be called "the great compromiser," but the Republicans apparently see his attempts to get along as a weakness, an Achilles' heel that they want to exploit.

The president gave away his needed leadership in the health-reform debate by catering to Congress to draft the main framework, hoping to avoid Hillary Clinton's big mistake in bypassing Capitol Hill in her failed 1993 blueprint for universal health care.

In my opinion, Mr. Obama blew it big-time when he refused to fight for a single-payer program like Social Security and Medicare — essential government programs — to meet the needs of a reported 31 million uninsured Americans.

The insurance companies poured millions into a campaign against almost any reform for fear that they might lose their power to charge high premiums. And they have won.

As a result of his nonsupport of a government health plan, Mr. Obama disappointed liberals in his party. So he faces solid Republican opposition without solid Democratic support. That's a bad combination. ■

MOMENTS IN TIME

► On **Feb. 25, 1870**, Hiram Rhoades Revels, a Republican from Natchez, Miss., is sworn into the U.S. Senate, becoming the first African-American ever to sit in Congress. During the Civil War, Revels, a college-educated minister, helped form black army regiments for the Union cause.

► On **Feb. 26, 1972**, a dam collapses in West Virginia, flooding a valley and killing 118 people. Tailings, the byproduct of coal mining, was the cause, as the material is unstable when dumped on hills. The Buffalo Mining Company, which was responsible for the tailings, was forced to pay \$30 million in damages.

► On **Feb. 27, 1827**, a group of students dance through the streets of New Orleans, marking the beginning of the city's famous Mardi Gras celebrations. Inspired by their experiences studying in Paris, the students donned masks and jester costumes and staged their own Fat Tuesday festivities. ■

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15 MINUTES

Seafaring ways continue to chart Capt. Lance Julian's life course

BY SUSAN POWELL BROWN
Special to Florida Weekly

Like father, like son: a truism for Capt. Lance Julian, who no doubt inherited sea legs from his forefathers. Born Lancelot Harry Julian, this sixth-generation New Zealander and fourth-generation seafarer describes being "brought up with the maritime side of things."

Unsurprisingly, he heard the sea calling him from an early age.

As a boy, Capt. Lance's family owned tugs and barges. When he grew older, he and his father expanded the business to include commuter ferries and tourist vessels. During the years between, Capt. Lance went from New Zealand to Hawaii in order to broaden his education. While there, he met Oregonian Sharon Banks, now his wife of 42 years. The couple married in 1968 and spent the next 20 years living in New Zealand raising their three children — daughters Hillary and Sharlan, and son Harry.

In 1986, the Julian family took the business public, Capt. Lance retired and he and Sharon returned to Hawaii to be close to her aging parents.

But in the words of novelist Hermann Broch, "Those who live by the sea can hardly form a single thought of which the sea would not be part." Needless to say, it wasn't long before Capt. Lance returned to the water.

He became vice president of Hawaiian Inter-Island Towing, which bid and won the contract to tow film equipment for King Kong Production within the Hawai-

ian Islands. On the first barge towed, the captain met the producers for "Waterworld" and contributed "practical ways of sorting out their very ambitious demands for filming the main set."

The producers offered him a position as Atoll Master for "Waterworld," Universal Studios.

"It was an industry I didn't even know existed," Capt. Lance says, noting that he was in the right place at the right time. In sharp contrast to the fabled "boat wranglers," he possessed a lifetime of commercial maritime experience. Although his foray into film came unexpectedly, he says the industry "sort of gathered us up." Standing on a pier during the production of "Waterworld," he realized, "I've been groomed to do this," he says.

With that thought in mind, in 1994 Capt. Lance and son Harry founded the company now known as Marine Team International Inc., which provides professional marine consulting, project management and production services for worldwide commercial marine projects and for water-related feature films, television programs, commercials, videos, documentaries, etc. Captain Lance saw a real opportunity before him, one where he brought different elements to the mix. Consequently, Marine Team now has more than 40 major production credits to its name, including "Titanic," "The Thomas Crown Affair," "Survivor" and the soon-to-be released Steven Spielberg/Tom Hanks HBO mini-series, "The Pacific."

He marvels over the production of "Bond 22: Quantum of Solace," with its



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Capt. Lance Julian

"roughest, toughest boat chase ever done on water." For that production, navigating multiple maritime authorities proved challenging, so Capt. Lance called in the maritime master: his father, Capt. Harry Julian, who used his "old sea dog ability" to move the production forward.

Fascinating, but where does Naples fit into the mix? "When Harry met Libby," Captain Lance says, making a play on the familiar film title.

On location during the 2002 filming

of "Survivor 6: Amazon," son Harry (aka Capt. Harry) met Libby Bradtmiller from Naples, an accountant for Mark Burnett Productions. Ms. Bradtmiller came to work for Marine Team, and the couple fell in love (although not necessarily in that order). She introduced the Julians to Naples, and they all fell in love with the city.

"The girls rule in our family," Capt. Lance says. When his son married Ms. Bradtmiller in 2004 and the couple started a family of their own, it became apparent the young Julians would make Naples their home. So in 2008, Marine Team transferred its home base operations from Hawaii to Florida, and the Julians bought Cruise Naples. The company provides sightseeing and sunset cruises, fishing excursions and specially chartered adventures from the Tin City docks.

Capt. Lance wasted no time getting involved in the community, attending city meetings, joining the board of the Downtown Naples Association and seeking out educational opportunities for Collier County school children. "Many things are changing; you have to get a balance," he says, adding that being respectful of the past, while mindful of the future, is quite an exercise.

A quick glance into the Cruise Naples office at Tin City reveals Capt. Lance's charted course: With young grandson Lance in his lap and son Harry busy at the desk across from him, the future sits before him. "Kids learn it, see it, enjoy it, respect it," he says.

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Note: While talking to state senators and representatives from Southwest Florida last week, *Florida Weekly* also posed several questions to Lt. Gov. Jeff Kottkamp, a Republican from Cape Coral. Mr. Kottkamp is campaigning to run for state attorney general in the fall elections. Here are his answers.

>> Florida Weekly: What are the most critical issues facing you and other elected officials as the new legislative session begins on March 2?

>> Lt. Gov. Kottkamp: The single most important issue facing our community, our state and our nation is the economy.

On the state level, we will continue our efforts to grow and expand the economy and bring high-wage jobs to Florida in the areas of aerospace, biotech and life sciences, alternative and renewable energy as well as digital and simulation technology. As chairman of Space Florida, I will be pushing for passage of the Space Transition and Revitalization Act to ensure that our state, and our nation, continue to be the world leader in space exploration, research and technology development. I will also continue to be vocal in my opposition to White House plans to take our Human Space Exploration program. It is critical that our country continue to be THE world leader in space exploration if we are going to continue to be an economic and military superpower.

>> FW: Will the state's economy look much different a year from now?

>> Lt. Gov. Kottkamp: We are already seeing signs of an economic recovery. The inventory of existing homes for sale in Florida has been reduced. Our office continues to be contacted by companies from all over the world who want to move to Florida because they know that our state is not only a low-tax, business-friendly state — it is also the best place on the planet to live, work and raise a family. In one year, I fully expect our state to



be firmly on the road to economic recovery.

>> FW: In a state budget facing a deficit of about \$3 billion, what do you consider priorities?

>> Lt. Gov. Kottkamp: As lieutenant governor I have worked hard to lower taxes and reduce government spending — those will continue to

be priorities this year as well. We will work hard to ensure that the people of Florida are provided essential services. Government's first responsibility is to provide for the safety and security of the citizens, and we will do that. We will also increase per-student funding in education.

>> FW: With such a significant budget deficit, do you anticipate an unavoidable increase in taxes or the need to raid trust funds to pay the bills?

>> Lt. Gov. Kottkamp: Government must live within its means — just as the families of Florida are doing. The last thing we want to do is raise taxes — and we won't. As for trust funds, I don't know what trust funds are available. But considering the historic nature of budget shortfalls, it is better to use money sitting around in the bank than to increase the tax burden on the citizens.

>> FW: A final question: What should be the goals for the Southwest Florida delegation, and what are your personal goals as lieutenant governor in the coming year?

>> Lt. Gov. Kottkamp: As lieutenant governor I oversee the Office of Drug Control. I recently announced a Statewide Task Force to address the problem of pill mills in Florida — businesses that sell legal drugs (pain medication in particular) illegally. Six people die a day in Florida as a result of the overdose and abuse of prescription drugs. This is becoming an epidemic that not only claims lives but threatens the safety and security of the citizens of Florida. Last year my office worked closely with the legislature to pass a Prescription Drug Monitoring bill as the first step towards ridding our state of pill mills. This year we want to focus both on law enforcement and regulatory options to rid our state of this problem. The Southwest Florida legislative delegation will continue to focus on the needs of the citizens of the community. In the short-term, they will work to provide the necessary assistance to help Southwest Florida weather the storm of the economic slow down. In the long-term, they will focus on job creation, workforce development and investments necessary to diversify and grow the local economy. ■

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March 2, each will echo the blunt estimation of Sen. Garrett Richter, a Neapolitan banker: "Raising fees and taxes is not an option for this session. We must live within our means."

The greatest American sport is politics, of course, which is probably something like sailing in unpredictable winds with a sometimes contentious crew. Punta Gorda's Rep. Paige Kreegel, on the other hand, defines politics as "human nature in action," and warns (à la the 19th-century wisdom of a New York political pundit): "No man's life, liberty or property are safe while the legislature is in session — and you can quote me on that."

Good reason, then, to keep your eye on the action in the next legislative session in Tallahassee, where 20 state representatives and 40 state senators will compete for services and money.

"We're down to bare bones, so I can tell you this: What we'll keep is health, education and public safety," predicts Dr. Kreegel, who practices medicine in Punta Gorda when he's not maneuvering on behalf of his constituency.

Everything else is uncertain.

"Everybody wants more money for this or that, and I do too, but it's going to be tight," he adds. In his case, he admits, he's angling for a cut of money that could be handed out or loaned for a high-speed rail system potentially connecting with I-75, and running through Lee, Charlotte and DeSoto counties, among others.

A bulky art and science

Whether or not he and fellow legislators achieve their parochial designs, what's about to happen in Tallahassee is "the bulky art and science of (political compromise)," explains Rep. Gary Aubuchon, one of Southwest Florida's

elected 10. A builder and developer turned politician, Rep. Aubuchon is now chairman of the Lee delegation.

In other words, legislators must balance Florida's budget (a state constitutional requirement) without raising taxes, and work harmoniously to do it. That's a tricky proposition in the recovery room of a recession, which might describe the current legislature.

An obvious solution to budget balancing is to grab the most accessible money, without having to ratchet up taxes — especially in an election year such as this one.

Many of Florida's top officials are running for office in November. Those include Lt. Gov. Jeff Kottkamp and Sen. Dave Aronberg of the Southwest Florida Legislative Delegation, both of whom want the job as the next top prosecutor, the state attorney general. (Lt. Gov. Kottkamp earned his law degree from the Levin College of Law at the University of Florida; Sen. Aronberg earned his from Harvard Law School.)

At such delicate political moments, few or none will propose a tax increase, no matter what the deficit. For that reason, legislators will likely "raid" or take money from some of Florida's trust funds set aside to fuel special programs, as they did last year.

That will sting, but perhaps not as much as in the previous fiscal year.

"Balancing the budget is a work in progress," says Rep. Ken Roberson, a Charlotte County legislator. "Last year we had a \$6 billion deficit, but this year, estimating from the Revenue Forecasting Conference (which looks ahead three years and has offered the first sober optimism for the future since 2007), it's not that great. It will be \$2.5 to \$3 billion."

Backtracking on the promises of trust fund money is a Plan B action unappealing but inevitable in the eyes of most members of the delegation — but it's the wrong approach altogether, according to Sen. Aronberg, the only Democrat among the 10 legislators represent-

ing Southwest Florida.

"Our trust fund program was established to finance the programs and services for which they were created, not to cover budget shortfalls," he argues. "I (want) to ensure that those funds remain dedicated for the programs and services for which they were intended."

An alternate solution to trust fund tipping, he proposes, is "to eliminate fraud and wasteful spending, as I've already done inside Florida's Medicaid program."

Making the 'hard choice'

The long and short of either disagreement or synchronicity in the state legislature, however, is certain to be this: a belt-tightening spring, summer and fall guaranteed to put the squeeze on almost anything defined as inessential.

"Crafting a budget that prioritizes our spending in the classroom, in health and human services and provides a safe state for our citizens will be the most critical component of our work," notes Sen. Richter.

But that doesn't mean there won't be cuts in the classroom — or elsewhere in programs that pay for the key obligations of government.

Mentoring programs in education, for example, are funded by stimulus money. We won't have that federal revenue source next year, points out Sen. Richter, who sits on the K-12 Appropriations Committee.

Two weeks ago, he listened to carefully prepared presentations by promoters of several school programs, later describing them this way: "Each was making a good presentation. They're good programs. But there's going to have to be a hard look. They were funded with stimulus money, and that's not going to be returned."

Disappointment is likely in the cards for some or many, in other words.

If you're a business owner rather than an educator, on the other hand, look for help from the delegation — such as a move by legislators to put a freeze on

the significant rate increase for unemployment compensation scheduled for April 1, only five weeks away.

"We'll try to defer that for two years to give businesses an opportunity to save their precious capital, and use it either to make it through in the short run, or more optimistically to expand their business and employment opportunities," says Rep. Aubuchon.

Since most of the delegation's members own businesses, this plan may have a singular appeal to them.

"We have signed both the front and the back of a paycheck in our lives," says Sen. Richter, the banker. "We've run businesses. We know what it's like to be fiscally responsible in our business."

And if Rep. Aubuchon, the developer, has anything to say about it, members of the House will put that oar in the water right quick.

"On the first day of the legislative session, March 2, (the House) will take up this bill and pass it. That will be somewhat historic because we don't typically address legislation in that first day," he explains. "But if we don't do it on the first day, we'll do it in the first week."

After that, "We're taking a hard look at some programs added when our revenues were increasing a few years ago."

Naming names — or not

Rep. Aubuchon, like Sen. Aronberg and most others, declines to name which ones, seeking to avoid a ruckus before it's officially ruckus time.

"Any immediate program I name will cause an immediate reaction," he says. "Suffice it to say we're looking at everything. We're asking administrators to start with a zero-based budget and rebuild, based on today's priorities. The exercise itself is important so we don't simply continue a program because we did it in a prior year."

Although some officials are reluctant to name what should be thrown overboard before the legislative ship even

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— Sen. Dave Aronberg

sets sail, Rep. Trudi Williams, who owns an engineering firm where the number of employees has dropped from 60 to 24, is not one of them.

“I think you’ll see some reduction in the plethora of Medicare benefits, for example. That benefits list is 12 pages long, single line. Some of those might have to be cut — not Medicare itself but some of the benefits. Eyeglasses, for example, could be reduced so it covers 60 percent instead of 80 percent. Those kinds of things.”

In some cases, she says, trust funds should be bonded, so that any money removed will be guaranteed by law to come back into the fund. Especially trust funds that power up jobs and can put them on line.

Otherwise, forget it this year, she says.

“Let’s take Florida Forever. It’s a great program and I’m a huge environmental kind of person. But as far as I’m concerned, that’s off the table. We’re not going to sunset or shut the program down, but when you’re out of money you don’t go buy a piece of property.

“People say, ‘You’ll never buy land this cheap again.’ And that’s true, but when you don’t have money, you don’t go buy land.

“Somebody else says, ‘We need to bond it.’ Well, that’s like mortgaging. On a house, if you get a \$200,000 mortgage, you can end up paying back a million dollars.

“In about five years, our bonding requirements to pay bond debt will be about \$600 million — just to pay bonds first. And then there’s everything else. So let’s not bond anything that doesn’t create jobs.”

The business of Florida

While the opinions of Rep. Williams about saving money instead of preserving the remaining wild lands from developers are unlikely to sit well with some, her comments about Medicare resonated on a national level last week. First Lady Michelle Obama spoke about health care at the national governor’s convention, citing the similarly troubled Medicaid program, among other issues.

“You’re going to be talking about spiraling costs that are straining your budgets and running up all of our deficits,” Mrs. Obama said. “Costs like the nearly \$150 billion a year that we spend on obesity-related conditions like diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure. You’re going to talk about the staggering Medicaid burdens — and how premiums have risen three times faster than wages, often bankrupting families in your states, (and) sinking businesses in states all across the country.”

In Florida, where the success of businesses is seen as crucial to the state’s health, such issues are front and center in the minds of state legislators, no matter what their political affiliations.

That’s especially true among the Southwest Florida delegation, described by its own members as “one of the most, if not the most cohesive delegation in the (legislature),” in the words

of Rep. Aubuchon.

“Part of it is personality — we just get along,” he adds. “We also understand that we don’t have strength in numbers, so we can’t afford not to be in lockstep.”

But there are disagreements. Sen. Aronberg and Sen. Richter, for example, do not see eye-to-eye when it comes to solving the foreclosure crisis.

Sen. Richter proposes speeding up the foreclosure process and ending the mandatory mediation between bank and borrower — which would benefit the banks, and by extension the entire system, he says.

Sen. Aronberg, on the other hand, has sponsored the “homeowners bill of rights.” He insists that the foreclosure crisis could become dire if lenders use the 2010 legislative session to “expedite foreclosures, with limited notice to homeowners, and eliminate requirements to mediate or have court proceedings.”

The delegation’s self-imposed sailing orders for the new session, therefore, should go like this, according to Sen. Aronberg: “We’re going to have to fund vital programs, make some tough cuts, and promote business in the state.

“We cannot and will not have an economic recovery in Florida if consumers and homeowners are preyed on by unscrupulous businesses that are more concerned with their own bottom line than keeping hard-working citizens in our communities with roofs over their heads.

“Businesses and our economy are driven by the confidence of consumers. Our state’s economic recovery hinges on our ability to protect and preserve consumer confidence by keeping people in their homes, getting them back to work and ensuring the community is supported by strong, upstanding businesses.”

As Mark Twain once put it, “Prosperity is the best protector of principle.”

Not a man or woman in the Sunshine State legislature would disagree. ■



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UNDERCOVER HISTORIAN

The Gladesmen deserve to keep their place in our culture

BY LOIS BOLIN

Special to Florida Weekly

When I retire, I'm going to do so on a lake with two identical docks, parallel to each other, so when I arise each morning I'll be reminded that life is a paradox.

Just when I think I have it all figured out, life presents me with an opportunity to see that perhaps there is another perspective. When this happens, I can hold tight to what I thought, or I can give way to that unavoidable — and oh, so aggravating — paradigm shift.

A popular phrase

Paradigm means perspective, or how we “see” things. Steven Covey, in his paradigm-shifting book, “The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People,” brought the word into the business mainstream. But it was Willis Harmon, Stanford University engineering professor and president of the Institute of Noetic Science (founded to encourage and conduct research on human potential), who gave insight into the true power behind a paradigm shift with his 1988 book, “Global Mind Change: The New Age Revolution in the Way We Think.”

Mr. Harmon explained that the Copernicus Revolution in 1543, which birthed the heliocentric theory, shook the very foundation upon which life was built. When word reached the masses that the sun and not the earth was the center of the universe, the powers that be (meaning the church) stepped in to bring order.

And just in case you think paradigm

shifts are no big deal, some 60 years later in 1610, when Galileo confirmed that Copernicus was indeed correct, he was jailed until his death. It took 359 years for the church to make a formal apology to Galileo; 1992 he was “rehabilitated” (meaning Galileo and Copernicus were right all along).

Opportunity knocks

After my appeal to the Collier County Commission to endorse the Collier County Heritage Trail, I had a call from a Miami man named Frank Denninger. Mr. Denninger was concerned that the CCHT would infringe upon his rights. After I explained our intentions, he said, “Well, I’m a Gladesman, and we’re losing our way of life...” He was worried that the CCHT would infringe upon his rights to the land, and he had already fought once to have a segment of the trail at Everglades City “de-designated” and removed from the National Scenic Highway map.

So what's the big cultural deal?

The Gladesmen hunted and fished off the land of the Everglades, building and living in small, temporary camps. Their mode of transportation was the long, narrow Glades skiff, similar to the Seminoles' boats (about 2 feet wide and 16-18 feet long) depicted on the cover of Glen Simmons' book, “Gladesmen: Gator Hunters, Moonshiners and Skiffers.” This best-known Gladesmen and his co-author, Laura Odgen, provide a mar-



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Gladesmen in the 1940s

velous glimpse into a culture of one of the “least-known and longest surviving portions of the American frontier.”

The fear that Mr. Denninger expressed was that this fascinating culture of which he was a part would fade into the distance and disappear.

In June 2009, as part of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers commissioned a study titled, “You Just Can't Live Without It: Ethnographic Study and Evaluation of Traditional Cultural Properties of the Gladesmen Culture.” The study was prompted after a series of public forums revealed “traditional cultural properties” connected with the Gladesmen culture that could be impacted by CERP.

Fifty years is the normal benchmark to determine if traditional cultural properties should, indeed, be considered historic sites. So the Corps took the proper measures, studying the Gladesmen cul-

ture and 13 properties to see if they might qualify for listing on the National Register of Historic Places within the CERP project area.

Meet and greet a Gladesman

When I came across the CERP study last fall, I felt a deep compassion for those “swamp culture folks” who faced the possibility of being displaced from their way of life. My concern eventually led to an invitation for Franklin Adams, a Collier County Gladesman and long-time member of the National Wildlife Federation, to speak about the Gladesmen.

Mr. Adams will present “The Gladesmen Culture: Carving Out a Place of Their Own,” on Tuesday, March 16, at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. It promises to be a fascinating program.

When the Tamiami Trail was initially de-designated as a scenic highway, I did not immediately feel much, if any, compassion for “those people” (The Gladesmen, whom I did not even know at the time) who helped bring about the undoing; all I saw was a lost marketing opportunity to draw attention to the trail.

Eventually, however, I arrived at a new crossroad: Do I go through the paradigm shift and start to view preserving and protecting the Gladesman culture as more important than creating a marketing opportunity?

Good grief. That particular paradigm shift wasn't hard after all, and now I am “rehabilitated.” Come hear Mr. Adams at the Conservancy, and you will be, too. ■

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Friday is final day of Everglades fest honoring Marjory Stoneman Douglas

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Best known for her book "Everglades: River of Grass" published in 1947, Ms. Douglas was one of the first to draw attention to South Florida's fragile ecosystem. At the age of 78, she became an outspoken, sometimes feisty crusader to preserve and protect the Everglades. She drew attention to the fact that water is the key to the Everglades and presented the concept that the Everglades was not simply a swamp to be drained for homes and businesses, but a vital part of the ecosystem of South Florida.

"Marjory dedicated her life to preserving and educating the public about the importance of the Everglades," says Timothy England, museum manager. "During these four days, we honor her legacy by continuing to educate people about this vital ecosystem."

The sixth annual Marjory Stoneman



Douglas

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Douglas Festival concludes Friday, Feb. 26, with events designed to impart the wonders of the Everglades and remind us what all the arguing is about.

A photographic workshop with Rick Cruz beginning at 9 a.m. will spend the morning focusing on the fundamentals of composition in the Everglades environment. For the afternoon session, Mr. Cruz will take participants out into the Fakahatchee Strand to put into practice the fundamentals they learned in the

morning session.

Beginning at 1 p.m., Jack and Elaine Berninger will lead a walk through the ferns and fauna of the Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park, pointing out many of the natural secrets of the wilderness area and its diverse plant and animal life. Back at the museum, guests will also learn all about beneficial plants of the Everglades in ranger Erin Foley's "Plants with a Purpose in the Big Cypress" presentation.

The photographic workshop and the guided walk start at the Museum of the Everglades, 105 W. Broadway, Everglades City before heading out into the brush. For more information, call 695-0008 or visit www.colliermuseums.com. ■

Women's bar association helps preserve Collier's past with Pioneering Tribute

Naples Backyard History wants Collier County residents and visitors alike to know that the Naples Pier was built in 1888, and that the city's first mayor, Speed Menefee served for a total of 15 minutes. Preserving fun trivia like this as well as supporting the groups and museums that curate the supporting documents and photographs that detail Collier County's past is why Naples Backyard History exists.

The Collier County Women's Bar Asso-

ciation will raise money for the NBYH's Florida History Fair fund during the association's first Pioneering Tribute from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 22, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. The event will feature Lynn Hixon-Holley, Collier County's first female attorney and judge, and Mary Ellen Hawkins, the first woman elected to represent District 89 in the Florida Legislature.

For more information and reservations, call 213-5774. ■

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► THURSDAY, FEB. 25, 10 p.m.

Mike Douglas: Moments and Memories

A nostalgic look back at the Emmy-winning "The Mike Douglas Show" and the man who became America's best-loved daytime talk show host.

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Untold Stories: Illuminating Tradition: Edison Festival of Light

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► SATURDAY, FEB. 27, 10 p.m.

After You've Gone

Jack-of-all trades Jimmy Venables is probably the only man in Britain who gets divorced and ends up with his mother-in-law. That's not how he planned it, but then when does life go according to plan?

► SUNDAY, FEB. 28, 9 p.m.

Masterpiece Classic: The 39 Steps

Filled with romance and humor, this adaptation of the popular John Buchan adventure novel, set on the eve of World War I, stars Rupert Penry-Jones as Richard Hannay, a mining engineer caught up in a conspiracy following the death of a British spy found in his apartment.

► MONDAY, MARCH 1, 8 p.m.

Antiques Roadshow: Madison — Hour 3

A turn-of-the-century Japanese bamboo sculpture; Edwardian pearl earrings with Art Deco pendants; and an oil painting by noted 19th-century California painter Thomas Hill.

9 p.m.

American Experience: Dolley Madison

Style icon, extravagant hostess, humanitarian, doting mother, trusted political advisor and diplomat. These are the roles we now expect in a First Lady, roles created by President James Madison's wife, Dolley. Born in relative obscurity before the American Revolution, Dolley's beauty attracted attention, but it was her political acumen that set her apart in a time when women held no overt power. Starring Eve Best and Jefferson Mays.

► TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 8 p.m.

NOVA: The Pluto Files

Since its discovery in 1930, Pluto has held a warm place in the public imagination. So, when the American Museum of Natural History's Hayden Planetarium stopped calling Pluto a planet, director Neil deGrasse Tyson found himself at the center of a firestorm. What is it about this distant rock that captures so many hearts? Tyson embarks on a quest to find out. ■

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Set your sights on outpost Everglades City for tour of historic homes and buildings

Everglades City is in many ways an outpost of Southwest Florida's past, a place where one doesn't have to try very hard to picture life before Wal-Mart and McDonalds. The Everglades Society for Historic Preservation invites the public to walk through both public and private historical buildings dating back to the days before drive-throughs and strip malls dominated the landscape.

Everglades City has more than 50 historic buildings. Public buildings on the tour are Everglades City Community Church, the new Everglades Isle clubhouse (the "lighthouse" as visitors come

into the city) and the Rod & Gun Club, the society's headquarters for its historic homes and buildings tour that takes place from 1-5 p.m. Saturday, March 13.

The event starts with registration at the Rod & Gun Lodge. Armed with a booklet that includes a map, participants are welcome to wander among the houses that will be open to the public for the day. Take a break at the lodge and relax on the scenic porch overlooking the river or wander through the lobby where there will be exhibits and signings by local artists and authors.

The Everglades Society for Historic Preservation is dedicated to maintaining the heritage of the area. The history tour benefits a campaign to install historical signage in front of the many of the city's oldest buildings. Tickets and the booklet cost \$20 per person.

For more information, call 695-4642 or visit www.evergladeshistorical.org. ■



◀ This colorful Cracker cottage is on the tour



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Everglades City Community Church is also on the historic buildings tour

Everglades author will discuss the Fakahatchee

Local historian Marya Repko is a northeastern and former software engineer who came under the spell of the Everglades. She has written three books about the area and will sign her most recent one, "A Brief History of the Fakahatchee," at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, at the historic Ivey House bed and breakfast in Everglades City. The signing will be accompanied by an illus-

trated lecture about the foliage-enshrouded world of the Fakahatchee Strand.

Ms. Repko is editor of the Mullet Rapper and member of the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation and the Friends of Fakahatchee. The presentation is free and open to the public. The Ivy House is at 107 Camellia St. E., Everglades City. Call 695-3299 for more information. ■

Wednesday waterfront walks provide glimpse of city's past and present

Hump day could soon become regarded as history day in Naples. A collaborative effort between Tin City and Bayfront, the new downtown waterfront district, has launched Wednesday's Waterfront Walkabout, a new tradition that encourages locals and tourists alike to start at Tin City or Bayfront and commence on a stroll that will let them enjoy the waterfront at the same time learn about the areas that helped make Naples what it is today.

These distinctive areas once connected by their histories are now connected by two new Naples Backyard History mini-museums. History lovers and casual gawkers alike can visit the Working Waterfront mini-museum at Tin City and the History of the Tamiami Trail and Everglades mini-museum at Bayfront via the Gordon River

underpass, where an art-history pedestrian walkway is slated to be built.

On display through March 15 at Bayfront mini-museum are paintings created by young participants in the Freedom Waters Foundation's "Painting My Tomorrow" project. The works, which recently were on display at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts, are available for purchase.

Both waterfront museum sites host a 4-by-4-foot aerial photo of the Naples waterfront from 1950. The images provide a unique perspective on how the community has developed. While both museum exhibits are still works in progress, they are ready enough to let the public enjoy some of the unique magic that lies right in Naples' backyard.

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Edison State College honors Phil founder Myra Daniels

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Myra Janco Daniels, founder, chairman and CEO of the Philharmonic Center for the Arts, has been awarded the Edison State College 2010 Holland T. Salley Leadership in Fostering Education Award. The award recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions toward advancing educational opportunities in the community.

"The Edison State College Foundation-Collier Campus is proud to honor Myra Janco Daniels for her distinguished service and contributions to education in Collier County," Dr. Jeffrey Allbritten, ESC Collier Campus president said when he presented the LIFE Award to Mrs. Daniels.

"Mrs. Daniels has provided outstanding educational opportunities to so many at Edison State College and in our community," he added. She has shown leadership by promoting and supporting educational arts and culture experiences for young people in Collier County. She has been instrumental in developing major musical programs in Collier County such as the Philharmonic Youth Chorale, Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, Philharmonic Youth Symphonia, Family Fun and Learning, Kindermusik Adventures Camp for newborns through age 6, and master classes for adults.

During her acceptance speech at the awards presentation held at the Naples Grande, Mrs. Daniels commented on the evolution of Edison State College as an institution. "When I came to this community, Edison was a store front. This school has grown so much. When you have 20,000 students who can get affordable educations, there is no reason for anyone not to be educated in this commu-



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ESC Collier Campus Dean Dr. Henry Linck, Collier Campus President Dr. Jeffrey Allbritten, LIFE Award honoree Myra Daniels, ESC President Dr. Kenneth Walker and ESC Vice President Dr. Noreen Thomas.

nity." Through her work, many Edison State College students were given the opportunity to attend performances at the Philharmonic Center of the Arts, a first-time experience for many them.

Education has been a priority in Mrs. Daniels' personal and professional life. She was the first woman to be named professor of marketing at the school of business at Indiana University. She held a six-year associate professorship in marketing, taught in the university's MBA program and directed an internship program. She was also instrumental in inaugurating the marketing and advertising programs offered at Indiana State University.



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Past recipients of the Holland T. Salley Leadership in Fostering Education Award from ESC are Holland Salley (2003), Edward Morton (2004), Fred Pezeshkan (2005), Judy Sproul (2006), Raymond Lutgert and Scott Lutgert (2007), Adria Starkey (2008) and J. Dudley Goodlette (2009). ■

— Edison State College serves more than 20,000 students in five counties with campuses in Collier, Lee and Charlotte and a center serving Hendry/Glades counties. Many classes are available online. For more information, visit www.edison.edu.



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abominable circumstances.

Known as “Lulu” to her students, Ms. Carter runs Outside The Box Studio, a holistic, eclectic arts school for children and adults. Born in Brazil, she helped poor children in slums there before moving to the United States, where she has been an educator for more than two decades. Through her second business, a travel company called Destination Partners, she plans to help set up the trips back to Haiti for high school and college students in the coming months and years.

“A lot of college students are trained in drama, theater, musical abilities,” she said. “You can use any of that.”

Students who go have to be serious about helping.

“A lot of people want to go out of curiosity,” Ms. Bellofatto said. “They want to help, but they’ve also never experienced something like that.” She has participated in many missions to impoverished countries, including to Sudan and Uganda. She has found a sense of hopelessness, looking into the faces of people there. She expected to



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Mary Bellofatto and Lulu Carter at Ms. Carter’s Outside the Box Studio in Naples

find that same blank gaze on the faces of some Haitian children.

“It’s like there’s no one home,” she said. “You work with them for a few hours and you see that hope come alive in their eyes. When people understand they have these resources within them, that’s news to them.”

Ms. Carter feels her service to Haitian children is selfish, in the best sense of the word. “You’re not (giving) — you’re

receiving,” she said. “The love that you receive, the smiles, the eyes, the compassion, is just so overwhelming, which is why I cannot imagine myself not doing it. My work is to bring people from a place of chaos, horror, to that place of peace, compassion, joy.”

Getting them to laugh will be at least one important goal. Also to simply let the children at the orphanage know that their need for help is understood.

“In any kind of trauma there’s ‘Am I safe? Can anybody hear me?’ Ms. Bellofatto said.

A trip to Haiti, or maybe life in general, takes a kind of caring attitude Ms. Carter is trying to teach her students. She looked at a drawing done by a child at Outside The Box Studio. The student had seemed indifferent about what color to use in one small section of the drawing. That bothered Ms. Carter, who pointed adamantly at the little yellow abstraction, roughly the size and shape of a small country on a map.

“It’s very important that people start to care — to care for everything,” she said. “This sense of detachment is not going to lead us into a peaceful world.”

Ms. Carter and Ms. Bellofatto both are members of the American Psychodrama Association, the group through which they met. Along with the plane-load of teddy bears, each took her own talents to Haiti; Ms. Bellofatto counseled older children, while Ms. Carter said she felt more adept working with younger ones.

For information about the program to engage high school and college students in helping Haitian children recover from the earthquake trauma, call Ms. Carter at Outside the Box Studio, 272-6512, or e-mail lulu@outsidethebox-studio.com. ■



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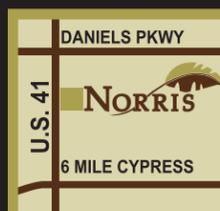

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Heisman winner, Gator Tim Tebow will address Winged Foot scholars

Fresh from his appearance in a Super Bowl ad advocating his anti-abortion views and then the NFL draft in April, University of Florida star quarterback Tim Tebow will address some of Collier County's greatest student athletes as the keynote speaker at the Winged Foot Scholar Athlete Award ceremony in May.

The Winged Foot Scholarship Foundation celebrates the best scholar-athlete from each of the high schools in Collier County. Its awards program began at the Collier Athletic Club as a vision of Dr. Charles Karpas, Frank Donnelly and a handful of club founders. The first award was presented in 1990 to Terry Dean of Barron Collier High School. The banquet was held at CAC for nine years and moved to the Naples Grande Resort & Club for its 10th anniversary.

The Winged Foot Scholarship Foundation is in pursuit of those characteristics exemplified by the highest standards in sportsmanship, the desire to excel and to compete with a sense of fairness. The Winged Foot Scholar-Athlete Award is the vehicle for endorsing these qualities



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Quarterback Tim Tebow with Boomer Hornbeck, grandson of Winged Foot Scholar Athlete Award chairman Bud Hornbeck, at UF in Gainesville.

and recognizing them in the high school students of Collier County. Each scholar-athlete selected from the various schools reflects these standards of excellence.

Individuals and businesses have several sponsorship opportunities to allow them to become involved:

- Friends of the Winged Foot is the core group that enables the community to support the group's mission. Membership is \$300.
- Individual tickets to the banquet cost \$225.
- Banquet table sponsorships are \$1,600.

- School sponsorships and event sponsorships are \$3,200 and 5,000, respectively.

The awards banquet begins at 6 p.m., Thursday, May 27, Naples Grande Beach resort. For more information, call Bud Hornbeck, chairman of the awards program, at 262-7171 or visit www.wingedfootaward.com. ■

Sailing champion shares views on America's Cup and Olympics

Champion sailor Bob Billingham will share his unique perspective on America's Cup and Olympics action at the Gulf Coast Sailing Club's next regular meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, at Hamilton Harbor Yacht Club. Members and guests are welcome.



BILLINGHAM

Mr. Billingham is one of the few American sailors who has won both an America's Cup and an Olympic medal. He will provide an insider's view on the recent America's Cup contest in Spain.

Mr. Billingham represented the United States at the Olympics in Seoul, South Korea, in 1988 and won a sil-

ver medal in the Soling class crewing for skipper John Kosteck. He also won seven world championships and numerous continental championships in international one-design classes such as Stars, Solings, Etchell-22s and J-24s.

Mr. Billingham is in his sixth term as a member of the U.S. Olympic Sailing Committee. He also serves a member of U.S. Sailing's nominating and governance committees, and he leads two sailing foundations. He is president of the St. Francis Yacht Club Foundation and CEO of AmericaOne, both of which support Olympic campaigns, disabled sailing organizations and community sailing programs.

For more information about Gulf Coast Sailing Club, call Commodore Jim Gunderson at 261-2222 or visit www.GulfCoastSailingClub.org. ■

Set sail for the Porsche Cup of Naples

The Gulf Coast Sailing Club's 34th annual regatta, the Porsche Cup of Naples, sets sail at 11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 27-28. Hosted by Hamilton Harbor Yacht Club, the regatta features two days of sailboat racing for local and national competitors. Teams from throughout the U.S. are expected to compete, and proceeds will be used to help support local junior sailing programs.

Entries into the regatta will be accepted until March 26. For more information or to register, call Commodore Jim Gunderson of Gulf Coast Sailing Club at 261-2222 or visit www.GulfCoastSailingClub.org. ■



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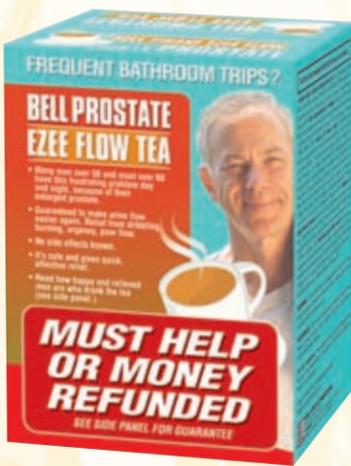


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NPC members advocate for an integrated transportation network of sidewalks, bike lanes and multi-use pathways for pedestrians, cyclists and individuals in wheelchairs.

Registration and continental breakfast begin at 6:30 a.m. at Gulfview Middle School, 255 Sixth St. S. Cost is \$35 for adults and \$20 for children. For more information visit www.cancerallianceofnaples.com. ■

Pedal power for amputees

The second annual Miracle Limbs-Courage in Motion Bike Ride takes place Saturday, March 6, at North Collier Regional Park. There will be a 2-mile family fun ride through the park, 10-, 28-, 42- and 62-mile city rides and a 4.8-mile timed trial ride. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m. with the first ride starting at 7 a.m. and staggered starting for the rest of the rides.

Registration is \$35 for riders 11 years and older and includes a race T-shirt, power breakfast, lunch buffet, a children's bike safety clinic and activities, fully supported SAG stops and a prosthetist for amputee rider support.

Miracle Limbs-Courage in Motion is devoted to the psychological, medical, financial and spiritual support of amputees. To learn more about Miracle Limbs or to register for the bike ride or the travel auction dinner, visit www.MiracleLimbs.org. ■

Autism awareness at the Everblades

Join the Florida Everblades for a fun family night that benefits Autism Speaks. For every ticket sold, Autism Speaks will receive \$8 to help fund research into the causes, prevention and treatments for

autism. The game pitting the Everblades against the South Carolina Stingrays starts at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 9.

Tickets are \$15. Contact Elly Hagen at 994-3927 or hagenmem@gmail.com. ■

2010 Komen Race for the Cure

The 2010 Susan G. Komen Southwest Florida Race for the Cure takes place Saturday, March 13, at Coconut Point in Estero. "Desperate Housewives" leading actor James Denton, whose mother died from breast cancer, will participate as honorary race chair.

More than 8,100 people participated in last year's race and raised more than \$914,000. The local Komen affiliate provides grants to nonprofit organizations that provide education, screening, treatment and support for breast cancer patients in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties. Seventy-five percent of net proceeds from Race for the Cure stays in Southwest Florida; 25 percent goes toward national research programs.

Individual and team registration is available online at www.komenswfl.org. More than 100 ideas for individual and team fundraising are also listed on the Web site. For more information, visit the Web site or call 498-0016. ■

Tommy Bowden addresses Christian athletes

The Southwest Florida Fellowship of Christian Athletes hosts its "Join the Team" banquet from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, March 18, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point in Bonita Springs. Guests at the third annual fundraiser will welcome Tommy Bowden, former head football coach at Clemson University and FCA Football Coach of the Year, as the keynote speaker. The evening is designed to share the vision of FCA on a national and local level and will include entertainment, dinner, music, video presentations and a silent auction.

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Last November the group collected 6,700 bottles of medications, and they hope to surpass that number this year. The following places will have receptacles in place for collecting medications on Saturday:

- Costco: 6275 Naples Blvd.
- CVS Pharmacy: 294 Ninth St. S. (\$5 gift card for the first 25 people who drop off)
- EPN Urgent Care Center: 6400 Davis Blvd.
- Everglades City Hall: 102 Broadway Ave. E., Everglades City
- Friendship House: 602 W. Main St., Immokalee
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- Sweetbay Supermarket: 2400 Immokalee Road
- Sweetbay Supermarket: 4897 Golden Gate Parkway
- Wal-Mart Super Center: 9885 Collier Blvd.

If you can't get to one of the above locations on Operation Medicine Cabinet Pharmaceutical Take-Back Day, there are several places in Collier County that accept unused/expired drugs all year 'round:

- The Collier County Sheriff's Office, 3301 Tamiami Trail E.
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- The Naples Recycling Center (no controlled substances accepted at this location), 2640 Enterprise Ave., 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. ■

Drug Free Collier luncheon guests will hear straight dope from an expert

Drug Free Collier welcomes guest speaker Joseph A. Califano Jr., founder and chairman of the Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, to dish out some straight dope its second community awareness luncheon starting at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 11, at the Hilton Naples.

Mr. Califano worked for the Kennedy,

Johnson and Carter administrations before starting CASA. He is the author of 11 books, including "America's Health Care Revolution: Who Lives? Who Dies? Who Pays?" and his latest, "How to Raise a Drug-Free Kid: the Straight Dope for Parents."

Luncheon tickets are \$50. For more information or reservations, call 377-4994 or e-mail info@drugfreecollier.org. ■

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The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 95 on Marco Island has developed a two-hour seminar to teach boaters about this technology and the



finer points of taking advantage of it. Seminars are free and open to the public from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, and Thursday, March 25, at the flotilla station in Caxambas Park on Marco.

For more information, call 642-8406. ■

Check out the Marco library expansion

After 11 months of construction, the Marco Island Branch Library is ready to open the doors to Rose Hall, an additional 4,000 square feet of meeting space that can accommodate 150 people. The library children's room has direct access to the addition to accommodate more programming. Rose Hall will also serve the greater community with an access

outside of the library.

Donations from The Friends of the Library of Marco Island and William and Myrt Rose funded the entire \$1.4 million cost of construction of Rose Hall.

The public is invited to a grand opening ceremony at the library at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 26. For more information, visit www.colliergov.net/library. ■

Rescue group seeks volunteers, offers low-cost shots

Volunteer Services for Animals needs volunteers to provide foster homes for cats and kittens and to clean cages and take rescued animals to scheduled veterinarian appointments.

The organization is also offering dis-

temper and rabies shots for dogs and cats for \$10 per shot during a clinic from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at Max A. Hasse Community Park, 3390 Golden Gate Blvd. For more information, call 261-4768. ■



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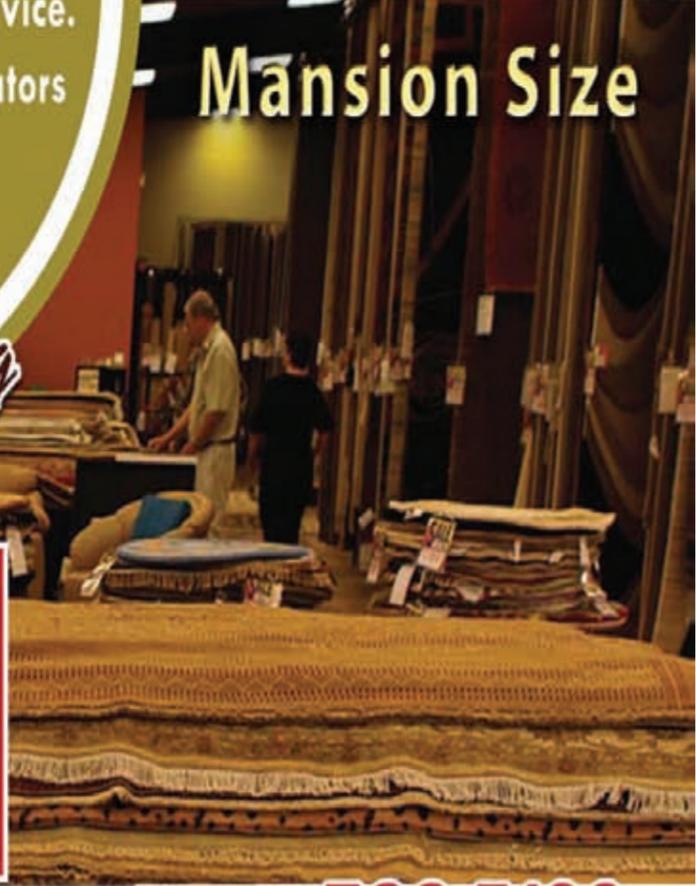
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CLUB NOTES

Author will address Marco arts foundation

Members and guests of the Marco Island Foundation for the Arts will hear from political thriller novelist Kara Small Bodman at the regular luncheon meeting beginning at noon Tuesday, March 2, at the Marco Island Yacht Club.

Ms. Bodman, a former news anchor and reporter, and director of the National Security Council under President Ronald Reagan, will also sign copies of her books, "Checkmate," "Gambit" and "Final Finesse," which will be available for purchase.

Luncheon cost is \$30 for member, \$35 for others. Call 642-3836 for more information. ■

Marco Police Foundation plans luncheon

The Marco Police Foundation invites members and guests to "Lunch with the Chief" beginning at noon Tuesday, March 2, at CJ's on the Bay, 740 N. Collier Blvd. Guest speaker will be Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Brian Jones, CEO of Naples-based Adventure Training Concepts. The foundation will also honor its 2009 Officer of the Year. Cost is \$20. For reservations or more information, call Debra Sanders at 248-7419, or send checks to 1083 N. Collier Blvd., Marco Island FL 34145. ■

Naples Ikebana chapter hosts Sumi-e artist

The Naples chapter of Ikebana International holds its next regular meeting at 9 a.m. Wednesday, March 3, at Moorings Presbyterian Church.

Fort Myers resident Jin Swisher will demonstrate the art of Sumi-e, traditional Asian brush painting, and will encourage

guests to try their hand in this lovely art form. Painters and non-painters are sure to enjoy this program. Anyone may attend, but reservations are requested and can be made by calling Stephanie English at 390-2881. For more information about Ikebana International and the Naples chapter, visit www.ikebananaples.com. ■

Private dinners benefit arts and learning

The Naples Woman's Club and The von Liebig Art Center team up for dinners in 10 private homes throughout Naples on Wednesday, March 3. "Dining for Philanthropy" marks the first event jointly by the organizations to raise funds for their activities and scholarships. After cocktails and dinner in the various homes, guests will gather for a dessert-under-the-stars reception and live art auction from 7-9 p.m. at The von Liebig.

Tickets are \$125 and can be purchased by calling Ann Cox at 417-0471. ■

Christian women connect for inspiration

The Naples Christian Women Connection is planning two luncheons where attendees can come together to find inspiration.

The Friday, March 5, luncheon features the "Animals on Parade" exhibit by Heidi Saletko, a local artist who uses palm fronds as her canvas to portray exotic animals. Guest speaker will be Millie Farthing.

The theme for Friday, April 9, is "Healthy Values." Dr. Kathleen Wilson will present an update on women's health issues. Guest speaker will be Carolyn Ersig. Guests are encouraged to bring unwrapped baby items for donation to the Pregnancy Resource Center.

Both meetings are at Quail Creek Country Club. Cost is \$23 per person for each. For more information or to make reservations, call 591-2074 or e-mail robertamcfarland00@comcast.net. ■

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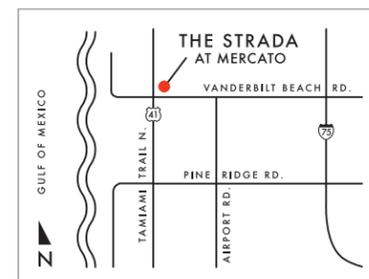
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When spring is in the air, so is family festival fun

East Naples Community Park hosts its fourth annual Spring Festival from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 20. Nearly 1,500 people attended last year and participated in Easter egg hunts as well as the arts and crafts fun. This year, children will again enjoy a day of fun and games including an egg hunt. Egg hunts times are broken into age groups and are 11 a.m. for ages 1-3 years, 11:30 a.m. for ages 4-7 years, 12:15 p.m. for ages 8-12s and 1 p.m. for ages 13 and older.

Admission to the festival is \$2 per person to help defray costs. Families will be able to participate in the egg hunts and all other activities including the train ride. Food will be available for purchase from vendors.

Little ones will get a thrill out of jumping in the bounce house and having their faces painted. A real train will take young passengers around park grounds throughout the day.

For more information, call East Naples Community Park at 793-4414. ■

Seminar highlights retirement lifestyle options

The Women's Cultural Alliance and Jewish Family Services of the Jewish Federation of Collier County invite the public to a seminar about "Retirement Lifestyle Options" from 9:30 a.m. to noon Thursday, March 4, at Moorings Park. Presentations will look at options for life care, rental properties, equity and co-ops. Among the facilities describ-

ing their services will be Arbor Trace, Aston Gardens, Bentley Village, Marbella, Moorings Park, Terraces, Terracina Grand, The Carlisle and The Glenview.

Presentations will be followed by a question-and-answer session. Reservations are requested by Friday, Feb. 19, and can be made by e-mailing Jane Hersch at janehersch@comcast.net. ■

Shabbaton dinners feed body, mind, soul

Chabad Naples holds Friday night Shabbat dinners. The 24 hours beginning at sundown each Friday is the traditional Jewish Sabbath, a time for family and community gatherings. Under the title "Light up your Friday Nights," the evenings feature Jewish foods, Hebrew and

Chassidic songs and insights and games. Shabbaton dinners begin at 6:30 p.m. at Chabad Naples, 850 Seagate Drive. Cost is \$25 for adults and \$12 for children, with those younger than 6 admitted free. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 262-4474. ■



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Fourth-graders from Royal Palm Academy celebrated Mardi Gras with residents of The Glenview retirement center. Fat Tuesday came to life with masks and beads, costumes and boas. Their wheelchairs festively adorned for the celebration, residents went from building to building accompanied by music and students who tossed candy to onlookers.

Water park open weekends for winter and spring

Rather than wait until it's blazing hot, the Sun-N-Fun Lagoon is encouraging people to enjoy the water attraction now, when it's comfortably cooler. Although some parks close during this time of the year, Sun-N-Fun Lagoon welcomes guests from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every weekend through May.

The park will also be open during the week of public school spring break,

March 29-April 5.

The park has five water slides, a heated family pool, a 1,200-foot-long lazy river and two areas with activities for children. The park is at 15000 Livingston Road.

Collier County residents get a discount on admission. For more information, call 252-4021 or visit www.collier-parks.com. ■

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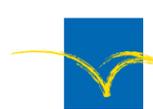
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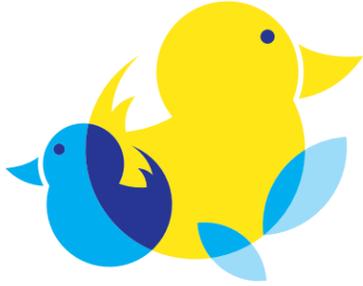


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Foundations team up for high-flying adventure

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When three World War II fighter planes took to the picture-perfect cloudless skies in Fort Myers one recent afternoon, they provided the thrill of a lifetime for passengers and helped create opportunities of a lifetime for children in Immokalee.

Among those who purchased rides on the Boeing B-17G Flying Fortress "Nine-O-Nine" and the North American Dual Control P-51C Mustang "Betty Jane" were some enthusiastic supporters of The Immokalee Foundation, which provides educational opportunities for Immokalee youngsters.

The Collings Foundation, which brought the fully restored World War II B-17, P-51 and B-24J Liberator to Page Field, is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to helping Americans learn more about their heritage through the restoration and exhibition of historic aircraft, cars and other modes of transportation.

While the public could purchase rides in any of the planes, 20 people made sure to secure their spots last year during The Immokalee Foundation's "Fiesta of Fun" dinner and auction. The group traveled together from Naples for the flights and following the afternoon of high-flying fun, they gathered at the Bay Colony Golf Club, aka the "Officer's Club," for dinner and flight stories and the viewing of vintage video of B-17s.

Immokalee Foundation board member Louise Penta is friends with Bob Collings, who founded The Collings Foundation with his wife, Caroline. Ms. Penta and Mr. Collings worked together on charitable events in the Boston area.

After seeing the interest generated there in B-17 rides, Ms. Penta asked MR. Collings to secure a couple of seats in the plane during its Southwest Florida visit. They wound up with enough bidders to fill the plane twice.

"We got a tremendous response," Ms. Penta says. "Everyone's (auction) paddle went up." Twenty people ended up taking the flight, she says, adding some were veterans who knew the history of the B-17 and P-51. "It had a lot of meaning to them."

Marie Stonesifer was one of the lucky B-17 flyers. She flew in the plane's radio compartment. "It was a terrific flight and a wonderful view," she noted on the tarmac after the flight. "All I could think about were the pilots and crew and how grateful we are to all the people who fought in the war."

Two more people experienced what it's like to fly the P-51, the world's only dual-control fighter aircraft. The two-seat modified P-51 afforded one passenger a chance to fly in a second cockpit behind the pilot.

The collaboration between the two foundations made perfect sense to Mr. Collings.



Jack Morgan (lower left), Donna Kletjian, Dick Stonesifer and Jack Myatt (lower right).



The Immokalee Foundation flyers

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Marie Stonesifer returning from a flight

"We are an educational foundation and as such are interested in educational issues, particularly those pertaining to children," he says. "Part of our mission of taking World War II aircraft around the country is to teach younger Americans about the sacrifices made by veterans to ensure the lifestyle we have today."

In teaming up with The Immokalee Foundation, he adds, "I'm pleased and honored to try to help contribute to the success of the auction and raise awareness of The Immokalee Foundation's efforts and what we do as well."

The 2010 "Fiesta of Fun" dinner and auction will be held in November at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples.

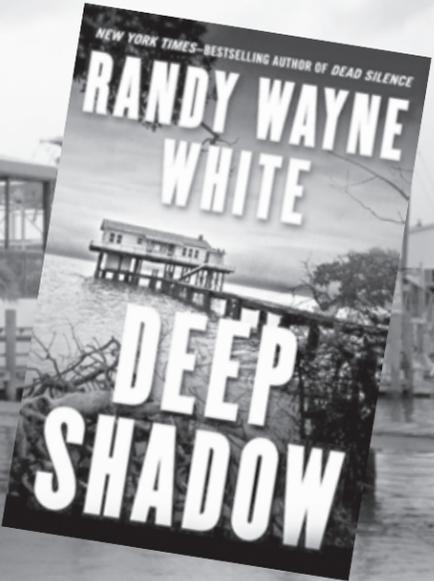
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Conducted by an advanced registered nurse practitioner, the screenings are courtesy of The Children's Hospital's neurosciences center under the guidance of pediatric neurologist Jose Colon and pediatric psychiatrist Marianne Krouk, D.O. Physician referrals are not required.

Early diagnosis and early intensive behavioral intervention can make a difference in development of children on the autism spectrum and for their families. The next screening will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, March 5, in the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile parked at Miromar Outlets by the lakeside playground. To schedule a screening, call 985-3608. ■

LESS is good for gynecological procedures

Dr. Joseph Gauta at Naples Day Surgery recently performed the first gynecological procedure in the region utilizing the new Laparo-Endoscopic Single Site surgical technique. Unlike traditional laparoscopes or robotic tools that require several incisions to access the abdomen, LESS surgery involves one incision within the bellybutton.

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• **Diabetes Education:** 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 27; Wednesday, March 3; Tuesday, March 9; Monday, March 15; and Wednesday, March 24 – Learn about the different types of diabetes and how to live with them from presenter Pam Eichler, R.N.

• **Chronic Headaches:** 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, March 2 – Presented by neurologist Michael Finkel and Ann Fowler, A.R.N.P.

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Inside the Naples Salt Cave

Therapeutic properties of 'salt cocoon' touted

BY KELLY MERRITT
Special To Florida Weekly

"It's recharged my batteries." "I just feel better since I've been experiencing it." "It's helped me with my sinuses." These are just a few things people are saying about the Salt Cave in Naples. But what is it? How does it work? Who does it work for? Answers can be found from as far back as hundreds of years before Christ.

"Salt is born of the purest of parents: the sun and the sea," said Pythagoras, whom the Stanford Encyclopedia calls one of the most famous early Greek thinkers. Today, salt remains one of the purest elements, and salt cave therapy is practiced in Europe, Russia and Scandinavia.

Natural salt caves are found in areas with elevated salt contents, like the Dead Sea and the Black Sea. Salt therapy dates back thousands of years, when people took the sick to natural salt caves for healing. Extensive records exist of the curative properties of salt caves, and also of the positive effects saline atmospheres had on salt mine workers.

Man-made salt caves like the one Andrea Geresdi has created in Naples, are becoming popular with people who suffer from skin problems like psoriasis, acne and eczema, to respiratory afflictions including. Salt therapy, which is also called halotherapy, has been used to treat allergies and even snoring.

In Naples, the Salt Cave draws participants for its medicinal and relaxing properties. Patrons of salt cave therapy say it rejuvenates their bodies and treats a multitude of ailments.

In Tade Bua-Bell's case, halotherapy has helped her overcome an upper respiratory

infection she's battled for months.

"I've had a sinus infection on and off since August, and have been on and off antibiotics for months," said the busy Premier Properties Realtor. An ear, nose and throat doctor had suggested Bua-Bell have surgery, which she saw as a last resort. "I'd tried everything, but this seems to be working and I feel more alert."

Exposure to salt caves allows the body to naturally absorb magnesium, calcium, iodine, iron and potassium, all elements that we need to function in a healthful manner. Salt has also long been known to present an anti-aging therapy whereby the salt serves to clean and restore properties in the skin.

There is a difference between table salt and the original form of salt. Natural salt has spent millions of years crystallizing in the Earth. Table salt is just sodium chloride with additives, which has become industrialized. Salt caves incorporate wholesome, natural salt that has been used as a holistic remedy for centuries.



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The walls and ceiling of the 25-by-25-foot Salt Cave in North Naples are covered with imported Himalayan pink crystal salt. The new business draws participants for its medicinal and relaxing properties. Patrons of salt cave therapy say it rejuvenates their bodies and treats a multitude of ailments.

Regardless of the results the salt cave offers, walking in from the bustle of U.S. 41 into the serene environment brings about a quiet, peaceful feeling. The atmosphere in the cave conjures images of ages past where ancients brought the weary to recover from what ailed them. The hermetic salt room is otherwise known as a salt cave or salt cocoon. Here, fresh and dry salt aerosol is constantly blown into the air by liris halogenerators. The floor, walls and even the ceiling are all covered with fine crystal salt.

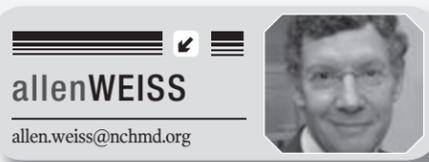
More than 20 tons of salt have gone into the making of the Naples Salt Cave, including the large salt rocks along the walls and positioned in the wooden crates, another "ancient" touch. The Himalayan pink crystal salt and subtle lighting bathe the entire room in a hint of the color.

The salt concentration in the air is about the same as the consistency of salty morning air on the beach. In the salt cave, saline consistency can be varied for desired cures. Massive amounts of dry rock salt create a unique microclimate indistinguishable from that in underground salt caves.

The Salt Cave in Naples also features other treatments, including salt scrubs and massages and honey detox massage, which first appeared in ancient Tibet. Therapists also offer cupping therapy, widely used in traditional Chinese medicine and Gua Sha, an East Asian healing technique, as well as acupuncture and acupressure massage. Group yoga, which takes place in the salt cave, and guided meditation are also features of the Naples Salt Cave. Salt Cave sessions last 45 minutes and range in price from \$45 for a single session, to \$35 for five sessions, and \$25 per session for 10 sessions. ■

STRAIGHT TALK

Even as Florida's healthiest county, we still have much to do



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Congratulations, Collier County! Where we live matters to our health, and we live in a great place.

We are officially the healthiest residents in Florida, according to a report released last week about a study jointly performed by the prestigious Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin's Population Health Institute (www.countyhealthrankings.org). The news that we have the best health outcomes among all 67 counties in Florida confirms that we're doing many of the right things.

The study measures health outcomes based on mortality (length of life) and morbidity (quality of life, including self-reported health status, poor physical health days, poor mental health days and low birth weight).

A few technical notes: Because of the difficulty of obtaining valid data, the mortality data was obtained from 2004-

2006 and the majority of the morbidity data was obtained from 2002-2008 (with the exception of the low birth weight information, which was from 2002-2006).

This study also analyzes and weights all the factors that impact health.

According to these experts, health behaviors account for 30 percent of overall importance; social and economic factors, 40percent; clinical care, 20 percent; and physical environment, 10 percent. To use one example: Health behaviors include smoking, diet, exercise, alcohol use and risky sex behavior, and on this health factor, Collier County is ranked sixth in the state.

Over the past five years, the NCH Healthcare System has received more than 90 awards for quality. The basis of these accolades is for the most part the same objective mortality and morbidity data used for the health outcomes county health rankings. HealthGrades (www.HealthGrades.com) and Thomson Reuters (<http://thomsonreuters.com>) also have come to a similar conclusion: We are helping to produce wonderful results for the community we serve.

For our 3,500 colleagues (including

630 physicians), our primary job is to safeguard and enhance the well-being of the residents of Southwest Florida. In that respect, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and University of Wisconsin report is outstanding news for all of us who live and work here.

But as the health behaviors data suggests, there are many areas for improvement.

Our challenge now is to ensure — through preventive programs to promote proper nutrition, fight obesity, encourage exercise and smoking cessation, and to improve access with lower costs by increased efficiency as we continue to improve quality — that our county sets the highest standard in Florida.

We hope this news will be another factor in persuading folks already considering coming to Florida to choose Southwest Florida first.

This comprehensive report is validation that we have accomplished many of our community goals. But we have much more to do. ■

— Dr. Allen Weiss is president and CEO of the NCH Healthcare System.

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Conservation groups sue USFWS for failing to protect Florida panther

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Five conservation groups — the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, the Sierra Club, the Center for Biological Diversity, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility and the Council for Civic Associations — have filed a lawsuit in Federal District Court in Fort Myers against the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for failure to protect the Florida panther.

Fewer than 100 Florida panthers survive in the wild. Clinging to less than 5 percent of their historic range, their entire remaining habitat exists in a handful of South Florida counties. They are the last of the eastern cougars which once roamed across the southern U.S., and the last species of large cat east of the Mississippi River.

Although the panther has been listed as an endangered species since 1967, the USFWS has never designated critical habitat for the species. Critical habitat is a geographic area necessary to help an endangered species recover its population, and its designation is a critical tool within the Endangered Species Act. Without this habitat designation, only the panther is

protected; the living and breeding space it must have to survive is not.

In 2009 the five groups petitioned the USFWS to designate critical habitat for the Florida panther. After more than a year — on Feb. 11 — the service gave notice to the groups that it was denying their petitions and refusing to designate critical habitat. As a result, the groups are taking this action to protect the panther's last remaining habitat, before it is irreversibly lost due to over-development and climate change.

Large-scale development projects are being planned in the habitat panthers depend on for survival. Over the past two decades, the USFWS has approved every development proposal in panther habitat. The last rejection came in 1993.

Carl Pope, executive director of the Sierra Club, says: "We have very few areas of disagreement with the Obama administration, but the failure to designate critical habitat for the Florida panther is one of them. It's clear that the Florida panther will become extinct unless we immediately move to protect its last remaining habitat — habitat that already under seri-



ous threat from the impacts of climate change.

"The measures taken until now have failed to do so. The USFWS needs to follow the science and the law and change course in order to prevent this important species from going the way the of the dodo."

Andrew McElwaine, president of the

Conservancy of Southwest Florida says: "Florida panthers are nearly extinct. The best available science tells us that we must protect the habitat of the Florida panther to allow these magnificent cats to survive. The USFWS has a responsibility to protect these animals; their failure to do so has led to this lawsuit." ■

Programs provide starting point for Everglades expeditions

Big Cypress Marketplace launches "It's Our Nature," a series of programs for nature lovers in partnership with Big Cypress National Preserve. With four national parks and preserves in its backyard (Rookery Bay, Ten Thousand Islands, Big Cypress and Everglades) and three state parks and preserves (Collier-Seminole, Picayune Strand and Fakahatchee Strand), the marketplace serves as a hub for exploration of the Everglades environs.

The proximity to this fragile and complex ecosystem provides the inspiration for the series, which can prepare nature-lovers for actual wilderness expeditions.

► **Friday, March 5**, "It's Our Nature" presents "Among the Cypress: Northern Hardwoods in Big Cypress Swamp." Retirees are not the only northerners who have learned to love the heat and humidity of south Florida. In this program, Ranger Garrick Landsberg discusses several tem-

perate flowering hardwood trees found in northern states that are also native to the Big Cypress Swamp.

► **Friday, March 19**, the presentation is "Symbiosis in Big Cypress: Living Together in Cooperation," a discussion of the biological partnerships of plants and animals in Big Cypress, led by Ranger Julia Greer.

► **Friday, April 2**, the series concludes with "Barred to the Swamp: The Relation-

ship between the Barred Owl and the Big Cypress Swamp." Ranger Justin Mercer presents an in-depth look at one of the animals that calls Big Cypress home.

Presentations run from 10:30-11:30 a.m. The marketplace is at the intersection of U.S. 41 and Basik Road in Naples. The series is free but space is limited. Reservations can be made by calling 774-1690 or by visiting www.BigCypressMarketPlace.com. ■

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ABOARD THE CONSERVANCY'S GOOD FORTUNE

Rookery Bay cruise passengers get an eyeful of osprey

BY JUDY HUSHON
Special to Florida Weekly



HUSHON

Perfect weather and an outgoing tide greeted us when our trip on the Good Fortune began. Guests from around the country and as far away as England and Canada joined us.

The oyster bar was rapidly emerging as the tidal waters receded, revealing tasty morsels for shorebirds and waders. High atop its nest in the slash pine, an adult eagle could be seen feeding its young as its white head shown brightly in the late afternoon sun. ("balde" is an English term for white, hence "bald" eagle.) Normally eagles lay two eggs. This particular nest has historically produced three eaglets every year. As of now, we cannot see how many are there this season. After feeding its young, the eagle took much-needed respite in a nearby snag.

After rounding the bend and heading back toward the rookeries, snowy and great egrets, little blue and tricolored herons and many white ibis blanketed the mangroves to our right. Yellow-crowned and black-crowned night herons joined the group. As their names suggest, they are opportunistic night feeders. Their red eye color is an indication of their night vision acuity. These herons are generally found mid to low in the tree canopy, on branches overlooking the shallow water.



The osprey family

All along the waterways of Rookery Bay, ospreys nest on the U.S. Coast Guard channel markers. Thinking that these markers are just for them, the osprey love their nests out in the open — and well away from raccoons or snakes. The osprey on Marker 25 quietly watched as we cruised by. As with most raptors, this female is larger than her male partner. Male ospreys have a completely white breast, while female ospreys sport some brown roughage at the neck called a necklace. (Yes, every girl must have her jewelry.) We were still unable to see her young, as this mom is deeply hunkered down in the nest. Another osprey was in the midst of a delightful bath in the shallow waters of the mudflat.

Intruders beware

Next we spotted a wary pair of osprey feeding their young. Headed toward them was a juvenile brown pelican (brown body with white belly). Once spotted, the male osprey immediately took flight and drove the young intruder to the water. The pelican paddled slowly to the far shore before resuming his flight — this time further away from the osprey nest.



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An osprey at Rookery Bay

One osprey nest on the intercostal waterway is a special delight. While all osprey nests are skillful engineering feats, crafted carefully with arranged branches and twigs, the lady of this particular nest personalizes her home with some unusual accoutrements. In the past, she has added pine fronds, plastic bags and a feather or two. This year, apparently due to economic concerns, she has scaled back a bit, but still has a

rather unique home. One of our captains likes to joke that she was a designer for Robb and Stucky in a previous life. As the Good Fortune coasted into port, another beautiful Florida sunset capped off a memorable cruise. ■

— Judy Hushon is a volunteer naturalist aboard the Conservancy of Southwest Florida's Good Fortune pontoon boat that cruises Rookery Bay twice daily during season.

About the Good Fortune

Coast Guard-certified captains guide the quiet pontoon boat through the mangrove-lined channels of Rookery Bay. As a volunteer guide narrates the trip, passengers discover how the Conservancy of Southwest Florida was formed in 1964 to protect this breathtaking setting.

A ride on the Good Fortune presents many opportunities for nature photography, from pelicans and wading birds to dolphins, alligators and more. The cruise schedule is:

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AT COLLIER-SEMINOLE STATE PARK

Our native rabbits run, thump, swim and yes, breed to ensure survival

BY LEE BELANGER

Special to Florida Weekly

Do you picture long, pink ears and a round cottontail when you think of a rabbit? Easter bunnies look like that, but not the marsh rabbit (*Sylvilagus palustris*). This handsome fellow has short brown ears, a chestnut topcoat and a white belly. Unlike his cousin the cottontail rabbit, he has a small brown tail and long, visible claws on his hind feet. His fur is quite coarse, giving him a rugged appearance.

Marsh rabbits live at Collier-Seminole, but are difficult to spot. Their dark coat provides the camouflage they need to feed in open marshes. They are generally nocturnal, sleeping during the day and eating at night. Even so, alligators, snakes, bobcats, and raptors (birds that grasp their prey with talons), all enjoy a rabbit meal. If a predator appears, the rabbit may thump the ground with his hind foot to warn others of danger. He might also head for water by running rather than hopping. He is a good swimmer and does so with just his eyes and nose showing. If lucky, he'll make it to shore and hide in dense brush. If not, there will be many other rabbits born to take his place. The marsh rabbit builds a nest on dry, grassy ground. This is the place where the rabbit gains its well-earned reputation as a prolific breeder. The female lines the nest with her undercoat. After birth,



Marsh rabbit

COURTESY PHOTO

the young stay with their mother until weaned. Females have four young per litter and four to six litters per year. Six litters times four per litter means twenty-four born per year per female. If half of those born are female (twelve), and they each have six litters with four per litter, one can see how their population can quickly multiply exponentially. Of course most do not survive. They become food for predators. You can see how very important this rabbit is to the survival of many animals.

Marsh rabbits live north to the Virginia coast, southwest to Alabama's coast and south through Georgia and Florida. They prefer tidal marshes and wooded flood plains. The animals eat a variety of plants such as catbrier vines, rushes, cattails, woody stems, bark, leaves, twigs, and cane. They are her-

bivores (plant eaters) and might even eat a carrot if they are fortunate enough to find one. They have twenty-eight teeth with one pair directly behind the other. This helps them strip bark and chew through tough plants.

Unlike most other rabbits, the marsh rabbit can walk on his hind legs. In some states he is hunted as a game animal. His zigzag pattern of running provides a challenge for hunters and other predators.

Rabbits are extraordinarily successful animals. They have been on earth for sixty million years. Their adaptability has allowed them to survive different climates and food sources.

Collier-Seminole provides habitat for the marsh rabbit and many other wild animals and plants. Your best chance for spotting one is during a night hike.

The marsh rabbit is not as flashy as the bottle-nosed dolphin or as popular as the manatee. Nonetheless, this small mammal is an essential link in the food chain and in the balance of nature. ■

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

Paddle, hike with park guides

Guided day and moonlight canoe trips and hikes fill up quickly at Collier-Seminole State Park. Here's what's coming up:



>> **Guided daytime canoe trips** take place from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Paddle through a mangrove wonderland along the Blackwater River and listen to a park ranger tell stories about the Seminoles' survival. These trips are fun for ages 6 and older; cost is \$25 per person.

>> **Guided moonlight paddles** take place from 7:30-10 p.m. Feb. 25, 26 and 27, and March 27 and 29. Join a park naturalist and discover the changes nighttime brings along the Blackwater River. These trips are great for ages 12 and older; cost is \$30 per person.

>> **Guided night hikes** take place from 7:30-9:30 p.m. March 10 and 13. These walking adventures are ideal for ages 6 and older; cost is \$10 per person.

Those who want to discover Collier-Seminole State Park on their own can explore the park's 11 miles of hiking trails from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Enjoy picnicking, birding, fishing, camping, a boat ramp and the historic "walking dredge" that was used to build the Tamiami Trail.

Entrance to the park is at 20200 U.S. 41, eight miles east of Highway 951. Reservations are required for the guided hikes and canoe trips. Call 394-3397 for more information.



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PET TALES

Run for a rabbit

BY GINA SPADAFORI
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Looking for a friendly, funny, quiet, clean, inexpensive and even eco-friendly pet? What you're looking for ... is a rabbit.

I have long despaired at the reaction most pet lovers have to that suggestion. In the minds of many, if not most, rabbits are a pet distantly remembered from childhood, a lonely animal kept outside in small and often filthy elevated "hutch." A starter pet for children, and certainly not suited for life outside a cage, most believe.

That impression is wrong. While rabbits remain good pets for respectful older children — the animals are too fragile for young ones — they're really better suited to life indoors with a grown-up. So-called "house-rabbits" bloom with proper care and gentle attention, providing endless amounts of quiet companionship punctuated by short periods of delightful silliness.

And while dogs and rabbits aren't always the best combination, cats and rabbits usually get along famously — albeit with different litter boxes.

Yes, litter boxes. Because while rabbits usually aren't perfect about their use — a pellet here and there will testify to that, but it's easily cleaned up — they can and do use a box for most of their messes.

Ready to go rabbit? Shelters and rescue groups always have a great selection and should be the place to shop for a bunny. Better yet, get two: Rabbits love the company and can often be adopted in pairs already bonded.

Visit the site of the House Rabbit Society (rabbit.org) for the best information on caring for these pets. Here's a cheat sheet to get you started:

- **Housing.** Your rabbit will need a home base of a small pen or large cage with food, water, toys and a litter box. Use a plain cat box filled with a shallow layer of recycled paper or wood pellets for the box, covered with a layer of fresh grass hay. You don't scoop a rabbit box — you change it completely, every day. (The ingredients you toss are great for your compost pile, making rabbits among the greenest of pets.)

Because some rabbits can be chewers, you'll want to make sure any rabbit-friendly area has electrical cords tucked away and to deny access to the legs of nice furniture and the corners of good carpets when it's time for your rabbit to roam.

- **Nutrition.** Fresh water needs to be available at all times. While commercial pellets are fine, it's just as easy and often less expensive to feed your rabbit yourself. Grass hay (cheaper by the bale if you have a dry space to store it in) should always be available, complemented by an array of green vegetables, from broccoli to kale to mustard greens to carrots with their tops on. For treats, bunnies love little bits of fruits and root vegetables. Think of your rabbit as a "pre-cycler" — veggie trimmings



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Clean, inexpensive to care for and gently amusing, a rabbit is a better pet when outside time is a bonus, not a lifestyle.

from your meals can be fed to your rabbit.

- **Health care.** Get your rabbit spayed or neutered. In addition to keeping your rabbit from reproducing, you'll have a better pet. Unaltered rabbits can have behavior problems such as aggression and urine-spraying. Your rabbit will need a wellness check, just as a cat or dog would, and a good rabbit vet will help you

catch little health problems before they become big ones.

- **Exercise and play.** Your rabbit needs a lot of time outside the pen or cage, and many do well with an open-door policy that lets them choose when to be in or out of their cages or pens. Protected outdoor space and even walks with a harness and leash are also good, but don't leave your rabbit unattended. Rabbits can be scared literally to death by predators.

Rabbits love toys. Cat toys, dog toys, hard-plastic baby toys and even the cardboard tubes from inside toilet paper and paper towel rolls are fun for rabbits. Cardboard boxes stuffed with hay and treats are also fun for bunnies. The limit is not budgetary, but imaginary!

What are you waiting for? A wonderful pet is waiting for you, so hop to it! ■

Pets of the Week



>>Marie is a friendly 3-year-old who gets along well with other cats. Her adoption fee is \$55.



>>LuLu is a beautiful girl who's about 3 years old. She is curious, active and smart. Her adoption fee is \$55.



>>Boomer is a 4-year-old Australian cattle dog mix. Good looking and smart, he would be a wonderful family dog. His adoption fee is \$75.



>>Blossom is an Australian cattle dog mix. About 3 years old, she's strong, quiet but active and very good looking. Her adoption fee is \$75.

To adopt a pet

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I had a column in mind. It stood erect and singular, sure of its impact, clear and cool to the touch. It was of the lineage of best laid plans.

Ashoka's best-laid plans led to the Kalinga War in the third century BCE. This was his last initiative, the end of a series of conquests that had made Ashoka ruler of a vast empire that spilled over the Indian subcontinent. When the clear and cool Ashoka went out to survey the field of this victorious battle, he saw burnt houses, scattered corpses, and waters red with blood that moved his heart to remorse. Sickened by what he saw, he cried out famous words:

"What have I done? If this is a victory, then what is a defeat? Is it valor to kill? What is this debris of corpses? Are these marks of victory or defeat?"

This change of heart-mind led H.G. Wells to write in his "Outline of History": "In the history of the world there have been thousands of kings and emperors who called themselves 'their highnesses,' and 'their exalted majesties.' They shone for a brief moment, and as quickly disappeared. But Ashoka shines and shines brightly like a bright star, even unto this day."

To mark his new mind, Ashoka erected

several pillars. Many of his columns were inscribed with edicts based on the Buddhist tenets he embraced as word of his new devotion to non-violence.

My favorite is the Pillar of Ashoka at Vaishali, India. This column has no inscribed edict. The wordlessness seems appropriate: After all, this was the place at which Buddha gave his last public teaching. And the single lion that is the column's capital faces north, the direction of Buddha's last voyage.

The going utterly beyond of a Buddha is not cause for mourning. Like the Sanskrit meaning of Ashoka's very name, it is without sorrow. It seemed that Vaishali was a place without sorrow. A very large city, she was rich and prosperous with abundant food and 7,707 pleasure gardens and lotus pools.

What was cause for the effect of the prosperity of Vaishali? For the pirate, the wish-fulfilling jewel of Vaishali was the woman Amrapali. This woman's beauty and grace were so extraordinary that all were suitors lusting for her hand. To avoid conflict between the myriad suitors, Amrapali was named state courtesan of Vaishali.

While her inclusive love was certain, her origins are uncertain. She simply



appeared at the foot of a mango tree in a royal pleasure garden. Perhaps she was low born, indistinguishable, and abandoned.

And then, miraculous, a look.

Being seen is of the essence of being. It is in being seen that faces launch a thousand ships. And these are not ships of war, but ships that part roiling waters with translucent bottoms ripe for favored vision. The vision is. Or the vision makes offering to what is seen, seeing.

Perhaps the column in mind is victorious beyond word, lion that comes, parting, panting, seeing wet unending star brightness even in the mist of day. ■

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



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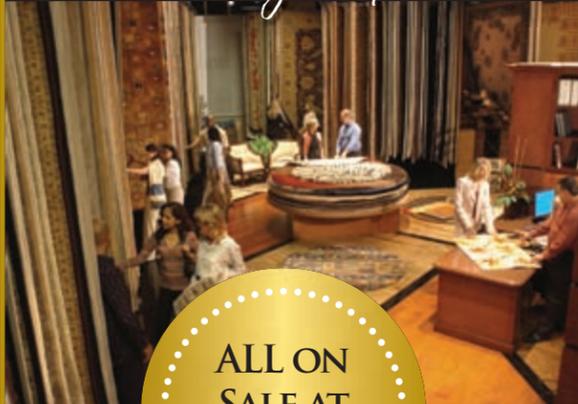
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A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES BUSINESS INDUSTRY

"I had my kids and friends putting chocolates into boxes and I'm wondering, 'What the hell am I doing?'"

— Norman Love, chocolatier



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Rachel Godlin scoops whipped cream onto banana cheesecake desserts at Norman Love Confections.

Turning chocolate to dollars

BY OSVALDO PADILLA
Special to Florida Weekly

It's impossible to read anything about chocolate without the accompanying magniloquence: The Aztec "food of the gods," so exquisite, so heavenly, chocolate melds with our taste buds, arousing our passions and granting divine satiation. Not enough can be said with pretty words to describe just how darn tasty chocolate can be. But that's not what this story is about.



LOVE

While chocolatiers throughout South-west Florida tinker with combinations of fruits, nuts and cacao to continuously push the envelope of flavor, perhaps the most critical ingredient for chocolate business success is postage. Online sales and distribution deals are often the

ways to turn chocolate into cash flow.

Behind the cozy chocolate salon at Norman Love Confections, there are two large workrooms. There is the side where various chefs work in sterile-looking white coats, like scientists, stirring vats of pecan-chocolate-caramel goo or scooping out delicate dollops of cream. Another scientist toward the back of the room works with an airbrush, misting a page of acetate with painted cocoa butter that will be used to decorate some of the thousands of desserts coming out of here.

The other side features a conveyor belt that circles the center of the room. Behind the belt are stacks and shelves of empty boxes and cold packs. Demand for Norman Love's chocolates necessitated a robust shipping and distribution operation. It was this demand that transformed his small shop into a phenomenon.

Mr. Love leans forward in his black Windsor chair emblazoned with the



Irresistible Confections, on display and for sale at the new store at Bella Villa Shops in Fort Myers

seal of Johnson and Wales University, the esteemed culinary school where he earned an honorary degree. Peering from under a well-worn Pittsburg Penguins cap, he talks about his dream, and he's excited.

"I'm thinking of a dessert restaurant,

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WEEK at-a-glance



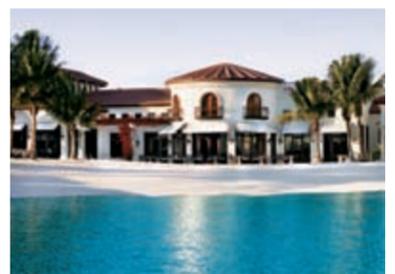
Imagine the possibilities

See who turned out for the first symposium presented by the Searching for Solutions Institute. **B8 & 9 ►**



Striking a chord

Meet Greg Billings of the Steinway Piano Gallery. **B2 ►**



Great clubhouses

Miromar Lakes earns kudos from NAHB for its beach and golf clubhouses. **B11 ►**

Venture capital: A solution for local jobs in the 'new economy'

The returns on venture capital investments in the past 20 years have been gargantuan.

But the payoff has not just been to the benefit of the investors; the benefit has also been to the national economy as 20 percent of the current U.S. GDP comes from companies that were once venture capital investments.

Venture companies grow exponentially; this translates into a big pick up in jobs locally which, in turn, translate into more investment and consumption locally and the multiplier effect goes on. Case

in point: NeoGenomics Inc. (OTC BB: NGNM.OB), a cancer genetics-testing laboratory in Fort Myers. When funded in early 2003,

NeoGenomics had three employees and approximately \$100,000 in annual revenue. It now operates three laboratories, has 154 employees and finished 2009 with \$29.5 million in revenue.

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In the "new economy," the focus is innovation and adaptability. Clearly, our national edge in the global markets is our intellectual rights and high-tech products.

That is good news for Florida as we have outstanding universities, an abundance of retired — yet young — professionals and entrepreneurs who have functioned well in the "new economy," who offer brain

trusts for mentoring and have large-sized money trusts for investment.

To date, these GDP benefits have been skewed towards those states in which the venture resides. The bedrock of VC is California (the largest populated state) and, regionally within that state, Silicon Valley. In 2008 (most recent statistics), California received 50 percent of all VC money; underwrote 41 percent of all deals; and was invested \$388 per capita.

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BUSINESS PROFILE

Striking a chord with good deeds

BY MARY LOU SMART
Special to Florida Weekly

Greg Billings is enthusiastic. About everything. The owner of Steinway Piano Gallery in Bonita Springs, he's a musician, a promoter and an advocate for the Neighborhood Health Clinic in Naples.

Even though a sour real estate market has put a damper on piano sales, there's no shortage of activity at Steinway Piano Gallery. Across from Mel's on U.S. 41, almost on the county line, the gallery sees an equal number of customers from Lee and Collier. Its 60-seat recital hall hosts about 100 teacher recitals a year, and is a convenient spot for rehearsals for philanthropic events.

The intimate but state-of-the-art stage is also where the Steinway Piano Society treats members to frequent world-class performances.

A nonprofit organization, the society promotes music education. Since it started in 1997, it has given more than \$150,000 in scholarships to young pianists in addition to providing pianos to economically disadvantaged youth through its Piano Bank.

The society also provides an annual scholarship to an outstanding piano student at Florida Gulf Coast University's Bower School of Music. The 2009 recipient of the award, Hyae-jin Hwang, is from South Korea.

"Extraordinarily talented students from around the world are being offered scholarships," says Dr. Michael Baron, who

heads piano studies at FGCU's Bower School of Music. "To have the resources to compete with major institutions all over the world has been enormously helpful to Florida Gulf Coast University."

Mr. Billings, 59, lives in Naples with his wife Sara, a nurse who is also passionate about their fundraising for scholarships and for the Neighborhood Health Clinic, a facility that provides low cost health care to the working poor. The physicians' and pastors' talent shows they have produced have generated more than \$100,000 for the clinic.

Music is the heart and soul of the Billings' legacy, and the family has deep roots in the Wisconsin piano market. Grandfather Roy (Red) Billings toured the Midwest during the 1920s with his band Red Billings and his Five Shillings. Zeb Billings, Greg's father, opened his first store in 1956 in a one-room shed with a kerosene space heater. With a creative flair for advertising and compelling salesmanship, he eventually built the business into the largest piano and organ dealership in Wisconsin. Three years ago, Greg and his son Grant opened the Steinway Piano Gallery in Madison, Wisc., a 3,000-square-room facility.

Mr. Billings started working in his father's piano and guitar shop at the age of 15. While attending the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, he worked in the music publishing business. Thirty-five years ago, he opened his own retail store. He is the author of the Piano Retailer Code of Ethics and writes a monthly

column, "The Customer Whisperer," for Music Inc. Magazine. Prior to opening the Steinway Piano Gallery in Naples, he served as a sales rep and product manager for Samick Musical Instruments. A musician at heart, he toured the South with his first band, The General Store, in the 1960s. His 11-piece band, Throat Culture, provides back-up accompaniment for physicians and pastors in their popular talent shows.

The idea of starting a physicians talent show made perfect sense, as there are many physicians who have studied music, and studies showing a positive relationship between early music education and brain development. Five years ago, when the Billings first approached the founders of the Neighborhood Health Clinic, Bill and Nancy Lascheid, with the idea of a fundraiser for their facility, the timing could not have been better.

"They were astonished when we approached them, because at that time they'd almost run out of money," remembers Sara. "The need in our community is great."

The Physicians Talent Show struck a chord with the medical community, as more than 400 physicians and nurses volunteer to give low-cost medical care at the clinic. The event also caught the attention of the clergy. After Senior Pastor Dr. Bob Petterson of Covenant Presbyterian Church attended the third annual physicians' show, he approached Billings with the idea of a pastors talent show to benefit a group that does so much to sup-



COURTESY PHOTO

Greg Billings

port the working poor.

CEO Nina Gray has seen a 30 percent increase in new patients at the clinic in the past six months and is concerned.

"We're looking at the new face of the working poor," she says. "These are people who had good jobs and good benefits who had their hours cut so they now qualify. Greg and Sara are big supporters of the clinic, and have a keen understanding of our mission and how we help the working poor."

When it comes to giving, Greg Billings is firm in his belief.

"A lot of people talk about giving back to the community," he notes. "Our philosophy is that we're going to give to the community first, and then let the community give back to us." ■



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ON THE MOVE

Board Appointments



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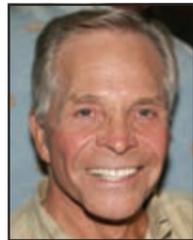
The David Lawrence Center announces the following officers have been elected to serve one-year terms: President, **Edward Sheridan**, a semi-retired clinical psychologist and professor at the University of Houston who has served on the center's board since 2005; vice president, **John**

Gast, a trust and estate attorney with Brennan, Manna & Diamond who has been a board member since 1998 and has previously served as president, vice president, treasurer and secretary; treasurer, **Pablo Veintimilla**, market president of Stonegate Bank who has been a board member since 2007 and previously served as secretary; secretary, **Catherine Fay**, co-owner and operator of the charter company Naples Air Inc. and a board member since 2008.



SHERIDAN

The following have been elected to serve three-year terms on the board: **James Burkett**, a retired insurance executive, will serve as a member of



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the finance and nominating committees; and **Brian McAvoy**, a corporate and trust and estates attorney with Harter, Secrest and Emery LLP, will serve as a member of the finance committee and the clinical and administrative practices committee.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida has elected the following officers for 2010: **Carey Randall**, president; **Jeff Miloff** and **Justin Einstein**, vice presidents; **G. David Schiering**, treasurer; **Lesa Peterson**, secretary; **Richard Akin**, parliamentarian; **Garey Butler**, past president. New board members are **Kathy Benforado** and **Mike Castillo**.

The Conservancy of Southwest Florida elected the following new board members: **Lois Kelley**, **Tony Rodriguez**, **Patsy**



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Schroeder, Lynne Shotwell and **Tuck Tyler**. Current board member **Sue Dalton** replaces Pamela Williams as board secretary. After donating more than 8,000 hours of time to the Conservancy, Ms. Williams retired from the board due to term limitations.

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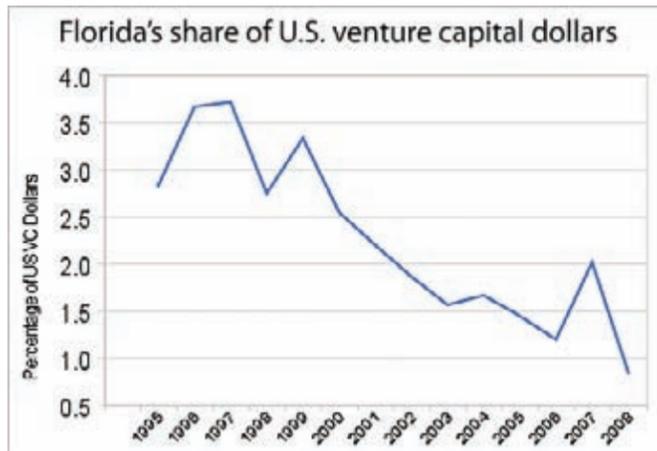
Mary Ann Ramsey, president of Betty Maclean Travel Inc., was a guest at the recent christening ceremony of Silversea Cruises' newest luxury ship, the Silver Spirit, in Fort Lauderdale. ■

MONEY

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Where does Florida (soon to become the third most populated state) rank in various VC measures? It ranks 17th. Florida's VC investments in 2008 was less than 1 percent of all money invested in VC and Florida invested only \$13 per capita (or two deals per 1 million residents). (See www.ssti.org/vc for state VC statistics.)

How does VC work? What VC is happening in Southwest Florida? Investors must be accredited (i.e., \$1 million net worth and/or other income thresholds) as the investment is high risk and illiquid. Because gains in VC funds typically



come from just a few deals, investors prefer to invest via a VC fund, allowing investment in 10 or more companies. Often, success in one company is runaway and the

balance is lackluster; sometimes there are only "dry wells." A 20 percent compounded rate of return is targeted and the funds frequently have termination dates (exit from the fund) four to five years out.

In Southwest Florida, the VC community is small but active and professional. The most prominent effort is by the Gulf Coast Venture

Forum, which meets the second Tuesday of every month in Naples (and the first Tuesday of every month in Sarasota) at which time several companies make a short presentation to inves-

tors (<http://gcvf.angelgroups.net/>).

Tim Cartright (tim@5advise.com) leads the Forum (a nonprofit effort). He estimates that investment in ventures by Forum members has totaled \$7.5 million over the past five years. Unlike a fund, the members act individually and connect directly with the company seeking capital. Forum members range from successful entrepreneurs and retired Fortune 500 execs, electing either an active or passive investment role in the venture. Recently, the Gulf Coast Venture Forum (together with the Regional Business Alliance, the local universities and local Economic Development Councils) launched a SWFL Regional Angel Fund to get local wealth invested in local ventures.

Also well known in this local investment space is Aspen Capital Group, which has three private equity funds invested in local ventures, of which NeoGenomics is notable.

Wanting to read a book about entrepreneurs written by a local Forum member and active VC investor? Try "Confessions of a Serial Entrepreneur" by Naples' very own Bud Stoddard (www.budstoddard.com).

To put all of this in perspective, President Barack Obama's current budget targets national unemployment to recede to 9 percent in 2011 and 8 percent in 2012. Where will much harder hit Southwest Florida be in 2012... absent out-of-the-box thinking and investing? The VC "pot" is so big that a mere 36 additional deals would double Florida's presence in this market. This is certainly a vehicle for local advocates who are "imagining solutions" to effectuate solutions. ■

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TechXPO features networking and gadgets

The Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce is planning its 2010 TechXPO showcasing the technologically advanced products and services offered by local businesses. The fourth annual expo takes place from 3:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11, at Embassy Suites, at 10450 Corkscrew Commons Drive in Estero.

Networking, complimentary drinks and appetizers and a raffle with prizes worth up to \$1,000 are part of the evening.

Table exhibitor and sponsorship opportunities are still available for a limited time starting at \$245. for chamber members and \$445 for non-members.

Admission to the expo for chamber members is \$10 with reservations made prior to Tuesday, March 9. Admission at the door will be \$15 for members and \$40 for non-members.

For information, call 992-2943 or e-mail Tiffany@BonitaSpringsChamber.com. ■

Gilkey Organization retools business plan

The Gilkey Organization in Bonita Springs is launching a new component of its business plan that will focus on investment opportunities in key Florida locations, and within market niches that will be the beneficiaries of Florida's economic recovery over the coming years. Building upon its foundations of development experience, market intelligence and real estate advisory services throughout Florida, Gilkey Organization

will pursue investments that link its financial partners with emerging growth opportunities.

Gilkey is currently identifying properties that meet certain target profiles and is establishing relationships with capital partners. The company is seeking both local equity investors and larger money fund sources that are a good fit with Gilkey Organization strategies and philosophies. ■

FGCU hosts investment forum with Naples chartered financial analysts

FGCU presents the third annual Southwest Florida Investment Forum sponsored by the Chartered Financial Analysts Society of Naples. Two local publicly traded companies will discuss "How We are Positioning Our Business to Thrive in the Current Economy." The talk will be followed by a question and answer session.

Presenting companies are Health Management Associates and The E.W. Scripps Company. The event is free and open to the public. Hors d'oeuvres start at 4 p.m. and the event runs until 6 p.m. Monday, March 15, in the Student Union ballroom at FGCU.

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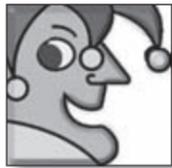
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In contrast, if you begin at age 25, in 40 years you'll end up with nearly \$1 million after inflation. Delay your retirement until age 67, as many 25-year-olds today will likely end up doing, and you'll end up with more than \$150,000 extra. Meanwhile, an investor who starts at age 45 will have only 22 years until she turns 67 and will have to sock away more

than \$37,000 per year to amass the same ultimate sum.

Not many people could do that.

Are you about to bash your 50-year-old head against a wall? Please don't — all is not lost:

- You may be able to save more than \$5,000 per year. One rule of thumb is to save and invest 10 percent of your income, but the higher your percentage, the better.

- Even if you start investing at age 50, you have a good amount of time in which to accumulate wealth. If you can invest \$10,000 per year for 20 years, earning 10 percent, you'll end up with more than \$400,000 after inflation. Not too shabby, eh?

- On the other hand, remember that a 10 percent return isn't guaranteed — you might average less, or more.

Our Foolish calculators at www.fool.com/calcs/calculators.htm can help you determine how much you'll need to accumulate to retire securely. ■

My Dumbest Investment

A Big Tax Loss

In the mid-1970s, my broker bought me some shares of a Mexican company, a few at a time, whenever I had some extra dollars left over in my account. It cost about 10 cents per share at the time. I sold them because of my irritation at having to file a one-page tax form each year — and netted \$315. A few decades later, I looked the stock up, and it was around \$55 a share! Avoiding that extra tax form cost me a bundle.

— L.S., via e-mail

The Fool Responds: It's good to be tax-smart about our investments, especially at this time of year. If you have some big gains, you might sell some stocks with losses, to offset them. But think twice before buying or selling a stock just because of taxes. Sometimes you're better off taking a tax hit and moving on to a more promising investment. With this Mexican company, you should have assessed its potential and sold if you didn't believe in it. If it looked like a long-term winner, hanging on would have been best. Get more tax guidance at www.Fool.com/taxes. ■



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

Born in Charlotte, N.C., in 1959, today I operate more than 6,600 stores in 44 states. I'm a Fortune 500 company, and serve mainly low- to middle-income customers, offering them everything from cat litter to hair clips and soda. My name is a variation of Kinfolk Bill or Clan Pelf. I rake in more than \$7 billion annually, and I've been paying a dividend since 1976 and increasing it each year. 2008 was a miserable year for the stock market, but my stock was the best performer in the S&P 500 that year, rising a whopping 38 percent. Who am I? ■

(Answer: Family Dollar)



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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

Missing Listings

Why can't I find stock listings in my newspaper on Mondays?

— C.C., Bradenton, Fla.

It's usually because the market wasn't open on the day before, Sunday. In your weekend newspaper, you'll typically find closing prices for Friday's trading, and Monday's results will be published on Tuesday. If you're in a hurry, you can look up stock prices anytime online.

But remember that many of the world's best investors don't pay close attention to the latest prices of their holdings. What matters most is how well a company is performing. You could do quite well in your investing life without checking your portfolio's status every day or every week.

Where can I find out what Wall Street's expectations are for various companies' upcoming quarterly reports?

— K.W., Mansfield, Ohio

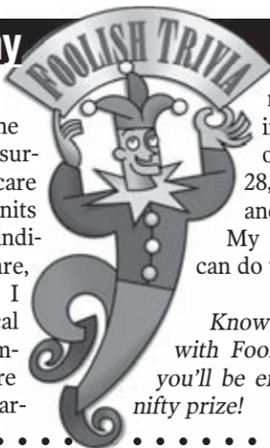
Many brokerages these days offer Wall Street research reports. But consider not paying too much attention to expected earnings. Many times, an analyst's expectations for the firm's upcoming performance is based on comments and guidance from the firm itself. If a company is telling analysts what it expects to earn and then it earns it, or exceeds the estimate, how impressive is that, really?

Analysts' reports can be informative when they deliver insights into the challenges facing an industry and its component companies and insights into the health and competitive position of various firms. Just be wary of estimates of future numbers, as the future is hard to predict accurately. And take ratings such as "strong buy" and "outperform" with a grain of salt, too. Analysts don't give out many negative ratings, as they'd rather not tick off companies that might give their employers business.

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Name That Company

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macies and other providers in every state. I'm a member of the Fortune 500, employ 28,000 people and offer "Guidance when you need it most." My ticker symbol is what you can do with a tune. Who am I? ■

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The Motley Fool Take

UnitedHealth Group

Health insurance giant UnitedHealth Group (NYSE: UNH) beat analysts' quarterly earnings estimates by a whopping 11 percent, only to see its stock slump.

Then again, management couldn't have expected much more. Wall Street is a "what will you do for me tomorrow?" kind of place, and the company is still dealing with a high unemployment rate, which is a double whammy. It lowers enrollment in its profitable commercial business, and it increases the number of people on COBRA, who tend to be high users of medical services. UnitedHealth is also expecting lower payments from government plans to put pressure on the bottom line.

This earnings season, health insurers are likely to trade more on the whims of politicians than on financial fundamentals, now that the future of health-care reform seems less certain. Of course, reforms might actually deliver an expanded base of customers who are required to purchase health insurance.

Generating billions in cash flow each year, UnitedHealth isn't as cheap as it's been in the past right now, but it's not really expensive, either. Investors who can ride through the tough year can hope to see the insurer improve once the jobs come back.

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BUSINESS MEETINGS

► Join a social networking and business consultation class offered by **Professional Writing Services** from 10 a.m. to noon every Saturday at Starbucks, 960 Immokalee Road. The class focuses on Facebook and LinkedIn with business consultation on how to increase sales volume using these tools. Cost is \$25 per person, with a \$5 one-time fee for the Wi-Fi at Starbucks unless you already have one. Attendance is limited to 15. Reservations can be made by calling (407) 738-8445 or e-mailing profwritingservices@yahoo.com.

► Learn how simple it can be to move in a "green direction" in your home or office. A free seminar by **LEED** designer Peg Oberlin and NAHB Certified Green Builder Dawn Burke begins at 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 1, at 141 10th St. South. Call 261-8322 to reserve your seat.

► **"Seizing Opportunities in Today's Global Market"** is the topic of discussion after a complimentary wine tasting at 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, and again Monday, March 8, at Haskell's, 2021 Pine Ridge Road. Both sessions are hosted by Nichola Schaffer and Dora Watson, financial advisors with Merrill Lynch. RSVP to Ms. Watson at 649-2976.

► The first general business meeting of the **Commercial Contractors Council** takes place at 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, at CBIA headquarters, 4779 Enterprise Ave. For more information, call Carrie Horner at 659-0012, ext. 204, or visit www.cbia.net.

► **The Bridgers Group** at Merrill Lynch presents a luncheon discussion about "Fixed Income Opportunities in Volatile Times" beginning at noon Wednes-

day, March 3, at The Capital Grille. Call Dale Kirk at 649-2915 for reservations.

► **The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** holds its next Accelerated Networking luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 4, at Fleming's Prime Steakhouse, 8985 Tamiami Trail N. Cost is \$15 for members only. Register no later than Tuesday, March 2, at www.napleschamber.org.

► **The Naples chapter of Gulf Coast Venture Forum** meets from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, March 11, in the members club room at Tiburon Golf Course. The meeting is sponsored by TIB Bank. For more information, call Tim Cartwright at 262-6300.

► **The Naples Speakeasy Toastmasters Club** meets from 6-7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month at the North

Naples Collier Government Building, 2335 Orange Blossom Drive. Guests are welcome. For more information, call 262-8183 or visit www.naplesspeakeasy.org.

► Coffee and Social Media members and guests meet from 8-9 a.m. the second Tuesday of every month at **INgage Networks** (formerly Neighborhood America), 2210 Vanderbilt Beach Road. Coffee and Social Media is free and open to people with all social media abilities. For more information or to register, contact Cyndee Woolley at 571-3174 or cyndee@c2-com.com.

► The **Chartered Financial Analysts Society of Naples** meets for lunch and a program at noon every second Tuesday in the Chokoloskee Room at the Naples Beach Hotel, 851 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. Members, \$30; Guests, \$40. RSVP www.cfanaples.org. ■

CHOCOLATE

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an after-dinner place with energy, very sheik," he was riffing, working with a creative vision not yet fully formed. "An environment where you're watching the chefs create something — you order a banana split and you have an architectural expression of what a banana split is with all the elements of a banana split but maybe not necessarily what you'd expect."

This semi-formulated business idea is like Mr. Love's chocolates — artful, creative and unique. This dream, of course, requires some polish, as well as the blessing of co-owner Mary Love.

Currently, the Norman Love Confections brand is experiencing significant growth and his experimental dining concept may or may not fit in with everything else that is happening. Mr. Love is in talks with a "monster company" to open a series of chocolate salons nationwide. The salons would be similar to the one open to the public on Daniels Parkway in Fort Myers. The same company, whose name Mr. Love will not yet reveal, will sell his chocolates in 80 of their stores and expand to a total of 230 stores in the next two years.

This mega-deal would be in addition to current distribution arrangements. Wegmans, the northeastern grocery chain carries Love's chocolates in its 75 stores. Last year, Godiva bought about 1 million pieces and will keep ordering this year. The NLC Web site also sees a healthy amount of sales traffic.

Surprisingly, this vast chocolate corporation started without any real business plan. In the early 2000s, Mr. Love was producing culinary contests and TV shows featuring those contests on the Food Network. He rented out 700 square feet off Daniels Parkway and brought in a desk, a table and a couple of warmers. He started making chocolate as a way to supplement his income. "I went into it playfully, dabbling in it," he said. He routinely made deliveries himself to fulfill orders in Tampa or Marco Island. Within two months, his distinctly decorated chocolates were mentioned in *USA Today*.

"The company didn't even have a name. The phone began to ring and ring. There were hundreds of calls. I didn't even have a sign," he said.

Shortly thereafter, Godiva Chocolatiers, which was looking to breathe new life into its brand, asked Mr. Love to produce 350,000 pieces for the company. At this point, Mr. Love couldn't rely on his own four wheels to get the delicacies shipped out, although his methods were still decidedly small business.

"I had my kids and friends putting chocolates into boxes and I'm wondering,



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Above: Laurie Rose brushes a luster finish on chocolate starfish and sand dollars at Olde Naples Chocolate. Left: Maura Metheny spots crooked lines and picks out a few imperfect Passion Pannacottas at Norman Love Confections.

market, creating chocolate seashells, alligators, starfish and sand dollars. The store relocated to a more moderately priced location on Fifth Avenue North. Still, the books wouldn't balance and it seemed like the company, which has been around since 1983, would fold.

Then Ms. Rose received a call from Amazon.com, one of the nation's largest online retailers. She had spent months submitting forms to the company trying to become an authorized vendor on its site. "One day, I get a phone call, 'this is so and so from Amazon. We've approved you. You have 24 hours to get your product ready.'" The orders came in slowly at first, but have now become a major part of her business. The Monday before Valentine's Day, she walked in to find more than 80 orders printed up on her desk. "I can remember saying it would be great if Amazon provided enough for us to pay the rent. Now, we make more than enough money. It went from supplementing my income to keeping us in business."

The chocolate-covered Oreo gift boxes she sells on Amazon aren't very different from the ones you might find at any other chocolate shop. What makes them unique is that hers have an international clientele at any given time courtesy of the World Wide Web. Her heart-shaped truffles and dipped strawberry footballs sell alongside Godiva and Ghirardelli on the Internet store. While her own Web site also allows people to buy with just a few clicks of the mouse, customers are often more comfortable sharing credit card information with an established national brand like Amazon.

A small staff of mostly part-timers han-

dles the packaging in tight quarters in the back of the 900-square-foot shop. Now, Ms. Rose is experimenting with warehousing with Amazon. She sends the company product in bulk and it stores and ships it.

"One day you get an e-mail that 30 things went out and that's 30 things we didn't have to send out, we didn't have to box it, bubble wrap, put the (shipping) peanuts, label it. It's manpower."

Networking pays off

Despite the reliance on national and international clients, most chocolatiers work their connections to garner and keep local business as well. With tourism being one of our top industries, hotels and resorts provide a high demand for gourmet chocolates. Corporate accounts, where companies reward workers and thank clients with gifts of chocolate, are also sought after. All the local chocolatiers work hard to create and maintain these regional accounts.

Justin Schaffer, the fresh-faced 23-year-old owner of Irresistible Confections in Fort Myers, built his business by aggressively networking.



SCHAFFER

Although he has no formal training, he taught himself how to create artful chocolates that at first glance bear a striking resemblance to Norman Love's line. Mr. Schaffer recently opened a retail space at the Bella Villa Shops on Daniels Parkway.

He brings with him numerous corporate accounts that include various hotels. He said he made these connections by offering his candy at charity events where he was able to meet corporate decision-makers. His low prices didn't hurt either.

"I am able to say 'I can sell you the truffle for 50 cents because I have a lot less overhead.' That's better than someone with more overhead who might be selling at \$1.25."

Mr. Schaffer doesn't sell his product online nor does he have an elaborate shipping operation. Although he expects to do both at some point, there are no formal plans right now for either.

For all his fame, Norman Love still focuses intently on the local market. His marketing alone, with the ubiquitous images of his photogenic treats, can be spotted at bus stops, on billboards and just about every regional publication (including this one). While business from the hospitality industry was down in 2009, Mr. Love reports that his January and February sales across the board have been the best they've ever been in the company's history. "I can't say we're recession proof, but we have an affordable product that makes people feel good," he said.

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Numbers point to a sellers market

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The Marco Island Area Association of Realtors, reporting for Marco Island only, reports that closed sales jumped 90 percent for single-family homes in January compared with the same month last year. Closed total for all property types rose 100 percent in the same year-to-date comparisons.

Meanwhile, inventory levels for all property types are down from levels from one year ago by 14.23 percent. New listings coming on the market for all property types on Marco Island decreased 24.58 percent from a year ago January to January comparisons.

Nationally, existing home sales rose 5 percent in 2009. Sales in December 2009 were 15 percent higher than in December 2008. This suggests many areas around the country are showing glimpses of a balanced turnaround for sellers.

Housing inventories have steadily declined — an indication home prices in many areas have stabilized and could soon return to normal appreciation patterns. Buyers still have good choices but are purchasing near the bottom of the price cycle with historically low mortgage interest rates.

Federal tax credits have been helping to motivate buyers. The first-time homebuyer tax credit of up to \$8,000 has been a key factor in moving sales along. Current homeowners who are in the market to buy a home also qualify for a credit of \$6,500 if they have a contract in place by April 30 and close by June 30. ■

CBIA hosts reverse trade show

The Collier Building Industry Association gives members the opportunity to network with fellow professionals including architects, developers, builders, remodelers and designers at the association's annual reverse trade show. A tool box, tool shed and other prizes will be raffled with the proceeds going to benefit the CBIA Foundation, which funds activities to help students pursuing careers in the building industry. The event costs \$20 and is only open to members. Hobnobbing runs from 4 to 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 24, at Pelican Bay, 800 Vanderbilt Beach Road. Call 436-6100 for reservations. ■

"Winning recognition as the number one clubhouse in the nation is the culmination of our vision for Miromar Lakes as the very best of everything one could hope for in a community."

— Margaret Antonier, Miromar Lakes CEO and president



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Above: The Miromar Lakes Beach Club took the Gold Award for Best Clubhouse. Below: The community's golf club earned a Silver Award for Best Clubhouse. The awards were bestowed by the National Association of Home Builders.

Miromar Lakes clubhouses honored

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club garnered double honors recently for its beach clubhouse and golf club. The group received the 2010 National Association of Home Builders Gold Award for "Best Clubhouse" in the United States for its Beach Club at a gala held recently in Las Vegas. The golf club also received the 2010 NAHB Silver Award for Best Clubhouse in the United States.

Locally, Miromar Lakes continues to earn coveted recognition with "Community of the Year" and "Best Clubhouse" Sand Dollar Awards from the Collier Builder Industry Association and Pinnacle Awards from the Lee County Building Industry Association won in 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009. The NAHB distinction is the group's first national recognition.

Miromar Lakes strives for a private resort feel with every convenience of a luxury hotel. Designers have given much thought to the architecture and landscaping to create a community that is more European and specifically Mediterranean in its look. The beach clubhouse completes CEO and President Margaret Antonier's vision of a community that reflects her extensive travels throughout Europe and around the world.

"We have been so fortunate to win awards for our community and clubhouse for the last seven years," says Ms. Antonier. "Winning this national recognition for the number one clubhouse in the nation is the culmination of our vision for Miromar Lakes as the very best of everything one could hope for in a community."

The beach clubhouse has been the setting for numerous events and fundraisers



that have made a significant monetary impact on local nonprofits as well as groups spreading charity nationwide. The clubhouse hosted the Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest's grand tasting and auction for the second year in a row, and the "Celebration of Reading" luncheon for the Florida Family Literacy Initiative for three consecutive years. Former President George H.W. Bush, his wife Barbara Bush, former Florida Governor Jeb Bush and his wife, Columba, who attend every year, started the latter event, celebrating its 10th anniversary this year.

The more than 39,000-square-foot beach club is comprised of three buildings. Set directly on the water's edge, the beach clubhouse offers gourmet evening dining indoors or under the stars with seating for 200 people in the main dining room, beachside terrace dining for 80 guests and courtyard seating for 60. A private beachside dining room provides intimate seating around a fireplace and French doors open up to the beach and Lake Como. The beach clubhouse also has an indoor/outdoor bar lounge with wine room, a library, billiard room, card room, 50-seat theater and business center. The Blue Water Beach Grill features contemporary fare in an open-air setting with panoramic lake and beach views as well as boat docks.

The European-style spa includes a full-service beauty salon and a fitness center with a pilates studio and aerobics room.

Other beach club amenities include a 10,000 square-foot, zero-edge infinity pool, concierge services and marine services. The beach club also offers an array of activities including volleyball and basketball courts, and a children's playground. In addition, the tennis club features seven lighted Har-Tru tennis courts including a center court.

The beach club is complemented by the Tuscan-inspired golf club, boasting the only Arthur Hills "Signature" championship golf course in Southwest Florida and an award-winning Tuscan-inspired golf clubhouse.

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Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club is a project of Miromar Development Corporation, a real estate development company with a portfolio of residential and commercial properties including the nearby Miromar Outlets and the Miromar Design Center. Visit www.Miromar.com for more information.

Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club is located in Miromar Lakes, Florida, 10160 Miromar Lakes Boulevard East, just north of Naples. The sales center is located outside of the gated entrance. For more information, contact the sales center at 425-2340 or 877-809-9444, or visit www.MiromarLakes.com. ■

Gateway Encore Resort Management Services opens Naples office



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Gateway Encore Resort Management Services has opened offices in Naples. The company provides management and accounting services for condominium and homeowners associations throughout South-

west Florida.

Gateway Encore provides a wealth of property management experience with more than 100 years of professional expertise in association management, accounting, real estate development, commercial asset management and customer service accumulated among its four principals.

Kristine Wishard has been in the association management industry for 13 years and is president of The Gateway Group in Port Charlotte, Fla. Raised in



PENN

Punta Gorda, Fla., she has recently served as president of the Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce and the Port Charlotte Association of Realtors.

Dwight Penn CEO/manager, has more than 30 years experience in community management. A charter member of the Community Associations Institute in Columbus, Ohio, he also served as the institute's president.

He holds the CPM designation and a CAM license in the state of Florida. For 35 years, he and his family have had real estate holdings in Naples.



ARMALAVAGE



DISABATOS

Mark DiSabato began his career in real estate while in college. He became a broker and worked the next eight years in all aspects of sales, building

and management. Over nearly 30 years, he has been involved in the land acquisition, zoning, financing, development, management and sales of approximately 15,000 multi-family dwellings.

Rick Armalavage has been involved in real estate activities throughout Southwest Florida since 1978, beginning as a real estate appraiser. He is a licensed real estate broker and an expert in real estate analysis. Over the years, he has developed properties, sold properties and provided advisory services for many of the area's most prominent developments. He remains active in real estate brokerage, advisory services and development.

"The Gateway Encore team promises its communities the highest level of personalized quality services," Ms. Wishard says. "Our mission has been to assemble a highly professional staff, equipped with the latest technology and trained to employ the most effective internal operating systems of communication, reporting, vendor relations, responsibility and accountability."

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management team that includes a community manager, administrative assistant and accounting staff member. The firm communities include Cordoba, Bonita Village, Olde Marco Inn, Alden Woods, Cottesmore, Players Cove, Caldecott and Olé.

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BAYVIEW I ▲ 4811 Island Pond Court #1103 - Fabulous views of Bay & Gulf from this spacious open floor plan w/neutral colors, wood toned kitchen & Corian tops. **\$825,000** Cathy Lieberman/Cindy Reiff | 777-2441



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MONTARA ▲ Charming 2BR/2.5BA+den villa with S. exposure & preserve view. Home is handicap accessible. Furniture negotiable. **\$519,000** Cathy Lieberman/Cindy Reiff | 777-2441



EGRETS LANDING ▲ 26690 Egrets Drive #202 - Private elevator to 2nd floor living. Immaculate condition. Electric hurricane shutters, built-in bar & media room. **NOW \$509,000** | Connie Lummis | 289-3543



HAMMOCK ISLE ▲ Open golf course views! Beautifully appointed, meticulously maintained 3BR/3BA carriage home, numerous upgrades. **NOW \$459,000** | Harriet Harnar | 273-5443



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COCONUT ISLE 26400 Brick Lane - Expansive lake and golf course views. Three bedrooms plus den, 3 full baths. Marble flooring & granite countertops. **\$1,585,000** | Gary L. Jaarda/Brian Nelson | 248-7474

COCONUT ISLE 26429 Brick Lane - Fabulous 3BR + den villa. Many upgrades: Hardwood floors, newly painted interiors & salt water pool filter system. **\$1,295,000** | Connie Lummis | 289-3543

BERMUDA COVE - 26203 Isle Way - Turnkey with timeless, beautiful furnishings. Hardwood floors, granite counters, plantation shutters. Lanai & pool. **\$995,000** | Connie Lummis | 289-3543

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

BERMUDA COVE 26240 Isle Way - Well-kept 3BR/3BA, former model offered turnkey. South facing pool & spa overlooking lake. Private guest cabana. **\$795,900** | Cheryl Mease | 691-8104

LOST LAKE 27124 Lost Lake Lane - Spectacular lake to preserve views! Bright 3 bedroom villa with upgrades. Private courtyard, heated pool/spa. **\$755,000** | Cathy Lieberman/Cindy Reiff | 777-2441

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

EAGLES NEST 25961 Nesting Court #201 - Spacious 3BR/3BA plus den carriage home overlooks lake, golf course & preserve beyond. Flex room, tile floors. **\$595,000** | Carol Wood/Claire McMahon | 822-3709

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 - Gulf and Bay views! Leaded glass front door, 10' ceilings, 3 BR, electric storm shutters. **\$574,000** | Carol Johnson/Michael Lickley | 564-1282 **OPEN SUN. 1-4**

THE HAMPTONS 26911 Wyndhurst Court #202 - Electric hurricane shutters, diagonal tile in all main areas, and extensive use of crown moulding. Three BRs + den. **\$560,000** | Doug Davlin | 272-5060

HAMMOCK ISLE 26001 Hammock Isle Court #101 - Private golf course views from this 2 bedroom + den, 3 bath residence. Two-car attached garage. Turnkey furnished. **\$559,000** | Cathy Lieberman/Cindy Reiff | 777-2441

WEDGEWOOD 26900 Wedgewood Drive #301 - Prime location, panoramic golf & lake views, SE exposure, corner 2-level, 3BR+den. Fabulous updates. **\$549,000** | Carol Wood/Claire McMahon | 822-3709

WATERFORD 26223 Devonshire Court #102 - One-of-a-kind ground floor one-story 3BR/3BA villa. Community pool, beach park, 5 world-class golf courses & more! **\$549,500** | Peter Lent | 273-1122 **OPEN SUN. 1-4**

BAY HARBOR 27098 Shell Ridge Circle - SW exposure & preserve views. Bright, open plan 2BR/2.5BA plus den villa, screened-in lanai, built-in grill & spa. **\$549,000** | Cathy Lieberman/Cindy Reiff | 777-2441

BAYVIEW 4811 Island Pond Court #303 - Tastefully updated high-rise home with high level custom finishes & finish detail. Many amenities, private garage. **\$549,000** | Carol Johnson/Michael Lickley | 564-1282

BAY VIEW I 4811 Island Pond Court #403 - Spectacular views. Expanded living area, built-in wet bar, completely repainted. Private garage. **\$545,000** | Carol Johnson/Michael Lickley | 564-1282 **OPEN SUN. 1-4**

TUCKAWEYE 3143 Greenflower Court - Completely renovated villa home. Cathedral ceilings, private pool, plantation shutters, and new "green" A/C. **\$535,000** | Judy Stead | 273-3438

WATERFORD 26270 Devonshire Court #202 - Location, location, location! Great room plan 3 bedrooms, 3 baths. Neutral palette. Endless community amenities. **\$509,000** | Billie Jans |

WEDGEWOOD 26880 Wedgewood Drive #306 - A rare find, 3BR+den end residence, golf views! Glassed-in lanai, newer kitchen appliances, new roof. **\$470,000** | Carol Wood/Claire McMahon | 822-3709 **OPEN SUN. 1-4**

HAMMOCK ISLE 26021 Hammock Isle Court #101 - Overlook the 7th fairway & preserve! Very private end residence, numerous custom features. Walk to Estero Bay Park. **\$459,500** | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210

WEDGEWOOD 26910 Wedgewood Drive #401 - Panoramic lake & golf views! Spacious 3BR with neutral decor & high ceilings. Community pool & tennis courts. **\$440,000** | Carol Wood/Claire McMahon | 822-3709

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. **\$439,950** | Gary L. Jaarda/Jeff Jaarda | 248-7474

HAMMOCK ISLE 26010 Hammock Isle Court #101 - South facing 1st floor 3BR carriage home next to clubhouse/pool & across from park. Golfing & boating available. **\$389,000** | Carol Johnson/Michael Lickley | 564-1282

BAY POINTE 26951 Montego Pointe Court #202 - Furnished turnkey, 3BRs, volume ceilings, tile on the diagonal, tiled lanai for year-round use. **\$385,000** | Cathy Lieberman/Cindy Reiff | 777-2441

WATERFORD 3310 Glen Cairn Court #201 - Large lanai overlooking lake & golf. Spacious w/3BRs/3BAs, over 2,400 SF AC & 2-car garage. Furnishings negotiable. **\$375,000** | Bet Dewey | 564-5673

WEDGEWOOD 26911 Wedgewood Drive #201 - Remarkably light and bright. Sunsets over lake. Three bedrooms, 2 baths, volume ceilings. **NOW \$368,800** | Maryanne Kennedy | 405-0266 **REDUCED**

HARBOR LAKES 27031 Lake Harbor Court #203 - Rarely available 3BR+den end residence in a small enclave. Long SE lake view, beautiful finishes and many updates. **\$369,000** | Judy Stead | 273-3438

HARBOR LANDING 4430 Riverwatch Drive #102 - NEW NEW! Everything has been replaced from the door hinges on up. HVAC replaced in 2008. **\$359,900** | Carol Johnson/Michael Lickley | 564-1282 **OPEN SUN. 1-4**

WEDGEWOOD 26876 Wedgewood Drive #102 - Western exposure, 3BR, 1st floor carriage home. Open plan for entertaining, large lanai, detached 2-car garage. **\$339,000** | Carol Wood/Claire McMahon | 822-3709

BAY POINTE 4701 Montego Pointe Way #201 - Wonderful 3BR, 2BA, 2nd floor, corner coach home with private quest area. Offered partially furnished. **\$339,000** | Connie Lummis | 289-3543

CROSSINGS 3260 Crossings Court #13 - Long lake views. Furnished 2 BR+den, 30' wide screened lanai, 2-car garage. Walk to fitness center & clubhouse. **\$329,000** | Cathy Lieberman/Cindy Reiff | 777-2441

HARBOR LANDING 4511 Riverwatch Drive #101 - Perfect NW to SW lake views. First floor 2BR+den. Glassed-in lanai, new features, near beach tram, dining & marina. **\$328,000** | Linda Sonders | 860-0119

HARBOR LANDING 4440 Riverwatch Drive #101 - Beautiful lake views, move-in ready 2BR+den. Walk to pool. Marina, beach park, 5 golf courses, tennis. **\$325,000** | Carol Johnson/Michael Lickley | 564-1282

GREENBRIAR 4140 Bayhead Drive #206 - Long golf and lake views! Bright end 2BR+den home. Energy friendly, safe from storms. Community pool, spa, tennis. **\$325,000** | Carol Johnson/Michael Lickley | 564-1282 **REDUCED**

NOW \$299,900 | Carol Wood/Claire McMahon | 822-3709

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 Lieberman/Cindy Reiff | 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

SANDPIPER 4181 Lake Forest Drive #1522 - Updated decor, many new features! Heated pool/spa, 2 tennis courts, golf & social memberships available. Furnished. **NOW \$229,000** | Harriet Harnar | 273-5443 **REDUCED**

SANDPIPER 4141 Lake Forest Drive #1521 - Lovely corner 2nd floor, furnished 2BR+ den, with 1,642 total SF. Large lanai (electric shutters) & new A/C in 2009. **\$219,000** | Dan O'Dea | 250-2429

SANDPIPER 4251 Lake Forest Drive #212 - First floor, 2 bedroom plus den furnished condominium. Great room floor plan, split bedrooms, carport with storage. **\$179,900** | Dan O'Dea | 250-2429



PORT ROYAL ▲ Exceptional 6+BR, 11,000SF estate on 1+ acre overlooking Morgan Cove. Dock with direct Gulf access. Port Royal Club membership eligibility. **\$16,500,000** | Ruth Trettis | 403-4529



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MEDITERRA - VERONA ▲ Magnificent Mediterranean inspired estate home with 18,175 total sq. ft. Private lakefront with golf view beyond. **\$6,399,900** | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



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



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GREY OAKS - ESTUARY ▲ 1280 Osprey Trail - "Mariana" Model. Panoramic lake and fairway views abound. Boasting 6,910 SF A/C, 6BRs, 5 full BAs + 2 half baths. **\$4,995,000** | Call 239-261-3148



OPEN SUN. 1-4
OLD NAPLES ▲ 155 - 20th Ave. S. One block to beach! Built in 2008. Over 5,300 A/C SF, 4BRs plus den and bonus lounge. Heated pool/spa. Furnished. **\$4,395,000** | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231



PORT ROYAL AREA ▲ Breathtaking views over Champney Bay! Updated Old Florida-style home with elevator. 40' lap pool, 47' dock. Associate Port Royal Beach Club Membership property. **\$3,995,000** | Beth Hayhoe McNichols | 821-3304



GREY OAKS ▲ Richly appointed 4BR+den estate home, sweeping fairway & lake views, 1,000+ SF lanai for ultimate entertaining. **\$3,990,000** | Jutta Lopez | 571-5339



MOORINGS ▲ Spectacular wide open bay views! Sparkling clean 5BR/5.5BA pool home. Smart house electronics/wiring. Dock with lift. **\$3,895,000** | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



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MEDITERRA - MARCELLO ▲ 29111 Marcello Way - This Brand New Harwick built residence is ideally located on a privacy lot with long lake and preserve views. **\$3,450,000** | Dru/Greg Martinovich | 564-1266



MOORINGS ▲ Double lot waterfront residence with 100 ft. on the water, 4BR/3.5BA, solar heated pool & spa, boat dock with lift. **\$2,999,500** | Michael Lawler | 571-3939



GREY OAKS - ▲ Elegant Mediterranean style single-family 4BR/5.5BA+den home. Outside cooking center, fireplace, heated pool, spa. **\$2,899,000** | Mary Yon | 572-3274



PELICAN BAY - JAMESTOWN ▲ Breathtaking lake views, prime SW exposure, gated community. Exquisite 4BR/5BA + den/office. Heated pool and spa. **\$2,500,000** | Sharon Kiptyk | 777-3899



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VANDERBILT BEACH - GULFSIDE II ▲ Preferred 3 bedroom corner residence with wraparound vistas of Gulf. New A/C system & electric hurricane shutters. **\$1,295,000** | Pat Callis | 250-0562



PELICAN LANDING - HERON POINT ▲ Panoramic lake views. Custom-built, immaculately maintained 4BR/4BA + den pool home, 3-car garage, cul-de-sac lot. **\$1,280,000** | Daniel Pregont | 272-8020



ROYAL HARBOR ▲ Over 4,600 total SF and 4 BRs, 142' of seawall, large dock & 2-boat lifts. Direct access to the Gulf (no bridges). **\$1,200,000** | Isabelle Edwards | 564-4080



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PELICAN LANDING SANCTUARY LAKES ▲ Fabulous Mediterranean-style 4BR+den/3BA home with quality enhanced features inside and out. Heated pool and spa. **\$1,135,000** | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210



COQUINA SANDS ▲ Two blocks to the beach from this beautiful setting. This 3 bedroom, 2 bath is in move-in condition. Furnished. **\$988,500** | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420/



PELICAN LANDING ▲ Perfectly maintained and well constructed 4BR+den. 6,607 total SF on a beautiful lakefront lot. Oversized garage. **\$979,000** | Stephanie/John Coburn & Pam Umscheid | 948-4000



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



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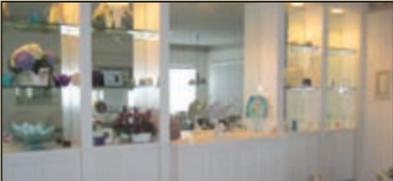


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Banyan Woods, 4884 Rustic Oaks Cir - Professionally decorated former model! Special features include: gorgeous built-ins, bamboo flooring, granite countertops, upgraded cabs. & plantation shutters. 4+Den/3 (H2935) Linda C. Loomis, P.A., 451-0769 **\$795,000**



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) Carmony-Hutchison Team, 272-7000 **\$739,000**



Old Naples, 555 5th Ave S #PH-3 - Penthouse Beach Club Retreat, Village of Old Naples 14 ft ceilings, detailed wood moldings, classic ceramic tile work, granite tops, finest finishes. 2/2 (C5119) Michele Harrison, 580-9889 **\$724,900**



Mediterra, 15509 Monterosso Ln, #102 - Loaded with extras and professionally furnished. Spectacular long range lake views & is within walking distance to the Mediterra clubhouse. 2+Den/2.5 (C5214) Michele Harrison, 580-9889 **\$679,900**



Imperial Golf Estates, 1832 Imperial Golf Course Blvd - Spacious golf course home. High ceilings & 8' pocket sliders throughout. Lanai w/ oversized pool & rm for several seating groups. Great fl plan for entertaining. 3+Den/3.5 (H4602) Debbie Frost, 250-8701 **\$649,000**



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 M. Richardson 250-8008 **\$639,000**



Spanish Wells, 9985 Treasure Cay Ln - Stunning home w/outstanding golf course views. Extended lanai, solar pool, crown moldings, wood floors, shutters, granite. Great value & 3 miles to beaches. 3+Den/3 (H4786) Maggie Sanders, 269-4499, Connie Spitzmiller, 248-7616 **\$629,000**



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Moorings, 2100 Gulf Shore Blvd N - Port au Villa. 4 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 **\$311,000 to \$450,000**



Audubon, 559 Audubon Blvd, #201 - Bright & spacious condo w/golf/lake views. Formal living & dining rooms, tray ceilings, electric shutters, wraparound lanai. West of US 41. 3 miles to beaches. 3+Den/3.5 (C5830) Maggie Sanders, 269-4499, Connie Spitzmiller, 248-7616 **\$549,000**



Imperial Golf Estates, 2016 Imperial Golf Course Blvd - Great Views! 2,992 sqft. Bright & open. Great rm split bedroom fl plan. Beautiful sunsets from spacious lanai. Lg pool w/ cascading spa. Golf course & lake views. 3/2.5 (H4820) Debbie Frost, 250-8701 **\$545,000**



Palm Bay Estates, 26773 Hickory Blvd, #2 - Immaculate turnkey townhouse on Estero Bay. Boat dock w/Gulf access, easy beach access, renovated baths, rec room. 2 lanais overlooking Bay. 2+Den/3 (C5556) Maggie Sanders, 269-4499, Connie Spitzmiller, 248-7616 **\$529,000**



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Old Naples, 705 11th St S, 3 #BS 3 - Old Naples Covered Boat Slip w/new concrete & wood pilings. Park directly in front of slip, gated & full-time dock master. 50' x 20' w/ 23.5 overhead clearance. (L1075) Michele Harrison, 580-9889 **\$475,000**



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Moorings, 3300 Gulf Shore Blvd N, #105 - Exceptional bay front location w/easy access to the beach! Beautifully updated & decorated first floor end unit overlooking pool. Covered parking. 2/2 (C3558) Barbara Salinas, 449-2733 **\$438,700**



Vanderbilt Beach, 12945 Vanderbilt Dr, #208 - Beautifully renovated unit w/cherry cabinets, stainless apps, granite countertops, plant. shutters, fantastic view of Bay, screened balcony, tons of upgrades. 2/2 (C6281) Jan Ben, 947-4346 **\$395,000**



Banyan Woods, 5017 Maxwell Cir, #101 - 2000+ SF plus an oversized lanai overlooking lush gardens & community pool. Extras: plantation shutters, tile on the diagonal, workshop & additional storage. 3/2 (C6063) Linda C. Loomis, P.A., 451-0769 **\$350,000**



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Park Shore, 4150 Belaire Ln, #110 - West of 41. Walk to Park Shore Beach, restaurants & shopping. Corner 1st fl unit w/tile floors, updated kit. fireplace, carport, & 1,506 T.A. Lovely pool. 2+Den/2 (C4104) Lisa M. Richardson, 250-8008 **\$269,000**



Bay Forest, 15116 Royal Fern Ct, #201 - 2nd fl end unit w/gar includes updated baths, apps & A/C. Spacious & bright, enjoy the open kit w/breakfast nook & granite counters w/tumbled marble backsplash. 3/2 (C4394) Claire Licciardi, 250-4564 **\$265,000**



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 The guest bedroom created by Collins & DuPont.

Bonita firm outfits guest room in DCOTA's first Design House

Collins & DuPont has unveiled a room in the first-ever DesignHouse at the Design Center of the Americas in Dania Beach. The only Southwest Florida firm to be selected to participate in the project, Bonita Springs-based Collins & DuPont outfitted a luxurious guest bedroom in the home with a mix of "glam deco" and tropical rainforest touches.

The overall theme for the DCOTA DesignHouse is "Color Collision." In addition to the Collins & DuPont guest bedroom, 13 other rooms, from the grand foyer to a balcony terrace and a wine cellar, in the 9,000-square-foot house have been transformed into works of art by some of Florida's top interior designers.

The DesignHouse has been created

within DCOTA's 775,000 square feet of showroom space at 1855 Griffin Road in Dania Beach. On the third floor in Building A, the DesignHouse penthouse is open to the public on weekdays through June 11 and on Saturday, March 6, and Saturday, April 10. DCOTA's annual sample sale will take place on April 10.

Entrance to the DesignHouse is \$10, with proceeds benefitting the Museum of Art Fort Lauderdale, Norton Museum of Art and Vizcaya Museum & Gardens.

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805 Caribbean Ct. - This home includes 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, study, and 2-car garage. Features include custom cherry cabinets, premium tile flooring, wet bar, stainless steel appliances, boat dock and lift, lanai with private pool and spa. Danielle Smith, 239-398-0910

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For many, this could be the time to buy

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Most financial experts agree that the worst of the economic volatility is likely behind us, and that those who were fortunate enough to weather the storm and remain confidently employed could be starting to look for some long-term investment opportunities.

Perhaps the best decision those investors can make would be to purchase a home.

"Many times when prices have been low, interest rates have been high and vice versa," says James Weichert, president and founder of Weichert, Realtors. "With both prices and rates at near optimal levels, now is when investing in real estate really pays off."

Those who buy a home for the first time will receive an \$8,000 tax credit and can begin to see a return on the money they were previously paying for rent. Existing homeowners can take advantage of low rates and affordable prices to trade up to a larger home while getting more house for their dollar than in recent years. Repeat buyers who purchase a home

may also qualify for a \$6,500 tax credit of their own.

"Today's market gives individuals a chance to enjoy some of the lifestyle perks associated with owning real estate that they might not otherwise be able to afford," Mr. Weichert says. "This might be the only time they can move to the more prestigious neighborhood, trade up to the larger home or get that cabin by the lake they've always wanted."

In addition, investors who acquire real estate at today's low prices should be well positioned to sell for a profit when the market rebounds. According to the National Association of Realtors, home sales are projected to rise to about 5.6 million in 2010, an 8.5 percent increase over 2009. This increase should help continue to stabilize the real estate market and begin to provide a return to buyers in home price appreciation.

Many Americans fund their retirement in large part through the equity

they earned by owning a home over the years, Mr. Weichert says. "Why not use that same investment practice for other purposes?" he suggests. "Buy a vacation property that you can enjoy for 10 or 15 years and then sell



when it comes time to finance your child's college education. Not only will you have a place to build great family memories, you'll also see a healthy financial return." ■

Convention sessions bring buyers and sellers together

BY JAMES YORK

Florida Home Realty

A "Buyer Meets Seller" real estate convention takes place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 14, and again Sunday, March 28, in the clubhouse at The Strand Country Club, giving buyers and

sellers the opportunity to gather and do business in one place.

The convention will feature extensive listings of foreclosures, short sales, bank-owned properties, properties currently priced under appraised value, developer closeout inventories and

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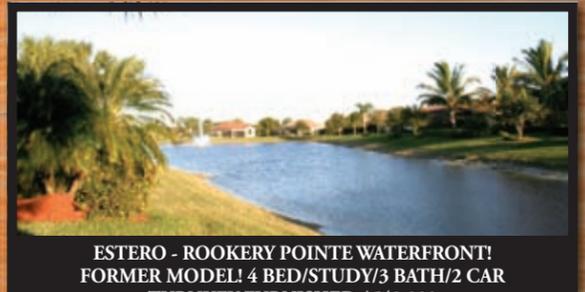


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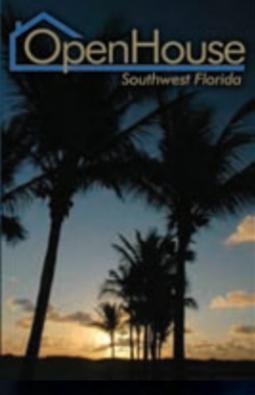
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Broker/owner Jerry Osinski and guests from key related real estate businesses will explore the many opportunities currently available. "You can actually purchase properties for cents on the dollar," Mr. Osinski says. "Many

buyers are simply not aware and are afraid of stepping into the foreclosure market."

Attendees will receive a list of existing and upcoming foreclosed properties throughout the Southwest Florida market, from the Weichert agency's inventory and others. "Everyone from the serious investor to the curious is invited to come and learn," Mr. Osinski says.

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➤ **Best of Everything of Southwest Florida Inc.,** has renewed its lease of 7,786 square feet in Tower Plaza, 3650-3666 Tamiami Trail N., from Commercial Trust Real Estate Services Land Trust. Bill Young of CB Richard Ellis, Fort Myers/Naples brokered the transaction.

➤ **Donna Marshall Esq.,** has leased 1,447 square feet in Newgate Center, 5150 Tamiami Trail N., from Executive Development Corp. Scott Dunnuck and Doris Taylor of CB Richard Ellis, Fort Myers/Naples brokered the transaction.

➤ **Elizabeth Abreu** has leased 1,215 square feet of retail space at 2348 Pineland Ave., Suite D, from VAC Realty Inc. Patrick Fraley of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated this transaction.

➤ **Kathryn Southern's Salon** has renewed its lease of 270 square feet at Dockside Boardwalk, 1100 Sixth Ave., from Dockside LLC. Bill Young of CB Richard Ellis, Fort Myers/Naples brokered the transaction.

➤ **Law Offices of Jay F. Cook** has

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➤ **Naples Hotel Group LLC** has leased 786 square feet of office space at 809 Walkerbilt Road, Suite 8, from Walkerbilt LLC. Patrick Fraley of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction.

➤ **NFAlesdotcom** has leased 800 square feet of retail space at 3104 Tamiami Trail N. from Sandbanks LLC. Paige Eber of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction.

➤ **RADY8 LLC** has leased 1,625 square feet in Park North, 5137 Castello Drive, from Commercial Development Corp. Scott Dunnuck and Doris Taylor of CB Richard Ellis, Fort Myers/Naples brokered the transaction.

➤ **Strategic Gold Corp.** has leased 1,625 square feet in Park North, 5133 Castello Drive, from Commercial Development Corp. Scott Dunnuck and Doris Taylor of CB Richard Ellis, Fort Myers/Naples brokered the transaction.

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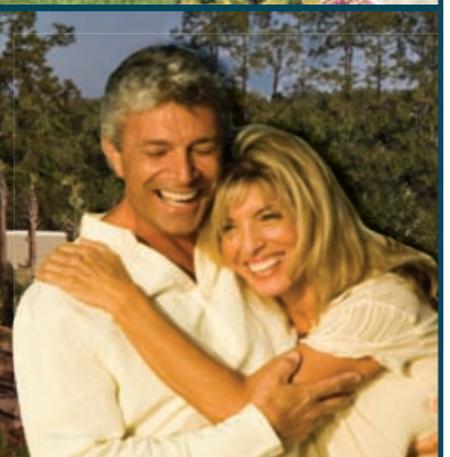
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- 3 • VILLAGE WALK** • Illustrated Properties Real Estate located just east of Livingston on Vanderbilt Beach Road • \$200,000-\$400,000 • Call 239-596-2520 • Mon. - Fri. 10-4 and Sat. - Sun. 11-3

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- 4 • VARENNA AT FIDDLER'S CREEK** • Sunday, Feb. 28th, 1-4pm, Open House at 9224 Campanile #102 • \$324,000 • Agent: Dvorah Eder, Amerivest Realty South, 239-821-6345
- 5 • FIDDLER'S CREEK - VARENNA** • 9218 Corfu Court #102 • \$390,000 • Premier Properties of Southwest Florida, Inc., REALTORS • Michelle L. Thomas 860-7176

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- 6 • THE STRADA AT MERCATO** • Located just North of Vanderbilt Beach Rd on US 41 • Priced from \$400s • Premier Properties • Call 239-594-9400 • Mon. - Sat. 10-8 and Sun. 12-8
- 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 • PELICAN LANDING - BAY CEDAR** • 25061 Bay Cedar Drive • \$454,000 • Premier Properties • Roxanne Jeske 450-5210
- 9 • COTTON GREEN AT FIDDLER'S CREEK** • Friday, Feb. 26th, 1-4pm, Open House at 3764 Cotton Green Path Drive • \$489,000 • Agent: Lura Jones, Amerivest Realty South, 239-370-5340

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- 10 • BONITA BAY - BAYVIEW I** • 4811 Island Pond Court #503 • \$574,000 • Premier Properties • Carol Johnson/Michael Lickley 948-4000
- 11 • OLD NAPLES - WARWICK** • 280 - 2nd Avenue South • \$598,000 • Premier Properties • Cindy Thompson 262-2097
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- 18 • THE DUNES - GRANDE PRESERVE** • 280 Grande Way • From \$875,000 • Premier Properties • Call 239-594-1700 • Mon. - Sat. 10-5 and Sun. 12-5

- 19 • PELICAN ISLE YACHT CLUB CONDOS** • \$895,000-\$2,175,000 • Amerivest Realty, Bridgette Foster 239-253-8001

- 20 • PELICAN LANDING - SANCTUARY** • 23920 Sanctuary Lakes Court • \$895,00 • Premier Properties • Pam Umscheid 691-3541

- 21 • SEAGATE** • 5133 Seahorse Avenue • \$899,000 • Premier Properties • Bob Sullivan 961-1678

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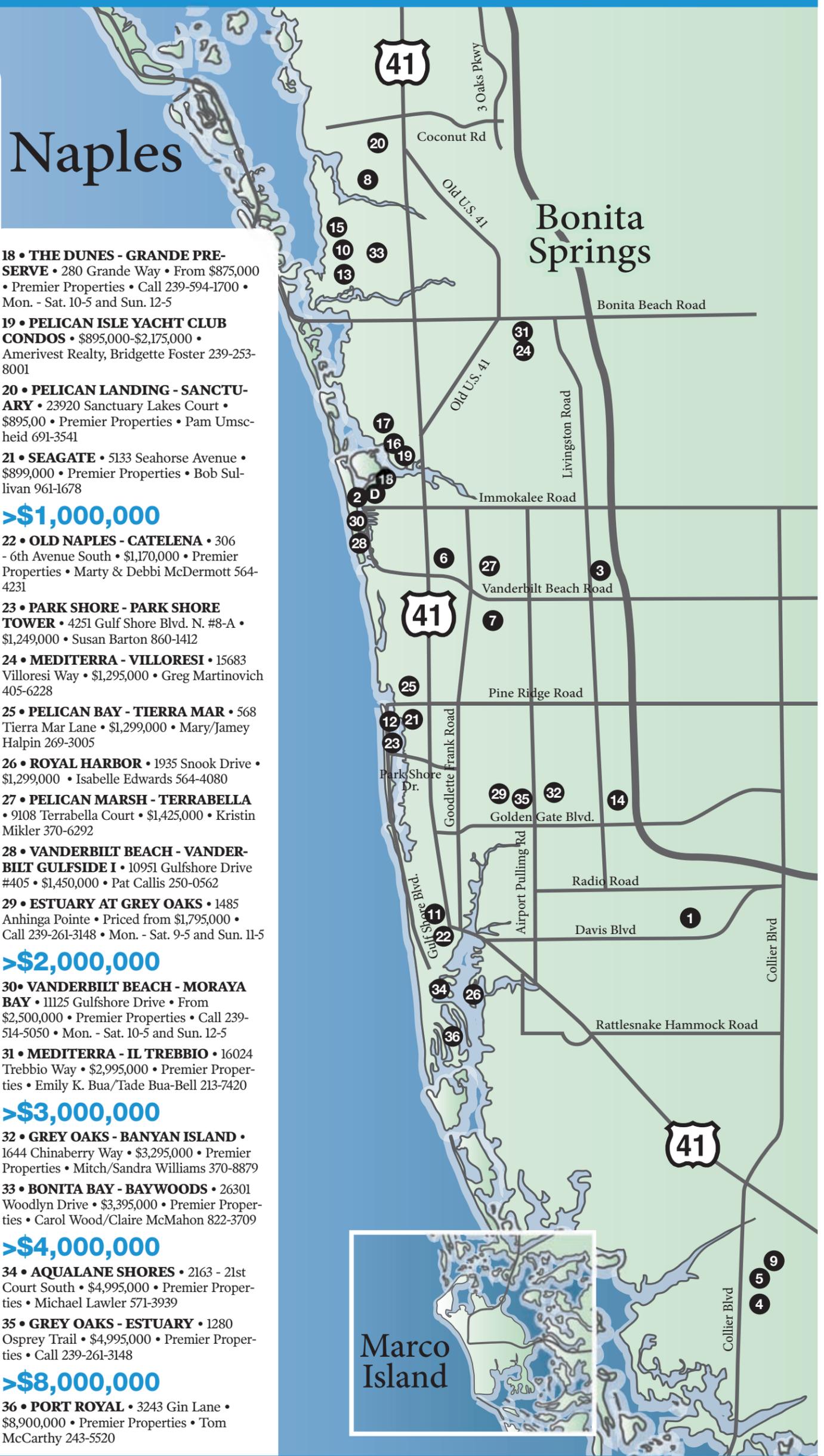
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- 34 • AQUALANE SHORES** • 2163 - 21st Court South • \$4,995,000 • Premier Properties • Michael Lawler 571-3939

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HIDEAWAY BEACH - RIVIERA #731 ▲ Upgraded throughout! Offering 3 BRs, glassed-in lanai with seating overlooking the Gulf, beach & sunsets.
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MADEIRA 350 S. Collier Blvd. #PH-201 - Beachfront 4 BR+den, 7,414 total SF. Rookery Ambassador Membership included, up to 100' boat slip lease included. **\$6,950,000** | Chris Adams | 404-5130

1051 Barfield Drive South - Magnificent Caxambas Pass views! Four BR with approx. 80' of dock, 16,000 lb. lift & direct deep water Gulf access. **\$2,795,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

CAPE MARCO - BELIZE 970 Cape Marco Drive #1205 Spectacular! Custom woodwork, fireplace, 3BR+den and 4,000 total SF. Views of 10,000 Islands & beach. Furnished.
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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

HIDEAWAY BEACH - ROYAL MARCO POINT II 4000 Royal Marco Way #526 - Beautifully upgraded front residence with panoramic views of beach/Gulf. Luxury living with the finest amenities.
\$1,880,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

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. **\$1,649,000** | Chris Adams | 404-5130

CAPE MARCO - BELIZE 970 Cape Marco Drive #1803 Spectacular views of 10,000 Islands & the Gulf! Many amenities, 3BR/3BA with Venetian plaster and faux painting. **\$1,600,000** | Darlene Roddy | 404-0685

CAPE MARCO - BELIZE 970 Cape Marco Drive #403 - Captivating views of the Gulf & 10,000 Islands from your expanded lanai. Furnished 3 bedroom with 3,320+ total SF. **\$1,490,000** | Roe Tamagni | 398-1222

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CAPE MARCO - MONTERREY 980 Cape Marco Drive #1505 A \$600,000 dollar remodel was just completed! Breathtaking views, new designer furnishings included. Resort living.
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1131 Vernon Place - Old Florida style home with quick direct access and 160' of waterfront, large wraparound verandas, new floors and paint. **\$899,000** | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

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PIER 81 SOUTH 1069 Bald Eagle Drive #S-701 - River, Beach, Gulf and Bay Views! Professionally decorated 2BR/2.5BA + den end residence. Two pets allowed. **\$850,000** | Roe Tamagni | 398-1222

350 Rockhill Court - Spectacular, open 3BR+den custom pool home, quick, direct river access, 100' of water frontage (60' dock in place). **\$849,000** | Natalie Kirstein | 784-0491

PIER 81 SOUTH 1069 Bald Eagle Drive #303 - Luxury waterfront living! Spectacular Bay, River and marina views. Upgraded 3BR/2BA, fully amenitized community. **NEW LISTING**
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761 Nautilus Court - Enjoy quick, direct access to River/Gulf. Wide water views, immaculate 3BR+family rm pool home, turnkey furnished.
\$799,550 | Elizabeth Summers | 269-4230

921 Heron Court - Charming "beachy", nautical decor 3BR/2BA. Completely renovated, new pool/spa, quick, deep water-direct access.
\$799,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

HIDEAWAY BEACH - ROYAL MARCO POINT I 3000 Royal Marco Way #311 - Attractive 3BR/3BA end residence, multiple balconies for optimum views. Golf, tennis, fine dining, steps to beach.
\$795,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

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

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

THE ESPLANADE I 720 N. Collier Blvd. #204 - Magnificent Smokehouse Bay views await you in this waterfront condominium. Crown moldings, new tile throughout. **\$779,000** | Darlene Roddy | 404-0685

ROYAL MARCO POINT I 6000 Royal Marco Way #246 Stunning views of Gulf & Marco River, 600 SF glassed-in lanai, upgraded 2BR/2BA+den. Beach, golf, tennis & more!
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657 Spinnaker Drive - Great rental potential. Walk to Tigertail Beach, quick, easy boating access to Gulf. Beautiful 3BR/2BA pool home.
\$749,000 | ML Meade | 293-4851

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

HIDEAWAY BEACH - HABITAT 828 Hideaway Circle East #444 Rarely available 3BR/3BA penthouse overlooks golf course & Gulf! Over 2,800 SF under air. Incredible amenities.
\$695,000 | 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.
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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

355 Marquesas Court - Lovely 3BR plus den or 4th BR totally updated in 2007. Over 2,689 total SF, large pool, dock with 12,000 lb. lift.
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1562 Jamaica Court - Enjoy long & lush views of 16th fairway. Spacious screened lanai, heated pool, custom-built 3BR/2BA plus loft.
\$649,000 | Roe Tamagni | 398-1222 **NEW LISTING**

839 Perrine Court - Handyman's Special! Quick, direct access, over 2,300 SF of living area, 3BR/3BA, deep 2-car garage, lanai and pool.
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SANDCASTLE I 730 S. Collier Blvd. #205 - Beautiful, southern views of Marco's beach. Nicely furnished 2 bedroom with 1,313 total SF. Numerous amenities. **\$572,500** | Natalie Kirstein | 784-0491

SOUTH SEAS TOWER I 260 Seaview Court #906 - Walk to beach! Lovely 9th-floor 2BR/2BA end residence, great views from wraparound balcony. Gated entry, docks.
\$565,000 | 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

CLUB MARCO 690 Club Marco Circle #102 - Breathtaking Marco sunrises. Designer decorated 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Private, park-like setting. Offered turnkey. **\$499,000** | Elizabeth Summers | 269-4230

601 Somerset Court - Tigertail Beach area home includes spacious living area, updated kitchen and tropical lanai/pool. Turnkey furnished.
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BAYFRONT PLACE 790 West Elkcam Circle #101 - A 35-foot boat dock is included, furnished 3BR/2BA garden condominium. Pool, private complex, only 18 residences. **\$479,000** | Dave Flowers | 404-0493

VINTAGE BAY 133 Vintage Bay Drive #A-22 - Gorgeous Bay views, beautifully-furnished, 3BR/2BA turnkey condominium. Everything imaginable has been upgraded. **\$475,000** | Elizabeth Summers | 269-4230

SUSSEX 270 N. Collier Blvd. #307 - Enchanting Clam Bay views! Inviting 3BR corner residence, boat slip included. Bayside pool, tennis, near beach. **\$470,000** | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

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A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE



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This Saturday is Family Day at the museum.
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A multi-feature at the museum

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Exhibits showcase art glass, bronze sculptures, paintings and photography

WITH SEVERAL BLOCKBUSTER SHOWS UNDER WAY simultaneously at the Naples Museum of Art, I was intrigued to find out which is garnering the most attention and commentary from visitors.

When I went back for my second tour of the exhibitions after allowing myself some time for reflection, "Chihuly: Recent Work" was getting the most ooh-ing and aah-ing, hands down. Of course, that didn't come as a surprise; the renowned contemporary glassmaster Dale Chihuly is, after all, the best known of all the artists in the current mix at the museum.

A steady stream of visitors nearly filled the hallway beneath Mr. Chihuly's monumental permanent installation, "Persian Glass Ceiling," gazing upward as they slowly moved along, talking

among themselves as they admired and sought meaning in the colorful sea of blown glass shapes.

Around the corner, a more studious group of museum goers pondered bronze sculpture after bronze sculpture in "Woman: The Art of Gaston Lachaise." Quietly representing Mr. Lachaise's homage to his muse, who also was his wife, the voluptuous sculptures in this exhibit seemed to inspire

SEE MUSEUM, C4 ►



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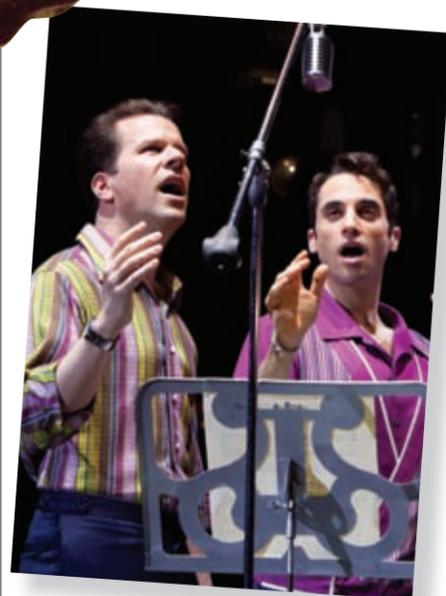
Clockwise from above: Works by Dale Chihuly, Alec Soth, Ben Aronson and Gaston Lachaise adorn the Phil.

WEEK at-a-glance



Before the Magic

A patrons party on Keewaydin, and more great to-dos around town. **C38, 39, 40 & 41** ►



Down the shore

"Jersey Boys" delights in a bold, brassy, exhilarating way. **C8** ►



On the National scene

Check out our photos from a lovely day at the Naples National Art Festival. **C21** ►



Restaurant sampler

Food writer Karen Feldman reports on some of the new eateries cropping up in the area. **C43** ►

Opera Naples brings 'The Magic Flute' to Cambier Park

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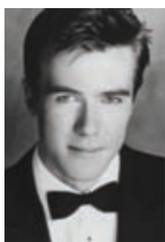
In a magic realm far, far away, a young prince must rescue the beautiful princess. Will he give in to the dark side or follow the light?



PATTERSON

Find out when Opera Naples presents "The Magic Flute" at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 5-6, in the band shell at Cambier Park. The production is Opera Naples' family opera for the 2010 season.

A cast that includes



FITZMAURICE

Patterson of the San Francisco Opera in the role of Sarastro; tenor Colm Fitzmaurice of the New York Gilbert and Sullivan Players as Tamino; and soprano Ava Pine, the Dallas Opera's Artist in Residence, as Pamina.

18 soloists will highlight local and regional talent from Opera Naples' Young Artists Training Program. The Opera Naples Orchestra will perform under the direction of maestro William Noll.

Guest artists will include bass James



PINE

returns to Opera Naples after a dazzling performance as Ralph in the company's 2008 production of "HMS Pinafore." Best known for his work with the New

Mr. Patterson has given more than 150 performances with the San Francisco Opera over the past 20 years, including Fafner in the widely acclaimed "Ring" cycle and the King of Egypt in "Aida" with Leontyne Price.

Mr. Fitzmaurice

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SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

Dodging the talker trap



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I once briefly dated a man, Fabian, who had a roster of ready dreams. He talked of big plans for the future and the exciting projects he had in mind. I was easily swept up in his charm and hoped to play a feature role in his dashing stories. When Fabian wasn't hyping the future, he planned dates for the two of us.

"Have you seen 'Pulp Fiction?'" he asked on the phone one night, right after the movie came out. "It's great. I'll take you to see it."

Another night, also on the phone, he asked if I had been to the new pool hall. I had not. "I'll take you," he promised.

Later, he asked about an Italian restaurant off 41. "They have the best garlic bread in town. Have you tried it?"

"Not yet," I said.

"We'll have to go there for dinner."

By this time, I had a running list of Fabian's great date ideas.

"Write that down," he would say after coming up with a new one. "We'll definitely have to try that together."

In actuality, we had been on a single date, a tame dinner I cooked at my place. Over time, Fabian's fabulous plans grew less appealing, too pie-in-the-sky, not enough action on the ground. He was

still suggesting new date options when I called it quits a few weeks later.

In relationships, as in life, there are talkers and there are doers. Talkers promise the world; doers deliver on promises. It can be small moments — "I'll call you this weekend" — or larger ones — "I'll always be there for you." Talkers trade in fantasy; disappointment is their currency. They leave a trail of dashed hopes, the kind that erode the foundation of a relationship.

A good friend, Catherine, learned the hard way what happens when you trust a perpetual talker and infrequent doer. Her relationship with Seth was slowly deteriorating, but she still clung to the hope that he might deliver. Seth rarely called when he said he would, and he never rang for a date after he dropped the "We should get together" line. He finally and unforgivably disappointed when it came to her new air conditioner.

Seth had promised at the beginning of the summer to install the unit in Catherine's living room window. The days grew longer and the sun grew hotter, and Catherine sweated in her stifling apartment. The air inside the one-bedroom was a suffocating jungle

heat. Seth swore he'd be out to put in the A/C every weekend, and Catherine waited through the sweltering months of July and August. By the time she set her clocks back in the fall, she acknowledged

Seth was never going to deliver.

Not to say we should

"Not to say we should cast aside every potential mate who talks a good game..."

cast aside every potential mate who talks a good game. The trick to maintaining a relationship with these types is to temper our hopes. If we know not to invest in their empty dreams, then we can enjoy their company and spare our feelings. It helps, too, to be self-reliant. That way, we don't need to rely on someone

else's assurances, and we can install our own air conditioners. ■



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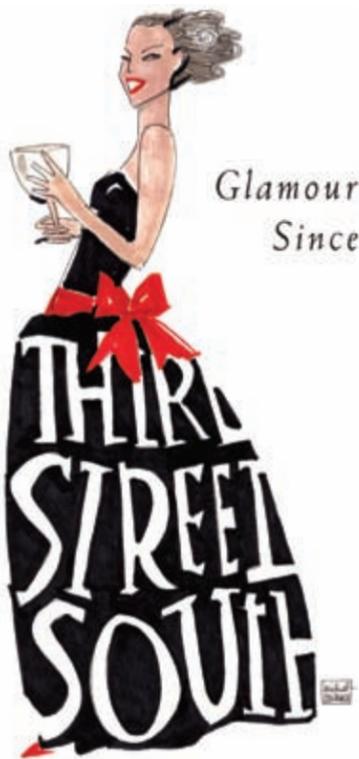


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MUSEUM

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silence and soft whispers between visitors rather than back-and-forth banter.

I stopped briefly at three pieces in the “Modern Mexican Masters” exhibit before moving on the main floor exhibition of three painters/photographers: “People, Places & Things: The Art of Ben Aronson, Joel Babb and Alec Soth.” The least visited and quietest of all the current exhibitions, this is where I went to center myself before returning to the almost overwhelming Chihuly display.

‘People, Places & Things’

I believe any number of Mr. Babb’s meticulously rendered paintings would garner five stars from any reviewer; three in particular, however — all exquisitely crafted woodlands landscapes — stole my heart.

His huge “Lily at the Foot of a Giant” (oil on linen, 2001) is so perfectly painted that it immediately transports the viewer into the very woodlands Mr. Babb depicts. Because of its scale, you can mentally wander through the woods, smell the stream, harken back to your childhood and the scent of the softly decaying leaves on the ground, the faint perfume of the wildflowers. You hear the trickle of the stream, remember the laughter, the picnics, the magic of what is now but an aching memory, filled with love and loss. You long to go home again.

The same holds true for Mr. Babb’s “Crystalline” (oil on linen, 2005) and “The Green Fuse” (oil on linen, 1995). Mr. Babb lives among these woods and is intent upon memorializing their existence on canvas. Mission accomplished.

Although Mr. Babb is equally adept at creating perspectives of architecture, cityscapes and beach scenes, that subject matter is represented in “People, Places & Things” by Ben Aronson (American 1958-), a painter who is stylistically considerably looser in his execution. I was most taken by Mr. Aronson’s “La Tour de Argent” (oil on panel, 20-by-20 inches, 2008), one of the smallest paintings in the exhibition.

I found the presence of Alec Soth’s (American 1969-) chromogenic prints, beautifully filmed as they are, somewhat disquieting as part of this exhibition, as though call girls and tattoos were misplaced in the middle of a landscape show. One second I was lost in childhood memories of the woods, or meandering down a back alley in Europe; the next I was staring at a tattooed, overweight body builder in jockey shorts, holding onto his Rottweiler at his kitchen table, or a provocatively posed Chinese teenager in too-tight, too-short shorts, with lace “boots” and a very sexually pierced naval.

I must admit that I would enjoy owning one of Mr. Soth’s prints from this show (though where I would place it, I have no idea). I can best describe it as a post-Haight-Ashbury, hallucinogenic “bedroom from hell.” The bed is almost lost in strands of blue Christmas lights, dangling beads and silver balls, and in the background is a painting of two nude women. Beneath the bed, pretty much invisible (unless you are very short or sitting down), are the “hear no evil, see no evil, speak no evil” monkeys. I did a double take and caught sight of a fourth figure, simply smiling.

‘Woman: The Art of Gaston Lachaise’

With the bedroom from hell still on my mind, I returned to the Gaston



COURTESY PHOTO

Clockwise from above: Works by Alec Soth, Dale Chihuly and Joel Babb are all on exhibit at the Phil.

Lachaise (1882-1935) exhibition. This is a rare opportunity to see the French sculptor’s obsession up close and personal. The castings, carefully controlled by the family foundation, are beautifully reproduced and displayed. Two of them: “Small Head of Isabel La Chaise” (1903) and “Short-Tailed Peacock” (1918) are especially exquisite.

That said, despite the fact this is an important exhibition, and my neighbor and friend (a man) waxed poetic about it at length for the daily paper, I must tell you: As someone who was stalked for several years and who worked with rape and domestic violence victims before changing careers, I did not see love in this show; I saw obsession. I saw a woman whose every breath, pose and thought was controlled by her husband. And I chose not to immerse myself in yet one more evisceration of a female — even if it should turn out that Mr. Lachaise and his wife’s relationship was, indeed, one of the great love stories of all time.

I don’t think so.

‘Chihuly: Recent Works’

Mr. Chihuly is a different matter altogether.

I practically hocked my soul to



acquire one of his earliest pieces, long before he became a household name. In recent years, however, I have had strongly mixed emotions about some of his projects and the lack of his hands-on production of them.

I felt the same mixed emotions as I viewed “Recent Works.”

It is impossible to truly appreciate “Persian Glass Ceiling” when you are in a relatively narrow space, surrounded by people chattering. It is a magnificent ceiling, no doubt; however, I am very tall, and it is too close to my visual field to allow me to examine it properly.

To fully appreciate it, I would like the opportunity to stretch out on the floor and immerse myself in it, inch by inch. I think viewed this way, it would be infinitely closer to a religious experience than it is, simply strolling through the hallway, trying not to bump into someone while you look up.

Three of the other rooms housing this exhibit, however, provoked entirely different responses. There were no crowds in any of them; I was able to sit and ponder quietly in one. I was ready to remove my shoes and meditate in the steel gray room containing eight of Mr. Chihuly’s most precious vessels. Created between 1999 and 2008, these small silvered vessels are adorned with one or another form of sea life. With each poised perfectly on its own pedestal, the effect is breathtaking.

Another room contains some of Mr. Chihuly’s most lushly colored, large “basket” forms, simply arranged on a long low platform.

The third room houses his interpretation of a garden: silvered glass

fronds, twisting, turning and intertwining with other organic forms of essentially clear glass. I guesstimate the size of the “garden” to be roughly 18 by 18 feet. Two large, vertical acrylic paintings by Mr. Chihuly dominate two walls. Similar in motif, they are essentially reeds against a red or blue and silver and black background. I thought the latter painting was a stunner — except for Mr. Chihuly’s ego ruining it with his huge signature in black.

But what I wish Mr. Chihuly had NOT placed in this “Recent Works” exhibition are the pieces museum visitors see as they step off the elevator. Clearly searching for yet another new “look,” his attempts to integrate solid silver vases with flowers — one all silver, one with blue glass “flowers” and another with red glass “flowers” — fall far short of the mark. I love silver; I love glass. But these pieces appear forced, artificial, heavy. I also disliked the small pieces surrounding them, one of which looked very much like a failed Dan Dailey imitation.

Around the corner, with a series of sketches, Mr. Chihuly references his time spent with Lino Tagliapietra, to my mind the greatest glass blower alive today. Everything he creates is done with such skill it defies belief.

Mr. Chihuly is a very wealthy man; he needs to take a serious look at the pieces in the entry to this exhibition and ask himself if he really wants them to be part of his legacy.

—“People, Places & Things: The Art of Ben Aronson, Joel Babb and Alec Soth” is at the Naples Museum of Art through April 18. (Mr. Babb is also represented by Trudy Labell Fine Art. See his newest paintings in “Reality Check” on exhibit at the Naples gallery through February.)

—“Chihuly: Recent Work” closes April 25.

—“Woman: The Art of Gaston Lachaise” closes April 30.

—“Modern Mexican Masters,” which Ms. Longstreth will review separately, will be at the museum until June 30. ■

in the know



>> On exhibit at The Jay & Patty Baker Naples Museum of Art at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts:

- >> “People, Places & Things: The Art of Ben Aronson, Joel Babb and Alec Soth”
- >> “Chihuly: Recent Work”
- >> “Woman: The Art of Gaston Lachaise”
- >> “Modern Mexican Masters”
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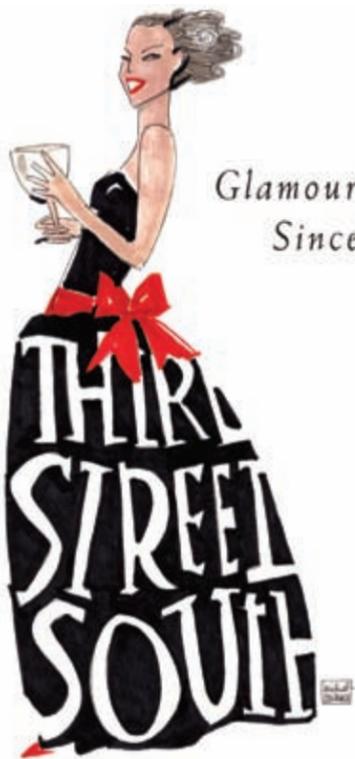
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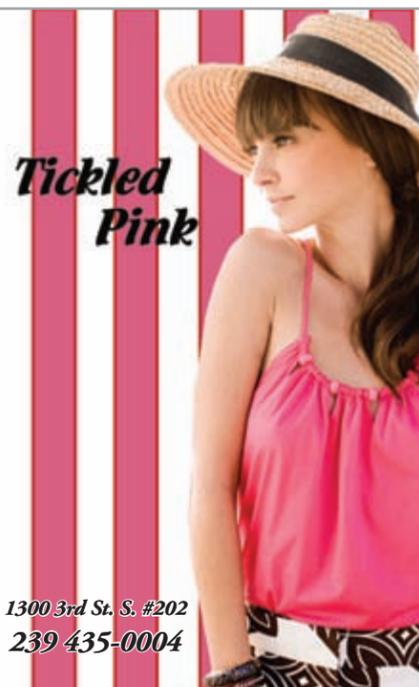


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■ **Razzle Dazzle** - By The Great Gorgonzola & His New Assistant, playing at the Inn of Naples through March 13. Enjoy Gorgonzola's magic performances set against favorite opera classics. \$30 for adults, \$20 for children; tickets are available at the Inn of Naples front desk or at Ticketweb.com.

■ **Assisted Living** - By local satirists Compton & Bennett at the Bonita Elks Lodge, 3231 Coconut Rd., Bonita Springs, at 8 p.m. Feb. 27. \$15. www.comptonandbennett.com, 1-800-838-3006 or 898-0052.

■ **Beau Jest** - By the Gulfshore Playhouse at the Norris Center through March 7. (866) 811-4111 or www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org.

■ **Jersey Boys: The story of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons** - At the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall through March 7. 481-4849.

■ **Fly Me to the Moon!** - At Sanibel's Schoolhouse Theater, a musical tribute to the songs of Frank, Sammy and Dean, through March 20. 472-6862.

■ **The King and I** - At Broadway Palm through April 10. 278-4422.

■ **6 One Acts by Christopher Durang** - At the FGCU Theatre through Feb. 28. 590-7268.

■ **Murder on ze Menu** - On the Murder Mystery Dinner Train on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. 275-8487 or www.semigulf.com.

■ **Glorious** - By Theatre Conspiracy at the Foulds Theater on select dates in February. 936-3239.

■ **Are We There Yet?** - At Off Broadway Palm Theatre through March 7. 278-4422.

■ **Mauritius** - By the Naples Players at the Sugden Community Theatre through Feb. 27. 263-7990.

■ **Fiddler on the Roof** - By the Naples Players at the Sugden Community Theatre March 3-April 3. 263-7990.

■ **On Golden Pond** - By the Marco Players through March 14. www.TheMarcoPlayers.com.

■ **Charley's Aunt** - At Labelle's Firehouse Cultural Center Feb. 26-28 and March 5-7. (863) 675-3066.

Symphony

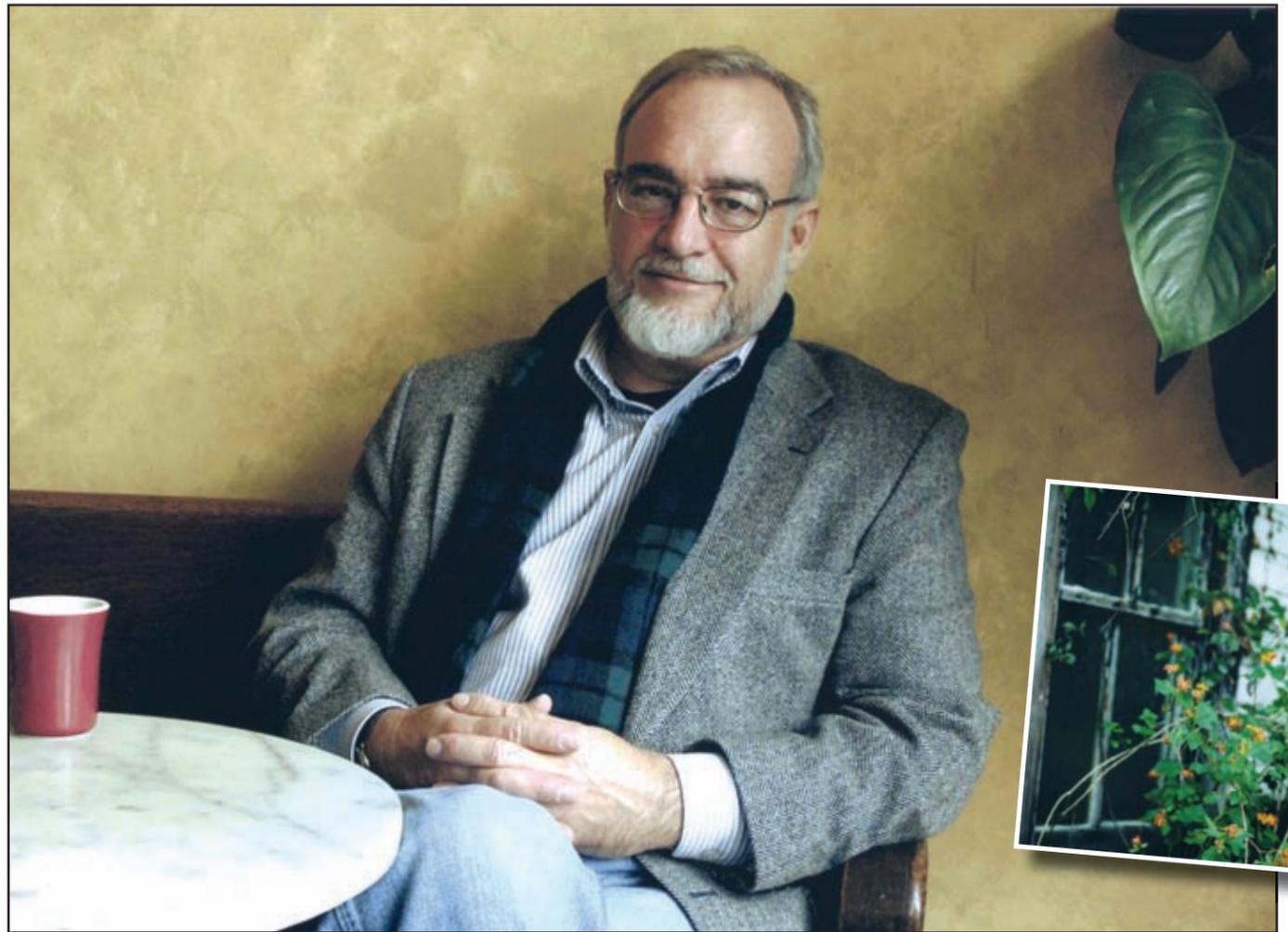
■ **Brahms Tunes** - The Southwest Florida Symphony and Chorus perform Brahms German Requiem at 8 p.m. Feb. 27 at McGregor Baptist Church. 418-1500.

■ **Rigoletto** - The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra performs "Teatro Lirico D'Europa: Rigoletto" at 8 p.m. Feb. 27 at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900.

Thursday, Feb. 25

■ **Comic Talent** - John Henton performs at the Off The Hook Comedy Club today through Sunday. 389-6900.

■ **Performer** - Tommy Tune stars in "Steps In Time" at the Philharmonic



COURTESY PHOTO

Bluegrass musician, financial advisor, nature photographer and Naples resident Russ Morrison presents "Another Way to Look at Art," his one-man photography show, opening with a reception from 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at Bayshore Landing Café, 2727 Bayshore Drive. The Whole Tones will entertain beginning at 8 p.m., after which there will be a \$5 cover charge.

Center for the Arts at 8 p.m. 597-1900.

■ **Military Band** - The U.S. Navy Band Sea Chanters performs at 7 p.m. at the Cambier Park band shell. 213-3058.

■ **Art Event** - The Art League of Bonita Springs presents Art League Studios at the Promenade at Bonita Bay from 4-7 p.m. 495-8989.

■ **Thursdays on Third** - Enjoy live music and free entertainment along with shopping and dining every Thursday evening between November and May on Third Street South. www.thirdstreetsouth.com.

■ **Quiz Night** - The English Pub hosts Quiz Night at 8:30 p.m. 775-3727, 2408 Linwood Ave. East Naples. www.naplesenglishpub.com.

Friday, Feb. 26

■ **Spring Designs** - Marissa Collections hosts a Trunk Show featuring designs by Yossi Harari with personal appearance by the designer. 263-4333 for times and reservations.

■ **Chickee Chat** - Enjoy a lecture by Chris Pendleton, president and CEO of the Edison-Ford Winter Estates, at 11 a.m. at Palm Cottage. 261-8164 for reservations. 137 12th Ave. South.

■ **Acoustic Duo** - National touring guitarists Patchouli perform "folk meets flamenco" at the C Grape Coffee & Wine Bar, 4450 Bonita Beach Road, from 7-10 p.m. 221-7388.

■ **Outdoor Concert** - The Music Makers Show Band performs at the Cambier Park band shell from 7-9 p.m. Feb. 26. 213-3058.

■ **Art Reception** - An Art & Soul Exhibit Reception is set for 6-9 p.m. at the Sweet Art Gallery in Naples. 597-2110.

■ **Jazz Musician** - Steve Tyrell performs at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts at 8 p.m. 597-1900.

■ **Live Music** - Miromar Outlets host live entertainment by Angie & Perfect Gentlemen from 6-8 p.m. 948-3766.

■ **Rock Concert** - Three Days Grace and Breaking Benjamin perform at Germain Arena in Estero, with special guest Flyleaf. 1-800-745-3000.

■ **Bluegrass Tunes** - Frontline Bluegrass performs at the Freedom Park Family Farmers Market at Goodlette and Golden Gate Parkway, with special guests The Laws.

■ **Weekend Concerts** - Gulf Coast Town Center offers its free Weekend Concert Series in Market Plaza from 7-9 p.m. Tonight: Classic hits by the Derek Trenholm Duo. 267-0783 or gulfcoasttowncenter.com.

Saturday, Feb. 27

■ **Duck Races** - The Great Venetian Duck Race takes place from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Village on Venetian Bay. Join in the fun as 10,000 rubber ducks are launched into Venetian Bay to benefit the Children's Museum of Naples. 261-6100. 4200 Gulf Shore Blvd.

■ **Build a Play** - Gulfshore Playhouse offers a class in "How to Build a Play." Playwright James Sherman presents this workshop from 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. \$40 for adults and \$20 for students. The Norris Center, 213-3058, 755 8th Ave. South.

■ **Art Opening** - A reception for a one-man photographic art show by Russ Morrison takes place from 6-8 p.m. at Bayshore Landing Cafe, 2727 Bayshore Drive, Naples. 417-2218.

■ **Art Fest** - The Marco Island Celebrates the Arts Festival takes place from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. today and Sunday at the Marco Island Center for the Arts. Enjoy arts and crafts, an antique car show and live entertainment. 394-4721.

■ **Outdoor Movie** - Family Movie Night takes place at 7 p.m. at the Norris Center. 218-3058, 755 8th Ave. South.

■ **Art in Estero** - The Estero Fine Art Show is set for 10 a.m.-5 p.m. today and Sunday at Miromar Outlets. www.Miromar.com.

■ **Historic Homes** - The Bonita Springs Historical Society invites the public for an afternoon tour of the past from 1-4 p.m. Tour three early houses, dating from 1886 to the 1930s. \$25. 992-6997.

■ **Art Fundraiser** - Tropical Splendor is hosted from 6:30-11:30 p.m. by the Art League of Bonita Springs. Reservation: \$150 per person. Enjoy music by the Southwest Florida Big Band plus a Caribbean dinner and live auction. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ **Weekend Concerts** - Gulf Coast Town Center offers its free Weekend Concert Series in Market Plaza from 7-9 p.m. Tonight: Contemporary hits by Acoustic Addiction. 267-0783 or gulfcoasttowncenter.com.

■ **Chess Anyone?** - The Southwest Florida Chess Club invites players of all ages and abilities to gather at Books-A-Million at Mercado from 1:30-5 p.m. 898-0458 or e-mail swflchess@yahoo.com.

Sunday, Feb. 28

■ **Lily Tomlin** - Enjoy her comedic genius at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts at 8 p.m. 597-1900.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

■ **Naples Concert** - Voices of Naples presents "The Color of Music" at 3 p.m. at the Naples United Church of Christ, 5200 Crayton Rd. Naples. Scholarship winners are featured. 455-2582 or www.voicesofnaples.org.

■ **Outdoor Film** - Gulf Coast Town Center shows Silver Screen Classic movies at 7 p.m. every Sunday through the end of March. Tonight: "Singin' in the Rain." Picnics, lawn chairs and blankets are welcome. 267-0783 or GulfCoastTownCenter.com.

Monday, March 1

■ **Moscow Ballet** - The Philharmonic presents the Moscow Festival Ballet at 8 p.m. 597-1900.

■ **Concert Pianist** - Jodie DeSalvo performs at 7 p.m. tonight and Tuesday at the Daniels Pavilion at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900.

■ **Love Trivia?** - The Pub at Mercato has Trivia Night every Monday at 7:30 p.m. 594-9400.

Tuesday, March 2

■ **Chubby Checker** - Chubby Checker & the Wildcats and Lou Christie perform at 8 p.m. at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900.

■ **Trunk Show** - Marissa Collection hosts the Rena Lauge fall trunk show today and Wednesday. 687-1148 for times. 1167 3rd St. South.

■ **Team Trivia** - Boston Beer Garden Team Trivia is played at 9 p.m. every Tuesday at 2396 Immokalee Rd. 596-2337.

Wednesday, March 3

■ **Art in Cinema** - The Art League of Bonita Springs presents "Affairs of the Arts No. 11 - Art in Cinema 3" from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Cost: \$40 per person or \$100 per person for three-part series. Enjoy a buffet dinner followed by a viewing of the film "Girl with a Pearl Earring." 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Upcoming Events

■ **Village Nights** - Enjoy music and shopping from 6-9 p.m. March 4 at The Village on Venetian Bay. 403-2204.

■ **Free Concert** - Jimmy Blackwood and the Blackwood Brothers Quartet give a free concert at Marco Presbyterian Church 7 p.m. March 5. Love offering accepted, 875 West Elkcam Circle, Marco Island. 394-8186 or marcochurch.com.

■ **Bill W. and Dr. Bob** - By the Prather Entertainment Group at Edison State College, 7007 Lely Cultural Parkway, at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 5-7; and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 6-7. Tickets: \$28. Reservations: 278-4422.

■ **Happy Hour** - Season kicks into gear from 5:15-7 p.m. March 5 with the start of the Spring Series at the Naples Botanical Garden as Frontline Bluegrass Band takes the "stage" to perform live for listeners as they lounge in the Garden. Sip a drink and enjoy the meandering paths through the gardens during. Regular admission is \$4.95-\$9.95; members are free. www.naples-garden.org.

garden.org.

■ **Miniatures Exhibit** - The Art League of Bonita Springs hosts A Pastel & Small Works Exhibition and Open House from 6-8 p.m. March 5. The exhibition remains on display through March 18. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ **Art Opening** - 10th Street Design Group members Peggy Oberlin Interiors, Leufvenius Designs, Linda Burke Interiors and TEC Construction and Development host a reception marking the opening of an exhibit by photographic artist Kevin Caffrey from 5-7 p.m. March 5 at 141 10th Street South. 354.9878.

■ **Irish Tunes** - The 70 voices of the Paradise Coastmen barbershop chorus celebrate Irish songs by American composers at its annual shows at 7 p.m. March 5-6 at North Naples United Methodist Church, 6000 Goodlette Road. 352-6366 or Paradisecoastment@comcast.net.

■ **Art Fest** - The Mercato Fine Arts Festival takes place from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. March 6-7. 403-2204.

■ **Art Event** - Art in the Park is set for 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. March 6 on Park Street, alongside The von Liebig Art Center. 262-6517.

■ **Gourmet Fare** - The Art League of Bonita Springs presents Affairs of the Arts at 6 p.m. March 6. \$200 per person. Eight wines are paired with a four-course gourmet dinner created by Chef Martin Murphy at the Robb & Stucky Culinary Center. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ **Outdoor Concert** - The Acoustic Music Society of Southwest Florida presents a free concert featuring Phil Leadbetter, Richard Bennett, Jarrod Walker and Jimmy Little, from 4-7 p.m. March 6 at the Restaurant Piazza at Miromar Outlets. 948-5384.

■ **Music Aplenty** - The Acoustic Music Society of Southwest Florida presents four bands, Skeeterland Band, Sawgrass Drifters, Borrowed Time and The Bean Pickers, from 2-4:14 p.m. March 7 at the Bonita Elks Club, 3231 Coconut Road. Admission \$6. 947-2753.

■ **Outdoor Tunes** - The Bonita Springs Concert Band performs at 2 p.m. March 7 at Riverside Park on Old 41. www.bonitaspringsconcertband.com.

■ **Chamber Concert** - "5th Brandenburg on 5th," the debut of the Fifth Avenue Chamber Orchestra, is set for March 8 at the Sugden Community Theatre, with Maria Nemtsova on piano and William Noll, conductor. 434-8505, or www.ClassicChamberConcerts.org.

■ **British Invasion** - Moody Blues performs at 8 p.m. March 10 at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. 481-4849.

■ **Four Loves of FDR** - By Rusty Brown and Regina Dowd at 2 p.m. March 10 at South County Regional Library, 21100 Three Oaks Pkwy, Estero. No charge. 390-3200.

■ **Bluegrass Concert** - Frontline Bluegrass performs from 7-11 p.m. March 12 at Bayshore Landing with special surprise guests. \$ 5 cover. www.bayshorelanding.com.

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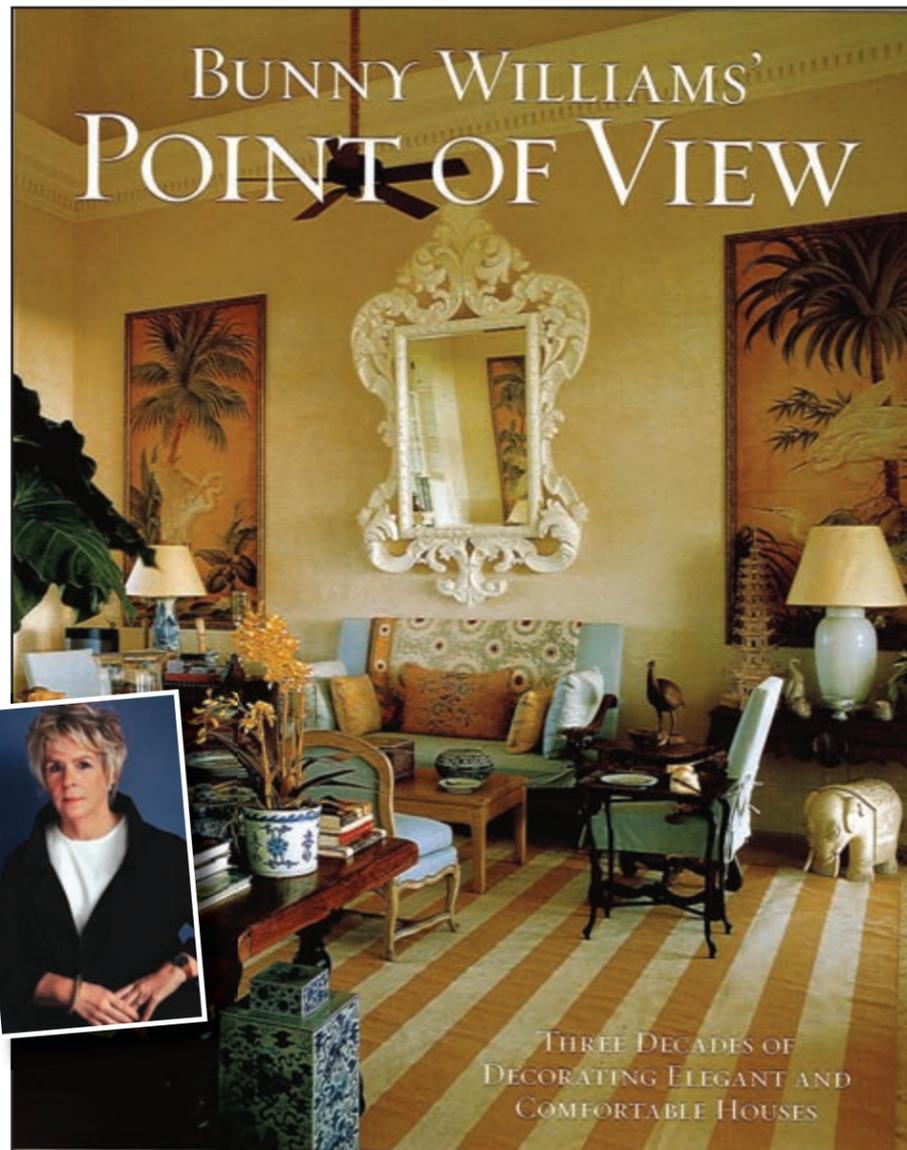
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THEATER REVIEW

'Jersey Boys': Almost just too good to be true

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Wow!

Sometimes the hype surrounding a musical is so ridiculously inflated that it's impossible for the show to meet expectations when you finally do see it.

That's not the case with "Jersey Boys," playing at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall through March 7.

You can believe the hype.
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It's bold, it's brassy, it's exhilarating.

It starts out big, then keeps cranking up the intensity, scene after scene and song after song.

It's a cleverly written, well-acted, thoroughly entertaining show.

"Jersey Boys" is the rags-to-riches story of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons: four blue-collar guys from New Jersey who rubbed shoulders with mobsters when they weren't performing — but when they sang, they harmonized like angels.

Their story is every fledgling performer's dream: the quintessential show biz success story of fighting one's way out of obscurity to world-wide fame.

For the first 40 minutes or so of the show, we watch the Four Seasons struggle, groping for their sound, for the right blend of voices and talent. They can't even settle on a name.

Two musicians, Tommy De Vito (Matt Bailey) and Nick Massi (Steve Gouveia), nab Frankie Valli (Joseph Leo Bwarie) for their group. His unique falsetto and boyish looks (he's still a teen) make audiences sit up and listen to them.

But it isn't until Joe Pesci (understudy Ryan Strand) introduces Bob Gaudio (Ryan Jesse) to the trio that musical magic happens.

Mr. Gaudio had a hit at 15 with "(Who Wears) Short Shorts." But two years later, when he gets together with the other three guys and auditions, something happens. It's a stunning moment on stage that electrifies the audience.

Mr. Gaudio, at the piano, starts singing "Cry for Me." Mr. Valli, instantly recognizing a musical kindred spirit, joins in. Then bassist Mr. Massi, and finally, guitarist Mr. De Vito. By the end of the song, the four are harmonizing, and you know the group has not only found each other, but found their sound.

And here's the wonderful, crazy part: The audience responds to them as if



COURTESY IMAGE/ JOAN MARCUS

Steve Gouveia, Joseph Leo Bwarie, Ryan Jesse and Matt Bailey star as The Four Seasons in the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall production of "Jersey Boys."

they're the actual group, just like people at an Elvis impersonator concert. From that moment on, you can feel the audience rooting for the group, urging them on to success.

They meet the talented record producer Bob Crewe (a witty and flamboyant Jonathan Hadley), who promises he'll record them once they write a hit. Meanwhile, much to their frustration, he uses them for back-up singers — until Mr. Gaudio pens "Sherry."

The rest is history, including "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Walk Like a Man," "December, 1963 (Oh, What Night)," "My Eyes Adored You," "Dawn (Go Away)."

Mr. Gaudio and Mr. Crewe teamed up to co-write many of the tunes.

The familiar songs just wash over the audience without ceasing, wave after wave of them. And the sound is close enough to the originals that you don't feel put off. Mr. Bwarie, especially, as Mr. Valli, is on-target, tirelessly belting out song after song. The harmonies are great.

And when Mr. Valli gets his long-desired horn section and croons "Can't Take My Eyes Off You" in Act II, the theater is up for grabs.

There's no questioning why "Jersey Boys" received the 2006 Tony Award for Best Musical and a Grammy for Best Musical Album, or why, three years later, it earned England's Olivier Award for Best New Musical.

True, it's a story we've all seen in "Behind the Music" episodes: Unknowns find their way, hit it big, have a falling out, struggle with major problems and then finally, somehow, rise from the ashes once again. But amazingly, "Jersey Boys" doesn't come across as schlocky or predictable, even though we pretty much know what's going to happen. We might not know the details, but we've seen this scenario before with other groups.

It's to these actors' credit that we feel invested in the group, and we want them to succeed. We sit in our theater seats, willing them to find their way and triumph.

It's the talented writing of Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice that puts "Jersey Boys" head and shoulders above all the other jukebox musicals. Amazingly, it's the first Broadway musical for Mr. Brickman and Mr. Elice. Yes, they had fabulous songs to work with, but the book is just as good as the music. They keep the scenes short, just like the songs of the time (which usually ran for two and a half minutes).

They divide the show into four parts, each one devoted to a season, and each narrated by one of the Four Seasons. It's a democratic way to tell the tale.

The seasons, as well as elements of key scenes, are announced by comic book-like, Roy Lichtenstein-esque graphics (by Howell Binkey) projected on screens.

Using a minimal amount of props, scenes change in seconds, sliding in and

out of the wings.

Scenic designer Klara Zieglerova has kept the stage simple: some girders, a catwalk, and chain link fencing, all calling to mind the gritty streets of Jersey. Add a backdrop with silhouettes of smoke stacks, factories and telephone lines, and you can almost smell the exhaust from the turnpike.

A recording studio? A hanging mike, a glass panel and a couple music stands.

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame? An oversized white neon guitar hanging overhead.

In one scene, the audience becomes part of the story as the Four Seasons perform upstage, their backs to us, a wall of white lights blinding us. It's a clever way of making us feel that we're literally behind the scenes.

"Jersey Boys" is filled with little gems like this.

Unfortunately, the sound was not the best at times at the Mann Hall, with some pieces of dialogue being lost or garbled.

Mr. Bwarie carries the lion's share of the show; if he didn't convince us he was Frankie Valli, there would be no show. And yes, he's just as good as the actor portraying Mr. Valli on Broadway.

Mr. Jesse, as Mr. Gaudio, is winsome, shy and hesitant. Mr. Gouveia is a little understated in his role as the obsessive compulsive Mr. Massi, especially for such a big hall, while Mr. Bailey should take care not to let his character become a caricature.

While this is a male-heavy show, there are three "Jersey girls." Sarah Darling, Denise Payne and Kara Tremel portray many different characters throughout the night, including the girl group The Angels, Mr. Valli's wife, his daughter Francine and a trio of prostitutes sent to the group on Christmas as a thank-you gift.

Did the career of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons happen exactly like this?

Well, as Mr. De Vito says at the beginning of the show, "You ask four different guys, you get four different answers."

But the music — the music hasn't changed. It's still golden, still as good as the first time you heard it on your transistor radio down the shore. ■

in the know

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GIVING

First Friday at Mercato will benefit 11-year-old Naples heart patient

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

During hard economic times, charitable organizations are often the first to feel the pinch.

For those struggling with life-threatening illnesses and related medical expenses, the squeeze is even more severe. And, those are the people that Neighbors Helping Neighbors wants to reach. Since its inaugural event last October at Mercato First Fridays, NHN has raised thousands of dollars for one local individual each month who is struggling with medical expenses due to critical lifesaving surgeries and treatments.

Spearheaded by The Lutgert Companies, who formed a partnership with the philanthropic organization iWannahelp.net, NHN was introduced as part of the monthly community event with the idea of mixing fun and fundraising. The organizations share a vision to raise awareness and funds for those individuals who have substantial medical costs due to lifesaving surgeries and treatments some reaching into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. None have medical insurance.

The merchants at Mercato have also rallied around the cause of helping a neighbor in need and have participated each month by offering specials discounts and in-store drawings, donating the proceeds on behalf of each month's recipient.

"We are proud of the enthusiasm the merchants have demonstrated," says Kristin Cartwright, director of commercial marketing for The Lutgert Companies. "There are so many in our community who need assistance, but we do feel

we are making a difference."

Donte Walkins has been chosen as the March recipient. The 11-year-old Naples boy was diagnosed with congenital hypoplastic left heart syndrome, which occurs when parts of the left side of the heart (mitral valve, left ventricle aortic valve and aorta) do not develop completely.

On March 12 last year, Donte underwent a life-saving heart transplant at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami. The cost of the transplant exceeded \$500,000, according to the Children's Organ Transplant Association.

"He is in school now, and has learned how to ride his bike," says Dion Walkins, Donte's father, who works as a handyman.

It's been a long battle for the family with Donte in and out of hospitals since birth. His condition causes a lack of oxygen. "It's great to not see his fingertips and lips blue anymore," Mr. Walkins says.

Donte enjoys the same typical things as other kids his age: watching TV, reading and playing video games. His father credits the family's love and support as helping keep Donte's spirits up. "He's a great kid," he says. The close, loving family will need to draw on that strength going forward. Doctors have stated that Donte will need another operation in 10 years.

The nonprofit iWannaHelp.net is a networking site designed to streamline philanthropic efforts and provide an internet-based home for nonprofits, businesses and the public. The Web site provides information on local charitable events and allows interested parties the opportunity to get involved and give back. Registration is free, and members have access to make tax-deductible donations on line, offer in-kind services, set up sponsorships or nominate persons in need.

The community is invited to join in on the festivities at Mercato First Friday from 6-10 p.m. March 6. Shops and restaurants throughout Mercato will have beverage and food specials, complimentary appetizers, in-store drawings and more. All proceeds will go to iWanna-



DANTE WALKINS

Designer Boutique will help The Shelter

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Fifteen percent of all sales will benefit the life-transforming programs and services offered by The Shelter.

Admission to the Designer Boutique is free. For more information, call 775-3862. ■

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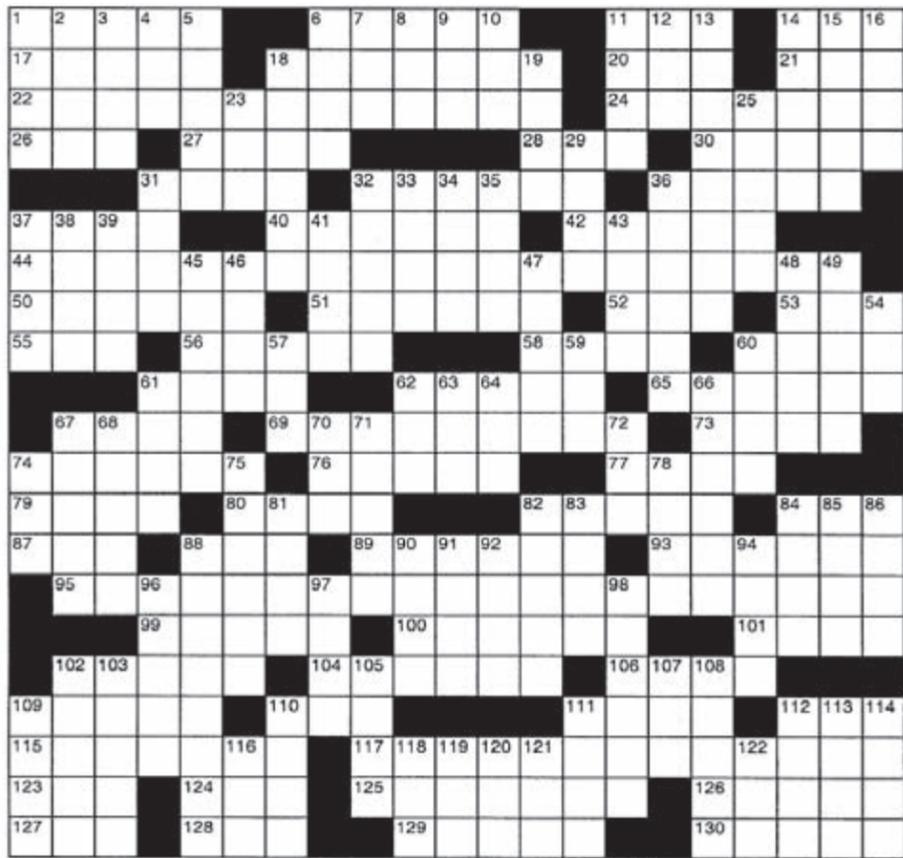
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SEE ANSWERS, C9

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HOROSCOPES

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Your ability to make needed changes without causing too much, if any, negative ripple effect comes in handy when dealing with a sensitive matter either on the job or in the family.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Change is still dominant for Rams and Ewes, both in the workplace and their private lives. This is also a good time to look at a possible relocation if that has been one of your goals.

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Doing things for others is what you do well. But don't forget that Bovines thrive on the arts, so make some time for yourself to indulge your passion for music and artistic expressions.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** While the Romantic Twin considers where to go for his or her upcoming vacation, the Practical Twin will start making travel plans now to take advantage of some great bargains.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Your sensitive nature helps you deal with a difficult emotional situation. Be patient and continue to show your sincere support wherever (and for whom-ever) it is needed.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** You're making progress as you move through some unfamiliar territory. And while there might be a misstep or two along the way, overall you're heading in the right direction. Good luck.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Some good news arrives — and just in time to remind you that you're

making progress. Perhaps things aren't moving as quickly as you'd prefer, but they're moving nevertheless.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** This is a good week to step back and assess the facts that have recently emerged to see where they can be used to your advantage. Also, don't hesitate to make changes where necessary.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** You should begin to experience some support from those who now agree with your point of view. This should help counter the remaining objections from die-hard skeptics.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Don't let your aim be deflected by trivial matters as you try to resolve a confusing situation. Take time to find and thoroughly assess the facts before making any decision.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** The possibility of moving to another location has come up. But before you dismiss it as unworkable, it's worth checking out just in case it does have some merit after all.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** New relationships — personal or work-related — show mixed signals. Best to assume nothing. Let things play themselves out until you have something substantive to work with.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** Although you like things to go smoothly, you're not shy about making waves when you believe the situation calls for it.

By Linda Thistle

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'Shutter Island'



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When Martin Scorsese is on, his movies are so awesome we can't wait to see them again. "Shutter Island" leaves us wanting to see it again, but for different reasons.

The film is a psychological thriller, which is new territory for the master director. He handles the subject matter well, but not perfectly; the eerie tone and gloomy atmosphere are more impressive than the complex story, which will leave some scratching their heads.

The year is 1954, and off the coast of Boston is Shutter Island. The only livable area on the island is a hospital for the criminally insane, and that's where Federal Marshals Teddy Daniels (Leonardo DiCaprio) and new partner Chuck Aule (Mark Ruffalo) go to investigate the disappearance of Rachel (Emily Mortimer), an inmate who murdered her three children. Music supervisor Robbie Robertson's haunting score as Teddy and Chuck drive from the ferry to the hospital creates an impressive amount of tension while little actually happens.

With a brutal storm on the horizon, Teddy and Chuck meet Dr. Cawley (Ben Kingsley), who runs the asylum, but they soon realize neither he nor his colleague, Dr. Naehring (Max Von Sydow), are interested in helping. Worse, Teddy keeps getting headaches and has visions of his ex-wife (Michelle Williams), who died in a fire.

As Mr. Scorsese gradually unfolds layer after layer of the story, which is based on a Dennis Lehane ("Mystic River") novel and was adapted by Laeta Kalogridis, it's clear that this is no ordinary investigation. It's good that we're taken places we don't anticipate, and Mr. Scorsese and editor Thelma Schoonmaker pace the film to allow each revelation to sink in before surprising us with a new twist. However, Teddy's Holocaust flashbacks add unnecessary weight to the story, and other slow moments, such as the scene in which Teddy and Chuck interview patients in the cafeteria, grind the movie to a halt.

A word on Mr. DiCaprio. He is one of the finest actors working today, and his consistently solid choices (his next film, "Inception," is directed by Christopher Nolan ("The Dark Knight") and is set for release July 2010) make him an actor with integrity and immense talent. "Shutter Island" is his fourth movie with Mr. Scorsese, and his performance here is expectedly superb and convincing.

Some will be surprised to see Mr. Scorsese in this genre, but it's interesting to note that the most common theme in all his movies — that of a man who willingly puts himself into a situation he can't get out of — remains prominent in "Shutter Island." Even though the film doesn't rank among Mr. Scorsese's greats ("Raging Bull," "Goodfellas," "The Departed"), it is an interesting addition to an already substantial body of work. ■

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Did you know?

>> During production, Mr. Scorsese screened classic films that echoed the themes found in "Shutter Island." One such film was "Titticut Follies," Frederick Wiseman's controversial 1967 documentary about the treatment of inmates at a Massachusetts hospital for the criminally insane in the 1950s and '60s.

CAPSULES

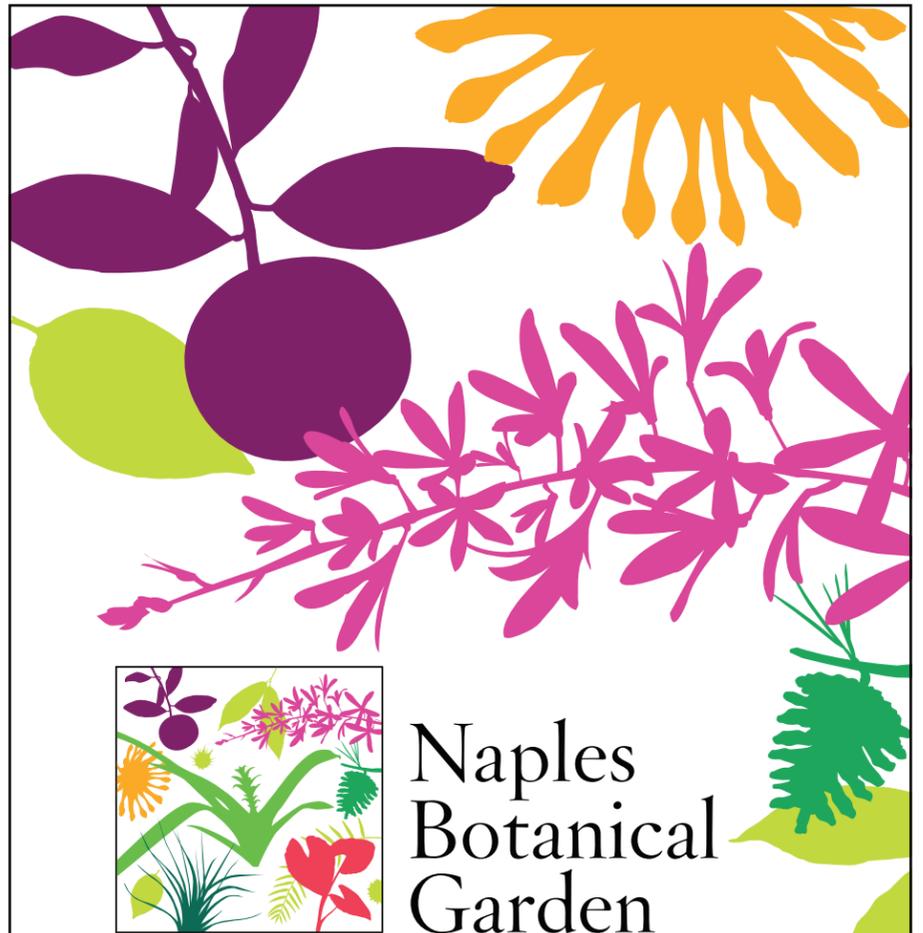
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The Last Station ★★½

(Helen Mirren, Christopher Plummer, Paul Giamatti) In his dying days, famed Russian writer Leo Tolstoy (Plummer) debates leaving the rights to his work to his wife (Mirren) or to his loyal followers, called "Tolstoyans." The Oscar-nominated performances of Mr. Mirren and Mr. Plummer are strong, but the story feels hollow in that Mr. Tolstoy doesn't believe in the ideals of his legions of his followers, and therefore has no real reason to consider giving the rights to them. Rated R.

The Wolfman ★★

(Benicio Del Toro, Anthony Hopkins, Emily Blunt) Upon hearing the news that his brother (Simon Merrells) was murdered, actor Lawrence Talbot (Del Toro) returns to his dreary English home and meets his brother's ex-fiancé (Blunt). His father (Hopkins) warns him to stay inside, but he doesn't listen and is soon bitten by a werewolf. Bad things happen from there. I know it's set in 1891 England, but it's so insistently gloomy that you can't help but think some sunshine would brighten everyone's spirits. Alas, the story is a bit all over the place and the action/effects are serviceable but not impressive. Rated R. ■



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Getting the picture

Through his photographs, Kevin Caffrey creates a different take on the world

Photographs can serve as snapshots of history, trips to faraway places or family members and friends past and present. For Naples-based photographic artist Kevin Caffrey, they provide an opportunity to extend the boundaries of traditional photography, to create something fresh and unexpected and to present every day moments in a colorfully different way.

"Photography offers possibilities for creating a different take on the world," Mr. Caffrey says. "There are photo opportunities everywhere. We often miss them because our attention is focused elsewhere, or because they're shrouded by something bigger that's going on around them.

"I like to find those opportunities and transform them in a way that allows them to stand out as something special and unique."

After exhibits at the Romero Britto Gallery in Sao Paulo, the Art Fusion Gallery in Miami, the Hilligoss Galleries in Chicago and various galleries in Southwest Florida and Fort Lauderdale, Mr. Caffrey is bringing his latest work to Naples.

The 10th Street Design Group at 141 10th St. S. will host a reception for "The Photographic Images of Kevin Caffrey" from 5-7:30 p.m. Friday, March 5. The exhibit is one of several art shows scheduled by Design Group members Peggy Oberlin Interiors, Leufvenius Designs, Linda Burke Interiors and TEC Construction & Development this season. Admission is free.

"Photography can capture and preserve historical moments, the beauty and power of nature or aspects of the human condition that evoke an emotional response," says Peggy Oberlin of Peggy Oberlin Interiors. "Kevin Caffrey takes it a step further... He takes beautifully com-

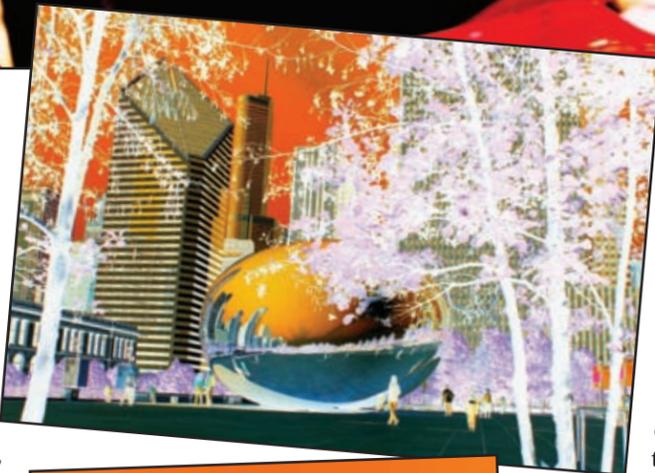


posed images and transforms them into stunning works of art using a color palette and style that are unlike anything I've seen previously."

In addition to being a photographic artist, Mr. Caffrey is a three-time Emmy Award-winning television producer. Now, rather than communicating with moving pictures, he creates still images that reflect his creative and artistic sensibilities.

"I like to infuse my work with colors, tonal qualities and textures that can serve as striking memory points," he says. "People are drawn to it, and that's very gratifying."

The 10th Street Design Group exhibit includes images from Brazil and various locations in the U.S., including Chicago and New York.



From top: *Liquid Red, Bean Seen, Chicago and Full Sails* by Kevin Caffrey

Photographic art can feed one's soul in a unique and personal way.

"Whether it's a piece acquired during travels or one that evokes recollections of a favorite physical or emotional space, photographic art can bring its owner to that place in a way that conjures something soothing and very pleasant. It's a powerful art form that deserves a special place in the home."

"Photographic art can transform a moment in time into something that is evocative, colorful and memorable," adds Dawn Burke of TEC Construction & Development. "It can present something that is real and familiar in a way that allows us to look at it differently. Small slivers of life that we might otherwise ignore or overlook can be exposed, acknowledged and celebrated.

"Having those slivers of life on display in a home can be both comforting and inspiring." ■



expertise needed, the sheer volume of work and simply to enjoy the camaraderie that exists between design professionals.

"As an interior designer, I find art to be one of the key components in a home," says Leufvenius Designs owner Julie Leufvenius. "One of my favorite quotes is, 'Art is the food that feeds our Soul.'"

Home is where the art is

Mr. Caffrey will join the 10th Street Design Group for a discussion of "The Photographic Image as Art in the Home" at 4 p.m. Thursday, March 11, at the 141 10th St. S. location. The discussion is open to the public and admission is free.

While they are separate and distinct businesses, the 10th Street Design Group members work together on different projects in different combinations based on the

in the know

- >> "The Photographic Images of Kevin Caffrey"
- >> **Where:** The 10th Street Design Group, 141 10th St. S.
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'Baja Florida' goes down easy and leaves a smile on your face

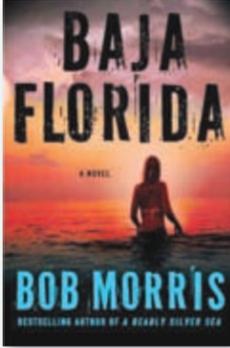
"Baja Florida," by Bob Morris.
Minotaur Books. 288 pages. \$24.99.

BY PHILIP K. JASON
Special to Florida Weekly

Ex-Gator, ex-Dolphin (as in football, folks) and all-around sensitive tough guy Zack Chasteen is — in this fifth novel in Bob Morris' series — an adventurous do-gooder, exonerated ex-con and dedicated family man all at once. I love the big guy. You've got to love a guy who can get away with naming his daughter Shula. I want to go fishing with him, down a few brews and hear his stories.

Luckily, I can do the latter between the covers of a book (or more and more likely these days, on the screen of a Kindle).

In his newest book, Mr. Morris, a resident of Winter Park and a fourth-generation Floridian, has founded a new paragon: Bermuda to the north, the Bahamas and other Caribbean islands to the south, and Florida as the anchor — the island of the mind with water on three sides. Baja means a lot of things, including "lower" and "dropped from." It's a



region to which, for all its internal variety, Mr. Morris gives a startling continuity. An accomplished travel and entertainment writer (National Geographic Traveler, Bon Appetit, Caribbean Travel & Life), he writes with authority not only about resort destinations, but also about less visited and less homogenized places near, along and well off the coast of the Sunshine State.

Chasteen's Palm Nursery is headquarters, and Zack's old friend, Mickey Ryser, finds him there. Mickey, who's both enormously wealthy and deathly ill, persuades Zack to track down Jen, a daughter whom he more or less abandoned when she was a toddler some 20 years ago. He needs to reunite with her before he dies. In fact, he has already set a private detective on the case, but the man has disappeared and won't respond to Mickey's calls.

To find Jen, Zack will have to track down the large sailboat she has purchased, reportedly making its way to the Bahamas with Jen and her partying college friends aboard. Aided by his pint-sized sidekick Boggy, a quirky shaman of the indigenous Taino culture of the Dominican Republic, Zack begins the search, enlisting the help of connections in the Bahamas.

The pursuit of Jen brings him Zack into contact with a wide range of colorful characters: some competent and



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Bob Morris at Miami book signing

helpful; others simply grasping, desperate losers. Readers get to island-hop and boat-ogle as Zack follows the clues.

Unfortunately, those who have abducted Jen have a clever leader who has managed to set things up so that disasters such as a burnt-down boatyard look like Zack's doing.

From the outset of the novel, we know that Jen has been abducted. Mr. Morris has fashioned a series of italicized passages between the numbered chapters that partly reveal Jen's situation — at

least as far as she perceives it. She has been betrayed, held captive and beaten up a bit. We see her resourcefulness and courage in a couple of failed attempts at escape, and we hear, as she does, the voices of her captors. We grasp bits and pieces of their intentions. This technique allows readers to be a step ahead of Zack and adds urgency to the narrative.

"Baja Florida" engages us with false identities, yacht piracy and kidnapping elements, all tied together in an intricate knot for Zack Chasteen to unravel. Mr. Morris is a smooth manipulator of the tension thermometer: building tension, momentarily releasing it and then building it even higher. He's also a master of handling the details of setting: laid-back Caribbean restaurant fare, boat engine sounds, island garb and particularly the geography and life-pulse of the islands.

On top of everything else, his novels are filled with good humor. Zack Chasteen's personality, no doubt a subset of the author's own, mixes wise guy, ironist, good-old boy, roamer and homebody in an attractive way.

With Zack as protagonist-narrator, Boggy as his solemn yet hysterical spiritual guide and the artfully drawn Florida-Caribbean nexus as domain, "Baja Florida" satisfies. Like a smooth Bahama Mama, it goes down easy and leaves a smile on your face. I'll have another. ■



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Barbershoppers will sing to the "Red, White and... Green"

The 70 voices of the Paradise Coastmen barber shop chorus will celebrate Irish songs by American composers at its annual shows Friday and Saturday, March 5-6, at North Naples United Methodist Church.

Under director Steve Jamison, the a cappella group will perform such favorites as "Irish Blessing," "That's An Irish Lullaby" and "Mother Machree," all to fit the theme of Red, White and... Green. Chairman of the show is Mike Joynt.

Guest quartet for the evening is Our Town, the reigning champions of the Barbershop Harmony Society's North-eastern District. Known for its big sound and pure harmony, the quartet boasts a repertoire ranging from contemporary



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The Our Town quartet

up-tunes to nostalgic ballads. Members are bass Terry Clarke and baritone Larry Tully, both of whom sang with the 1980 international champion quartet, The Boston Common; lead singer Scott Brannon and tenor Jamie Carbone.

Performances are 7 p.m. Friday, March 5, and 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, March 6. Tickets for the evening concerts are \$17 in advance and \$20 at the door; matinee tickets are \$15 in advance and \$17 at the door.

Tickets can be purchased from chorus members or by calling 352-6366 or e-mailing Paradisecoastmen@comcast.net. MasterCard and Visa credit cards are accepted. For more information, visit www.naplesbarbershopchorus.org. ■

Gulf Coast Big Band celebrates a milestone

The Gulf Coast Big Band celebrates its 20th year of free concerts in Cambier Park at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 14.

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The band's free monthly Sunday afternoon performances have been enjoyed by audiences in the thousands at Cam-

bier Park. Under the direction of Mr. Tietze, the musicians play favorite big band sounds of the golden era of swing by such greats as Duke Ellington, Count Basie and Glen Miller.

An IRS charitable organization, the band has received donations exceeding \$75,000 over the years, which it has awarded as scholarships to Collier County high school students seeking to advance their musical skills.

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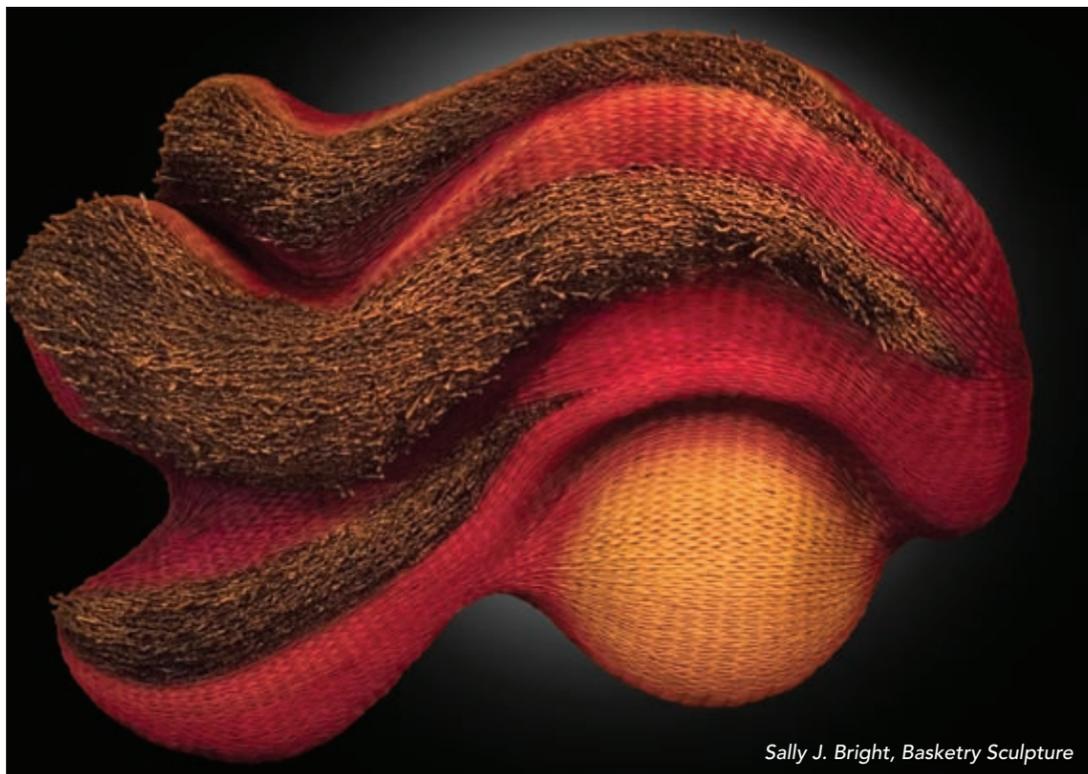
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Annual studio tour celebrates local and Caribbean artists

The 15th annual Artists' Studio Tour, presented by the Friends of Art at the Patty and Jay Baker Naples Museum of Art, will feature visits to the homes and studios of several renowned local artists as well as four Caribbean artists. This feast of fine art will be held over two days — from 1-5 p.m. Sunday, March 7, and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, March 8. Participants will have a chance to meet the artists and to purchase works of art directly from them.

Here, at a glance, are the participating artists:

- Four Caribbean artists, mentored by Jonathan Green, will be showcased on this year's Artists' Studio Tour. They are Juan Diaz from Colombia; Jean Daniel Dornevil from Haiti; Johanne Benoit, who is of Haitian heritage; and Reynier Llanes from Cuba. Their work displays a variety of themes and styles that reflect the many aspects of Caribbean life and culture.

- Brian Brace's custom-made furniture upholds the traditions of furniture art, while also being functional and pleasing to the eye. His chairs, tables, desks and other works are meticulously crafted, with the understanding that they'll be passed along to future generations.

- Gareth Rockliffe's soulful landscape photography blends beauty and emotion to create a distinctive world that is both familiar and surprising.



- John Long's complex sculptural mixed-media pieces include paintings, assemblages and large and medium-scale sculpture. Exploring themes of history and mythology, his work often expresses joy and exuberance along with wit and a sophisticated nostalgia.

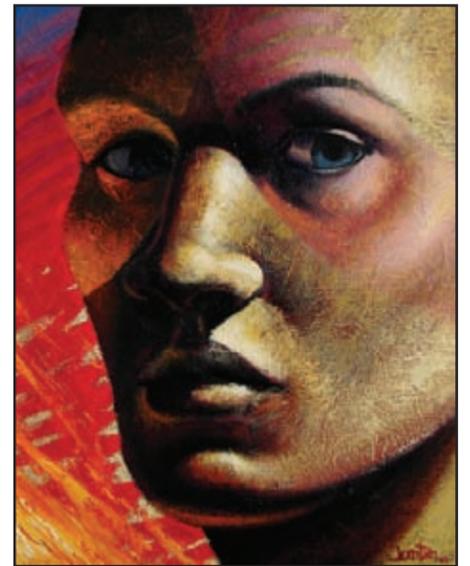
- Holly Manneck's imaginative mixed-media art is inspired by the colors and textures of the Caribbean, where she lived for many years.

- Sue Boydston's muse is water, and

her abstract narrative paintings are influenced by streams, ponds, rivers and seas.

Tickets for the Artists' Studio Tour are \$40 for Sunday (includes refreshments) and \$50 for Monday (includes lunch). A patron's ticket is \$100 for either day with special recognition given to these contributors. Carpooling is encouraged, as are comfortable walking shoes.

To purchase tickets, call 597-1900 or 254-2776. ■



Clockwise from upper left: *Searching for the New IV*, Holly Manneck, 2009, mixed media on canvas; *Dubious*, Juan Diaz, 2008, acrylic and oil on canvas; *Cypress Trio*, Sue Boydston, 2009, oil on canvas



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Naples International Film Festival Oscar party will celebrate 'The Cove'

Naples International Film Festival board members and friends are having an Oscar party and everyone's invited to help celebrate the nomination of "The Cove," the feature film of the inaugural NIFF, for Best Documentary.

The fun begins at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at Absinthe in the Collection at Vanderbilt. The Academy Awards show will be projected for all to see as supporters enjoy a three-course meal and cheer on Louie Pshihoyos, director of "The Cove."

At the opening night of NIFF last November, Mr. Pshihoyos was amazed by the support for his film as evidenced by the crowd of more than 1,100 people at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts.

"Kudos to the NIFF team," he said.

"Something wonderful starts with a small group of people daring to take steps to achieve what once only resided in a dream." That same philosophy went into creating "The Cove," which documents the slaughter of dolphins by local fishermen in a hidden cove in the whaling town of Taiji, Japan. Taiji is the main source of dolphins captured for entertainment around the world and one of several regional areas in Japan where dolphin meat has traditionally been consumed.

NIFF board members say they expect "The Cove" to win the Oscar. Tickets to the party at Absinthe are \$100 per person. Proceeds will benefit NIFF.

For more information about NIFF, visit www.naplesfilmfest.com. ■

Be a guest at 'Sully & Sophias' Irish-Italain Comedy Wedding'

Big Cypress Marketplace presents "Sully & Sophia's Irish-Italian Comedy Wedding," staged by Naples-based production company Darlyne Franklin Productions, on Saturday, March 6, at the Big Cypress Dinner Theatre. The interactive show features the zany union of the families, with audience members playing the part of friends and family of the bride and groom. Tickets for lunch at noon followed by the show are \$42 per person.

Coming up next at the dinner theater is the comedic duo of Compton & Bennett with "Assisted Living: The Musi-

cal" at noon on March 19, 20 and 21. Tickets are \$29.95 per person, including the lunch buffet.

In addition to the shows staged at the dinner theatre, Big Cypress Marketplace offers live entertainment on the main stage, with solo musicians as well as bands performing rock and pop classics. The marketplace is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. It's on U.S. 41 East/Tamiami Trail, four miles east of Collier Boulevard. For more information or to book tickets, call 774-1690 or visit www.BigCypressMarketplace.com. ■

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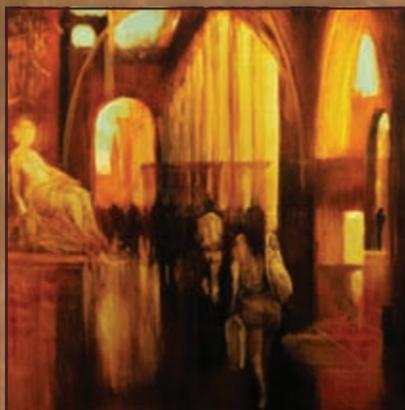
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The inspirational drama tells the story of the two men and their wives whose relationships pioneered the beginning of Alcoholics Anonymous and the creation of Al-Anon. Amazing and often humorous, it is a story of perseverance and faith.

The production has received critical acclaim across the country. Variety called it "A deeply human, audience-embracing tale." The Boston Globe said, "Inspiring." The *San Diego Union*

Tribune called the production, "One of the best plays of the year."

Gary Kimble portrays the role of Bill Wilson and also directs the production. Mr. Kimble has performed on stages around the world, in 34 countries and in 800 cities across the U.S. in both national and international tours. Credits include leading roles in "42nd Street," "Annie," "The Music Man" and "Oliver." He played Henry Higgins in the award-winning national tour of "My Fair Lady," Sheriff Ed Earl Dodd in "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" and the legendary Captain Hook in the national tour of "Peter Pan."

Richard Davis Springle plays Dr. Bob

In the know

>>What: "Bill W. and Dr. Bob," the national tour presented by Prather Entertainment Group

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Smith. He has appeared in more than 30 feature films, numerous television commercials and New York theatrical productions. Theater credits include Colonel

Pickering in "My Fair Lady," Julian Marsh in "42nd Street" and Frank Butler in "Annie Get Your Gun," among others.

Both actors have a personal story of recovery and are proud to be chronicling the co-founders of the Twelve-Step Program.

The upcoming performances are sponsored by Hazelden in celebration of its new addiction recovery center in Naples.

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Above: Bob Staeheli, who plays Tevye, listens from the stage as Director Dawn LeBrecht Fornara, in the nearly empty auditorium, gives a note. Below: Sisters Anna and Bianca Prioletti, who play two of Tevye's five daughters, listen for their entrance cue.

Part 10: Fiddler takes shape

Florida Weekly is keeping track behind the scenes as The Naples Players' spring production of "Fiddler on the Roof" takes shape. The full-scale musical runs March 3-April 3 on the main stage at the Sugden Community Theatre. Dawn Lebrecht Fornara is the director/choreographer; Charles Fornara is the musical director. These photos show the first on-stage rehearsal that took place one evening last week in Blackburn Hall.

Tickets the "Fiddler" are selling fast, with many performances already sold out. Call the box office at 263-7990 or visit www.naplesplayers.org.



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Celebrate the Arts focuses on the importance of the arts in any community and offers exposure to art and entertainment. It includes the 40th Marco National Juried Fine Art & Craft Show, the Antique Car Club of America-Marco Chapter car show and live entertainment by local celebrities JRobert and Frank Carroll.

The juried art and craft show will showcase works by 85 artists in watercolor, oil, acrylic, pastel, mixed-media; sculpture in wood, stone, clay, Lucite, and metal; as well as graphics, jewelry, glass, pottery and photography.

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Celebrate the Arts is sponsored by the Marco Eagle, Naples Daily News, Hilton Marco Island Beach Resort & Spa and Iberia Bank and is funded in part by the City of Marco Island. Admission is free; a \$5 donation is requested, but not required, to support the Art League of Marco Island Inc.

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Scholarship winner comes home to perform for Naples Music Club

The Naples Music Club will welcome one of its Turiel Award scholarship winners, Alden Gatt, in a featured piano performance at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at Moorings Presbyterian Church.

During his high school years at the Community School of Naples, Mr. Gatt won top awards in many local and regional piano competitions. Besides the Turiel Award, he earned the Southwest Florida Concerto Competition and had the honor of performing Prokofiev's First Piano Concerto with the Southwest Florida Symphony. He studied piano locally with Richard Bosworth and Lan Lam. During his junior year, he lived in Beijing with a Chinese family, studying Mandarin and the modern emerging Chinese culture.

Now at senior at Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y., Mr. Gatt is majoring in piano and also minoring in Chinese at the University of Rochester.

the scholarship

The Turiel Award is one of many monetary prizes to be given out to the winners of the Naples Music Club's annual scholarship competition. Open to middle school and high school students in the greater Naples area, the competition is for piano, string, brass, woodwind, percussion and voice. This year's competition will be held at Golden Gate High School on Saturday, April 17. The deadline for entry is Monday, March 8. For more information, contact Jan Grundeman at 353-2216 or visit www.naplesmusicclub.org.

He serves as music director at First Universalist Church of Rochester and volunteers as a GED tutor at a local neighborhood clinic.

The concert is free and open to the public; donations will benefit the Naples Music Club Scholarship Fund. For more information, call Anne Roberts at 495-6636 or (313) 204-1751. ■

Blackwood Brothers sing gospel at Marco Presbyterian Church

Jimmy Blackwood and the Blackwood Brothers Quartet will give a free concert at Marco Presbyterian Church at 7 p.m. Friday, March 5. Members of the Blackwood family have been singing gospel music for more than 75 years. Their Marco Island appearance is the third of Marco Presbyterian Church's

"Music for the Soul" concert series. The season's final concert will be Billy Dean and Dawn at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 14.

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The Fifth Avenue Chamber Orchestra debuts at Sugden Community Theatre

The Fifth Avenue Chamber Orchestra opens its inaugural season at 8 p.m. Monday, March 8, at the Sugden Community Theatre.

Artistic Director William Noll will conduct the orchestra in Vivaldi's Concerto for two Violins in A Minor. Soloists will be violinists J. Freivogel and Sae Niwa of the Jasper String Quartet, which is in residence this year for Classic Chamber Concerts. All four members of the quartet will act as the principal strings in the orchestra.

The Vivaldi will be followed by the Brandenburg Concerto #5 by J. S. Bach. Soloists will be Wendy Willis, flute; J. Freivogel, violin; and Catherine Lan, continuo. The evening's finale will be Concerto #17 in G Major by Mozart, with Russian pianist Maria Nemtsova as soloist. Ms. Nemtsova, whose appearance is sponsored by the Lord William Smith Foundation, will also give a solo recital at the Sugden Community Theatre at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 9.

At 8 p.m. Monday, March 15, the chamber orchestra will perform two works by Mozart: the Overture to "The Marriage of Figaro" and Symphony #35, the "Haffner." Violinist Mr. Freivogel will appear as soloist in Beethoven's beautiful Romance in F Major for Violin and Orchestra. The program will conclude with the Symphony #5 of Franz Schubert.

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Steve Tyrell performs American standards

Steve Tyrell, known for his rich voice and unique phrasings, performs at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26. Mr. Tyrell has reinvented and repopularized classic pop standards for a modern audience. All five of his American standards recordings reached Billboard's Top 5, and his album "A New Standard" was among the top-selling jazz albums for more than five years. During this 40-year career, Mr. Tyrell has collaborated with such legendary artists as Rod Stewart, Ray Charles, LL Cool J, Dave Koz and Dolly Parton. Tickets are \$42.



Tyrell

as well as performances, art activities and more, including interactive bilingual storytelling with Carrie Sue Ayvar, face painting with Cori Scheft, portrait sketches by artist Jason Weber, caricature sketches with artist Keith Barber, hands-on art activities and a treasure hunt. Docent-guided tours of the museum will take place at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. All activities are free.

Comedic ballet extraordinaire

Moscow Festival Ballet performs the full-length production of "Coppélia," one of the greatest of all comedic ballets, at 8 p.m. Monday, March 1. Under the direction of former Bolshoi Ballet legend Sergei Radchenko. The company of 50 brings together the highest classical elements of the great Bolshoi and Kirov ballet companies in new productions of timeless classics. A 19th-century classic filled with beauty, irony, humor and tantalizing choreography, "Coppelia" is the story of a mystical toymaker who attempts to bring his doll to life. Tickets are \$59.



Moscow Festival Ballet

Family day at the museum

The Naples Museum of Art will host a free-admission Family Day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, celebrating its new exhibition, "People, Places and Things: The Art of Ben Aronson, Joel Babb and Alec Soth." Visitors will enjoy the exhibitions

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Wit and wisdom from Dave Barry

Pulitzer Prize-winning humorist and bestselling author Dave Barry presents "The Wit and Wisdom of Dave Barry" at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 3.

Dubbed "the funniest man in America" by *The New York Times*, Mr. Barry returns to the Phil by popular demand

with some hilarious new stories about the absurdities of everyday life. His droll commentary about politics and trivial idiosyncrasies makes his syndicated column one of the most read in America. His more than 30 books include "Dave Barry Talks Back," "Dave Barry is From Mars and Venus," "Dave Barry's Money Secrets" and "Dave Barry's Book of Bad Songs." Tickets are \$39.

'Souvenirs' cabaret features Karen Akers

Cabaret star Karen Akers presents "Souvenirs" as part of the Phil's 2010 Cabaret Series at 6 and 8:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, March 2-3. Ms. Akers has performed throughout the United States and Europe in such prestigious venues as Carnegie Hall, the Hollywood Bowl and London's Pizza on the Park. Her career also includes three performances at the White House. The *Los Angeles Herald-Examiner* says of her sound: "It's a great voice, an instrument with the power of Streisand's, the dark passion of Piaf's and the lean irony of Dietrich's, but a voice uniquely her own."

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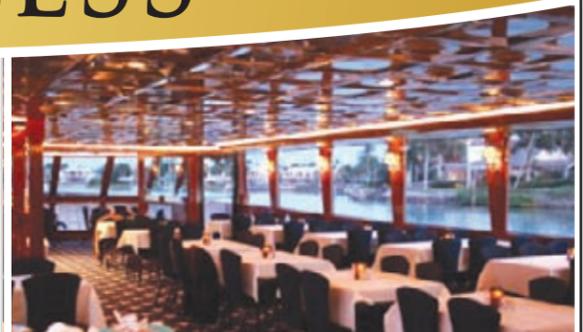
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An opening reception and awards ceremony takes place from 5-7 p.m. Friday, March 5, at the alliance, where the show will remain on display in the main gallery through March 27. Captiva Island resident and internationally acclaimed artist Darryl Pottorf will attend the opening reception to unveil an original painting he created and has donated to the symphony for auction. Final bids will be accepted at the sym-

phony's Classical Concert on Saturday, March 27, at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall in Fort Myers.

The show's award-winning artwork will be featured on the front of the 50th anniversary concert season programs during 2010-2011 and published on the cover of a commemorative historical publication about the Symphony. All pieces juried in will also be displayed at the Mann Hall on March 27.

The Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra and Chorus believe that, "Music and art help people make sense of things they don't understand by expressing thoughts and feelings when words alone cannot say what is in their hearts." Visit www.swflso.org to learn about upcoming performances and special events, and for information about tickets to the March 27 concert at the Mann Hall. ■



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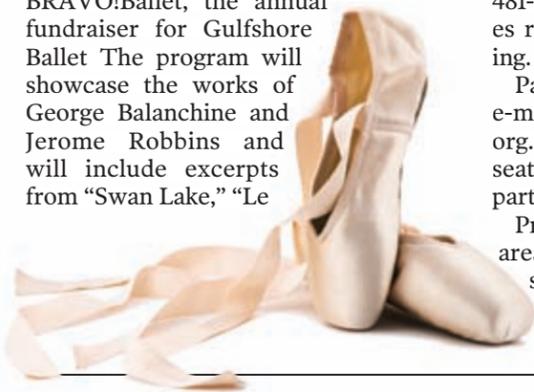
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Tickets are available at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall box office, 481-4849 or www.bbmannpah.com. Prices range from \$45-\$65 for general seating.

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FLUTE

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York Gilbert and Sullivan Players, he is enjoying a national career as a light opera leading man. Recent engagements include Strepson in "Iolanthe" with Chicago Light Opera Works and Frederick in "Pirates of Penzance" with Kentucky Opera.

Ms. Pine has been praised for her sheer vocal beauty, ease and eloquence. The *Dallas Morning News* described her performance as The Angel in the Fort Worth Opera's Southwest premier of Peter Eotvo's operatic setting of "Angels in America" as "...vocalizing in shimmering cascades of coloratura." A specialist in baroque and Bel Canto repertoire, Ms. Pine has also performed with the Arizona Opera, Boston Baroque, the Florentine Opera and the Wolf Trap Summer Festival.



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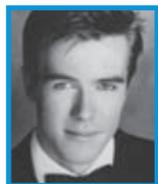
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Mirrors have been used since ancient times. The Greeks and Romans used polished metal disks. It was not until the 16th century in Venice that someone came up with the idea of using a thin piece of glass backed by a reflecting piece of metal. By 1835 a German scientist made mirrors by coating a piece of glass with metallic silver. That method, with improvements, is used today. Glass mirrors were small at first because of the problem of making large pieces of glass, but by the 17th century the wealthy were buying large mirrors made in England, France or Venice.

By 1800 mirrors with frames were important decorative pieces. Some frames were made of silver, ivory or tortoiseshell, veneered with expensive woods or covered in needlework or beads. Carved wooden frames were made to match other household decorations, and soon a mirror over the mantel was almost required. Because glass was the expensive part of any mirror, the old glass was often used in a new frame when redecorating.

By the 19th century, a mirror was no longer a luxury. Mirrors were built into pieces of furniture, such as wardrobes and wall-mounted candleholders, and were hung on the wall to make a room look larger. If you have an old mirror

Q: I have a hot plate pad from the 1930s made from bottle caps with crocheted covers. It's the shape of a bunch of grapes. Are these collectible?

A: Collectors of beer- and soda-bottle caps buy bottle-cap hot pads and take them apart hoping to find rare or collectible caps. William Painter patented the crown cork-lined cap and founded the Crown Cork & Seal Co. in Baltimore in 1892. The company is still in business. Early caps had 24 "teeth" and were made for beer bottles. Liners were solid cork. Composition cork liners were used beginning about 1915. A substitute for cork, called Nepro Cork, was invented in 1927. Plastic liners were used after the early 1960s. Cork-lined caps and caps from small breweries or brands that were not made in large quantities bring more money than later caps or caps from popular brands. Common bottle caps may sell for 25 cents, while rare caps

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Q: After cleaning out my grown children's rooms, I found a forgotten and nearly unused 1960s-era G.I. Joe action figure and footlocker. The locker is filled with uniforms, weapons, hats, ID tags, etc. — more than 40 pieces. Is it worth anything?

A: The 1½-inch G.I. Joe action figure (never referred to as a “doll”) was introduced by Hasbro in 1964. At least seven different footlockers, either wood or plastic, were sold between 1965 and 1969. Most of them were marketed as “Adventure Packs” and contained all sorts of military equipment, from helmets to hand grenades. Some came with snowshoes and climbing rope. Depending on which footlocker you have and its condition, it could sell for \$100 to \$250 if you have the original packaging. The value of your action figure also depends on which model you have. Some sell for hundreds and even thousands of dollars if you have the original box. Prices drop considerably if you don't have the original packaging or if any parts or pieces are missing. ■



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Ivy-covered tree branches with birds and a nest surround this 22-inch-by-16-inch mirror. The majolica frame was made by Hugo Lonitz, who worked in Germany between 1886 and 1904. It brought \$3,824 at a Sloans & Kenyon auction in Chevy Chase, Md.

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Luncheon tickets for \$95 per person are still available. Proceeds will benefit UAC arts education programs. For more information, call 263-8242.

CHS fundraiser focuses on needs of dental clinic

The CHS Healthcare Foundation is planning the first "Focus on CHS" fundraiser from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at the Sugden Community Theater. The key feature is the exhibit of photographs by Brynn Bruijn, Ed Chappell, Nancy DeNike and Tim Stamm. Each has chronicled the work of a major CHS Healthcare service: the Marion Fether Clinic and the University of Florida Pediatric Program,



both in Immokalee; the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile; and the Florida State University Dental Clinic on the Collier County campus of Edison State College.

In addition to heavy hors d'oeuvres and wines, guests will be treated to music by harpist Laura Lou Roth. A give-to-give auction will also be part of the evening.

CHS Healthcare's mission is to provide quality medical and dental care targeted to the underserved in Collier County. The CHS Healthcare Foundation is a newly formed organization dedicated to providing funding for this work. Proceeds from "Focus on CHS" will help equip dental suites under construction in Immokalee. Tickets are \$100 per person and \$150 for patrons. For reservations or more information, call the CHS Healthcare Foundation at 658-3138.

Rock on at Waterside or kids' clinic

Unleash your inner rock star at the second annual Rockabye Collier to benefit the Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida from 7-11 p.m. Saturday, March 6. The casual evening of classic rock 'n' roll in and around the pavilion at Waterside Shops will feature performances by the artists of Circus Sarasota, "Dinner by the bite" served by several area restaurants, a Pinnacle vodka martini bar, raffle prizes and a live auction.

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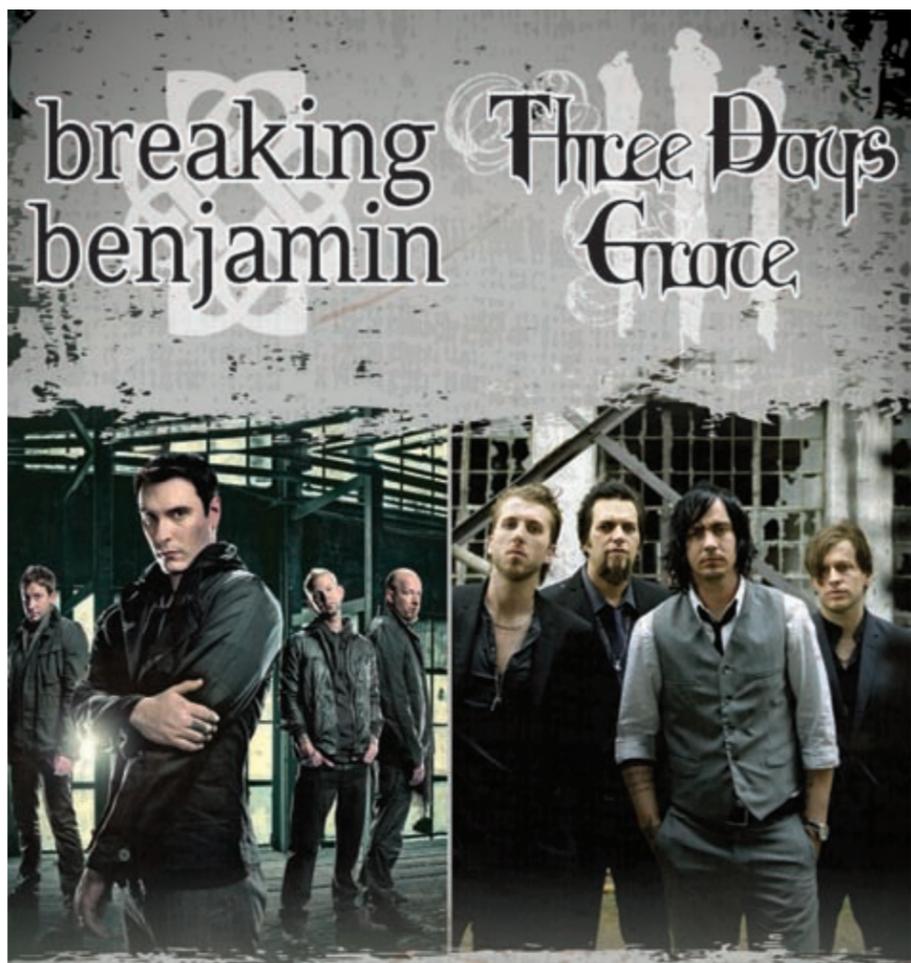
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League says the games are on for the Philharmonic

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Golfers will have a 1 p.m. shotgun start; mah jongg players will compete in the clubhouse after a buffet luncheon at noon. All players will gather at their end of their respective competition for cocktails, dinner and music in the clubhouse.

Glenn Basham, concertmaster of the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, will play his fiddle with Scott Ritter and his bluegrass band, The Bean Pickers. A 50/50 raffle will be part of the evening's fun.

Cost for golfers is \$185 and for mah jongg players \$65. For more information, call the Naples Philharmonic League information line at 254-2777.

Take time for fun to help KIDSCAN, Humane Society

The first-ever "PAWS for a Cause" to benefit KIDSCAN and Humane Society

Naples takes place Saturday, April 17, at Mercato. KIDSCAN, part of Cancer Alliance of Naples, is raising funds for scholarships to send local teens with cancer to college; Humane Society Naples is raising funds for its building expansion.

The afternoon event will include a promenade of pets and prizes for the biggest, smallest, cutest, best-dressed and best-behaved, best "vocalist" and more.

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Southwest Florida Heart Ball set

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Tickets are \$150 per person. For reservations, call Delores Sorey at 263-2673 for an invitation or e-mail soreysan@aol.com.

Tickets on sale for travel auction

Miracle Limbs-Courage in Motion will welcome musician Michael Nix as the headline act at its international travel auction and dinner beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, March 5, at the Hilton Naples. Mr. Nix plays a seven-string "banjar" —

an instrument of his design that crosses a five-string banjo and the classical guitar.

Tickets are \$75 per person and are available by calling 591-8393.

Miracle Limbs-Courage in Motion is a nonprofit organization devoted to the psychological, medical, financial, and spiritual support of amputees. For more information, visit www.MiracleLimbs.org.

'Be who you aren't' at masquerade ball

The Collier Spay Neuter Clinic invites patrons and friends to "be who you aren't" at its Mardi Paws Masquerade Ball from 6-10 p.m. Friday, March 26, at Collier's Reserve Country Club. Proceeds will support the daily operation of the Collier Spay Neuter Clinic and subsidize the low-cost/no-cost spaying and neutering of dogs and cats in Southwest Florida.



Tickets are \$125 per person and include two drinks, hors d'oeuvres and a Louisiana-style buffet dinner, silent auction and dancing. Cocktail attire with masquerade flair is suggested.

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Wine Tasters raise glasses for charities

The Wine Tasters of Naples are planning "Cheers for Charity," the group's first fundraising gala, from 6-10 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at The Player Club at Lely Resort. The Hawaiian-themed evening of wine, vodka cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction will benefit The Shelter for Abused Women & Children, St. Matthew's House and Youth Haven. Cost is \$75 per person.

The Wine Tasters members hold regular wine tastings at area restaurants and enjoy a monthly dinner at a member's private home. For more information, call Michele Woodman at (508) 361-9106 or Lorette Clevenger at 254-9439.

Place your bets for Marco library

The Marco Island branch of the Collier County Public Library holds a casino night from 7-10 p.m. Saturday, March 27. Proceeds will help furnish the new Rose Hall Community Room.

Admission is \$40 per person (\$35 for Friends of the Library members and library employees) and entitles holders to \$1,000 in gaming chips, food and soft drinks (cash bar for wine and beer). Raffle tickets will be sold for prizes including boating and fishing outings, restaurant dinners and hotel weekends and more.

Tickets are available at the library, at the Wednesday Marco Island Farmers Market and from several Friends of the

Library board members. For more information, call Jan Silver at 394-8224.

Wanderlust will cure travel cravings

Florida Gulf Coast University's Resort & Hospitality Management Program will hold the 21st annual Wanderlust travel auction and gourmet dining extravaganza Wednesday evening, April 14, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Tickets are \$250 per person or \$3,500 for a corporate-sponsored table of 10. For more information or to make a reservation, call 590-7742 or e-mail kroyal@fgcu.edu.

'Toy Story' ball is for grown-ups

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida will bring "Toy Story" to life at the annual Storybook Ball from 6-10:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point.



This year's title sponsors are Home-Tech, Martin Brower, Comcast and Gulfshore Life.

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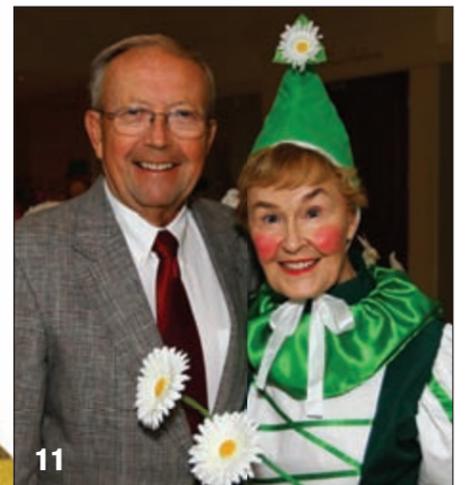
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PAST REPASTS

Here are some capsule summaries of previous restaurant reviews:

➤ **David Wong's Pan Asian & Sushi, 25301 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 992-5600**

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, David Wong's is a delightful choice for lunch or dinner. The Thai-style papaya salad with peanuts, long beans and chili lime dressing was a resplendent starter, along with a sampler platter of flavorful (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

➤ **Food and Thought, The Gateway of Naples, 2132 Tamiami Trail; 213-2222**

Organic fast casual may seem like an oxymoron, but not at Frank Oakes' Food and Thought. Step up to the counter secure in the knowledge that whatever you order will be organic and healthy, whether it's an all-fruit-and-vegetable

smoothie (I loved the pina colada, with pineapple, papaya, mango, banana and pineapple coconut juice), a freshly made glass of juice (like The Doctor, a tangy blend of carrots, beets, celery, apple, lemon, ginger and parsley) or the solid food. The menu changes daily, but always features a vegetarian entrée as well as poultry and seafood, lots of side veggies, salads and wraps. The salmon cakes were excellent, as were the smashed yams and pinto bean side dishes. I also liked the dilled potatoes and bright, still-crunchy collards. A large, chewy chocolate chip cookie and a slice of strawberry shortcake proved that food can be healthy and delicious at the same time. Dine at one of the well-shaded outdoor tables if weather permits.

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

➤ **M Waterfront Grille, Village on Venetian Bay, 4300 Gulf Shore Blvd. N., Naples; 263-4421**

Maxwell's on the Bay has undergone a fabulous update with a sleek new look and a sophisticated menu to match. There was no improving upon the view of Naples Bay, which remains a focal point, but the dining room, done in lots of woods and earth tones, gives the restaurant a contemporary, stylish air. Executive Chef Brian Roland's menu features cutting-edge Continental cuisine, with dishes such as heirloom beets with fried goat cheese, escargot with wild mushrooms, spinach and Boursin cream, orange miso-glazed sea bass with goat cheese dumplings and milk choco-



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M Waterfront Grille offers contemporary and American foods expertly prepared and artfully presented.

late lava cake. Polished service and an exemplary wine list further enhance the meal. Full bar.

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

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

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

menu delivered to their doors. Beer and wine served.

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

➤ **Sweet Mama's Island Cuisine, 336 Ninth St. North; Naples; 331-8509**

Tucked between Leoni's Pizza and Grouper and Chips lies this promising newcomer, an intimate, unfussy outpost of delicious Caribbean cooking presided over by chef/owner Sheraz Roobena Kahn. I enjoyed the jerk chicken but both lamb and shrimp can be prepared with the same seasonings. Fried gator bites with calypso sauce were great starters. The standout of the meal was the snapper escoveitch, a tender, moist fish that doesn't appear to have sauce but is full of flavor from the marinade in which it soaked prior to cooking. A square of Coca-cola cake bore little resemblance to the fizzy drink but its chocolate layers, gooey chocolate icing, nuts and marshmallows made us wish we'd ordered two pieces. Service - often by Ms. Kahn herself - is hospitable, and the relaxed dining pace a pleasant departure from the usual rush. Prices are astoundingly low.

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

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In what can only be a sign of better economic times, new restaurants are opening at a furious pace all over town. Here's a rundown:

► **Bert's Seafood & Chowder House:** Fifth Avenue South now has a New England-style seafood joint in the former Cork's Steakhouse. Owned by Jim Hammar and Tom Shields, Bert's specializes in classic seafood such as Maine lobster rolls, New England clam chowder, seafood bisque and whole belly clams. You'll find fried cod on the menu as well as seared sea scallop sliders, Florida snapper, salmon and shrimp as well as steaks and a children's menu. A massive teak bar beckons passersby to stop for refreshment. And although it's a new establishment, the décor harkens back to Naples of a century ago, with framed photos of the city circa 1900s to 1940s supplied by the Naples Historical Society. Bert's is at 862 Fifth Ave. S.; 213-1111 for reservations.

► **Rossopomodoro:** Although it's a lot easier to say in English, Red Tomato sounds a whole lot more stylish in Italian. The restaurant has its roots in Naples, Italy, with some 80 locations in Italy, as well as London, Buenos Aires, Reykjavik and Tokyo. The new Fifth Avenue South location (the previous home of Naples Fifth Avenue Pharmacy) is its first United States venture. The 150-seat restaurant offers a wide range of pizzas baked in a wood-burning oven imported from Italy, as well as a variety of Italian entrees and desserts. It's at 800 Fifth Ave. S.; 692-8480.

► **Jack's River Bar:** This waterfront bar at the Naples Harbour Yacht Club celebrates its grand opening Thursday, Feb. 25, through Sunday, Feb. 28. Festivities begin Thursday night with liquor tastings, live music and pie-eating and hot-dog-eating contests. Friday's celebration is a benefit, with all proceeds from food and drink purchased going to the Harry Chapin Food Bank. On Saturday, women from throughout Southwest Florida will compete in the first Miss Jack's Pageant, winning cash prizes and the chance to be featured in the Jack's River Bar ad campaign. Spectators can enjoy the competition, listen to music spun by a DJ poolside and drink at happy hour prices. Jack's River Bar is at 475 North Blvd., behind the Naples Municip-



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Rossopomodoro, with roots in Naples, Italy, opens its first U.S. location on Fifth Avenue South offering authentic Neapolitan cuisine.

pal Airport; 213-1441.

► **Sophia's Ristorante Italiano:** What was once Roman Oven is now Sophia's, featuring Neapolitan pizzas made in a wood-burning brick oven, as well as a host of Italian favorites such as fried calamari, veal Milanese and fresh sole with tomatoes, garlic, olives and onions. The restaurant also offers tableside preparation of cherries jubilee and bananas Foster. It's owned by Jay and Camille Cherr, who also own Susie's Diner on Marco Island. The new restaurant is named for their 4-month-old daughter. It's at 3545 Pine Ridge Road. Call 597-0744.

► **Amador's Bistro Italiano:** Chef Richie Amador is a familiar face around Naples, having had a number of eponymous restaurants over the past couple of decades. The newest incarnation is in the former Maximo's in Plaza Walk. The menu boasts Italian favorites such as baked clams, lasagna, seafood fra diavolo and veal saltimbocca. Sandwiches and entrees are also available at lunchtime. Amador's has a full bar. It's at 2500 Tamiami Trail N.; 262-8500.

► **Fernandez the Bull:** A second location of this long-time local favorite has opened near the intersection of Immokalee and Airport-Pulling roads. The Fernandez family has been serving modestly priced Cuban fare in Naples for more than 20 years. Like its elder sibling, the new Fernandez the Bull offers churrasco, vaca frita, ropa vieja, lechon asado, Cuban sandwiches and lots of other Cuban favorites. The new location is at 1201 Piper Blvd.; 254-9855. The original restaurant remains in business at 1265 Airport Road S.; 659-2996. Check out both online at fernandezthebull.com.

Sweet Tomatoes coming soon

Aiming for a March opening is Sweet Tomatoes, a California-based restaurant specializing in made-from-scratch soups, salads and baked goods served buffet style. The new branch will be in the Granada Shoppes at 10940 Tamiami Trail N., at the intersection of U.S. 41 and Immokalee Road.

The restaurant has long had a loyal following in South Fort Myers and is expanding southward with its massive salad bar that differs from most in that foods are refreshed every 20 minutes. The Naples location will be the first with a new look described as "contemporary farmers market," with an exposed ceiling and high, barn-like windows to bring in natural light. For details, visit www.sweettomatoes.com.

Tastings, book signing at Bamboo Café

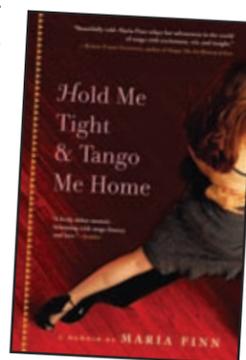
Bamboo Café French Home Cooking has two interesting events planned for the next couple of weeks.

From 5-7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, food writer Maria Finn will visit the restaurant

to discuss her latest book. A memoir called "Hold Me Tight and Tango Me Home," it explores the cathartic effects of tango. Copies of the book will be available and the author will sign them. There will also be an Argentinean wine tasting featuring Nieto Sentiner wines from the Mendoza region. The wine tasting is \$15, which will be credited toward dinners



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at the café that evening.

From noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11, Lilly Zanetti of Zanetti Italian Extra Virgin Olive Oils will be on hand for a cooking demonstration luncheon called "Cooking with Extra Virgin Olive Oil, Truffle Oil and Balsamic Vinegar." Bamboo Café's Executive Chef Julius Minarik will join Ms. Zanetti to demonstrate how to cook with her oils and vinegar. Guests will dine on the dishes prepared and will receive recipes. Ms. Zanetti will also discuss how to select good quality olive oils. The cost is \$45 per person.

Bamboo Café is at 755 12th Ave. S.; 643-6177 for reservations for either event.

HB's on the Gulf debuts new menu

HB's on the Gulf, the waterfront restaurant at The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club, has unveiled new lunch and dinner menus.

New starters include grilled seafood flatbread, chicken quesadilla, crispy fried oysters, grilled chicken satay, Florida citrus salad and spinach and prosciutto salad. Among the new lunch entrees are a seafood wrap, Cuban sandwich, macadamia fried shrimp and a vegetable wrap. New dinner entrees include shellfish linguine, double cut pork rib chop, grilled swordfish, spice rubbed salmon and a seafood trio that includes grilled shrimp, seared diver scallop and catch of the day.

Lunch is served 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. daily, and dinner from 5-10:30 p.m. The restaurant is at 851 Gulf Shore Blvd. N.; 435-4347 for reservations. ■

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► **Thursday, Feb. 25, 5-6:30 p.m.,** Angelina's Ristorante: Maria Ponzi of Ponzi Vineyards hosts a wine tasting and discusses the family vineyard and her mother (and vineyard founder) Nancy's new cookbook; free, 24041 Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 390-3187. Reservations required.

► **Thursday, Feb. 25, 5:30-7:30 p.m.,** ABC Fine Wine & Spirits: Taste a variety of wines and hors d'oeuvres, chat with wine experts and meet fellow wine lovers; \$10 (with \$5 credit on a purchase that night), 6425 Naples Blvd.; 514-2316.

► **Saturday, Feb. 27, 3 p.m.,** Whole Foods Market: The chain's cheesemongers

demonstrate the time-honored method of breaking into 24-month-aged 85-pound wheels of Parmigiano Reggiano; samples will be distributed; free, Mercato, 9101 Strada Place; 552-5100.

► **Friday, Feb. 26, 3-7 p.m.,** Freedom Park: Collier County Parks and Recreation sponsors Market in the Park, with a portion of proceeds benefitting horticultural and health programs for Collier County children; 1515 Golden Gate Parkway. Call 252-4060 or 438-5682.

► **Friday, Feb. 26, 5:30-8 p.m.,** Decanted: It's the monthly Winos in Heels gathering, with a focus on Spanish reds, glass

and flight specials available; free, 1410 Pine Ridge Road; 434-1814.

► **Saturday, Feb. 27, 7:30-11:30 a.m.,** Third Street South: The weekly farmers market features fresh produce, baked goods, handcrafted items and more; behind Tommy Bahamas; 434-6533.

► **Sunday, Feb. 28, 4 p.m.,** Naples Italian American Club: The club holds a reverse raffle dinner dance to benefit the group's charitable and educational programs; \$100, 7035 Airport Road North; 597-5210, ext. 2.

► **Wednesday, March 3, 5:30-8 p.m.,**

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► **Friday, March 5, 5:30-8:30 p.m.,** Decanted: It's movie night with the feature "Sideways," about two men approaching middle age who set out on a road trip through California wine country, with California merlot specials available; free, 1410 Pine Ridge Road; 434-1814. ■

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Strong Start In 2010 Report Shows Strong Condo Sales

January home sales have increased 51 percent compared to a year ago, according to a report released by the Naples Area Board of REALTORS® (NABOR), which tracks home listings and sales within Collier County (excluding Marco Island).

According to Tom Bringardner, President of Premier Properties, "Pending and closed sales are up in almost every price range and in every geographic area. The momentum we saw building in the last half of 2009 is continuing into 2010." For the 12 months ending January 2010, overall pending sales increased 71 percent with 9,802 contracts compared to 5,744 contracts for the 12 months ending January 2009.

"The number of pending sales in the \$500,000 to 1 million price range increased 165 percent in January 2010 compared to the same month last year," stated Jo Carter, President of Jo Carter & Associates. "This upper price category showed the largest percent increase in pending sales when compared to all other price ranges."

According to Joni Albert, Managing Broker of Coldwell Banker Residential, "The average days a property was on the market decreased 12 percent for single-family homes in the \$300,000 to \$500,000 price range. This decrease shows that sellers' realistic price adjustments are contributing to the increased market activity."

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

Overall pending sales for properties under \$300,000 increased 81 percent with 718 contracts in January 2010 compared to 396 contracts in January 2009.

Single-family pending sales increased 61 percent with 511 contracts in January 2010 compared to 317 contracts in January 2009.

Overall condo sales increased 91 percent with 288 sales in January 2010 compared to 151 sales in January 2009.

The overall median closed price showed no price change in January 2010 and remained at \$180,000 compared to January 2009.



Excluding the \$300,000 and under segment, comprising a majority of foreclosure related property sales, the overall median price for the market declined only 4 percent from \$552,000 in January 2009 to \$530,000 in January 2010. The median refers to the middle value in a set of statistical values that are arranged in ascending or descending order, in this case prices at which homes were actually sold.

"The median closed price for properties under \$300,000 increased 4 percent in January 2010 compared to January 2009. This is the first time in over two years that we have seen this category have a positive gain in the median closed price," stated Bill Poteet, President of Poteet Properties.

"The overall available inventory in every price range continues to decline. This is good news," stated Steve Barker, Managing Broker of Amerivest Realty. "The available inventory decreased 16 percent to 9,548 in January 2010 from 11,308 in January 2009."

According to John Steinwand, President of Naples Realty Services, "The mid priced condominium market is showing a significant renewal of strength in the market place." Pending sales in the \$300,000

to \$500,000 and \$500,000 to 1 million price ranges increased 13 percent and 30 percent

respectively, for the 12 months ending January 2010 compared to the 12 months ending January 2009. "The condo market is roaring back," stated Steinwand.

To view the entire report, visit <http://www.NaplesArea.com>

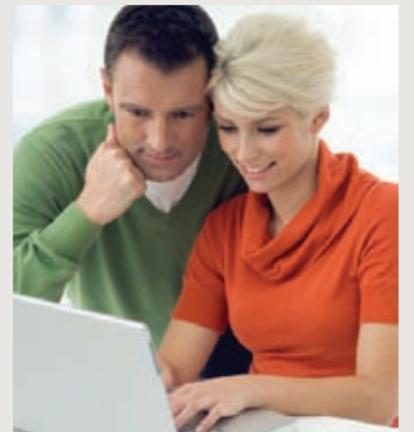
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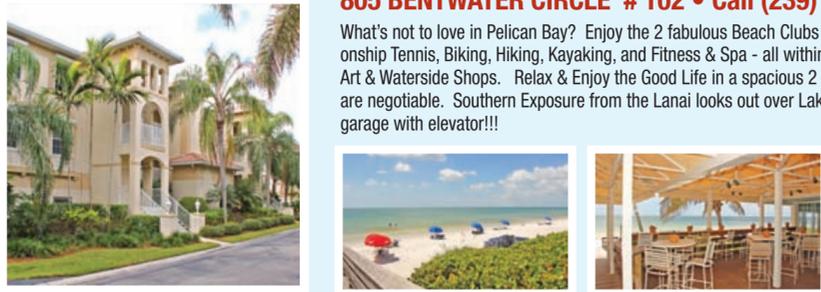


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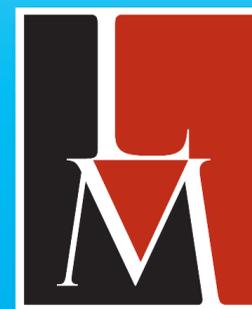
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